

Mark Rydell

'Golden Pond' Director to Be Honored

Director Mark Rydell will be in the spotlight at the California Independent Film Festival on Fri., April 17.

Rydell will be presented with the 2009 Golden Slate Award for excellence in directing. The ceremony, along with the screening of the film, "On Golden Pond," will take place at the Vine Cinema in Livermore. The event begins at 8 p.m.

Prior to the festivities at the Vine Cinema, there will be a VIP reception on April 17, 5 p.m. at the Crooked Vine Winery in Livermore.

Rydell was nominated for an Oscar for his direction of "On Golden Pond." The movie won three Academy Awards: Best Actor, Henry Fonda; Best Actress, Katharine Hepburn; and Best Adapted Screenplay. Rydell said it was a privilege to work with Fonda and Hepburn.

Over the years, his pictures have been nominated for thirty-nine Academy Awards. Asked which film was his favorite, Rydell replied, "I have never made a picture I'm not proud of."

He came to producing after careers in music and acting. Rydell began his career as a musician, during which he said he wanted

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Tommy Tune

Tommy Tune Highlights Spring Gala

An Evening with Tommy Tune is the Livermore Valley Performing Art Center's Spring Gala. It will be held Sat., April 18 at 8 p.m.

Tommy Tune and the Manhattan Rhythm Kings will fill the Bankhead Theater with the smooth musical favorites. Tommy has received the highest honor for Artistic Achievement, The National Medal of Arts. In addition to singing, dancing, and acting, Tommy has garnered nine

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'Coffee with Cops' Planned This Saturday

The Livermore Police Department has scheduled April's "Coffee with the Cops" event.

Representative(s) from the Police Department, possibly to include a Police Captain, the Downtown Resource Officer, Crime Prevention and/or a Patrol Officer, will be available at Peet's Coffee, 152 S. Livermore Avenue, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday April 11, to chat with community members. The objective is to go where the people already gather and get to know them and allow them to ask questions in a casual setting.

The May event is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th also from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Starbucks, 2470 First Street.

If it looks as if the community is responding to this program, further dates will be scheduled to include different departments within the Police Department as well as other city departments.

Dim Economy Brings Changes to Fair

By Ron McNicoll

The Alameda County Fair will be going through some changes this year that have been brought about by the poorer economy.

Among the changes are a Wednesday opening on July 1, closures on the two Mondays in its run, and an increase of racing dates above last year. The fair laid off 10 percent of its employees at the end of last year because rentals of the fairgrounds facilities have been sagging. A major RV show was canceled, because many of the dealers are out of business as a result of the credit

crunch's impact on potential buyers.

The only silver lining in rentals to outside organizations has been the continued success of the quarterly Good Guys car shows. The spring show last month drew between 60,000 and 80,000 people over two days, said county fair CEO Rick Pickering.

During the fair, a boosted number of volunteers will be taking over the work of the laid-off staff. Pickering said that the response to the call for more volunteers has been excellent.

The fair is a non-profit organization. It receives no money

from Alameda County government. The make-or-break revenue producer is horse racing.

Horse racing has been in trouble in California. It has been squeezed by other forms of wagering, such as Indian casino gambling. More recently, legal on-line and telephone betting have made inroads.

The number of horses in California available for racing here has been reduced by changes in wagering. Eastern states have race tracks that have slot machines. Investors in those lucrative businesses come to California to buy horses, so there are fewer left for racing here.

"We may have to run 15 days (of racing) with not as many horses as we would like to have. We actively recruit horses from Arizona, Oregon, Washington, and even Idaho," said Pickering.

The track needs 800 to 1000 horses for a successful race meet. There are about 500 to 600 head of thoroughbreds stabled at the Pleasanton track. Others will be transported in, even on a daily basis.

Stall capacity at the Pleasanton track is 724. About 20 percent of the horses there now are participating in the Golden

Gate Fields season.

The only bright spot for Pleasanton has been the addition of more racing dates. Pickering said that normally Pleasanton hosts 10 or 11 racing dates. However, the Solano County Fair, which is operated by county government, sees new revenue opportunity by giving up horse racing, and tearing down its track to have a developer build a commercial mall. Solano County will keep the remainder of the site for the annual fair. The addition of racing dates improves the Pleasanton fair's financial outlook.

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Pictured are math teacher Marie Johnson, drive sponsor; student Estevan Ibarra, rugby player; and Red Cross Phlebotomist Diana Castillo.

Granada Sets Record for Blood Donations

The American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region and Granada High School joined together on Tuesday, March 31 to collect 172 pints of blood, marking the biggest one-day high school blood drive for the Red Cross in the Bay Area in more than 10 years.

Math teacher Marie Johnson organizes the Granada High School blood drives. She said, "This drive, in my opinion, was perfect. Everything went as planned, donations were smooth, and we surpassed all of our goals. The feedback from the

students has been incredibly positive." Johnson added that their next blood drive will be on June 2 and they will be opening the event to the public (appointments preferred).

Throughout the day, 198 students came to the Livermore school's small gym to donate. While the majority donated one pint of blood, eighteen of these students donated two pints of red blood cells through a special process called ALYX. ALYX allows donors to safely donate certain components of their blood in larger amounts. Blood is drawn

into a machine that separates the red blood cells from the rest of the blood - which is returned to the donor.

Red Cross Northern California Region CEO Jay Winkenbach said, "It is because of people like Marie Johnson and the students at Granada High that we have the blood supply needed to help save lives. Granada has consistently been a leading source of high school donations."

High school and college students provide nearly 29 percent of the blood the Red Cross collects

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Interest Increases in Businesses Classes

The demand for business classes has skyrocketed at Las Positas College over the past year, according to the college. In response, the college has increased the numbers and types of classes offered in order to meet that demand.

"It is part of our mission to anticipate and meet the needs of a dynamic, ever changing workforce and economic landscape," says Lisa Weaver, Las Positas College Business Department Coordinator, Business and Marketing Professor, and Economic Development Contact. "Right now, we are seeing an unprecedented demand for resources and support—and the business department has responded."

The department offers programs for business professionals, entrepreneurs, and students through a new website, new classes, and work-based learning.

Business owners and those planning to launch a business can access information and guidance with one click at Las Positas College's new website the Entrepreneurial Resource Center at www.entrepreneurialhelp.com/index.html. Resource topics include: Start Up, Training, Tri-Valley Region, Special Audiences, Marketing/Advertising/Sales, Finance/Taxes/Law, E-Business and Technology, Importing/Exporting, Managing and Business Operations, and Incorporating/Partnerships/Franchising. Resource links guide visitors to sites that answer a variety of questions.

Resources also are available for students and anyone considering entrepreneurship. One link, for example, offers a self-quiz helping individuals assess whether entrepreneurship is a good fit for their talents, skills, and personality types. Another

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South Livermore Session to Discuss Definition of a Winery

Definition of a winery will be the first topic addressed in discussing potential changes to the South Livermore Valley Area Plan.

The town hall meeting will be held Wed., April 22 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Discussion points will in-

clude the definition of a winery, ancillary uses of a winery, on-site wine production, tasting rooms and retail.

Because of the large turnout for the first session, the Alameda County Planning Department decided to host meetings on in-

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World War II: Stunning U.S. Growth Described

A year before World War II began, the U.S. was still in the grip of the Great Depression. Eleven years after the 1929 economic collapse, American unemployment remained high. Nearly half of white families lived in poverty, and 90 percent of black families.

Five years later, when World War II finally ended, the U.S. had risen with historic speed to a new level of prosperity that led to profound changes in the country and around the world. Winston Churchill said in his typically eloquent language: "The United States stand at this moment at the summit of the world."

How this dramatic change came about was the topic of a talk at the Bankhead Theater last week as David Kennedy, Pulitzer-prize winning professor at Stanford University, told "A Tale of Three Cities."

A sub-text of the talk was

Franklin Roosevelt's promise, in a Fireside Chat before the War began, that the United States would become the "great arsenal of democracy," implying that it would supply weapons and equipment instead of troops to its allies in Europe.

The cities of Kennedy's title were Rouen, France; Washington, D.C.; and Stalingrad, USSR. Those cities, in his view, evoke major wartime events and powerful currents that combined to leave America strong and wealthy at war's end, ready to undertake an historically unprecedented expansion of its powers, while other belligerent nations were decimated and would take decades to recover.

In August 1942, the first U.S. heavy bombing raid took place in Rouen, against a German-controlled railway center. While bombing damage was modest,

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Cinderella event, sponsored by Valley Spokesmen, offers an opportunity to ride bicycles and "dress up" for the occasion.

Zone 7 Water Agency Can Save Money By Eliminating Duplication

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency could save approximately \$411,000 annually by dropping the services of certain Alameda County departments, and taking over the duties, or contracting some of them out.

Consultant Dave Jensen presented a report to the Zone 7 board at a special meeting April

1 about the potential savings. It was a progress report, with the final draft due May 31. The staff function areas of which Jensen spoke are costing Zone 7 some \$1,232,000, because the work is done by the county for Zone 7.

If Zone 7 were to take over the work, as law permits, the annual costs could shrink to approximately \$821,000, said

Jensen. That would reduce the cost by 25 percent, because Zone 7 would no longer have to pay the county for its services.

The biggest change that Zone 7 could make would be alignment of its fiscal year with the calendar year. The county's budget year is six months off from Zone 7's. That means that Zone 7's finance staff spends 10 months a year on the

same financial projects, but broken down into different budget year overlaps. Eliminating that overlap would save finance staff 300 work hours, and free that time for them to do other things, said Jensen.

Hiring personnel is an example of duplication that is costing money to Zone 7. Both the county and Zone 7 play a

role in hiring, so it takes nine months to recruit and fill a position. That could be speeded up by eliminating the duplication, said Jensen.

In the payroll process, the county charges \$29,000 for its services. "The service is excellent. However, one of our clients signed a contract (with an out-

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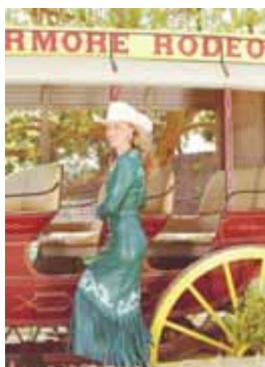
PET OF THE WEEK

A Star is Born! Her name is Barbra Streisand and, true to her namesake, she just loves attention. She also loves people. She'll sit and keep you company for hours, and would love to curl up on the sofa for a double feature! You'll make misty water colored memories with this funny girl. To meet Barbra, come to Valley Humane Society's Kitty City, open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. isit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925.426.8656 for more info. Garden Tour tickets are on sale now! Visit our web site to buy.

RODEO CORNER

A big milestone was passed on March 28th. The Livermore Rodeo Foundation, the non-profit section of the rodeo, was granted tax-exempt status and also held its first event. This event, a spaghetti feed fundraiser, was held in conjunction with the 2009 Livermore Rodeo Queen Contest. Both the Queen Contest and the Foundation Dinner were huge successes.

The Queen Contest was the best in years, with four very talented and beautiful women competing for the title of Miss Livermore Rodeo 2009. They were Kristi Sutherland from Brentwood, Rachele Reich from Lodi, Samantha Materne from Rodeo and Rachel Nelson from Livermore. Rachele Reich was voted first runner up. This year's Miss Livermore Rodeo is Rachel Nelson.



Rachel Nelson

Rachel was Miss Livermore Jr Rodeo last year and also held the Junior Crown at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo. She attends Las Positas College, where she is studying business. The judges said that it was a very good competition and that Rachel Nelson stood out. The Rodeo Association is proud to have Rachel as the 2009 Queen and looks forward to her representing the Livermore Rodeo throughout the year.

"We like to say a huge thank you and a job well done to Amanda Delaplaine, Miss Livermore Rodeo 2008. You have been a great Queen, a great friend and a wonderful ambassador for not only our event but the sport of rodeo as well. You are always welcome at the Livermore Rodeo."

The Livermore Rodeo Foundation Dinner was the kick-off event for the organization. Around 350 people sat down to a family style spaghetti feed served by the Granada HS Football Team and sponsored by L&M Unique Boutique, Checkers Catering, Markstein Beverage Sales, Colombo, Berloger Vineyards and Red Feather Winery. With all 350 people stuffed in to the barn, the Queen contestants were introduced and the winner was announced. It was exciting to hear the crowd cheer during the introductions and extremely special when the winner was announced. "The crowd went crazy as they say."

The Livermore Rodeo Foundation would like to thank Kirsten Barranti, a local attorney, for donating the hundreds of hours she spent filling out and submitting all the paperwork to get this organization up and running. Without her advice, counsel, gentle prodding and total commitment to this goal the Foundation would still be an idea talked about for many more years.

This year the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo Association is opening up its downtown banner sponsors to the public. These banners are hung on the downtown street poles from approximately mid-May till after the rodeo. For \$100 a sponsor can put a family or business name on a banner and show support for Livermore's biggest and oldest event, The Livermore Rodeo. Call Dave Fagundes at (925)373-9454 for all info concerning the Rodeo Downtown Sponsorship Program. There are only 24 spots available.

With only a couple of months left before rodeo time, things are getting busy. Volunteers are getting the rodeo grounds in shape, sponsors are being contacted, contracts are being finalized and the multitude of small things are getting squared away. This year's rodeo is the weekend of June 13th and 14th. The World's Fastest Rodeo makes for a day of fun in the sun, a place to be with friends and family.

Wildflower Festival in Sunol Park

Sunol Regional Wilderness will be holding its seventh annual Spring Wildflower Festival on Saturday, April 11 from 11am - 4 pm. The festival will take place near the Old Green Barn Visitor Center at Sunol Regional Wilderness at the end of Geary Road off of Calaveras.

This will be a celebration of the birds, bees, flowers and trees, along with a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the East Bay Regional Park District. Anyone with an interest in wildflowers or nature is encouraged to attend - there is something for all ages. Interpretive staff will explore easy ways to identify wildflowers and lead hikes to the best wildflower viewing areas to see different varieties.

Slideshows, exhibits, and hikes of various lengths and subjects will be offered throughout the day by Sunol naturalists. Hikes range from kid-

friendly, butterflies, to ethnobotany, to a longer flower hike to Little Yosemite waterfalls at 2 pm. Activities also include arts and crafts, flower dissection, temporary henna tattoos, live music by "Extended Roots," and a plein air painting demonstration by local artist Carolyn Lord. There are no food concessions in the park so visitors should bring a lunch and non-alcoholic beverage and enjoy a picnic in the great outdoors.

Senator Ellen Corbett (D - San Leandro) will be addressing the public at 12:00 pm, and joining District naturalists for a one-hour guided wildflower walk from 12:30-1:30 pm.

The event is free to the public. However, the usual \$5 parking fee will be charged. Call 510-544-3240 or visit www.ebparks.org for more information.

Easter Egg Hunts Scheduled

The 28th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be hosted by the Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch on Sat., April 11.

The hunt will take place at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton starting at 10 a.m.

Toddlers through fifth grade are invited to take part.

There will be a \$100 golden egg to find, along with 6000 eggs.

There will be a special \$100 hay hunt for children in 6th through 8th grades.

The event also includes prizes and a special visit from the Easter Bunny. There is no admission charge.

For more information, call Lee at 784-6808.

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sat., April 11 at the Flagpole Plaza in downtown Livermore.

The hunt begins at 11 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop. In addition to hunting for eggs, participants can take part in a bonnet contest, a sack race, an egg run, and have photos taken with the Easter Bunny.

The festivities continue at the Vine Center at 12:30 p.m., including an opportunity to take photos with the Easter Bunny.

Operation Gateway Offers Transition Program for Veterans

Las Positas College is offering a new summer transition program, Operation Gateway - A Veteran's Transition to Success. The four-day program will run July 16-19. It is designed as an orientation and workshop for returning veterans who wish to further their education at Las Positas College.

Operation Gateway will serve a minimum of 25 veterans each session. The four-day seminar will be dedicated to in-depth education/career planning, classroom expectations, finance and benefits information, campus life, community resources and veteran support services. The

program also offers opportunities for veterans to experience the community and camaraderie they will foster and develop throughout their experience at the college.

Veterans who participate in Operation Gateway and are enrolled for at least 3/4-time at Las Positas College will receive a book stipend for the fall semester.

Operation Gateway is Las Positas College's latest effort to expand its veterans services program.

For more information, please contact Todd Steffan at (925) 424-1582.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Buchanan Honored

Assemblymember Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) was honored recently at the annual San Ramon Valley Education Foundation (SRVEF) dinner in Danville. The honor recognizes Assemblymember Buchanan's 18 years of service on the San Ramon Valley Unified School District Board, prior to her election to the Assembly.

"Joan's on-going service and commitment to our students and schools is remarkable. The foundation is thrilled to honor her 18 years as a school board member," said Vanessa Chan, Executive Director of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation.

Each year the SRVEF honors an individual for his/her exceptional dedication to the students of the San Ramon Valley. An advocate for children, Buchanan has been one of the San Ramon Valley's most effective community activists. During her 18 years of service on the SRVUSD Board, she led a turn around of the schools finances and her expertise in budgeting put the district on solid financial footing. She also spearheaded the facilities bond programs and master plans that have built state-of-the-art schools.

Buchanan stated, "I am proud of what we have accomplished in the district by working together and I am honored to be recognized by individuals for whom I have tremendous respect."

DeSaulnier Endorsed

The Contra Costa Building Trades Council has endorsed State Senator Mark DeSaulnier in his bid for California's 10th Congressional District should the seat become available. The vote (taken April 1, 2009) was unanimous among the Council's local affiliates.

Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, D-Walnut Creek, is expected to vacate the seat upon her confirmation as Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security in the State Department of the Obama administration. The Trades Council, a local affiliate of the California Building and Construction Trades Council and of the AFL-CIO, represents approximately 30,000 workers throughout Contra Costa County. The Tenth District includes the Contra Costa communities of Antioch, El Cerrito, Walnut Creek, Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette, Pleasant Hill, and part of Concord.

Good Friday Protest

The annual Good Friday action will take place April 10 at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Members of the religious peace community and other advocates will meet at 6:45 a.m. at the corner of Vasco Road and Patterson Pass Road. Keynote speaker will be Rev. Nobuaki Hanaoka. Participants will march to the gates

of the Lab following the service.

Among the participating groups is Tri-Valley CAREs.

Renewable Energy

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) has introduced a major renewable energy initiative in the form of three bills. The bills are H.R. 1774, the Smart Grid Advancement Act, H.R. 1730, the Vehicles for the Future Act, and H.R. 1775, the Grants for Renewable Energy Education for the Nation Act, or the GREEN Act.

H.R. 1774, the Smart Grid Advancement Act, would initiate development of a more efficient electrical grid. The bill would task states and utilities with establishing goals for reducing electrical use during peak times through the use of smart grid technologies. Smart grid refers to systems or technologies that help reduce use during times of peak consumption, such as in the afternoon versus late at night.

"This bill is part of the foundation of a more sustainable energy plan for our nation," said Rep. McNerney. "Smart grid technologies will both save consumers money and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

This bill would also improve the Energy Star Program - an initiative that gives consumers the tools to purchase energy efficient and cost-saving appliances. Currently, the program labels commonly used appliances such as washing machines and refrigerators with information about their efficiency. The Smart Grid Advancement Act would better integrate smart grid features into the Energy Star Program.

The second bill, H.R. 1730, the Vehicles for the Future Act, lays the groundwork for the more widespread use of plug-in hybrid electric and electric vehicles by creating the electrical infrastructure needed for these cars.

Currently, one significant barrier to the widespread use of plug-in hybrid electric and electric vehicles is that charging stations are not readily available. This bill would task public utility commissions with developing plans to improve the infrastructure needed for these cars by installing charging stations in commonly used locations such as gas stations and parking garages.

The third bill, H.R. 1775, the GREEN Act, would help create a workforce ready for a green economy. The bill would provide \$100 million in competitive grants for the development of career and technical training in the field of renewable energy. Post-secondary institutions and career and technical schools could use these grants to enter into public-private partnerships to develop these training programs.

"These grants will ready the next generation of workers for good-paying, green collar jobs," said Rep. McNerney. "This bill goes hand in hand with the others because it will help create the workforce needed to build our nation's green energy infrastructure."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Sunshine and rain have produced a colorful array of wildflowers throughout the Valley. In the photo, poppies create a frame for Ravenswood Historic site in Livermore.

Career-to-Work Program Graduation Scheduled

Five Pleasanton students from Horizon High School will participate in a graduation ceremony to celebrate completion of a Career-to-Work internship program.

For the past decade, students in the Horizon School-Age Parent Program have been provided a five week employment internship with the City of Pleasanton to gain knowledge and skills in the real work world. This year, five students participated in the program which began on March 10, working on the job from 9:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. three days per week in various city departments.

One student worked in the Human Resources department where she developed a database for applicant correspondence. Another intern worked in the Support Services division with the city mechanics, learning about automotive technology in theory and hands-on instruction. Staff supplied books about careers in the industry, and took him on a field trip to Las Positas College to expose him to the automotive program at the campus. Another student who is interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) was assigned to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department where she provided some clerical functions and was also invited to ride along with a fire

engine to witness the "Every 15 Minutes" drill at Amador High School, and respond to a medical call.

The graduation will take place April 9 at the Pleasanton Tennis Complex.

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EDITORIAL

Michell Grows To K-8

Livermore's Joe Michell School will add seventh and eighth grades in the next two years as the result of recent action by the board of trustees.

Michell is currently a K-6 school. Some of the board was leaning to keep it that way, but parents wanted their K-8 and ultimately prevailed. The decision was unanimous.

Parents said Michell has its own identity. "We want to be a school that keeps it simple. This is a family environment where children can be very comfortable," said Richard Crampton.

Though Michell is going to K-8 at a time of cutbacks throughout the system, the school demonstrated a "we can" spirit in crusading for the change. We think the board made a wise decision.

FAIR

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There will be no racing on Mondays, as usual, and also on Tuesdays.

DARK ON TWO MONDAYS

The fair itself will shut down on the two Mondays between opening day July 1 and closing day, July 19. The fair calendar itself is a new departure. It's believed to be the first time the fair will open on a Wednesday, instead of the usual Friday. In past years, the fair would have opened on June 26.

There will be the traditional opening week fireworks on Friday night. As in the past, the fair will close on a Sunday. In effect, the new schedule with its additional Wednesday and Thursday should help attendance, because Mondays are usually the slowest weekday in commerce and the entertainment business, according to Pickering.

YOUTH DISPLAYS DISPERSED

Another change will occur in the Young California Building. Constructed in the 1970s entirely with fair revenue, it has displayed the fruits of 4-H and ROP programs, and other youth-oriented projects. Such projects have shrunk in size and number over the years. They will be dispersed to other buildings, except for the 4-H cake sale, which will continue at Young California.

The space formerly occupied by the youth exhibits will be used by an expansion of commercial exhibits. It is expected to

help the revenue stream.

Explaining the shift of the youth exhibits, Pickering said that at one time there were enough wood shop classes in area high schools to produce 35 or 40 displays of furniture, which took up plenty of the Young California building's area. Now there are "only one or two high school wood shops functioning, and we have five or six (displays)," said Pickering.

It was reaching the point that the fair staff had to hang big banners to offset the vacant space look from dwindling exhibits there, he said.

Pickering said that he couldn't predict what attendance will be like this year. It's too dependent on the weather. Last year, the first week of the fair had such thick smoke from northern California forest fires that people stayed away. It was hard to see the race track from the grandstand across the infield, he said.

However, the addition of racing dates and the line-up of free concerts that are included on the fair ticket give Pickering some optimism. "We are a significant regional draw. People come from as far away as Sacramento, Monterey, San Francisco and Angel's Camp."

Santa Clara County, where the county fair dwindled from three weeks eventually down to four days, has many people now attending the Pleasanton fair, he said.

BUSINESS

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page allows website visitors to contact faculty, sign up for future mailings, contribute comments about the website, and request specific information. The website highlights Las Positas College programs and classes that support the needs of small business owners and entrepreneurs.

The focus of the information is on the Tri-Valley region, which, according to a Tri-Valley Business Council report, has been poised to become one of the Bay Area's fastest growing regions for small business startups and innovation. The website homepage features photos of Tri-Valley industries including science, high tech, wine making and viticulture, biomedical, automotive, and retail. "One of our most valued partnerships is with the Tri-Valley business community," Weaver says.

Janice Noble, Dean of Academic Services for the Business, Computing, and Applied Technology Division, added, "We have acted swiftly to meet the demand by increasing our course offerings and availability." Noble says certificate and degree programs are available.

New offerings include the following:

- Introduction to QuickBooks; the on-line class begins fall semester.

- One-day Saturday classes in the Supervisory Program: Dealing with Difficult People, Team Building, and Successful Performance Appraisals. Find registration information at www.laspositascollege.edu/index.php.

The college also offers a work base learning program.

Leslie Gravino, Las Positas College Work Based Learning Coordinator, noted, "This year, we have seen a dramatic increase in enrollment of experienced people who have lost their jobs and want to change careers or re-tool their technological capabilities."

Students learn new skills through Las Positas Technical Support (LaPTechS), a student-run business providing low-cost

computer, administrative, and technical services to local businesses, schools, community organizations, and Las Positas College. Its mission is to foster the highest standard in business resource solutions while providing on-the-job training for students. As part of the business, students learn how to repair computers and offer this as a free service to Las Positas College students, staff, and faculty.

Gravino notes that LaPTechS marked its 10th anniversary on April 1 with a celebration in the library.

WINERY

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dividual topics raised during the kick-off meeting.

Currently, a winery is defined as a facility where wine making must be the primary activity. Planning Director Chris Bazar commented at the kick-off session, one thing that the county needs to do is add clarity to the definition. For example, do grapes need to be grown on site, what percentage of the grapes are required to be processed on site. What level of retail is permissible?

The county looked at eleven other wine regions in the state. All required some type of use permit for a winery. Ten of the eleven required a permit for a tasting room, which was allowed only with an on-site winery. Days and hours of operation and number of patrons were regulated in several of the counties. All required use permits for special events.

The meeting will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

For additional information, contact senior planner, Jana Beatty Weldon at jana.beatty@acgov.org or 510-670-5400.

DOE, EPA Reach Agreement on Lab Clean-up

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have agreed to accelerate the re-start of soil and groundwater treatment facilities at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). Selected treatment facilities had been shutdown due to a reduction in the Fiscal Year 2008 Congressional Federal budget appropriation for cleanup at the site.

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement with EPA that focuses our resources on our top cleanup priorities -- protecting the public and cleaning up

the site," said DOE National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Livermore Site Office Manager Alice Williams. "The accelerated re-start will be accomplished through the utilization of a combination of new hires, subcontracting, and overtime."

When DOE was informed of the budget reduction in 2008, the agency's priority was to ensure that contaminants in the subsurface would not spread further offsite and that there was no risk to the public during the time that some of the treatment facilities were not operational. Con-

sequently, DOE worked with environmental scientists at LLNL to identify high operating cost facilities on the interior of the site for shutdown. Other interior facilities were allowed to run until they needed to be shutdown due to parts breaking down.

The DOE focus was to ensure that treatment facilities on the perimeter of the Laboratory would operate to protect the public and prevent further spread of the contaminated plumes. The strategy was successful because recent sampling showed there was no further spread of the contaminated plumes during this

time beyond the perimeter of the Laboratory.

Seventeen facilities are currently operational. The remainder of the treatment facilities in the re-start agreement will be operational by December 31, 2009. DOE and EPA have also agreed to re-evaluate the cleanup in areas where it is no longer effective and will involve state regulatory agencies and community stakeholders in the decision-making process. As part of the agreement reached during informal dispute resolution, DOE will pay the EPA \$165,000.

Innovation Network Looking for Entrepreneurs

Tri-Valley Innovation Network (TVIN), the first network focused on helping Tri-Valley entrepreneurs succeed, has launched a new on-line network and complementary events that provide education, networking opportunities, access to resources, and assistance to locate funding.

Entrepreneurs can now join this on-line network at www.trivalleyinnovation.com to create a business plan, attend educational events, find mentors and build professional networks.

While there are a number of on-line and offline services dedicated to entrepreneurs, TVIN is focused on building local relationships with resources that are critical to the survival of Tri-Valley startups.

"Innovation and entrepreneurship are a vital part of the Tri-Valley economy. We also

typically see an upswing in entrepreneurial activity during a down economy. With these factors in mind, we are very excited to launch a network focused on ensuring the success and sustainability of innovation through networking, education and access to resources," said Toby Brink, President of the Tri-Valley Business Council.

TVIN is funded by the Tri-Valley cities to support local innovators and entrepreneurs. "We are grateful for the support provided by the Tri-Valley cities," said A.J. Major, Chairman of the Board and Managing Partner with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. "It demonstrates their strong commitment to the entrepreneurial community in the Tri-Valley."

In addition, the Tri-Valley Business Council is sponsoring a contest. Nominations are now

open for local entrepreneurs to enter the TVIN Innovator's Contest. All entrants will receive publicity and score sheets completed by a review panel, as well as access to local investors. The winner will be given the opportunity to attend the next local Keiretsu Forum meeting as well as the slate of TVIN sponsored events, including the first showcase scheduled for July 2009. To enter a startup, please go to www.trivalleyinnovation.com/contest and sign up for free.

TVIN will host a launch event on April 22nd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Casa Real in Pleasanton to bring together local entrepreneurs, investors, service providers and press. Winner of the TVIN Innovator's Award will be announced by Randy Williams, Founder of the Keiretsu Forum, the world's largest organized angel investor organization.

New Role for Lab Proposed In Study

A collaboration of six national and regional groups has released a study advocating a total stockpile of 500 nuclear warheads and the down-sizing of the nuclear complex from eight sites to three.

Among the recommendations is a plan to direct research at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory toward energy, environmental and global climate research. The Lab would no longer be part of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). In addition, NNSA control of Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore and the Nevada Test Site would be ended.

The Nuclear Weapons Complex Consolidation Policy Network study looks at how to reduce weapons in the near term, including recommendations for the Administration's pending nuclear posture review. It expands on the complex transformation launched by the Bush administration.

The release of the study follows on a speech by President Barack Obama in which he declared that a nuclear free world is a long term national goal.

The study concludes that a much smaller weapons complex could maintain the reduced number of weapons in a deterrent stockpile. It recommends that NNSA adopt a "curatorship" approach that emphasizes changing existing weapons as little as possible and refrains from introducing new military capabilities of warheads.

Los Alamos Lab would handle the nuclear components curatorship, Sandia New Mexico the non-nuclear components and Pantex would accelerate dismantlement and storage.

There is a recommendation that NNSA reduce the number of places where weapons grade and weapons quantities of nuclear materials are stored, such as highly enriched uranium, which would be used in a nuclear device. Finally, the report suggests, "NNSA federalize its forces, ending the current hodgepodge of contractors managing security."

Among the groups taking part in the study are Tri-Valley CAREs, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Project on Government Oversight.

ZONE 7

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side firm) for \$18,400," said Jensen. The county provides insurance coverage for Zone 7, but the agency could join a pool. A representative of a professional association of water agencies called Jensen, and told him that it could provide a quote for Zone 7.

Jensen will recommend keeping the county for tax collection, public works, property and salvage, the employee recognition program, and the county assessor's office's functions.

'\$400,000 IS SIGNIFICANT'

Responding to Jensen's presentation, director John Greci stated, "The \$400,000 is significant savings. We'll be able to accomplish things quicker." He also wanted to know what employees think of making such changes.

Board member Bill Stevens asked whether the amount of savings would help with retail water rates.

Zone 7 assistant general manager John Yue said that as the study continues, the cost benefit dollars will emerge more clearly.

Livermore water supervisor Randy Werner told the board, "I see that you want to work well at your end, so we'll have lower water rates." He asked that the board put the savings into lower water rates.

Stevens wanted to know whether Zone 7 could make all of the changes as soon as it receives the report, and has time to digest it.

Jensen said there is a "labor component," and it might take time. However, if the change were accomplished, he would recommend the move at the time a switch could be made to align the fiscal year with the calendar year.

Junction Avenue Middle Schools Continues Long Tradition of Recognizing Academic Excellence

By Patricia Koning

School districts have been on a roller coaster of budget reductions and layoffs for years, resulting in many programs being cut one year and then later reinstated. Standing out against this turbulence is Junction Avenue Middle School's Academic Olympics, a program that has been recognizing and rewarding student achievement since 1985—the year when Ronald Reagan began his second term as president, Gorbachev became leader of the Soviet Union, *Calvin and Hobbes* debuted, and the Nintendo Entertainment System was released in the United States.

On Wednesday, March 25, Junction students went head to head to prove their prowess in math, science, social studies, oral interpretation, public speaking, and academic writing in the school's 24th annual Academic Olympics.

"It's really great to recognize academic achievement and help kids feel good about their success in school," said Livermore School Board president Kate Runyon, whose eighth grade daughter was competing. "I think that's why this program has lasted for so many years. Both my kids have loved participating in the Academic Olympics."

In the math, science, and social studies competitions, the students participate on three- or four-person teams comprised of stu-

dents from different grade levels. Students take tests in the subject areas to earn a spot on a team. In oral interpretation, public speaking, and academic writing, the students compete individually.

In the science competition, the teams answered questions on ions, genotypes, the law of superposition, condensation, mitochondria, organelles, convergent boundaries, inertia, volcanoes, Newton's laws, chloroplast, and strike slip faults, among other topics. After each question was read, the teams worked quietly together and wrote their answers on a white board, which they held up for scoring.

"They instantly know if they are right or wrong," said Junction principal Susan Sambucetti. "Which is nice because in other tests it can take days and weeks to learn your score."

All of the questions are tied to state standards, so the competition is, in a sense, a warm-up for the California Standards Tests they will begin taking next month. Students won't receive the CST results until late in the summer.

Once the competitive events were finished, the academic Olympians, their parents, and teachers enjoyed dinner courtesy of the Livermore Mosaic Masonic Lodge and the Junction PTA. The evening concluded with an awards ceremony, during which several students won med-

als in multiple events, such as seventh grader Drake Foote (bronze in math and social studies, silver in science) and eighth grader Andy Gonzalez (gold in social studies and academic writing, silver in science). Seventh grader Peter Cable took home one of each color—gold in academic writing, silver in math, and bronze in science.

The winners of the 24th annual Junction Avenue Academic Olympics are:

Math: Gold- Justin Davis (6th), Dominic Lestochi, (6th), Matthew Cable (7th), Stephen Goode (7th); Silver-Thomas Clark (6th), Peter Cable (7th), Karla Gomez (7th), Tyler Neabeach (8th); Bronze- Chris Hinds (6th), Joseph Pettis (6th), Drake Foote (7th), Joseph Rojas (7th).

Science: Gold- Roxanne Pignolet (6th), Ryker Johnson (7th), Keyang Sun (8th); Silver- Dominic Lestochi (6th), Drake Foote (7th), Andy Gonzales (8th); Bronze- Dorothy Richards (6th), Peter Cable (7th), Mackinna Hart (8th).

Social Studies: Gold- Rogelio Molina (6th), Kieran West (6th), Liz Person (7th), Andy Gonzalez (8th); Silver- Dominic Lestochi (6th), Vanessa Valenti, (6th), Karla Gomez (7th), Michelle Runyon (8th); Bronze- Justin Dion (6th), Casey Tanod (6th), Drake Foote (7th), Jacob Campbell (7th).

Oral Interpretation: Gold- Ryker Johnson; Silver- Mackinna Hart; Bronze- Jacob Carnes.

Public Speaking: Gold- Genezore Cabusaoo; Silver- Guijanpeter Joe Gaba; Bronze- Kelsey Pettis.

Academic Writing: 6th grade: Gold- Gabriela Olivera, Silver- Chance Owen, Bronze- Casey Tanod; 7th grade, Gold- Peter Cable, Silver- Madeline Glaviano, Bronze- Samantha Gilmore; 8th grade, Gold- Andrew Gonzales, Silver- Tonette Pham, Bronze- Joshua Barros.

WWII

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the raid was the beginning of a three-year effort to destroy Axis industrial capacity and damage civilian morale. It was an outgrowth of a deliberate decision by the U.S. to follow a strategy first advocated by the Italian general Giulio Douhet, who argued forcibly that after World War I that the strategic bombing could change the course of wars by destroying economic targets.

The second city was Washington, D.C., where in October 1942, the powerful War Production Board held an acrimonious meeting to resolve competing demands of civilian and military leaders for financial and manpower resources to carry on the war. The debates of that day led to a new sense of economic realism that would protect the interests of the American populace, industrial capacity and economy at the expense of narrow military goals. The decision involved a reduction in the number of American soldiers deployed.

The third city, Stalingrad, was where at least 350,000 German soldiers were killed or captured in the bloodiest battle of that war, or any other. Russia might have collapsed — many western analysts predicted that it would — but instead prevailed at immense cost. Many historians see the surrender of the exhausted German force at Stalingrad as the turning point of the war. In the West, it gave important confirmation to the American plan to limit total numbers of ground troops and retain manpower within the continental U.S., and helped to justify postponing an invasion of Europe from 1943 to 1944.

This strategy embittered Soviet leader Josef Stalin, who repeatedly complained about the imbalance between Russian

losses and those of his Anglo-American allies. He considered Anglo-American battles in North Africa, Sicily and Italy to be diversions from the real war. Shortly after the victory at Stalingrad, he said, "The Red Army is fighting on their front alone...We are waiting for a real offensive in the west to take some of the load off our backs."

There were many other issues dividing the U.S. and Britain from their Soviet allies, the first of which were decades of mistrust and hostility between liberal democracies and an iron dictatorship. Europe had always been the main focus of Roosevelt's interest. He had made it clear that he wanted to oppose German expansion by supplying "the implements of war," not by sending Americans to fight.

In a country whose mainland was almost untouched by the war's devastation, this had the inevitable result of stimulating U.S. industrial output and improving the standard of living. By the end of the war, Kennedy told his audience, the U.S. economy had grown by more than half while the economies of its allies, Britain and the Soviet Union, had declined by one-third. In 1940, U.S. unemployment had been 14 percent, and by 1945, it was essentially zero. At war's end, the U.S. had half the world's manufacturing capacity and generated more than half of the world's electrical energy.

As terrible as the human toll was in World War II, the U.S. was also better off in the cold statistics of death. According to Kennedy, the U.S. suffered 405,000 killed, almost none of them civilians, while the USSR lost 24 million, of whom 16 million were civilians. Germany lost 6.5 million, of whom one million

were civilians. China lost 10 million, including six million civilians. The UK lost 350,000, of whom 100,000 were civilians. World War II was the first war in which civilian deaths outnumbered military ones.

The war enhanced America's ability to prosper economically. However, if its economic growth was dramatic and historic, Kennedy said, so was its evolution from a resolutely isolationist nation before the war to the leader of international cooperation by the end of it. U.S. initiatives led to establishment of the International Monetary Fund in 1944, the World Bank in 1945, the Marshall Plan in 1948, and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in 1947, leading eventually to the World Trade Organization more recently. These were watershed events in the evolution of the post-War world.

America's latent power was recognized years earlier by two of its staunchest enemies. In September 1940, while reluctantly planning the attack on Pearl Harbor, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto warned that Japan would "run wild for six months" after the surprise, but that he had "utterly no confidence for the second or third year" as the U.S. gathered strength.

In Germany more than a year later, learning of the Pearl Harbor attack, Adolf Hitler happily claimed that a Nazi victory was now assured. However, his more perceptive foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, warned, "We have just one year to cut off Russia from her American supplies" or the war will become much more difficult.

Ribbentrop's understated warning came to pass. The war became much more difficult.

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SPORTS NOTES



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Amador Valley and Livermore runners battled it out in the 110-meter hurdle event during a dual meet. The Livermore women won their side of the meet 85 to 51, the Amador men were victorious by an 84 to 52 margin.

Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer U-15 squad acquitted themselves very well at State Cup this weekend at the Cherry Island Soccer complex near Sacramento. On Saturday afternoon, they battled Delta Elite in a very physical contest, which remained scoreless until the 18th minute when Dane Shaffar sped down the right wing and crossed for Duke Driggs, who volleyed home emphatically. The game was not decided however until the last five minutes when Seth Niemeyer scored on a bicycle kick while the Elite's keeper was out of the playing on the ground for a final 2 to 0 victory. Top Offensive Players: Duke Driggs, Seth Niemeyer; Top Defensive Players: Suchi Kuo, Justin Lui.

On Sunday morning, Ballistic were hoping for an easier match against Marin F.C. however their opponents had other ideas and they competed for every loose ball, constantly pressuring the Ballistic players into making mistakes. Despite creating many chances, neither team could break the deadlock and they finished tied 0-0. Top Offensive Players: Colin Hartland, Jason Chew; Top Defensive Players: Michael Viebeck, Erik Knages.

Although unbeaten going into their third game on Sunday afternoon, Ballistic knew that they had to beat the highly ranked Clovis Odyssey in order to advance to the next round. The Galaxy had already won their first two games 2-0 and 5-1, and it did not take them very long to show Ballistic why they are placed so highly in the state and national rankings. Ballistics defense failed to properly clear the ball and it fell invitingly to the clovis left-midfielder, who gave Ballistics keeper no chance with a ferocious shot which took a deflection on its way into the top corner of the net.

Clovis had a lot of speed up front and their left winger showed it, driving into the penalty area forcing a Ballistic defender to bring him down and concede a penalty kick. Ballistic keeper, Michael Viebeck almost stopped the kick, but it squirmed under his arm and into the net. As the teams trotted off the field at halftime, the outlook was rather bleak for Ballistic.

In the second half, Clovis appeared to take the foot off the gas and seemed content to sit back on defense and play for time. The strategy very nearly back-fired on them because Ballistic had no intention of settling for a 0-2 defeat. Instead, they began to take over the midfield and were rewarded for their dogged determination when they pulled a goal back. A free-kick from midfielder Baron Kim was clipped into the Clovis net by Nandor Krause with the finest of glancing headers.

Suddenly Clovis didn't seem quite so confident of victory and Ballistic threw men forward in search of the equalizer. The final fifteen minutes were very nerve-racking ones for Clovis as they repelled numerous Ballistic attacks from set-piece corners and free-kicks. In the end, they hung on just long enough to preserve their 2-1 victory but their relieved expressions at the final whistle were a clear indication that they knew that they had just dodged a bullet. Ballistic finished their season with three very credit-worthy performances against quality opposition. They were competitive in all three games and can look forward to next season with great confidence. Top Offensive Players: Nandor Krause, Seth Niemeyer; Top Defensive Players: Baron Kim, Erik Knages.

The Livermore Crew 95, won the first game of the spring soccer season. The Division One Girls Under 13 Gold team played the Sonoma County Alliance at Kellman Fields in Livermore, shutting Sonoma out with a decisive 2-0 win. In the first half, Jessica Hopkins, kicked to the goal, only to have the ball deflected by the Sonoma goalie, Katie Lortie, was able to retake the ball and, with a well placed kick, score the first goal of the game. During the second half, once again, Jessica Hopkins powered towards the net, and this time, was not denied, scoring the second goal for the Crew. Every girl on the team worked hard for the win, playing with skill and determination, preventing Sonoma from scoring a single goal.

Amador HS Swimming

In competition with some of the best swim teams in the state, the Amador Valley Dons showed they could hold their own. The combined team (girls and boys) finished 7th out of 31 teams and the girls finishing 5th out of 39 teams and the boys finishing 13th out of 29 teams.

Catherine Breed led the way for the Dons, winning an Individual High Point Award and winning and qualifying for All-American in the two events she swam (200 IM & 100 Fly). In the 100 fly, her time in the broke the meet record, and also broke Amador's school record (previously held by Cathy Coley, '00). Breed also swam on the 200 medley team which finished third and the 400 free relay team which placed fourth. All of Amador's relays teams, whose other members were Natalie Wong, Tory Houston, Jenn Docto, Marie Schmidt, Lindsey Baxter, and Rachel Miller qualified for North Coast. The 200 free relay team finished 10th overall.

Five more girl swimmers qualified for North Coast individually. Danielle Stickler placed third in the 100 back, Houston finished third in the breaststroke and seventh in the IM; and Wong placed 11th in the IM and qualified in the 100 fly. Schmidt qualified in both the 200 and 500 free while Casey Coughlin also qualified in the 500 free. The dive team also held their own against stiff competition. In an 11 dive meet, Tyler Pullen came in 4th place (out of 16) with a score of 459.05, Alexa Hernandez came in 18th (out of 42 girls) with 343.25, Emma Rigel came in 21st with 307.75, Marina Mihov (24th) with 286.45. All four qualified

for the NCS championships.

The Boys team wasn't quite as successful as the Girls, but even though they were missing a couple of their top swimmers, they acquitted themselves well. Scott Arellano pulled a third in the 50 free with a 22.33 time. And placed 11th in the 100 free. Both times qualify for NCS. Krishnan Rajagopal placed 16th in the fly, qualifying for NCS and Jake Bahls qualified in the 200 yard free. All three relay teams had a good meet and qualified for North Coast thanks to the efforts of Eric Gates, Edward Zhang, Jason Cunningham, Jack Payan, Joey Silva, Rajagopal, Bahls, and Arellano.

INVITATIONAL MEET

Jake Bahls brought home a first in the grueling 500 free and a second in the 200 to lead the Amador Valley Varsity boys to a third place finish in the Second Annual Tom Wilson Invitational held at the Amador pool. Other top 10 finishes: Eddie Zhang 8th 200 free, 4th 100 fly; Jason Cunningham 5th 50 free, 5th 100 free; Krish Rajagopal, 5th 100 fly, 6th 500 free; Eric Gates 9th 100 free, 2nd back; James Cheney 10th 500 free; Tim McLaughlin 5th back.

The Amador Valley Varsity girls were missing a few swimmers, but still managed to finish third in the Second Annual Tom Wilson Invitational held at the Amador pool. Cassidy Booe and Nicole Pihl turned in the top individual performances, finishing fifth in the 500 free and 50 free respectively. Booe also took 8th in the 200 free. Other top 10 finishes: Marie Schmidt 7th 200 free; Theresa Martin 8th 200 IM, 8th fly; Alicia Brown 9th IM, 9th fly; Emma McGuinness 9th 100 free, 7th back; Erica Ergan, 6th breast; Christina Zhang 8th breast.

Eric Hildebrand and Ben Sorsen posted impressive performances in individual events to lead the Amador Valley JV boys to second place finish in the Second Annual Tom Wilson Invitational held at the Amador pool. Hildebrand finished first in the 50 free and second in the back while Sorsen grabbed second in the 100 free and third in the 200 free. Other top ten finishes: Alec Psinakis 4th, 6th back; Matt Sun 7th IM, 5th back; Chris Mowry 9th back, 9th breast; Alex Iniguez 5th 500 free, 3rd 100 free; Camren Chang 10th 100 breast; Trevor Bielby 9th breast, 10th 50 fly; Jordan Fite 5th 100 free; Eric Song 6th 100 free; Kent Shapiro 7th 100 free; Alec Baggett 4th 500 free; Michael Lenz 7th 500 free; Shridhar Ghandi 8th 500 free.

The Amador Valley JV Girls placed second in the Second Annual Tom Wilson Invitational held at the Amador pool. The girls were led by Elle Surber who tied for the High Point award for the meet. Surber one the 100 IM and the back and participated in a second place finishes for the medley and 200 free relays. The 400 relay turned in an impressive performance, finishing first. This team consisted of Katie Lai, Lani Cohen, Emily Truax and Laurel Vandiver. Top 10 Individual performances: Emily Truax 5th 200 free, 8th 100 free; Nicole Martin 9th 200 free, 3rd back; Amber Brown 10th 200 free; Kaite Lai 7th IM, 5th 500 free; Lani Cohen 3rd 50 free, 2nd 100 free; Jessica Choi 8th 50 fly; Laurel Vandiver 9th 50 fly, 4th back; Lizzie Baggett 10th 100 free; Monica Bello 7th 500 free; Lena Lane 8th 500 free, 3rd breast.

GHS Lacrosse

Granada High School boys' lacrosse team played Amador Valley High with a final score of GHS 1, and AVHS 16. Phillip Hopkins had a terrific 14 saves and Jared McCallister had the sole score with Max Hanna assisting. On Friday April 3, Granada traveled to California High. With a rowdy, cheering crowd Granada started out strong but lost a bit of steam in a very physical game. The final score was GHS 6, and CHS 18. The scorers for GHS with one point each were Chris Held, Jared McCallister, Scott Reno, Zach Martin, Eric Martin, and Clint Morris. The sole assist was made by Chris Held. GHS goalie Jimmy Goritz made an impressive 11 saves.

Youth Lacrosse

Livermore Phantom Lacrosse U13 B: Great teamwork led to a Phantom 12 to 5 victory over Skyline on Saturday. First quarter the Phantom started off strong with 4 goals made by Frieders, Christoff, Marks and Lee. The Phantom had great plays in the second quarter and their passing skills showed by getting 4 goals past the Skyline defense. Martin's attempts at the goal did not go unnoticed by Skyline and they set players out to block him. Kudos go to the Phantom defense Christoff, Ogee, Richardson and Prabhu who kept the Skyline team on their toes while the Attack and Mid had 6 attempts at the Skyline goal. Third quarter goalie Waelde showed his fast saving techniques and blocked 3 attempts by Skyline. The final quarter was very exciting with teamwork from Beaulieu, Brady and Pelote who kept the ball moving giving Marks the ability to score 3 goals and 5 attempts made by Frieders, Gomes and Jessick.

Pleasanton 14-year-old boys lacrosse: The Tornados barely lost to the Sequoia Firehawks 4 to 5 in sudden death overtime action after a tough fight, with goals by Michael Roeder, Devin Bell, Justin Garcia, and Jake Ackman and assists by Andrew Natsch and Grayson Poe. Shots on the goal also by Ryan McLaughlin and Brian Culy. Jordan Cain and Alex Acosta picked up 3 grounders each. 6 face-offs won by Michael Roeder, and 13 goals saved by Connor McFarlane.

Another sudden death overtime decided against the Tornados who lost 5 to 6 to Oakland Skyline, with goals by Kenton Koos, Devin Bell, Michael Roeder, Jake Ackman, and Justin Garcia, and an assist by Ryan Mahoney. 3 shots on the goal also by Justin Gibson. Jordan Cain was the Grounder King at 4 with others picked up by Logan McHome, Sam Sorenson, Joseph Chacon, and Grayson Poe. Face-offs won by Michael Roeder, Kenton Koos, and Brian Culy.

3IP, 1R, 2H, 3K. Phillies-Kujacich-2IP, 5R, 7H, 2K.

Yankees 8, White Sox 9. Top Hitters Yankees: Chandler Davis in the park HR with 2 RBI, Weston Nale 3 IB and Michael Puso with 2 IB. White Sox Gavin Clements with 1B and 2 RBI, Best Pitching: Yankees Austin McMillan - 5 strike outs on 25 pitches, Jordan Mello and Blake Downey, White Sox: Jackson Taylor 4 Strike Outs, Kyle Tupper and Leon Jarrett.

Minor AA - A's 8, Padres 12. Top offensive players A's: Brian Cuy 3B, 1B, 4 RBI, Ben Rocha 2 runs scored, and Domenic Giuliano 1B. Padres: Ben Dupuis 2B, Dmitri Boyd 1B and Michael Silva 1B. Top defensive players A's: Adrian Ayala - pitcher, Cameron Geyer - catcher, Brian Mahoney - pitcher. Padres: Chad Hemmig - pitcher, Jack Kath - catcher, Hector Salcedo at 2nd. With the score tied at the top of the 4th, the Padres were able to take a five point lead and hold it into the bottom half with the outstanding performance of the pitcher/catcher team of Hemmig and Kath.

Padres 7, Rays 12. Home Team Offense: Seth Street 1B; Dillon Martinez 1B; Sean Croghan 3b. Home Team Defense: Sam Miller (Pitcher); Colton Casey (Pitcher); Nick Swanson (Field). Visiting Team Offense: Ben Dupuis; Hector Salcedo; Jack Kath. Visiting Team Defense: Alex Gonzalez (First); Dmitri Boyd (Pitcher); Chad Hemmig (Pitcher).

Giants 7, Phillies 3. Top hitters Phillies-Nate Wilson smacks the ball for a double bringing in 2 runs in the 3rd inning; PJ Kalic also had a big hit to center field for a base hit in the same inning; Riley Van Trease triple with RBI in 4th inning. Top defensive plays by the Phillies-Eric Azevedo caught an in-field pop fly and threw the 1st base runner out for a fabulous double play in the bottom of the 3rd. Luke Morrisco showed outstanding catching abilities behind the plate for most of the game. Top Pitchers Giants-Reid Heffron showed outstanding pitching for 2 innings; Top Hitters for the Giants-Zach MacDonald double w/2RBI; Troy Wentworth double w/3RBI. Top defensive plays-Giants-Van Bladel and Tyler Rodgers.

Minor A- Padres (Offense) Angel Becerra, Joshua Collum, Christopher Irwin (Defense) Ethan Payne, Jordan Collum, Benjamin Knuth: A's (Offense) Jason Wigginton, Vincent Dixon, Logan Fernandez (Defense) Malini Tia, Wesley Gladen, Garrett Borba. Ray's (Offense) Zachary Stewart, Roberto Iacomini, Ryan Layton (Defense) Caleb Achler, R.J. Mata, Quinn Tudor. Padres (Offense) Sawyer Demares, Thomas Stevenson, Trevor White. Defense: Kyle Correa, Logan Greenough, Angel Becerra. Sox (Offense) Trevor Kerby, Ryan Lortie, Noah Wiesner (Defense) Elijah Beedles, Logan Finch, Nicholas Gregovich: Giants (Offense) Kinar Desai Jarrett Jorgenson, Gabriel Parrish (Defense) Ethan Dreger, Harry Rose, Devin Shah.

A's (Offense) Tamur Asar, Logan Fernandez, Vinnie Dixon (Defense) Grant Borjion, Malini Tia, Matt Hargraves. Ray's (Offense) Tyler Rene Enderlin, Cameron Kneese, R.J. Mata (Defense) Ethan Arrowsmith, Peyton Peterson, TJ Farmer. Yankees (offense) Cameron Mghadham, Jacob Eijansantos, Jaren Eijansantos, (defense) Jacob Morton, Jonathan Nguyen, Michael Nowaczyk: Phillies (offense) Aaron Udoutch, Jared Blackman, Dillon Pedro; (defense) Alex Northrop, Greyson Hubbs, Jeremy Adams.

A's (Offense) Garrett Borba, Andrew Choumas, Jason Wigginton; (Defense) Wesley Gladen, Robert Sandoval, Cameron Schraeder, White Sox (Offense) Gunnar Hollingshaus, Gustavo Gonzales, Daniel Pryor; (Defense) Tyler Thompson, Morgan Labrucherie, Zachary Hollingshaus.

Farm - Angels (Offense) Austin Lee, Ryan Van Bladel, Max Weasner, (Defense) Daniel Bobosky, Jacob Keeler, Ryan Wenzel: Catcher: J. Tomlin (Defense) Ethan Carson Tracey, Luke Shepard, (Defense) Kyle Rodgers, Vijay Memula, Ben O'Connor.

T-Ball - White Sox (Offense) Dominic Driscoll, Eduardo Angeles, Shane Waechter (Defense) Riley Hargaves, Christopher Hutton, Ethan Braman: Angels (Offense) Andrew Bates, Sam German, Brandon Shah (Defense) Jordan Fritz, Nicholas Lydon, Gabe Zwick, Mike (Defense) Mike Mal, Nicholas Gladen, Izait Garrido (Defense) Aiden Ayres, Jaxson Mosby, Andrew Berg. Rays (Offense) Joey Keller, Christopher Meinecke, Zach Van Huis (Defense) Austin Melendez, Kyle Droblich, Josh Henninger.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League highlights: **Junior 80's:** he Livermore National Padres defeated the San Ramon Cubs by the score of 11 to 10 in a thrilling game. The game, Mitch Licata and Bobby Griffin pitched well for the Padres, with Bobby Lyons scoring the winning run in the top of the 8th.

Majors: Diamondbacks 4, Athletics 3: The Diamondbacks and Athletics played a closely-contested game, dominated by good pitching, with the Dbacks pulling out the victory in the bottom of the 6th, 4-3. Tyler Silva started the game off on the mound, pitching 4 strong innings for the Dbacks, allowing only 1 hit, no runs, and striking out 10. Not to be out done, Tyler Wallis pitched 5 solid innings for the Athletics, but his biggest impact was his base-clearing double to tie the game at 3 in the top of the 5th. In the bottom of the 6th, with the score tied at 3, the Diamondbacks sent Billy Henderson (2-3, 3rb) to the plate with runners on second and third. Billy came through again with a smash to center, scoring Tyler Silva for the game winning run. Parker Reynolds had 2 hits for the Athletics, and for the Diamondbacks, Connor Spalding, Shane Silva and Tony Galindo each had a hit.

AAA Division: Giants 8, A's 7: In the Giants first regular season game, their bats came alive as they scored 8 runs in the first 3 innings. Grant Lowenstein had two solid hits. The Giants starting pitcher Luke Hernandez held the A's scoreless through 3 innings. A's Pitcher Michael Nelson came in the 4th holding the Giants scoreless through 2 innings. The A's rallied for 7 runs with Landon Finnegan and Zach Ostrander both going 2 for 3 with a clutch hit by Cruz Perez in the 6th inning. John Takemura's double into deep left and being driven home in the 3rd inning ended up being the winning run in the Giants 8-7 win over the A's.

AA Division: Cubs vs. Giants: The Cubs and Giants played a great game. For the Giants, Hunter Speert hit a triple and drove in two RBI's. Garrett Barker had great plays at shortstop and strong hits during the game. Sumir Gray hit a big double down to right field. For the Cubs, Andrew Williams hit a triple way into center field. Nolan Smith fielded a ball at first and threw it to Victor Samara to tag out the runner at second. Zach Voisin pitched two innings and struck out most of the side.

The Cubs and Cardinals had a slugfest with many runs scored. For the Cardinals, Michael Friesen hit a triple, with Vassilis Dimitriopoulos smashing a double and Spen-

cer Lujan providing great defense. For the Cubs, Zach Oliveira went three for three with base hits and 2 RBI's. Maverick Wilson ripped a massive triple followed by a double from Kenny Mayfield. One of the highlights of the night was Aaron Noriega blasting a home run.

A Division: A's vs. Diamondbacks: A's brought a little heat of their own as they took on the Diamondbacks. Blake Teixeira opened up the game with a line drive past third for a single. A few batters later, Blake Freeland hit a bomb to center field, clearing the bases with a grand slam. In the second inning, Colby Smith did the impossible and followed Blake up with a grand slam of his own. The Dbacks followed up with big hits from Bobby Farmer, Gage Berg, and Colton Berflin. Then, with authority, the A's Jeremy Theobald took control of the game with an amazing stretch at 1st and throw to 2nd for 2 outs.

Padres vs. Cardinals: Top Players Padres: Matthew Kovacs, Antonio LaManna, Carter Purl; Cardinals: Chris Johnson, Sean Pascual, Jacob Dougherty.

T-Ball: Padres vs. Cardinals: The Padres played a great game against the Cardinals. All the Padres had great hits up at bat and Matthew Lytle had a great defensive catch. Outstanding players: Connor Day, Giovanni Fuentes, Matthew Lytle and Dylan Mizuhara.

The Diamondbacks and Giants played an exciting game. On the Diamondbacks, Elijah Brewer played hard despite multiple injuries. Logan Nelson was on fire playing the infield, throwing several players out. Bobby Pollard had a great hitting game, with one double. On the Giants, Aleksandr Cortez and Matty Scias each got two players out. Jackson Nystrom had big hits throughout the game.

A's vs. Dodgers: Both teams were in top form on Saturday afternoon. Quinn Johnson played great defensive ball as pitcher. He was quick getting the ball to 1st base. Anthony Molleson owned 2nd base making 2 outs. Jordan Borges smashed the ball into left field in the 2nd and 3rd inning. All players showed great defensive progress making multiple outs.

Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association results:

Senior (High School) division: Livermore Eclipse 17, Livermore Blackout 2. WP - Breanna Henry, 3B - Briatanni Marstan (B). 2B - Katelynn Erickson, Michelle Benz (B); Arnel Camacho, Bradie Rosa (E). 2 hits - Rosa (E). 4 RBI - Kelsey Girardelli (E).

Pleasanton Wildcats 15, Livermore Blackout 5.

Livermore Driver Family Impact 10, Livermore Nummi Storm 10. 2B - Icaici Pereda, Nicole Sandoval, Victoria Rowell (1), HR - Ica Pereda (1), 3 hits - Ica Pereda (1), 2 RBI - Ica Pereda, Ocean Garcia, Rowell (1). Pleasanton Sizzle 14, Livermore Driver Family Impact 12. 2B - Icaici Pereda, Jackie Maruskin, Ocean Garcia, Victoria Rowell (1), 2 hits - Indelsa Pereda, Jackie Maruskin, Ocean Garcia, Victoria Rowell (1), 2 RBI - Katelynn Kruger, Ica Pereda, Maruskin (1). Middle School Black division

Brent Bowen Photography Lady Tek-No 14, Da Crew 6. For Da Crew, Alex Villazon sent a soaring triple to left field to knock in a run and made some great plays defensively at third base. Paige Darrow played great at shortstop and hit the ball hard all game long, and Danielle Paulazzo had two hits knocking in two runs and played solid at second base. Outlaws 12, Da Crew 11. For Da Crew, Sara Novell pitched three strong innings with three strikeouts had a base hit and scored a run, Kristin Paulazzo had two doubles knocking in two runs while playing great defense, and Leah Taulton had two hits with two runs batted in along with solid defense at first base.

Middle School Red division: Carl's Jr. of Livermore The Force 28, The Black Widows 11. Even though the Widows lost, they made some good plays. Shannon Rosemark scored twice and played a good outfield, Kirah Van Trease caught a popup at third base and had a hit, and Clara Curtis caught a hard hit fly at second.

G.R. Dahl Construction Base Raiders 14, Red Hots 0. The Base Raiders broke a close game open with an 11-run fourth inning. The Base Raiders' Stephanie Rucker went four-for-four at bat and pitched a shutout last inning. Corrina Dias reached base twice and made two great last-inning plays at third base, and Christy Bryant had her first hit of the year and scored.

10-under: Livermore Police Officers Association Valley Villains 16, Haque Chiroptractic Lil' Rebels 6. The Valley Villains played a great all-around game, and were led by great defense by catcher Sophia Pearson and shortstop Ashley Cole. Offense was helped out by some great hits from Courtney Ganquet, and all the girls ran the bases well.

Thomas Marcel, DDS & Kolka Furniture Lil' Devils 12, Kolka Furniture Lightning Bolts 1. The Lil' Devils defeated the Lightning Bolts with a season-high 14 hits. For the Lil' Devils, Jenny Connolly had three hits, Kylie Martinez had two hits, and Kate Marcel scored three runs.

Nummi Red Hot Sliders 13, WIN Home Inspection Hot Shots 12. For the Red Hot Sliders, Alyssa Ramirez threw a perfect throw to first to try to get a runner out, Alyssa Bonfiglio rounded first on a walk and ended up on second base, and Angelina Medeiros got a base hit with an RBI.

Burton Family Livermore Crew 4, Thomas Marcel, DDS & Kolka Furniture Lil' Devils 1. The Livermore Crew defeated the Lil' Devils in an exciting matchup of the two remaining unbeaten teams. For the Lil' Devils, Jenny Connolly led the offense with two hits and the only RBI for the team, and Tori Nicolo had a hit and scored the only Lil' Devils run.

KMS Interiors Blackout 11, Kolka Furniture Lightning Bolts 0. The Blackout received two great hits from Katelyn Roze resulting in two RBIs, a strong hit by Tiaja Andrews who brought in two runs, and good defense by Maddisen Taylor who fielded the ball and threw an out at first.

Burton Family Livermore Crew 17, Livermore Police Officers Association Valley Villains 7. For the Livermore Crew, Laura Duterte led the team with first- and second-inning triples, and Shannon Blockley and Mattie Thompson each had an RBI. **KMS Interiors Blackout 13, Hot Shots 4.** For the Blackout, Robyn Dobson led off with a great hit, Maggie Kildae had a two-run triple, and good defense by Katelyn Roze who knocked down two grounders and made throws to first for putouts.

8-under: Nummi Scorpions vs. Classic Images Dare Devils. Coaches' selections - Camille Best, Tiara Birdsong, Emme Poe (S); Sydney Mendoza, Kinnedi Self, Alyssa Silva (DD). William D. Thomson Mighty

Tigers vs. Jack in the Box Red Hawks. Coaches' selections - Cassidy Bates, Isabella La Rosa, Jessica Gresho (MT).

Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls vs. MyGarter.com Supergirls. Coaches' selections - Jenny Stoner, Raegan Demo, Caitlyn Quartaroli (BBG), Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls vs. Chilli Peppers. Coaches' selections - Grace Masingale, Carrie Spruiell, Emma Valentine (BBG); Karly Johnson, Brianna Wheelock, Maddie Lovdahl (CP).

Chilli Peppers vs. Jack in the Box Red Hawks. Coaches' selections - Melanie Laronde, Shannen Haase, Lindsay Brown (CP). Nummi Scorpions vs. All Pro-Motion Shooting Stars. Coaches' selections - Tiara Birdsong, Maya Pihlon, Emma Stonberger (S).

Hot Tamales vs. Classic Images Dare Devils. Coaches' selections - Amelia Sobrepna, Jennah LaVerne, Rebecca Anderson (HT). Hot Tamales vs. MyGarter.com Supergirls. Coaches' selections - Amelia Sobrepna, Alyson Machi, Tori McKenzie (HT).

T-ball: Brent Bowen Photography Firecrackers vs. Les Schwab Jr. Black Widows. Coaches' selections - Sarah Stear, Jessica Warren Madeline Addition (F), Brent Bowen Photography Firecrackers vs. Daoust Electric The Mighty Lady Bugs. Coaches' selections - Phoebe Omweg, Julia Passannante, Chloe Daoust (MLB).

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League highlights:

T-Ball: DeMesa/Yu Dentistry vs. Hopyard Alehouse and Grill: Mia Hildebrand had an awesome out at home. Emily Gossett had a huge hit. Kylie Fleshman was great at fielding the ball. Grace Haubner had some great throws. Maya Morgenstern had a big hit. Lauren Sowers was a great catcher. Top players: DeMesa/Yu Dentistry - Grace Haubner, Maya Morgenstern, Lauren Sowers; Hopyard Alehouse and Grill - Kylie Fleshman, Emily Gossett, Mia Hildebrand.

Williams Witters Real Estate Team vs. TopDot: Williams Witters Real Estate Team vs. Top Players: Williams Witters Real Estate Team - Kenna Assmusen, Maillie Smith, Kendall Witters; TopDot - Niv Chapman, Haley Kolan, Lauren Loisele.

Hopyard Alehouse and Grill vs. Williams Witters Real Estate Team: Top players: Hopyard Alehouse and Grill - Lindsay Craft, Sierra Defreitas, Kayla Galvez; Williams Witters Real Estate Team - Ellyse Bordenave, Sierra Deaver, Chloe Flachsbarger.

Micro Division: Pacific Dental Care vs. Older's Landscaping: Pacific Dental Care's Logan Langsating: Pacific Dental Care's Gianni Long caught a pop up fly to get the runner out at 1st base. Julia Gosnman caught the ball from the pitcher to get the runner out at home. Jayden Silva showed excellent fielding at 3rd base for an out. Donna Keller showed great catcher skills in the 4th inning. Power hitting by both Pacific Dental Care and Older's Landscaping. Top players: Pacific Dental Care - Meghann Klein, Ava Nicole Mosley, Jayden Silva; Older's Landscaping - Isabella Fragomeli, Abigail Friel, Abby Smith.

Friends of PGSL vs. Cardinal Jewelers: Top players: Friends of PGSL - Kayla Gregory, Hailyin Park, Katherine Reddy; Cardinal Jewelers - Marley Diligent, Emily Murawski, Madyssyn Sweeney.

Borg Fence vs. Pacific Dental Care: Very tight game with each team contributing big hits and big outs. Julia Thomas and Broeze Szurgot were the offensive MVPs with 2 great hits each, including line drive singles. Kealy Morrissey and Chenoa Bodero proved to be a dangerous combination at catcher and pitcher when they were able to throw out the Pacific Dental Care runner at home as she streaked in from 3rd base. Top players: Borg Fence - Kealy Morrissey, Brooke Szurgot, Julia Thomas.

Mini Rec Division: Ogden Costa Creative Group vs. Eddie Papa's: Ogden Costa Creative Group and Eddie Papa's both played an exciting game. Ogden Costa Creative Group's Morgan Seely made a great Pop Fly catch. Jayden got a piece of the ball that screamed down the field and team mate Aniza Munoz showed off her skills in the outfield. Eddie Papa's Makenna Shaffer showed great catching skills catching a foul tip. Jordyn Craft played great defense along with team mate Jessica Shockley. Top players: Ogden Costa Creative Group - Home Top Player 1 - Jayden, Aniza Munoz, Morgan Seely; Eddie Papa's - Jordyn Craft, Makenna Shaffer, Jessica Shockley.

Farmers Insurance Group vs. Pulte Homes: Snickers had a great catch, Lil' Speedy was fast on her feet on 1st base. Superstar great pitching and catch. Grace Neilson had a big hit, double. Mia Batteglia had some great pitches and was great at fielding. Julianna Pribela was an awesome batter. Top players: Farmers Insurance Group - Lil' Speedy, Snickers, Superstar; Pulte Homes - Mia Batteglia, Grace Neilson, Julianna Pribela.

Ogden Costa Creative Group vs. TSI: Lily Ryan pitched 3 strike outs while teammate Emma Patten had 2 hits and 2 RBI's followed by 2 great hits by Charisa Shin. Ogden Costa Creative Group did there best out there today. Sara Costa not only showed her great pitching skills but also her ability to catch a great line drive. Inez Denocourt had 2 powerful hits and Sofia Gluck did an awesome job protecting 1st base. Top players: Ogden Costa Creative Group - Sara Costa, Inez Denocourt, Sofia Gluck; TSI - Emma Patten, Lily Ryan, Charisa Shin.

Moonshot Girl vs. Niki Ward Photography: For Moonshot Girl, Reya Paulos was awesome at catcher. Brooke Christian pitched 1st and had a great hit. Hanni Schott pitched and had a great hit. For Niki Ward Photography, Alison Smith pitched two strike outs, went 2 for 2 at bat and made two plays at 2nd base. Olivia McGee had an amazing catch at 3rd base and Claire Larsen pitched an amazing inning. Top players: Moonshot Girl - Brooke Christian, Reya Paulos, Hanni Schott; Niki Ward Photography - Claire Larsen, Olivia McGee, Alison Smith.

Accurate Impressions vs. TSI: Accurate Impressions had two big hits by Jordan Ciestelski and Tes Cayton in the 2nd inning. Kami Kodama had an excellent 5th inning by pitching a no-hitter. TSI was solid throughout the game with great pitching, hitting, and fielding. Excellent pitching was seen in the 1st and 2nd innings, and TSI hit many strong line drives in the 3rd inning, bringing in many home runs. Top players: Accurate Impressions - Olivia Austin, Taylor Hitchens, Kiana Meagher; TSI - Natalie Lambross, Lauren Milligan, Lilly Ryan.

ACC Environmental vs. CTS: Jessica Emde - strong pitching, good defense at 1st; Katelyn Young - good pitching, hit, run scored; Keara Greenan - Single, good play on

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SPORTS NOTES

field; Gaby Sanchez - Great pitching, 3 great outs on 1st. Jorie Fanfa - good hit with an RBI, great out on 1st base; Shreya Nagdev - 2 great hits with an RBI.

Mini Upp Division: J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines 10, Fritz's Lanscaping Company 2; Jessie O'Neil pitched an impressive full game for J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines. Amanda Harding and Arabelle Franco showed great defensive skills and were strong at the plate. Top players: J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines - Arabelle Franco, Amanda Harding, Jessie O'Neil; Fritz's Lanscaping Company - Karen Didio, McKenna Harris, Kelly Jefferson.

Minor Rec Division: AMS 7, Pilates on Spring 5; Kendall Ciesielski hit a strong single to 1st. Olivia Smith had a single and played good defense. Serena Carmona-Hester hit the ball well. Mariam Nino had a single and stole 2nd base expertly. Kamryn Brown had an RBI single and made a good defensive out at 1st base. Alexis Bianco had an RBI single and pitched an excellent inning. Top players: Pilates on Spring - Alexis Bianco, Kamryn Brown, Mariam Nino; AMS - Serena Carmona-Hester, Kendall Ciesielski, Olivia Smith

Contra Costa County Public Auto Auctions 9, Pleasanton Police Officers Association 3; Contra Costa County Public Auto Auctions - Tatiana Costa, Myranda Marzocco, Katie Shigemochi; Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Madison Dragotta, Nina Harpell, Ashna Jasuja

Pilates on Spring 7, Precision Auto Repair 6; Top players: Precision Auto Repair - Taylor Glyone, Kelsey Natsch, Lauren Schaefer; Pilates on Spring - Charli Faris, Gabriella Hughey, Loren Roundtree

TransPak, Inc. 4, Gary West Masonry 4; Samantha Rhoads pitched the last two innings striking out several batters to hold the game at a tie. Top players: TransPak, Inc. - Hunter Garcia, Skye Horner, Samantha Rhoads; Gary West Masonry - Rena Dragotta, Samantha Osterholt, Kieran West

Pleasanton Police Officers Association 3, CPU Tech 0; Top players: CPU Tech - Bailey Bealand, Caitlyn Peal, Abby Sage; Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Cassie Balducci, Madison Dragotta, Shreya Madan

Minor Upp Division: Crunch n' Munch 3, Four Star Erectors 2; Crunch n' Munch: Hanna Mallie showed excellent defense with a double play. Alana Mendez threw out a steal. Sophia Brown hit a double driving in the winning run. Four Star Erectors: Kyra Sexton showed excellent fielding and at bat the entire game. Ashley Balestrieri's heat was in the inning with excellent fielding. Haley Wesenberg also showed excellent fielding while at 1st base. Both teams played a great game with an exciting finish. Top players: Crunch n' Munch - Sophia Brown, Hanna Mallie, Alana Mendez; Four Star Erectors - Ashley Balestrieri, Kyra Sexton, Haley Wesenberg

TG Information Systems 4, Four Star Erectors 2; Jarrod DeCassia finally shut out innings. Top players: TG Information Systems - Sammi Salustri, Kiley Stowell, Janelle Tannis; Four Star Erectors - Jordan Niemeyer, Danielle Taylor, Haley Wesenberg

TG Information Systems 5, Four Star Erectors 1; Top players: Four Star Erectors - Emma Furr, Kourtney Gonzaga, Siena Moca; TG Information Systems - Kassie Kochan, Paige Sellick, Janelle Tannis

Four Star Erectors 4, E Squared Automotive 0; Katee Moore, pitcher, had a shut-out game, 11 strike-outs, four runners out at 1st. Top players: Four Star Erectors - Fiona Moreno, Katie Moore, Danielle Taylor; E Squared Automotive - Madison Gallagher, Danielle Hammer, Katie Jefferson

Major Rec Division: PAR, Inc. vs. DPR Construction, Inc.: 3PAR, Inc. came out hitting. Every player was a potential pitcher/infielder. Eric Goldhawk and Carly Krakauer. Lauren Vest's double into deep left field and Jessica Medina's triple. Top players: 3PAR, Inc. - Jaime Altman, Jessica Medina, Lauren West

California Car Sounds, Inc. 8, 3PAR, Inc. 5; Jillian Quintanal got the California Car Sounds, Inc.'s only hit; a 2 run double in the 3rd inning. Jazzy Perez pitched 3 innings and struck out 8. She battled and got through 2 innings with the bases loaded. Melissa Muller was 2 for 2, and scored 2 runs for 3PAR, Inc. Jacquie Price was also 2 for 2. Top players: California Car Sounds, Inc. - Chloe Connolly, Jazzy Perez, Jillian Quintanal; 3PAR, Inc. - Erica Goldhawk, Melissa Muller, Jacquie Price

3PAR, Inc. 10, Richert Lumber Co. 8; Erica Goldhawk pitched the last two innings striking out batters. Followed with Julia Cilk catching a high fly ball to get the runner out on 1st and end the game. Top players: Richert Lumber Co. - Monique Davidson, Kailey Sanchez, Kiersten Sanders; 3PAR, Inc. - Julia Cilk, Jenny Genry, Erica Goldhawk

Senior Division: DPR Construction Inc., Chaos 8, Livermore Team 3; The teams jumped out to 3-3 tie after the first inning and then kept the score tied through five innings with solid pitching and defense. DPR Construction Inc. rallied in the sixth inning to go ahead for good with Rachel Cilk hitting a powerful double to left-center and driving in three runs. Melanie SENSIBA made a long stretch to pull in a fly ball near 2nd base to help the DPR Construction Inc. defense. Kate Mecozi pitched two strong innings with two hits and two RBIs. For Livermore Team 3, Kylene Anderson had two hits, and the pitching of Breanna Henry and Emma Grim combined to hold the DPR Construction Inc. offense until the last inning. Top players: Livermore Team 3 - Kylene Anderson, Emma Grim, Breanna Henry; DPR Construction - Rachel Cilk, Kate Mecozi, Melanie SENSIBA

Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance 15, Livermore Team 3; Caitlin Gray was awesome at the plate, going 2 for 2 with a walk. Two spectacular catches in center field. Holly Fehrmann ripped a hard line drive to right field. Christina Schuler played incredible defense at 3rd base along with a nice hit up the middle. Top players: Holly Fehrmann, Caitlin Gray, Christina Schuler

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League highlights:

T-Ball: A's had their best performance of the season so far Saturday in their game against the Rays. Lots of great hits and outstanding plays in the field. Top players included Samantha Newton, Declan O'Hara, Britanya Pettit and Daniel Waxman

Royals vs. Rangers: The Rangers played outstanding game on Monday against the Royals. There were great hits in the by Connor Murphy and Damian Stiles. Connor also did an excellent job at 3rd base while Damian defended 1st base like a pro. Reef Sweeney and Riley Watson starred in the 2nd inning with big hits that got them safely to 1st base. Royals top players: Tyler Ramirez, Kyle Johnson, Michael Bliss.

Pirates vs. Rays: Top Pirates players: Koston Markham, Max Thorpe, Jakob Scott, Ethan Voelker. The balls were flying into the outfield left and right as both teams played a great game.

Athletics vs. Rangers: The Rangers' Tallon Chambers was a power hitter with a line-drive to center in the 1st inning and showed impressive skill fielding balls. Matthew Welles did a great job defending 2nd base and had an awesome hit to left field in the 3rd inning. Nolan Durns did an excellent job in the 2nd inning with an impressive hit to center and a big play at 1st base. Ethan Durns was a star in the 3rd inning with a big hit before he flew around the bases making it safe home. There were great hits and great fielding by both teams.

A Division: Red Sox 18, Mets 8; Mike Bryson, Joey Campos, and Tyler Naumann were at the top of the Red Sox; Kyle Clark, each having 4 hits for the night. All three players came through with big hits and RBIs, including Mike Bryson's towering home run to take a big lead in the 2nd inning. Mike

Bryson also showed his defense talents with two unassisted outs to keep the lead over the mighty Mets. For the Mets, Tyler Kelly had a great day on defense. Michael "shut 'em down" Brown, struck out eight of the last nine outs to save it for the Giants.

JR90s Division: Red Sox 7, San Ramon Valley 190s Cardinals 4; The Red Sox had an all-around good game against the Cardinals. Chandler Shetron showed good defensive effort at third by making a leaping catch of bad hop grounder in the bottom of the fifth. Alex Korn provided the Red Sox with an insurance RBI in the top of the seventh. Noah Robbins closed the game for the Red Sox with four strikeouts in the sixth and seventh inning. Robbins also hit two for three with a single and a double.

Yankees 16 - Orioles 13: Yankees top players: Brandon Paulson, Brandon Bruns, Adam Lagodzinski; Orioles top players: Reece Wilkins, Ryan Wilkins, Cameron Meier.

Yankees 19, Phillies 19: For the Yankees Gabe Pinon had a triple and a double. Dalton Johnston played great defensively and Trent Crisp had a couple of key hits. For the Phillies Gavin Napier had a Grand Slam home run in the third inning. Jeremy Davis helped the Phillies with three hits and Xavier Pelican was outstanding defensively. The tie game will be played off at a future date TBA.

AA Division: Astros 2, White Sox 1; Outstanding players for the Astros were Chris Powell (pitched 7K), Ralph Miller (1 first, 1 run), and Connor Livingston (single base). For the White Sox: Kendall Hornbeck (2 singles, 1 RBI), Nicholas Monica (pitched 4K, 1 single), and Zachariah Eme (second & third base)

Pirates 12, Tigers 6; For the Pirates: Ryan Durrant - Hit 3 RBIs and played great catching with an out at home. Ryan Mitchell - Great infielding and pitching. For the Tigers: Brandon doubled to bring in Ian Toland. Ryan Carlson tripled to bring Brandon Williams home. Kaylee Woods had a RBI bringing home Isaac Montes

Rockies 6, Reds 1: Rockies rallied for their second win with 3 runs in the 3rd and 3 runs in the 5th. Top Players, Rockies: Rigo Zapien for 3 rbi's, Jose Mariscal for a great outfield catch, and Andrew Sull for a great defense. Top Players, Reds: Ryan Bond with great pitching and hitting, Avneet Singh with great fielding, Luke Foscalina with great hitting

Cubs 14, Diamondbacks 4: Diamondbacks: Garon Michaelis hit a ground rule double and played solid defense behind the plate. Scott Stafford pitched a solid 2 innings and caught a low fly ball hit to left field by Wesley Williams. Jason Nunuzz played solid defense. Cubs: Ryan McDonnell connected for two solid singles. Wesley Williams stopped a line drive hit to third for an out and pitched three innings. Andrew Hawkins slapped a 2 RBI single bringing home Michael Heycutt and DeVonte Hawkins

Astros 10, Reds 2: Astros top players: Justin Kovach who scored his first run, Ray Fung with strong pitching and hitting, Sean Rolandelli with an incredible diving catch. Reds top players: Brendan McCafferty for great pitching and hitting, Jonathan Song for strong hitting. Gerardo Cabrera - finally back in action after a broken finger, comes on strong with great hitting.

Pirates 5, Cubs 5; Cubs: Jordan Esling caught a low fly ball hit to 1st base. He also had a solid hitting performance with a double in the 3rd and a single in the 4th. Austin Brown hit a home run in the 3rd bringing home Chase Dunn. Dunn pitched 2 solid innings. Heugens took the mound as the pitcher mound, then threw the ball to Jordan Esling at 1st base for a double play and the 3rd out at the bottom of the 5th. Pirates: Drew Braudrick - Pitched solid with 4 strikeouts and also hit a single. Noah Reno - Played great infield, catching 2 fly balls and played a double. Cameron Priest - Hit a double with a RBI

AAA Division: Athletics 2, Angels 1; The Angels were the underdog, but the Athletics in Tuesday night's intense game. For the Angels Carter Dickson had great hitting and offense. Nate Redditt had great catching while playing through an injury. The Athletics ended the Angels undefeated winning streak thanks to heads up ball and great coaching. Benjamin Kerling and Will Mohler both stole home base. Jacob Kerling had 3 unassisted outs on first base.

Mariners 5, Giants 3: Top players for the Mariners: Mauricio Zavala 2 Run double, Mile McPeak breaks hitting slump and wacks a 2 run triple to right field. Darian (The D-Man) Look slammed one close to a home run; ball bounced over the center field fence. Giants' pitcher Hosmer played a heroic game and punched in a double of his own and a RBI. The Giants team rallied and scored 3 in the late innings.

Athletics 15, Padres 9: The Athletics defeated the Padres 15 to 9 in Thursday night blustery game. The A's top offensive players were: Jacob Kerling with 2 singles and a stolen base, Kyle Archer with a triple and 2 RBIs, Boney Noreiga with 2 doubles and 2 RBIs, and Joseph Dominguez with a double and 3 RBIs

Athletics 13, Padres 8: The Athletics Benjamin Kerling's big hit roped a in the park grand slam, a triple, a double, and a single. Logan Cole added a in the park home run of his own and brought in a runner. While Logan Koch stole a double for 2 RBIs, 2 singles, and stole home base.

Majors: Yankees 6, White Sox 3; In a hard fought twilight affair, the Yankees edged the White Sox 6-3. Truman came up big on the hill throwing two strong innings with three strikeouts. Jake DeFrenchi pounded a double and Ryan Ball came through in the clutch once again, going 2 for 2, with a double in the third. For the White Sox, Ryan Meagher was solid on the mound and Robert Payne kept the game close with an RBI. Collin Shetron was a one man wrecking crew with a hit, stolen base and a run scored. In the end the Yankee juggernaut was too overpowering for the Pale Hoos. Top players for Yankees: Truman Griffith, Jacob DeFrenchi, Ryan Ball. Top players for White Sox: Ryan Meagher, Robert Payne, Collin Shetron

Yankees 10, Red Sox 4: In an epic battle, the Yankees throttled the Red Sox 10-4. For the Yankees, Truman Griffith was in MVP form going 3 for 3 with a clutch double with the bases loaded in the 4th. Ryan Silvas was a terror at the plate going 3 for 3 and stealing 4 bases. Ryan Ball crushed an RBI double and came in to save the game, pitching three solid innings. For the Red Sox, Kyle Constable had two timely hits and Dylan Guilin had strong pitching performance. Christian Morris had a base hit and pitched the final innings to keep the game close. Top players for Yankees: Truman Griffith, Ryan Silvas, Ryan Ball. Top players for Red Sox: Kyle Constable, Dylan Guilin, Christian Morris

Giants 6, White Sox 10: The Giants Daniel Cavalieri hit a 2 run double in the 1st, and then went on to pitch a 1 hit, no walk, 9 strike out shut-out against the tough White Sox team. Daniel was helped by great hitting and defense by Aaron Amdt and Jack Frevert.

The Whites Sox had three double plays in the game including a 6-3-3 turned by Robbie Payne, Logan Potter, and Collin Stafford.

A's 4, Indians 3: The game was a nail biter to the end with the A's edging out. Both sides providing great pitching and clutch hitting. Indians had taken the lead in the 2nd inning but then A's tied it in the 4th. In the 5th the A's took the lead and was able to hold on in the 6th. Top players for the A's: Tito Quinius, Darnest Wagner, Brandon Pereira; Top players Indians: Alex McCollum, Thomas Brown, Jared Maranon.

JR 80's Home Division: The LALL Jr 80's Giants continued their winning ways (8-1) with a 16-5 victory over Tassajava Valley. The game didn't start off well for the Giants as they fell behind early, 3-2 after 2 innings. But in the third, J.T. Mahler broke things open when he smoked a triple to right-center and was promptly added to the leadoff spot's 2 run rocket shot homer to center. The Giants struck hot again in the fifth inning when they strung together six more hits and five runs. The three run seventh was capped by Jesse Davis' two-run smash homer. He finished the day with four hits and three runs scored. In the leadoff spot, Javonn Williams had a

great day getting on base four times and scoring three runs, while Trevor Escobar had three hits, a double, two runs and a RBI. Giants' closer, Michael "shut 'em down" Brown, struck out eight of the last nine outs to save it for the Giants.

JR90s Division: Red Sox 7, San Ramon Valley 190s Cardinals 4; The Red Sox had an all-around good game against the Cardinals. Chandler Shetron showed good defensive effort at third by making a leaping catch of bad hop grounder in the bottom of the fifth. Alex Korn provided the Red Sox with an insurance RBI in the top of the seventh. Noah Robbins closed the game for the Red Sox with four strikeouts in the sixth and seventh inning. Robbins also hit two for three with a single and a double.

Livermore Aquacowboys

Thirteen Livermore swimmers represented the Livermore Aquacowboys at the 2009 Pacific Swimming Short Course Junior Olympics on March 20 - 22.

The Aquacowboys put in an impressive showing with seven swimmers earning spots in the finals competition. Evan Carlo swept the 15-16 year old back events by taking first place in the 100 and 200. Carlo finished 3rd in the 400 IM, 4th in the 200 IM and 12th place in the 100 fly, earning new Far Western cuts in each event.

Alex Gonzalez took 2nd place in the 100 back, 3rd in the 50 back and 8th place in the 100 fly. In the 200 IM, he finished 12th in the 100 back and swam to a new personal best in the 50 free to earn two new Far Western times in his events. Patrick Kulp swam to a 13th place in the 100 fly trials. Trent Trump placed 7th with a new Far Western cut in the 50 back.

Katie Kulp won 8th place in the 200 IM and achieved 3 new Far Westerns (200 IM, 400 IM, 100 free). Sarah Swanson earned a new Far Western in placing 6th in the 50 breaststroke. Also achieving new Far Western times were Allie Clark (100 breaststroke), Shahini Ananth (200 breaststroke) and Alec Grabarek (100 free). Kylie Clark, Moriah Simonds and Shelby Swanson each put in strong performances in their events.

Results: Boys: Alex Gonzalez (10) — 200 free 2:29.93, 100 IM 1:17.56, 50 free 30:97, 100 back (2nd) 1:09.28, PRF, 200IM (8th) 2:39.80, 50 back (3rd) 1:33.03, PRF; Trent Trump (12) — 200 IM 1:10.52, 50 free 28.53, 50 fly (307), 100 free 1:02.18, 50 back (7th) 31.10, 100 fly 1:09.55, Alec Grabarek (14) — 50 free 24.58, 200 free 53.05, FRW, 200 free 1:58.10; Andrew Hayes (15) — 50 free 23.12, FRW, 100 back (5th) 58.84, FRW; Evan Carlo (16) — 400 IM (3rd) 4:31.14, FRW, 100 fly (12th) 55.71, FRW, 200IM (8th) 2:00.04, PRF; 100 back (4th) 2:05.28, FRW, 100 back (1st) 57.36, FRW, 200 fly 2:07.29, FRW; Patrick Kulp (16) — 100 fly (13th) 56.55; Allie Clark (10) — 100 IM 1:21.51, 100 breaststroke 1:26.82, FRW, 50 breaststroke 39.16; Sarah Swanson (10) — 50 fly 35.35, 100 breaststroke 1:29.48, 50 free 32.22, 50 breaststroke (6th) 38.57, FRW, 100 free, 1:11.61, 50 back, 36.23; Moriah Simonds (11) — 100 breaststroke 1:24.35, 50 breaststroke 37.93; Shahini Ananth (11) — 100 breaststroke 1:18.88, 50 breaststroke 36.01, 200 breaststroke 2:47.71, FRW; Katie Kulp (12) — 400 IM 5:03.99, FRW, 50 free 27.62, 100 back 1:09.21, 200 free 2:11.52, 200 IM (8th) 2:25.49, FRW, 100 free 58.99, FRW, 50 back 32.42; Kylie Clark (13) — 200 breaststroke 2:44.97; Shelby Swanson (14) — 100 fly 1:04.91, 200 fly 2:23.79.

West Coast Gymnastics

Alicia Woo from West Coast Olympic Gymnastics competed at the Level 7 State Championships this past weekend in Stockton. Alicia had a great season taking first place AA in every invitational meet she competed. The following are the results from the State Championships:

Alicia Woo: 9.450 Vault 3rd, 9.550 Bars 1st, 9.525 Beam 4th, 8.87 Floor, 37.400 AA 4th.

Gymfinity Gymnastics

The level 7 team from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed this past weekend at the Norcal State Championships held in Stockton. Kelley Hebert, 10, with a 9.2 and Shannon Gray, 11, with a 9.3, led the way for Gymfinity on their team. Meeting on bars were Isla Andrews, 9, and Rebecca Meister, 12, with great scores of 9.425 and 9.375, respectively. Angelica Leporati, 12, Allison Honig, 15, and Kaitlin Hausmann, 12, also brought home medals on bars with their identical 9.0 scores. Gymfinity's best beam routines were by Kelley Hebert with a 9.325 and Rebecca Meister with a 9.3. Haley Brot, 13, led the way for Gymfinity on floor with 9.15, while Kelley Hebert, Angelica Leporati and Michelle Shalit all brought home floor medals with scores of 9.1. The level 7 team for Gymfinity also included Amy Morrison, Jaime Gray, Gabriella Lemoine and Taylor Hurst.

Full scores - Child B age group: Vault - Kelley Hebert, 9.2, 6th; Isla Andrews, 8.65; Bars - Andrews, 9.425, 8th; Hebert, 8.925; Beam - Hebert, 9.325, 1st; Andrews, 9.075, 8th; Floor - Hebert, 9.1, 8th; Andrews, 8.8. All-around - Hebert, 36.55, 8th; Andrews, 35.95. Child F age group: Vault - Gabriella Lemoine, 8.55; Bars - Lemoine, 8.975; Beam - Lemoine, 8.4; Floor - Lemoine, 8.8. All-around - 34.725. Junior A age group: Vault - Shannon Gray, 9.3, 4th; Michelle Shalit, 8.75; Bars - Shalit, 8.15; Gray, 8.0; Beam - Shalit, 8.7; Gray, 8.2; Floor - Shalit, 9.1, 5th; Gray, 8.625. All-around - Shalit, 34.9; Gray, 34.125. Junior B age group: Vault - Rebecca Meister, 9.075; Bars - Meister, 9.375, 3rd; Beam - Meister, 9.3, 4th; Floor - Meister, 8.95. All-around - Meister, 36.7, 6th. Junior C age group: Vault - Amy Morrison, 8.775; Bars - Morrison, 8.775; Beam - Morrison, 8.6; Floor - Morrison, 8.875. All-around - Morrison, 35.125. Junior D age group: Vault - Angelica Leporati, 9.075; Bars - Leporati, 9.0; 7th; Beam - Leporati, 8.725; Floor - Leporati, 9.1, 7th. All-around - Leporati, 35.9. Junior E age group: Vault - Kaitlin Hausmann, 8.1; Bars - Hausmann, 9.0, 7th; Beam - Hausmann, 9.025; Floor - Hausmann, 8.25. All-around - Hausmann, 34.375. Junior F age group: Vault - Haley Brot, 8.9; Bars - Brot, 8.95, 8th; Beam - Brot, 8.975, 5th; Floor - Brot, 9.15, 6th. All-around - Brot, 35.975, 6th. Senior C age group: Vault - Jaime Gray, 8.475; Bars - Gray, 8.675; Beam - Gray, 8.9, 8th; Floor - Gray, 8.925. All-around - Gray, 34.975. Senior D age group: Vault - Taylor Hurst, 8.375; Beam - Hurst, 7.3; Floor - Hurst, 8.35. Senior E: Vault - Allison Honig, 8.7, 8th; Bars - Honig, 9.0, 5th; Beam - 7.85; Floor - Honig, 8.9. All-around - Honig, 34.45, 8th.

Middle School Wrestling

East Avenue Middle School pulled off the hat-trick in wrestling on Saturday claiming the sixth-grade, seventh-grade and eighth-grade team championships at the Tri-Valley League wrestling tournament.

East advanced 18 wrestlers to the championship finals, claiming 12 gold medals. Sixth-grader Brandon Untalan (68-1b), James Martin (94), and Aaron Jennings (159) led the sixth-grade team winning the gold medal in their weight class. In the seventh grade, Senior Coach (94) took second place and Jacob Luzader (117), Stefan Olli (136) and Brenadette Allen (150) took third place. The team won the title with 66 points, edging out Christensen 59 points, followed by Mendenhall with 56 points.

The seventh-grade team brought home five individual titles. Aaron Cortez (72), Bryce Stovall (93), Vince Volpatti (85), Shawn Hamby (150), and Matt Neale (200) led the team winning gold medals in their weight class. Vince Volpatti and Matt Neale had an impressive day pinning all three of their opponents to claim individual titles. Taylor

Disbrov (127) and Corbin Cofer (160) took second place and Brandon West (104) and Tyler Miller (135) took fourth place. The team won the title with 84 points. Mendenhall finished second with 49 points, followed by Junction with 49 points.

The eighth-grade team advanced five wrestlers to the finals winning four gold medals. Thomas Lovett (107) won an exciting match over Ben Bassine from Fallon 3-2 and Tyler Rardon (124) edged out Austin Hamilton from Harvest Park with a 4-2 win to claim their titles. Nick Lang (116) and Mac Morgan (140) both had impressive wins in their championship match winning, 11-0 and 16-0 respectively. Nick Vickers (116) and Scott Chapeta (140) knock off top-seeded wrestlers in their weight class to advance to the finals to take second. Keith Dehollander (128) took third and Ralph Gonzales (86), Tyler Macasool (101), Zac Byers (140) - Andre Flores (160) and Aaron Untalan (169) took fourth place. Tyler Rardon and Mac Morgan won their third straight Tri-Valley wrestling title and ended their season undefeated in league competition. East won the team title with 75 points, Junction finished second with 64 points, followed by Harvest Park with 58 points.

TEAM SCORES - 6th Grade 1. East 66, 2. Christensen 59, 3. Mendenhall 56, 4. Harvest Park 51, 5. Fallon 32, 6. Wells 21, 7. CSD 18, 8. Iron Horse 14, 9. Junction 14, 10. Hart 11, 11. Pleasanton 10 CHAMPIONSHIP 69 pounds - Brandon Untalan (East) dec. Noah White (Chr) 9-5, 7-5 - Jordan Manibusan (IH) dec. Tyler Blasatti (HP) 8-7, 81 - Andrew Figueroa (Fal) dec. Kollin Mass (HP) 7-3, 89- Brooks Bain (HP) dec. Russell Lovett (East) 10-7, 95- James Martin (East) dec. Jacob Roach (East) 11-4, 106- Adam Wemmer (CSD), Austin Brookling (Men), 113- Grant Billings (Men) for. Drew Ives (HP), 121- Jason Bohl (Men) dec. Tim Ragusa (J), 80, 139- Jeffrey Brinkley (Men) dec. Justin Sillman (PMS) 6-5, 150- Aidan Dang (Chr) p. Ryan Davis (Chr), 169- Aaron Jennings (East) dec. Marcus Casillas (Chr) 6-4, Hwt- Richard Alvarez (Wells) THIRD PLACE 69 - Brendan Mickelburg (HP) dec. Tom Nelsom (Hart) 7-6, 75- Austin Cornish 1 (Wells) p. Christopher Reese (HP), 81 - Harrison Wayne (Chr) dec. Nathan Gaither (HP) 5-0, 89- Issac Dugger (Chr) dec. Jacob Martinez (Men) 6-6, 95- Joe Villarreal (Chr) inj. Aaron Chang (Fal), 106- Parviz Nouriour (Fal) dec. Anthony Garcia (Jun) 15-1, 113- Travis Furr (Hart) dec. Michael Bohl (Ment) 2-1, 121- Dominik Lader (East) dec. Matt Kirby (Men) 7-5, 07- Stefan Holt (East) p. Braden Zeiter (Chr), Ryan Ferreira (Chr) dec. Thomas Vandershoolt (CSD) 5-2, 169- Josh Crawford (Fal)

TEAM SCORES - 7th Grade 1. East Avenue 84, 2. Mendenhall 49, 3. Junction 49, 4. Wells 37, 5. Christensen 25, 6. Hart 18, 7. Fallon 17, 8. Pleasanton 14, 9. Harvest Park 11, 10. California School of Deaf (CSD) 10

CHAMPIONSHIP 80 - Aaron Cortez (East) dec. Jordan Garcia (Wells) 3-7, 87- Nick Campiotti (Men) p. Cristian Brosius (Wells), 96 - Bryce Stovall (East) dec. Tyler Joy (Fal) 6-1, 106 - Dominex Kovacs (Men) dec. Fabian Lemus (CSD) 3-0, 114 - Brain White (Men) dec. Joseph Guerrero (Wells) 7-5, 120 - Josue Medina (Jun) p. Jacob Richey (Hart), 130 - Brett Lewis (PMS) p. Taylor Petz (Fal), 140 - Vince Volpatti (East) p. Blake Sweet (Chr), 159 - Shawn Hamby (East) dec. Corbin Cofer (East) 4-2, 250- Matt Neale (East) p. Artemio Feenay (Junc)

THIRD PLACE 80 - Bruno McLeod (Chr), 87 - Chazz Finnigan (Fal) i. Tate Chen (HP) 16-1, 96 - Peter Whitney (Jun) p. Graham Miller (Hart), 106 - Jason Silva (Men) dec. Brandon West (East) 9-1, 114 - Connor Mass (Chr) p. Tyler Rardon (East) p. Shebbaz Murtuza (Men) p. Ti Rizvi (Chr) - 130 - John Mdruga (Jun) p. Vas Stover (Hart), 140 - Devin Berghoff (Chr) p. Tyler Miller (East), 159 - Camden Smith (Jun) p. Steven Rollins (Chr), 120 - Ignacio Delgado (Wells) p. Richard Alvarez (Wells)

TEAM SCORES - 8th Grade 1. East 75, 2. Junction 64, 3. Harvest Park 58, 4. Hart 51, 5. Christensen 45, 6. Mendenhall 38, 7. Wells 7, 8. CSD 18, 9. Pleasanton 10, 10. Falls 7

CHAMPIONSHIPS 83 - Brandon Self (Men) dec. Curtis Angess (Jun) 7-5, 92 - Zac Wilner (Hart) dec. Clayton Bueno (Men) 10-4, 100 - Louis Deprez (Hart) dec. Tommy Barrera (HP) 6-2, 107 - Thomas Lovett (East) dec. Ben Bassine (Fal) 3-2, 116 - Nick Lang (East) dec. Nick Vickers (East) 11-0, 124 - Tyler Rardon (East) dec. Austin Hamilton (HP) 4-2, 129 - Ryan Viano (Chr) p. Shawn Vinzent (Fal), 134 - Rico Castillo (Chr) dec. Aledirram PMG 12-2, 140 - Mac Morgan (East) i. Scott Chapeta (East) 16-0, 151 - Rafael Menivar (CSD) dec. Zac McPherson (Chr) 6-1, 160 - River Sandoval (Jun) dec. John Paul Parisi (Hart) 8-6, 169 - Travis Chubb (HP) p. Josh Pease (HP), 205 - Keanu Anderson (Jun) p. Jake Hicklin (HP)

THIRD PLACE 83 - Anthony Dumag (Jun), 92 - Brandon Olson (Junc) p. Ralph Gonzalez (East), 100 - Eric Westphal (Chr) dec. Alec Carel (Jun) 10-7, 107 - Ricky Romero (Hart) p. Tyler Macasool (East), 116 - Kyle Campiotti (Men) p. Farzon Sayah (Jun), 124 - Ken Ainslie (Wells) dec. Carlos Sotelo (CSD) 2-0, 129 - Keith Dehollander (East) inj. def. Thomas Cook (Chr), 134 - Conner Vei (HP) p. Max McKernan (Chr), 140 - Al Russell (Jun) dec. Zac Byers (East) 3-1, 151 - Giorgio Bryant (Hart) p. Tyler Neaback (Jun), 160 - Grant Bonham (HP) - Andre Flores (East), 169 - Marshall Peters (Men) p. Aaron Untalan (East), 205 - Kayleb Hart (Fal)

TEAM SCORES - Girls Division 1. Junction 38, 2. Christensen 15, 3. Wells 14, 4. CSD 10, 5. East 7

CHAMPIONSHIPS 90 - Linda Tran (Wells) p. Brianna Hevle (Jun), 111 - Summer Johnson (Jun) dec. Sarah Gelb (Jun) 12-4, 165 - Alex Selenk (jun) p. Rebecca Patron-Carreon (CSD)

THIRD PLACE 90 - Alina Kotowski (Chr) dec. Giselle Manzano (Jun) 7-4, 111 - Bryanna Miller (Hart) p. Victoria Askin (Chr) 165 - Bernadette Allen (East)

The Mendenhall Mustang 7th grade wrestling team took second place at the end of year league tournament this past weekend at Livermore High School. Mendenhall only had 5 wrestlers competing for the overall team trophy. Of the five wrestlers, three brought home the gold, and two came home with bronze. Nick Campiotti, wrestling in the 90 lb. division, got things started for Mendenhall as he won three straight matches (all by the way of pin) to take home first. Dominex Kovacs won the 106 lb. title with a hard fought 3-0 win and Brian White, once again came back from being down 5-2, only to turn his opponent late in the match to win by the score of 7-5 in the 115 lb. championship.

Jason Silva finished with a 3-1 record on the day to finish 3rd at 106 lbs. and Shebbaz Murtuza took 3rd at 120.

The 6th Grade team for Mendenhall came away with a third place finish in the team standings. Wrestling at 140's, Jeffrey Brinkley, after winning a tough second match in overtime 2-0, came home the champion with a 6-5 win in the final. Jason Bohl only allowed 2 points in his three matches to win the 121 lb. bracket and Grant Billings took first at 115. Other 6th graders to wrestle well were Jacob Martinez (4th at 89 lbs.), Austin Brookling (2nd at 106 lbs.), Michael Bohl (8th - 113 lbs.) and Matt Kirby (4th - 121 lbs.).

The lone champion for the Mustang 8th graders was Brandon Self, who won the 85 lb. bracket with a 7-5 overtime win. Clayton Bueno took 2nd in the tough 95 lb. class by winning 2 matches after a first round loss. Kyle Campiotti lost his first match by the score of 3-2 only to pin his next three opponents and come away with 3rd at 116. Marshall Peters finished the day for Mendenhall by taking 3rd in the 169 lb. class. Overall it was a great day for Mendenhall wrestling as 21 wrestlers took the mat and 17 came home with a medal.

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League highlights:

T-Ball: Mud Cats vs. Grasshoppers: There were plenty of cheering fans that came out to watch an exciting game between the Mud Cats and The Grasshoppers. Benjamin Robinson, Bryan Wolfe, and Isaac Bauman each hit a home run leading the way for the Mud Cats. Great defensive plays by Noah Powell, Jayden Payne, Holden Meyer which helped to control the excellent hitting by the Grasshoppers. Top Offensive Players: Isaac Bauman, Alex Wheeler, Bryan Wolfe; Top Defensive Players: Noah Powell, Jayden Payne, Holden Meyer

A Division: Jaxx vs. Defenders: It was a very exciting game with both sides playing very hard. The Jaxx offense was led by Tom Stoev with two hard hit doubles, and Gabe Bonjorno had three runs batted in. The defense was anchored by Ryan Singh with a number of stellar plays at third base as well as a fantastic catch by Luca D'Emilio at shortstop.

AA Division: Rockies 15, Red Sox 22: Another back-and-forth game for the Rockies who came out swinging today amassing a dozen hits in the loss. Ben Carter lit up the boards with 3 consecutive hits, Scoring three runs and driving in 2 more. Trevor Holt was also key at the plate getting on base 3 times with 1 RBI and 1 run scored. Greg Arnold was showing off his sweet swing with three solid singles. Top Offensive Players: Ben Carter Top Defensive Players: Andrew Soldati.

Majors: A's 7, Angels 7:

SHORT NOTES

Spring Splendor

Spring Splendor is the theme of a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger to be presented Sat., April 11.

Meet Ranger Lewis Reed at 10 a.m. at the Weimere Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Remnant stands of native grassland offer a unique glimpse at the area's natural history. Once covering thousands of acres in California, less than 1 percent of our native grassland is left. Where patches of this distinct vegetation have resisted the statewide replacement by exotic grasses, wildflowers are often found. In this two-hour field trip participants will learn the natural history and ecology of grasslands and learn some of the important species that inhabit them, ranging from subtle grasses to showy wildflowers. The group will meet at the park entrance and take a van to the starting point. From there attendees will hike to remote reaches of the park. Please call 925-960-2400 to make reservations.

There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information or visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Distinguished School

Pleasanton Middle School is one of 261 California middle and high schools that have been selected as 2009 California Distinguished Schools, an annual award that recognizes some of the state's most exemplary public schools.

Pleasanton Middle is one of the 136 middle schools so recognized in the state.

This year, the selection process required schools to provide an in-depth description of two "signature" practices implemented at the schools that are replicable and directly related to the success of their students. During an intensive site visitation by a trained team of external educators, additional evidence about the effectiveness of the "signature" practices was gathered and analyzed.

Pleasanton Middle School focused on two practices which targeted closing the achievement gap: "Lesson Study" where small groups of teachers collaborate to create lessons targeting a specific need, and "SDAIE" (Specially Designed Academic Instruction for Everyone), applied to science and history instruction. Information about these successful signature practices will be shared through the CDE Web site and other venues.

John Whitney is the principal of Pleasanton Middle School. The school is located at 5001 Case Avenue in Pleasanton.

HistoryTalk

Susan Canfield will be the featured speaker at the April 15 Livermore Heritage Guild History Lecture.

Susan is the daughter of Elliott Dopking, a well-known photographer. She will share his collection of photographs taken over a 50-year period. He was a photographer in World War II. He also took photos at many Livermore schools, the rodeo and community events as well as the Livermore Lab and Sandia.

The lecture will be held at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Doors open at 7 a.m. The talk begins at 7:30 p.m. Come early for refreshments and conversation. This event is open to the public. A \$2 donation is suggested.

For more information, call 443-9740.

Vintage Easter Eggs

The Livermore Heritage Guild is featuring a special exhibit of vintage Easter decorations, eggs and cards at the Carnegie Building through the end of April.

The items are from the personal collections of Anna Siig and Tilly Calhoun. Both are local historians, authors and artists. A number of their note cards and books will be available for purchase, including Tilly's latest book, "The Holm Family Cookbook."

In addition, the Art Gallery features a number of items for purchase that have been created by local artists such as handmade cards, paintings, textiles and jewelry.

The Carnegie Building is located at 3rd and K Streets in Livermore. It is open Wednesday to Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 449-9927.

Spring Break Camps

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is offering students of various ages an alternative to sitting at home this Spring Break. A number of day camps will be held from Monday, April 13, to Friday, April 17, during Livermore students' break from school.

A brand new Junior Adventure Camp for Spring Break is geared toward students in fifth through eighth grades. In addition to hanging out at the teen center Elbow Room at the Robert Livermore Community Center, the camp will include four fun field trips during the week.

Spring Break Sports Camp is another new option for students ages 5 to 11. LARPD staff supervise this camp that will use the outdoor fields, aquatics center and gymnasium at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The sports camp is designed for beginning to intermediate campers, though the staff has the experience to challenge campers of all ability levels.

Campers will learn traditional sports and nontraditional games that improve coordination and cardio fitness. Cost ranges from \$132 to \$199 based on the camp selected. Morning and afternoon sessions will be available, and campers will be divided into age groups of 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 11.

Another daytime camp will be the Skyhawks Spring Break Basketball Camp, designed for ages 7 to 12. The Skyhawks leaders will teach campers the fundamental skills of the sport using games such as speed drills, ball handling, passing, shooting, defense and rebounding. The goal is to have fun while learning basketball skills. This camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the week of spring break and is \$171.

An evening camp during the break will be the Spring Youth Volleyball Camp for ages 8 to 14. Club VIP staff will teach youth the basics of volleyball

including the skills of passing, setting, spiking and serving in a fun atmosphere. Campers will be in an encouraging environment. The camp will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., and campers will be divided into groups based on age and skill level. Cost is \$112.

All camps will meet at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For more information or to register, call 925-373-5700 or visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Literary Events

Upcoming events at Towne Center Books include the following:

Author illustrator, Elisa Kleven will be at Towne Center Books 2:00 Wed. April 15. Everyone 6 and older is invited to join Elisa in making a carousel craft while learning how Elisa comes up with her ideas. Free with book purchase. \$5.00 without. Reservations please so we know how many supplies to order, 846-8826.

Pleasanton Poet Laureate, Martha Meltzer will celebrate her first book at a Poetry Party on Friday, April 17 at 7:00.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton.

Tri-Valley Appreciation

"Tri-Valley Appreciation," a lecture about the area we live in, will be presented by Steve Thomas from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16 at the Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. The lecture is one in the Ed Kinney Lecture Series of Pleasanton's Museum On Main.

No reservations are necessary. Admission is \$5 for museum members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for teachers and \$3 for students with valid ID.

Thomas will talk about the Bay Area with its combination of climate perfection, geographic diversity, unique history and recreational abundance. Learn about interesting places to visit, unique weather, geography, and nature along with easy and interesting walks and hikes.

This program includes over 100 color slides, interesting facts, and stimulating anecdotes.

The presentation is an outgrowth of his website "Tri-Valley Trails," which features over 200 walking and biking trails in the area. The site has over 3,000 photos and maps.

Information is available at (925) 462-2766 or go to www.museumonmain.org.

E-Waste Recycling

A free e-waste recycling event will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on April.

Dates and times are Fri., April 17, noon to 5 p.m. and Sat. and Sun., April 18 and 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drop off is at 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Gate 12.

Electric items accepted will be televisions, fax machines, VCRs and DVDs, monitors, printers, cell phones, computers, toner cartridges, video game systems, computer components, telephone equipment, fluorescent bulbs and more. No household appliances, furniture or paint will be accepted.

For more information, go to

www.newwaste.com or call 866-335-3373.

The event is sponsored by Electronic Waste Management.

Annual Duck Races

The 17th annual Livermore Duck Races are set for Sun., April 26 at the Granada High School swimming pool in Livermore. The action will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Livermore schools and non-profit groups. Over \$5000 in cash prizes will be given out to duck sponsors.

There will be a Little Duckie Race for kids 12 years and younger. The race is free with a parent present. Participants receive prizes compliments of Livermore McDonalds.

The Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermore Y's Men Club will float and stir plastic ducks in the pool, 400 Wall Street. Members from the Granada swim team will dive into the pool and retrieve winning ducks. Each duck will have a number attached and assigned to the number on an entry form. The winning duck entries eligible for prizes will be announced at the conclusion of each race. Individuals who submit the winning entries are not required to be present and will be notified by telephone.

For more information, call Betty Harvey 449-1315 or Jim Travis 321-1123. Tickets are \$5 per entry. They are available from some Livermore school PTAs or write to Livermore Duck Races, PO Box 48, Livermore, CA 94551.

Beautification Committee

The Livermore Beautification Committee is a city advisory board that runs community events and makes recommendations to the Livermore City Council. The only requirement to serve on the committee is to be a resident of Livermore and be interested in furthering the goals to plant for the future.

The Beautification Committee has a lot to do with the trees. Members join with the city Maintenance Department to hold California Arbor Day assemblies at elementary schools every March. In cooperation with the Livermore Unified School district, private schools, the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club and Alden Lane Nursery, each second grade student is presented with a seedling to take care of.

The city-wide Earth Day Celebration and community clean-up will be held in conjunction with the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District on Saturday April 18th at Robertson Park.

To apply to be on the Beautification Committee, contact the City Clerk's Office at 925-960-4200

Events on Mt. Diablo

Save Mount Diablo is offering several special programs this spring.

There will be a spring flower walk to Three Springs on Sat., April 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Walk is mostly through gentle terrain with one optional steep climb to the upper springs. Boots or sturdy shoes advised. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: Sue Watson (925) 254-4077 or sjwatson@att.net. Meet: MP14 - Pullout parking at top of grade

on Marsh Creek Road about 2 miles past Regency Drive signal in Clayton. www.savemountdiablo.org.

Four Days on Diablo will be offered April 29 to May 2. See eagles and falcons flying above a western box canyon riddled with hundreds of caves... wildflower meadows and dense woodland views uninterrupted for many miles. Crossing just two small roads in four days, the group will be in the middle of a vast wilderness just a half hour from home. This is the thirty mile Diablo Trail - from Walnut Creek to Brentwood. Space is limited. www.savemountdiablo.org for more information or to register.

Civil War Lecture

Civil War Veterans of the Tri-Valley will present a talk at 7 p.m. on Thurs., April 16 in the tractor barn at Forest Home Farms.

Over 100 Civil War veterans lived here in the Tri-Valley area at one time or another. All were Union veterans except for three known Confederates. The evening will include photographs and drawings of a number of the veterans. Richard 'Dick' Finn is past president of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society.

Register for this lecture and receive one free admission to Civil War Day at Forest Home Farms. All ages are \$10. Call 925-973-3200 to register for activity #62110 or register online at www.sanamonrecguide.com. Call the farm at 925-973-3284 for more information about this event.

Forest Home Farms is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon.

Cat Care Month

The makers of Fresh Step litter, Lucky stores and the East Bay SPCA are hosting a Cat Care Month Adoption Drive in Livermore on Saturday, April 11, from noon-3 p.m. at the Lucky store located at 2000 Portola Avenue in Livermore. The East Bay SPCA will showcase a variety of cats looking for a loving person or family to take them home.

The Adoption Drive event will take place at: Lucky Supermarket 2000 Portola Avenue Livermore, CA 94551 From 12 noon to 3 p.m.

From 12 noon to 3 p.m. the makers of Fresh Step litter also will host a free "Ask the Vet" session at the Cat Care Month Adoption Drive, where pet owners or families considering pet adoption can meet one-on-one with local veterinarian Dr. Pamela Rohrich to ask pet-related questions.

Educators Honored

The Livermore Rotary Club celebrated its "Outstanding Educators Recognition Day" on Wednesday, March 25. There were 22 honorees which include 11 from elementary schools, 4 from middle schools, 4 at the high school level, and 3 principals.

The teachers were each chosen by their principals using the principal's choice of criteria. The principals were asked to write a description of the teacher's assets and why he/she was chosen. The outstanding principals

were chosen by Superintendent Brenda Miller.

Each honoree and his/her principal were guests of Livermore Rotary for lunch and the teachers received a copy of his/her principal's write-up, a gift certificate from Bent Creek Winery, Olivina Olive Oil, Alden Lane Nursery, and LVPAC; a calendar and parking pass from LARPD; a bottle of wine from Wente's; karate lesson and discount coupon from United Studios of Self Defense; and a surprise certificate for one lucky Outstanding Educator. They also received a rose and a commemorative photo framed for exhibiting in their school's display case.

The awards program was filmed and can be viewed on Comcast Channel 26 on Tuesday, April 1, at 7am, 6pm and 8pm.

The following educators were honored.

Elementary School Educators: Janice Paquette, Altamont Creek Elementary; Connaught Lindberg, Arroyo Seco Elementary; Allyn Teixeira, Leo Croce Elementary; Steve Grajeda, Jackson Avenue Elementary; Anna McIntyre, Marilyn Elementary; Michelle Nunes, Portola Elementary; Terry Mastrantonio, Rancho Las Positas Elementary; Patti Belleci, Emma C. Smith Elementary; Pat Boyle, Sunset Elementary; Regina Leyva, Livermore Valley Charter School

Middle School Educators: Nicole Gorin, Christensen Middle School; Al Garcia, East Avenue Middle School; Aimee Thompson Youngblood, Junction Avenue Middle School; Anne Spencer, Mendenhall Middle School

High School Educators: Steve Syth, Del Valle/Phoenix Continuation; Peg Hauselt, Granada High School; Jeannette Garza, Livermore High School; Jill Nonn, Vineyard

Principals: Shari Johnston, Leo Croce Elementary School; Vicki Scudder, East Avenue Middle School; Kat Hannah, Del Valle/Phoenix High School

Livermore Rotary has honored outstanding educators for the past 6 years. To learn more about Livermore Rotary go to www.livermore-rotary.org.

Reading Volunteers

The Livermore Public Library invites young adults, going into grades 6 and up, are invited to become Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) for the 2009 Summer Reading Game, "Be Creative @ Your Library." Volunteers listen to readers tell about the books they've read, award prizes, and assist with storytimes, programs and crafts. All YAVs will be able to log hours for community service purposes.

This year, new and returning YAVs must complete a YAV Packet, and bring a signed copy to one of the training sessions scheduled at Civic Center, Rincon or Springtown libraries. YAV Packets will be available by April 15 at Livermore Public Libraries or available on the library's website. The training sessions and additional changes to the YAV program are listed in the YAV Packet.

For more information please call Sandy at 373-5500 extension 5583 or visit "Teen Space" on the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us to download the YAV Packet.

OBITUARIES

Jimmie "Duke" Wills

Jimmie "Duke" Wills passed away unexpectedly on March 27, 2009 at the age of 59. Duke was born and raised in Livermore.

He loved camping, fishing and hunting. Until his retirement in 2007, he worked for various contractors as a warehouseman at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

He is survived by his children, Jesse (Amanda) Wills, Jake (Heather) Wills, Lyla (Curtis) Jacobson, his mother, Pansy Jean Wills, brothers, Terry Wills & Gary (Patty) Wills. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, Ashley, Payton, Ethan, Corbin, Elijah, Anna-Lisa, Mary-Jean and Joshua, all of whom were very dear to him.

A funeral service was held April 6 in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Jack Milton Turpin

Jack Milton Turpin passed away in his Livermore home on Friday March 27, 2009 at the age of 73. Jack was born in Webster City, Iowa on October 30, 1935 to Ben and Marie Turpin.

He was a longtime member of The American Legion. He worked in restaurants all of his life. He loved gardening, fishing, 49ers and the Giants. He enjoyed baking Christmas goodies, and was especially known for his chocolate fudge and decorating for the holidays.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Marie Turpin, his sister, Dixie Deese and his son, Norman Turpin. Jack is survived by his sons: Robert (Liz) Turpin of Oakdale and Donald (Karen) Turpin of Livermore, his ex-wife, Theresa Turpin of Livermore. He is also survived by his sisters, Sharon Varney of Livermore and Toni Camp of Oregon and granddaughters, Melissa Perez, Melinda Turpin and Tracy Wilson and eight great grandchildren, all of whom were very dear to him.

Graveside services were held April 8, 2009 at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Martin Anthony Kunich

Martin Anthony Kunich went home to be with his heavenly family on April 3, 2009. Martin Anthony Kunich was born to Angelo and Ane Kunich on November 13, 1925 in Salinas.

At 17 Marty joined the Navy where he was discharged as Seaman First Class on March 27, 1946. After being honorably discharged from the military, Marty joined Standard Building Company of San Francisco, and worked there as a carpenter. Shortly after, Marty married his sweetheart, Laverne Biagini and had 2 beautiful children, Gary Michael and Karen Ann. There are also four grandchildren Kim, Kevin, Karrie and Suzanne and four great grandchildren, Jackie, Lane, Allen and Maxx.

He left Standard Building and became foreman for Henry Dolger and built the Palisades in Daly City where the song "Little Boxes" was inspired by Malvina Reynolds in 1962. In 1963 Marty moved his family to Montclair, in the Oakland Hills. Also, that same year he was contracted by the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley for a 3 year renovation. In 1967 Marty and Laverne divorced. In 1968 he married Shirley, but became a widow in June 1969. In the mid 70's he met and married Alice and they lived in Pleasant Hill, where they had a fun, loving extended family together. Throughout Alice's illness, Marty lovingly cared for her until she passed. Marty then moved to a Senior Apartment complex in Oakley to be closer to his family, where he met Phillip and his Mother; Phyllis. They lived there until moving to Livermore in 2003 to be closer to Phillip's family whom Marty adored.

Chapel Blessing was held April 8 in Livermore. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Hayward.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Vernon Max Gosney

Vernon Max Gosney passed peacefully in his sleep on April 1, 2009. He was born on Feb. 24, 1928 in Winona, Washington, to Ethel and Charlie Gosney. He had lived in Livermore for 39 years.

Max graduated from St. John High School in 1946 and Washington State University in 1951 before serving in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Max was lifelong sports enthusiast, having played for the USAF fast-pitch All-Star team. He was also an avid golfer and a member of SIRS.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joby Gosney and his sister Joan Schuster. Max and Joby had five sons, Charles William, his wife Susan Lynn Gosney, Patrick Max (deceased) and his wife Rhonda Hanson (deceased),

Kevin Peter, Timothy Stephen and Rich David; six grandchildren, Kristi, Tiffany, Kellan, April, Elizabeth, and Katlyn; and three great grandchildren, Aerie, Nevaeh, and Audrey.

Services were held April 8 at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Max's name to Hope Hospice would be appreciated.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Lucila M. Camberos

Lucila Margarita Cortés Horta was born on the 7th anniversary of Mexican Independence Day on September 16, 1917 in Ciudad Guzman, Jalisco to Agapito Cortés Vargas and Petra Horta Mendoza de Cortés. She later admitted that in her early years she was convinced everyone in the Mexico celebrated the birthday of her and her identical twin sister. Lucila enjoyed needle working, she was an expert seamstress and an avid gardener including rock gardens. She married Miguel Camberos Fitch in Mazatlán, Sin. MX on April 29, 1937. They made their home first in Hayward, then in Oakland where they raised their family. She was a Livermore resident.

Lucila is preceded in death by Miguel in 1992, by her grandchildren Edwin M. Hicks in 1996 and J. Jasmine Goltz in 2000, in addition to 7 siblings. She is survived by her twin, Maria Rogelia Cortés Horta of Guadalupe, Jal, MX and her sister Antonia Cortés de Bingham of Blackfoot, ID. She is also survived by her children Flora M. Hicks, John Richard Camberos and wife Carole, Maria Elena Stoner and husband Phil Stoner, and Antonia L. Goltz and husband Larry Goltz; grandchildren, Robert W. Hicks and wife Michelle Des Jardines, Peter T. Hicks, Martha C. Hicks, Monica C. Hicks, Matthew V. Hicks, Michael J. Camberos, Daniel J. Camberos, Christina Camberos Rapp and husband Brian Rapp, (twin) Raymond A. Stoner and wife Adriana, (twin) Michael D. Stoner and wife Deborah Siler Stoner, Sherry Stoner Decker and husband Kurt Decker, Paula Stoner Straley, Suzanne Goltz,

sixteen great grandchildren, and a great grand grandson.

Donations can be made in memory of Lucila M. Camberos: Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568, or to Menlo College in memory of Lucila M. Camberos, to the J.Jasmine Goltz Scholarship Fund, 1000 El Camino Real, Atherton, CA 94027. Checks should be payable to Menlo College with J.Jasmine Goltz Memorial Scholarship Fund, in memory of Lucila M. Camberos to be entered on the memo line.

A Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 9, 4-9PM, with Vigil at 7PM. A Chapel Blessing Service will be held on Friday, April 10, 2009 at 12:00 noon all at Callaghan's Chapel, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA. Burial will be on Monday, April 13th at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

Phyllis J Parker (PJ)

Formerly Phyllis J. Bell, and born Phyllis J. Varey

She was born on the fourth of July, 1918 in San Francisco, where her father Walter B Varey was completing his dental degree. Her mother Vida Van Syckle was a church librarian and very religious. PJ enjoyed fireworks on every birthday.

PJ grew up in Everett, Washington and graduated from Everett High School. She made lots of scrapbooks and was involved in the Girl Reserves (Girl Scouts). She had no TV or video games but did listen to the radio and loved music. She played the piano. She attended Rodgers Business College to learn shorthand and the secretary profession. She also attended Univ. of Washington and Whitman College as well as the University of California; Berkeley. She had an extensive vocabulary which grew her whole life. She was very organized and could spell almost any word.

One of her first jobs was as a receptionist and office manager for her fathers' thriving dental practice. Her second job was for Boeing Corporation as a secretary in the engineering dept. She transferred to the Naval Air Station, Seattle and held a similar position. She and her friend Jeanne Bates moved down to California together

where they spent most of their lives. PJ hired on at Lawrence Radiation Lab, Berkeley, where she worked in the engineering department as a secretary. A young engineer who was working with Oppenheimer on the Cyclotron caught her eye.

PJ and James Bell married Dec. 1943 in Seattle, Washington. Shortly there after Jim was rushed off to Oak Ridge, Tennessee on a secret mission. They could not phone each other and all letters were opened and read by security. Later PJ was able to transfer to Oak Ridge and they lived in a shared 2 bed room home until married housing was built. Jim Bell was supervising the construction of the Magnetron.

After Oak Ridge, TN they moved back to Berkeley, working for Lawrence Radiation Labs, again and started a family, three boys, James Christopher Bell, Peter McKean Bell, and David Walker Bell. All three are still living.

The family moved to Livermore, in 1952 where Jim Bell was working at the new Lawrence Livermore Radiation Lab.

They divorced in 1960 and PJ married James M Parker in 1963. This marriage caused a huge change in the family as Jim Parker had six children. For a short time there were 9 children and 2 adults living in a 3 bedroom house.

Phyllis was an artist. She had an eye for capturing the world. She knew what she liked and she wanted the right look including color combinations, textures, and lighting. PJ loved to garden and had great gardens with lots of flowers. She was proud of her work in the Everett victory garden during WW2. She sewed everything from

clothing to patchwork blankets.

In Livermore, PJ was a huge volunteer. She booked more than 13,000 hours volunteering at the Valley Care Health System Auxiliary. She worked as a candy stripper helping patients in the hospital. She was board secretary, membership director, junior director, and thrift shop volunteer. She wrote profiles of volunteers and workers for the Auxiliary newsletter; one per month with 54 different write-ups in all.

She was involved in the Cask and Mask acting group doing everything from costumes to acting to refreshments. She also helped out at the "little theater group" for years. She was involved in the Livermore Heritage Guild and the Valley Opera Guild.

She especially enjoyed helping in several Livermore wineries tasting rooms on weekends.

There is one thing that PJ loved her entire life and that was travel. From car trips as a child to circling the globe as an adult she was always traveling. She traveled through most continents of the world.

PJ suffered a stroke in 2001, which changed her life forever. She suffered severe neuropathy affecting mostly her hands. Her description to me was that picking things up felt like grabbing a wire brush by the bristles.

She had to sell her home of 50 years and move to a condo in Cherry Creek, CO. She moved to Colorado to be close to her son David. When the condo became too much for her, she moved to Sunrise assisted living at Cherry Creek and later to Brighton Gardens of Denver a much nicer place.

She died in her room while asleep 03/27/2009.

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Sunol Tree Planting. The Sunol 4H Gardening Project is teaming up with the Sunol Business Guild, Western Star Nursery, and local residents for an Arbor Day tree planting on April 24th at 3pm. Thirty trees will be planted in front of the Sunol Welcome sign across the street from the school. This invitation is extended to the 4-H community and the Sunol Glen community. The 4-H million trees project has joined with the Arbor Day foundation with a goal of planting a million trees to offset CO2 emissions by 2012. All 4-H clubs & local communities will be planting trees nation wide and across Canada on the 24th. Please contact Danielle Newman to reserve a spot. Space is limited.

Bingo fund-raiser. The EGGStravaganza Easter celebration will benefit the Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch and Arroyo Seco Elementary PTA. All players will receive a free Treasure Hunt game (\$500 payout) and a prize-filled easter egg. At the intermission 10 lucky players will win prizes. Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Avenue, Sat. Apr 11th, Doors open at 4pm, arrive early (5:30pm) to obtain paks and prize egg. Contact Sylvia Martin or Dawn Whalen with any questions: seobingo@yahoo.com or 925-373-4898.

Camp 55. Alviso Adobe Community Park, May 18-22, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A week long camp for ages (55+). Learn about the history of Pleasanton and the new Alviso Adobe Community Park. Lectures, cheese making, Art and crafts, daily gourmet box lunch. Attend all week or choose a Day(s) to attend. Call Pleasanton Senior Center for more information. (925)931-5365. \$110R/\$121N all week, \$25R/\$28N Daily.

Hearing Loss Association of America. Tri-Valley Chapter, meeting, April 16, meets in the Valley Community Church, at 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton at 7:00 PM. The program will start at 7:30 PM. Meetings are open to the public, are free, and refreshments are served. The speaker will be Barbara Bell. She is a clinical social worker who works with hard of hearing and deaf people. She will describe ways of coping with hearing loss in a world of hearing people. The meeting will be captioned for the benefit of those with extreme hearing loss. For more information

contact Hiram Van Blarigan at 925-455-6591 or Email hvanblarigan@hotmail.com.

Teaching. Interested in sharing a talent or teaching a class? Livermore Adult Education is looking for teachers for the Fall, need not be credentialed. Call 925-606-4722 for more information.

Ballroom Dancing. Fri., April 17, Pleasanton Senior Center. Dance to the sounds of Don Veca Big Band. Doors open at 7pm, dancing from 7:30-9:30pm. Ages 18+ welcome. Advance ticket price: \$7R/\$8N. At Door: \$8R/\$9N. Call 931-5365 for reservations. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA. Friendly bridge and optional lunch in Livermore, April 18, 1 p.m., RSVP by April 15 to Harriet, 447-8229. Birthday dinner in Pleasanton, Amarone Restaurant, April 19, 5 p.m. RSVP by April 16 to Lou, 628-4463. Luncheon at Mimi's Cafe in Dublin, April 21, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by April 18 to Kathy, 398-8005. Happy Hour at Palomares Cafe in Castro Valley April 24, 4 to 6 p.m., RSVP by April 22 to Jill, 510-881-5852.

Wildflower Walk. Sat., April 11, John Muir National Historic Site, two hour walk begins at 9 a.m. Meet at the CalTrans Park and Ride, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Bring water. Wear good walking shoes, trail is steep. If rains heavily, walk cancelled. Free. Information, call 228-8860.

Valley Spoken Bicycle Touring Club. Sat., April 11, 51 miles from Ferry Bldg. in SF to Sausalito, meet 9:15 a.m., Kevin Thieben, 437-5919. Sun., April 12, 35 miles from Danville to junction on Mt. Diablo and down northside, meet 9 a.m. at Danville Railroad Museum, Mike Smith, 628-4333. Tues., April 14, 25 miles Dublin area, meet 6 p.m. at Shannon Center, Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Wed., April 15, 32 miles pigs and bears, meet 9 a.m. at Olympic Staging Area, Briones Reservoir, Henry Lam, 708-4066. Wed., April 15, 30 miles Diablo to Blackhawk on vintage bikes, 9 a.m. at Heather Park Farms, Pete and Sharon Culshaw, 932-0790. Thurs., April 16, 25 miles Dublin area, meet 6 p.m. Shannon Center, Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Yoga for Stress Relief. Dublin Library, April 22-June 10, noon-1:00p.m. Instructor

Lila Galindo offers an hour of simple and fun "non-exercises." This class is every Wednesday from April 22 until June 10. Lila Galindo is currently a yoga instructor at The Yoga Company in San Ramon. No experience is necessary. For further information, check the library's website at www.aclibrary.org or contact the library at (925)803-7275. Dublin Library is a branch of the Alameda County Library and is located at 200 Civic Plaza in Dublin.

Whole Birth Prenatal Yoga. Prenatal yoga can benefit both mom and baby in so many ways! Work with breath and postures to learn labor management. Classes are Tuesdays, 6:45 P.M. - 8:00. Livermore Valley Tennis Club, 2000 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The next 6 week session is April 21 - June 2 (no class May 12th). Members \$40 / Nonmembers \$80. Sign up at the LVTC front desk. For any questions about the class, contact the instructor, Katherine, at 925-371-5574.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network. meets 7 p.m. Mon., April 20, program on organic gardening. Shawn Seufert, owner of Terra Bella Farms in Pleasanton will offer information on how to evaluate soil; how to amend soil; when to start planting; what produce does the best; and organic pest control, all just in time for planting season. Living Vine Fellowship, 4100 First St., Pleasanton. This meeting is free for members, as well as for first time visitors to Tri-ValleyHMN. For further information, please visit www.holisticmoms.com.

New Technologies and the Effect on Tourism Marketing. Social Media, Web 2.0, PR 2.0 and more Marketing & PR educational seminar presented by the Tri-Valley, California Convention & Visitors Bureau on April 20. The session will cover all levels of expertise, whether new to marketing and PR or an experienced professional. Attendees must pre-register to attend this event at www.trivalleycvb.com/meetings. Full Day Registration: CVB Members: \$75, Non Members: \$85 Half Day (morning or afternoon session includes lunch): CVB Members: \$50, Non Members: \$60. Registration Deadline is April 15, 2009. No cancellations or refunds after April 1, 2009.

Scholarships, Activities & Academics Booster Club (AABC) of Foothill High School (Parent Teacher's Club) is offering 6 scholarships of \$500 each to Foothill HS Seniors. The application forms are on AABC site at www.foothillfalcons.org and with

Mrs. Bing at the Foothill HS Counseling office. The last date for application is April 13, 2009.

Livermore Duck Races. April 26, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Granada High School swimming pool. Over \$5000 in cash prizes. Benefit for schools and nonprofits. Free Little Duck race for kids 12 and under with a parent present. \$5 per duck. Information, 449-1315 or 321-1123.

OSHA Fall Arrest Systems. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District's OSHA Training Center will offer an OSHA 3110 Fall Arrest Systems course April 14 through 16 to help construction businesses protect workers and reduce fall hazards. The three-day course will provide an overview of state-of-the-art fall protection technology and address OSHA requirements for fall protection. The course also features a one-day field exercise demonstrating fall protection equipment. Topics to be covered during the course include principles of fall protection, components of fall arrest systems and limitations of fall arrest equipment. The program will be at the training center, 5020 Franklin Dr., Pleasanton. For more information and to register for the course visit www.osha4you.com, or call (866) 936-OSHA.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club. Luncheon 11:30 a.m., April 16 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Nursery owner Jacquie Courtwright-Williams will present a talk on kitchen gardening. Contact Paula at 735-6483.

Senior Health Fair. Ridge View Commons, 5200 Case Ave., Pleasanton, Sat., April 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free admission. Health professionals will be on hand to answer Medical and Health questions. If there are any questions please call ore-mail Lucille Granica, Activity Chairperson, at 925-462-6298 or lgranica@yahoo.com.

43rd Annual Pancake Breakfast. hosted by Sunol 4-H, Sun., April 26, 8 a.m. to noon, Sunol Glen Elementary School. Also a bake sale, plant sale and silent auction. Proceeds benefit 4-H group projects. Adults \$6, children \$4. For more information, or for advance tickets, contact a Sunol 4-H member or call, Paulette Hartkopf (510) 862-6247.

7th Annual Going Native Garden Tour. A free, self-guided tour of home gardens that are water-wise, low maintenance, low on chemical use, bird and butterfly friendly, and attractive. A variety of home gardens landscaped with California native plants will be open to the public Sunday,

April 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Locations throughout Santa Clara Valley and Peninsula. Free admission; registration required at www.gngt.org before April 18, 12 noon, or until the tour reaches capacity, whichever comes first. Space is limited; register early to ensure a place. Volunteers receive invitations to visit native gardens throughout the year. For more information, email info@gngt.org.

RELIGION
Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Maundy Thursday service Thurs., April 9, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service, April 10, 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday sunrise service at 6:30 p.m., Easter celebration at 9 a.m. Information 447-1950.

Community Good Friday service. Fri., April 10, noon at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Special ecumenical service featuring a combined choir, pastors from six congregations, and a remembrance. All are invited.

Dealing with grief, support group for those who have lost a loved one. Sessions Thursdays starting April 16 to June 4, 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Preregistration is required. Space is limited. A \$15 donation is requested. Meetings open to all, regardless

of religious affiliation. Call Mary, 846-5377 with questions.

Potluck Passover Seder. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will hold a community potluck on Sat., April 11 at 5 p.m. at the Bothwell Center, 2688 8th St. in Livermore. The seder features the reading of a Secular Progressive Haggadah. The Haggadah is the traditional retelling of the exodus from Egypt, which the Secular Humanistic Jewish movement expands to a celebration of freedom all over the world. The seder is child-friendly. The potluck is not kosher-for-pesakh. The suggested donation for non-member adults (over 13) is \$10. For reservations, call Jamie at 510 888 1404 or e-mail reservations@Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

Studies of St. Paul the Apostle. 5 week Bible study series hosted by the St. Charles/St. Michaels' Bible Study Group beginning Monday, April 20 and running through May 18 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Borromeo Hall, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore. The presenter for this series is well known scripture scholar Fr. Tom Bonacci. This is a study that is open to all faiths and ages. A donation of \$5/evangel for the speaker would be appreciated. For more information contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 925-447-4549 ext 114.

Sunrise Service at Shadow Cliffs

Three different worship services will be offered Easter Sunday at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church.

Early risers can celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at sunrise services at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park starting at 6 a.m. on April 12. Centerpointe Pastor Mike Barris will deliver the message, entitled "Truly the Son of God." Pastor Jim Meek from Trinity Baptist Church in Livermore will present an Easter drama.

Following the sunrise service, Centerpointe will offer a blended traditional worship service with organ music and a choir at 9 a.m. on its campus at 3410 Cornerstone Drive. The band-led contemporary service follows at 10:30 and offers a full Sunday

school program for children. Worship director Brian Marriot will lead all three services. Pastor Barris will deliver the message entitled, "Cancel Easter - Who needs it anyway?"

After the contemporary service, there will be two free Easter egg hunts, one for kids five and under; the other for first through sixth graders.

People attending the sunrise service are advised to dress warmly. In the case of torrential rains, the service will be shifted to the nearby Centerpointe campus, located off the intersection of Valley Avenue and Busch Road. For more information, please see www.centerpointechurch.info or call 925-846-4436.



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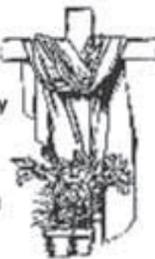
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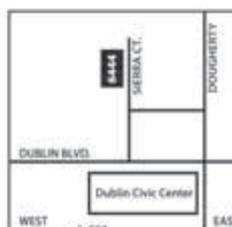
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'Ramona Quimby' on Stage

A family favorite, *Ramona Quimby*, will be performed by the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company on April 17-19 and 24-26.

Evening performances will take place on April 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8:00 p.m. Matinees will take place on April 19, 25 and 26 at 2:00 p.m. All performances will be at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

Two *Ramona Quimby*-related community events, a special presentation at the Pleasanton Library and a food drive for Open Heart Kitchen, will occur in conjunction with the production.

In the play, which was named a Distinguished Play by the American Alliance for Theatre and Education in 1995, playwright Len Jenkins has brought to life several books in Beverly Cleary's "Ramona" series. "Maybe it's the 'little sister syndrome' or the universal experience of feeling misunderstood, but I think there is something for everyone to relate to in this play," says Civic Arts Stage Company Director Paula Wujek. "The major themes will be readily apparent: sibling rivalry, family struggles, and the joys and pain of growing up are displayed with sensitivity and humor."

Ramona is unpredictable, exasperating, boisterous and independent. She delights in aggravating her older sister, Beezus (Beatrice Quimby), is constantly getting into trouble, and sometimes "makes a big, noisy fuss" when things don't go her way.

Beezus narrates the play, introducing the Quimby family and friends and setting the scene for the collection of vignettes that trace Ramona's tumultuous



passage through third grade and through her family relationships.

The *Ramona Quimby* cast is comprised of five boys and nine girls. Sika Lonner and Stacy Shimanuki share the role of Ramona, each performing in half of the public and School Concert Series performances of the play.

Sika, a third-grader at Walnut Grove Elementary School says, "I started acting in San Diego before we moved here. I think the audience will think this play is fun to watch, especially when Beezus gets mad. There are serious times, too, like when their dad loses his job. It's about fac-

ing problems and getting along."

Stacy, who is in third grade at Alisal Elementary School, has performed in piano recitals, musicals and dramas. She adds, "I love the expression the actors use when they say their lines. They sound very professional. I think the audience will like the serious scenes, like Ramona trying to get her dad to stop smoking, and the funny scenes, too."

At 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, April 11, 2009, the community is invited to a preview event at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, where Director Paula Wujek will speak about author Beverly Cleary and the plot of *Ramona Quimby*. In addition, cast members will perform scenes from the play and answer questions from the audience.

In addition, the audience is invited to bring donated food items to each performance for Open Heart Kitchen's box lunch program. Needed items include individually-wrapped granola bars, snack-size boxes of raisins and juice boxes. A labeled donation barrel will be situated in the theater lobby.

Tickets to *Ramona Quimby* are \$14, \$18 and \$20 for adults and \$8, \$12 and \$16 for children and seniors, aged 62 and over. They may be purchased online at www.civictickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available.

Fusion: A Zine for Livermore Teens, Produced by Livermore Teens

By Patricia Koning

Livermore teens now have a new venue for creative expression—*Fusion*, a new zine produced by the Livermore Public Library that will debut in July. Submissions of short fiction, poetry, and all mediums of art are being accepted through Monday, April 20.

Livermore teen librarian Sandy Fouts was inspired to start a teen zine after seeing a similar publication produced by a New Mexico library at a conference last summer. "I thought the New Mexico publication was amazing. I also thought with all of our talented teens, that Livermore could do the same thing," she says. "Outside of the Alameda County Fair, there aren't too many places for teens to showcase their creative work."

Fouts' daughter came up with name, which she thought reflected both the diversity of Livermore's teenage population and the diversity of the art that will be showcased in the publication. *Fusion* will be a full-color publication of about 32-36 pages distributed across Livermore.

A zine is a small circulation publication designed for a limited target audience. According to the Art Gallery of Ontario, "the main difference between a magazine and a zine is that zines are not out there to make a profit but, rather, to add other, often unheard voices into the mix."

Fusion is not just a publica-

tion for teens; it will also be edited and produced by teens. Fouts selected Gianna Devoto, Alex Frogner, Julie Herman, Cynthia Jing, and Arielle Sallai, all high school students in Livermore, to serve as the *Fusion* editorial board. To qualify for the editorial board, the teens needed an eye for art, good writing skills, and knowledge of InDesign software.

The editorial board is responsible for all contact with the community regarding *Fusion*. They will review the submissions and choose the pieces to go into the publication, with Fouts providing oversight. They will also lay out and edit the zine. A professional graphic designer will review the final version of the zine before it goes to print.

"They will be doing everything. I will step back and observe their work," says Fouts. "This is a great opportunity for these teenagers to use some of the skills they've learned in school."

Devoto and Sallai are both seniors at Granada High School and work on the school newspaper, *The Pomegranate*. Both are aspiring journalists. "I have experience doing editorial work for my school newspaper, but I've never done anything like this. It will be interesting to see the differences between working with a standard print newspaper and a more creative literary/art zine,"

says Sallai.

Herman, a junior at Livermore High School, heard about the editorial board from her AP English teacher, who presented it as an opportunity to help out the community. "I think a teen zine goes hand-in-hand with the renovations Livermore is making to enhance its culture—the next generation needs a place to express itself," she says. "The zine is a way to show everyone what kind of young talent our town has and get more teens interested in artistic expression."

A grant from the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, which Fouts received late last year, will fund the first issue. She hopes to make *Fusion* a biannual zine, published in July and December of each year, but needs to secure funding for the second issue.

"My hope is that after the first issue comes out, some local donors will step forward so we can continue," says Fouts. The New Mexico publication is supported by a major corporation that pays a stipend to the teen editorial board.

Submission forms are available at the library and on the "Teen Space" section of the Livermore Public Library website (<http://lplteens.wordpress.com/>). Submissions are due by Monday, April 20. For more information, contact Sandy Fouts at the Livermore Public Library (925-373-5500 extension 5583 or sfouts@livermore.lib.ca.us).

Shakespeare Summer Acting Camp Scheduled

Livermore Shakespeare Summer Acting Camp for Tri-Valley Teens will be offered July 6 to 17 at the Bothwell Arts Center.

Russ Marcel, Shakespeare's Associates' Education Director, will guide teens through their own adventures in this acting class.

Marcel, a Livermore resident, is a professional actor and director currently teaching acting and Shakespeare at Bellarmine College Preparatory High School in San Jose.

Russ states, "I love teaching this class, because the students have a blast. Once they realize

that Shakespeare can be fun, they really take to it, and that makes me so proud. The Summer Acting Camp is perfect for high school students interested in performing, whether they're beginners or have had plenty of experience on stage. We get on our feet and have fun with Shakespeare's words through improvisation, theatre games and stage combat."

The Acting Camp will focus on "A Midsummer Night's Dream," one of Shakespeare's funniest and most rewarding comedies. They play will be performed at the Livermore

Shakespeare Festival this summer. The class culminates in the students' pre-show performance on the LSF stage at Concannon Vineyard, July 17th.

The Livermore Shakespeare Festival Summer Acting Camp for teens, from entering high school through recent graduates, meets July 6 - 17, Mondays through Fridays from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Bothwell Arts Center, (8th and G Streets) Livermore. Tuition is \$275. Financial Aid is possible, application required. Registration information: www.LivermoreShakes.org "Education" <http://www.livermoreshakes.org/programs/Education.php>. Send questions by e-mail to: Education@Shakespeareassociates.org

Copenhagen: the uncertainty principle

by Susan Steinberg

"Everything is relative." 100 years ago Einstein upset centuries of belief and science with that startling theory. Later Heisenberg posited the Uncertainty Principle, further undermining our faith in exact scientific measurement.

Both theories are in constant play throughout Michael Ryan's fascinating drama "Copenhagen," currently presented by Shakespeare's Associates at Livermore's Bothwell Center for the Arts.

And the subject is not just science, although the protagonists, Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg, were two towering pioneers of early 20th-century physics.

Bohr had been the elder statesman of the European scientific community, and enthroned at his Copenhagen Institute with a Nobel Prize. Heisenberg was a young scientist from the pariah post-World War I nation of Germany, grateful to be welcomed as a young acolyte by the generous-spirited Bohr.

Their relationship quickly became collegial: Heisenberg as the brilliantly daring but often over-impetuous "Young Turk," and Bohr as the reliably steady analyst and thoughtful reconciler of differences.

Their personal lives also intertwined, with Heisenberg becoming like another son in the Bohr family, vacationing with them and intimately connected with their children, including their tragically-drowned eldest boy.

Heisenberg himself went on to receive the Nobel Prize in 1932, a mere 10 years after Bohr's, and established himself as a leading German scientist. All might have remained friends, since the European physics community seemed one big interwoven family — squabbles and all — ignoring national boundaries in their passion for sharing and debating new ideas.

The Nazis changed all that, as "racial laws" forced Germany's many famous Jewish intellectuals (including Freud and Einstein) to flee for their lives. By 1941 Bohr, half Jewish, was living under constant threat in Nazi-occupied Denmark when Heisenberg, by then head of Hitler's nuclear fission program, came to visit him.

Their interaction, personal and scientific, would be as difficult to determine in later years as the interaction of the atomic particles in their laboratories. What was said — what exactly happened that night — has been fiercely debated ever since, even

by the two men themselves.

Frayn's Tony Award-winning play has energized that event with crackling dialogue, rapid-fire volleys of ideas, scientific facts and theories, personal attacks and rebuttals.

In the opening night audience, scientists and "ordinary people" were all equally riveted by the lively intellectual and emotional exchanges, trying to reconcile their own reactions to the script and its historic truth behind the birth of the atom bomb.

On stage, long after their deaths, Bohr and Heisenberg are still attempting to explain their 1941 meeting and its consequences. Their encounter is actually a series of different retellings, filtered through old memories and reconstructions.

Each man starts from a different viewpoint (relativity) and neither possesses the same recollections as the other, so it is impossible to know whose memories are more accurate. Can either even truly discern his own motives, being both the observer and the observed participant? This "uncertainty" will continue to haunt them and posterity, including the audience.

Had Heisenberg come to Copenhagen, as Bohr suspected, to glean information about the rumored American nuclear weapons project? Had he come to seek absolution from Europe's Pope of Scientific Morality to justify working on such a project in wartime?

Was Heisenberg really trying to build an atom bomb for Hitler? Did he actually fail because of basic calculation errors? Or was it a subtle subconscious refusal to develop such a monstrous WMD?

Reveled after World War II by Allied scientists (including many former colleagues) as a Nazi accomplice, he relates bitterly how the "blood-stained" hands of those who built the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs refused to shake his "innocent" ones.

The play reads like an insider's reminiscences of all the great names in 20th century physics, both the scientific facts and personal anecdotes — an absolutely fascinating compilation.

Richard Massey adopts the patriarchal cautionary role of Bohr with an unbelievable mastery of both the scientific facts and the emotional variables of his life. (With typical dry irony he responds to Heisenberg's impulsive offer of the use of his ski

chalet in Germany: "I suppose I could ask my wife to kindly sew a yellow star on my ski jacket.")

As Heisenberg, Paul Silverman is a stormy sea of self-justifications, defensive apologies, nostalgic regrets, and desperate defiance crashing against the solid rock of Bohr's righteous judgment.

Between the two men, commenting as a dispassionate observer, is Margarethe, Bohr's wife, the moderator and mediator. She finally loses her deliberately-assumed detachment, inserting heated accusatory reminders of the vicious Nazi regime.

Most vivid is the terrified memory of her famous husband crawling on his knees down a rocky beach to the fishing boats that would rescue him and thousands of other Jewish Danes from scheduled deportation and death. Kim Merrill's carefully controlled performance enhances the intensity of her indignant outbursts.

Neither dry dialectic nor casual conversation, the script defies conventional categorization. Capturing the essence of the still-vital debate over scientific moral responsibility, the impassioned dialogue leaves an indelible impression on every hearer. Each has experienced something akin to Jacob's wrestling with the angel, and no one emerges untouched by the encounter.

Demands on the actors and listeners are intense, but immensely rewarding as the human drama behind the scientific giants of a past age and their looming legacy in our own time are vividly brought to life.

In this community, it is a must-see for everyone, and, for many, a "see-again" stunner, as it has been for this three-time reviewer.

Be sure to take time for the fascinating wall display of old magazines, photos and memorabilia from the era of the play. Thanks are due to all those who created the costumes, setting, lighting, music, and intricate ensemble action of this tricky theater piece for bringing such a stimulating and thought-provoking work to the Valley!

Performances of "Copenhagen" will continue on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM, and Sundays at 2 PM (except for Easter Sunday) through April 26 at the Bothwell Arts Center Theater, Eighth and H streets (Livermore's former Recreation Center). Call 800-838-3006 for tickets, as the venue is small and intimate.

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A Phenomenal Performance

By Nancy O'Connell

Wu Han, pianist, looked like a butterfly with gossamer wings and she swayed back and forth as she played, whereas David Finckel, cellist, moved very little, yet their concert was extraordinary.

Dressed in a loosely fitted, flowing gown of brilliant colors in orange, turquoise, and purple with equally colorful shoes, she was graceful in all of her movements. He wore a dark suit. His only departure from the conservative attire was a red and white bow tie. He played completely from memory, she needed her music. Yet despite the contrasts in their approach to the music, they created a concert which was memorable in every way at the Bankhead Theater on Sunday afternoon, March 20.

In their all-Russian program, their first work was Miaskovsky's "Cello Sonata No.2 in A Major," composed in 1948. Miaskovsky was a very popular Russian composer in his native country. He taught Kabalevsky and Khachaturian, whose violin concerto as arranged for flute was heard on the previous night in the Bankhead. He also composed 27 symphonies during his lifetime! His "Cello Sonata" was written for Mstislav Rostropovich, the amazing cellist whom David Finckel studied with. In the Miaskovsky, warm and rich sounds emanated from the talented duo and filled the theater on that warm Sunday afternoon. David had a bowing technique which appeared effortless, yet he was fully in control.

Much of this sonata was inspired by Russian folk songs, as in the music of Bartok and Kodaly. The end of the first movement concluded with a cello harmonic while the pianist had a melodious last statement. The cellist then descended from his harmonic and played a short passage. He had the last word in the dialogue! This critic has never seen a sonata recital in which the cellist has memorized the entire program. An amazing feat. Ordinarily, music is in front of both performers.

In the 2nd movement, the "Andante Cantabile," there were beautiful melodies. He had great strength in his bowing technique in the forte passages, yet when

he had a quiet, sustained passage, the pianist shone forth. The "Andante" ended with a quiet pizzicato of plucked notes with subdued chords in the piano. The 3rd movement "Allegro con Spirito," featured virtuoso parts for both performers - the cellist in running 16th notes. The pianist had big chords contrasting with rapid scampering notes. His intonation was flawless and his notes in the high thumb positions rang true. He played rapid 32nd notes in the middle of his bow, rather than near the frog, which would have been physically easier. The entire work ended in a flurry of brilliant running notes.

Sergei Prokofiev's "Sonata for Cello and Piano in C Major" was composed in 1949 when Prokofiev was too ill to play the piano anymore. Wu Han told a story before their own performance of this work. Prokofiev died on the same day as Stalin, so there was no mention of Prokofiev's passing in the media. However, musicians from all over Russia made their way to Prokofiev's home for the "wake" to pay homage to the great composer. Richter played the piano throughout the afternoon.

The Prokofiev began with a sensuous solo cello in the low register. Soon the piano entered. There was an exciting part with his pizzicato double stops and the pianist in a brittle, staccato sound against his plucked chords. Again, this movement ended quietly with a cello harmonic. In the second movement his notes were deep and soulful, while her bright rainbow of colors shimmered and her hands played the musical response. A quiet, contemplative whisper drew the Moderato to a close.

In the 3rd movement with its rollicking playful tune, there was, for the cellist, the very difficult crossing of all 4 strings at a rapid fire pace. Wu Han produced a singing tone on the piano, not a harsh, percussive one so many pianists of today display. Both players obviously listen carefully to one another. In the sonata form, there are two equal parts. It is not a concerto where everything is sublimated to the soloist. When there was a quiet, muted section in the cello, the

pianist matched his contemplative passage, seldom overshadowing him.

After the intermission, Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Sonata for Piano and Cello in G minor" was heard. The pianist opens with a six-note theme in the Lento. A slow, mournful melody in both voices is then followed by the longer Allegro Moderato section which had very difficult passages for both players. In the second movement the cellist's spiccato technique would have challenged a lesser talent, but he played flawlessly. Themes introduced were reminiscent of two of Rachmaninoff's piano concertos, and the rich melodies were followed by Finckel's effortless crossing of all four strings, leading to a fiery conclusion.

The third movement, an Andante, began in the piano with a soulful, passionate theme. The cello joined in. After building to a powerful climax, the Adante drew to a quiet close. The last movement challenged both players. They surmounted every difficulty. Shimmering arpeggios in the piano part accompanied his long, sustained melody when he brought back the six-note theme of the beginning of the entire work. An exciting, fiery conclusion brought the audience to a standing ovation.

Several curtain calls later the audience was rewarded with an encore - the second movement of Shostakovich's "Sonata for Cello and Piano in D minor." Pyrotechnic and exciting, this movement is a personal favorite. The cellist has glissandos, forte crossings of three strings, pizzicato, and harmonics up in the stratosphere as the pianist has octave passages and arpeggios. Much of the cellist's part is written in the treble clef rather than the usual bass or tenor clefs. Triplets across all four strings bring the work to a dramatic close.

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2nd Annual Hip-Hop Workshop. Dublin April 18th-19th, information www.spotlightaa.com

Dance, Voice, Ballroom Performance Company Auditions. Dublin Open to All dancers and singers ages 5-18yrs April 25th, information www.spotlightaa.com

Artists' Flea Market. Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., DeLucchi Park, First St. & Neal, Pleasanton. Great place to buy paints, frames, canvas, art books, etc. Clean out the hobby room or studio: sell extra art supplies, equipment, bargain art, etc. 10' x 10' spaces \$25. No commission. Sign up by calling Dorothy Maestas 925 846-6726. Sponsored by Pleasanton Art League. Non-PAL artists welcome.

Call for Artists. 11th annual Art in the Park, October 3 & 4, 2009, in Danville, on the Town Green, Front Street Park, in front of the Danville Library. Sponsored by Alamo Danville Artists' Society. Booth fees for 10' x 10' space is \$70 for ADAS members and \$85 for non-members, plus 10% commission for the Art in the Schools fund. Beautiful location, appreciative public, nice artists make this a fun & worthwhile event. Applications available by e-mailing normawebb@comcast.net or calling 925 828-9170.

Pleasanton Art League, Livermore Art Association, meeting Mon., April 20, 7 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Building, 455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Guest artist will be western painter, Gary Bergren, who will demonstrate a portrait in oils. The public is invited. There is no charge.

Art exhibit, Carol Faber, of Pleasanton, will show several of her paintings in the California State University, East Bay Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition in the University Art Gallery, 25800 Carlo Bee Blvd., Hayward. The exhibition will be open from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays April 2-23. Admission is free. In addition to paintings, the exhibition will include photography, sculpture and works on paper. Concurrently, the Satellite Gallery, in the back of the University Gallery, will show "Pre-Columbian Sculpture," including figures and faces from the ancient Mesoamerican traditions of the Olmec, the Maya, and the Aztec. Information is at http://class.csueastbay.edu/artgallery/ or 510-885-3299. Campus parking is \$5 per day. Pay machines are in lots E2, F, G, H, K and N.

Easter Egg Hunt at Tesla Vintners on Sat., April 11 at 1pm. Find the "special" egg and win a prize Arts and crafts, coloring contest with prizes for the kids. Live music and entertainment by The Singing Winemaker. Bring a picnic lunch, taste wines from the three small boutique wineries. Event fee is \$5 per child. RSVP required and space is limited. For more information or to make a reservation call Patty at 925-606-

WINE(9463). Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

Working. Las Positas College spring musical. Performances April 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. and April 19 at 2 p.m. Musical based on the book by Studs Terkel. Performances in the theater at Las Positas College, 3033 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors/students. Information 925-424-1100 or www.laspositascollge.edu/performingarts.

Copenhagen, science, politics and controversy, performances April 2-26, Bothwell Arts Center Theater, 8th and H Streets, Livermore. Tickets 1-800-838-3006, Shakespear's Associates production.

Marcus Roberts Trio. Thursday, April 9, 8 p.m., imagination and quick musical reflexes project a style that is powerful, rhythmic, and free. Tickets \$55/\$40/\$35/\$30/\$12 students. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org

Spring Rose Show. April 11, Dublin Senior Center. Presented by the Mount Diablo Rose Society. Sanctioned by the American Rose Society. Entries at 7:30 a.m. Judging begins at 10 a.m. Public welcome to enter roses. Information, Vicky Shore, 200-6972.

Spencer's Theater of Illusion. Sat., April 11, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd. \$34/\$19 youth under 12. Tickets at www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com, 973-ARTS.

Guitarist David Burgess. Sat., April 11, 8 p.m. Grand Theatre Center for the Arts, 715 Central Avenue, Tracy. Adults \$20; Students \$10. Purchase online at www.athegrand.org, by phone (209) 831-6858 or at the box office. Discount for groups of 10 more. http://www.athegrand.org.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony, Scandinavian Connection concert features music of by Nordic countries including works by Grieg and Sibelius. Guest conductor Jerker Johansson, Sweden; pianist Nancy Rude and flugelhorn virtuoso Noel Weidkamp. 7:30 p.m. April 15, Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$18 regular, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, 943-7469 www.lesherartcenter.org.

Mosaico. Thursday, April 16, Las Positas College Early Music Series, 8 p.m. college library, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Renaissance music of Italy, Southern France, and Spain in a Mosaico of Florentine Carnival, garden, birds, and love songs in the music of Diego Ortiz, Marco Cara, and Pierluigi di Palestrina among others. Pre-concert talk, post concert reception. Tickets \$15, students \$5. Marilyn Marquis, Artistic Director. Call 925.424.120 mmarquis@laspositascollge.edu.

History lecture. April 16: "The Tri-Valley and its Trails." An event in the Ed Kinney Lecture Series. Presented by trailmaster, Steve Thomas. 7:00 p.m. at the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Cost: \$10 donation, \$5 for museum members. Reservations are recommended. For reservations call 925-462-2766.

www.museumonmain.org.
Three Tall Women, Role Players Ensemble, Danville. April 17-May 9. www.danvilletheatre.com.

Livermore Native American Powwow. April 18, 11 a.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Contest, dancing, arts and crafts, gourd dancing. Free admission. Information, call Smokey Johnson, 577-8471.

Livermore Earth Day Celebration. Sat., April 18, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. community clean up, education booths, children's activities, earth friendly vendors. Robertson Park, Livermore. Information, 373-5748.

Chorus Line. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse), Mainstage Musical, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. April 24, 25, 26, May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 8 p.m. Fri, and Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Concert. New World Music Academy in Pleasanton, teaching staff will be performing Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m., at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway in Pleasanton. The roster will include internationally renowned local pianist Mark Anderson, soprano Cass Mann, flautist Teresa Orozco-Petersen, jazz vocal recording artist Melanie O'Reilly, guitarist Paul Keyes, jazz pianist Ben Anjo, and other guest artists. Admission is free, with a hitch. Instead of charging admission to recitals, each audience member is asked to bring a nonperishable food item as an admission ticket. For more information about the upcoming Faculty Recital Saturday April 25th or about the academy in general, please call (925) 462-5400.

Band Concert. April 25, Pleasanton Community Concert Band 9 a.m. to noon at the Farmers' Market, 30 Angela Street, Pleasanton. Free. Information: 925-846-5897 or www.pleasantonband.org.

Oil Pleasants. Thurs., April 30, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Livermore Speakers Series features Amory Lovins, chairman and chief scientist of Rocky Mountain Institute, an independent, entrepreneurial, nonprofit think tank. \$40 and \$30. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

The Essential Nudge, juried art show, April 30 to May 3, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Opening reception, April 30, 7 to 9 p.m. Exhibit hours May 1, 2 and 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closing reception, May 3, 2 to 4 p.m.

That's Entertainment: A Gala Benefiting the Firehouse Arts Center. May 16, 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Castlewood Country Club with dining, live entertainment, an art sale and live auction. Tickets are \$140 each. Sponsors/volunteers welcome. www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org.

One Woman Show. "Through the Eyes of Faith," a show about everything from generational ties, family secrets and what happens when a little girl mixes her Catholic faith with a black Pentecostal Church. May 29, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 421776
The following person(s) doing business as: Broker's Choice Property Management, 2300 First St., Ste 316, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jennifer Malakoff, 2927 Hansen Rd., Livermore CA 94550
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/ Jennifer Malakoff

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 421835-421836
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) ABC-GGC, 2) ABC-GGC Training Trust, 4577 Las Positas Road, Unit C, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Golden Gate Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors Inc., 4577 Las Positas Rd., Unit C, Livermore Ca 94551
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 27, 2009.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Toby Cummings
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 5, 2009. Expires March 5, 2014.
The Independent Legal No. 2463. Publish March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422368-422369
The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Jasmin Labarile, 2) Hair Diva, 6010 Johnson Dr., Ste D, Studio 21, Pleasanton Ca 94558 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jasmin Labarile Koester, 22108 Center St., #3, Castro Valley Ca 94546
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on February 1, 2009.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jasmin L. Koester

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 17, 2009. Expires March 17, 2014.
The Independent Legal No. 2466. Publish March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422056
The following person(s) doing business as: ProTrade Investments, 1908 West Lagoon Road, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chao Jung Li, 1908 West Lagoon Road, Pleasanton Ca 94566
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/ Chao Jung Li
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 10, 2009. Expires March 10, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422244
The following person(s) doing business as: Mr. Pickles Sandwich Shop, 385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): KMS Interiors Inc., 2151 Stonebridge Rd., Livermore Ca 94550
This business is conducted by a Corporation
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Tim Kerling

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 17, 2009. Expires March 17, 2014.
The Independent Legal No. 2464. Publish March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422162
The following person(s) doing business as: Proacure, 548 Neal Street, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fredrik Petterson, 548 Neal Street, Pleasanton Ca 94566
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/ Fredrik Petterson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 12, 2014.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422550
The following person(s) doing business as: Cali Auto Body, 240 North T Street, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jose N. Murillo, 2013 Gallo-way Common, 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/ Jose N. Murillo
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2014.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422550
The following person(s) doing business as: Simplex Scientific, 4348 Muirwood Dr., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vipa Hoonsiri Hobbs, 4348 Muirwood Dr., Pleasanton CA 94588

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422521

The following person(s) doing business as: The Garren Group, 2701 Vernazza Dr., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dale C. Garren, 2701 Vernazza Dr., Livermore Ca 94550 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/ Dale C. Garren This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 20, 2009. Expires March 20, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2470. Publish March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 421837

The following person(s) doing business as: DGM, 798 Gamay Court, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Dominick Gary Mazotti, 798 Gamay Court, Pleasanton Ca 94566 This business is conducted by: an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on February 4, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Dominick Mazotti This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 5, 2009. Expires March 5, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2471. Publish March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422198

The following person(s) doing business as: Fastek Technical Services, 4479 Stoneridge Drive, Ste. C, Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fastems, Inc., 4479 Stoneridge Dr., Ste. C, Pleasanton Ca 94588 This business is conducted by: a Corporation The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on July 1, 1989. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Mari Ghazey This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 12, 2009. Expires March 12, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2472. Publish March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422297

The following person(s) doing business as: B.B. buckles, 830 Keystone Way, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Judy Tweten, 830 Keystone Way, Livermore, Ca 94550 This business is conducted by: an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on March 1, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Judy Tweten This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 16, 2009. Expires March 16, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2474. Publish April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422531

The following person(s) doing business as: Production Specialties, 2338 Sheffield Dr., Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): William K. Arnold, 2338 Sheffield Dr., Livermore Ca 94550 This business is conducted by: an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s/ William K. Arnold This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 20, 2009. Expires March 20, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2475. Publish April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 398868

The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Edward S. Walsh, 812 North Vasco Road, Livermore Ca 94550 The fictitious business name statement was filed on July 25, 2007. Cortix Water Products (US) Inc., 1160-1188 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6E4A2 This business is conducted by: a Corporation Signature of Registrant: /s/ Hamish Cumming This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 16, 2009. Expires March 16, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2476. Publish April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422299

The following person(s) doing business as: Machado Design, 2354 Tapestry Drive, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael Machado, 2354 Tapestry Drive, Livermore Ca 94550 This business is conducted by: Husband and wife The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on 1983. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Michael Machado This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 16, 2009. Expires

March 16, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2477. Publish April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422786-422787

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Arts Unlimited Advertising, 2) Livermore Printers, 383 South I Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Loni Jean Frankland, 1170 Larkspur, 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 March 20, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Loni Jean Frankland This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 27, 2009. Expires March 27, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2478. Publish April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422789-422790

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Livermore Printers, Design & Sign, 2) Livermore Print, Sign & Design 383 South I Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Loni Jean Frankland, 1170 Larkspur, 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 March 20, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Loni Jean Frankland This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 27, 2009. Expires March 27, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2479. Publish April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422649

The following person(s) doing business as: Software Solutions, 187 Old Bernal Ave., #8, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shanti Sai Ram, 187 Old Bernal Ave., #8, Pleasanton Ca 94566 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/ Shanti Sai Ram This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 24, 2009. Expires March 24, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2480. Publish April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422890

The following person(s) doing business as: Hang On Ears, 1050 Harvest Circle, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Annette C. Sage, 1050 Harvest Circle, Pleasanton Ca 94566 This business is conducted by: an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on March 15, 2009. Signature of Registrant: /s/ Annette C. Sage This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 30, 2009. Expires March 30, 2014. The Independent Legal No. 2481. Publish April 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 422316

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. RG08381525 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 1225 Fallon Street Oakland, CA 94612-4280 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Aaliyah Samar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Aaliyah F. Samar Proposed Name: Frenetta Y. Hendrix 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 5/1/2009 Time: 11:00AM Dept: 31 Room: 201 b. The address of the court is: 201 13th Street, Oakland, CA 94612

3.a. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. The Independent. Dated: March 13, 2009 /s/ Yolanda N. Northridge Judge of The Superior Court The Independent Legal No. 2461. Published March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2009.

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Simplifying the Homebuying Process: Part 2

By Cher Wollard
The process of purchasing a home can be daunting. That's why it is important to know what to expect and then take things one step at a time.

Start by choosing an agent. A good real estate agent will not only show you property, he or she will negotiate on your behalf with sellers and walk you through the process.

Next, get pre-approved for a mortgage. If you don't know a good loan specialist, ask your agent to recommend someone.

You'll want to have a clear sense of what type of home and what neighborhoods will suit your needs before you go shopping. Your agent can help you sort through your options.

Once you find a house you love, make an offer. Much has been written about how slow the market it is, leading some buyers to believe they can take weeks to make a decision. Some also believe they can ask for huge price reductions and demand significant concessions from sellers.

In a few cases, that is true. But the Tri-Valley housing market is heating up, especially among homes priced under \$600,000.

If a house is well-priced, it will likely sell for within 5 percent of asking price – the current median is 3 percent under asking. Sometimes, more than one buyer will make an offer, driving the final sales price over asking.

With your agent's help, you can write a good offer that you think will be accepted.

The seller then has the choice to accept or reject your offer, or to write a "counter offer." You may go through several counters before both sides are satisfied with the terms of the agreement.

Once all parties have signed the agreement, the buyer's agent will "open escrow" with a title company. Your earnest deposit – usually 1-3 percent of price – will be held in escrow until the transaction closes.

You have a certain amount of time – usually 17 days or less – to make sure the property you have fallen in love with is truly the home of your dreams.

No property is perfect. Even brand new homes have issues. Sometimes there are problems with the neighborhood – the house may be on a busy street or under a flight path to the airport, the local school may not meet your standards, or perhaps a neighbor has a dog that barks all day.

You will not be able to change any of these things, so do due diligence, learn everything you can and decide if you can live with it.

Don't assume the nearest schools are the ones your child would attend. Check with the school district. You can find test scores at star.cde.ca.gov

Read any homeowners' association documents carefully. If you are concerned about safety, consult the police department about crime statistics for the neighborhood. Megan's List www.meganslaw.ca.gov will tell you if there are registered sex offenders living nearby.

Some problems are with the property itself. Most are minor – small plumbing leaks, windows that stick, faulty fixtures. Major problems – termite infestations, extensive water damage, defective roofs – can be costly to repair.

Sellers are obligated to inform you of any problems they know about. In Livermore, sellers must also provide a copy of the building permit history.

But sellers don't always know everything about their own property, so it is important to hire professional inspectors. Many lenders require at least a pest inspection. In addition, you will almost certainly want to have a home and probably a roof inspection.

You can also have the chimney, pool or spa inspected. If it is an older house with tell-tale signs of damage from tree roots – buckled concrete, for example – it may be advisable to have the sewer line checked. In some rare cases, a structural examination or mold testing may be prudent.

Inspections cost \$200 to \$1,500. It is money well spent. You can pay directly or have them billed to escrow, usually for an additional fee.

Some buyers cancel their deals based on what they have learned. More often, they ask sellers to make repairs or give them a credit to have repairs done later.

The seller is not obliged to pay for repairs. They may, however, agree to your request rather than risk losing the sale. Sometimes buyers and sellers share the costs.

Once you have satisfied yourself regarding the property and received a commitment from your insurance company, your agent will have you remove inspection contingencies.

By this time, your loan officer will have received an appraisal of the property along with a list of any additional documents required by the lender. It is important that you and your agent stay in close contact with your loan officer throughout the homebuying process.

You can remove appraisal and loan contingencies once you have approval on your mortgage. If you do not have final approval within the allotted time, you might ask the sellers for an extension.

With all contingencies removed, you are now truly in contract. Should you decide to back out, you risk forfeiting your earnest deposit money.

Start packing. Line up movers or reserve a van. Give notice to your landlord, if appropriate. Notify utility companies of your move date. Send change-of-address cards.

About a week before the close, you will sign documents, usually at the escrow company's office. Your agent and/or your loan officer may meet you there.

The first document you receive will be a called a HUD-1 statement, which lays out the financial details of the sale. Your agent may have received a copy in advance to review.

Some of the numbers on the HUD-1, such as property taxes, will be estimates. You will be refunded any amount owed you soon after the transaction is closed.

All buyers must sign all documents. Bring photo identification. If you plan to put the property in a trust, you may also need your trust documents.

The HUD-1 will indicate how much is needed to cover the downpayment and closing costs. This must be given to the escrow officer before the mortgage is funded in the form of a cashier's check made out to the escrow company.

You should receive copies of all documents you sign. Keep the HUD-1 someplace safe. You will need it for your tax return, as you may be entitled to credits and/or deductions.

Once you and the sellers have signed all necessary documents and all conditions have been met, your mortgage company can "fund" the loan – meaning send the money you are borrowing to the escrow company for disbursement.

A new deed will be recorded with the county, usually the next day. That's when the house is yours. Your agent will present you with the keys, and you can move in.

Now the only thing left to do is throw a housewarming party. Be sure to invite your agent!

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Windermere Welcome Home realty, Livermore.

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California Independent Film Festival – Route 30

By Leonard Pirkle

Take a mullet wearing hick named Arden, the illusive Bigfoot, the only woman killed at Gettysburg/Jenny Wade, throw in a Hollywood writer, a ghost, a Christian Scientist, a little musical theater, some fishing and hunting, and top it all off with a dancing, beer drinking, leg shaving Amish spinster. This and more is what you will experience while watching "Route 30." This is a film with three interconnected stories set in rural Pennsylvania, filled with authentic characters, unique stories and just plain simple fun. This is one of the few times that I sat with a non-stop grin on my face during an entire film – "Route 30" is a treat to watch.

Writer-Director John Putch has delivered a film that is funny and touching. It is filled with homespun humor, wisdom and quite a few clichés thrown in for good measure. Putch, who is from the rural Pennsylvania countryside, has written about characters that you might just know, at bit exaggerated at times, but not by much. He has a respect and reverence for the strange, making his characters bizarre but loveable.

Did Jenny Wade die from a sniper's bullet to the heart or one to the posterior as she bent over the oven to remove a loaf of bread? Mandy ponders this question of faith throughout the first story while dreaming of singing in musical theater. All the while, Mandy is nursing her best friend whose husband accidentally shot her in the rear. "It's physically impossible to die from a bullet to the rear," we learn while watching this film.

Big Foot, a "cloven footed demon" is real, the ghost of the white woman is real, as we see in the second story in Route 30. While the characters, Arden, Steve and Rotten Egg delve into the mysteries just listed, they also discover God, and that his "perfect world" sometimes is made up of not so perfect indi-



viduals. There's a lot of beer drinking, poker playing and sitting in lawn chairs on the edge of a pit filled with water – but what better tools to unravel life's big queries?

Third and by far my favorite, "Ordinary Bill" is a story about a Hollywood writer who moves to this rural hotbed of left brain stimulus and begins an earnest search for a subject for his story. Bill's neighbor happens to be an Amish spinster who loves dancing, drinking beer, watching Jerry Springer and mostly, shaving her legs. Played with perfection by Dana Delaney, Amish Martha is absolutely sweet and charming. Great characters, good acting and a perfect moving musical score make this film very enjoyable.

This year, there have a very strong line-up of films at the California Independent Film Festival. Route 30 is clearly one of my favorites. The subject matter is mostly adult. There is strong language, so this film is not appropriate for kids under 17 without parental supervision. The film will be screening at the Vine Cinema on Friday April 17th from 6 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are \$8 in advance of the festival but all tickets will be priced at \$10 once the festival begins – so, get your tickets ahead of time.

The Festival will be held April 16th through the 19th in downtown Livermore with screenings at the Vine Cinema and the Livermore Cinemas. Check out our schedule of events at www.caindiefilmfest.org and keep reading The Independent for more California Independent Film Festival information.

DIRECTOR

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to be the conductor, then became an actor and wanted to direct. "I was inclined to lead," he said.

He describes the director as the father of the film, a person who creates a nutritious environment where people can thrive." He added, "I've always been a good-natured father figure."

The directing profession has changed. Years ago, Rydell explained directors were hired by studios, handed a script, actors and a film crew and told to shoot. "The director was an employee." Now, a director basically becomes the author of the film, the originator, finding the material, funding and getting it filmed.

The current downturn in the economy has had an impact on moving making, said Rydell. "It is much harder to obtain money to create a movie, unless there is a star attached. It is harder to make marginal films that are special or based on an original idea. Studios are much more careful with their money."

That's why independent films are important. He pointed out that independent films are nominated for the most awards. The filmmakers tend to be more daring. "There is no way a studio would have financed 'Slumdog Millionaire.'"

Technology has had an impact. It has improved certain kinds of filmmaking where dazzling special effects are pursued rather than a substantive story. "Films of real substance that try to address real issues have a great deal of trouble being financed. That wasn't always true. When films were less expensive to make, studios were more daring."

"As a director, an artist has the responsibility to tell the truth to large audiences. What other profession allows you to lock people in a darkroom for several hours and tell a story from your point of view?" he asked. He hopes that people are moved or provoked into thinking about issues after seeing one of his films.

Rydell's credits include The Reivers (1969), The Cowboys (1972), Cinderella Liberty (1973), The Rose (1979), On Golden Pond (1981), The River (1984), For the Boys (1991) and Intersection (1994). In 2006, Rydell directed the movie Even Money which starred Kim Basinger, Forest Whitaker,

and Danny DeVito.

Rydell said, "I had to get on my knees and beg to have 'The Rose' made, to be able to use Bette Midler in the starring role." He said of Midler, "She is full of enormous energy. Her ability to reach into herself and the depths of her singing and performing are unparalleled. The studio wasn't interested in casting Bette. I've made two pictures with her, and for both she was nominated for an Academy Award. Hollywood still doesn't know what to do with her. There is no one like her in the world. She has an enormous talent that she rarely gets a chance to exhibit."

When it came to "On Golden Pond," Rydell was told no one wanted to see old people and hear about death and dying. "I had to be determined in order to raise the money."

Rydell began his career in New York, where he roomed with James Dean. "It was a very passionate time, very idealistic. Marty Landau, Jimmy Dean and I were pounding the pavement looking for acting jobs. Even though we competed for roles, it was just magical," he recalls. "I watched his struggle (Deans), which mirrored my own. His was a tragic death. In the movie I reveal what I thought was at the heart of his struggles."

In an interview published on The Hollywood Review blog, Rydell described Dean, "as very handsome, very charismatic, very peculiar, a very unpredictable fellow. He was extremely seductive. I don't mean just sexually, but after five minutes with Jimmy, you would want to give him everything that you owned. He was irresistible. But he was also very quirky and very difficult. He was passionate about everything. His ambition was a product, in my mind, of the rejection he felt as a child by the death of his mother and the indifference of his father. There was a part of Jimmy that felt worthless, therefore he had to be a high achiever to identify himself. So he pushed himself to excel in everything. That same drive also produced a recklessness in him that seemed to challenge the ordinary limits that we all face, and that's what ultimately killed him."

Student Film, 'The Written Work,' to Screen

The Written Works, a film produced by Chabot College students and faculty, will be screened at the 11th Annual California Independent Film Festival in Livermore on Friday, April 17th at 10 a.m. at The Vine Cinema, in downtown Livermore.

The Written Works traces the discoveries-and self-discovery-of a student who has been assigned to write a 15-page research paper. The movie explores the complexity of interaction between students and their writing, and the different institutions in which students do this work. Culled from over 200 hours of interviews, and two years in the making, The Written Works is the companion piece to the Chabot College student film company

778 Films' Reading Between the Lives.

Three years ago, 778 Films was created by Chabot College students and faculty members. Supported by a grant from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Chabot College instructors Sean McFarland and Tom deWit began shooting video documentation of issues around student learning on the College.

Four Chabot College students were hired to help with the work. McFarland and deWit assumed the four student workers would not offer much more than simple support for the grant. But the student workers very quickly began to offer insights about education

from the point of view of students-insights that were news to the instructors. The student workers also insisted that Chabot students be interviewed so that their points of view about education-their own education-could be accounted for. Following this formula-students asking and answering questions-778 Films was born.

The 778 Films team has completed six full-length documentaries over the last three years. The movies have played a central role in professional development as well as contributing to culture change at Chabot College. By request, thousands of copies of the movies are being distributed across the state and

nation, and the movies'™ impact is spreading.

The Written Works came to the attention of the California Independent Film Festival's Educational Outreach coordinator, Dave Dibasi who arranged a meeting with McFarland, deWit and the students. He learned that Chabot had been awarded a second grant. Under this new two-year initiative, the 778 Films team is training student/faculty film teams at 18 California community colleges to do similar work.

For tickets or information, go to the California Independent Film Festival website at <http://caindiefilmfest.org/calindie/attend.html>.

Las Positas Foundation Gala Features 'Best of the Best'

Community members are invited to attend "The Best of the Best" gala on Saturday, April 25 at Las Positas College in Livermore. The annual black tie event includes an evening of the "Best of the Best" in Las Positas College Performing Arts, gourmet food and fine local wine.

At this year's event three local community leaders, who are among the "Best of the Best" in their communities will be honored: Joe Callahan of Pleasanton, Jim Concannon of Livermore, and former Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart.

"On behalf of the Las Positas College Foundation and Las Positas College, we are proud to

recognize community members who set an example of philanthropy and leadership for all to follow," said Charlene McKenney, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

At the Gala Event guests will be treated to a sampling of Livermore Valley wines and delicious hors d'oeuvres presented by exceptional Tri-Valley restaurants in the elegant Atrium Room on the Las Positas College campus at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Mid-way through the evening, guests will adjourn to the campus theater for a Performing Arts Showcase featuring student presentations of dance, vo-

cal, music and interpretive speaking. Presentations will be made to the Best of the Best Community Honorees. The evening will be capped off with a dessert and champagne celebration of Las Positas College and the Honorees.

During the evening, guests will have the opportunity to bid on unique items including wine country meals and adventures, special sessions -such as fencing or wine tastings - with Las Positas College faculty, and high-end life style packages for professional, cultural and sporting events.

Tickets are priced at \$125

each. Proceeds from the Gala benefit the students, staff, faculty and greater community that Las Positas College serves. Historically, more than 90% of the funds raised at the "Best of the Best" are used to directly benefit the campus community; less than 10% is used for event overhead.

Established in 2003, the Las Positas College Foundation was created to ensure that the students, faculty, staff and communities that LPC serves have a premier community college.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, please contact Dr. Ted Kaye at the Las Positas College Foundation at (925) 424-1010.

Variety of Events to Celebrate Dublin Pride Week

Dublin's annual Pride Week event kicks off Saturday April 25th and includes many programs and workshops to encourage people to work to improve the world through environmental awareness and volunteerism. The pro-

gram also seeks to demonstrate ways in which individuals or groups can act to improve the community. The following events and activities will be occurring this year throughout Pride Week:

- "Volunteer Day" - Saturday, April 25th from 8:00 a.m. – to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with Senior Assistance, School Beautification, and Storm Drain Awareness Projects. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and are invited to a free BBQ following all volunteer activities from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Food Drive - The collection of canned and dry goods for donation to those in need will occur during Volunteer Day and throughout the week.
- Guided Nature Walk on Saturday, April 25th along the Martin Canyon Creek Trail from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration at www.dublinprideweek.com is re-

quired.

- "Water Wise Workshop" at the Dublin Library Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. in which residents will learn about drought tolerant gardening.
- Free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and Compost Give-a-Way Day Saturday, May 2nd.
- Planet Dublin Poster Contest for students grades K-12. Prizes include Target gift certificates and City Council recognition.
- "Solar Cities Workshop" to educate consumers about resi-

dential solar energy – Wednesday, April 29th.

- Finally, residents can show their Dublin Pride by immortalizing a name or message on concrete benches as part of our Faerie Ring Project at the new Shannon Community Center.

The City is looking for volunteers to make this year's event a success. To volunteer during Dublin Pride Week or to obtain more information about any of our Pride Week activities, please visit www.dublinprideweek.com or call (925) 833-6650.

Children's Songs At the Library

MaryLee Sunseri, sings songs for little children. The program will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:30 AM at the Civic Center Library for a morning of delightful songs and musical tales. This free program is especially for toddlers, preschoolers, kindergartners and their parents.

Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information or pick up a program schedule at any one of the Livermore Public Libraries.

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Emergency vehicles rushed to a crash site at on Del Valle Parkway near Amador Valley High School last week. The crash was a staged part of the "Every 15 Minutes" anti-DUI program, which is designed to teach young adults about the dangers and consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The staged accident includes a fatality and an arrest for DUI. This is the eighth year that the Pleasanton Police Department has joined with the Pleasanton Unified School District to present the "Every 15 Minutes" program.

Livermore Launches 'Biggest Loser' Program

If watching people sweat on television isn't enough to get you motivated, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has put together its own version of NBC's "The Biggest Loser." On this show, losers are winners based on how much weight they shed during the process. LARPD has created "Livermore's Biggest Loser" to inspire local residents

to commit to get fit. Community members are invited to get a jump start for summer and join Livermore's Biggest Loser for group fitness training, nutrition guidance and weekly progress tracking. Workouts will be supervised by personal trainers at the Robert Livermore Community Center gymnasium. In addition to experienced trainers, participants will have access to a nutritionist.

"We are looking for people who are ready to make a change but perhaps don't know where to start," said Senior Recreation Supervisor Jim Carlson. "This is going to be a safe place to start."

Workouts will be held in an encouraging environment, creating a supportive network with others who have committed to wellness. A peer support aspect

will be part of the program. And while there will be prizes for the top three "losers," there is one big difference from the TV show - no eliminations.

The nine-week program will run from April 28 to July 4. Anyone interested in finding out more can attend one of the orientations, scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 20, and Tuesday, April 21. Winners of Livermore's Biggest Loser will have the honor of their names announced during the annual Fourth of July Celebration at Robertson Park, along with other top prizes.

The program is \$139 per person if registered by April 21. After April 21, registration is \$159. For more information on Livermore's Biggest Loser, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us or call 925-373-5700.

DONATIONS

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for local patients.

Any healthy person age 17 or older (age 16 with written parental consent) and weighing at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood. Call 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543) or go to HelpSaveALife.org to schedule an appointment.

The next Livermore community blood drive will be on Friday, April 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Donors wishing to sign up on the Web site can use RLCC as the sponsor code or contact Thomas Petty at 925-980-8164.

GALA

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Tony Awards for Broadway musicals such as The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine, and Nine.

The gala evening, a fundraiser for LVPAC, will feature complimentary wine, desserts and coffee at a festive reception in the theater lobby immediately following the performance.

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