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second section

Section II is filled with information about arts, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board list

Pleasanton Plans A Month of Earth **Day Events**

Prior to 1970 factories spewed clouds of toxins into the air and dumped tons of toxic waste into nearby waterways. This activity preceded the formation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, the legal and regulatory mechanisms established to protect the environment. In spring of 1970, Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a way to "force this issue onto the national agenda." In 2011, more than 200 countries will participate in Earth Day activities.

Pleasanton joins the nation and the world in this effort as the Pleasanton Public Library hosts a Family Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April, 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will feature informational booths with "green" information about composting, energy, and kid-sized carbon footprint calculators. Kids can also make recycled art and natural birdfeeders at craft tables. There will be free bicycle safety checks.

City Naturalist Eric Nicolas will be on hand to provide short interpretive lessons about the natural world.

Free entertainment is also on tap. As the concluding event at Pleasanton's Family Earth Day Festival, Doug Nolan of Rock Steady Juggling brings a lively mix of environmental education, juggling, comedy and audience participation to the Pleasanton Library on Saturday, April 16. In "Eco-Tainment" learn about reducing- reusingrecycling, water conservation and pollution prevention like you never have before! No registration is required for this 45 minute program, which is for children ages 5 and older. The performance will begin at 3:00 p.m. Free admission tickets will be distributed at the Children's Desk beginning at 2:30 p.m. Doors will be closed to late arrivals once the program begins.

Library visitors are also encouraged to view an art exhibit of works produced by Pleasanton students based upon a "green" theme. Ongoing short films created as part of "The Story of Stuff" project will also be shown throughout the day.

For more information about the Family Earth Day Festival please call (925) 931-3400, extension 8.

Other Earth Day activities planned throughout April include:

Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m. Author and College Professor Scott Lankford discusses his book Tahoe Beneath the Surface in the Library Meeting Room

Friday, April 15, noon to 5 p.m. Free E-Waste Event at the Alameda County Fairgrounds (enter at Gate 12, Valley Av-

Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free E-Waste Event at the Alameda County Fairgrounds (enter at Gate 12, Valley Avenue) In addition to ewaste items, unused or expired pharmaceutical drugs will also be collected today only

Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m. to

(See EARTH DAY, page 12)

New Plan Removes Worst of Altamont Turbines

By Ron McNicoll

Regulation of Altamont wind turbines, with an eye toward reducing bird deaths, has moved

Twenty-four turbines that pose the highest risks to raptors must be removed by April 25. Four high-risk turbines owned by ESI Energy will be kept, in exchange for having removed 10 other turbines, at a little lower risk count.

The highest risk-turbines are

in categories 9 and 10. The 10 turbines already removed as part of the swap with ESI were at 8.5 and 8.0.

More turbine removal must be completed by Feb. 15, 2012, after an Alameda County-established Scientific Review Committee (SRC) determines on-the ground conditions of high-risk turbines ranked at 8.5. No number is listed in the new Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) that governs the conditions, because the SRC must

complete its report on it first.

The East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) unanimously approved the AMP at its meeting March 10. That date started the clock ticking for the wind-tower removal deadlines.

The plan resulted from the settlement of a suit by the Golden Gate Audubon Society and the state Attorney General's office against the county and three wind-power companies in 2005.

The lawsuit demanded a 50

percent reduction in avian mortality by November 2009, figured on a baseline of 1300 bird deaths annually, as found in an earlier study. The SRC found that the goal was not met by November

Instead, re-powering the Altamont, by replacing old turbines with new ones, will be the solution, says the settlement and the AMP. The new turbines are much larger, so fewer of them are needed to produce the same amount of power. That is expected to lower

the number of birds killed.

Mike Lynes, conservation director for Golden Gate Audubon, said, "Overall, we are very pleased with (the agreement). The Audubon chapters decided to support repowering, provided that the new ones are put in with proper siting, and are monitored."

Rich Cimino of Pleasanton, who is conservation chair for the Ohlone Audubon, added, "The local Audulon has been involved



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Foothill High School in Pleasanton held its annual multi-cultural festivities last week. Thurs., March 31 was Documentary Day. A film about bullying was shown. During Assembly Day on April 1, students were entertained by a variety of cultural performances. The presentations were by Foothill students. This was the 24th year a multi-cultural week was held at Foothill High. Pictured are Korean fan dancers.

Sandia Uses Gaming, Simulation To Model **Border Security**

Using funding from the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection (CBP), researchers at Sandia National Laboratories have developed a high-fidelity simulation and analysis program that aids policy and decision-makers tasked with making key procurements and funding choices.

The Borders High Level Model (HLM) uses a serious gaming platform known as Ground Truth, a force-on-force battle simulation tool called DanteTM, and the work of several collaborating organizations.

"There's a lot of debate going on in the government concerning the technology and infrastructure investments that need to be made along the border," explained Jason Reinhardt, who serves as the Borders HLM project manager at Sandia. "How much fence do we need? What kind of fence? (See SANDIA, page 4)

ivermore BART Extension Ranked 2nd in Measure B Survey.

supported project to fund with Measure B monies.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission is in the process of preparinga Transporta-

for an extension of the existing transportation sales tax, known as Measure B. The TEP includes transportation infrastructure projects like roadway maintenance,

more ranked as the second most identifies the funding priorities paratransit improvements; and approve the extension. programs supporting biking, walking, transit and paratransit operations.

The measure will be on the ballot in November 2012. A

A BART extension to Liver- tion Expenditure Plan (TEP) that bicycle, pedestrian, transit and two-thirds majority is needed to by overall, central county, east,

A telephone survey was conducted to determine the support for extending the tax, as well as for a variety of projects. The survey results were separated

north and south.

Of those interviewed, 72 percent favored extending the tax. There was no opposition above one-third in any region. (See BART, page 5)

Pleasanton Man Killed in Action in Afghanistan

Army specialist Jameson Lynn Lindskog, 23, of Pleasanton, was killed in action March 29 in Afghanistan.

A medical technician, Lindskog was fatally wounded while attempting to provide aid to fellow soldiers during combat. Lindskog is the first Pleasanton soldier to be killed in Afghanistan.

Lindskog's body brought to Pleasanton on April 5. The family requested privacy.

A public memorial is tentatively scheduled later this month, likely at the Pleasanton Veterans Hall, said Doug Miller, post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6298 in Pleasanton.

Miller said, "We are very grateful to the family that they have designated us to be the recipient of donations in remembrance of Jameson. The family has asked us to use the money in support of current service members from the area."

All U.S. flags at City of Pleasanton buildings and facilities were directed to be lowered to half-staff for three days, beginning on April 5.

Lindskog was assigned to the

2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell,

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear has ordered all flags on state buildings there to be lowered to half-staff on the day of internment for Lindskog, and for two other soldiers killed in the

Rep. Jerry McNerney, who lives in Pleasanton, said, "I'm deeply saddened by the passing (See AFGHANISTAN, page 2)

approve were commissioners

Harriet Cole, Todd Storti, Darrell

West and Wenbo Yuan. Voting

against were Michal Lea and

are no longer members of the

commission. They reached term

that she voted "no" because she

didn't think it was appropriate to

have elementary school children

on the site. High school students

are treated like adults. There are

adults working in the business

park around there. (See CHARTER, page 2)

Sarborario, Yuan and West

Lea told The Independent

Tony Sarborario.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Cinderella Bicycle Tour was held last Saturday. The annual event is hosted by the Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club. It is open to women and girls only. A portion of the proceeds from the event are donated to women's organizations.

Charter School Heads for New Site With City Approval

The new campus for the Livermore Valley Charter School north of Interstate 580 has planning approval from Livermore.

The K-12 campus will occupy a 30-acre site already developed for offices near North Canyons Parkway. The parcels are at 3090 Independence Avenue and 3196 Constitution Drive.

Bill Batcherlor, the CEO and COO of the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS), said the school would like to move both its K-8 school and high school this fall. However, it is likely that only the K-8 will be ready then. The high school has only 9th

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graders this year. They attend classes in the former Portola Elementary school, and "we may stay another year," said Batchelor. The K-8 school is in the former Sonoma Avenue School.

The new campus is located in a flight zone where planes taking off from the airport, which is less than 1000 feet away, make a right turn, and head east to such destinations as Sacramento and Stockton. An estimated 6 percent of the airport's flights go through this zone.

Concerns about safety led to a 4-2 vote in the Livermore planning commission's approval Feb. 1. Voting for the motion to

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PET OF THE WEEK

If Lowkee looks familiar to you, that is because he was shown on Animal Planet's "Confessions: Animal Hoarding." Lowkee was the last cat to be rescued from a home in Kings County with more than eighty other animals. He is about six years old and very sweet. Although he is shy at first, he warms up to people quickly. To learn more about Lowkee and all of his friends in Kitty City, call 925-426-8656 or visit the website www. valleyhumane.org. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Tues.- Sat. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Also, high school students will have academic study opportunities at nearby Las Positas College, and internships at businesses, so there would be more justification for the campus, if the site were high school only, she said. Since the motion didn't exclude the elementary school, she voted against it.

Sarborario said he voted "no" not just because of the airport protection zone, but all other factors. "It's overall a bad place to locate a school.'

"The mission of the planning commission is to ensure orderly development of the city. I couldn't think of a worse place to locate a school. It's remote from the rest of the town, hard to reach by bike and foot, and even by car in traffic jams," said Sarborario.

"Despite their great efforts on a good site plan and a nice overall campus, it was not good for the overall development of

the city," said Sarborario. ALUC: PLAN CLASHES

WITH PROPOSED POLICY The planning commission received an unusual recommendation from the Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) about the matter. Although the ALUC said that the application meets the 1986 policy that it has on its books, it does not meet the policy it now is considering adopting.

The California Association

of Recreation and Park Dis-

tricts (CARPD) has awarded the

Livermore Area Recreation and

Park District (LARPD) with the

CARPD 2011 Award of Distinc-

the efforts of a group of dedi-

cated volunteers who not only

have helped bolster community

knowledge of LARPD's Camp

Shelly, but also have provided

concrete results in campsite rent-

als. Due to District-wide budget

cuts in 2010, Camp Shelly was

in danger of losing funding,

causing local residents to rally

together in support of the camp.

Thanks to the extensive market-

ing efforts of volunteers and staff,

both campsite usage and revenue

Tahoe, Camp Shelly offers 25

campsites for both Livermore

residents and non-residents and

is open from mid-June through

Labor Day weekend. LARPD has

operated the camp under a lease

from the U.S. Forest Service

tinction program annually ac-

knowledges the excellence of

districts, individuals, organi

zations, innovative recreation programs and parks facility

improvements. The Outstanding Group award honors a group that

has made a significant contribu-

tion to a district recreation or park

and organize group activities,

including guided hikes.

Park rangers staff the camp

The CARPD Awards of Dis-

Located near South Lake

increased in 2010.

since 1965.

program.

This year's honor goes to

tion for Outstanding Group.

The new proposed policy, which is still out to airport cities in the county for comment, uses a 2002 report from CalTrans that

sets stricter standards for safety. ALUC passed two resolutions, one on Dec. 10, 2010, and the final one on Jan. 19, 2011. Both recommended that the school find another site.

Batchelor said that the school worked with its realtor and looked at five sites, but none was suitable for what it wanted.

City Counclmember John Marchand represents Livermore on the ALUC, where criticism about the application was unanimous. Marchand said he thought about appealing the planning commission's decision, but decided against it.

Marchand told The Independent that even if the city council were to deny the application, the charter school could appeal to the state schools architect, and likely obtain the approval anyway.

In fact, the charter school could have bypassed the city entirely, as permitted by state law. However, the school decided to go through the city process in the spirit of acting as a good neighbor, said Batchelor.

SUNVALLEY CRASH PUT SPOTLIGHT ON SKYLIGHTS

One thing that concerned Marchand was a proposal for skylights in classroom buildings. Marchand said that he remembers the 1985 crash of a small plane

Camp Shelly Volunteers to Receive Award

April 16.

tion dates are:

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ference Banquet in Monterey on

Shelly opens in April. On the Camp Shelly section of the LAR-

PD website, interested campers

can view photos of the individual

campsites and view an availabil-

ity schedule. Upcoming reserva-

April 9: Special Saturday

into Sunvalley Mall, in which three people on the plane and four in the mall were killed.

The plane crashed through the mall's skylight on a foggy night two days before Christmas. Eighty-three shoppers were treated for burns from flaming

The ALUC and the Livermore planning staff recommended that the school have no skylights. The planning commission said it would permit small sky lights. Strengthened walls and ceilings, as per legal requirement for a school, will be part of the plan, said Batchelor.

Marchand also mentioned a helicopter crash that occurred near the Livermore Air Show in 1995. A passenger was killed, and the city was among the defendants in an \$11 million lawsuit, because the city created a nonprofit for charity that sponsored

A state appellate court ruled in favor of the city, which settled to the limit of its insurance on the air show.

Marchand said that the crash occurred in a pasture not far from the charter school site. "Heaven forbid there should be another crash in that vicinity. If there were, all this discussion will be forgotten," said Marchand.

In commenting about the airport safety zone, Batchelor pointed out in a previous story

reservation day, in-person only

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• April 20: Phone, mail and

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the LARPD homepage at www.

larpd.dst.ca.us and click "Camp

Shelly" in the navigation bar.

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p.m. Monday through Friday

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

fax reservations begin.

BANKHEAD

AFGHANISTAN

of Army Spc. Jameson Lindskog. His service to our country and the care he provided to his fellow soldiers as a medic is truly commendable. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.'

Born in San Mateo, Lindskog attended Pleasanton Middle School, Amador Valley High School, and graduated from Orion Academy in Moraga.

He enrolled in the National Holistic Institute to become a certified massage therapist. Soon afterward, he enlisted in the army, and became an emergency medical technician.

Jameson is survived by his siblings Ken Nekotani and Candace Khattab, his mother and step-father, Donna and Matthew Walker of Pleasanton, and his father and step-mother, Curtis Lindskog and Jo Roby of Livermore, and many other family members.

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Lectures and Workshops



that several Livermore schools,

including Portola and Rancho

Las Positas elementary schools

and Junction Avenue Middle

School are in the main landing

much higher than the 6 percent in

the future location of the school,

Air traffic in those places is

LVCS is just as concerned

about safety as the airport and

planning commissions and the

community, added Batchelor.

flight path of the airport.

said Batchelor.

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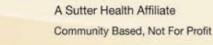
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Site 300 Clean-up

The U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration has completed an Explanation of Significant Difference report for nitrate treatment at the Building 829-Source ground water extraction and treatment facility in the High Explosives Process Area Operable Unit at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300.

As required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, an Explanation of Significant Difference is required because a significant, but not fundamental change is proposed to the final cleanup remedy for the High Explosives Process Area Operable Unit described in the Record of Decision for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300.

The Explanation of Significant Difference documents a change in treatment technology for nitrate in ground water at the Building 829-Source ground water treatment facility located in the High Explosives Process Area Operable Unit. The Explanation of Significant Difference explains the decision to use ion-exchange treatment media to remove nitrate from extracted ground water rather than the existing bio-treatment unit. This change is being implemented because:

1. The ion-exchange media is effectively removing nitrate to meet effluent discharge limits, rendering the bio-treatment unit unnecessary.

2. The bio-treatment unit is impractical under the operational conditions at the facility.

3. Elimination of the bio-treatment unit is expected to increase the overall operational efficiency of the treatment facility.

The change in the nitrate treatment technology will not alter the protectiveness or outcome of the remedy (i.e., expected time to achieve cleanup objectives.) Approval of the Explanation of Significant Difference allows this remedy to continue until the ground water at this location is remediated.

The final Explanation of Significant Difference report is available to the public at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Environmental Repository in the Tracy Public Library, 20 East Eaton Avenue, Tracy, CA 95377 [tel. (209) 835-2221]; the Laboratory Discovery Center, Greenville Road at East Gate Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, [tel. (925) 422-4599]; and online at http://www-envirinfo.llnl.gov/

Interchange Changes Traffic

Significant rerouting of traffic for construction of the new Isabel Avenue/I-580 interchange is scheduled to take place on April 16.

Traffic will be impacted on State Route 84 at the intersection of Kitty Hawk Road and Airway Boulevard. Eastbound Airway Boulevard traffic will be limited to southbound right turns; Westbound Airway Boulevard thru movements will be prohibited. When completed early next year, the new interchange will provide an improved connection between Interstate 580 and State Route 84 and enhance access to the businesses and Las Positas College north of I-580.

For information on the Isabel Avenue Interchange project, call Roberto Escobar at (925) 960-4500 or visit the City of Livermore web site at www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd/eng/roadwork/isabel580/default.asp.

Livermore Moving Forward With City Council Priorities

The City of Livermore has made progress on all six of the city council's priorities.

City Manager Linda Barton reported that there has been excellent success in the top goal, to become more business friendly and generate jobs. The main success has been establishing i-GATE. On May 1 the incubator will open with three confirmed tenants and four in negotiations.

The annexation of the national laboratories was approved by the council, including the 110 acre Livermore Valley Open Campus. The annexation will go to LAFCO in May. The land is eligible for development for a variety of corporations who may want to move near the Lab.

Other accomplishments reported by Barton are approval of the regional theater and Paragon outlets. Groundbreaking on Paragon is anticipated in June of this year.

The second goal was to complete and improve local and regional transportation. Under this topic, an extension route for BART was selected, with Measure B extension the most likely source of funding. The extension of Jack London Boulevard to El Charro is expected to begin

The third goal was infra-

structure rehabilitation. Barton said that federal stimulus funds have helped to address long term needs.

Open space preservation is the fourth priority. "The most signification accomplishment is the purchase of 513 acres in Doolan Canyon," said Barton. The city contributed \$2 million towards the \$6.4 million purchase price paid by the East Bay Regional Park District. The \$2 million comes from the Altamont settlement fund.

A fifth goal is to establish a sustainability budget. Barton reported that the current budget is stable. "We have made significant progress towards sustainability." There is some decline in property taxes, a small increase in sales tax revenues, and an increase in development activity. The city will be negotiating will all of the unions in 2011-12. The outcome of those negotiations, Barton said, will be a piece of the

sustainability package. The final goal was state reform. The approval of Prop. 22, which prevents the state from taking local money, was the main accomplishment.

"I think we have gotten a lot done. By the end of the two year cycle, we will have a positive report on the six goals," Barton declared.

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LPC/Lab Seminar Looks at Improving **Health Care Through Technology**

The new Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)/Las Positas College Science and Engineering Seminar Series, designed to enhance the partnership shared by the two Livermore institutions, provides a forum for laboratory scientists and engineers to share their broad range of basic and applied research with the college's scientific community of students, staff, and faculty. The series is entitled, "Theory to Practice: How Science Gets Done.

The April 7 seminar will explore the topic, "Bridging the Gaps: Improving Health Care through Technology.

The seminar title is "State of Health Monitoring in Traumatic and Harsh Environments: Engineers and Health Care Providers Merge Efforts to Develop New Medical Devices," presented by John Chang, Ph.D., Engineer and Christine Paulson, M.S., Electrical Engineer.

"The series offers a way to look at how science is done," said Biology Instructor Nan Ho. "A unique feature of the series, especially for a community college, is the focus on the 'big science' that LLNL does that requires crossdisciplinary expertise."

The presenters describe their presentation as follows: "Advancements in miniaturized electronic circuitry and Micropower Ultrawideband Impulse Radar (MUIR) technology have allowed for the creation of a compact, non-invasive device that may permit never before possible portable state of health diagnosis and monitoring of life threatening traumatic injuries.

"We will describe LLNL's efforts in applying this technology to different fields of medicine and

healthcare. We will describe the technology, the partnership required to pursue medical device development, medical studies, and field experiences.'

As a public service, Las Positas College invites interested members of the community to attend the seminar on campus. It will be held 6-7:15 p.m. in the Multi-Disciplinary Building (Building 2400). The seminars are free. Parking is \$2; permits can be purchased in the parking

Registration is not required; seating is first come, first served. For more information about the series, please visit the website, www.laspositascollege. edu/news/scienceSeries.php.

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EDITORIAL

28 Years Later

The Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park Land Use Plan was spotlighted at an open house in Pleasanton vesterday.

A major expansion of the park is in the works and the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) wants to share the plans with the public. Two thousand acres are to be opened to the public, enlarging the park to 7300 acres. EBRPD is currently in the process of acquiring a 995-acre expanse that will extend the park out to Palomares Road.

The date the open house took place was most appropriate.

It was this week 28 years ago when the people of Sunol launched the referendum that stopped a proposed housing development on Pleasanton Ridge and started the process that created this park.

Who would've known that three decades later Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park would be reaching to Palomares Road — and still growing!

'We the People' Future Is Endangered

The "We the People" competition civics team at Amador Valley High school is scheduled to be in Washington April 30 to May 2 representing California in a bid to win the national championship, as the school did in 1995.

However, it could be the last trip to Washington for the team, and for any other team in the nation, because funding for the competition, and for a broad array of high school civics curriculum, has been cut out of the U.S. Budget bill in the House of Representatives.

If the funding were not restored, there would be no We the People competition in the future. The federal money supports the whole program, including the teaching and competitions.

The federal funding does not extend to financing student winners' travel. The Amador Valley team is conducting its own fundraising effort now.

We the People is only a small part of the \$35 million that funds

a wide variety of civics instruction in all 50 states, including the training of teachers and establishment of curriculum and standards.

However, We the People would be gone too, unless Rep. Don Young, an Alaska Republican, is successful in persuading fellow members of Congress that the funding should continue.

The funding was cut out of the budget bill using the argument that the allocation was an earmark. However, the contention of Young and many other House members is that earmarks benefit only one district. However, this program benefits all 435 districts in the nation.

Pleasanton City Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who is making a strong effort o lobby for the funding, said that if Young's letter receives even 25 percent of House membership in support of it, the funding would be reinstated in the bill.

So far, many of the Bay Area delegation, including Rep. Jerry McNerney of Pleasanton, and Rep. Pete Stark, whose district has a small part of Pleasanton, have signed on, said Cook-Kal-

McNerney told The Independent, "As this area's representative in Washington, I've been lucky enough to meet with several 'We the People' teams when they've come to D.C. for the national finals. I'm always impressed by the motivation and commitment of the teams' members.

"I'm sure that these young people will contribute to our country in many ways. The 'We the People' program will help lay the foundation for their future endeavors by teaching important public speaking and analytical thinking skills. That's why I want to prevent funding cuts to civic education initiatives such as the 'We the People' program."

Cook-Kallio has taken on the campaign because she has been involved in civics education curriculum and We the People since the early 1990s. She teaches at Irvington High School and coaches the We the People team there.

Cook-Kallio was part of a Pleasanton "trifecta" in this years' state competition. Amador Valley won first place; Foothill High in Pleasanton was second; and Irvington, with its Pleasanton coach, finished third. Amador Valley was national runner-up in 2006 and 2007.

We the People has helped its participants learn a great deal about the nation's political system and the Constitution, said Cook-Kallio. It has also helped them develop study and focus habits that pay off in other subjects, she added.

Cook-Kallio said that letters and e-mails to congress members who have not signed the letter yet would be helpful.

Lab Earns Three Pollution Prevention Awards

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has received three Pollution Prevention Awards from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

The Pollution Prevention Awards recognize performance in integrating environmental stewardship practices that help reduce risk, protect natural resources and enhance site operations.

Among this year's awards, LLNL received one best in class award for electronic systems that replace paper forms, and two environmental stewardship awards for reducing its beryllium supplies and use of sulfur hexafluoride gas.

LLNL won three of the 21 Pollution Prevention Awards given throughout the NNSA system. The award recipients were selected by a panel of judges within the NNSA complex.

"I am very proud of LLNL's award-winning pollution prevention efforts," said Bruce Schultz, the Lab's Environmental functional area manager. "These prestigious awards are the result of continued excellence and commitment to preserving our environment."

The Laboratory's "best in award, one of nine such awards given this year by NNSA, was received by LLNL's Global Security principal directorate, which develops technologies to counter and prevent terrorism.

In 2007, two employees -Website Administrator Alda Vargas and Business Operations Administrator Renee Lopez - within Global Security decided to try to find a better way to handle employee office moves. Lopez leveraged her experience with Lean/Six Sigma methodologies and teamed up with Vargas to design a solution.

As counterterrorism projects within the directorate start and finish, about 200 employees supporting Global Security change offices each year. The old process required at least three different forms for each move.

Vargas and Lopez decided with management support to develop an electronic system, called eMove, to process and approve employee moves online.

Now in its fourth year, the eMove system has resulted in improved communication within Global Security, increased productivity as well as saving paper.

In the early part of fiscal year 2010, the duo designed a new electronic system – dubbed eTravel – for handling approvals and processing for employees traveling to scientific conferences and other locations. In its first year, the eTravel system cut travel approval and processing costs from about \$300,000 to \$68,000, saving about \$230,000.

For a number of years, employees at the Flash X-Ray system at Site 300 – LLNL's experimental test facility – have worked to reduce the use of sulfur hexafluoride (SF6), a greenhouse gas, in the system's instrumenta-

An induction linear accelerator, the Flash X-Ray facility is used to produce X-rays for the creation of high-speed radiographic images of the implosions of high explosives. The SF6 gas is used in high-voltage closing switches, gas-filled trigger switches, a compressor, an accumulator and in supply lines.

Initially, staff at the Flash X-ray facility considered using gases other than SF6 for the system, but SF6's affinity for free electrons, something that makes it essential for quenching arcs that could damage equipment and pose a safety hazard, make it the ideal gas.

Among the steps that have been undertaken to reduce the amount of SF6 gas released are the installation of a reclamation system to capture gas before maintenance, the replacement of PVC pipes with copper pipes and a recirculation system to purify the gas for reuse.

Since 2006, the SF6 usage for the Flash X-ray facility has been reduced from about 920 pounds to less than 115 pounds per year. The effort won an environmental stewardship award in the "cradle to cradle" category.

LLNL has taken steps to reduce, and in many cases eliminate, the potential for worker exposure to beryllium, a rare, lightweight metal, through its beryllium reduction project. This work won an environmental stewardship award in the "health and environment" category.

While beryllium is used in a number of technological applications because of its unique properties, the metal also requires a rigorous safety program to reduce the potential of worker exposure.

In 2009, two LLNL directorates – Engineering and Physical & Life Sciences – determined that much of their stored supplies of beryllium were no longer needed and could be sent out for recycling or reuse.

A special negative-pressure enclosure was designed in a Lab building to safely inventory and process the material. In addition, a contract was established with an Ohio-based company, Brush Wellman Inc., to purchase the beryllium materials. This arrangement helped fund the labor and other costs, making the project a net zero cost effort for LLNL.

During the 2010 fiscal year, LLNL sent 2,086 pounds of beryllium materials for recycling or reuse, saving more than \$28,000 in avoided disposal costs and earning \$186,842 from Brush Wellman, a global producer of beryllium-based metals and composites.

TURBINES

for the last 12 years. We're glad it's coming to a conclusion on re-powering. We want to expedite it, and work long-term with the

turbine people to reduce the rap-

tor deaths. The biggest wind firm in the Altamont, NextEra, which formerly was known as FPL (Florida Power and Light), wants to start repowering soon. That desire provided momentum to complete the negotiations, said Lynes.

NextEra has already begun a repowering project in the Contra Costa portion of the Altamont. AWI, another major firm, also is interested. Alameda County

is conducting environmental studies for their projects. However, the application might not be ready for a year, said a county planning official.

MEASURE D OBJECTION OVER SOLAR SITE

The Altamont is a green energy center that includes solar power as well.

At its Jan. 19 meeting, the zoning board of adjustment approved Greenvolts application for a solar installation on 20 acres on Kelso Road, one-third of a mile west of Mountain House Road.

The panel's vote was 2-1 with

Jim Goss and Jon Harvey voting to grant the permit, and Larry Gosselin opposed.

Measure D co-chair Dick

Schneider told the board that he

opposed the permit. Unlike the wind towers, solar arrays are not a Measure D exception for largeparcel agricultural zoning. Measure D also deleted from

the county plan "industrial uses appropriate for remote areas and determined to be compatible with agriculture," said Schneider.

As a private, commercial solar electricity plant, the application clearly is an industrial use, said Schneider.

The applicant said the company may grow some vegetables there, or graze animals. He said that 50 percent of the array area can be used for pasture.

Gosselin said that he agreed with Schneider that there were other sites suitable for industrial

Harvey pointed out that the site is appropriately located next to a PG&E substation. He said that the Board of Supervisors can address the general plan issue as to compatabilty with

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What is the right mix of border personnel and technology? How can sensors, vehicles and other technical equipment most effectively be used? With Borders HLM, CBP officials can simulate their defensive architectures. accurately measure their performance and start to answer these difficult questions."

Ground Truth, initially funded through internal Sandia investments in 2007, is a gaming platform originally designed to prepare decision makers and first responders for weapons of mass destruction/weapons of mass effect (WMD/WME) attacks in metropolitan areas. Developed by Sandia computer scientist and Borders HLM principal investigator Donna Djordjevich, the software provides a virtual environment where users can play through various scenarios to see the effects of their decisions under the constraints of time and

For the Borders HLM project, the Ground Truth software has been integrated into a bottomprojected touch surface table. On this game surface, users can see "people" moving across the border terrain, observe CBP "personnel" respond to incidents and essentially control those movements and "apprehend" suspects. Users can also view a leader board of sorts that shows how many suspects have been apprehended, the dollar amount spent implementing the chosen architecture and other metrics that matter to CBP decisionmakers.

DanteTM, also part of the Borders HLM platform, is a forceon-force battle simulation tool built on the well-known Umbra simulation framework developed and introduced in 2001 by Sandia researchers.

The work also builds from another Sandia borders project from the mid-2000s, which focused on the impact of new detection technology at ports of entry. The work capitalizes on a range of existing Sandia capabilities. including the Weapons of Mass Destruction Decision Analysis Center (WMD-DAC), the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center (NISAC, a joint Sandia and Los Alamos National Laboratory program) and even the lab's expertise in robotics.

According to Reinhardt and Djordjevich, there were a number of technical challenges in integrating a mature modeling technology like Dante with a newer gaming technology like Ground Truth.

'We needed to create real-time control for the user, and our current capabilities weren't built to do that," Reinhardt said. "There's also the fact that we're modeling 64 square miles of border. We need to do so at a pretty high fidelity," added Djordjevich, who pointed out that Ground Truth's terrain was originally developed at a fixed, small scale. To help overcome some of the barriers, Sandia has looked to some important collaborators.

The University of Utah provided a technology, Visualization Streams for Ultimate Scalability(ViSUS), which allows researchers to progressively stream in terrain and imagery data and minimize data processing requirements, an important consideration given that HLM requires many gigabytes of data. For its part, Happynin Games, an iPhone/mobile game development company, developed the 3-dimentional artwork and the characters found in the simulations. Sandia, acting as the systems integrator, then put all the pieces together, presented the Borders HLM product to CBP and demonstrated how it would allow them to go through all the steps of the "engagement analysis cycle."

"We learned that the border patrol agents and CBP decisionmakers need a tool that offers a common view of the problems they face," said Reinhardt. "With our high level model, they can play through various scenarios and see how people, technology and other elements all interact. Then, later, they can go back and do a baseline analysis and dig into the details of why certain architectures and solutions aren't working as well as they should." CBP personnel can then play the game again with a recommended solution, and the end users can critique and tweak it to their liking.

With additional funding and the right kind of collaborations, Djordjevich said, more robust features could be added to make Borders HLM even more valuable to CBP and other potential customers. The current version, for instance, only deals with individual border crossers, so it doesn't capture crowd behaviors. Other sensor types, such as radiation detectors or even airborne equipment, could also be added.

Reinhardt says the future of the Borders HLM tool will likely depend on the direction in which CPB chooses to go with its border operations."Our high-level models tool will likely change the way CBP conducts its business. It will probably have a real long-term impact on how large expenditures are justified on and around the nation's borders."

MAILBOX

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No on Measure E

Anne Fox Pleasanton

There are some public agencies that slip up from time to time in acting in accordance with the state's open meetings laws, full disclosure and Brown Act, but there are others, like PUSD, whose activities are consistently shrouded in secrecy and back room deals and lacking in transparency. For example, PUSD leased District property to Tri-Valley University, an organization recently raided by Federal investigators, without any apparent public notice or public hearing.

Pleasanton Unified School District has also engaged in a back-door taxation method that seriously undermines the integrity of voter-approved indebtedness, i.e. without voter approval, they've engaged in bond refunding schemes to 'cash out' millions of dollars to fund undisclosed projects. A PUSD staff report from November 2009 indicates the amount from cash-out refunding activities is \$ 7 million.

By law, any funds from bond refunding needed to be applied to reduce voter indebtedness, but the District kept the funds themselves. These funds were never the District's to keep.

If the District desired to build additional facilities beyond that funded with the existing \$85 million Measure A and \$69.8 million Measure B bonds, the District was bound by law to obtain the approval of the voters. It didn't.

Secret back room tax raising caused by cash-outs is unethical and very undemocratic. Not only that, but the Attorney General's office indicates this practice is unconstitutional and unlawful.

Please mail in your ballot and

vote No on Measure E. **Best Article** Phil Harben

Livermore geophysicist

The article Jeff Garberson wrote concerning earthquake preparedness is the best, most balanced, and most thorough popular article I have yet read on the subject.

Measure E - Yes Chuck Hazen, coordinator; Ju-

lice Winter, coordinator; Vivian Thorson, director, League of Women Voters, LAV

The time has come for voters in Pleasanton to make a decision. We have lost many good teachers as well as staff and administrators. We have increased class sizes and eliminated classes. State funding has been greatly reduced and there will be no raises for teachers and staff for the next year. Join with the League of Women Voters - LAV to support our wonderful students and our excellent schools. Vote yes on Measure E.

Thank You Visiting Angels

On behalf of the veterans of our armed forces living at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore, we would like to extend a warm thank you for the "Living Valentines" provided by many individuals in our community. Livermore residents expressed their appreciation for service to our country by sponsoring a personal attendant's visit to a veteran who was in need of as-

sistance and companionship. Although Visiting Angels has been providing this type of caregiving to numerous veteran's over the years, this is Visiting Angels first community sponsored program. Thank you to the big hearted sponsors of Livermore who made it a success.

Generous John Shirley **Livermore Valley Opera**

The four performances of Livermore Valley Opera's Madame Butterfly were presented during of the height of the news about the terrible Japanese earthquake and tsunami. A table was set up in the theater lobby to accept donations from opera patrons for earthquake and tsunami relief. During the intermission of the four performances \$2600 was collected. The Opera Board and volunteers are grateful to the wonderful patrons for their thoughtful concern and caring for the unfortunate victims of this terrible tragedy.

No New Parcel Taxes Lvnda Kinsman Pleasanton

I have lived in Pleasanton for over 25 years, our daughter graduating high school & (See MAILBOX, page 10)

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REACH Extends to Help More Special Needs Adults

By Ron McNicoll

REACH, a group that helps adults with special needs maintain their independent living, is spending its 20th anniversary year dedicating a new residence for three women.

The home in Pleasanton is the sixth established by REACH (Resources, Education, Activities, Community and Housing) in that city. Three other homes are in Livermore.

Most of the other homes are occupied by men, so it was time to open up another one for women, said Julie Testa, who has been volunteering in REACH for four years.

So far, there are two occupants. REACH is interviewing applicants for the third spot. Applicants are screened for their compatibility with potential roommates, as well as their degree of independence.

At the official opening of the new house last month, there was an informal gathering, where parents of several school-age children with special needs dropped

The parents said that they were encouraged to see that after their children leave school, there could be a place for them to maintain their independence,

older, said Testa. Peter McDowell, a Pleasanton realtor who helps find the houses that become REACH homes, said at the open house, "I could see the faces of parents who are looking to the future. Some have kids in grade school. Here is some hope

especially as the parents grow

for the future." Another volunteer, Vince Mc-Namara, who owns a Pleasanton restaurant, said the the parents of adolescents who attended "found it eye-opening. They don't have to think that their offspring must be in the bedroom next door for the rest of their lives," he said.

Living there isn't free. Rent is charged, just as is with any rental share anywhere. Tenants usually have government-sponsored disability funding support, and some of them work at part-time jobs as baggers in grocery stores, or at

Although REACH volunteers take care of any problems that might arise about fixing things, they do not manage the adults at the house. Each adult is on his or her own, and checks in only with the special needs organization that refers them to REACH.

Some tenants need very little physical support from a caretaker, maybe a few hours a week. Others need it around the clock. There are a wide range of disabilities, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, and diabetes. Many have more than one disability.

REACH has managed to acquire its nine houses with both cash donations and federal and state grant money, as funneled through the two cities.

The organization definitely won't be selling any of its houses. As the population continues to grow, so does the need. REACH figures say that special needs adults are 3 percent of the population. Translated to the Tri-Valley, it means more than 1000 people, says the organization's web page.

Housing is only one focus area for the non-profit organization. REACH's activities are summed up by its full name: Resources **Education Activities Community** and Housing for Special Adults in the Tri-Valley.

REACH sends athletic teams to Special Olympics, and has three volunteer coaches. REACH has also worked with a city program that sponsors recreational opportunities for special adults.

The operational level of REACH runs on volunteer labor and donations, both cash and such things as furniture and various household goods. REACH is seeking more of that support, through its new sub-group REACH OUT, and welcomes contacts from interested parties at its web site at http://www. trivalleyreach.org/.

REACH has one big fundraiser every year. This year it will be a golf tournament at the Sunol Country Club in August, with both silent and active auctions of donated items.

Livermore Chamber Honors Dreammakers And Risktakers

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce's second annual Dreammakers and Risktakers was held last week.

The keynote speaker was Wil Agatstein, formerly of Intel and now the Executive Director of US Davis Center for Entrepreneurship. Throughout his career he has shown a passion for bringing innovative ideas to market and believes the power of technology can make the world a better place. At Intel, Wil was the head of the company's Emerging Markets Group. One of the products he helped develop is the Intel Powered classmate PC a small rugged and personalized laptop for children in the devel-

oping world. The awards went to the fol-

• Terry Johns and Lennie Klebanoff from Sandia National Laboratories for the Fuel Cell Powered Mobile Lighting Project a prototype system developed in public private consortia that features a fuel cell running on pure hydrogen, a zero emission and very quiet electric power

• Bill Watkins, CEO of Bridgelux, the first, new US based light emitting diode (LED) manufacturer in the past 20 years. Bridgelux's focus is bringing innovation to light by providing high power, energy efficient and cost effective LED solutions. Accepting for Bill was Karl Chicca, Bridgelux's Chief Financial Officer.

• John Dulchinos, CEO of Adept Technologies a global leading provider of intelligent, vision -guided robotics system and services. Adept is the largest US based manufacturer of industrial robots. John is also a member of Innovation Tri-Valley steering committee, a business led initiative that would make the five Tri-Valley cities an interconnected hub of innovation by bringing in new companies and helping existing companies scale up.

This year the Chamber presented awards to the next generation – the generation who will define the future.

The Dreammakers Social Innovation award went to Chris Henry, Austin Blaylock, and Avela Hendrix – Granada High School Video Productions Team who were asked to make a 30 second public service announcement about the ramifications of bullying in school.

The Las Positas College/Sandia Student of the Year, went to Takeo Hiraki and the Livermore Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year went to to Sheila Fagliano, from Livermore

ABAG Unveils Initial Vision Scenario

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has unveiled an Initial Vision Scenario for the Sustainable Communities Strategy mandated by the 2008 passage of state Senate Bill 375.

The initial scenerio shows Livermore adding 12,138 new households and 18,595 new jobs by 2035. In 2010, there were 28,662 households and 28,485 jobs in Livermore. Pleasanton is projected to add 9,785 households and 17,382 jobs. Pleasanton had 24,034 households and 52,775 jops in 2010. Dublin's numbers are 16,644 new households and 15,342 jobs. In 2010, Dublin had 15,572 households and 18,058 jobs.

The SB 375 requires the Bay Area and other California metro areas to develop integrated regional land-use and transportation plans to meet state targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks.

The release of the Initial Vision Scenario provides a starting point for conversations with local governments and Bay Area residents about where new development should occur, and how new long-term transportation investments can serve this new growth. This effort will culminate in 2013 with the adoption of a new long-range plan for the nine-county region. The plan, to be known as Plan Bay Area, will detail a 25-year transportation investment and land-use strategy for 2015-2040, and will be the region's first such plan to incorporate a Sustainable Communities Strategy.
The Initial Vision Scenario

focuses on the location of growth areas around the Bay Area and outlines a future development pattern. It assumes a strong economy in which the region

BART

East Alameda County showed the lowest support at 68 percent. Republicans were the only group below two-thirds, at 51 percent in favor. Fifty-four percent favored

making the tax permanent.

Overall, the topped ranked project was reducing traffic on I-880 by extending carpool lanes and using technologies that improve traffic flow. Second was extending BART to Livermore. The extension was ranked highest in Eastern Alameda County. Fourth on the list was improving and expanding ACE train serwidening route 84 between I-580 and I-680. vice. Ranked 8th on the list was

In third place was extending commuter trains over the Dumbarton Bridge; fifth place, completing bicycle commuting corridors; and seventh, improving and expanding ferry service from Oakland and Alameda to San Francisco.

The level of support for public transportation was asked. Of those interviewed, 71 percent said they strongly agreed or somewhat disagreed that they would use public transportation if it were faster and more reliable. Fifty seven percent said that improving public transportation would have a significant impact on reducing traffic. Moving cargo by train rather than trucks was seen by 59 percent as a way to

improve traffic. Those surveyed were asked to rank programs by priority. The top priority, 85 percent, was keeping public transit affordable for those who depend on it including seniors, youth and people with disabilities. Ranked second, 78 percent, was making it easier to get to school and work using public transit.

will add some 1.2 million jobs by 2035 and will need 903,000 more housing units than currently are available. The scenario assumes sufficient funding for affordable housing and supportive public infrastructure investments, but is

not a forecast for the region. MTC Planning Director Doug Kimsey noted, "The vision projects that 97 percent of all new households will be accommodated in already urbanized areas, and particularly in cities where residents have access to frequent public transit service. Under this scenario, 70 percent of the growth, or 632,100 new

households, will go into places that have been designated 'close to transit' by local jurisdictions. And the Bay Area's biggest cities get even bigger, with San Jose. San Francisco and Oakland together accounting for nearly onethird of all new housing units."

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SPORTS NOTES



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Alina participated in a wres-

tling camp run by VanDusen a

few weeks ago, and learned new

freestyle moves. "She talked

about what it's like to be a girl

in wrestling. She taught me

about the pressure, and being

undefeated should not affect me,'

"The experience of losing

undoubtedly would teach me to

be a better athlete. It's not about

Wins and losses do seem less

significant to girls, said Alina's

current coach, Brian Williams.

"Girls are just as physical, if not

more so, than guys are. If they

never met an opponent before,

they still try to be super aggres-

sive. When the match is over,

they have a tremendous friend-

While the girls are smiling at each other and asking about

each others' coaches, the boys

who lose in matches don't run

over and congratulate the victor,

said Williams. "With guys, they

are still anger with each other.

If you lost by one point, and are

exhausted, you don't go over and

make friends. It works that way

for me, and for my guys," said

There was national public-

ity not long ago about a high

school boy who forfeited a match

because he would not wrestle

against a girl. However, that was

based on a religious objection,

anything physical between the

sexes in that instance, said Wil-

liams. He said he puts the gender

differences out in the open right

away by talking about it, and en-

suring that there is no ungentle-

cerned, Williams said that it's

a "big myth" that wrestling

generates many injuries. "You

have a referee directly over two

guys wrestling Any arm or knee

tweaked the wrong way, you slip

it immediately," said Williams.

champion in Alina. He hopes to

see more girls trying out for the Christensen team next year.

High School next year. She will

receive the benefit of lessons

from a head coach and several

assistants, one of whom will be

Williams. He plans to remain at

Christensen, but expand his dis-

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Williams is glad he has a

Alina plans to go to Livermore

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said Alina.

Alina said.

Alina Kotowski in action during a recent meet.

Livermore Girl Wrestler Keeps Accumulating Gold

By Ron McNicoll

Being the only girl on the 17member wrestling team at Christensen Middle School doesn't unnerve Alina Kotowski.

It's true, she did have some pressure at first, two years ago back in the sixth grade, with some of the coaches, and even a few parents, sharing a skeptical attitude that she would be able to hold her own.

However, wrestling in practices against boys on the school team has worked out very well for her. She won the state championship in her weight and age class against girls, and will go on to Florida in May for a tournament that will pick the finalists who will compete for national titles in North Dakota in the

She will also go to a tournament on April 9 in Vallejo, the same meeting where she won her state championship last year. If she is able, she will also compete in Sacramento on April 10 in another tournament.

Alina said that competition against boys has sharpened her focus. It made her use her mind to think ahead, have a plan, and execute moves swiftly and gracefully.

The results can been seen on the wall of her room. There she has posted her medals won over the past two-and—a-half years from meets, tournaments and other competition.

She has one bronze medal for third place, two silvers for second, and 20 gold medals for first. The silver and bronze came when she was new to the sport in 6th grade. Since she entered 7th grade, she has won nothing but gold.

The gold medals have come against girl wrestlers. Although Alina is the only girl on the Christensen team, other schools in Livermore also have girls. They can compete at a citywide club, the Guardian Knights. The Knights' studio in downtown Livermore is also the locale for summer wrestling activities in which Alina will be participat-

ing.
There are other area tournaments, too.

Alina praises a list of coaches who have helped her so far. Her first coach was Joe Cook in 6th grade at Christensen. "He was good at conditioning, keeping you in shape. He was helpful and thoughtful," said Alina.

Cook introduced Alina to former Olympic wrestler Ken Coburn, an assistant coach at Granada High School and the coach of the Guardian Knights.

Another coach, Erick Engdahl introduced Alina to Marcie Van-Dusen, a former Olympian who coaches women's wrestling at Menlo College on the Peninsula. A two-time national champion, VanDusen was part of the U.S. national team for eight years, and finished 9th in the Beijing Olympic Games.



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East Avenue Wrestling

The East Avenue Middle School wrestling team won the eighth-grade division at the 43rd annual Tri-Valley wrestling championships last Saturday. East Avenue advanced seventeen wrestlers to the finals, claiming eight championships. The team brought home 27 medals.

Brandon Untalan (85-pounds), Russell Lovett (112), Jacob Roach (135), Stefan Holt (145) and Aaron Jennings (195) led the eighth-grade team winning titles in their weight class. Untalan and Jennings both won their third straight league title by pinning all their opponents to claim the gold. Jacob Roach had an equally impressive tournament pinning all three of his opponents. Holt and Roach each won their second straight

Jennings finished his season unde-

Robert Payne (120), James Martin (125), Dominik Luzader (158), Lucas Bumalang (180) and Eric Lebish (Hwt) each took sec-ond place. Christian Rabino (95), Cameron Church (100) Matt Hewitt (110) and Ben Morgan (155) took third. East won the team title with 134 points, followed by Fallon 100 points and Harvest Park 70 points. This was a very special year for our eighth grade team. The kids worked very hard and pushed each other all season long," said coach Mike Nagel. "This was truly a team effort today."

In the seventh grade division Bryce Disbrow (125) claimed the gold medals in his weight class. Disbrow pinned all his opponents including a 19 second pin in the semi-finals finishing his season undefeated. Michael LaFlame ((108), Ryan Silvas (120), Vince Mederos (125) and Dillon McNaney each took second place. Darian Look (112) and Austin Whinery (195) took third place and Zane Luzader (115) took fourth. The seventh-grade team took second with 62 points behind first place Hart.

In the girls division, Bernadette Allen (150) and Victoria Cockerill (160) pinned all their opponents to each claim titles in their weight class. Mia Volpatti (125) took third and Kayla Smith (150) took fourth. The girls team took second with 35 point behind Junction. Cockerill recorded the fastest pin for the team pinning one of her opponents in 19 seconds

Nathan Dela Cruz (115) placed fourth in the sixth grade boys division

Christensen Wrestling

The Christensen Middle School wrestling team finished the season by wrestling well at the Tri-valley League championships

In perhaps the toughest bracket of the tournament, Braeden Zeitler had an outstanding day winning all 3 of his matches to take first in the 8th grade 156 pound division. Wrestling up 2 weight classes, Alina Kotowski pinned all 3 of her opponents to also take first place in the 123 pound girls

one pin on his way to his first championship of the season. Fellow 6th graders Ryan Petersen (87) and Shea Eichenberg (98) each lost close matches in the finals, to take 2nd place. In his first tournament in a month due to an accident that left a 2nd degree burn on his hand, 7th grader Kyle Tadokoro (119) registered two pins and finished in second place.

Deakin and 7th grader Christopher Lassen. Placing 4th were 8th graders Max Batson and Antonio Hernandez, 7th grader Daniel Nunez and 6th grader Gabe Deakin.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

T-Ball: Zaballos Construction vs. Sports Style by Mommy and Me Photography: Both Zaballos Construction and Sports Style by Mommy and Me Photography got off to a fabulous beginning to their Softball careers at their first T-Ball game of the season last Monday. Zaballos Construction's Eliana Clubb and Makenzee Mapes did amazingly as pitchers. Gianna Ghio hustled for the ball and ran to bases like nobody's business. Likewise, Sports Style by Mommy and Me Photography played a great game with Emily Montler, Ava Choudhry and Anuva Shekar shining as stellar T-Ballers. Top Players: Zaballos Construction – Eliana Clubb, Gianna Ghio, Makanzea Manes: Sports Style by Mommy Makenzee Mapes; Sports Style by Mommy and Me Photography –Ava Choudhry, Emily and Me Photography – A Montler, Anuva Shekar

Mozes vs. Dublin Holiday Inn: Mozes and Dublin Holiday Inn squared off in a battle that extended to extra innings. In the end, the game finished in a hard-fought draw. Dublin Holiday Inn was led by the offensive firepower of Grace Gianfortone and the defensive play of Abby Baldwin at pitcher. A big moment in the game came when Ava Haubner made a force-out at 2nd base in a great heads-up play. For Mozes, Lizzie Loundagin produced a couple of big hits and showed a very accurate throwing arm on defense. Chloe Stacey also slammed several big hits and made some nice defensive plays while pitcher. Finally, Karina Thendean made a big play while covering home plate, getting a tag-out on a runner coming home. Top Players: Mozes - Lizzie Loundagin, Chloe Stacey, Karina Thendean; Dublin Holiday Inn - Abby Baldwin, Grace Gianfortone,

Ava Haubner
Dublin Holiday Inn vs. Sports Assoc. of
Alameda Co. Sheriff's: Dublin Holiday Inn
and Sports Assoc. of Alameda Co. Sheriff's played a great opening game, displaying powerful hitting and good fielding. Top Players: Dublin Holiday Inn - Elizabeth Fineberg, Elyse Hockaday, Ciara Stapleton; Sports Assoc. of Alameda Co. Sheriff's - Reichel Gabriel, Alexia Garcia, Ella Srouji

AutoTrader.com vs. Sports Style by Mommy and Me Photography: Second game of the season and vast improvements were seen in these young ladies. Everyone was running to 1st as fast as they could without holding their bats. Infielders were kept on their toes and really catching on to throwing the ball to the appropriate bases. Swings were abound. Quite a few managed the outfield.

6th grader Joey Sullivan (108) recorded

Placing 3rd were 8th grader Elijah



Me Photography - Leah Lozano, Madison Olson, Anuva Shekar Micro Division: NetApp vs. Fusion

3 Salon: NetApp played a great first game together and showed excellent teamwork.

Isabella Rule collected 3 hits and stopped

a hard ground ball at 3rd stepping on the base for the out. Alex Stokoe recorded an

out at 1st and 2 hits (one all the way into the

infield). Jaeden Nelson played 1st base like

a pro and crushed a fly ball past 2nd. Rylie Galletti started off Fusion 3 Salon's season

with a base hit and showed good fielding

throughout the game. Estelina Kovacs sent

her teammate Rylie Galletti home for Fusion

3 Salon's first run of the season, and Tess

Shotland showed good form as catcher. Top Players: NetApp - Jaeden Nelson, Isabella Rule, Alex Stokoe; Fusion 3 Salon - Rylie

Information Systems, backed by Ella Melvin at catcher, Mia Hildebrand played pitcher and made two heads up outs at the plate. Emily

Gossett slammed a solid line drive base hit

For NetApp, Corey Timby had a good hit and ran fast to 1st base. Emma Seitz had a

NetApp vs. TG Information Systems: TG

Galleti, Estelina Kovacs, Tess Shotland

Molina showed excellent fielding and at bats. Annika Jernstedt excellent at bats and aggressive defense as short stop. Alexis Barerra was on top of it in the infield and got on base each time at bat. For RS Callibration. Sydney Walsh caught a fly ball and threw a runner out at 1st. Kimberly Ebbers had excellent hitting. Jessica Simonson played great defense as catcher. Top Players: eIQ -Alexis Barerra, Annika Jernstedt, AJ Molina; RS Callibration - Kimberly Ebbers, Jessica

Richert Lumber Co., Inc. vs. Pleasanton Glass: Top Players: Richert Lumber Co., Inc. - Lydia Caraballo, Isabel McElroy; easanton Glass - Advika Deodhar, Daylin

Simonson, Sydney Walsh

Fusion 3 Salon vs. Images by Lori: Niav Chapman hit a nice grounder and scored the first run of the game for Fusion 3 Salon. Kirstin Gonzales demonstrated her fielding prowess with nice throws to 1st and home. Haley Maher rounds out the top three players of the game for Fusion 3 Salon with a fastmoving grounder to 1st. Go Fusion 3 Salon Fireballs. For Images by Lori, Amy Heath slapped a fantastic hit. Leila Lyions put her solid arm to good use, securing two outs at 3rd, and Sara Carter had a hit and scored a run for Images by Lori. Top players: Fusion 3 Salon - Niav Chapman, Kristin Gonzales, Haley Maher; Images by Lori - Sara Carter, Amy Heath, Leila Lvions

Alliance Pharmacy Consulting Inc. vs. Images by Lori: Alliance Pharmacy Consulting Inc.'s Lindsey Craft was a great lead-off hitter, Kay Kay was a great hitter, Katelyn Martins did some terrific fielding. Images by Lori's April Krywe got two people out, Sarah Carter had 2 hits, Maddie Benson played good defense and had 3 hits. Top Players: Alliance Pharmacy Consulting Inc. Lindsey Craft, Kay Kay, Katelyn Martins; Images by Lori - Maddie Benson, Sarah Carter, April Krywe

State Farm Insurance-Leslie Wolf vs. Hyatt-Summerfield Suites: All the Hyatt-Summerfield Suites players recorded a hit in their dirt-field debut. Two runs were scored by Natalie O'Sullivan, Ella Gervasoni, Leila Brown and Ella McCarthy. Christina Herdman and Ashlyn Buress had big hits for Hvatt-Summerfield Suites, Madeline Riddle and Maya Morganstern combined for a nice defensive play at the plate for State Farm Insurance–Leslie Wolf. Colette Wogsland, Lauren Sowers and Emily Hunt also played well for State Farm Insurance–Leslie Wolf. Top Players: State Farm Insurance-Leslie Wolf - Leila Brown, Ashlyn Buress, Ella Gervasoni; Hyatt-Summerfield Suites - Maya Morganstern, Madeline Riddle, Colette Wogsland

Foothill High School defeated Livermore 4 to 0 in EBAL girls varsity softball action last week.

Livermore player shows the umpire she kept the ball in her glove. The Falcon 12 hit attack was

led by a 3 for 3 day at the plate by Brooke Campbell. Both teams will be in action at the 2011

Livermore High School Stampede Tournament at Robertson Park April 7-9.

RS Calibration vs. Pleasanton Glass: All of RS Calibration's players put on a hitting display, including Valerie McKeever, who crushed one to left field. Emma Chandler was a stand out defensively, making key plays at 2nd and 3rd base. Mckenna Masinter played well in the infield, and hustled around the bases. For Pleasanton Glass, Victoria Frentz went 3 for 3 at the plate, sending a ball flying into the outfield. Kenna Asmussen also went 3 for 3, putting RS Calibration's defense on alert. Anna Baalman had a menacing bat as well, and also played well in the infield. Top Players: RS Calibration - Emma Chandler, Mckenna Masinter, Valerie McKeever; Pleasanton Glass - Kenna Asmussen, Anna Baalman, Victoria Frentz

Me and My Friends Deli vs. Richert Lumber Co., Inc.: Highlights: Great hitting by both teams and Richert Lumber Co., Inc had several outs including tag out at 1st base. Top Players: Me and My Friends Deli - Kayla Galvez, Mason Hekl, Lindsey Hill; Richert Lumber Co., Inc. - Audrey Davis, Callie McCarthy, Lauren Pollack Mini White Division: Jabwire vs. Wes

Maui Condo Rentals: Sammy McClain 3 IP. 1 Run 2-2, 3 RBI, Breanna Chi 2 - 2; Run scored 4 - 3 putout, Sarah Ligette to Malia Konig. Top Players: Jabwire - Malia Konig, Sarah Ligette, Sammy McClain; West Maui Condo Rentals - Savanah Caires

Jabwire vs. Temperature Perfection: Breanna Chi - 2 run home run, Kristina Allard 1 IP 0 R; 1, 3 - 1 DP 2 - 3, R, RBI Double play by Jabwire in top of fourth, One two three inning by Temperature Perfection in bottom of second. Top Players: Jabwire - Kristina Allard, Breanna Chi, Malia Konig; Temperature Perfection – Meghan Reilly, Hannah Swain, Charlotte Whiting

Mini Teal Division: Bryan Enterprises-Building Contractors 1, KR Electric 0: Bryan Enterprises-Building Contractors and KR Electric were ready to score some runs and make big plays. Megan Colbacchini made a game changing unassisted double play at 1st base for Bryan Enterprises-Building Contractors. Emily Murawski and Jaylah Abello delivered big hits for Bryan En-terprises-Building Contractors' first game of the season. Top Players: Bryan Enterprises-Building Contractors - Jaylah Abello, Megan Colbacchini, Emily Murawski; KR Electric - Isabel Mayfield, Aynslee Roberts

J Lohr Winery-Jeff Meier 4, Bryan Enterprises-Building Contractors 0: Rache Petty and Kate Inman combined to pitch five shutout innings in J Lohr Winery-Jeff Meier's first win of the season. Inman, Rea Claw, Jenna Brown and Aliyah Baxter scored after reaching on singles. Other key hits came from Hailyn Park and Emma Garman. Brown and Angelina Padua played great defense Corey Bryan led Bryan Enterprises-Building Contractors with stellar play at 3rd base. Top Players: J Lohr Winery-Jeff Meier - Jenna Brown, Kate Inman, Rachel Petty; Bryan Enterprises-Building Contractors - Corey Brown, Lydia Muentz, Emily Murawski Savvy Seconds 3, J Lohr Winery-Jeff

Taffe, Natalie Tarantino, Kaitlin Young; Automotive Advantage - Olivia Austin, Morgan Seelv Minor Black Division: ThinkHR 5, ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. 2 Danielle Williams led the pitching for four

Allie Sanchez

solid innings with Emily Crimi closing the last two innings. Terra Mchone did a great job protecting home plate as the catcher. Alex Sanchez had two good innings pitching along with Meghan Pickett pitching three innings.
Jenyce Dutcher had a good hit. Top Players:
ThinkHR - Emily Crimi, Terra McHone,
Danielle Williams; ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. - Jenyce Dutcher, Meghan Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Real-

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

a well-played game. Jenna Brown doubled for J Lohr Winery–Jeff Meier, Amanda Engel

had a solid hit and Kate Inman pitched two shutout innings, including a 1-2-3 first inning

and a game-ending strikeout to preserve the

tie with runners at 1st and 2nd. Savvy Sec-

onds' starting pitcher, Lauren Melvin, was outstanding. Top Players: Savvy Seconds - Natalie Larsen, Lauren Melvin, Sydney West; J Lohr Winery–Jeff Meier - Jenna Brown, Amanda Engel, Kate Inman

Dental 10. Robert Half International 1: It was

opening day for Robert Half International against View Mobile Dental. Led by the

strong play of Mireya Paulos, Allie Sanchez, and Chrissie Crawford, View Mobile Dental

jumped on Robert Half International early

with tough pitching and timely hitting. But Robert Half International hung in there

with strong pitching from Hannah Friesen and Paige Scoffield, with Taylor Hitchan

coming through at the plate. Top Players: Robert Half International - Hannah Friesen,

Taylor Hitchan, Paige Scoffield; View Mobile

Dental - Chrissie Crawford, Mireya Paulos,

Minor Teal Division: Cupids Tooth 6, Automotive Advantage 2: Cupids Tooth earned their first win of the season with a

6-2 win over Automotive Advantage, Cupids

Tooth was led by Natalie, Rachel and Kaitlin

Natalie pitched in her first game of the season and did not allow a run and added a single

and a run scored later in the game. Rachel pitched a scoreless 3rd & 4th inning while

adding a single of her own. Kaitlin came

out swinging hard only to be robbed of hits

by two stellar plays by the defense. Kaitlin returned the favor with an awesome defensive

play of her own when she fielded a ball in left center and threw the runner out at 1st.

Automotive Advantage was led by Morgan Seely who had a single and two stolen bases

and Olivia Austin who had a single and a

RBI. Top Players: Cupids Tooth - Rachel

Minor White Division: View Mobile

tors 15, Demcom Stomping Co., Inc. 5: Tim McGuire Team–Alain Pinel Realtors started out the game with strong pitching and a home run in the 1st inning, and Demcom Stomping Co., Inc. came back with two runs in the 3rd inning to take the lead. Both teams showed solid pitching and defense, then Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors exploded with three strikeouts in the top of the 5th and nine runs in the bottom, a huge inning for the home team. Demcom Stomping Co., Inc. gained



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SPORTS NOTES



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Athletes demonstrated a variety of skills during a Varsity Football Combine held at Livermore High School last Saturday. There were over 240 high school football athletes from all over the bay area and other parts of California in attendance. The combine provides an opportunity for the players to show their skills to football coaches and recruiters in attendance. This combine is presented by the Varsity Sports Group. The Livermore High School Boosters Club helped to run the combine along with coaches, athletic trainers, and recruiters from the Bay Area.

two more runs in the 6th, and Tim McGuire Team–Alain Pinel Realtors added five runs in the same inning. Demcom Stomping Co., Inc. stayed strong and added one more run in the final (7th) inning. Pitcher Jenna O'Neal of Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors had a big game with 16 strikeouts, and both teams showed excellent fielding and batting Top Players: Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors - Courtney Dinelli, Jenna O'Neal, Nicole Riordan; Demcom Stomping Co., Inc. - Kaitlyn Jones, Sofia Molina, Rachel

Major Teal Division: J Lohr Winery-Jeff Meier 9, AMS 5: Bailey Costello pitched 3.5 innings and had 9 strike-outs and had an earned run. Erica Meier slugged a double, Whitney Mazotti belted 2 doubles and had a nice catch at 1st. For AMS, Daniella Lyng pitched 1 inning and had 3 strikeouts. Adriana Harris pitched 2 innings, hit 2 singles and scored 3 runs. Gabriella Haas hit a single & hit in a RBI. Top Players: J Lohr Winery–Jeff Meier – Bailey Costello, Whitney Mazotti, Erica Meier; AMS – Gabriella Haas, Adriana

Harris, Daniella Lyng Melisa Mazotti-Johnson, VPTucker As-soc. 12, Life Technologies 2: Cassidy Gray, Karina Galves, Jenna Reitsma, and Katie Grant all had multi hit and RBI's for Melisa Mazotti-Johnson, VPTucker Assoc. For Life Technologies, Alexa McGee had 2 hits, Nicki Gloyne had a RBI, and Janis Chase pitched 2 strong innings, giving up only 2 runs. Top Players: Melisa Mazotti-Johnson, VPTucker Assoc. - Cassidy Gray, Karina Galves Jenna Reitsma; Life Technologies - Janis Chase, Nicki Gloyne, Alexa McGee

Melisa Mazotti-Johnson, VP Tucker Assoc. 12, Shaklee 8: Both teams played a good game, with the visiting winning by a score of 12 to 8. Jenna Reitsma led the way by collecting 3 RBI's. Katie Grant and Lauren Bedard both had 1 RBI. Kelley Dixon and Alyssa Simonson both went 2 for 2 plus a walk. Jennifer Wang played well in the first game of her career. Top Players: Shaklee - Kelley Dixon, Alyssa Simonson, Jennifer Wang; Melisa Mazotti-Johnson, VP Tucker Assoc. - Lauren Bedard, Katie Grant, Jenna

View Mobile Dental 11, AMS 3: Great pitching by Serena and Andrea of View Mobile Dental. Big hit by Danielle of AMS in the final inning brought in 3 runs. Top Players: AMS - Aurelia Escobar, Danielle Jimenez, Marissa Underwood; View Mobile Dental - Serena Carmona-Hester, Andrea

Peinar - Sereia Carmona-riestet, Andrea Reichenbach, Mallory Shaffar Land Mark Mortgage 5, AMS 3: Top Players: AMS - Adriana Harris, Danielle Jimenez, Brooke Machi; Land Mark Mortgage - Megan Ferguson, Olivia Gonsman, Nicole Lupo

Land Mark Mortgage 10, Mancebo Corporation 7: Marissa Mancebo, starting pitcher for Mancebo Corporation, batted 3 for 3 including a huge shot to deep left field for a triple. She finished up with a great show at 1st base. Anna Swanson had 2 great innings with her debut on the pitcher's mound and a great day at the plate going 3 for 3 with 2 big hits to the outfield. Bailey Beanland did a fantastic job catching the entire game with 2 nail biting put-outs at home plate and batted 3 for 3. Top Players: Mancebo Corporation - Bailey Beanland, Marissa

Mancebo, Anna Swanson Mancebo Corporation 17, Shaklee 16: For Mancebo Corporation, Nina Harpell had a fantastic day fielding at 2nd base and batting 4 for 4 with 6 stolen bases. Jamie Bugler was tough at 3rd base today and batted 3 for 3 with 2 doubles and 4 RBI's. Lauren McNamara had an outstanding season debut on the mound and batted 3 for 3 helping to drive Mancebo Corporation to their first win of the season. For Shaklee, Lucy Brunswick went 1 for 2 with 4 RBI's, Summer Harris went 2 for 4 with 5 RBI's and Rachel Miller went 3 for 3 with 2 RBI's. Top Players: Mancebo Corporation - Jamie Bugler, Nina Harpell, Lauren McNamara;

Shaklee - Lucy Brunswick, Summer Harris, Rachel Miller Senior Division: Fuji Sushi Boat and Buffet vs. Sallmann, Yang & Alameda: Hannah Menk - 4 strike outs; Stephanie Brennan – catching; Stephanie Bricker - 2 runs; Elena Montauti - 6 strike outs and a single; Megha Lambah - double, single, 3 RBI's; Ashley Woodruff - double, 4 stolen bases Top Players: Fuji Sushi Boat and Buffet - Stephanie Brennan, Stephanie Bricker, Hannah Menk; Sallmann, Yang & Alameda - Megha Lambah, Elena Montauti, Ashley

Kaelin Construction Inc. 19, Valley Plumbing 3: Valley Plumbing jumped off to a great start leading 3-1 after the 1st inning. With strong pitching and defense, Kaelin Construction Inc. held off Valley Plumbing for 4 scoreless innings. On the other hand, Kaelin Construction Inc.'s offense came alive starting in the 2nd inning. After 5 innings of play, Kaelin Construction Inc. won with the score of 19-3. Top Players: Valley Plumbing -Jamie Altman, Elizabeth Broughton, Aleece Hughes; Kaelin Construction Inc. - Angelica Clark, Kalesha Leite, Kaitlyn Oefelein

Livermore Smoke 19, Sallman, Yang & Alameda 7: Sallman, Yang & Alameda suffered their first loss of the season 19-7 to Livermore Smoke. Sallman, Yang & Alameda was led by Brittney pitching her first time in two years. She recorded 3 strikeouts and added two hits at the plate. Nikki contributed two hits and two RBIs, while Tori added one hit and one RBI. Top Players: Sallman, Yang & Alameda - Brittney Berckmoes, Tori Koth,

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Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) swim team excelled at the C/B/A+ MSJA/CUDA hosted meet held March 26 and 27 at Ohlone College. PLS powered through the cold, wet weekend and turned in many new lifetime best times and new cuts.

Pre Novice swimmers: Nikita Gautham - Lifetime best times (LTB) 50 back, 25 breast; Grace Huang - LTB 25 back & swam very well in 25 free/50 breast; Vaishnavi Rao - swam excellent 25 breast at first meet; Josh Atre – LTB 50 back/25 breast and had great performance in 25 fly; Andrew Li – LTB 50 free/fly and did very well in 50 breast Novice results: Christina Coatney – one

LTB "B"; Mattias Bengtsson - five LTB "B" times; Aaron Lin - two LTB times; Max Cory two LTB "B" times; Tejas Karthik – 100%
 LTB times; Devin Cox – 100% LTB times
 Intermediate: Sruthi Mukkamala – new

"A" time 50 back & new "B" 100 back Pre Junior group: Lara Serban – swam first 500 free ever; Emma Valentine – LTB times 500 free/50 back; Calvin Chui – LTB 100 back; Paarsa Heidari – swam first 500 free and three LTB times; Justin Tsai -two LTB times; Alexa Bui - swam first 100 fly/500 free; Tanaya Gondhalekar - swam first 100 fly & four LTB times; Niklas Bengtsson – six LTB times; Alex Kuang - three LTB times; Ben Song – LTB times 50 breast/100 IM

Junior group: Sofia Barrera – 100% LTB times; Laurel Heckman-overcame being sick and swam three LTB times; Kevin Gao – two LTB times; Matthew Li – 100% LTB times; Michael Martin – six LTB times

Foothill Little League Pleasanton Foothill Little League

Majors: Giants vs. White Sox: The Majors Giants and White Sox faced off at Bernal Field on March 29 in the first regular season game of 2011. In a tight, well played game on both sides, the White Sox emerged with a 4-1 win thanks to some timely hitting and strong pitching. After falling behind 1-0 in the 1st inning, White Sox hitter Matthew Gates delivered a 2 RBI hit in the bottom of the first to make it 2-1. Edward Im following with a 2 RBI double in the 3rd to make it 4-1. Josh Low also got a hit and scored a key run for the White Sox. Meanwhile, Connor Isozaki pitched 3 strong innings giving up only 1 run on 1 hit with 5 strikeouts. AJ Warford closed out the hit or a run and striking out 9 batters. Top
Offensive Players: Matthew Gates, Edward
Im, Josh Low. Top Defensive Players: Connor
Isozabi. A. I. Worferd.

A Division: Brewers vs. Giants: Jeffery Mauro from T-ball level played for the A Giants today and got 2 hits! Nicholas Walsh and Gavin LeBars both hit doubles for the Giants. Max Mader from the Brewers hit a triple. Aiden Leggett for the Giants had great hustle. Giant Game balls were given to Aiden Leggett and Jeffery Mauro.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results: **Junior 80s:** Mudhens 16, Angels 6: Angels were hitting every ball at start of the game when Mudhens came back to close the game when Mudnens came back to close the game in the 4th inning with a 10 run rule. Top Hitters for Mudhens: W. Nail-1-1B, 1RBI, 1RS: K.McTear-1-1B, 1rBI, 1RS: J.Marty- 1-2B, 4RBI, 2RS. Top Hitters Angels: Will-3-1B, 2RS; Lappin- 1-1B, 2RBI, 2RS. Top Pitchers Mudhens: J. Bailey: 2I, 4H, 6R, 4SO: C. Hings: 21, 1H, 6R, 6SO. 2KS. 10p Fitchers Muddells. J. Bailey. 2t, 4H, 6R, 4SO; C.Hines- 2I, 1H, 0R, 6SO. Top Pitchers Angels: Will-3I, 6H, 8R, 4S: Hughes-1I, 3H, 8R, 0SO. Mudhens 5, Mets 4: Both house teams

battled for the win right up until the last inning with Jason Whitney on the mound for the Mudhens- bases loaded for the Mets Whitney succeeded in striking out the last batter for the win. Top Hitters Mudhens: K. Moylan-2-2b, 1RBI, 1RS: D.Mingione 1-1B, 1RBI: J.Marty 2-1B. Mets: G.Miller: 1-1B, 1RS: T.Gibson -1-1B, 1RBI, 1RS: R. Young 1RS. 1.Gibsoil -1-15, 1RB1, 1RS. R. Touling -1RS. Top Pitchers for Mudhens: S.Drager: 4I, 2H, 3R, 8SO: J.Whitney-2I, 0H, 1R, 2SO. Mets: B.Cuy-3I, 6H, 3R, 4SO: T.Gibson-1I, 0H, 0R, 0SO.

Majors: Mets 10, Reds 5: The AAA Mets started the 2011 Little League season with a solid 10-5 win over the Reds. Ricky Henderson started the scoring with a walk and a steal for the first run of the game. Gary Carter drove in 2 runs with a double to center field. Tom Seaver pitched 3 scoreless innings. For the Reds, Pete Rose started the season with perfect hitting, going 3-3 with a double and two singles. Joe Morgan caught a pop fly and had a single. Johnny Bench also singled

in the first game of the season.

A's 12, Giants 4: The A's were led by great pitching from Gabriel Vargas who had 5 strikeouts in the game. The top hitters were Malini Tia who hit a single, triple, and 3 RBIs and Zack MacIntire who hit a single, double, and 2 RBIs. Jeremy Adams played

good defense for the A's.

AAA Division: Phillies 15, Yankees 5. For the Phillies, Brian Cahill had 2RBI's. Chase Griffin made 2 good plays at 2nd base. Jake Morton had a RBI double. Cade Shortridge started on the bump and pitched 3 solid innings. Cameron Schrader pitched 1 inning. For the Yankees, Ethan Lux hit a triple and a double. John Bennett and Sawyer Demersat had base hits.

Giants 14, Yankees 6. For the Giants, Mitch Rocereto sparked his team with a Grand Slam in the first inning of the ball game

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The Pink Lightning Indoor Soccer team had so much fun playing with Coach Kirk at Cabernet. All of the girls have improved so much in two sessions and have united as a team. Pictured are team members (back row) Melanie Branda, Faith Rogers, Brooke Schaible, Coach Kirk Murphy, Alei Tuia, Alana Cox, Gracie Ackerman; (front row) Olivia Turner, Rebecca George, Kayla Galo, Erin Murphy. Not pictured are Katie Zeck.

followed by a 2 RBI triple in the 3rd. Other big hitters of note for the Giants include Cole Seely (1B), Seth Davis (2 - 2B), and Reid Heffron (2 - 1B). Travis Stiles and Bradley Lingenfelter played a strong defensive game. Seth Street pitched 3 innings and had 6 strikeouts. The Yankees battled tough. Adrian Ayala pitched 2 innings, had 4 strikeouts and also contributed with a RBI single. Andrew Hayley and Deven Pearce also chipped in with RBI singles. Noah Wiesner and Kyle Correia played a strong defensive game and contributed with base hits and scores for their team on steals. Johnny Geyer pitched the 4th inning striking out two batters and

caught a fly ball. Orioles 10, Red Sox 6: The AAA Orioles withstood a furious Red Sox comeback attempt for a 10-6 win. Red Sox pitchers Cameron Maghadan and Dylan Tompkins combined for 5 innings and scatted 10 Oriole hits, Logan Greenough, Zackary Stewart, and Jason Snell had two hits apiece and four RBI's to pace the O's offense. Jordan Collom had 2 RBI's and threw a 1-2-3 inning in the 6th to keep the game close. The Red Sox' Derek Eijansantos and J.J. Sailors had clutch hits for 3 RBI's. The O's Logan Greenough and Cortez struck out 9 over 5 innings, and Dillan Martinez closed out the 6th to

secure the victory.
Rangers 13, Red Sox 2: Zach Perodi pitched three no run innings for the Rangers. Connor McGlothin slappedbase hit, made it all the way home on steals. Camron McGee smacked the ball down 3rd base line for a double and another base hit with an RBI. Sam Miller smacked another fabulous hit to center with an RBI. On defense for the Rangers, Riley Van Trease threw the ball to 3rd base Nolan McCormick to get the base runner out. Red Sox pitcher Josh Collom completed the entire game. Dylan Tomkins caught a pop fly at short, Josh Collom caught a line drive at the pitcher's mound. On offense. AJ Guel smacked the ball to center field for a base hit. Jordan Cellum added a solid base hit.

Rangers 13, Orioles 4: For the Rangers, Sam Miller pitched 2 inings, allowing 1 run. Nolan McCormick pitched 3-4 innings, striking otu two and allowing no runs. Riley Van Trease struck out the side in the 6th. Rangers' defense came together for some great fielding by Sam Miller at short throwing to 1st base Nolan McCormick for the out, Catcher Riley Van Trease caught a pop fly. Camron McGee caught a low pop fly at 3rd base, then threw to second for a double play. On offense, Van Trease drove in a run with a base hit to left field. Also hitting were Sam Miller, McCormick, Kenard Desai and Connor McGlothin. Zach Perodi stole home. For the Orioles, Dillon Martinez pitched well; Cobe Cortez struck out two and Logan Greenough struck out the side in the 4th. Dillan Martinez executed a double play, catching a pop fly then throwing to second. Jason Snell threw out a runner trying to steal home.

AA Division: Giants 7. Phillies 14: For the Giants, nice pitching by Theo Dean, who struck out 2 then caught a popup to end the inning. Nice fielding by Mikey Balzarini at short and Luke Moylan at first for getting a tough out at first. Also nice defense by Ryan Juric, JT Kelly and Nathan Kamm. For the Phillies, Ethan Clark hit an RBI double, Tv Bothwell hit a 2-run home run, Andrew Choumas scored a run, and Ethan Vincent did great as catcher.

Diamondbacks 12, A's 7: The AA Diamondbacks edged the A's in a well-played game by both teams. Matthew Gomes showed his defensive skills with a double play to end the first inning behind solid pitching by RJ Little. Joey Keller and Mateo Wilde both had RBIs to add to the Diamondback's total. Robert Sandoval also flashed his leather making strong defensive plays at shortstop behind the strong pitching of Calvin Fletcher who struck out 2 A's batters.

Yankees 7 , Diamondbacks 4: The AA Diamondbacks lost a close game to the Yankees in Saturday's action. Amanda Price pitched a strong inning with Danny Geissbuhler catching behind the plate. Connor Hardesty, Chris Schonholtz, and Max O'Conner all played solid defense to keep the score close. Nicholas Melendez pitched an excellent game, and also hit a double scoring 2 runs for the Yanks. RJ Motta and Layton also had a great offensive game to lead the Yankees to victory.

A Division: D'Backs 1, Orioles 0. It was

a scoreless ball game until the bottom of the 4th when Ben Wiesner got a base hit to get the rally started. Kyle Drobick's then hit an RBI single to bring the score to 1-0. Zachary Vivo, Jason Zaia, Aiden Buenrostro, and Samuel Morrisroe all had base hits. Mason Franchi and Andrew Hofmann had a strong defensive game. For the Orioles, Ryan Hansen and Stephen Geyer had base hits. Iliza Shields and Antonio Rivalie had a solid pitching performance. Kaegan Nelson and Hayden

Williams played tough defense.

Rangers vs. Red Sox: Rangers top players: offense: Joe Schweig, Jacob Koelle-Pittel, Ben Wigginton; defense: Garett Robb, Garrett Riddiough, Grant Thrailkill: Red Sox top players: offense: Max Higgins, Aiden Demello, Eduardo Angeles; defense: Andrew Bates, Jeffrey Winters, Nick Lysol.

Yankees vs. Phillies: Both teams showed great effort. Yankees: (Offense) Sam German, Nick Gladen, Bobby Zepeda (Defense) Nathan Lloyd, Tate Masingale, Wesley Short, Phillies: (Offense) Christian Neumann, Chandler Olsen, Connor Waklee, Will Wentworth (Defense) Austin Meléndez,

Landon Paden, Christopher Perez.

Farm: The Diamondbacks played the Phillies on Wednesday, March 30th. Ryan Martin on the Phillies made a great stop on the field. Sean Nadeau played great defense, and Jacob Sisto did an all around great job. Jake Walton on the Diamondbacks played excellent defense. Alex Clouser hit the ball great, and Brayden Vash had some solid hits.

Athletics vs Orioles: The Athletics and

the Orioles played in a defense battle last Saturday. During the first inning Justin Wallace displayed great team play by hitting behind the runner to advance two Athletics teammates. Then the best hit of the first inning came from Danny Knight who hit a line drive towards the left side of the diamond. On defense in the first inning Luke Leary was successful in knocking down a sharp ground ball with his chest, and calmly completing the throw to first base. Likewise Cason Mills fielded a hopper at shortstop and was unassisted with the tag out at second. Seth Mills showed great promise as a future star catcher behind the plate. In the second inning Ben Sears single-handedly ran down the base runner at first base from the pitcher's position. Keith Purvis had one of the hardest hit balls in the second inning with a scorching ball directly towards the Orioles shortstop. In the third inning Colby Wallace surprised all of the parents leaning against the fence with torpedo fall ball along the 3rd base line. Augie Mascari wore out the Orioles third baseman all day as he pulled fly balls to the left side consistently. The best hit for Malcolm Troup came in the third inning when he connected with a line drive to the middle of the field.

Diamondbacks vs. Rangers: Calvin Seeley and Andrew McKeever from the Diamondbacks both had terrific fly ball catches! Meanwhile, Tyler Trudeau from the Diamondbacks made a fantastic stop while playing pitcher, with a 2 play result. The Rangers were equally impressive. Nolan Mosley and Ryder Rios had great ground hits. Conner Perkins played solid defense. It was fun to see the Rangers play.

Livermore American LL

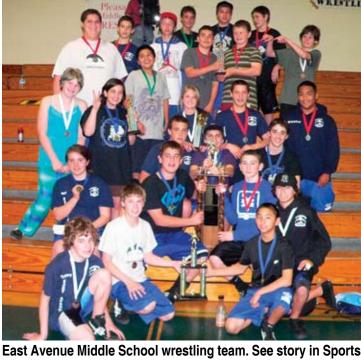
Livermore American Little League

AAA Division: Padres 7, Giants 6: Padres top players: Bradley Archer hit a home run in the third inning for 3 RBIs. Neil Patel caught a pop-fly in the 4th Cole Meyers caught a throw-in for the last out of the 3rd inning. Giants top players: Julian Stroud showed some strong hitting, scored the tying run in the 5th inning and had 2 RBIs. Carter Fisher had a clutch single in the last inning. Ryan Nostrand hit a triple

AA Division: White Sox 8, Cardinals 7: AA Division: White Sox 8, Cardinals 7: The White Sox and the Cardinals played a close & exciting game on Monday. For the Cardinals, Jacob Hager hit a solid single in the 2nd inning with 2 RBIs. Tyler Morano pitched beautifully in the 5th inning, getting several key strike-outs and holding the White Sox to a one-run lead. Nick Hill played great offense and showed excellent. played great offense and showed excellent base-running when he scored on a sacrifice fly. For the White Sox, James Duperly had an exceptional game going 3 for 3, with 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored. Bradley Evans also played a great game with 2 singles and 2 runs scored. Jacob Moen had a RBI single in the 2nd and then followed up with solid pitching to help the White Sox hold the lead and secure the win.
Tigers 2, Cubs 1: Tigers top players:

Cameron Winter, Parker Hively, Alex Cirina; Cubs top players: Trent Crisp, Matt Polaski, omas Cowles.
Indians 8, Rockies 1: The Indians started

the game hitting, scoring eight runs in the first two innings. Their defensive play was also solid, with spectacular plays by Antoine Evans, who jumped out of his catcher's crouch to catch a foul pop-up; Kevin Johnson, who had several defensive plays on infield; Adam Chapman, who had a great catch in the outfield; and Chase Vogler, who made a stop at 3rd base with a strong throw to first in an attempt to get the runner out. The Indians were also aided by solid pitching from Cole Arnold, Jacob Blanchard, Steven Lee, and Kyle Johnson, who threw a very efficient 10 pitches for 3 outs. After a rough early start, the Rockies played solid baseball, bringing into play excellent defense that kept the Indians from scoring after the second inning. Pitcher Blaze Hill had a spectacular double play when he caught a fly ball on the mound then threw to first to get the runner out before he could tag up. JJ Knight showed stellar pitching and also had two hits, including a single ripped to center field that drove in Jacob Hoggatt to score. Brandon McDougall got a solid single and played great defensive



Notes.

ball. Dylan Prusso had a solid hit to center and also fielded a hard grounder then threw the runner out at first.

A Division: Phillies 12, Jays 4: Phillies

top players: Stone Stephenson brought in 2 RBI's with 2 singles to first base, brining the Phillies score to 10. Justin Torres had a double in the 5th inning, keeping the rally going for the Phillies. Michael Bearden got the First Home Run of the season for the Phillies, while playing great defense at first base. Jays top players: Jacob Arretche, Tyler

Ramirez, Britany Pettit.

A Division: Final score: 4 to 3: Great hitting and defense from both teams including 2 RBI by Mason Groom in the 1st inning, hits in the 6th inning by Chase Richards and Kellen Hutchins to tie the game. Jays held Pettit, Jacob Arretche, and Tyler Ramirez.

T-Ball: Rangers V. Nationals: Rangers
Top Players: Tommy Huff, Trent Terkeurst,

Max Shapiro; Nationals Top Players: Joey Demarco, Luther Hart, Tate Rosburg A's vs. Rangers: A's top players: Sam Friedmann hit the ball well all game. Ryan

Jones made several great outs at first. Carter Vincent played well at the plate. Rangers top players: Max Ghigleri, Jacob Molinelli, Jordan Trevethan. Twins vs Giants: Great outfield hits from the Giants by Connor Kenyon, Caden Gereb, and Luke Dodson. Great Twins hits by 11 Xavier Thorpe. Sebastien Roure and

to first base. National v. Marlins: Top Players Nationals - Ryan DeMarco, Sophie McGinnis, Matthew Warren; Top Players Marlins - Tyler Wooley, Tristan Desilets, Niko Temores

AJ Hattaway had strong defensive throws

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League AA Division: Padres vs Rockies: For

the Padres Nick Donaldson Hit a Double, Justin Pestana played good Defense and Nico La Manna had 1 RBI. The Rockies- Jacob Peterson Hit 2 for 2 for 2 singles. Dylan Silva struck out 6 of 7 batters he faced. Sebastian Lee hit 2 for 2 with 2 singles

Dodgers vs D-Backs: For the D-Backs
- Weslee and Mason went 2 for 3 with both of them getting great hits. Weslee's first hit was a double. For the Dodgers - Eli Hargis and Forest Bishop were the top batter going 2 for 2. Eli also had an RBI. Aiden Follis hit a double with an RBI in the third inning.

The Rockies took on the Padres again Nick Donaldson pitched well for the Padres striking out three in the second inning. Justin Pestana also played strong defensively, catching a big pop fly to end the third. Offensively, Tyler Blue had a great day at the plate, with 2 big hits for the Padres but the Rockies put on a show of their own. Jason DeSantis played outstanding at 1st base, shutting down many potential hits. Patrick Curulla also played well defensively, fielding Rego rounded out the Rockies' defense with

his strong play as well.

A Division: Diamondbacks vs Rockies: Julian Quigley hit an awesome double and made some great plays offensively as pitcher for the Diamondbacks. Justin York recorded a few outs offensively at second and was great at bat. Jake Beers made great defensive plays at 1st, 2nd and 3rd base for the Rockies. Alex Alamillo went 5 for 5 with several hits into the outfield. Landon Ratinho caught his first fly-ball of the season. Nate Lee had a great game with several great hits and played great defense

Cardinals vs. Padres: Two well-matched teams battled it out on the ballfield this pas Tuesday. The Cardinals' offense opened with his powerful swing at the ball. knocking it for an easy single. He also demonstrated some speedy base running in this inning. London Bishop closed the exciting first inning for the Cardinals with a sturdy line drive which rocketed past third base. The highlights for the remainder of the game were the defensive feats of brilliance exhibited by both teams. Jared Mcquilliam, playing shortstop for the Cardinals, skillfully stopped a hard-hit line drive and quickly threw to home for an out. Graedon Beeler, the Cardinals' third baseman for the inning, showed his dexterity and intelligence with several quick attempts at tagging the Padres' runners before they reached the base. The Padres showed their admiral ability throughout the game, but the most stunning moment was when Shane Waechtler and Jordan Dennett collaborated to complete a double play by catching a strongly-hit fly ball and beating the runner to second base

with a perfectly accurate throw. Giants vs. Diamondbacks: This game was a great match-up and provided excitement throughout the game. Diamondback player Justin York shined in fielding all game. Diamondback players Shane Pollar and Damon Miller had an awesome game in hitting. Giants player Xavier "Xavi" Lortie had powerful hits in every inning and made an impressive out on 1st base. Jared Miller was another Giant who made his presence known by crushing the ball out to centerfield. Thomas Bosso had an all around good game including catching a pop-fly.

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League

AA Division: Angels 16, White Sox 10: After weeks of rained-out games, AAAngels played the White Sox on Monday, March 28. Among the pitching lineup who led the Angels to victory were Josh Frans, Cooper Smith, and Kenneth Swan.

Farm A: Yankees vs. Angels: On a great night for baseball, e.g., no freezing parents, the Yankees and Angels squared off in a Farm Aclash. The well-played game had plenty of highlights on both sides. The Yankees were led by Player of the Game Daniel Beranek who made several fine plays in the field and had a big bat. Griffin Bean was also especially sharp; he made two great plays to get outs and hit the ball hard in each at bat. Alec Barnett bravely bounced back from a bad hop to the nose with a couple of clean singles and a play at third to get an out.

Livermore Smoke

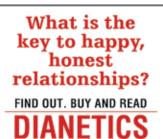
Livermore Smoke Softball results 10U Red Girls: Dynamite 7, Lil' Devils 5: In a dramatic finish, the Dynamite reeled off 5 runs in the final inning to come from behind to protect their undefeated record. The winning run was drove in by a hard hit ball from Kylie Roberts. Brilynn Pickerill had her first single of the season, while Melanie Laronde pitched an incredible game managed to throw out two runners at 3rd she also played catcher

T-Ball: Hot Tamales vs. Hittin Kittens: Outstanding players: Olivia Hardesty, Natalie Urban, Haley Wright.

Pleasanton Rage
Pleasanton Rage U13 Premier got off
to an auspicious start to their Spring Season
with a decisive 3-0 win against Diablo FC. Forward Malissa Shadle scored two breakaway goals in quick succession early in the first half. Shots were also taken by Hannah McGillivray and Shayla Simonich.

In the second half, Aliyah Walker scored a goal on a beautiful ball from Makenna Elias. (continued on page 9)





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Mid-fielders Elias, Eilis Hegarty and Sophie antos controlled a tough midfield game. Keeper Sophia Brown made four amazing saves and anchored a strong defense includ-ing Lisa DeFeo, Christy Jensen, Jessica Ko and Hanna Mallie. Top Offensive Players: Malissa Shadle, Aliyah Walker; Top Defensive Players: Sophia Brown, Lisa DeFeo, Christy Jensen, Hanna Mallie

Springtime Invite

Livermore's Springtime Tumbling and Trampoline hosted the Springtime Invite on March 27, 2011.

Results for the Springtime athletes: Trampoline 11 & Under: Level 5: Nicholas Abrego 2nd (22.80); Level 6: Sabra Wilson 1st (26.10), Megan Hebert 2nd (25.05), David Davisson 1st (25.95); Level 7: Kaitlyn Clevenger 1st (25.35); Level 8:

7: Kattlyn Clevenger 1st (23.35); Level 8: Joshua Erickson 1st (52.15)

Trampoline 12 & Up: Level 6: Lexi Carzoli 5th (4.35); Level 7: Shoshana Cohen 3rd (22.95), Megan Contarciego 4th (10.80); Level 8: Delaney Foote 1st (55.60), Kayla Erickson 2nd (53.80), Anna O'Brien 6th (52.50), Kendall Assen 8th (51.40), Poba (52.50), Kendall Aasen 8th (51.40), Robathan Harries 1st (55.25), Jeremy Pigford

10th (38.30)

Double Mini Trampoline 11 & Under: Level 5: Nicholas Abrego 1st (58.40); Level 6: Megan Hebert 1st (57.80), Sabra Wilson 3rd (57.35); Level 7: Kaitlyn Clevenger 1st (59.00), David Davisson 4th (49.80); Level 8: Joshua Erickson 1st (57.95)

Double Mini Trampoline 12 & Up: Level 6: Megan Contarciego 1st (57.80), Lexi Carzoli 6th (55.90); Level 7: Kayla Erickson 1st (59.15), Anna O'Brien 3rd (58.55), Shoshana Cohen 4th (57.8); Level (38.35), Snosnana Conen 4th (37.8); Level 8: Delaney Foote 1st (60.00), Kendall Aasen 2nd (59.40), Jeremy Pigford 6th (57.95), Robathan Harries 8th (56.45) Tumbling 11 & Under: Level 4: David

Davisson 2nd (52.05); Level 5: Megan Hebert 1st (54.60), Sabra Wilson 3rd (52.95); Level 6: Kaitlyn Clevenger 2nd (51.75), Joshua Erickson 1st (48.60)

Tumbling 12 & Up: Level 4: Lexi Carzoli 1st (51.90), Robathan Harries 1st (49.50); Level 5: Megan Contarciego 3rd (53.80), Shoshana Cohen 4th (43.50); Level 6: Anna O'Brien 1st (52.95), Kayla Erickson 4th (52.20); Level 7: Delaney Foote 2nd (51.50), Kendall Aasen 3rd (51.25), Jeremy Pigford 2nd (53.40)

Gymfinity Gymnastics

Gymfinity Gymnastics team members competed in the 2011 NorCal Level 7 State Championships at the Liberty Gymnastics Training Center in Brentwood, on April 2 - April 3, 2011

Level 7: Child B: ALL-AROUND: Katie Mathers 37.225 (4th), VAULT 9.2 (11th), BARS 9.15 (5th), BEAM 9.475 (2nd),

PLOOR 9.4 (4th)
Child D: ALL-AROUND: Emily
Rakestraw 34.925 (16th); Kimmy Dennington 34.7 (18th); VAULT: Dennington 9.1 (9th): Rakestraw 9.0 (14th): BARS: Rakestraw 8.9 (11th); Dennington 8.5 (16th); BEAM: Rakestraw 8.1 (16thT); Dennington 8.1 (16thT); FLOOR: Dennington 9.1 (14th); Rakestraw 8.925 (16th)

Junior D: ALL-AROUND: Dakota Abundiz 35.675 (9th), VAULT 8.85 (16th), BARS 8.45 (10th), BEAM 9.15 (5th), FLOOR 9.25 (7th)

Senior C: ALL-AROUND: Sara Vu-kojevic 35.75 (12th), VAULT 9.425 (4th), BARS 8.6 (15th), BEAM 8.925 (9th), FLOOR 8.8 (18th)

Amador Swimming

Winning your own invitational swim meet is not always easy, but the Amador Valley High School varsity girls made it look that way winning the Tom Wilson Invitational by 137 points over second place Mission San Jose. By posting a 510-373 score, the Amador girls were the only home squad to score higher than Mission San Jose in the

The Dons showed their dominance by finishing first or second in seven of the eight individual events and won the medley relay. Catherine Breed and Kirsten Brand got all four of the firsts recorded by Amador. Breed set a meet record in the 200 free and broke the pool record in the 500 free while Brand took both the 50 and 100 free. Natalie Wong garnered a pair of seconds in the fly and backstroke and Tory Houston took second in the IM to round out the second place finishes. The four swimmers also combined on the winning 200 medley relay team.

The Dons went 1-2-3 in the 500 free with Roshni Nair and Cassidy Booe finishing behind Breed. In the 50 free, Ali Hernbroth finished third and Elaina Gates took ninth and in the backstroke, Lillian Sun and Kylie Copenhagen finished in third and eighth.

Amador had four top 10 finishers in the 100 free with Hernbroth, Houston and Gates going 6,7,9 behind Brand. They also had four top 10's in the fly with Sun, Nair, and Bernadine Martin finishing 3, 6, and 7 to go with Wong's second. Even in the Dons weakest" event, the breaststroke, Amador had four in the top 10. Martin finished fifth, Beverly Fu eighth, Cate MacGregor ninth, and Rachel Bench 10th. MacGregor also

Maya Gilchrist and Cassidy Booe came in eighth and 10th behind Breed in the 200 free to round out the individual top 10 finishes.

Amador's other relay teams also finished impressively with the 200 free relay team of MacGregor, Gates, Gilchrist and Hernbroth finishing third and the 400 relay team composed of Sun, MacGregor, Wong, and Hernbroth taking second.

In a meet that went back and forth all day, the Amador Valley Varsity Boys fell just a bit short, well, actually left a bit early, in their Fourth Annual Tom Wilson Invitational Swim Meet. The Dons lost to Mission San Jose 528-514.5, the most obvious difference being a disqualification on their 200 free relay team that had finished in third.

Amador got off to a great start by winning the 200 medley relay behind the strong swimming of Nick Johnston, Andrew Seitz, Bryan Hughes and Jason Chen. They continued posting points when Seitz and Kyle Surber went 2-3 in the 200 free and Stephan Hall placed eighth.

Following the first two events, the McLaughlin brothers, Tim and Kevin, along with Justin Pasquale placed five, six and eight in the 200 IM and the Dons did even better in the 50 free when Chen won the event, Johnston finished third, and Joey Silva took eighth.

Hughes then posted the first of his two individual firsts by taking the fly. Hughes would later win the backstroke and also swam on two winning relay teams for a four first day. Also going top 10 in the fly were Cameron Kurotori (9th) and Hall (10th).
Also having a fine day was Seitz who

followed his 200 free swim with a win in the 100 free. Johnston got his second third of the day in the event and David Becker and Silva went nine, ten. Following up the 100 was the 500 free and the McLaughlins and Pasquale again pointed in the top 10 with Tim finishing second, Kevin fifth and Pasquale coming in 10th.

That set up the critical event of the day for the Dons. Entering the 200 free relay,

Amador held an 11.5 point lead. The lead looked like it would get bigger when the relay team of Surber, Kevin McLaughlin, Silva, and Kurotori got to the wall second and the second AV relay team finished third. However, one of the Amador swimmers on the second team had left early and the score was nullified. Instead of gaining six points, the Dons lost 28 points and now trailed Mission San Jose by 16.5 points.

Amador tried hard to make up the dif-ference as Hughes and Chen went one-two in the back with Becker and Mike Pasquale finishing eight-ten. The finish closed the gap to 2.5 point going into the last individual event of the day, the breaststroke. Surber finished third, Andrew Song seventh and Camren Chang in a tie for 13th, but Mission was even better, gaining 13 points that, barring a DQ essentially put the meet away.

The Dons 400 free relay team of Kevin McLauglin, Hughes, Chen, Surber finished first and the second team of Justin Pasquale, Becker, Kurotori, Silva finished sixth, but it wasn't enough to top Mission for a first

The Amador Valley JV girls swim team finished first in nine of eleven events to take second in the Fourth Annual Tom Wilson Invitational. A bigger and deeper Mission San Jose team took first place by a 606-526 margin over the Dons.

Two Amador swimmers took home a pair of individual firsts with Bridget Booe wining the 200 and 500 free, and Lissi Knell getting to the wall first in the IM and fly events. Also finishing first was Naomi Chan in the backstroke and Elle Surber taking the 50 Surber also finished second taking the 50. Surber also finished second in the 200. Joining Booe and Surber in the top 10 in the 200 were Kayla Miller (6) and

Shilpa Krish (9).

The 50 free was a particularly strong event for the Dons as they took the top four slots. Asia Koliner, Miller, and Amy-Lynn Pollitz came in right behind Surber.

Another strong event was the 100 free where Pollitz (8) and Katie Marlin (9) also placed in the top 10. Martin also finished 7th in the breaststroke just ahead of teammate

Kyle Copenhagen in 8th.
Rounding out the top 10 individual finishers were Nicole Guzolek who took a pair of eights (IM and fly) and Kimberley Sannajust who took 10th in the 500.

All three relays were won by Amador. Surber, Natalie Cook, Knell, and Miller started the meet out right by winning the medley relay and Guzolek, Megan Banke, Marlin, and Copenhagen finished the meet by winning the 400 free relay. In between, Booe, Guzolek, Chan, and Kristine Waldear took the 200 free.

The Amador Valley JV boys swim team

posted some great individual efforts in the Tom Wilson Invitational and finished second overall to Mission San Jose

The Dons had four swimmers with a pair of top five finishes. Shri Gandhi took second and third in the 50 and 100 free events, Caleb Wang took third in the IM and fourth in the breaststroke; Chris Mowry went 4 and 5 in the IM and 500 free, and Kaleb Pedersen took second in the back and third in the fly.

Top 10 finishes were common place for the Dons as they placed four in the top 10 in four events. Chris Iniquez, Joey Lindley, and Kennet Pipe went 6-7-8 behind Mowry in the 500 free while Lindley led a quartet going 5-6-7-8 in the 200 free. Joining Lindley were Yeu Shen Gu, Michael Chew, and Pipe. Chew (4) was also part of the foursome be-hind Pedersen in the back with Sam Sornsen placing seventh and Nate Pereira taking 10th. Finally, the Dons had four top 10's in the 100

free with Perry Jia (4), Michael Lenz (8), and Steven Cox (9) joining Gandhi. Parker Brown had top 10 finishes in both the IM (9) and the fly (8), and Copeland Green took sixth in the breaststroke. Cox rounded out the top 10 finishes with a ninth in the flv.

All three of Amador's relay teams finished second. Pedersen, Wang, Brown, and Cox made up the Medley team, Wang, Chew, Cox, and Gandhi the 200 free team: and Mowry, Gandhi, Pedersen, and Chew the 400 quartet.

Football and Cheer

Livermore Youth Football and Cheer, the longest established Football/Cheerleading program in Livermore, is celebrating its 37th year.

Signups are currently underway for the

The league is supported by Valley Christian High School, Granada High School, Livermore High School and The Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference The program emphasizes education, family, and the football knowledge and techniques that prepare athletes for the exact structure of high school and collegiate football and Teams compete with teams from nearby

cities structured around the East Bay Athletic

The football program is offered for athletes from 7 to 14 years old. Each football team is mentored by an ex-NFL player. Among them is John Parrella, a former defensive lineman. His 12-year career including playing for the Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers and Buffalo Bills. Also mentoring are Mario Celotto, a member of the 1981 Superbowl Las Angeles Rams; and Jos Raves, who played for the Raiders, Carolina Panthers, New England Patriots, and Detroit Lions.

The Cheer program is offered for athletes from 5 to 14 years old. The team finished fourth in the nation at the recent competition

at Disneyland. Practice starts August 1, 2011. There are discounts on fees for families with multiple

According to the league, children play football and become cheerleaders because it is fun, challenging and exciting. Being a member of a team helps to cooperation and team work as well as develop social skills.

For more information about the program or to register, please visit http://www.lyfcvikings.com/ or e-mail us at delthecoach@ gmail.com

Adult Open Gym Basketball

Open Gym Basketball is held at Fallon Middle School, 3601 Kohnen Way, Dublin every Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Space is limited to the first 36 in attendance. The cost per night is \$3.00 per participant ages 18 years and older. Fee is collected on site. For more information please call 925-556-4500 or email glentheguide@ dublin.ca.gov.

Bocce Kits for Rent

Following the debut of two new bocce courts at the freshly renovated Bothwell Park, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is now making bocce ball kits

available for rent to the public Bocce ball kits can be checked out for a week at a time from the Robert Livermore Community Center. The kits are available at the front counter from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rental for one week is \$20, plus a \$40 refundable deposit by credit card or cash – a total of \$60. The \$40 deposit is refundable if equipment is returned in good condition. Kits are rented on a first-come, first-served basis;

reservations are not available in advance Rental of a bocce ball kit does not guarantee

a bocce ball court will be available.
The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Bothwell Park is located at 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. For more information, call

Run for the Parks

A brand new run and walk in Sycamore Grove Park, in Livermore, will be held on Sun., April 17.

The inaugural Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's (LARPD) Run for the Parks will benefit the LARPD. It will feature 3 events: 5K Walk/Run, 10K Run,

and Kids' 1 Mile Fun Run.

All three courses will feature great springtime views and colorful blossoming flowers: 5K Walk/Run: This loop course is on paved and unpaved trails in the Sycamore Grove Park. Flat and fast; 10K Run: Same great views with a more challenging distance and terrain, the out and back course features paved/unpaved LARPD trails through rolling wine country, Holdener Park, and on LARPD's newest trail; Kids' Fun Run 1 Mile (12 years and under): 1 mile out/back on unpaved trail in Sycamore Grove Park. Run through the sycamore trees and back. This is the perfect time of the year for kids to enjoy the creek and view the wildlife.

Entry fees are pre-registered 5K and 10K events, \$30 per runner, family rate for all events \$25 each, (families of four or more). Race-day fees \$35; kids fun run \$10.

Trophies will be awarded for 5K and 10K female and male overall and top masters (45 years and over) finishers. Medals will be awarded three deep in each age division for females and males 13 and under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 years +. All Kids' Fun Run finishers will receive a ribbon.

All entrants will receive the "historic" commemorative T-shirt, refreshments and snacks, and awards ceremony.

Race-day registration and check-in will begin at 7:00 a.m., with the 5K and 10K beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Kids' Fun Run will start at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, contact On Your Mark Events at (209) 795-7832 or visit their website. To register online, go

Golf Tournament

The Tri-Valley YMCA is holding its 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, April 29, 2011 at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton.

Proceeds will benefit kids and families in the Tri-Valley area through Tri-Valley YMCA programs. The day's schedule will include golf, silent and live auctions, dinner, prize drawings and a women's beauty event featuring Japonesque beauty products. Early Bird Specials include \$175 per individual player (\$195 after 3-31-11) and \$650 for regular foursome (\$725 after), which includes lunch, dinner and refreshments.

Hole sponsorships and corporate outing foursome specials are available. For more information, please call (925) 263-4444, visit http://trivalley.ymcaeastbay.org/events, or email tvinfo@ymcaeastbay.org

Bowling News

Youth Bowler Alex Stuber in the Generation Gap League bowled 250, 290 and 257 for a 797 series 176 pins over average at the Granada Bowl in Livermore. Gene Bruihl in the Cheyenne League rolled a 280 game. Youth Bowler Jeoffrey Anderson in the Family Affair League bowled a 267 game

Family Affair League bowled a 267 game that is 71 pins over average.

Randy Bickerdike in the Generation Gap League rolled 247 and Bruce Ragusa 223.

Aaron Fick in the Getaway Fours League bowled 247, Jim Leal 236, Bill Deuell and Dave Moore 226. Tim Springer in the Match Point League rolled 256, Norm Anderson 245 and Alvin Bettis 227. Jonathan Miller in the 4 Seagons Heating & Air League bowled the 4 Seasons Heating & Air League bowled 268, Jerry Friesen 267, Gabe Donohue 258, Maria Lockridge 257 and Matt Colemann 242. James Marasco in the Practice Kings & Queens League rolled 225. Gabe Donohue in the Cheyenne League bowled 266, Dave Erwin 248, Joe Monastiero 248 and Joe Delise 236. Jeremy Stuber in the Early Years Fun Time League rolled 254, Charlie Butkiewicz 235 and Steve Reitz 208. Nick Tehero in the

Family Affair League bowled 233. Morning Bowler Dick Greene in the Primetime Seniors League rolled 225, Frank Cerros 211 and Inge Kipp 186. Norm Taasevigen in the Sirs & Sirettes League bowled 210 and Dick Greene 205. Doug Parker in the Donna's Mixers League rolled 225 and Bill Nawrocki 200. Norm Taasevigan in the Senior Primetimers League bowled 199, John Foscalina and Dick Harris 198.

Youth Bowler Shawn Donohue in the Generation Gap League rolled 279, Jacky Faltings 237, Curtis Agness 236 and Katelynn

April 23rd there is a Mini High Roller Tournament at 11:30am. Please call 447-5600 to sign-up or if you have questions just ask for James.



Hikers head out on the trail during last year's Hike for Hope.

Hike for Hope - a Non-competitive Memorial Hike in Sunol Regional Park

During the annual Hike for Hope on April 30, 2011, retired Pleasanton Chief of Police Tim Neal will be manning the parking lot alongside past Amador High principal Cyril Bonanno.

Hike for Hope drew over 735 hikers last year and the committee hopes over 1,000 hikers will sign up this year.

Open to the public, Hike for Hope is unique and stands out from the typical run or walk on city streets.

A non-competitive, memorial hike along the trails of the Sunol Regional Wilderness, the hike takes place starting anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Hikers, many who are returning again, participate in memory or honor of a loved one. Proceeds support the services of Hope Hospice in providing families with comfort, dignity and excellence.

Pleasanton luminary and Hike for Hope Chairperson, Dolores Bengtson, for whom the Aquatic Park was named, will join registered participants from the San Ramon and Tri-Valley. The fee to participate is \$25 (\$35) after April 18th) and hikers can invite their friends and co-workers to help sponsor their hike with

Jean Sullivan has been attending the Tragic Loss group at the Hope Hospice Grief Support Center since last year. She lost her 37 year-old son unexpectedly about three years ago. Last year, to seek support for Hike for Hope, she wrote an article on her Facebook page about the hike and everyone responded...her son's friends as well as her own. She wasn't sure how she would actually feel on the day of the

"But when I got there," she said, "everyone was so up and chatty...so positive! The fact that I was on the trails with others who were hiking in memory of someone they had lost made

me feel great. Such a feeling of camaraderie, like, 'We are all in this together to celebrate the life of someone special.' I felt so connected to my son. And the event doesn't take all day. It goes quickly and is so fulfilling."

Each hiker is encouraged to bring a photo of the loved one for whom they will be hiking to place in a lanyard (provided by Hope Hospice) and wear around the neck. Hikers can choose from the (easy) two mile roundtrip Little Yosemite trek or combine it with the Canyon View Trail for a (moderate) three mile loop.

Proceeds from the event will fund hospice care and the Grief Support Center, an open-to-the public resource for adults, teens, and children who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For further information visit the hike's website at www.thehikeforhope.com or call Pattie DiLauro, at 925-829-8770. Media representatives: contact Kathy Padro at (925) 829-8770 or kathyp@hopehospice.com

Masters Swim Championships in Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton's Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center will be the host site for the Pacific Masters Championship Swim Meet to be held Friday, April 8 through Sunday, April 10, 2011. The meet is expected to draw about 800 swimmers who will begin to arrive at 7:00 a.m. each day, and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. The meet will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day.

The City of Pleasanton has been working closely with the organization to develop a plan for both a successful competition and reduced impact on the neighborhoods surrounding the Aquatic Center, located at 4455 Black Avenue near Santa Rita

Congested traffic conditions may occur on Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue each morning as the swimmers begin to arrive for the day's competition. Accordingly, City staff has developed a traffic flow system for the Aquatic Center to facilitate competitor drop-off, and participants have been notified of predesignated parking locations that would reduce the impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Participants and spectators are asked to use Gingerbread Preschool, Alisal Elementary School, and Amador Valley High School as a first option for overflow parking.

Friday for spring break.

For more information, please contact Aquatics Supervisor Michelle Stearns at (925) 931-

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Event to Benefit Veterans, Wounded Soldiers and Gold Star Families Callippe Preserve Golf Course been identified as

in Pleasanton, will host a benefit tournament for the East Bay Chapter of Blue Star Moms on Friday, April 15. The Blue Star Moms is a support through service organization located in Danville with members from throughout Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The group supports their sons and daughters currently serving in all branches of the Armed Forces and as

Check-in begins at noon on April 15, and the tournament gets underway with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start to cover all 18-holes of the popular course which has

been identified as one of the nation's top 50 municipal courses in the nation for the past several years by Golfweek magazine.

The \$200 entry fee includes a pair of FJ Sport Shoes, green and cart fee, lunch and dinner, and two free rounds of golf for a future date. More than \$2,700 worth of prizes are also within reach for participants, including Closest to the Pin prizes on all Par 3's.

For more information, or to register for the tournament please contact Doug Giannini at (925) 426-6666, extension 20, or email dgiannini@playcallippe.com.



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Trails Conference Set for April 11-13

During the Conference, over

Bringing trail experts, enthusiasts and advocates together for intensive learning and sharing opportunities, the California Trails and Greenways Conference: Engaging Youth and Diversity is accepting registrations for its April 11-13, 2011 at www. parks.ca.gov/trails/conference. This year's conference will be held at the San Ramon Marriott located at the base of Mt. Diablo in Contra Costa County.

Beginning with six interactive, all day workshops on Monday, April 11, participants can learn about evaluating roads and trails for management planning; mechanized trail maintenance; Universal Trail Assessment Process (UTAP) and High Efficiency Trail Assessment Process (HET-AP); design and construction of narrow multiuse trails in parks; building and interpreting the Anza National Historic Trail; and the Iron Horse Regional Trail Bicycle Tour.

90 seasoned trail professionals will deliver over 35 concurrent sessions and workshops. The April 11 evening keynote speakers are renowned recreation and trails leaders. Nina Roberts, Director of the Pacific Leadership Institute, is a dynamic educator and respected leader, having successfully blended her passion for natural resources and cultural/ ethnic diversity into a crucial field of expertise. The April 12 evening keynote Thomas F. Stienstra is the outdoors writer for the San Francisco Chronicle. In 2008, he won first place for best outdoors column in America. As a full-time outdoors writer for 30 years, Stienstra has made it his life's work to explore America — searching for the best of the outdoors and writing about it.

The 26th California Trails and Greenways Conference is spon-

sored in part by the California Trails Conference Foundation, East Bay Regional Parks District and Trails Forever — Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, hosted by the California State Parks. With attendance having doubled over the last five years, post conference evaluations reflect 94% of trail professionals and advocates indicating complete satisfaction with their

2010 conference experience. The Conference was developed by California State Parks and the California Recreational Trails Committee in 1984 to address the needs of trail managers throughout California. In 1995, the California Trails Conference Foundation [a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation] was formed to assist State Parks in carrying out the goals of the Conference with funding provided through sponsorships, exhibit and registration fees.

Easter Sunrise Service Request: A Gentle Horse?

The traditional Easter Sunrise Service at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park will take place on April 24. This year a special drama will be reenacted from General Pleasanton's era in the 1800's To establish authenticity, the General (portrayed by Rev Meek of the Trinity Bap-

mounted on a 'Gentle Horse' that would not be spooked by some group singing.

If any of your readers would be willing to provide such a worthy horse for the short drama please give the hosts a call or E-mail them: Harry Briley at

tist Church) would like to be 455 6089 (briley1@llnl.gov) or Howard Neely@462 3346 (hwneely@att.net).

This year's service will run from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. Parking is free along with coffee and donuts. Sponsor is Pleasanton Centerpointe Presbyterian Church.

Pleasanton to Hold Free E-Waste Event

The City of Pleasanton will host a free E-Waste collection on April 15 and April 16, 2011 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. The public may drop off items between 12:00 Noon and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16. Please enter the fairgrounds at Gate 12, off Valley Avenue.

On Saturday, April 16 only, unused or expired pharmaceutical drugs will be collected at the same location, co-hosted by the

Sand and Gravel in Pleasanton

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD). All prescription and over-the-counter drugs will be accepted. For more information about the pharmaceutical drug drop-off, please call (925)

All types of electronic equipment can be dropped off. There is no limit to the amount of qualifying items, although residents are encouraged to take an inventory of their E-Waste items intended for disposal. A full roster of items that will be accepted can be viewed at http://noewaste.com/ calendar/event-display.php?114. For more information, please call toll free (866) 335-3373.

Among the items that will be accepted are computer components, digital cameras, power cables, toner cartridges, video game systems, MP3 players, keyboards, DVD, and other electronic items, as well as household batteries and fluorescent light

OBITUARIES

County Counsel **Richard Winnie**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors announced at last week's meeting that County Counsel Richard E. Winnie passed away on Monday, March 28, 2011 after a long illness.

Board President Nate Miley asked his colleagues, the County Administrator, department heads and staff to join in a moment of silence and announced that County flags had been lowered in his memory.

Richard E. Winnie served as the County Counsel since his appointment by the Board of Supervisors in 1998, and headed a staff of approximately 35 attorneys. He was a trusted legal advisor and counselor to the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator and to Countywide elected and appointed agency and department heads. His strong presence and valuable advice will be greatly missed.

Prior to his appointment as County Counsel, Richard E. Winnie served for many years as City Attorney for the City of Oakland and was later a partner with the Wendel Rosen Black & Dean LLP law firm in Oakland. He was very active in the local community and served on many boards including the Oakland Housing Authority Board of Commissions, AC Transit Retirement Board, General Counsel to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Finance Corporation and CalTrust and the Board of Directors of the California County Counsels' Association.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty said, "Over the years, Richard guided the County through a wide range of legal challenges, doing so with great intelligence, strategic vision, diligence and good humor.'

Donna Ziegler will lead his office as Chief Assistant County Counsel pending the Board of Supervisors formal consideration of an interim appointment.

Planning is underway for a public memorial service for Richard E. Winnie in April.

Lewis Edward Oryall

Lewis Edward Oryall, a ten year resident of Livermore, passed away on March 1, 2011 after a long battle with illnesses caused in part by radiation exposure during his Marine Corps service at the Nevada Atomic testing sites in the early 1950s.

Mr. Oryall was a native San Franciscan who was born in 1929 to Floyd and Mary Oryall. There were fourteen children in the close knit family. He attended Catholic schools and graduated from Commerce High School in S.F. He then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1947. He served in Indo-China and Korea. He had a break of service and returned to civilian life to work in envelope manufacturing. Lewis then reenlisted in the Marines in 1961. He served three tours of duty in Viet Nam in reconnaissance, where he



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was awarded Medals of Valor and three Purple Hearts for injuries sustained in battle. Lewis was honorably discharged in Dec. 1969. He then completed a 2year degree in chemistry and was employed as a building engineer, and later worked as a counselor for those in need.

Lewis was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Renee Poggi and his three siblings. He is survived by his daughter Narcissie Oryall, four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed for his humor, courage under fire, determination and helping hand for the younger generation.

Lewis was laid to rest at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, CA, near his brother Allen Oryall on March 21, 2011.

Saint Stroud Walmsley

"Saint" (Helene Ruth St. Denis) was born July 9, 1929 in



Chicago, to parents Charlotte and Albert St. Denis. Growing up in Hazel Crest, Illinois, she worked for Eastman Kodak

Chicago in film processing, and attended DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

She married John Stroud in 1950, during his time with the U.S. Navy, stationed in China Lake CA. This was the birthplace of her first two children; Paul Denis Stroud and John Daniel Stroud. In 1955 the family moved to Livermore CA, where soon Thomas Christopher Stroud and Megan Leigh Stroud came along, rounding out the family of six.

Saint was very active and popular in Livermore, with numerous interests and activities, including painting, piano, singing, cooking, bridge, church, entertaining, designing and decorating. She did a lot of writing, and also created

a local catering business. She married Donald Walmsley in 1981, continuing her varied interests, and also earning her Ph.D. at UCSF to become a Psychotherapist. Following more years in the Livermore area, Saint and Donald spent winters in Florida, and summers at their beach house in Smith River CA. They relocated to Redding CA in 2004, to be near daughter

Saint passed on March 30, 2011 of natural causes. She is survived by husband Donald, children Paul Stroud of Denver, John (Robin) Stroud of Folsom, Tom Stroud of Portland and Megan (Stu) Crandell of Redding; stepchildren Bob, Jody, Toby and Don Walmsley, and grandchildren Kelli Stroud, Kevin (Jessica) Crandell, and Kimberly Crandell.

Mary Josephine Lindner (Murray Family of Liver-

Mary was born in San Francisco, California on June 29, 1908 and passed away at her residence in San Diego on Sunday, March 27, 2011. She was 102 years old.

Mary joined the US Navy as a registered nurse where she served from 1936 to 1959 retiring as a Commander in the Nursing Corps. She attended George Washington University and Columbia University where she earned advanced degrees in Nursing. Mary served on the USS Hope which was one of the first naval hospital ships. While at school in Washington she was invited to a high tea with Eleanor Roosevelt at the White House before WWII and was honored to meet her again in New Guinea during the war. Mary also worked with VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) in the 1960's.

Mary was a descendent of one of the founding Livermore pioneers; the Murray's settled here in 1851 and started their ranch in the 1860's where her mother was born. Mary was raised in Santa Maria where her father was a baker, but spent a lot of time on the family ranch in Livermore. She was deeply involved with St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in San Diego, which she considered her family. Mary is survived by many cousins.

A Chapel Blessing was held Callaghan Mortuary Chapel, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Interment followed the service at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery in Livermore with full Military Honors.

William Walter Williams Jr.

Bill passed away in his sleep from heart failure on March 19, 2011. He was born June 28, 1918, the sixth of eight children born to William and Eliza in Greeley, Colorado.

He was 8 years old when they moved to Livermore, Ca. where he lived the rest of his life married to his high school sweetheart. He

was also a Marine and fought in the battle of Guadalcanal during WWII. Bill retired from Kaiser

> where he worked as an electrician. He was proud of being a member of IBEW for

in 1981,

57 years. His hobbies were his

Ham radio (W60ZU), playing his guitar, listening to old time country music, and traveling in his trailer. He was also a pilot and in his younger days he loved flying his Biplane and Cessna.

He is survived by his wife Catherine of 70 years. His daughter Catherine of Livermore, his three grandchildren, Christine Massey of Livermore, Sandra Amaral-Bistor (Ed) of Tracy, Darrell Amaral of Livermore, his dog Dakota, and 10 of his 13 nieces and nephews. He will be missed very much.

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Elizabeth Marie Schaffer

Elizabeth Marie Schaffer, 86, a resident of Kailua, Hawaii passed away March 7, 2011 of natural causes.

A longtime Livermore resident, she was preceded in death by her husband Charles D. Schaf-

She is survived by her three children, daughters, Carol L. Lerseth, and Cathy L. Cheadle, and son John R. Schaffer.

Floyd Welton Hugoboom

Former Livermore, California resident, Floyd Welton Hugoboom, age 88, of Grants Pass, Oregon, died Sunday, March 20, 2011 in Corpus Christi, Texas after traveling for over four months through the Southern states to Key West, Florida. He was returning home when he needed emergency surgery for a bowel

obstruction.

A viewing will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Friday, April 8, 2011 at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

A memorial service will be at 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 8, 2011 at Spring Meadow Retirement Community, 1357 Redwood Circle, Grants Pass, Oregon. Interment with military honors will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 8, 2011 at Eagle Point National Cemetery, Eagle Point, Oregon. Pastor Ron Marsh will officiate at both services.

Please sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.

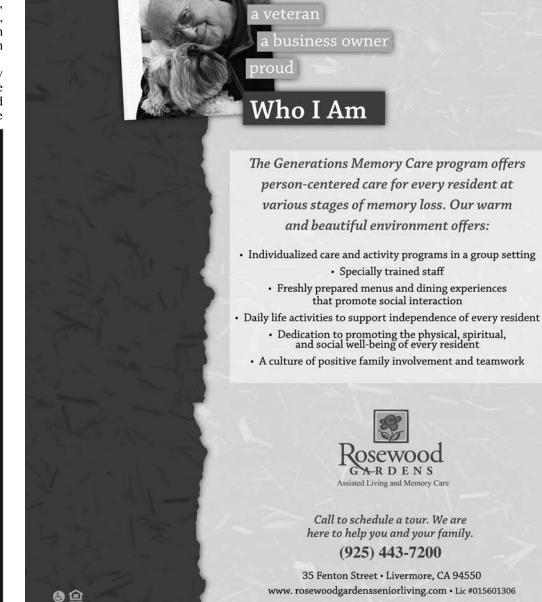
Floyd was born January 30, 1923 in Littleton, Colorado to Ross & Margaret Hugoboom. When he completed his schooling, the family moved to San Pedro, California. After commercial fishing and joining the United States Coast Guard, he met his wife, Audrey Moskovita and in 1942 they married. In 1946 he received his honorable discharge and in 1947 they moved to the Grants Pass, Oregon area. From 1947 to 1972 he worked in various occupations including Cave Junction Feed Store manager, owner of his 76 Service Station at 6th & J Street and worked at Southern Oregon Plywood, Wilke Oldsmobile, and Western Auto and then became an audiologist opening the Southern Oregon Hearing Center. He also enjoyed working as an EMT for Medford Ambulance from 1965 to 1972. In 1972 Floyd & Audrey moved to Redwood City, California to operate large foster boys homes. They later opened Samaritan Ranch in El Cajon, California which they operated from 1975 to 1978 completing over 20 years of foster care for up to 36 boys at a time.

They then managed Senior Housing in Livermore, California for 10 years until their retirement in 1992 when they returned to Grants Pass and along with several of their friends from Parkway Christian Center joined RV MAPPS, a mission program which took them over many states and Canada doing construction work on churches and teen challenge centers until 2004. They lived at the Bridge Assisted Living for several years until Floyd was widowed in 2010 and he moved to Spring Meadow Retirement Community. At Spring Meadow he met Maggie McGall and Floyd intended to joyfully spend the rest of his life with her.

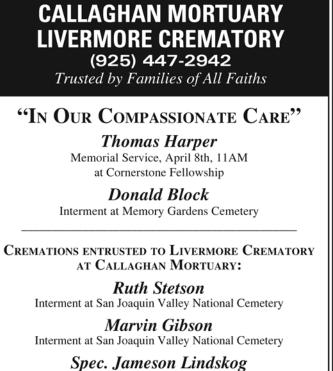
Survivors include his wife, Maggie McGall; and two sons, Floyd Gareth Hugoboom and William John Hugoboom.

He was preceded in death by his wife, of 69 years, Audrey Hugoboom and a grandson, Brent "Woody" Hugoboom.





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subsequently college. She is now a professional within our community. The educational process has been and continues to be extremely important to us, especially since we now have grandchildren who will soon be attending K-12 in Pleasanton.

Issues: Over 60% of the public school funding comes mostly from the State's income taxes and sales taxes. Since we currently have such a high unemployment rate, our revenues from state income tax have been much less. as well as a decrease in sales tax revenues. This obviously means that we all must tighten our belts and sacrifice for the common good. The public schools "MUST" live within a reasonable budget just like the rest of our town residents. That means, this is not the time to be focusing on raises for teachers, exorbitant pensions for retirees, class size reduction, & programs that are not essential. Please understand, the majority of the citizenry cannot absorb any more tax increases of any kind. We are all strapped to the max, and the public school system needs to understand this unfortunate reality and respond accordingly. NO NEW PARCEL TAXES!

No On Measure E **Connie Cox** Pleasanton

As a realtor, I make a living dealing with people who are upside down on their house - owing more than their house is worth. I am constantly counseling people who don't know what to do and where to turn.

Twenty percent of all properties on the market in Pleasanton are either in foreclosure or in short sale. They can't afford their house payment, can't retire, can't refinance, can't sell, can't downsize, can't modify their loan they are out of options.

Homeowners are having a tough time right now. So are the teachers. But charging a parcel tax is not going to help anyone. \$98 may not sound like much, but if a homeowner can't make his or her payment it's A FORTUNE! If you want to help a teacher, give them the \$98; don't force all homeowners to give \$98 when you know a large part of that will go toward administration, not the classrooms.

We have been through this with the lottery—remember, that money was supposed to take care of our schools. California's top individual income tax rate is the third highest in the nation and we have highest sales tax in the country. California's business tax climate ranks 49th in the nation and our income tax rate is the highest among western states.

Another tax? When, and where, will it end? It is time to draw the line. Stop increasing taxes and demand accountability. We need those who run our schools and government to get their house in order and make needed cut backs to their budgets instead.

BART to Livermore Bob Cooper Livermore

What I have written below is in response to the article "Idea Proposed To Bring BART As Far As Portola" which appeared in you March 31, 2011 paper.

The idea of bringing BART to Portola without a station and without parking should not be considered. It is a waste of money and would do few people any good. I have lived in or around Livermore for 40 years which means I have been paying BART taxes for some 35 years. The residents of Livermore have a right to be able to drive their car to and park their car at a BART station in Livermore. They should also expect the Livermore City Council to make it happen. We have waited long enough.

Opposed to Measure E **Gary Kinsman** Pleasanton

I am writing in opposition to Measure E. I voted for Measure B in '97, but no more. We will not vote for any more measures to increase our property taxes until the PUSD has shown that they have already made the hard choices to live within their means. They have not.

To help illustrate my point, in 1987 my wife and I had a meeting with Steve Maher, then the principal of Alisal Elementary. Our daughter was starting kindergarten and we wanted to get acquainted. During our conversation, I showed him the roster of staff at Alisal. I compared it to the elementary school I went to in southern California that was built the same year as Alisal and looked like it was designed by the same architect. In 1956 we had: ONE principal, ONE full time secretary and ONE part time secretary, ONE full time custodian, ONE part time nurse and NO teacher's assistants. Besides the teachers, THAT WAS IT! There was a long pregnant pause after this communication. Clearly it was out of Steve's hands. The 1987 roster indicated that extreme administrative bloat had become the norm.

The fox is in control of the hen house.

Drowning in Debt Kay Ayala Former Pleasanton Councilmember

Our government is in a financial crisis starting at the federal level all the way down to the City of Pleasanton and our school district. WE ARE OVERSPEND-ING. A \$98 tax for 4 years will not solve the problem but just exacerbate it. When the school district started retiring personnel at up to \$172,000/ a year, that did it for me. They are spiking their salaries. Spiking means adding to your last year's salary in order to get a higher pension. We currently have 48 retirees from the Pleasanton Unified School District and the City of Pleasanton with retirement pay over \$100,000/year along with free health insurance. I wonder how many residents of Pleasanton, besides public employees, have retirement pay this high?

Thanks to the Bay Area News Group who filed a Public Records Request from our school district, we shall soon learn how deep this spiking goes. School Boards let this happen saying it isn't coming out of our General Fund. No, it's coming out of taxpayers' wallets and is underfunded \$56 billion. That will boost the payment from California's already strained general fund by 20 percent.

I am voting No on E and any other tax measure with the hope that elected officials start doing basic math.

Please join me on voting No

No on Measure E **Steve Brozosky**

Former Pleasanton Unified **School Board Trustee and For**mer Pleasanton City Council

Since last parcel tax attempt I have spoken with School Administrators and School Board Trustees about my concerns of unsustainable financial practices, partially responsible for our current problems. Two years later, the District has another tax on the ballot while no fiscal reforms have taken place.

The main fiscal problem of the District is giving out automatic raises for longevity. Teachers receive pay increases through what is called "step and column raises"." These are typically 3% each year, costing the District an additional \$1.5 million each year. Through compounding, these raises will cost \$15 million over the period of the parcel tax.

When the economy was doing well, the District received additional money from the State which paid the automatic raises. With the economy not doing well, we do not receive money from the State for these raises; but we are still giving raises. What does that mean? To pay for the raises of some teachers we must fire newer teachers with less seniority, increase class sizes and cut programs.

There are several solutions to this problem and not all require approval from the unions. However, the District is not dealing with this problem. The future of our children's education is in jeopardy unless real reforms are done now.

While the automatic raises are my biggest concern, please read the ballot arguments or go to www.PleasantonParcelTax-Info.com for other issues like the

District's outrageous pensions. I am voting No on Measure E and once again ask the District

for real reforms.

"Yes" for Measure E Barbara Hempill, Past President, Livermore-Amador Val-

ley League of Women Voters

The \$2.2 million to be received annually from Measure E will help prevent the most drastic cuts in the Pleasanton School District budget caused by the \$7.7 million deficit and provide a stable and predictable source of funding. Pleasanton residents cannot afford to allow the quality of our school system to decline. It is far more expensive once a school system has declined to improve it than to maintain the initial quality.

An independent citizens' oversight committee will review the use of Measure E funding and publicly report its findings. This secures Measure E's mandate that funds will be collected and accounted for separately and used only for the purposes specified in Measure E such as core academic instruction, specialized science and reading instruction, and a system that will attract and retain qualified teachers. No funds from the parcel tax can be used to increase teachers' or administrators' salaries and benefits.

Whatever I have achieved, I owe to a quality public school education. Our children and grandchildren have benefited from the quality education they received in Pleasanton schools. I feel that Measure E provides an opportunity to help pay back for what we have received.

Please vote "Yes" for Measure E.

BART Issues Barbara Hickman, Livermore Host of "Grassroots Issues"

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter telling about Linda Jeffery Sailors coming on our TV program, Grassroots Issues, to advocate keeping BART on 580. In that letter I mentioned that I hadn't found anyone on the opposing side, BART to downtown, who was willing to come on our program. Since then Valerie Raymond has also been on our program, comparing facts on both sides and concluding

that keeping BART on 580 was the better, less costly, and more achievable option.

Last week Don Miller and Kathy Streeter accepted our invitation to talk about the advantages of running BART to downtown vs. the disadvantages of keeping BART on the freeway. Their program will soon be aired on cable channel 26, Thursdays at 6:30pm. You can also view the program on our website at www.

grassrootsissues.com. This is an important issue, affecting many people and businesses. If you would like the opportunity to vote on the issue, sign the petition to get it on the November ballot. You can get more information about the petition and where you can sign it at www.keepbarton580.org. Signing the petition doesn't keep BART on 580, it merely gets the issue on the ballot so that the voters can let the city council know where they want to see BART tracks.

Preserve Quality Education Carol and Jerry Rosenblatt Owners Crown Trophy Pleasanton

We've had three children pass through the Pleasanton school district and although we don't have children enrolled in Pleasanton schools at this time, we wholeheartedly support Measure E.

As we think back to 1998, we are reminded about what actually enticed us to move to Pleasanton: it was the schools.

As local business owners and Pleasanton residents, we commend the high standard of learning our kids have received and want that tradition to continue for many years to come.

At \$98 year, Measure E makes sense. It's good for kids, good for our community and will help protect property values.

Measure E funds will support core academic instruction that improves math, science and reading skills. What's more, every penny will stay in our community and can't be taken by the state.

Our children's education shouldn't be subject to the whims of California politics. Pleasanton schools have already reduced spending by \$19.4 million. That's 67 fewer teachers, fewer days in school, less support for

libraries, art and music programs and fewer courses offered in high school. There is nothing left to cut.

Please join us in preserving quality education. When you receive your Measure E ballot, mail it back with a "Yes" vote.

Reply to Reply **Peta Grimes** Livermore

I am glad to see so many letters about the future of downtown Livermore, because if people are thinking about this subject, the outcome is likely to be the best for the community, and I really commend the Independent for being willing to print both sides

I am delighted to read from en Alexander's letter that LVPAC has no further interest in condos or apartments downtown. It was my understanding that they were strong advocates of those buildings, in order to generate finances for their project, but if that has changed and they have found alternate sources for their funding, that is fantastic news.

I am not against the theater as such, as long as

1) They do not change the character of Livermore, and

2) They do not ask us to pay for it (although I do not think it is viable from a business point of view, and certainly would not want to invest in it).

Unfortunately, their plans violate both of these conditions – using our redevelopment funds and our city general fund to finance their scheme, and causing vast numbers of extra living units downtown to generate those funds. Although they feel that what they propose is a great future for Livermore - to some of the residents, it seems like a recipe for disaster, and this seems to be the only forum to question and discuss these plans.

The worst thing is the feeling of total loss of control. The city council does not know what the majority of residents want, and is not interested in finding out they just expect us to sit quietly and watch while they destroy the city. Those who approve of their plans are listened to and applauded – those who disapprove are shoved aside and ignored.

Wildflower Wander

A Wildflower Wander at Holdener Park will be held by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., April 10.

Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 10 a.m. at Holdener Park, located at the east end of Hansen Park. Not many people know about

Holdener Park, but the wildflowers are amazing. Take advantage of a newly constructed trail to get partway into the park, then walk through the grass to continue. Wear appropriate shoes and long pants. Park in lot near water towers

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Forest Homes Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day while helping to spruce up Forest Home Farms Historic Park for spring. The event will take place on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be projects in the vegetable garden, the wildlife garden and around the farm. Bring gloves and garden tools. Refreshments will be provided. This is a free, volunteer event perfect for scout groups, service clubs and

All ages are welcome, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register for Activity #72195 at www.SanRamonrecguide.com.

Glass House Museum and "All about the Farm" tours will be available for \$5 per person or \$8 for both tours taken on the same day.

Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon. For more information call (925) 973-3284.

Gently Roughing It

Four Days Diablo, a camping trip of hiking and gourmet dining will be held April 27 to 30.

The "Gently Roughing It" leads participants on an adventure through rarely seen Mount Diablo landscapes and epicurean delights. Staff hauls the gear and sets up camp while talented local chefs, from restaurants like Forbes Mill, The Peasant and the Pear, and Prima Ristorante, create delectable dishes on the spot.

The event is open to a maximum of 24 adults at \$850 per person. Proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land preservation programs. Please call 925-947-3535 to reserve space. Deposit \$250, first come,

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Bicycle Enforcement

During the month of April, the Livermore Police Department will be focusing some enforcement on bicyclists violating the Vehicle Code.

Over the last three years, there have been 88 reported collisions where bicvclists were injured in the City of Livermore. A vast majority of these injury collisions are found to be the bicycle rider's fault. In the first 3 months of 2011, there have been 6 reported collisions involving bicyclists.

The Livermore Police Department wants to remind the community to ride their bicycles safely. According to 21200(a) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) a bicyclist riding on the street is subject to, and expected to follow, all the rules of the road as a driver of a vehicle. This includes driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, not wearing audio/radio type headsets, having required lighting during darkness, stopping at stop signs/traffic signals, riding in the same direction as vehicle traffic. etc. 21212 CVC requires that anyone under the age of eighteen who is riding a bicycle must wear a proper fitting and fastened helmet.

Parents are asked to review this information with their children who ride bicycles, and take a moment to look at their children's bicycle helmets to

ensure that they fit properly.

The Livermore Police Department will be conducting educational opportunities in the form of two bicycle safety rodeos during April. The bicycle safety rodeos are designed show our community's youth safe riding techniques and how to properly fit and wear bicycle helmets. Please check our website for dates and times at www.cityoflivermore.net.

E-Waste Fund-raising

An e-waste collection benefitting the Pleasanton Unified School District Barton Reading Program Will be held Sat., April 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vintage Hills Shopping Center 3500 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Free to recycle will be the following: televisions, monitors, laptops, flat screens, cell phones, ink jet cartridges, wire.

\$5 charge to recycling the following: CPU's, telephones, printers, copi-DVD players, FAX machines, VCRs, stereos, video games, small appliances (microwaves are \$15-30, dry batteries are \$3/lb)

Please make checks payable to PUSD Barton Reading Program For more information, please

call 510/590-7510 or go to www.

Arthritis Walk

The Arthritis Foundation - Northern California Chapter will host the annual Tri-Valley Arthritis Walk on Saturday, April 30 at LifestyleRX, 1119 East Stanley Blvd. in

Livermore. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 9 a.m. The Arthritis Walk is the signature event for the Arthritis Foundation and it takes place in communities nationwide to raise awareness for arthritic diseases and research. The Arthritis Walk is a family friendly event that features a one and three mile course, kids' activities, entertainment and a special dog walk. After all, dogs get arf-thritis too.

This year's youth honoree-Angelina "Lina" Robinson was diagnosed just before her third birthday with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA), a debilitating form of arthritis that causes systemic inflammation. Now approaching her 5th birthday, her life is filled with a myriad of medications, bimonthly IV infusions, weekly shots, but despite her challenges, she faces each day with an amazing spirit, an infectious laugh and a desire to make JRA better for other kids.

Start or join a team today and take the first step to helping to find a cure. Arthritis affects more than 50 million people in the United States and 300,000 are children. For more information or to form a team call 415-356-1230 or visit us on line at www.aw2011trivly.kintera.org.

For more information about the Arthritis Walk or the Arthritis Foundation visit their website at www.northerncalifornia.arthritis. org . For more information regarding this event, please contact Tamara Jones at 415-356-1237 or tjones@ arthritis.org.

Groups Honored Livermore's WSI Internet Consulting & Education and Asbury United Methodist Church were recently honored by the American Red Cross for their efforts to help increase the nation's blood supply

Severe weather on the East Coast caused the cancellation of more than 850 blood drives in January and February - resulting in the loss of more than 33,000 scheduled blood donations. As a result, the Red Cross asked drive sponsors to expand their scheduled drives in February and March to help replenish the nation's

inventory of blood. Thomas Petty of WSI sponsors the Livermore Community Blood Drive at Asbury United Methodist Church. Petty answered the Red Cross' call for more blood by agreeing to increase the goal of the Feb. 18 blood drive by 10 percent. The hard work and extra effort that was put into the drive paid off as the Red Cross ended up collecting 70 pints of blood, 11 percent more

than the original goal of 63.

Petty said, "We promoted the drive heavily on Facebook and other social media channels, and it paid off. Livermore is a tight-knit community and even though it was a rainy day, everyone really stepped up to come out and make sure we had the extra units we needed.'

All "Recovery 2011" blood drives nationwide that exceeded goal by at least 10 percent were listed in a full-page ad in USA Today on March 17.

"The Red Cross is extremely grateful to Tom for responding to our appeal for increased blood donasaid Sara O'Brien, communications manager for the American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region. "We know how difficult it is to recruit additional blood donors, and everyone involved in the Livermore drive showed their commitment to helping save lives.

The Livermore Community Blood Drive is held every eight weeks at Asbury United Methodist Church (4743 East Avenue). The next drive will be held on April 22 from 1 p.m.

to 7 p.m. Interested blood donors can call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

Math Awareness

During the month of April 2011, Huntington Learning Center in Pleasanton will participate in Mathematics Awareness Month. Started in 1986, Mathematics Awareness Month is promoted each year by the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics (JPBM), which includes the American Mathematical Society, the American Statistical Association, the Mathematical Association of America and the Society for Industrial

Applied Mathematics The theme of the 2011 Mathematics Awareness Month is "Unraveling Complex Systems," highlighting the role of math in ecosystems and manmade systems alike.

For more information about Huntington Learning Center in Pleasanton, families can contact Dan Chou at (925) 463-8800. To learn more about Mathematics Awareness Month, visit www.mathaware.org.

Wine, Women & Shoes

The St. Rose Hospital Foundation's Third Annual "Wine, Women & Shoes" event will be held April 7, 6 to 9 p.m. at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton.

Designer shoes, handbags, accessories and, of course, wine, are all part of the festivities.

With funding from last year's event, St. Rose Hospital in Hayward was able to expand services at the Women's Imaging Center and renovate the Family Birthing Center at the hospital. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the expansion of Women's and Children's Services at St. Rose Hospital.

Celebrity hosts are pop singer and actress, Debbie Gibson, and Hunter Parrish from the Showtime series. 'Weeds" and academy nominated, "It's Complicated."

Tickets are \$100. For more infor $mation\, and\, to\, purchase\, tickets, please$ contact Erin Hall at ehall@srhca.org or call (510) 264 4007.

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925 243-8003 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 448530 The following person(s) doing business as: Willow Tree 6513 Regional St, Dublin, CA 94568. is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Willow Tree Restaurant, Inc. a California Corporation, 6513 Regional St, Dublin,

CA 94568. This business is conducted by: a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on December 14. 1983.

Signature of Registrant: /s/: Marina Chin, Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 25, 2011. Expires February 25, 2016. The Independent Legal No 2957. Published March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 448875

The following person(s) doing business as: Mavericks Wood, 3661 A N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leland Jav. 3661 A N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, CA 94551

by: Co-partners Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

This business is conducted

Signature of Registrant /s/: Leland Jay and Janet

This statement was filed with

the County Clerk of Alameda on March 4, 2011. Expires March 4, 2016. The Independent Legal No.

2958. Published March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2011. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 448412

The following person(s) doing business as: Four Fools Winery, 3408 Isle Royal Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John J Conroy, 3408 Isle

Royal Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by: an Individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant /s/: John J Conrov This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda

on February 23, 2011. Expires February 23, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 2959. Published March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE NO. 449024

The following person(s) doing business as: Sarva-IT Solutions, 5716 Owens Dr. Apt Pleasanton, CA 9 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gopikrishna Manchala, 5716 Owens Dr. Apt 102, Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by: an Individual Registrant has not yet begun

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant:

/s/: Gopikrishna Manchala This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 9, 2011. Expires March 9, 2016. The Independent Legal No.

2960. Published March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2011.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS FILE NO. 439480

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: STOP-N-WASH Coin Laundry, 1344 Railroad Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 The Fictitious business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on June 10, 2010 in

The full name of Registrant: Kathy Kemp Anderson, 7481 Northland Ave, San Ramon, CA 94583 This business was conducted

the County of Alameda.

by: Kathy Kemp Anderson Signature of Registrant:

/s/: Kathy Kemp Anderson This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2011. Expires March 11, 2016 The Independent Legal No

2962. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14. 2011. **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 449252 The following person(s) doing business as: Fall Design, 275 Rose Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566. is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rose Fall, 3855 Forest Hill Ave, Oakland, CA 94602, This business is conducted by: an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 15, 2011. Signature of Registrant:

/s/: Rose Fall. Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2011. Expires March 15, 2016.

The Independent Legal No 2963. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 449301

The following person(s) doing business as: Stop-N-Wash Coin Laundry, 1344 Railroad Ave. Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Highland Laundry, Inc., 47000 Warm Springs Blvd #114,

Fremont, CA 94539.

This business is conducted by: a Corporation The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed

above on March 11, 2011. Signature of Registrant: /s/: John Martin, President This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 16, 2011. Expires

The Independent Legal No. 2964. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2011.

March 16, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 449298

The following person(s) doing business as: The Indepen dent, 2250 First St, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Inland Valley Publishing Com-

pany, Inc., 2250 First St. Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by: a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on April 24, 2006. Signature of Registrant: /s/: Joan Seppala, Publisher/ President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 16, 2011. Expires March 16, 2016. The Independent Legal No

2965. Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2011. **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 449048 The following person(s) doing business as: Snip in Style 1360 Railroad Ave., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Wanda Vanessa Chavez, 1360 Railroad Ave., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by: an Individual

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant:

/s/: Wanda Vanessa Chavez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 9, 2011. Expires March 9, 2016. The Independent Legal No.

2968. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2011. STATEMENT OF

ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 448030

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Curves Livermore. 1129 Catalina Dr., Livermore, CA 94550.

The Fictitious business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on February 14, 2011 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrants:

Amber Baydo, 1137 Via Granada, Livermore, CA, 94550 Sharon Hebenstreich, 1124 Via Granada, Livermore, CA

This business was conducted by: Co-Partners

Signature of Registrant: /s/: Amber Baydo This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2011, Expires

March 23, 2016. The Independent Legal No. 2969. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 449555 The following person(s) doing business as: Curves Livermore, 1129 Catalina Dr., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shambers, Incorporated, 1129 Catalina Dr., Livermore, CA

This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 23, 2011. Signature of Registrant: /s/: Amber Baydo, Vice Presi-

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2011. Expires March 23, 2016. The Independent Legal No 2970. Published March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 449889

The following person(s) doing business as: Healthcare and Medical Consulting, 655 Neal Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pedram Taher, 655 Neal Street, Pleasanton, CA

94566 This business is conducted by: an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the ficti-

tious business name(s) listed above on March 30, 2011. Signature of Registrant: /s/: Pedram Taher This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 30, 2011. Expires March 30, 2016.

2972. Published April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011. **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

The Independent Legal No.

FILE NO. 449008 The following person(s) doing business as: Roxy's Hair Studio, 202 B South L Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Roxanne Y. Houghton, 673 Yosemite Drive, Livermore, CA 94551 This business is conducted by:

an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 31, 2011. Signature of Registrant: /s/: Roxanne Y. Houghton

Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 09, 2011. Expires March 09, 2016. The Independent Legal No.

2973. Published April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011. NOTICE OF PETITION ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HERBERT LOGIE

ROBINSON

Case No. VP11566905 To all Heirs, beneficiaries. creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of

HERBERT LOGIE ROB-INSON 2.A PETITION FOR PRO-BATE has been filed by: ALLEN G. FARNUM in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda County 3.THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that: ALLEN G. FARNUM be appointed

as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4.THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 5.THE PETITION requests authority be administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The Independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should

not grant the authority. 6.A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 4-25-2011 TIME:9:30am DEPT: 201 at:

County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King Jr Berkeley, CA 94704 7.IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your

appearance may be in person

Superior Court of California,

or by your attorney **8.IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filling claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed

9.YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250.

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Photos - Doug Jorgensen Film crews were on site in North Livermore shooting a battle scene for the production of "Hemingway and Gellhorn," an HBO movie. The property was set up to depict a Spanish Civil War battlefield, complete with a vintage old tank and luxury car. Action scenes included soldiers running back and forth amidst smoke and mock explosions. The story covers the relationship of Ernest Hemingway and Martha Gellhorn, both war correspondents during the Spanish Civil War and World War II. Clive Owen and Nicole Kidman play the starring roles. Reportedly, it is Gellhorn who



inspired Hemingway to write "For Whom the Bell Tolls." The film is produced by James Gandolfini and directed by San

Francisco's Oscar-nominated Philip Kaufman.

Free Ride Wednesday for Foothill Students

The City of Pleasanton, Liver- Drive/Sunol Boulevard area and more Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) and Foothill High School, are sponsoring Free Ride Wednesday, beginning April 13 until the end of May, where students may board Wheels Routes 602 and 604 for free every Wednesday. The goal of the campaign is to increase ridership and awareness of these designated school tripper routes which serve Foothill High School.

The event sponsors are working together to encourage individuals to try public transportation to school as a healthy, fun, inexpensive and environmentallyfriendly alternative to driving. Route 602 begins in the Mission continues on to serve those living in the Del Prado Park, Valley Trails and Parkside neighborhoods. Route 604 begins service in the Fairlands neighborhood and continues on to serve those living in the Hacienda Business Park and the Muirwood Park neighborhoods.

The main objectives of Ride Free Wednesday are to help reduce traffic congestion on Foothill Road and to alleviate safety hazards and congestion associated with the drop-off and pick-up of students at the high school. The campaign aims to recognize and reward students for positive behavioral changes towards the use of public transit. Students are encouraged to participate and will be entered into weekly raffle drawings to win food, entertainment and movie gift cards as well as grand prize drawings at the end of each month for an Apple iPod.

The Ride Free Wednesday campaign is a collaboration of the Foothill High School ASB Leadership Club, City of Pleasanton and LAVTA, with partial funds through the Alameda County Transportation Commission Transportation Fund for Clean Air. For more information, contact Lisa Adamos, City of Pleasanton at (925) 931-5039 or Ladamos@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

StopWaste.Org announced the launch of the Ready Set Recycle Contest, which gives Alameda County residents a chance to win prizes for keeping

> compostables. During regular garbage collection days from April through June, 2011, the Ready Set Recycle Prize Crew will select random garbage bins and separate the contents into three categories: recyclables, compostables and garbage. Households with the least amount of recyclables and compostables in their garbage relative to the whole bin will be

their trash free of recyclables and

declared the winners. Multiple winners will be announced each week and will receive cash or prizes. The best of all the winners – the households with the least amount of recyclables and compostables in their garbage overall - will receive prizes of up to \$500.

The Prize Crew will notify residents that they are eligible by leaving a hanging on their garbage bin with information about how to participate in the contest or decline participation if desired. A hangtag signals that the route has been randomly selected; only a percentage of bins on that route will be sorted and have the opportunity to win.

Alameda County residents can also participate in the contest and win prizes by taking the "I Recycle" Pledge online at www. ReadySetRecycleContest.Org. The website also offers helpful recycling tips, resources and a quiz to test residents' recycling

On the website residents will be given the option to volunteer their home for a garbage sort. This does not guarantee their garbage will be sorted but it will be entered into the random selection process as if they had received a

'Alameda County has already reduced the amount of materials it sends to the landfill by about one third since 2000," said Jeff Becerra, Senior Communications Manager at StopWaste. Org. "Ninety-three percent of our residents report that they recycle regularly.

'But we won't stop here. Alameda County residents set their own voter-mandated goal of diverting 75 percent of all waste from county landfills, and the Ready Set Recycle Contest aims

Win Prizes by Recycling by recycling and composting, visit www.ReadySetRecycle Contest.Org.

to inspire residents to realize - and ultimately surpass - this goal. We hope participants will share recycling tips and encourage friends and neighbors to properly sort their waste – not just putting recyclables and compostables in their respective bins, but also keeping these bins free

of trash contamination.' To learn more about the contest and to make an online pledge to do your part to reduce waste







Comments Sought on Lab Site-Wide EIS

A draft supplement analysis At the meetings, representatives ratory from 2005-2014. for continued operation of the involved and answer questions. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has been prepared by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA). The National Nuclear Security Administration is the Federal agency primarily responsible for oversight of the Laboratory.

Public informational meetings will be held on the draft supplement analysis on April 14, 2011 at 1:30-4:00 p.m. and 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

of the 2005 Site-Wide Environ- of DOE/NNSA will explain the

A supplement analysis is prepared the fifth year after a site-wide environmental impact statement is published. The supplement analysis will allow DOE/NNSA to properly evaluate whether it is necessary to supplement or replace the 2005 Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement, or the 2005 document remains adequate for the next five years. The 2005 Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement evaluated the potential environmental impacts of existing and proposed operations at the Labo-

"The 45-day public review pemental Impact Statement (EIS() draft document and the process riod regarding the draft document evaluating the adequacy of the 2005 Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the next five years will begin March 30," said NNSA Livermore Site Office Manager Alice C. Williams. "The public is encouraged to review and comment on the draft supplement analysis.'

Members of the public may submit written comments by mail, in the box provided at the public informational meetings, and via email. The supplement analysis process does not provide for oral comments.

The draft document is avail-

able at the Livermore and Tracy libraries, the Laboratory document repository, located at Building 6525 (enter East Gate on Greenville Road), and the following websites: DOE website: http://www.doeal.gov/lso/ and Laboratory website: https://

www-envirinfo.llnl.gov/ The public comment period will end May 13. After public comments are taken into consideration, the supplement analysis process is expected to be completed by Summer 2011.

If the public has any questions, they may contact the Document Manager, Michael Wahlig, by phone at (925) 422-2602 or by email at SupplementAnalysis Comments@doeal.gov.

EARTH DAY

4 p.m. Family Earth Day Festival at the Pleasanton Public Library. Booths, exhibits and craft tables with a "green" focus, bicycle safety checks

Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m. Climate: What's Love Got to Do With It? Free presentation at the Pleasanton Public Library by Doug Grandt of The Climate Project. Best for middle school age +

Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m. The Pleasanton Public Library presents a free screening of the movie 'Dirt!' at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleas-

Friday, April 22, 7 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day at the Pleasanton Public Library with a free screening of the film "Tapped," which examines the bottled water industry with stunning revelations. Held in the Library Meeting Room

Saturday, April 23, 2 p.m. The Pleasanton Public Library

will host Uncle Jer's Bee Show, featuring a traveling honeybee hive and an engaging presentation about bees and beekeeping.

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DODIE STEVENS

'All New Best of Doo Wop' Show: A Tribute to the 1950s Era

Audiences at the Bankhead Theater will take a trip down memory lane on April 9th as they revisit favorite songs of the 1950s and 1960s in the "All New Best of Doo Wop" show.

Featuring The Tokens, Dodie Stevens, and the Flamingo Tribute Group, this evening will pay tribute to the music of the era with such hits as "Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Tan Shoes and Pink Shoelaces," "I Only have Eyes for You" and dozens of other familiar songs. Hosted by comedian Scott Wood and accompanied by the Flashback Band, these entertainers will bring back the tuneful, toe-tapping melodies of the Doo Wop era in a single performance at the Bankhead Theater on April 9, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Formed in Brooklyn, New York during the early 1960s, The Tokens helped popularize the American Doo Wop sound worldwide with their 1961 rendition of "Lion

Sleeps Tonight." The song jumped to number one on the Billboard Hot 100, where it stayed for three weeks, and remains one of the best known and most beloved songs of the era. The Tokens released nine more hit songs in that decade including "Tonight I Fell in Love" and "Portrait of My Love." Musician and singer Mitch Marlo, who was just 13 years old when "Lion Sleeps Tonight" was recorded, and his older brother Phil Marlo have continued to perform with the group, while expanding into other aspects of the music industry. In 1998 The Tokens again reached number one – as the first group to sing the National Anthem in every Major League ballpark during a single season, a feat recorded in the Guinness Book of World

Vocalist Dodie Stevens began singing at age four and soared to popularity in the late 1950s with the catchy tune "Tan Shoes and

Pink Shoelaces," which launched her onto the Billboard Hot 100 while she was still in her teens. The hit became her signature song, although she went on to record a number of other popular singles including "Yes, I'm Lonesome Tonight" and "Merry, Merry Christmas Baby."

Stevens regularly appeared on American Bandstand and toured with stars such as Bob Hope, Paul Anka, Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello. For more than a decade she performed extensively both as a singer and dancer with entertainer Mac Davis. Renewed interest in the music of the 1950s and 1960s has brought Stevens back on tour, charming audiences around the country with her upbeat singing style.

Also appearing with The Tokens and Dodie Stevens at the Bankhead Theater will be the Flamingo Tribute Group, celebrating the hits of (continued on page 2)

Grammy Award Winner Performs at the Firehouse

jazz percussionist Poncho Sanchez will bring his "musical kaleidoscopic of hot colors and bright lights from both sides of the border" to the Firehouse Arts Center on April 22.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Sanchez' Latin jazz interpretations contain fragments of swing, bebop, salsa and other music from his youth that inform his creativity today.

Born in Laredo, Texas to a large Mexican-American family, Sanchez was raised in suburban Los Angeles, Calif. on an unusual cross section of sounds — straightahead jazz, Latin jazz and American soul. By his teen years, his musical consciousness had been solidified

Grammy Award-winning Latin by the music John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Cal Tjader, Mongo Santamaria, Wilson Pickett and James Brown. Along the way, he taught himself to play guitar, flute, drums and timbales, but eventually settled on the congas.

An invitation to play one set with his idol, Cal Tjader, resulted in Sanchez' addition to the ensemble, where he played a crucial role as "conquero" until Tjader's death in 1982.

Sanchez went on to produce 19 albums for the Concord Records label, eventually won a Grammy award, and received the 2010 Jazz Tribute Award from the Los Angeles Jazz Society.

Sanchez is respected as one of the top American percussionists. He performs frequently in venues varying from concert halls to lo-(continued on page 2)



'High Art for Low Brass' Sotto Voce Quartet Performs

Del Valle Fine Arts features The Sotto Voce Quartet on Saturday, April 16 in an 8 p.m. concert at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Paul Flight, countertenor, will accompany them on several pieces, a first for the Bankhead Theater.

The program will include the following: Western Fanfare, Eric Ewazen (b. 1954); Benediction, John Stevens (b. 1951); Falstaffiade, Jan Koetsier (1911-2006); Bridge, Mike Forbes (b. 1973); Take This Hammer, Steven Snowden (b. 1981); Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms, Simone Mantia (1873-1951); Three Latin Pieces: Libertango, Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992); Danzón, Paquito D'Rivera (b. 1948); Fortitude, Kent Eshelman (b. 1980), Viva Voce, John Stevens

"High Art For Low Brass" best summarizes Sotto Voce, America's premiere low brass chamber music ensemble, made up of two euphonium and two tuba virtuosos. The group appeared here during the 2005-2006 season of Del Valle Fine Arts and is being brought back because of its popularity with the audience. Certainly a novelty group because of the unique instrumentation, audiences find most novel that their large instruments can be played so effortlessly and with flamboyant technique. The warm, mellow sound that the quartet can create is unlike what most audiences have heard from tubas in the past - a diverse repertoire that spans musical styles from Elizabethan Consort Music to Frank Zappa.

The ensemble began its life as a college group but quickly realized it had something special to offer when it won prestigious prizes at competitions for low brass and gained reputable status at world-renowned chamber music competitions such as the Fischoff and Concert Artists' Guild. The group has performed for over 12 years throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Sotto Voce is regularly invited to perform at International



SOTTO VOCE QUARTET

Tuba/Euphonium Conferences and to serve as the quartet-in-residence and head-judges at these and other tuba related symposia. Sotto Voce has three recordings on the Summit Records label: Consequences, Viva Voce: The Quartets of John Stevens, and Refractions: Old & New Music for Low Brass. See http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zClj_sWujxo for a piece by John Stevens from Viva Voce

which will be featured in this concert, along with several traditional American folk and work songs.

The artists who make up the quartet have widely diverse careers in music and are regularly in demand as performers, composers, and clinicians. Demondrae Thurman is the Assistant Professor of Tuba/Euphonium at the University of Alabama and maintains a very active solo euphonium career. His

solo CD *Soliloquies* is available on Summit Records and his new recording, *Songs of a Wayfarer* is due out this month also on Summit. Demondrae also appears regularly with the Atlanta Symphony and Brass Band of Battle Creek. Mark Carlson is an Assistant Professor of Music at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD where he teaches music history, low brass and directs the instrumen-

tal ensembles. Mark is an active proponent of Italianate baroque performance practice and contemporary Scandinavian repertoire. Kent Eshelman is the Assistant Professor of Tuba/Euphonium at Baylor University in Waco, TX. He has won a myriad of competitions including the artist and student divisions at the Falcone competition as well as the tuba division of the Jeju (Korea) International Brass Competition. Mike Forbes is perhaps best known for his many compositions and arrangements and is a composer for Carl Fischer and Kendor Music. He teaches low brass and chairs the theory and composition area at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Mike was a member of the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own" from 1998-2002. Today, he maintains an active freelance career and his solo CD Forbes Plays Koetsier is available from Summit Records.

Tickets are \$33, \$27 and \$21. Students through high school are admitted free although tickets must be obtained at the box office, 2400 First Street in Livermore.

Purchases may also be done online at the following www. livermoreperformingarts.org or by calling 925-373-6800.

The theater is located at 2400 First St., Livermore.

JAZZ ______(continued from front page)

cal jazz festivals. His 2005 CD, Do It!, features the iconic funk band Tower of Power as well as South African trumpeter Hugh

"There's room for a lot of different sounds in our music," Sanchez says. "I think people have come to know that that's what Poncho Sanchez is all about. We put it all together in a pot, boil it together and come out with a big stew. These are the sounds I grew up with. So when I play this music, I'm telling my story. This is the real thing."

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DOO WOP (continued from front page)

the Doo Wop group from Chicago known for their sweet harmonies in such songs as "I Only Have Eyes for You."

Providing his own comic touch as he serves as host for the evening will be "Mr. Punchline," Scott Wood. Over the last two decades, Wood has kept audiences laughing on television and in theaters across the country with his rapid-fire comic one-liners. He won the Improv Comedy Club's talent search for funniest comedian in 2003 and has since appeared on cable television's Comedy Central and other stations. With zany antics and impeccable comic timing, Wood blends his own style of insightful humor with a remarkable ability to mimic voices in an extensive repertoire of celebrity and pop singer impressions. Tickets for the "All New Best of Doo Wop" on Saturday, April 9th range from \$39 to \$62 for adults and are \$12 for students.

The "All New Best of Doo Wop" is part of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's "LVPAC Presents" series featuring acclaimed performers in music, dance and other performing arts across a wide range of musical styles and genres. Next in the series will be the unique theatrical entertainment of the Flying Karamazov Brothers, known for their master juggling skills, rhythmic sense and engaging comic wit. Their new show "4Play" combines a variety of ordinary props and musical instruments with their own extraordinary stage presence to create a fresh and exuberant performance. The Flying Karamazov Brothers will appear at the Bankhead Theater for one night only on Friday evening April 15, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit www. bankheadtheater.org



Dancers to Perform Benefit Shelter in India





"The Way She Moves: A celebration of womanhood," will be staged on Sun., April 17 at the Amador Theater in Pleasanton, 4 to 7 p.m.

Dances will be presented by award-winning performers representing Zimbabwe (the Chinyakare Ensemble), Spain (Melissa Cruz - Flamenco), and India (Nrithyollasa Dance Academy).

The proceeds of the show will be used to provide basic amenities, security guards, vocational training, and counseling to these women who live in an area where 64% of women experience abuse on a day to day basis. A portion of the event will also be allotted to recognizing local Bay Area domestic violence shelters.

There are several ways for you to support the cause and get

- Attend the event and buy tickets. Prices range from \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100.
- Donate to the cause by writing a check to Friends of Seva Mandir or donating at friendsofsevamandir.com

The goal is to raise \$10,000 with the hope to substantially improve the conditions of the shelter and give these women another chance at life. The funds support Seva Mandir's domestic violence shelter in Rajasthan,

For tickets, call 417-1897, 408-272-5307, 368-3519, or 510-623-8230.

The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

Author of 'Tahoe Beneath the Surface' to Present Program in **Pleasanton**

Scott Lankford, author of Tahoe Beneath the Surface: The Hidden Stories of America's Largest Mountain Lake, will present a program at 2 p.m. on April 10 at the Pleasanton Library.

Lake Tahoe transformed America, and not just once but many times over-from the earliest Ice Age civilizations to the mysterious death of Marilyn Monroe. It even played a hidden role in the American conquest of California, the launch of the Republican Party, and the birth of John Steinbeck's first novel. Along the way, Lake Tahoe found the time to invent the ski industry, spark the sexual revolution, and win countless Academy Awards.

Raised in Colorado, Scott Lankford got lost en route to Stanford University and spent much of the next ten years as a maintenance man, musician, and mountaineering guide at Lake Tahoe. After joining the 1985 American Everest West Ridge Expedition, he completed a Ph.D. in modern thought and literature with a dissertation on John Muir. He is currently a professor of English at Foothill College.

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Paws to Read Taking Sign-ups at Library

Paws to Read, a popular program, in which children read to dogs, will begin its Spring season April 20.

Paws to Read, a program sponsored by the Livermore Public Library and the Valley Humane Society, is based on studies which show that reading with trained therapy dogs can improve a child's self-esteem and confidence, as well as encourage a child to read more. This program has proved to be very popular with youngsters perfecting their reading skills.

The Spring program series will take place on Wednesday evenings, April 20 through June 8, 2011 with two sessions between 7 and 8 p.m. Sessions will be approximately 25 minutes long and will be held in the Livermore Public Library Civic Center Storytime/Craft Room. Registration begins Monday, April

11. Children may register for up to three sessions during the Spring series, as space allows. Drop-ins may be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Participating children should not be fearful of dogs or have allergies to pets.

For more information or to register, please call the Livermore Public Library's Children's Desk at 925-373-5500, ext. 5504.

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Tim Dangaran is the featured artist at Wild Vine during ArtCrawl on April 9 from 1-4 p.m. He works in Graphite and oil. A formally trained illustrator, his interest in what the human eye perceives and not what a camera sees, with the result being a combination of information from the reference material and the emotion or feelings for the subject not caught in the lens. During Art Crawl, exhibits will be peppered throughout downtown. Pick up a map at Wild Vine, Panama Bay, Ryan Fine Art, Main Street Designs, or Art Glass Studios on April 9. Additional information is available by contacting at Linda Ryan, 925-337-0567 or www. lindaryanfineart.com. There is no charge for this event.



Livermore Art Association Gallery is exhibiting Carolyn Ramsey's watercolor images for the month of April. Carolyn was born in Alhambra, California, but has spent her adult life in Livermore. She paints local landscapes, featuring hills and oaks and sycamores. The LAA Gallery is at the Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd Street in Livermore, CA. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free. For more info call the Gallery 925-449-9927.

Foothill Students to Display Artwork

The Foothill Art Department invites the public to attend the 2011 Foothill Art Show to be held April 11–15. The works of talented art students will be on display all week during school hours in the Foothill library. In addition, there will be a reception on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available. Music will be provided by the Foothill Music Department at this special reception.

Art teachers have selected the most advanced pieces from introductory to AP art classes to appear in this year's show. A wide variety of artwork will be on display including not only drawings, paintings and photography but also mixed media pieces, ceramics, and digital and literary art.



Foothill High School is located at 4375 Foothill Road in Pleasanton. For information, call (925) 461-6600. The school is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

'The Essential Nude' Exhibit at the Bothwell Arts Center

The Livermore Art Association and Bothwell Arts Center are sponsoring an unusual art exhibit. "The Essential Nude," a collection of fine figurative art by local artists, will be on display from April 15th - 17th at the Bothwell Arts Center.

This collection takes a fresh look at the human form in all its glory. Meet the artists, and enjoy

food and wine at the opening reception on Thursday, April 14th from 7:00-900 pm. The show will be judged by artist Brian Keith.

Exhibit hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 Eighth Street, Livermore.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the website livermoreartas-

County Arts Commission Offers Opportunities for Artists

The Alameda County Arts Commission is offering new opportunities for Alameda County artists to have their artwork considered for the *Alameda County Art Collection*.

Professional artists who make two-dimensional or low-relief, wall-mounted artwork are invited to apply. More than \$90,000 is available to purchase existing artwork and to commission artists to create new works of art. Through the Artwork Purchase Program existing artwork will be acquired and installed at County buildings for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public.

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The Small-Scale Artwork Commission Program will commission artists to make new works of art to be installed at the Ashland Youth Center. This is an opportunity for artists who make youth-focused artwork; are interested in youth empowerment and working with diverse communities; and artists who want to create artwork that contributes to safe, supportive, and healing environments and is positive and uplifting. The Ash-

land Youth Center will open in late 2012.

Selection panels appointed by the Arts Commission and comprised of community representatives, and arts professionals, and County staff will select the artists and artwork. The final selections must be approved by the members of the Arts Commission. Applications for these opportunities must be submitted online through the CaFÉTM website, www.callforentry.org (search for "Alameda County").

The deadline for the Ashland Youth Center Project is May 12, 2011 and the deadline for the Purchase Program is June 10, 2011. These opportunities are open to practicing, professional visual artists who live, are permanently employed, or rent/own an artist's studio in Alameda County. Further details about these opportunities and eligibility requirements are available at the Arts Commission website www.acgov.org/arts or by contacting the Arts Commission Office at (510) 208-9646.

Museum on Main Reading Time Topic is Eggs-tra Special

The Museum on Main invites preschoolers and their families to meet at the Museum on Main for M.o.M.'s Reading Time: *Eggs-tra Special* Springtime on April 13 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

M.o.M.'s Reading Time is a free monthly preschooler pre-literacy program on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am introducing youngsters to books and activities about the unique people, places, and events in the community. Book reading begins at 10:00 am with theme crafts immediately following.

This month will feature the theme of spring time and eggs with books and hands-on craft activities. Children will make and take home their own paper nests and decorated egg along with tulips made from egg cartons cups.

Admission is free. Donations are always appreciated. No reservations are required. Large groups or playgroups please call in advance: 925.462.2766 or email: education@museumonmain.org. For more information on M.o.M.'s Reading Time contact Jennifer Amiel, Director of Education at (925) 462-2766 or education@museumonmain.org.

The Museum On Main is located at 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, www.museumonmain.org, Tel: 925-462-2766, Fax: 925-462-2779,. Regular hours of operation: Wednesday through Saturday 11:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Political Issues Book Club Launched

The Livermore Public Library has formed a third book club - the *Political Issues Book Club* - in addition to the *Historical Fiction Book Club* and the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*. All clubs meet at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. Registration is not necessary to attend these book clubs – simply stop by.

The *Political Issues Book Club* meets the 4th Tuesday of each month and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history sociology science the climate and religion

tory, sociology, science, the climate, and religion.

This year the *Historical Fiction Book Club* is focusing on dramatic fiction written about life and love during World War II and examines common themes in these books, such as the use of family histories, the changing cultural and geographical settings and the varying perspectives on the actual historical events of the War. No background in World War II history required – just read the featured book and come ready to share your opinions.

The We're Talkin' Books! Club is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! "When you discuss a book you've read with others, it adds a level of enjoyment and perspective that you're not likely to get on your own. Book clubs are just about encouraging reading," says Susan Edgar-Lee, one of the facilitators.

For a schedule of book club meetings, visit the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net or call 925-373-5505. Contact Rich (872-7923), for further questions about the *Political Issues Book Club*, Carol (449-7860) about the *Historical Book Club*, and Susan (337-1282) regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

Local Graduate a Presenter at National Conference

Janie Pyle, Ph.D., daughter of Mrs. Pauline Floyd, long time resident of Livermore, will be a presenter at the National School Boards Association Conference at the Moscone Center in San Francisco on April 11, of this year.

Her presentation is entitled, "Program Evaluation: Assessing Impact on Student Performance and the Budget."

Pyle currently serves as Associate Superintendent of the Raytown C-2 School District in Raytown, Missouri. The district serves approximately 8800 students in the Kansas City metropolitan area, and Pyle is in her third year with the district.

"Dr. Pyle is recognized as a leader in curriculum, instruction, and assessment," Allan Markley, Raytown Superintendent said. Pyle presents nationally on a variety of educational topics and programs and recently organized and facilitated the Associate Superintendent's Academy for the state of Missouri.

Pyle is a 1975 graduate of Livermore High School and has been in education for 30 years. She has lived in Missouri since 2000, is married and has ten grandchildren.

Review

'A Life in the Theatre' Presented by Shakespeare's Associates and Dedicated to the Memory of Garret Boer

By Susan Mayall

An eager crowd filled The West End Theatre at the Bothwell Arts Center on Friday night. It was the opening performance of David Mamet's play "A Life in the Theatre", produced by Shakespeare's Associates.

Many in the audience were friends and family of Garret Boer, whose wife Joan had sponsored the show in memory of her husband. She and Garret had been founders and active participants in the old theater group "Cask and Mask" back in the seventies. Garret in particular acted in and produced many plays in the Tri Valley area, even playing the part of Robert in "A Life in the Theatre" on one occasion.

So it was particularly appropriate that this play should have been chosen, and perhaps even more so in that it is relies almost entirely on characterization, and this, Joan told me, was Garret's great strength as an actor.

"A Life in the Theatre" was first produced in New York City in 1977. It consists of a series of short scenes alternating between the onstage and offstage interactions of an older, experienced actor, Robert, and a young 'up and coming 'colleague, John, played here by William Wolak and Joseph Salazar. The onstage scenes reflect the types of drama an actor's life may include, from Shakespeare to modern American plays. The offstage scenes are set in the characters' dressing room, where they share makeup, comment on each other's performances, and gossip.

This is a play that benefits from a small, intimate environment like the Bothwell's. The set is basic, - a curtain in the background, which the actors face when they are performing, a table in the foreground which becomes a dressing table where they face both the audience and an imaginary mirror while they're between onstage scenes.

The proximity of audience to actors means that one can clearly see the expressions on their faces. So often in a larger theatre one gauges the meaning of the words mainly from voice tone and body language. In this performance facial expressions become an im-

portant part of the action. In the very first scene, where Robert and John are discussing their recent roles onstage, one can immediately see in their faces the way their relationship will proceed. Robert's (Wolok's) face shows the pleasure and excitement that he feels at John's flattering comments, until John (Salazar) mentions a small criticism. Robert's reaction is reflected in Salazar's face, showing John's realization that he can't be quite frank with the older actor, and has to change tactics.

Both Wolok and Salazar convincingly depict the progress in Robert and John's relationship, showing it as not only a life in the theatre, but as a metaphor for life in general. Wolok brings out the pride in achievement, the sadness of a career drawing to an end, the occasional sweetness of Robert's character. He also shows the often irritating aspects of aging – the desire to instruct, the wish to impress, the indulgence in endless musings. Salazar makes us feel with John when he finally says "Shut up!" But we also learn, as does John, of the loneliness of an actor's life, introduced in the first scene, when Robert angles for an invitation to join John for a meal.

Despite Robert's repeated advice to John that he needs a life outside the theatre we – and John – realize that Robert himself has none. Does John see this future for himself? Perhaps – but in his delight at the prospect of moving on to a more visible career than that offered by a small repertory company one feels that he is facing a similar destiny.

This is not, however, a gloomy play. It's full of humor – the best sort of humor, which always has a slight underlying pathos. The dressing room scene where John tries to fix the zipper on Robert's fly is pure buffoonery, as is the stage scene where Robert discovers he's the father of his young colleague's wife's baby, But mostly the humor is more subtle, found in Robert's musings, in altercations over shared greasepaint, in remarks saying one thing and meaning another.

The part of Robert is the more interesting, but John's character

provides the necessary foil and offers the possibility of showing growth towards maturity and understanding. Wolok and Salazar present us with entrancing pictures of an actor's life, and do full justice to Mamet's wonderful dialogue.

One more thing – the incidental music is superb and perfectly suited to the performance. Director Eric Fraisher Hayes deserves congratulations on a great production. All in all, "A Life in the Theatre" provides a truly entertaining and thought provoking experience . I recommend that you rush to get tickets. The theatre only seats 60!

Future performances take place April 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23; Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth Street, Livermore, CA. Tickets from \$25-\$35 by calling 1-800-838-3006 or www.LivermoreShakes.org. For more information visit www. LivermoreShakes.org or call 925-443-BARD (2273).



William Wolak and Joseph Salazar in David Mamet's A Life in the Theatre make a costume change. (Photo - Kenneth Alexander)

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April Showers Us With New Releases

By Laura Ness

By now, you've read, heard about or even contributed to the flaming blog by Steve Heimoff of Wine Enthusiast, who recently published a misguided piece of opinion that would have been best shared with a good friend over a drink, instead of in a public forum, called "Livermore: Trying to Rescue A Failing Appellation." Let me say this about that. First, there's nothing failing about Livermore except its failure, until now, to live up to its true potential. I think most of us might be guilty of this in our own personal lives, except for those few rare people who are always on fire with the next burning desire to create perfection. Secondly, if those with skin in the wine game, who happen to call Livermore home, want to slough off the dead epidermis of past perception, they have to do a little dermal abrasion and have the courage to expose what truly lies beneath.

As many of the respondents to Steve's ill-conceived diatribe pointed out, there is much noteworthy winemaking going on in Livermore, and to judge the region as a whole based on its mindshare dominance of the Big Two (a big story, but not necessarily the most intriguing), or on its lack of Steven Kent clones, is a grave mistake.

An appellation is not defined by a single winery or brand.

Thirdly, to cast judgment on a region's viability or vitality based on its lack of geographic penetration is like saying that the only reason Monarch butterflies are beautiful is because they migrate a thousand miles to Mexico. Seriously, if a butterfly is beautiful in your bush, do you care where it came from or where it's going?

We should all thank both Steve Heimoff and Steven Mirassou, to whom the former apparently gave some advice that one hopes didn't cost more than lunch, for providing this opportunity to mount a campaign to finally show off the secret cellar treasures of Livermore.

Remember that biblical quote from Luke about hiding your light under a bushel? ("No man, when he has lighted a candle, puts it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick...") I always thought that part about the bushel (basket) was a fire waiting to ignite. Take the bushel and throw it back at the naysayers. It's time for Livermore to shine.



Nottingham Cellars & Occasio Spring Forth With New Beauties

A bright shining light can be found on Vasco Road, where some of the best new wineries are consistently getting it right. Both Nottingham Cellars and Occasio will be releasing some exciting new wines to celebrate the rites of spring.

First, to celebrate the first day of April, and perhaps one of the warmest days of Spring thus far, Occasio hosted the Public Release of the 2010 Del Arroyo Vineyard Pinot Noir Rosé. This wine literally exemplifies the beauty of a spring day, and will spice up many an upcoming spring and summer picnic. Winemaker John Kinney is particularly excited about this one, as it brought back a taste memory for him.

"My appreciation of dry rosé began during a business trip to Nice, France. The purpose of the trip is forgotten, by my memory of the wines is as if the trip were yesterday. The dry Rosé wines of Provence were a beautiful pink color, and the fruit and acidity complemented the wide variety of foods that define Mediterranean cooking. In fact, my favorite wine memory is from that trip; a simple meal at a street side bistro with a glass of the local Rosé, all while watching the sun set over the Riviera coastline." I'd agree with John that this refreshing and vibrant wine should be the beginning of a wonderful series of taste memories for you this year. You'll be surprised at how fruity, yet zippy and lively with acidity this wine is, and if you think you can't drink pink, do, please, think again.



Collin and the rest of the Nottingham posse will hold a "Spring White Wine Lovers" event on April 9, featuring perfectly springtime selections. The event is free for members, \$10 to the public, and will focus on Collin's winemaking philosophy, with special emphasis on vineyard partners. Each wine will be paired with food, and the selections will include the 09 Chardonnay, 09 Chard Reserve, and then a barrel tasting of the 2010 Chard Reserve. Futures will be available for the 2010. The highlight will be the new 2009 Viognier, which makes its debut that weekend. This is a deftly made wine, creamy, peachy and floral, with lovely notes of Asian pear and coconut. At 14.4%, it has a lovely balance of ripeness, richness and enjoyable acidity. With only 125 cases made, it's going to fly out the door like a bird set free from a cage.

The new Nottingham Cellars 2009 Petite Sirah will be released Easter weekend, April 23 and 24. This is also Club pick up weekend, and the 09 Petite will be part of the shipment. This lovely wine will be available exclusively to club

members from April 23 through the end of May, at which point it will be made available to the general public. On Saturday, the 23rd, they will have live music and appetizers available in the cellar, and club members will get to taste the 2010 in barrel to get an idea of what the future vintage holds.

Feel like chowing down on chowder and kicking up your heels? McGrail is throwing a Rockin' Chowder Dinner Party, Saturday, April 9, from 4pm til 7pm. Grab your dancing shoes, appetites and friends and get ready to party. Dinner choices are lobster rolls, pulled pork sandwiches, fish & chips, and more, plus 2 glasses of wine. Top Secret Band will Band will be playing. Buy your tickets now, limited seating. \$50/person, \$65 non-members.

Fenestra's "Rhone Experience" takes place April 9 from 4pm til 6pm. Winemaker Brent Amos will be explaining the fine art of varietal blending and giving actual demonstrations. Guests will be able to ask questions learn helpful hints and facts on blending and even taste samples of actual blends. Club members can RSVP via email at info fenestrawinery.com, or call 925 447 5246 . Limit 50 guests, \$20 pp.

Rodrigue Molyneux is holding a "Let's Talk Cab Class," Saturday, April 16 and Sunday. April 17, 2011. For Wineaux Wine Club members only, this all about Cabernet Sauvignon class is taught by certified sommelier, Lindsey Roffey. Taste over 15 different Cabs from different parts of the world, including Livermore, Napa and Bordeaux. Create your own Bordeaux blend. Compare and contrast different styles of Cab. Learn all about the Cabernet Sauvignon grape. This class will run approximately 2 hours and is \$30 per person to cover the cost of wine.

Taxes have you in the mood to throw things? It helps to have a safe target and non-explosive weaponry. Charles R is holding their annual "Tax & Dart Board Day," April 16 & 17, 12:10 til 4:30, and will release their new Pinot Noir as well.

Fed up with trying to figure out standard deductions and alternative minimums? Cedar Mountain feels your pain. Their "1040 Soup Kitchen" will be open April 16 from 12 til 4pm. Join us in the

tasting room between 12:00-4:00 for a cup of the famous U.S. Senate Restaurant Bean Soup, and give something back to our friends at the IRS! This is an annual event, compliments of Cedar Mountain. Tasting fees apply.

Wente Celebrates Earth Day, Sunday, April 17. Whether you had to give green back to Uncle Sam, or you have some slated to arrive in your bank account like manna from heaven, the folks at Wente want you to keep thinking green thoughts. Make plans to celebrate this auspicious day at the Wente Event Center on Tesla, from 1pm til 5pm on Sunday, April 17.

Earth Day is a time to reflect on promoting respect for life and encourage awareness of air, water and soil pollution. Wente Vineyards is celebrating the day to highlight their ongoing sustainability efforts and green initiatives.

Join fellow Earth Day observers for an afternoon of great food from The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, The Grill and Catering at Wente Vineyards, wine and live music all day long. Taste wines from Wente Vineyards, Tamas Estates and Murrieta's Well. Wine tasting passes are just \$15 per person, and \$10 for members at Wente Family Estate, Murietta's Well and Tamas Estates. Call the Wente Vineyards Tasting Room at 925-456-2405 for tickets.

Take a tour of the property, or go on a Chef's Garden Tour with Master Gardener Diane Dovholuk at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. Or you can check out the recently re-awarded Audubon Sanctuary at The Course at Wente Vineyards at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. Afterwards, why not dine at The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, and enjoy a special three-course menu featuring garden ingredients? Make sure you save room for the amazing desserts by Pastry Chef Leena Hung, who is rumored to be making some special cupcakes for the Earth Day celebration.

April is overflowing with a shower of wine-related events here in the Valley, but don't forget to mark your calendars for the Wine Auction, May 7, to be held at the Wente Event Center.

Please note that the Easter Bunny will be taking the day off at both Occasio and Mitchell Katz wineries on Easter Sunday, so those wineries will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Gala Finale A Fitting Farewell Tribute

By Susan Steinberg

A brilliant performance by Archetti Baroque Strings closed this year's popular Early Music Series at Las Positas College on a high note last Saturday.

The performance was a fittingly inspired tribute to Philip Manwell, retiring Dean of Academic Services for Arts and Communication. An outstanding educator at the college, he was selected Teacher of the Year several times, received 3 Chancellor's Awards, and was honored by Alameda County as a "Champion of the Arts."

With music diplomas from the Julliard School and the Paris Conservatoire, he has performed all over the world, including Notre Dame Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Carnegie Hall, and the White House. From directing the original Valley Choral Society to being an active Shakespeare's Associates board member, he has nurtured all the arts throughout the Tri-Valley.

Marilyn Marquis, the onewoman dynamo who conceived of the Early Music Series, and brought it into being, paid eloquent tribute to Dr. Manwell for his encouraging advocacy of her project, and his administrative support at every performance.

Now in its 6th year, this Concert Series has attracted a steadily growing audience, with its final performance filling the auditorium of the new Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, which is another of Manwell's impressive accomplish-

Following two outstanding earlier concerts, Archetti (Italian for "bows") closed the season with an audience-winning performance of Italian Baroque Concerti for Multiple Violins. A pre-concert conversation between Archetti cofounder John Dornenburg and Philharmonia Chorale Director Bruce Lamott revealed the fascinating story of the ensemble's formation and operating principles.

Dornenburg and co-founder Carla Moore have assembled a roster of accomplished Bay Area musicians who love this period music, and are willing to compromise on specific performance styles and play without a conductor/dictator. "It's a very democratic process as we discuss each person's approach to a work and arrive at a consensus" Dornenburg explained.

An enlightening outline of Baroque concerti grossi traced the development of this musical form long before a "concerto" came to mean today's big theatrical solo piece with symphony orchestra, performed by a famous musician who, as Dornenburg wryly noted, "gets paid more than the whole orchestra combined.'

The late 17th Century saw the evolution of ensemble playing, beginning with Torelli's use of the ritornello, a statement-andresponse formula that would be utilized in many countries, especially in Italy.

From Torelli, Corelli, and Vivaldi flowed a long list of seminal works, and many young European composers dutifully traveled to study in that musical venue. Only Bach was "grounded" by his job, family, and poverty. Fortunately his employer traveled to the music-printing houses in Amsterdam, bringing back the latest Vivaldi works for Bach to transcribe.

Dornenburg pointed out the noticeable shift in Bach's musical style after his exposure to the Red Priest's imported compositions, very obvious in the Bach program piece, the popular Concerto in D Minor for Harpsichord and Strings, BMV 1052.

The soloist in that work, Davitt Moroney, Professor of Music at U.C. Berkeley, also serves as University Organist and Baroque Ensemble Director. A world-famous performer with a list of over 60 CDs, he has been accorded the French "Grand Prix du Disque," Germany's "Preis der Deutschen Schallplatenkritik," three British "Gramophone Awards" and other prestigious international honors.

It was exciting to hear this great virtuoso in the Valley's newest concert hall, and a hushed audience followed his flying fingers with rapt attention and awe.

Bach's first movement demanded clarity, precision, and an almost superhuman agility to master its "perpetual motion" drive. The continuous cascade of notes, resembling many of Bach's organ works, seemed a natural emanation from Moroney's controlled ment. intensity.

What a rare treat to hear the harpsichord take center stage, supported by Archetti's spare continuo accompaniment, rather than the more common reverse, especially with such an impressive soloist!

The Adagio presented a completely different style, with simple extended melodic line, delicately delineated. Given a pensive thoughtful reading, it evoked the exquisitely moving quality of a slow Vivaldi movement.

The closing Allegro, briskly paced, picked up momentum as every musician swung into the tempo, none more happily than the soloist, obviously pleased with the results of their collaboration. Again, Moroney's solo passages were immensely demanding, complex, and insistently-pulsed.

A usually polite audience demonstrated their lively appreciation with a prolonged ovation. This reviewer, among the enthusiastic applauders, checked in with renowned early music harpsichordist Yuko Tanaka, who confirmed my opinion that this work is indeed "punitive" for the performer, but a joy for the audience.

Other works on the program highlighted the virtuosity of all the string players, and their extraordinary ability to achieve a perfect unity of attack and tone after only forming a group in 2009. John Dornenburg explained that much of the difficulty is finding 3-hour blocks of rehearsal time for such busy artists and teachers, but that their experience made for the quick group dynamic they already exhibit.

Other program selections ranged from the earliest work by Giuseppe Torelli (1658-1709) to the almost classical transition composer, Dutch master Pieter Hellandaal (1721-1799), whose concerto included a surprising near-Mozartean "March" move-

Throughout most of the pieces, a delightful airiness, sometimes even a light bounciness, surprised many concertgoers, who had expected a more ponderous performance, citing memories of "heavy Handel" experiences. As if to dispel such memories, the evening opened with Handel's Concerto Grosso in A Major, Op.6/11.

Archetti co-founder Carla Moore, leading the ensemble as "first among equals," launched the initial theme with affectionate warmth, and the "returns" of the others echoed her enthusiastic style in a spirited game of musical catch. A later fugal passage had instrumental phrases chasing each other playfully across the group, which performed like a finelyhoned string quartet.

A sonorous Largo displayed a lovely lyrical seriousness, sounding like a stately court dance. Again, Carla Moore's lead violin wove formidably intricate traceries over the group's short phrases, with everyone joining in the buoyant lilting gracefulness of the final passages.

The Allegro became even more playful in spirit, like an impromptu game of musical hide-and-seek, with jaunty statement and response motifs that almost sounded like the inspiration for Ottorino Respighi's "The Birds." As one listener stage-whispered, "This is just too much fun!' And it was!

Torelli's early Concerto Grosso harked back to earlier stylistic effects, beginning with such a solemn introduction that one could almost hear the colon after it. Jolianne von Einem played a strong lead in the heavily-accented

Allegro, whose lively "landler" (a rustic country dance) became a popular symphonic component from Beethoven all the way up to

The program finished with a characteristic Vivaldi Concerto in D Minor for Two Violins and Cello, op.3/11. His signature harddriving rhythms and spiccato passages sounded very similar to those in "The Four Seasons" in this classical High Baroque work. Once again, Carla Moore magically tossed off the "perpetual motion" runs with playful verve, despite the persistent pulsing intensity it demanded.

The musicians' smiles during the performance showed their enjoyment of their effort, but John Dornenburg was beaming with satisfaction throughout, relishing the beautiful results of his vision of such a Baroque ensemble coming to life for this enthusiastic audience.

Another smile of satisfaction belonged to Marilyn Marquis, founder and chief architect of this wonderful series. She has watched her own dream come true over the past six years of year-round hard work, grant writing, schedule arranging, fund-raising, and guiding every detail of each season, while making it all seem effortless

A newly-initiated audience of Early Music fans joined with the crowd of series regulars to acclaim her accomplishment, express their appreciation, and encourage her to continue bringing such exceptional musical events to our Valley. This reviewer joins their applause, proclaiming Marilyn Marquis to be an Important Cultural Asset to the community. Brava!





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ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

- **Teen Art Exposition and Contest,** Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. April 1-30. Artists reception Tues., April 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Kaleidoscopes** by artist Christine McCall now showing until April 15 at Casbah, 1770 First Street, Livermore CA. Hours 11 a.m. 9 p.m. daily. Show sponsored by Artistic Edge.
- Country Charm & Country Vines by artist Karen Fleschler is on display at the John Christopher Cellars, Blacksmith Square, downtown Livermore, corner of Railroad Ave. and So. Livermore Ave., until April 15. Hours Thursday – Sunday 2:00 – 6 p.m. Show sponsored by Artistic Edge.
- LAA Essential Nude Show Figurative Fine Art: Livermore Art Association exhibition. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. April 15-17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reception Thurs., April 14, 7 to 9 p.m. Public invited. Awards presentation 7:30 p.m.
- Harrington Art Gallery exhibit, Horizontal/Vertical. Landscape Painting and Sculpture by Mark Bowles and Sam Tubiolo. Saturday, April 9 Thursday, May 19, 2011. Gallery Reception Saturday, April 9, 2011, 3-5 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.
- Quilted Treasures XIV, Heart & Hearth Quilt Show, presented by Amador Valley Quilt Guild. April 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Young California Building at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton General admission \$10, seniors \$8, children under 12 free. Information: www. amadorvalleyquilters.org/show.
- Second Saturday Art Crawl, April 9 from 1-4 p.m. in Downtown Livermore. Art displays include glass art, oil paintings, contemporary abstractions & figuratives in acrylics and oils, watercolors, photography, and much more. Pick up your map at Bothwell Arts Center's new Downtown Art Studios at 62 So. L Street, Ryan Fine Art, 171 So. J Street, or several locations downtown including Art Glass Studios, ABC Music Source, Carratti Jewelers, Panama Red Coffee Company, Main Street Designs, UltraSpectives, the Wild Vine and Blacksmith Square.
- Ryan Fine Art (RFA) exhibits a mixed group of works by gallery artists for the month of April, featuring a sneak peek at new contemporary acrylic works by Louise Gray. Gray's solo show will come to RFA in May. Generally open for events and appointments, RFA coordinates the Second Saturday Art Crawl and will be open 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.
- Call for Artists Danville Art in the Park, October 1 & 2, 2011, Town Green. This 13th annual Fine Arts Festival is accepting applications from artists with paintings, sculpture, photography, ceramics, graphics and fine jewelry (no crafts). The event is sponsored by the Alamo Danville Artists' Society and the Town of Danville. Booth spaces are 10' x 10' and \$70 for members of ADAS and \$85 non-members plus 10% to Art in the Schools fund. Prospectus may be downloaded from www.ADAS4ART.org or send an e-mail to normawebb@comcast.net or call 925 828-9170. or call 925 828-9170. Applications will be reviewed April 1st.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Pleasanton Art League and Livermore ArtAssociation, meeting Mon., April 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. A program on acrylic painting will be presented

- by Courtney Jane Jacobs. Courtney's program will revolve mostly about her abstract paintings, gel mediums and other materials, but she will also bring examples of her portrait work to discuss if there is time. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.
- Avant-Garde Arts Studio has moved to a new location in Pleasanton, 435 Boulder Court, #600. Studio art courses at Avant-Garde offer students a serious and sustained exploration of the creative processes in visual art. Technical, perceptual and aesthetic issues are addressed in a historical and contemporary context. Classes are structured so that students experience the creative process through a direct and dynamic engagement with visual media. Adult art classes are offered on Weds. mornings at 10 am - 12:30 p.m. and Thurs. evening at 7:15 - 9:45 p.m. A variety of workshops are also available. For information, go to www.avantgardeartstudio. com or call 484-1378.
- Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. At the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or email Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 microangelo@earthlink.net
- Art Critique and Coffee, meets at the Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton. Fridays at 10 a.m. in the common area in front of Nordstrom. ACC/ Art, Critique and Coffee meets weekly where artists can share the newest works, techniques and talk about art. For more information call 925 461-5084 or e-mail PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com
- Beginning painting and drawing lessons,
 Livermore artist and instructor offers lessons to children and adults with little or
 no art experience. Students learn to draw
 and paint in a realistic way in various mediums using various techniques. They will
 learn about perspective and color theory.
 Lessons will cover portraits, landscapes,
 still-life, illustration and more. \$22 for
 45 minute lesson. For more information
 contact Thomasin Dewhirst at 216-7231
 or thomasin d@hotmail.com.
- Summer Camp offered by Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, class production: "Seussical Jr." Three separate sessions of camp during July/Aug 2011. First two sessions span 2 weeks each and are open to children in grades 2-8. Third session is accelerated at 5 days and is open to children in grades 4-9. All children will participate as cast members in a musical production learning singing, dancing, and acting skills, as well as creating their own costumes, sets, and props. Culminates in two performances of "Seussical Jr." at end of session. Session I: July 11-22 (shows on the 23), Session II: July 25-Aug. 5 (shows Aug. 6) and Session III: Aug 8-12 (shows on Aug. 13). Sessions 1 & 2: \$400. Session 3: \$300 www.trivalleyrep.org

WINERY EVENTS

John Christopher Cellars at Blacksmith Square, Wine Country Festival April 30-May 1. Live music both days starting each day at 10:30 a.m. and ending around 5 p.m. The music is on stage right out our front door with plenty of seating. With the purchase of an official 2011 Festival Glass receive 3 complimentary wine samples at the tasting room. More details at www.johnchristophercellars.com. The

event is free to attend. Street closures on First Street, So Livermore Ave., and others. John Christopher Cellars, 25 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

- Music every Saturday in the tasting room from 12 to 4; open every day if the gate is open and for sure on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Information at 449-1871 or www.redfeatherwinery.com
- Chris Bradley's Jazz Band, plays at The Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 p.m. The band features real Jazz from the 1920's, 30's, 40's.
- Blacksmith Square live music, Saturdays 3-6 May – September, sponsored by Artistic Edge, Greenleaf BBQ Products, John Christopher Cellars, Swirl, and Victorine Olive Oil. Corner of South Livermore Ave. and Railroad Ave. downtown Livermore.
- LunaFish, playing Thurs., April 7 at the Sapphire Lounge in Livermore, 7 to 11 p.m. 2300 First St. in Livermore. www.sapphirelivermore.com
- Kenny Barrow, Jazz Pianist, April 7, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org
- All New Best of Doo Wop, with the Tokens, Dodie Stevens and the Flamingo Tribute Group, comedy host Scott Wood and the Flashback Band, Sat., April 9, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-373-6800.
- Sotto Voce, 8 p.m., Sat., April 16, Del Valle Fine Arts Concert, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.
- Poncho Sanchez, Latin Jazz Percussionist, April 22, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org
- **Johnny Cash, a musical tribute**, April 23, 8 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org
- **Amati Ensemble,** classical music, Sat., April 30, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org.
- Half After with special guest Lip Hug, Pine Street Bar and Grill, May 7, 8 p.m. 875 Rincon Ave., Livermore. \$3 advance tickets at www.halfafter.com; \$5 at the door the night of the show.

ON THE STAGE

- Shakespeare's Associates' production of A Life in the Theatre by David Mamet. March 31-April 23, 2011, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth Street, Livermore, CA. Tickets from \$25-\$35 by calling 1-800-838-3006 or www.LivermoreShakes.org. For more information visit www.LivermoreShakes.org or call 925-443-BARD (2273).
- Phantom of the Country Opera, 8 p.m. April 8, 9, 15 and 16; 2 p.m. April 10, 17. Book by Grennan and Santen, Lyrics by Cheri Coons, Music by Michael Duff. Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Performing Arts Events Line at 925.424.1100 or go to www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information about the show, contact kross@laspositascollege.edu.
- 1st Annual Firehouse Improv Festival featuring The Freeze on April 8 and Super

Dupers on 9, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. The Freeze will perform at the festival's opening Friday, 4/8 at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, 4/9, starting at 9 a.m., teen participants (grades 6-12) will attend a series of workshops designed to immerse them in a more advanced world of improv with classes like, 'Musical Improv Games,' 'Stage Combat for Improvisors,' and more! For performance Friday and Saturday night, www.firehousearts. org. Registration for the entire Festival, go to http://online.activecommunities.com/pleasanton

- The Foreigner, April 15-May 7, Village Theater, 233 Front St., Danville. Presented by Role Players Ensemble Theatre. www. danvilletheatre.com
- Flying Karamazov Brothers, mix of the Marx Brothers and Monty Python, Fri., April 15, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-373-6800.
- All Shook Up, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. Performances weekends April 22-May 8, 2011. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-373-6800.
- A Year With Frog and Toad, April 30-May 8, Presented by Bay Area Children's Theater, Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon, 973-3343 or SanRamonPerformingArts.com.

DANC

Friday Night Dance Parties, themed parties each Friday night from Salsa to Swing, includes a group dance lesson at 8:15. \$15 cover charge, 8:15 dance lesson, 9:00-10:30 for dance parties. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. J Street, Livermore. 925-449-9292, or studio@itsallaboutdancing.com.

MOVIES

- Going Places: A Classic Film Series, shown the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room through June 2, 2011. The program is a partnership of Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library proudly present. Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College, is the host. There is no admission charge. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. 931-3400. No registration required.
- **Inside Job**, the film that won the 2011 Academy Award for best document, will be shown Saturday, April 16, at 7:00 PM, at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, Ca. This film shows the greedy entities responsible for ruining the economy, kicking people out of their homes, losing jobs and livelihoods, and so on. David Germain of the Associated Press says this film is, "A crime story like no other in history." This is a community event open to the public and unaffiliated. A meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, the film starts at 7ish, and a short discussion follows the film, (for those who are interested). This event is wheel chair accessible and free (although, we do encourage donations of \$3.00 to keep things humming). For more information feel free to call 925-462-3459.
- Dirt: The Movie, a documentary film in celebration of Earth Day, will be shown on April 21 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Presented by the Pleasanton Library. Doors open 6:15 p.m., film screens at 7 p.m. Mini eco-festival on the patio before the movie. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The film events are free and open

to all. No registration is required. For more information, call Penny Johnson,

OPERA

- Livermore Valley Opera, April 16, A Saturday morning Firehouse Kids opera experience for children at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Livermore Valley Opera Night Out a Mini-Opera in a Diner, 8 p.m. At the Firehouse, the troupe takes a short break from fully staged traditional operas to create a fun-loving musical melodrama, directed by Alexander Katsman. www.firehousearts.org and an evening performance for all ages. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org
- Opera San José presents Puccini's La bohème. Eight performances are scheduled from April 23 through May 8 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San José. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José Box Office, by phone at (408) 437-4450 or online at www.operasj.org. California Theatre, 345 South First Street between San Carlos and San Salvador streets, downtown San José. Tickets: \$51–\$101 (includes city facility usage fee) from Opera San José Box Office, 2149 Paragon Dr., San José, CA 95131:408-437-4450:408-437-4455 fax: www.operasj.org. Available 90 minutes prior to curtain at the California Theatre box office only: seniors (65 and older) 10% discount; students 25 and younger (with student ID) \$11
- Met Opera Theater-casts, 10 a.m. simultaneous viewings and 12 encore rebroadcasts of Metropolitan Opera productions at Dublin's Regal Cinema, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Schedule: April 9, 27: Rossini's "Le Comte Ory;" April 23, May 11: Richard Strauss's "Capriccio;" April 30, May 18: Verdi's "Il Trovatore;" May 14, June 11: Wagner's "Die Walkure."

MISCELLANEOUS

- George Komsky Live in Concert, an Italian Night in Diablo. Thurs., April 14, 5:30 p.m no-host bar and limited live auction for \$100.00 per person. "An Italian Night in Diablo" will feature Italian opera arias by Rossini, Donizetti, Bellini and other favorite timeless pieces. The concert proceeds will support Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes with funds to assist the families of law enforcement and fire service personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. Held at Diablo Country Club in the town of Diablo Information is available at www.thefallenheroes.org or email info@thefallenheroes.org Tickets can be purchased at 925.831.2011
- Music awards, Livermore-Amador Symphony Association has four awards of \$300 each to be given to graduating high school seniors who have participated in school and community musical activities during the 9th through 12th grades. Students are eligible if they live or attend school in Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin, or San Ramon. Information regarding the awards and an application form may be found at www.livamsymph. org Applications must be postmarked by April 11, 2011. Questions may be directed to (925)447-8789.
- Animal Lover's Boutique, Feline Medical Center (FMC), 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, special Spring Fling for the Animals event on Saturday, April 16. Proceeds from the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. boutique will benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New (JLN) Fund, a Valley Humane Society program that aids sick and injured pets. For more information, please contact Vicki Zeigler, (925) 872-7668, or visit the

Valley Humane Society website, www. valleyhumane.org.

Saturday Salon at 4th Street Studio, final salon, 7:30 p.m. April 16. Theme "It's a sing to kill a mockingbird kind of night." Everyone's a featured writer. Bring a friend. Bring a nosh and drink to share. Information, 456-3100. Salon at 2235 Fourth St., Livermore.

Rosalind Creasy, author of "Edible Landscaping," April 17, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Authors and Arts Series. Creasy's expertise on edibles and how to incorporate them in beautifully designed outdoor environments was first showcased in the original edition of Edible Landscaping, hailed by gardeners everywhere as a groundbreaking classic. Books will be available for sale and signing. No admission charge. 373-5505

Museum on Main, 2011 Ed Kinney Lecture Series. Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m., Strike it Rich: The California Gold Rush. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. No reservations are required. Tickets are available at the door on a first come first served basis. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 members and seniors, \$3 students/teachers with ID. Information, contact Jennifer Amiel, Director of Education at (925) 462-2766 or education@museumonmain.org.

David Rakoff, two-time recipient of the Lambda Book Award for Humor, David Rakoff is a regular contributor to Public Radio International's *This American Life* and *The New York Times Magazine*. His latest book of sharply-observed essays is entitled *Half Empty*. Thurs., April 28, 7:30 p.m. Rae Dorough Speakers Series, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.livermoreperformingarts.org or 925.373.6800.

Artist Flea Market, Sat., April 30, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. DeLucchi Park, First Street at Neal, Pleasanton. Information, www. pal-art.com.

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, sneak peek, Sat., April 30, 1 p.m. For ages 5 and older. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. No registration required. Scenes from the upcoming live theatrical production at the Firehouse Arts Center, and meet the cast members & professional staff. For more information, call the children's dask at 925, 931, 3400, x8

desk at 925-931-3400 x8 7th annual Magic of Music Event hosted by Amador Friends of Music on Saturday, April 30, 2011, 5:30-11 p.m. The evening will feature dancing to the music of the Amador Jazz Bands, dinner, both live and silent auctions, and will be held at the Sunol Valley Golf Club 6900 Mission Rd. in Sunol. All proceeds benefit AVHS Music Programs. Tickets are \$65 per person. Attendees should RSVP by April 12. Purchase tickets online www. amadormusic.org. Those who need to pay by check can mail their payment to: AFM/Magic of Music Tickets, PO Box 602, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Ticket purchase includes arrival champagne and appetizers; dinner choice of chicken cordon bleu, New York steak or tortellini primavera; salad, dessert, coffee and fresh baked rolls. Two bottles of wine will be provided per table, donated by Morse/Il Gioiello Wines. There will also be a no host bar throughout the evening. The VIP table adds premium seating near the dance floor, additional table wine and two complimentary bar drinks per person. For more information, contact Linda Truax 925-462-8490 or MoMTickets@ amadormusic.org

Chabot Performs Award Winning 'Grapes of Wrath'



Chabot College students Scott DeMerritt (left) and Alex Skinner perform in the upcoming production of the Tony Award-winning play, "The Grapes of Wrath," featuring songs, dance, and folk music performed on period instruments. (Photo - Rachel LaPell)

Chabot College will present Frank Galati's Tony Award-winning play, "The Grapes of Wrath," with songs, dance, and folk music performed on period instruments. Performances are April 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, and 23 at 7:30 p.m. in The Little Theater, Building 1200.

Tickets are available at the door for \$15, general admission, and \$10, seniors and students with I.D. Parking is \$2.

The play is adapted from John Steinbeck's 1939 Pulitzer Prizewinning novel about the Joad family and their hardships, migrating from Oklahoma's Dust Bowl to California's migrant camps during the Great Depression. The socially and politically charged American classic, which features iconic

characters and themes, also was made into an acclaimed 1940 film directed by John Ford and starring Henry Fonda.

Theater Arts students participating in the producing include Alex Skinner, Sam Chaires, Yousserf Riahi, Robby Wagoner, Lucinda Jackson, Janelle Aguirre, Tara Simmers, Scott DeMerritt, Tony Azevedo, Tyler Gauthier, Eduardo DelaCruz Jr., Vince Gabrielson, John Turman, Jaime Ramos, Kelvin Rama, Emilio Garcia-Sanchez, Patrick Sweet, Monica Bonilla, Sandra Harris, Nicole Torres, and Seveonno Palizzolo.

For more information about Chabot's College's production and the theater arts program, please visit the website at www. chabotcollege.edu.

Pleasanton Begins Search for New Poet Laureate

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications for its seventh Poet Laureate to serve as a public advocate for the appreciation and advancement of the literary arts. The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2011. The person selected will hold the honorary post from July, 2011-June, 2013.

Pleasanton's next Poet Laureate will succeed Deborah Grossman, who holds the post currently. He or she will be called upon to provide poetry at civic events such as dedications and public ceremonies, coordinate readings and other literary events and serve as an active member of the Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival planning committee. In addition, he or she will act as a resource and liaison between the City of Pleasanton and local schools, literary and community organizations.

Candidates for the Poet Laure-

ate position must be Pleasanton residents who have published poetry deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee. They must demonstrate affiliation with local schools, literary organizations and other entities associated with the advancement of the literary arts and they must be prepared to serve a two-year term without compensation.

Pleasanton residents may apply for the Poet Laureate post by submitting the following: Four poems; A one-page letter of interest; A letter of support from two other poets; A resume indicating active participation in promoting the literary arts in the community; and An outline of their vision - goals, projects, activities - for the Poet Laureate Program during your tenure, July 2011—June 2013.

A selection committee comprised of a Civic Arts commissioner, a representative of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and members of the literary community will review all application packets.

After a preliminary screening, selected finalists will be invited to present their poems and visions to the Selection Committee in person in May. A recommendation will be forwarded to the Civic Arts Commission for approval and the final appointment will be made by the Pleasanton City Council.

All application packets must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2011. Postmarks will not be accepted.

They may be mailed to Michelle Russo, Theater Arts Specialist, Department of Parks & Community Services, City of Pleasanton, P.O. Box 520, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. For more information, applicants may call Michelle Russo at (925) 931-4847.

Decorate a Bicycle Wheel

As part of the celebration of the Stage 4 Start of the 2011 Amgen Tour, the City of Livermore is offering bicycle wheels to artists of any age to decorate. Wheels will be distributed until they are all gone. Finished wheels needs to be returned to the city no later than April 22.

The wheels will be exhibited in the store front windows along the route in Downtown Livermore during the Wine Country Festival weekend April 30 and May 1 and will remain through race day, May 18. There will be a silent auction with proceeds going to benefit the local organization committee responsible for the state 4 start event.

Contact Catherine Hagebusch, Livermore Economic Development Manager, 960-4477, or Theresa Delavega, Economic Development Specialist, 960-4049.

Livermore Accepting Ideas to Paint Utility Boxes

The City of Livermore Commission for the Arts has allocated \$150 per program box for its UrbanArt Mural Program and is inviting all artists to apply and submit their proposals.

The Commission has initially set aside a total of \$750 for murals on 5 utility boxes. Sponsors have come forward to provide funds for the installation of additional murals on utility boxes throughout the City of Livermore.

The Commission for the Arts developed this utility box mural program because it supports multiple blight elimination efforts, beautification, job creation, and promotion of civic pride. The first boxes to be painted will be utility boxes in Downtown Livermore as these boxes had been hit by graffiti the most.

The UrbanArt Mural Program Request for Proposals (RFP) and Sponsorship Forms are now available on the City of Livermore's website www.cityoflivermore. net. Interested applicants may also obtain a copy of the RFP and sponsorship form by calling the City of Livermore's Economic Development Department at (925) 960-4140. The deadline for submission of proposals is April 29, 2011 at 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Theresa De La Vega, Economic Development Specialist at (925) 960-4049.



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Livermore Rotary Club Mini-Grants Awarded

Livermore Rotary Club meeting Rotarians Jim Hannon and Mary Anne Rosza along with Vicki Schellenberger of the Livermore Valley Educational Foundation (LVEF) presented Mini-Grant awards to 8 Livermore organizations with dollar-for-dollar matching grants awarded by LVEF to educational organizations. Mini-Grants are awarded four times per year, limited to \$500, and awarded to deserving groups and individuals for projects, activities, and/or materials that benefit the Livermore community.

Each award proposal is paired with a Rotary Club sponsor. The awards are summarized in the table below with the recipient organization's name, the award recipient, and the Rotary Sponsor.

In total the Livermore Rotary Club awarded \$2,495 and the

Livermore Valley Educational Foundation awarded an additional

LARPD: Sharon Grant, Jacquie Williams Courtwright, \$500. LARPD wants to provide swimming and water safety lessons for low-income families, ethnic minorities, and families suffering financial difficulties. This would address the second leading cause of unintentional deaths and nonfatal injuries in the 1-14 yr. age range.

Altamont Creek Elementary School: Mary Dugger, Kelly Bowers, \$245 + LVEF. Fifth grade teachers want classroom books and CDs to use in a new English Language Arts program that sets up individual goals and allows each student to learn at his or her own level.

Christensen Middle School: Jeffrey Hale, Keith Cariveau, \$250 + LVEF. 7th and 8th grade science teacher wants laboratory equipment to teach students DNA extraction and electrophoresis.

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Christensen Middle School: Tasia James or Amy Robbins, Jim Hannon, \$380 + LVEF. 8th grade history and English teacher (CORE Program) wants to purchase electronic dictionaries to capitalize on remedial students' enthusiasm in using this technology to look up words as they write and read.

Christensen Middle School: Mary Jeanne Tenret, John Gordon, \$120 + LVEF. Physical education teacher wants yoga mats and hockey sticks for the school's fitness program.

Granada High School: Johnna Thompson, David Lowell, \$250 + LVEF. Math teacher wants document camera to display printed and student-generated geometric figures to work in geometry and other classes.

Jackson Ave. Elementary School: Meg Swant, Kathy Streeter, \$250 + LVEF. Reading teacher wants a Read Naturally software program that will provide student reading material and allow her to track student progress, focus instruction, and capitalize on the students' interest in technology.

Marylin Ave. Elementary School: Christina Pomykal, Mike Thompson & Lori Souza, \$500 + LVEF. Science specialist wants microscope slides and a microscope cleaning kit to augment lab activities in biology and ecology for grades 1-5.

Annual Duck Races Set for April 30

The 19th Annual Livermore Duck Races will be held Sat., April 30 on the Arroyo Mocho at Livermore's Robertson Park.

Festivities will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. near the Rodeo grounds.

This is a fund-raiser for Livermore schools and nonprofit groups. Over \$5000 in cash prizes will be awarded to lucky duck sponsors.

There will be Little Duckie

Races for kids 12 years and younger. The race is free with a parent present. Prizes will be awarded complements of Livermore McDonalds.

The races are presented by the Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermore Y's Men Club. Each duck will have a number attached and assigned to the number on each entry form. The winning duck entries eligible for cash prizes will

be announced at the conclusion of each race. Individuals are not required to be present to win.

For more information, call 449-1315 or 321-1123. Tickets printed by Camino Press are five dollars per entry. They are available from some Livermore school PTAs or write to Livermore Duck Races, PO Box 48, Livermore, CA 94551.

What Are You Doing This Week?









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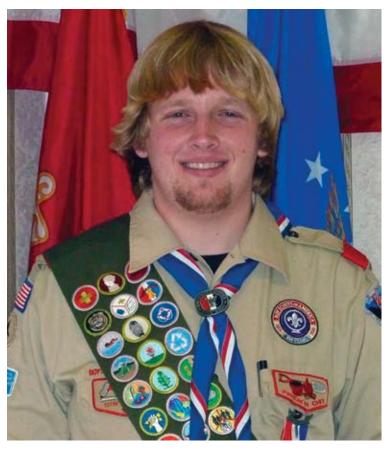
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See what's happening in The Valley. Go online to the calendars at

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Community



Tyler Joseph (T.J.) Morin

Eagle Rank Attained

Tyler Joseph (T.J.) Morin of Livermore was awarded Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouting, on March 27. The Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony was held at the Elk's Lodge in Springtown, where he was recognized not only for completing the Eagle requirements but also for the gift of leadership that he shared with his fellow Scouts. Many spoke of T.J.'s friendly and upbeat personality.

T.J. joined Troop 924 in 2006 at age 13. In his second year of Scouting, he took on the role of Patrol Leader. In this position, he discovered he had a gift and a passion for leadership, and over

the next two years, he worked his way up to Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader.

For his Eagle project, T.J. organized a non-holiday food drive to fill the food locker at St. Michael's Church. The project was a success, and T.J. was very pleased with the generosity of the Springtown community.

T.J. considers the time he spent with Troop 924 a privilege and something he will remember fondly for the rest of his life. He is extremely grateful to all the troop leaders, family members and friends who guided him on his journey to becoming an Eagle Scout.

Information for Section II should be submitted by e-mail to edit-mail@compuserve.com.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.

Milestones

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The Las Positas College Talk Hawks bring home tournament awards. Bottom row from left to right: Melanie Johnsen, Katie Johnson, Megan Sinclair, Lanea Warren. Top row from left to right: Adam Neylan, Jordan Adelman, Salim Razawi, Janet Brehe Johnson (Director of Forensics), Brandon Rogers.

Talk Hawks Keep Winning

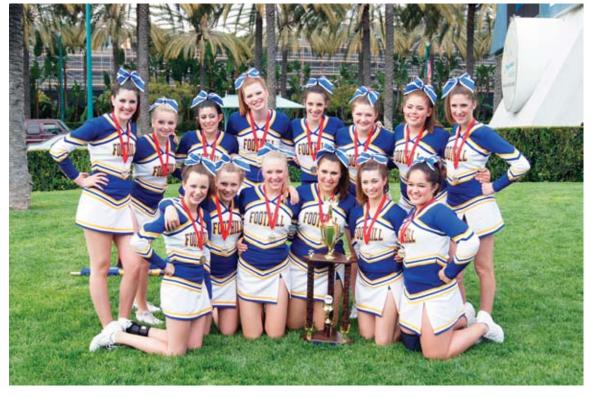
The Las Positas College Talk Hawks forensics team was ranked the number one Northern California team of both small and large school divisions at the California Community College Forensics Association's State Championship Tournament held March 16-20 in Woodland Hills, CA. A highlight of the tournament was the top Gold Award won by Katie Johnson and Brandon Rogers for their Duo Interpretation program.

"I'm incredibly thrilled by the team's success at this tournament. They truly represented Las Positas College well, not only in talent, but also in character," said Janet Brehe Johnson, Las Positas College director of forensics. The speech team won Second Place Sweepstakes in the small school division at the tournament which featured 32 California community college

teams. The Talk Hawks will travel to Greenwich, CT for the Phi Rho Pi Community College National Championships, April 10-17.

Following is a list of the championship winners: Jordan Adelman, Livermore, Bronze Award in Readers Theater; Melanie Johnsen, Livermore, Bronze Award in Informative Speaking; Katie Johnson, Livermore, Gold Award in Duo Interpretation, Bronze Award in Programmed Oral Interpretation, Bronze Award in Readers Theater:

Adam Neylan, Livermore, Silver Award in Programmed Oral Interpretation, Bronze Award in Oral Interpretation of Prose, Bronze Award in Readers Theater; Brandon Rogers, Livermore, Gold Award in Duo Interpretation, Bronze Award in Readers Theater



The Foothill High School JV Competition Cheer Squad placed 2nd in the United Spirit Association (USA) Spirit Nationals competition last held on March 25-27, 2011 at the Anaheim Convention Center, in Anaheim, CA. Foothill was one of two teams in the Small JV Show Cheer Intermediate division to qualify for finals on Saturday, competing against nine other teams from the west coast. Sunday they competed again and captured the 2nd place trophy. This same team took home the USA California Spirit Championship title in February. Coached by Kim DeJoy and Karen Maurice, the JV squad includes Amanda Arnold, Haley Bowers, Caressa Duarte, Michelle French, Diane Hadley, Camille Hamlin, Hayley Jefferies, 'Alakoka Kailahi, Emily Palange, Natalie Pearce, Taylor Sanchez, Summer Shelton, Natalie Wright and Haley Zavattero.

Authors to Discuss 'Tri-Valley Trails' During Livermore Library Program

Local residents and authors Nancy Rodrigue and Jacky Poulsen will share their hiking expertise and discuss their new book Tri-Valley Trails at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Tri-Valley Trails: Hiking Adventures in the Greater Livermore, Amador and San Ramon Valleys features over 60 hikes in ten different parks in the Tri-Valley area of the San Francisco East Bay. Many of the parks are in the East Bay Regional Park District while others are local parks. The book includes an overview of each park as well

hike. These descriptions include a difficulty rating, approximate mileage and altitude gain, as well as hike highlights. The book targets hikers of all levels from novice to advanced. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Longtime residents of Livermore, Nancy and Jacky have hiked extensively throughout the Tri-Valley for many years.

They wrote the book with one objective in mind: to introduce residents of the area to the many wonderful hiking opportunities the Tri-Valley has to offer. For both of them, this was a true labor of love. They have hiked every trail in the book, and have been working on this project for several years. Even

as detailed descriptions of each though there are numerous books published about hiking in the Bay Area, and even the East Bay, this is the only book written extensively about the Tri-Valley.

Nancy and Jacky say that they wish this book had existed for them when they first arrived in Livermore. They will present a brief description of each park in the book, share some photos, and discuss special features and historical points of interest.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series.

For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Education

Christine and Tim Petro of Pleasanton announced their daughter Mallory Brown, Amador High School Class of 2006, is graduating with Honors in May from Chico State, and once again made the Dean's List with a 4.0 GPA.

Jacob Thomas Siewert of Liver-

more, Calif. (94551), was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Siewert is a graduate of Harvest Christian Academy in Calistoga, Calif., and is enrolled in the university's Olin Business School.

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Adult Volunteer Case Managers, The Tri-Valley Youth Court (TVYC) needs adult volunteers to serve as case managers for the youth participating in the program. TVYC is a nonprofit diversion program working with middle and high school youth who have been arrested for misdemeanor or lesser crimes Please visit www.communityyouthcourts. com/Community_Youth_Courts/Volunteer_ Positions.html or contact Tonya Clenney at 337-7175 or tonyaclenney@trivalleyyouth-

Foothill AABC (Activities & Academic Booster Club) scholarships: 6 Scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded in May 2011. Foothill High School seniors who will attend an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall must submit a completed application to Mrs. Bing in the FHS Counseling office by Monday, April 18, 2011. See FHS counseling (Mrs. Bing) for an application or online at www. foothillfalcons.org (Click on AABC on the left and on AABC page, click on Scholarship info

Legislative and budget update, presented by Assemblymember Joan Buchanan (District 15), Sat., April 9, 10 a.m. to noon Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Complimentary pancake breakfast; discussion, Q&A. Public invited.

Tri-Valley Republican Women, meeting Thurs., April 14. Speaker, Bill Whalen, esteemed fellow of the Hoover Institute, will speak on the California political landscape and the effect Governor Jerry Brown will have in 2011 on the California financial picture. Books, resource material, and future event information will be available. The talk will be at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$30 per guest, \$26 per member or associate member. Contact: Phyllis Couper, 925-462-4931, coupclan1962@pacbell.net.
Viva Las Vegas Spring Fling Fund-raiser

Sat., April, 16, 6-10 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall 255 So L St., Livermore. This Casino night offers Blackjack, Texas Hold-em, and a Craps table. Winnings are cashed in for raffle tickets for prizes including a gas grill BBQ, over \$300 in gift cards including many donated from local businesses, and a Kindle. There is also a silent auction. A few of the items include 2 tickets for the Live Nation concert, custom kids chopper bicycle and lunch or dinner for 25 delivered to your home or workplace courtesy of Cattleman's Steak House. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, dancing, delicious appetizers and sweet treats will be served. This event is hosted by the Rancho Las Positas Elementary School PTA in support of supplies and the many wonderful programs for students.
Tickets purchased at the door. Any questions or
to RSVP with Deedra deLisser 925-337-0248
or deedersboys@gmail.com

Amador Valley Quilters Guild will meet on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. The meeting is open to all those who are interested in the culture, history and artistry of quiltmaking. Guest speaker will be Terri Thayer, quilter and author. She is fascinated with art quilts, and has published three quilt mystery novels. Her talk is entitled "From First Quilt to First Novel."

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet Thursday, April 14, at the Alisal Elementary School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, at 7 p.m. Emma Connery, coordinator for the Contra Costa Master Gardener Program and an expert in entomology and pest management, will speak about "Good Bugs, Bad Bugs." Visitors welcome to bring insects for examination. For more information visit www.lavgc.org

6th Annual Bras for the Cause, breast cancer walk, downtown Pleasanton on Sat., May 7. Flashing lights, ribbons, feathers and beads turn ordinary bras into fashion statements for the women and men participating in this 10K walk to support the fight against breast cancer. Pre-walk festivities, including judging for most creative bra and best guy in a bra. Last year's walk raised \$120,000 for organizations such as Susan G. Komen for the Cure, UCSF's Helen Diller Comprehensive

Cancer Center, and Axis Community Health Center. Walk begins and ends at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton Check in and judging 5:30 p.m., walk begins at 7 p.m. For information and registration, go to www.trivalleysocks.org.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., April 9, 47 miles Dublin to Moraga loop, meet 9:30 a.m. at Shannon Center, Ken Hernandez, 510-278-3436. Sun., April 10, 62 miles up Mt. Diablo to the junction and on to Walnut Creek, meet 9:30 a.m. at San Ramon P&R lot on Bollinger, Heidi Fraser, 451-1430. Wed., April 13, 35 miles around Livermore, meet 9:30 a.m. at Livermore Airport terminal, Pete Slagle, 819-6600. Fri., April 15, 10 to 30 miles, no drop, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park in San Ramon, Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet

and what to bring.

Community Resources for Independent **Living** (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward. Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community educa-tion at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

Inside Job, the film that won the 2011 Academy Award for best document, will be shown Saturday, April 16, at 7:00 PM, at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, Ca. This film shows the greedy entities responsible for ruining the economy, kicking people out of their homes, losing jobs and livelihoods, and so on. David Germain of the Associated Press says this film is, "A crime story like no other in history." This is a community event open to the public and unaffiliated. A meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, the film starts at 7ish, and a short discussion follows the film, (for those who are interested). This event is wheel chair accessible and free (although, we do encourage donations of \$3.00 to keep things humming). For more information feel free to call 925-462-3459.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter, meets 9:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month between Sept. and May at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. DAR is a women's service organization. The women are descended from a patriot of the American Revolution and are dedicated to patriotism, preservation of American history and securing America's future through education. Information, contact Maris at 443-3087.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., April 14, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Frank Rainer will show photographs of the trip he and his wife Sigrid took to Arabia and the horn of Africa. Frank and Sigrid visited Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, and Eritrea. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association has four awards of \$300 each to be given to graduating high school seniors who have participated in school and community musical activities during the 9th through 12th grades. Students are eligible if they live or attend school in Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin, or San Ramon. Information www.livamsymph. org. Applications must be postmarked by April 11, 2011. Questions may be directed to (925)447-8789

Widowed Men and Women of Northern **CA.**, Champagne brunch in San Ramon, April 10, 11:45 a.m., RSVP by April 7 to Marsha, 830-8483. Lunch and optional shopping in Danville, April 13, 11:30 p.m., RSVP by April 11 to Marsha, 830-8483. Friendly bridge leasanton, April 16, 1 p.m., RSVP by April 12 to Barbara 426-8876. Lunch and optional movie in Dublin, April 17, 11:30 a.m. RSVP by April 14 to Marge, 828-5124. Indian cuisine luncheon in San Ramon, April 19, 11:30 a.m. RSVP by April 16 to David, 833-7647. Happy hour in Pleasanton, April 21, 5 p.m., RSVP by April 19 to Kathy after 5 p.m., 398-8005.

Lunch in Fremont, April 27, 1 p.m., RSVP by April 23 to Ginny, 510-656-5625. VFW Post 7265, Livermore, meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2000 hours, 522 South L St., Livermore. All those eligible to join are invited to attend. Information, contact Vice Commander Virgil Stanger at 455-4039 or go to www.vfwwebcom.org/ca/post7265

Bowling fund-raiser for Breast Cancer Research at Granada Bowl in Livermore on Saturday, May 14. The event is hosted by Tuff Girl Fitness of Livermore from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. \$15 per bowler, which includes shoes and 2 hours of bowling. The event will include a bake sale, raffle for wonderful prizes and goody bags for each participant. Money raised will go to Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Research. Call Erica at 925-518-4114 for more info or email getfit@tuffgirl.com

Disability Action Network (DAN), meets Thurs., April 14, 2 p.m. at the Livermore CRIL office, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore. DAN is a group of people with all types of disabilities who are working together to make changes in the community in health care, housing, access, attendant programs, transportation and other issues. For more information, call Jessica Lehman, 510-881-5743 x. 5937. All services are free of charge. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Livermore Military Families is a support group for families in Livermore, who have a loved one serving in the Military. It is a safe place to come and share the joys, tears and fears they have with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore VFW Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email livermoremilitary families@yahoo.com

Free beauty, health, and prosperity seminar, guest speaker Rich Greenwood. Free seminar on reprogramming genes takes place April 12, from 6-7pm at Zen Pilates and Fitness, 3059 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Only 15 seats available so RSVP early by calling Rich at (408)329-0452 or email rich@ ideagardeners.com. RSVP: Rich Greenwood at 408-329-0452

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets 7 p.m. Mon., April 18 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Carolina Monroy, California Teachers Association Charter School Specialist, will discuss charter schools. Refreshments Public invited - Discussion & Q&A. No admission charge

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour features a variety of bird- and butterflyfriendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens that contain 50% or more native plants. The gardens will be open on Sunday, May 1, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. More than 50 garden talks will be scheduled throughout the day. The first mailing of the garden guide will go out soon soon; registering now at http://www. bringingbackthenatives.net/ will ensure that you receive your guide early. The tour is free. This event is expected to fill; registering now

will reserve a place on the tour.

Kiwanis Club of Pleasanton, meets Fridays at noon at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St., Pleasanton. This is a Tri-Valley Club with members from Dublin and Livermore, as well as Pleasanton. The motto is "To serve the children of the world." All are welcome.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites new and long-time residents to its monthly luncheon on April 21 at Faz Restaurant, 600 Hartz Ave., Danville. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$21. Speaker will be Elena Becker, Executive Director of Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Fund. For information or reservations call Susan, 925-718-5214

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, Wed., April 13, at 7 p.m. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, April 27, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

Around the World Dinner, Livermore-Pleasanton Emblem Club #413 is having an "Around the World Dinner" to be held on

Saturday, April 9, 2011, 6:30 p.m., at the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117, 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore. The tickets are \$15 and must be purchased prior to the event. Please call the Elks Lodge, 455-8829, for reservations.

19th Annual Livermore Duck Races Sat., April 30 on the Arroyo Mocho at Livermore's Robertson Park 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. near the Rodeo grounds. Fund-raiser for Livermore schools and nonprofit groups. Over \$5000 in cash prizes will be awarded to lucky duck sponsors. Little Duckie Races for kids 12 years and younger. The races are presented by the Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermor 's Men Club. For more information, call 449-1315 or 321-1123. Tickets printed by Camino Press are five dollars per entry. They are available from some Livermore school PTAs or write to Livermore Duck Races, PO Box 48, Livermore, CA 94551. Free Diabetes Class. 7 week series will

teach you how to manage your Type 2 diabetes or Pre Diabetes, eat the foods you love, how and why to check your blood sugar, medications, exercise and more! New series begins Thursday April 14 - May 26, 10 am - 12 pm, in Livermore. Please call the Alameda County Public Health Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 for more information and to register.

Ravenswood Victorian Tea, Sun., May two seatings 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sweets and savories, a selection of teas, sparking wine and sparkling juice will be served. This event is open to adults and children ages 8 and older. A special menu is set; special food requests cannot be accommodated. Docents will be dressed in Victorian-era costumes as they serve the tea. Live background music will be on hand as well. Ravenswood, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Two seating locations are available: inside the historic home or outside on the covered porch. Tickets are \$37 per person. All donations benefit the Ravenswood Historic Site Furnishing Fund, an ongoing project of the nonprofit Ravenswood Progress League that supports restoration and public programs at the site. Reservations are being taken now until the event is full. For more information, call 925-443-0238. Reservations forms are available online at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Robotics 101, Girl Scouts of Northern California is hosting three hands-on workshops this spring that bring the world of robotics to girls. In this series of introductory workshops girls ages 6-14 will build and program LEGO robots, learn all about robotics tournaments and even compete in a scrimmage of their own! There are three dates to the series: April 17, and May 22. All workshops will be held at Hart Middle School in Pleasanton. More information at http://www.girlscoutsnorcal. Org/documents/Flyer.pdf. Contact Donna Androwsky at dandrowsky@girlscoutsnorcal. org or call (510) 562-8470 ext. 136.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party, hosted by Assistance League of Amador Valley, Sat., May 7, Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave., Livermore, beginning at noon. Tea tables decorated by members, food, hat contest, raffle prizes and champagne bar. Alex Alexander, former host of HGTV's Simply Quilts, will talk about and display her quilts. \$50. Funds go to support local programs. Information or tickets, call Carmen, 371-4566 or go to www. amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

Scholarship, Chapter FX, of the P.E.O. Sisterhood (a philanthropic and educational organization promoting women's education)

organization promoting women's education) announces that applications are available for their annual \$600 scholarship and the Marcia M.

Howie Memorial Scholarship. The awards are open to any female who is a graduating senior intending to further her education by attending an accredited college, business school, cosmetology or nursing course. Applicants must be residents of Livermore. When awarding these scholarships, financial need is considered, as well as scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities. Letters of recommendation and official transcripts must be attached to the application. Applications may be obtained from high school scholarship advisors or by sending a stamped, self addressed envelope to: Chapter FX, P.E.O., 1961 Evans Street, Livermore CA, 94550. (925) 366 5567. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 12, 2011.

Free income tax help, Livermore, AARP volunteer preparers. Mondays, Feb. 7-April 18, noon-4 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, by appointment, 373-5760. Thursdays and Fridays, Feb. 3-April 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Civic Center Library, 1188 So, Livermore Avenue, first come, first served. Bring W2, all 1099 forms, copy of previous year's tax return, and other important documents.

Stepping Stones on Grief Journey, Grief Ministry Workshop Spring 2011 Series, Catholic Community of Pleasanton. Eight Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m., April 7-June 2 (omitting April 21) at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Preregistration is required A one time \$15 donation is requested. required. A one-time \$15 donation is requested Open to all regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty, 846-5377, for more

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Inquirers/confirmation class Sundays through May 22, 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. All are welcome. Variety of subjects will be covered. Call The Rev. Debra Low-Skinner, 447-3289. Lenten evening prayer, soup supper and study offered on Mondays, March 14-April 11, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Study will use "The Last Week" A Day by Day Account of Jesus' Final Week in Jerusalem;" call The Rev. Debra Low-Skinner. 447-3289

She is Safe (formerly Sisters in Service) 6th Annual Indian Dinner, evening of special music & fellowship. Saturday, April 16, 2011 5:30-8 p.m., Special Guest Speaker is Michele Rickett, Founder and CEO, She is Safe. Tickets, adults \$15, children 10 and under \$5. Free childcare (ages 5 and under) with reservations contact maryhootman@comcast.net. For more information contact Gloria Gregory at (925) 998-3785

ADay of Reflection, with Thomas Merton, Sat., April 9, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton. Presented by Sr. Mary Neill, a Dominican Sister. Bring paper, pens, a pillow and bag lunch. Seating is limited. \$25 suggested donation. Reservations, contact Lisa Fairchild at lisafairchild@sbcglobal.net.

Nicodemus-The Question, Explore the life question of Nicodemus, one of Israel's most prominent leaders in the first century, in this dramatic presentation as he struggles to understand the message of Jesus Christ. Free event. Open seating. No tickets or reservations required. Child care provided for infants and very young children. Performances on Good Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Easter Sunday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m. Victory Point Church, 6258 Preston Avenue, Livermore. (925) 455-0700 or www.visitvictorypoint.com Stuart Young, pastor.

