

Aron Price putts for par.

Tournament Goes Into Playoff

Aron Price became the fourth Australian to win on the Nationwide Tour in 2008, taking the title in the Livermore Wine Country Championship.

The winner's check for \$108,000 bumped Price to fourth on the money list with \$124,893.

Price was a runner-up in the 2007 event held at The Course Wente Vineyards. Price, 25, a native of Sydney, Australia, claimed his first Nationwide Tour victory at the expense of J.J. Killeen, who slept on the lead for three nights but lost when he tugged a par putt on the second playoff late on a cool and windy afternoon.

Price started the final round four shots behind Killeen. He was positive he had let the tournament slip away as he missed short birdie putts on the fifth, ninth, 10th and 11th. Price was three (See GOLF, page 2)



Film Festival Opens April 16

The California Independent Film Festival kicks off a five-day run on Wednesday, April 16th with an Opening Night VIP Reception at Movida followed by a screening of "On the Edge of Black & White," a documentary by Pleasanton filmmaker Sean Laskey. It is about the transition from black and white to color television at the Bankhead Theater. The film's actors Tony Dow and Ken Osmond ("Leave It To Beaver"), Jon Provost ("Lassie"), and Marta Kristen ("Lost in Space"), are scheduled to attend.

Wednesday night also features a Spirit Award tribute to actor/comedian Pauly Shore, who will be in attendance to accept his award. Shore has starred in several Blockbuster films including "Encino Man," "Son-in-Law," "In the Army Now," "Jury Duty," and "Bio-Dome." In 2005, (See FILM FESTIVAL, page 2)

The Greenbelt Alliance Turns 50

The Greenbelt Alliance is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Formerly known as People for Open Space, the San Francisco based organization has aided Tri-Valley environmentalists in their struggles against suburban sprawl.

"They've been very supportive all the way through," said Livermore activist Robert Baltzer.

"From Measure D (which established the North Livermore urban growth boundary) to our present fight against the proposed cemetery in North Livermore, they've been a steady and effective ally.

"Simply put, they've gone to bat for us — and still DO," exclaimed Baltzer.

The organization was born in 1958 when a small group of volunteers gathered in the San Francisco livingroom of Dorothy Erskine (who four years later would help found Save the Bay). They were concerned about a threat to the San Pablo Reservoir watershed. Some 10 square miles of watershed lands were to be sold for development. Erskine and her little band of activists won that issue and went on to join the greater debate about (See GREENBELT, page 2)

Colleges Get Smart (Growth): Schools By BART

By Ron McNicoll

The Valley's community college district is ready to add one more concept to "smart growth" — the transit-oriented commuter college.

Although students do take public transit to college campuses, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is thinking about bringing college classes to BART by leasing space near the planned West Dublin BART station, and also the existing Union City BART station.

The basic concept is to make it easier for people, especially those working during the day and tak-

ing BART to work, to take a class or two.

There is no timeline for acquiring leased space, said college district spokeswoman Jennifer Aries. The district is calling the concept "educational hubs." With the heavy traffic congestion on freeways in the college district, the hubs will offer time-saving convenience for those who want to enroll, said Aries. Ideally, the leased classroom space would be a block or two away from the stations, she said.

The educational hub is one of the ways that the college dis-

trict is going green, by helping reduce auto emissions on freeways, said Aries. Another green action being planned is addition of solar panels in the parking lots at Las Positas College and Chabot College.

The solar panels would be placed on top of carport-style roofs over parking spaces. The solar plan is a big commitment, totaling \$22 million. However, in the long run it would reduce 25 percent of the college's total electricity needs, after it hooks up to the state power grid.

Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi, whose 18th Assembly

District includes the college district, is carrying a bill to extend a deadline for school districts to get onto the power grid and realize savings. Currently, the planning and construction period is 12 months, with a six-month extension available for the connection to the power grid.

However, school districts have many regulations from the state, including state architectural review and other oversight, so the college district would like to see an extension period longer than six months. Hayashi's office said no specific time extension has been inserted in the bill yet. The

bill, AB 2804, passed in the Assembly utilities and commerce committee April 7. It goes to the appropriations committee next. The bill would help K-12 districts, too.

GREEN-TECH COLLEGE CENTER PROPOSED

Another Hayashi bill could wind up benefiting the district, too. AB 2006 would create the "Center for Innovation for Green Technology" at a Bay Area community college. Chabot-Las Positas is not named in the bill. The designation of a campus would be up to the state chancellor's (See GREEN, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students take part in the rally for education at Smith School in Livermore.

Lawmakers Urge Grass Roots To Fight On Education Cuts

LIVERMORE

By Patricia Koning

At a rally at Smith Elementary School on Friday, state Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata (D-Oakland) didn't mince words when it comes to Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed budget cuts to education.

"The Democrats in Sacramento

won't leave Sacramento as long as there is one education cut on the line. For years we have been inching towards this day. We've been borrowing and cooking the books for too long," he said.

Perata, a former school-teacher, was joined by fellow state Senators Tom Torlakson

(D-Concord) and Ellen Corbett (D-San Leandro). Torlakson worked as a science teacher before entering politics. Corbett's background includes teaching at the community college level.

At issue is the proposed \$4.8 billion cut from the K-12 educa-

(See LIVERMORE, page 14)

PLEASANTON

Three state legislators who represent Pleasanton joined local PTA officials and union leaders to urge a crowd of about 100 people, including teachers and moms and dads with children in tow, to put political pressure on the Legislature and governor to restore proposed education cuts.

The rally late in the afternoon April 4 in front of Amador Valley

High School was called by the PTA to focus a political drive on restoring Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed education budget cuts. Speakers emphasized the hurtful impact on educational quality that would result if the Legislature were to adopt the budget as proposed.

Sen. Ellen Corbett (D-San

Leandro), who attended a similar Livermore rally that morning, said that on both occasions she "heard pain in parents' voices from what this governor has proposed." The heartbreak is that some children will be left behind because of the cuts. She urged the crowd to use their statewide contacts to drum up support for

(See PLEASANTON, page 14)

Going Green Lowers School District Energy Costs By \$350,000

By Patricia Koning

Recent news about energy costs seems to repeat the same story—it's getting more expensive. Crude oil is over \$100 per barrel and experts are predicting \$4 per gallon gas this summer. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District bucked this trend, reporting a \$350,000 reduction in energy costs at the April 1 School Board meeting.

"This is great news, because we've saved a considerable amount of money," said director of finance Susan Kinder. "Even though prices have gone up, we aren't paying as much."

Over the past few years, the District's energy costs have been steadily rising by 7-10% each year. This year, however, the District is reporting a drop of about 12%.

One reason for the decrease is the School Project for Utility Rate Reduction (SPURR), which the District joined in March 2007. Through SPURR, thousands of schools and other public agency facilities are able to purchase utilities in mass quantities at lower rates.

The decrease is also due to

building modernizations that enable more efficient energy usage. "We've designed new buildings with utilities in mind," says Wilson. "We're aiming for a diverse energy portfolio, so when there is an increase in one area—natural gas, for example—the overall impact is less."

An energy management system controls HVAC units, so that they go on and off at set times. Where possible, lights are on motion detectors. Renovations and new buildings have double paned windows. Wilson says significant savings has been realized using automated irrigation systems, reducing the amount of water used and making sure that sprinklers come on at appropriate times.

The facilities department now recycles anything that it can, resulting in cost savings and a reduced environmental impact. For example, demolished portable buildings no longer go to landfill. After about 20 years, portable structures are no longer usable as classrooms due to the high cost of repairs, but they can be repurposed for other uses.

(See ENERGY, page 3)

Pleasanton Hillside Initiative Nearly Ready

Supporters of the referendum aimed at overturning the Oak Grove development are now moving forward with the initiative aimed at preventing development on the hillsides of Pleasanton.

If approved by voters, the Save Pleasanton's Hills & Housing Cap initiative would prohibit grading on slopes of 25 percent or greater, or within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline.

The signature gathering for the initiative had been put on hold, while the referendum effort was completed.

Kay Ayala, one of the organizers, said that they have enough signatures to turn in the initiative now. However, they want to spend one more weekend at the Farmers Market collecting signatures. The petition would then be turned into the city clerk. Ayala commented, "The initiative would take care

of future developments similar to Oak Grove."

In the meantime, Ayala is moving forward with an appeal of the court's decision overturning the referendum. "We will move as strongly as before with the appeal to overturn the decision."

She and others have asked the city to either support or lead the appeal. They have also contacted groups such as the Sierra Club and the American Civil Liberties Union to gain their support.

In late March, Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled that portions of the development plan for the project should have been included as part of the ordinance being circulated by referendum supporters when gathering signatures, nullifying the signatures.

Representatives of those supporting the appeal attended last (See INITIATIVE, page 4)

Church Forum Explores Local Implications of Obama's Talk On Race

By Ron McNicoll

A forum sparked by Sen. Barack Obama's speech March 18 on race relations came up with some soul-searching comments at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore last week.

Most of the 53 people in the audience were members of the church congregation. Their comments were not just about racism in the nation, but also about the history of racism in Livermore, and a look at their own congregation's overwhelmingly white color.

A comment from one man near the end of the meeting put it best: "I am stunned that we are in a

white, white church. I don't know what to do about it, but it isn't right."

That man received an answer from a woman who said the church should organize a group to visit services at Livermore's only black church, St. Matthew's Missionary Baptist Church. "And not just (visit) a black church, but Asian and Latino, too," she said.

Further, inviting St. Matthew's congregation members to worship at First Presbyterian, and asking the churches' choirs to sing together also seemed to be in order, said the woman. She suggested talking about taking

(See RACE, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The basement and foundation were all that was left where the Victorian home once stood.

Victorian Landmark Will Have New Role, New Location

The large white Victorian home on Tesla Road was moved Monday to a new location at Concannon Vineyard.

The house will be located near the other historic buildings on the site.

It will take on a new role as a guest house and a theater.

Jim Ryan of Concannon said plans are to use the building as a private guest house for out-of-

town Concannon distributors and sales personnel.

The porch will be used as a stage. Ryan said that the house will be placed at an angle so that the middle of the porch will be center stage.

Shakespeare's Associates will stage a summer production. This year, Twelfth Night or what you will by William Shakespeare will play in repertory with. The

Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged). Performances are July 10 to August 2.

It is the second and final move for the house, which was originally located on 4th Street in downtown Livermore. Reportedly, the most recent move was to protect the house from further vandalism.

In 2005 the Madden family purchased it with the idea of turning into a bed and breakfast.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Melvin is a two year old male neutered cat with a gregarious personality. He just wants to be where the people are- he is the life of the party! If there is a closed door, he wants to open it. He won't rest until he is the center of attention. To RSVP to Melvin's party, visit Valley Humane Society at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site: www.valleyhumane.org, or call 925.426.8656 for more details.

FILM FESTIVAL

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he produced the successful independent film "Pauly Shore is Dead." He is currently in post-production in his next independent film "Adopted."

Tickets for the VIP Reception, Spirit Award Tribute and screening are \$30; tickets for the screening and Spirit Award Tribute only are \$15. Tickets to both events may be purchased through the Bankhead Theater's box office by calling (925) 373-6800.

Thursday's events include an "Iron Filmmaker" Contest, where filmmakers of all ages and experiences are invited to join a 24-hour contest to make a 3-minute film featuring Livermore Valley. Movies will be screened and prizes awarded Friday, April 18th at the Wente Vineyards Event Center. Also happening that day is a Celebrity Poker Tournament at the Lucky Buck Card Club, where a \$250 buy-in lets players try their luck at one of ten top cash prizes.

Thursday evening features a special VIP Reception and Golden Slate Director Tribute to Penny Marshall at the Bankhead Theater. Ms. Marshall will be joined by her friend and television commentator John Madden for an Actors' Studio-style discussion followed by the screening of the festival's four Slate Award Nominees for Best Short Film.

Tickets for the VIP Reception, discussion and screening are \$30; discussion and screening-only tickets are \$15. Tickets for both events may be purchased through the Bankhead Theater's box office by calling (925) 373-6800.

Up-and-coming producer Michael Cerenzie will be honored Friday evening with the festival's Maverick Award. It will be presented at the Vine Cinema. His acclaimed film, "Before The Devil Knows You're Dead," starring Philip Seymour Hoffman,

Ethan Hawke, Albert Finney, and Marissa Tomei, will be screened. A tribute and Q&A with the producer precedes the screening.

Saturday kicks off with seminars and all-day screenings of festival shorts, features, mini-shorts, documentaries and music videos at the Vine and Livermore Cinemas. The evening begins with a screening of the kids' feature "Alice Upside Down," starring Alison Stoner, Lucas Gabriel, and Luke Perry at the Vine Cinema.

The evening continues with a VIP Reception at Tri-Valley Bank for actor/director Mary Stuart Masterson, followed by a presentation of the festival's Diamond Award to Masterson celebrating women's excellence in film. A screening of her independent feature directorial debut, "The Cake Eaters," and a Q&A at the Vine Cinema follows. The evening concludes with a Filmmaker Party hosted by Movida.

Screenings and seminars continue Sunday at the Vine and Livermore Cinemas. The festival concludes at a VIP Reception and Gala Night Tribute of a Lifetime Achievement Award at Robert Livermore Community Center honoring 13-time Academy Award-winning producer John Daly. Daly's wins include unprecedented back-to-back "Best Picture" Oscars® for "Platoon" and "The Last Emperor." Sunday night's festivities also include the Slate Awards honoring the festival's best actors, films and director.

The 10th Annual California Independent Film Festival is sponsored by The Independent, Tri-Valley Bank, Senior Solutions, Lucky Buck Card Club, Carl's Jr., Comcast, Diablo magazine, and Livermore Printers. For tickets and more information visit the festival's web site at www.CalndieFilmFest.org



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Joe Michell School raised \$1200 in its recent penny drive. Last week, they donated the money to Korrrine Croghan (on the stage), a local youth undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.

GREENBELT

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how the Bay Area should grow. Today the Greenbelt Alliance has a main office on Howard Street in San Francisco and branch offices in Walnut Creek, San Jose, Fairfield and Santa Rosa.

The Walnut Creek office watchdogs East Bay issues. Their main focus at present is the reuse plan of the Concord Naval Weapons Station and Pittsburg hillsides development.

Locally, the group has been most active in the victorious struggles to preserve Pleasanton Ridge and prevent urbanization of North Livermore.

They don't always say "no" to development. The Greenbelt Alliance has become an advocate of "smart growth," promoting alternatives to sprawl type growth.

The group points out they've endorsed the creation of 60,000 homes around the Bay Area. They support affordable housing and high-density housing located close to public transit, jobs

and shopping. Proposed housing at Pleasanton's Hacienda Business Park has the Greenbelt Alliance's support.

"Today, climate change poses one of humanity's greatest challenges — and it is becoming ever clearer that the way our cities grow will have a profound effect on our climate," said Elizabeth Stampe, Greenbelt Alliance's communications director.

"The Bay Area has a chance to show the nation how to take up the challenge, by guiding new development into our existing cities and by taking a coordinated and strategic approach to conserving the region's natural landscapes," Stampe said.

A party to celebrate the 50th anniversary is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10 at Herbst Exhibition Hall in Fort Mason, San Francisco. The public is invited.

"Let's raise a glass to everything we love about the Bay Area — from its open spaces to its vibrant places!" invites Stampe.

GOLF

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down at the time. He glanced at a leader board after a birdie on the par-5 15th and, much to his amazement, he had the lead.

Price could have won the event in regulation, but he bogeyed the 18th while Killeen made a par after driving into a hazard.

Each player made lengthy two-putts for par on the first play-off hole.

Price played the Nationwide Tour in 2006 and 2007, making enough each season to maintain

his playing privileges. But he decided to skip the PGA TOUR Qualifying School in 2007 in order to work on swing changes with his coach Gary Barter. "I think I had gone backward by 20-30 percent," he said. "Gary told me we could work on stuff that would get me to the PGA TOUR after the 2008 season."

Another victory would do it. However, now Price has his eye on a bigger prize, an immediate performance promotion that comes with three Nationwide Tour wins in a season.



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Fire Damages Home

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department responded to a two-alarm structure fire this morning, April 7, 2008, at 5173 Greentree Court in Pleasanton. The structure is a single story home. The husband had evacuated his wife and two sons to safety.

One minor firefighter injury occurred. The dryer located in the garage is suspected of being the cause of the fire. Further investigations are pending. The fire was contained to the garage and attic with heavy heat and smoke damage estimated to be approximately \$375,000.

Buildings Okay to Move

The Pleasanton City Council endorsed a plan

by the City of Dublin to relocate structures on the former Kolb Ranch to the Dublin Historic Park.

Dublin recently adopted the Historic Park Master Plan, which involves creating a park on the site of the former Dublin Square Shopping Center, adjacent to the Pioneer Cemetery. The original Kolb Ranch spanned both cities. Dublin would like to move the home and farm structures form the site on Dublin Canyon Road in Pleasanton. The Pleasanton property is zoned for residential development. There were no plans to save the structures.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman commented, "It's a great opportunity to recognize the history and heritage of this family."

Shadow Cliffs Ideas Range From Unleashing Dogs To Harnessing Solar Energy

An event pavilion, a renewable energy demonstration site, and a nature and environment center are among the six concepts being proposed on a list of ideas for the future of the defunct California Splash expansion at the Shadow Cliffs water slides on Stanley Boulevard near Pleasanton.

Other concepts are an off-leash dog park, a native plant arboretum, and expansion of the park's trail system.

The ideas are for the future use of a parcel that was supposed to have an expansion of the Shadow Cliffs four water slides. However, the developer, California Splash, abandoned the expansion for personal reasons, and is withdrawing from the site.

Two buildings on the site already are under construction. The four existing water slides will remain in place. It's not clear whether California Splash will continue as the operator. The land is owned by East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), which operates Shadow Cliffs park. EBRPD is soliciting ideas for the expansion land's future use.

Friends of Shadow Cliffs (FSC), with members in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, was formed by interested residents to provide focus on helping EBRPD determine the uses. At its web site, FriendsOfShadowCliffs.com, the group lists the six uses and provides some information about the ideas.

The indoor-outdoor pavilion could be used for several small or large groups for such things as family reunions, company picnics, retreats and weddings. It could have a connector trail to other Shadow Cliffs park areas. The event pavilion could include food preparation facilities, barbecuing tables, benches and chairs, and controlled access to accommodate reservations.

There could also be a stage or gazebo for centering attention, and other amenities, including play areas for kids and grass fields for pickup games of softball or other sports. Parking would use existing facilities and "have minimal impact on traf-

fic," says the web site. It would also provide year-round revenue generation for EBRPD.

The nature center would offer a hands-on experience for children and adults. School programs could include nature exploration. After-school sessions could give classes in birding, fishing, water biology, and native plants. Summer camps and family nature camps could also be held. Scouts working on merit badges and Eagle projects would find it helpful.

An interpretive trail could provide visitors with simple explanations about native habitats and species. The nature center staff could also explore partnering with Zone 7 Water Agency to educate people concerning water, including protection of the streams, the underground aquifers, and riparian habitat.

A renewable resources center might show the work of solar and wind power, and provide information on cutting power and water usage. Education about groundwater could also be a part of it, since it is an important resource, too.

The water system could be demonstrated by showing pumping, storage and distribution to destinations inside the park, such as the nature center or arboretum.

The native plant arboretum could include sections for hummingbirds and butterflies, a meadow, a riparian area, and Native American plants. Native plants of the county could be highlighted. A self-guided tour would lend itself to this facility.

'DESTINATION DOG PARK'
The vision for the off-leash dog park talks about a state of the art facility, a "destination dog park" in the Tri-Valley. The group cites 3,146 dog licenses in Pleas-

anton, and one off-leash park on Muirwood Drive as pointing to a need for more space for pooches.

Among suggested amenities are a "swimming hole to be shared by all," turf runs for small and large dogs, a dog washing concession, and a cafe that serves coffee and snacks. A dog park would "help draw visitors from all over the Bay Area," but would not "cause a large enough draw to negatively impact the traffic flow to the surrounding areas."

There could be agility trials, Frisbee competitions, obedience training, and "a doggie day care center." It could also be made available to animal and humane societies for pet adoption fairs or animal awareness classes.

Trails expansion would extend the trails now present, and be a hub for the existing and future regional trails system, which includes the Iron Horse and Del Valle trails, and a trail across Pleasanton's eastern hills. Trail enhancements are proposed to include more benches and picnic tables throughout the park for resting and such things as observing a heron rookery, looking at creek-side habitat, and getting to the arboretum, off-leash dog park and nature center.

There could also be a staging area, which would help attract more hikers and cyclists, possibly even attracting competitive events. "While some users will hike or bike to Shadow Cliffs, many will come from the surrounding communities and region in vehicles thus increasing parking revenue on a year around basis. The existing parking should well accommodate any use generated by the full-service staging area. The anticipated level of use should not have a negative impact on traffic," says the FSC web page.

ENERGY

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The concession stands at the Livermore and Granada High School football fields are old portables, as is the weight room at Livermore High School.

The District purchases only recycled base rock and asphalt, and stockpiles such materials from its own demolition projects. The baseball field stands at Granada were created for the purpose of diverting chunks of concrete, asphalt, and other materials that were removed from the old student quad.

The football fields at both Granada and Livermore are great examples of creative recycling. The turf is made from recycled tires and the grass from plastic bags. The two fields do not require any chemical fertilizers, weed abatement chemicals, water, or motorized maintenance equipment.

The "recycle-turf" fields cost about \$1 million each, more than twice the cost of a traditional grass field, which runs about \$400,000. Wilson expects the \$400,000. Wilson expects the District realized almost a full time equivalent (FTE) worth of savings during football season alone.

Soils that are removed from sites are now stockpiled for future use, usually at the Inman site. "In the past we'd pay to have dirt removed, and then later purchase new dirt, sometimes for the same site," says Wilson.

If you've noticed the dirt piles at Livermore High School, that's conservation at work. That soil will be used in the new farm building, on which work will begin this fall. That farm building is slated to become the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building in the State of California.

LEED is a third-party certification program and nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. Features of the new facility are cisterns to recycle water, geothermal heating and cooling, solar panels, and a plant material roof on one building.

"We are very aggressive about reducing our carbon footprint," says Wilson. "We are changing our environmental policy and the way we use energy."

The significant decrease in the cost of energy seems to be a single year phenomenon due to SPURR pricing. Since the cost of energy has increased, SPURR's rates will go up. Kinder

says that she is budgeting for a 4% increase in the 2008/09 school year, which is still less than the double-digit increases of the past.

Trustee Bill Dunlop asked Wilson about other ways of conserving energy, including solar panels. "Unfortunately, those

don't come for free," he responded. "It's an investment in the future, but the problem is the District doesn't have that kind of money to invest. At some point in time, the citizens will have to participate with us in making that decision."

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EDITORIALS

'Contact Sport'

"Democracy is a contact sport," Scott Kamena said to a citizens group that appeared before his board recently.

The citizens came to the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District meeting to plead for LARPD's continued operation of the Valley Rock Gym, a climbing wall LARPD has been running for the past year — at a \$48,000 loss. The board that night was to consider closing the facility, but backed off in response to the citizens. It was decided to give the facility more time.

Kamena's point was that citizen groups with needs can't be passive. They must get involved and communicate their needs to the decision-makers. "Your coming down makes the gym real for us," he said. "If you didn't tell us your stories, we wouldn't know what is important to you. I wouldn't know what to do with my vote."

The users of the climbing wall communicated their fervent support for the facility loud and clear. They made it known there's a real demand in the community for this kind of alternative sport. They said it's a terrific family activity.

Steve Goodman, board president, suggested the users form a "Friends of the Rock Gym" type of organization — an excellent idea.

The Rock Gym adds to the diversity of the recreational opportunities available in Livermore. We hope the activist spirit of the users that so impressed the board won't ebb. May this be the spurt the rock needs to keep it open.

Priceless

The recent dedication of a new section of trail was the occasion for a joyous celebration in Pleasanton.

The new trail is a mile long, running from Santa Rita Road across Mohr Avenue to Busch Road. It's for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians. And though it itself is only a mile long, it is linked to the Iron Horse Trail. Iron Horse is now almost 40 miles long, stretching from Suisun Bay to Livermore, passing through two counties and 12 cities.

Speakers at the dedication observed this is just the beginning. The trail system will ultimately traverse the entire region.

"The opening of this segment is ... not just good for Pleasanton, but for Dublin, Livermore and the whole Tri-Valley," exclaimed Kurt Kummer, president of the Pleasanton Trails Ad Hoc Committee.

Piece by piece, a trail empire is growing in our midst, creating a sense of open space and a quality of life that will be enjoyed for generations to come. Priceless.

RACE

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Interim senior pastor Jeff Kunkel said that there was no time left at this meeting. However, the topic might generate another meeting. (By agreement with those in attendance, the Independent, which was the only newspaper present at the forum, agreed not to name people in the audience, so that they would feel free to speak candidly.)

The lack of minority people in the congregation was clearly illustrated by attendance at the forum. There was only one discernible black person, other than the leader, present in the audience. Speaking in one of the 12 small discussion groups of four or five people that occupied most of the meeting's time, the woman said that she is tri-racial: black, white and Native American.

Virtually all of the people in attendance appeared to be Caucasian, and over 60 years old. The discussion was led by interim senior pastor Jeff Kunkel, who is white, and Donovan Jones, who said that he is biracial, both black and white. Jones grew up in the congregation, then went off to college, but is back in the area.

Kunkel said the evening was "not an effort to endorse Obama, or to get the 'right understanding' of his speech." Kunkel called it "the most frank and illuminating speech on race relations since Martin Luther King, even though I may not agree with all that he said, or understand it all."

Clips from Obama's speech were played on a large screen to stimulate exchanges in the small groups into which the audience had reassembled. After a little bit of discussion following the first clip, Kunkel asked the groups, "Anyone learn anything?" One woman said that the men in her group said, "You're not racist, unless you act on it."

Others also talked about their own personal racial perceptions or those of others. One man said that he was raised on the West Coast before his family moved with him to the East. Referring to the culture around him when he was a young person, he said, "What rubbed off on me was the situation on the West Coast. I didn't like Japanese or Indians."

A woman commented that people raised in the South lived with segregation. But there are prejudices in other nations, too.

Some people in Canada are prejudiced against different languages, she said. Later in the discussion, a woman said that there is no such thing as race. "You could be the same color, but have different (DNA), or a different color, but the same ancestors," she said, in an apparent reference to recent work by scientists as reported in the news media.

PAST LIVERMORE RACISM MENTIONED

Livermore itself had its share of stories. One woman talked about a black scientist's family that had found an apartment on the telephone. When the manager learned it was a black family, they were told it was not for rent. This was sometime between 1966 and 1972, said the speaker.

A man told his small group that in 1968 there was "obvious racism" in Livermore. The Rev. John Turpin, then pastor of First Presbyterian, and others worked to integrate local churches. "At that time, there were black scientists who could not find housing," he said. Another speaker talked about Turpin's efforts in the 1950s to help two black children who felt excluded.

One retired lab employee said that LLNL had a campaign of affirmative action many years ago. (The program began in the 1970s.) "It was prominent. Then there was white resentment. I've been on both sides of affirmative action, which is not a word anymore," he said.

In recent times, though, there is evidence of change. A retired teacher said that she is proud of the Livermore school where she taught, because there have been several black students who were student body presidents.

The central reason for Obama's speech was to provide an explanation about how he was linked to his Chicago minister, the Rev. Wright, whose sermon posted on an internet site showed anger toward the white U.S. power structure. One woman in a discussion circle said that Rev. Wright had "other good qualities."

Kunkel commented that it showed that "we contain all of the kindness and the cruelty."

A woman said that Wright's speech "was good. It got us to do this. Otherwise, it would have festered. Hopefully, this type of thing is going on all over the country."

By Patricia Koning

At last week's meeting of the Livermore Board of Education, trustee Bill Morrison had harsh words to say about a mid-term progress report on Del Valle High School, written for the Western Accreditation of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

"I'm not really sure which is the greater work of fiction—2001: a Space Odyssey or this document," he said. "I don't see a heck of a lot in here that I feel is factual, that I'm comfortable with."

Del Valle is a continuation high school, with 94 students currently enrolled. Typically, students at Del Valle have struggled in comprehensive high schools, often due to poor attendance and behavioral issues. The student population at Del Valle is often in flux, as many students attend the school for less than an academic year.

The report is part of the WASC approval process. Schools receive approval for a six-year term. Before the end of the third year of the term, the school prepares a mid-year progress report and WASC representatives visit the school to validate the report.

"They will speak with staff, administrators, parents, and students, in a random way, intentionally, to validate what the

progress report says in relation to the previous goals and WASC action plan," explained Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Kelly Bowers.

The report covers the student/community profile, school and student performance data, and significant developments in the last three years, which for Del Valle includes a new principal, Kat Hannah. "This process keeps us in alignment with school improvement efforts across the state," Hannah said. "We are excited to have the WASC team meet with our staff and students and see how we are growing."

A large part of the report is devoted to the implementation and monitoring of the Schoolwide Action Plan, which is based on the findings of the original WASC review and visit to Del Valle (April 2005). The Action Plan had four major goals: align curriculum to standards, improve English and math skills, increase attendance, and improve perception of a Del Valle diploma.

The report also details critical areas for follow up that were identified in 2005. These include developing a reading program, increasing parental involvement, conducting more staff development, updating technology, and establishing a written vision and

mission statement.

The trustees were required to accept, not approve, Del Valle's mid-term progress report in preparation for the WASC visit to the school on Wednesday, April 9.

Morrison described his "no" vote on the mid-term progress report as the first of many things that the District administration will have to deal with related to Del Valle. "In the near future you'll have the opportunity to hear about some significant failures, a near unsafe working environment for teachers as well as students, and an almost complete breakdown of discipline at that school," he said.

When asked by trustee Anne White for more details, Morrison responded that he had made his statement and was standing by it.

"I'm trying not to cross a boundary here," he said. "I will disclose very specifically that I have a son who teaches at Del Valle. I've had lots of conversations with people who teach there, and I have a lot of information related to this document as well as others."

"It seems a little counterproductive to accuse with no substance," said White. "Maybe this is not the place for the substance, but the substance needs to come

out in a private way before it jeopardizes anyone." She added, "It seems not to be our business to interfere with what the staff studied and decided for themselves."

The report was sent out to the trustees on March 20 said Superintendent Brenda Miller. "I asked if you had questions or concerns to please let me know prior to placing the report on the agenda, so we could deal with those concerns. I did not hear anything from any board member," Miller commented.

Trustee Kate Runyon expressed frustration with hearing Morrison's concerns for the first time at the meeting.

"I'm trying to get to the nature of the issue because it sounds like you've been given plenty of opportunity to bring forward concerns about what we are doing tonight and you didn't avail yourself of those opportunities. I don't understand why," she said. "If there is a problem, this is an appropriate issue for the board to deal with. If there is not a problem that cannot be stated, it shouldn't be brought up at all."

The trustees voted to accept the Del Valle mid-term progress report by a vote of 4 to 1, with Morrison voting against acceptance.

Measure Would Simplify Tax Credits for Energy R&D

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) introduced legislation to encourage research and development that creates jobs and boosts America's economy by simplifying and making permanent the Research and Development Tax Credit.

The bill, H.R. 5681, introduced today and referred to the Ways and Means Committee for further consideration, is entitled the Innovation Tax Credit Act.

"Research and development tax credits have inspired the research and innovation that has led to major breakthroughs in all different types of products from wind turbine parts to life-saving medical technologies and computers," McNerney said. "My bill makes it easier for businesses conducting research to take advantage of the credit and to plan for future investment."

First introduced in 1981, the Research and Development Tax Credit's existence has always been renewed on temporary basis 12 times. That has led to uncertainty about its existence and difficulty in planning future investment.

Additionally, there are currently five different credits, or ways to claim credit, that fall under the "Research and Develop-

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office. However, the district would likely be in the running, because of the high-tech businesses in the Tri-Valley.

The bill focuses on the Bay Area because of its leadership in high-tech development and its potential availability of high-tech corporation grant money. Federal grants are also a possibility. In view of the state budget crisis, no state funds are contemplated for it.

AB 2006 is scheduled for the Assembly higher education committee April 10.

The college district's green ideas will be discussed by district chancellor Joel Kinnamon at an Earth Day celebration sponsored by Hayashi on April 11. The program starts at 10 a.m., breaks at noon, resumes at 1:30 p.m., and ends at 3:30 p.m. in room 2420 on the Las Positas campus.

Among the day's highlights will be morning speeches by several scientists. Norm Miller, of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, will discuss global warming and its effect. Adam Moule of UC Davis will talk about organic solar collector research. Dahlia Garas of UC Davis will cover plug-in hybrid electric car research. Daniel Kamman of UC Berkeley will discuss renewable and appropriate energy sources.

Some of the afternoon program will feature business leaders talking about what their corporations are doing to cut their carbon footprints. A speaker from the state community college chancellor's office will discuss green technology and workforce development, a talk keyed toward students interested in potential green careers.

Hayashi hopes that students from other colleges and the public in general will attend the seminar. The event is free and open to the public.

ment Tax Credit" heading. This has resulted in a notoriously complicated and complex process to compute and claim the credit. As a result, many businesses are not able to take full advantage of the tax credits.

McNerney's bill simplifies the entire process by providing one overarching tax credit, currently referred to as the Alternative Simplified Credit. It implements a phased increase in the amount of the credit, from 16 percent in 2008 to 18 percent in 2009 to 20 percent thereafter, and makes the tax credit permanent.

According to a McNerney press release, a number of studies have found that the U.S. economy benefits from a two-to-one and even a three-to-one return on investment through R&D tax credits. A 2005 study by Berkeley's Haas School of Business found that R&D tax credits help attract and maintain research investments in the U.S. when the pressure to conduct

such research in other countries is great.

The effort to simplify, increase and make permanent the R&D tax credit, as McNerney's bill does, is supported by major research universities, telecommunications and bio-tech firms, aerospace and defense companies, as well as the automotive industry, among others.

One such high-tech company, based in Silicon Valley with a major presence in Pleasanton, that supports H.R. 5681 is Oracle.

"We at Oracle applaud Congressman McNerney's leadership to make the R&D Tax Credit a more effective tool to ensure our nation remains the world's innovation leader. More and more countries are utilizing the tax code to lure R&D-intensive industries because of their job-creating potential. The McNerney bill would help boost R&D investments in this country, and we hope it will spur Congress to restore and reform the R&D credit

this year," said Robert Hoffman Oracle's vice president of government and public affairs.

The University of California system, a major beneficiary of existing R&D tax credit provisions, also applauded the legislation's introduction.

"The University of California congratulates Congressman McNerney on the introduction of this important legislation. His emphasis in this legislation on simplifying and strengthening the basic university research tax credit is a critical step forward for our nation's innovation agenda and for keeping California competitive," said UC Assistant Vice President for Federal Governmental Relations Scott Sudduth. "This provision will strengthen the private-public partnership in R&D and will be a major boost for basic research at our nation's universities and national laboratories, like Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory."

CAMPAIGN 2008

The Alameda County GOP will host a debate among Republican candidates for the District 15 Assembly seat. It will be moderated by sitting assemblyman Guy Houston. The debate will be held April 23 at 7 p.m.

Candidates are Scott Kamena, Judy Lloyd, Robert Rao and Abram Wilson.

It will take place at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton. For more information, contact the office of the Alameda County GOP at 510-638-3414 or info@alamedagop.org.

Scott Kamena, a Republican candidate for the 15th Assembly District seat has been endorsed by California Professional Firefighters (CPF).

INITIATIVE

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week's city council meeting. They asked that the city lead the appeal. John Buttera stated, "The American right to vote is at issue. The quality of life we enjoy in the Bay Area is because people are willing to fight back."

Marty Inderbitzen, an attorney representing the landowners, the Lin family, asked that people "put the acrimony and accusations behind us. Organizers failed to carry the entire text of the ordinance. The judge has ruled, the case is over. Let's move on."

He said of the a possible appeal, "There is greater danger to pervert the integrity of the referendum process by allowing a group of citizens to pervert the process by not complying with the regulations." He added that nullifying the referendum saved the city the cost of an election, while acquiring the first part of a future 2000 acre park in the southeast hills.

Inderbitzen said of accusations that the Lins were outsiders that they had owned the property for over 25 years.

Michelle LaMarche called herself a concerned citizen. She told the council that residents had used the democratic option open to them to protect the southeast

The CPF is the state council for the International Association of Firefighters, and its membership is exclusive to full-time, paid firefighters. "We believe Scott has a clear understanding of the important issues affecting first responders," said Lou Paulson, President of California Professional Firefighters. "We think he would be a strong voice for public safety in the Assembly."

The 15th is currently represented by Guy Houston, who is term limited out.

Assembly candidate Joan Buchanan has received the sole endorsement of the California Democratic Party. The unanimous vote was taken Sunday at the State convention in San Jose.

"We carried what the city said we should. We are not a few disgruntled neighbors; 5000 people who live and work here, attend church, signed the petitions."

Chris Schliess said he had not supported either side. "I am pro-referendum process. It's a right the people of the state have. I believe the judge ignored the fact that people have the right to vote."

June Thompson asked the council to discuss the issue in open session.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan raised the issue of the appeal of the referendum. He felt that the council needed to discuss the issue at its next meeting.

However, since one councilmember would be absent for that meeting, it was decided that the council would hold a special session on April 18 to discuss the appeal. It will take place in closed session.

Later in the meeting Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio said that the council needs to show leadership or it would be faced with an initiative. (The initiative that is now being circulated). She asked staff to come

Buchanan, a four-time President of the San Ramon Valley Unified School Board, turned the once-struggling district into one that is top ranked. Prior to her school board service, Joan was one of the youngest women executives at Delta Dental where she honed her financial and organizational skills. She's been a San Ramon Valley resident for 25 years.

Currently held by Republican Guy Houston, the 15th Assembly District is one of the most competitive districts in California. It includes the cities of San Ramon, Alamo, Walnut Creek, Danville, Brentwood, Livermore, and a part of Pleasanton, as well as portions of the Sacramento Delta communities of Stockton, Galt, and Elk Grove.

back with an ordinance for the southeast hills. "I'd like it done with property owners and keeping in mind what the community needs to make sure everyone is heard."

The ordinance would have no impact on the Oak Grove development. The 51-unit luxury home development was approved by the council within 562 acres in the southeast hills of Pleasanton to the east of the Kottinger Ranch subdivision. The city would receive 496 acres of open space, trails, a staging area and a new firetruck.

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

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

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SHORT NOTES

Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff is offering two programs this weekend.

Spring Stars is the program for Sat., April 12. Meet ranger Glen Florey at 8 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

The moon will be low in the sky for this evening in the park at night. Participants will be walking to the hills to get a good view of the sky and using binoculars and a small telescope for an up close look. Dress warmly and bring comfortable hiking shoes as part of the program will be off the paved trail. This hike goes rain or shine, but if it is cloudy, the stars will not be the main attraction.

Sun., April 13 program is Animal Magnetism. It will be held at 7 p.m. in the Sycamore Room at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Nature has provided many astounding behaviors and forms to insure the continuation of species, which is what sex is all about. This program is designed to acquaint the individual with some of the reproductive strategies of plants and animals around the world.

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.

Book Events

Towne Center Books is offering the following programs:

Saturday, April 19: 11:00-11:45, Author Sarah Jane will share her book for children *Hope's Garden*. Children may also plant seeds. Free.

Thursday, April 24: 4:00-5:00, Writing Workshop with Stefan Merrill Block. He will conduct a free workshop for writers exploring voice in fiction. Stefan is the author of the *Story of Forgetting*.

Thursday, April 24: 5:00-6:00, Read and Be Happy Hour with Stefan Merrill Block the author of the *Story of Forgetting*. Three narratives intertwine to create a story that is by turns funny, smart, introspective, and revelatory through the fusion of myth, science, and storytelling. \$5.00 or free with book purchase.

Friday, April 25: 11:00, Elizabeth Berg, bestselling author of "We Are All Welcome Here, The Year of Pleasures," and "Open House" returns with stories of women breaking free from conventions in *Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted: and other Small Acts of Liberation*. There will be coffee and tea and lots of lively discussion. The event is free. No reservations are necessary.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main St., Pleasanton. Information available by calling 846-8826 or going to www.townecenterbooks.com.

Downtown Living

Signature Properties brings the best of downtown Livermore's revitalization to Station Square's doorsteps with Destination Downtown Living.

This free event on Sat., April 12 is open to the public and features artspace gallery, Livermore Cyclery, Main Street Designs, Hidden Creek Wine, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, and Uncle Yu's at The Vineyard - all within walking distance from Station Square. These six downtown destinations represent the lifestyle opportunities available just blocks away and will be showcasing their services in each of Station Square's model homes. In addition, Signature Properties will be raffling off \$100 gift certificates for each of the five vendors and holding a grand prize drawing for a pair of new hybrid bicycles from Livermore Cyclery.

The festivities take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Station Square, 1832 Railroad Avenue, Livermore.

Historic Garage Open

The 1915 Duarte Garage located on the old "Lincoln Highway" will be open on Sunday, April 20, from 10 am - 2 pm.

The garage is located on the corner of Portola and L Streets in Livermore. The Lincoln Highway stretches 3,389 miles across the United States. It was the first transcontinental highway. Displays include a large Lincoln Highway wall map, old California license plates, old photos, 1920's office equipment and a shop area that includes a grease pit. In addition, there are three vintage fire trucks (Ford Model "T", 1920 Seagrave, 1944 Mack).

The Livermore Heritage Guild sponsors the Duarte Garage. There is no charge for admission, donations are appreciated. For more information call (925) 443-9740.

Youth Court

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is co-sponsoring a series of presentations for the community this spring and summer in partnership with the Livermore Police Department's Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. These community education seminars are organized by volunteers who have completed the Livermore Citizens Police Academy.

The April presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. The Center for Community Dispute Settlement will teach the community about the Tri-Valley Youth Court.

The youth court is an alternative justice program for teenage youth who are first-time misdemeanor offenders who admit to their crime. The program empowers youth to take an active role in their own rehabilitation by offering them an opportunity to take responsibility for their own actions and make restitution.

The talk will include information on how the program got started, who is eligible to participate, details of how it works and an update on the first few cases already processed by the youth court.

Other upcoming presentations by the Citizens Police Academy Association are: "Crime Prevention" at 10:30 a.m. May 13; "Vacation Safety/Neighborhood Watch" at 7 p.m. June 15; and "Livermore SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactical) Team" at 7 p.m. Aug. 12.

Reservations for the free April 17 presentation are recommended and can be made in advance by calling LARPD at 925-373-5700, class No. 2722. For more information,

McGrail Opening

Grand Opening at McGrail Vineyards and Winery will host a grand opening celebration on Sat., April 12 from noon to 8 p.m.

Cabernet and the new Chardonnay will be available for tasting. There will be live music from 5 to 8 p.m.

McGrail is located at 5600 Greenville Road, Livermore.

Winemaker Dinner

The Pleasanton Hotel in downtown Pleasanton will host a Wood Family Vineyards Winemaker Dinner on Wed., April 23.

Michael and Rhonda Wood will be on hand to talk about Wood Family wines. The wines will be paired with items created by Chef Chris.

The five course dinner begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person plus tax and gratuity. For information and/or reservations, call the Pleasanton Hotel at 846-8106.

History Talk

Livermore Heritage Guild will host Isabel Nolte as the guest speaker for the History Lecture on Wed., April 16.

Isabel is a long time Livermore resident and a member of Livermore - Amador Genealogical Society. She will share her research on the early pioneers in the Livermore Valley. During her research she discovered that most of the families came from 3 counties Donegal, Galway and Roscommon in Ireland.

In the mid 1800's and early 1900's many families left because of the potato famine in Ireland. They were farmers and ranchers, raised livestock and grew grain and hay. They had large families and many of these families intermarried. This is their story. Isabel's research covers 40 families that intermarried.

The talk will be at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Doors open at 7 pm, talk is at 7:30 pm. No charge, \$2 donation is suggested.

Isabel's book "Early Pioneers in the Livermore Valley, California Were One Big Family" will be available for purchase at the talk. For more information call 443-9740.

Teen Job Fair

The City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department has partnered with the City of Dublin, City of Pleasanton, Town of Danville, and the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club to offer this year's Valley Teen Job & Community Service Fair. This FREE event will be held on Saturday, April 12th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton.

This event will assist youth in obtaining summer and year-round employment featuring employers and nonprofit organizations. Attendees can expect employers and organizations looking to provide teens with job and community service opportunities, workshops on interviewing tips and dressing for success, and mock interviews conducted by local officials.

For more information contact Nathan Biggs at 925-973-3374 or nbiggs@sanramon.ca.gov. This event is sponsored by the City of San Ramon, City of Dublin, City of Pleasanton, Town of Danville, Dublin/San Ramon.

Learning Seder

The Learning Seder for Families will be offered 6:30 pm at Faz Restaurant in Pleasanton on April 17. The Seder will provide parents with direction and resources in anticipation of their own celebratory meal during the Passover holiday, which begins at sunset on April 19.

"We want to make the seder meaningful, accessible and fun," says Rabbi James Brandt, Executive Director of the Center for Jewish Living and Learning. A sumptuous festive meal, prepared by Faz's world-class chefs, will include a mix of traditional Ashkenazi and Mizrahi style foods such as pomegranate chicken, matzoh ball soup, and gefilte fish.

This Seder is sponsored by The Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay, The Shalom Chapter of Hadassah, Faz Restaurant, and The Center for Jewish Living and Learning, with support from the Koret Foundation. Rabbi James Brandt, the executive director of the CJLL will lead the Seder.

The Festive Learning Seder is 6:30

to 8:30 pm. Thursday, April 17 and open to all. There is a \$40 covert for adults and \$18 for children ages 4-12. Children under 3 are free. Faz Restaurant is located at 5121 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. RSVP to tanya@jfed.org or call 925.943.5238.

Carden West Fundraiser

Carden West School will host its annual fundraising dinner/auction on Friday, April 25, at the Mitchell Katz Winery/Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

The benefit event will begin with appetizers, drinks and a cocktail auction at 6:00 p.m., followed by an elegant three course dinner at 7:30 p.m. A live auction, music and dancing will follow dinner. Auction items include a Lake Tahoe vacation, tickets to sporting events, collectibles, unique gifts and many personalized items made by Carden West students.

"Because Carden West is a non-profit school, all proceeds from the auction will benefit educational projects, classroom improvements and playground expansion at the school," says Cynthia Rocha, president of the Parent Teacher Organization, which is sponsoring the event. "The dinner and auction provide an excellent opportunity to have an enjoyable evening with friends and neighbors and to invest in our community's future, our children, at the same time."

Individuals and businesses are invited to contribute to this event. Donations of goods or services are welcome and are tax deductible. All donors will be prominently acknowledged. Contact the school for information, 925-463-6060.

Individual tickets, which include the dinner/auction and two drinks, are \$80. They may be purchased at Carden West School during regular school hours, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., or by calling 925-463-6060.

Library Storytimes

The Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department will bring a fire truck to the Springtown Library on Saturday, April 12 at 11:00 a.m. for storytime. A great storytime about firefighters and their adventures will follow with John Weaver as storyteller. This event will be held at the Springtown Branch Library, 998 Bluebell Drive next to the duck pond in Springtown.

Spiders and Snakes aren't slimy, and they're not scary so storytime won't be scary either promises storyteller, John Weaver. Guaranteed it will probably be silly. This evening storytime is presented at the Civic Center Library on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. The Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

John invites kids to bring a grandparent or two to the Saturday, April 19 Family Storytime at the Rincon Branch Library at 11:00 AM. Fun stories and songs about Grandma and Grandpa will be featured. Los abuelos and nietos will also like the stories presented in Spanish and English. Parents are welcome, too. The Rincon Branch Library is located at 725 Rincon Avenue in May Nissen Park and Swim Center.

All ages are welcome to these free library programs. Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information or pick up a schedule at any one of the Livermore Public Libraries.

Healthy Kids Day

On April 12, The Tri-Valley YMCA will host Healthy Kids Day, a nationally celebrated YMCA event. It will be an activity-filled festival that celebrates the day's key call to action, "Put Play in Your Day." Parents can get connected, too, by participating in activities with their kids and receiving free YMCA brochures with tips on raising healthy kids.

Healthy Kids Day highlights the Tri-Valley YMCA's delivery of mission-based programming for kids. This event is free to all attendants and will feature many activities for kids including: a jump house, health screenings, stage performances, arts and crafts, healthy snacks and many other fun activities.

Tri-Valley YMCA Healthy Kids Day is part of YMCA Activate America, a national long-term initiative focused on developing and implementing community-based solutions to help all Americans improve their health and wellness.

For information, please call the Tri-Valley YMCA at (925)475-6107.

MAILBOX

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Re-do Oak Grove

Brian Arkin Pleasanton

Last Thursday, a judge ruled that the Oak Grove ordinance approved by the city and used to collect signatures (over 5000) for the referendum was not a "complete" ordinance. Since the Oak Grove ordinance as approved by the City Council and signed by the mayor was ruled incomplete, the city did not approve a "complete" ordinance as defined by the judge. Thus, the City Council vote on Oak Grove is also invalid.

The ordinance that the signature gatherers used was voted on by the City Council, signed by the mayor, and approved by the city attorney. The city's own rules and policies determined that this ordinance was "complete." Since the judge has ruled otherwise, the city needs to modify the ordinance in order to be in compliance with the judge's ruling and go through the approval process again. Therefore, the City Council needs to vote on the Oak Grove project again. The city cannot have it both ways.

Clorox Grant

Lynne Siwula Manager, Horizons Family Counseling

We are pleased to publicly acknowledge that Clorox Foundation has selected Horizons Family Counseling for a \$3342 grant award.

The funds have been used for a communication system called Talk and Listen Kit that provides simultaneous interpretation and translation for limited English proficient and hard of hearing

participants for family counseling sessions and community education events conducted by Horizons counselors and staff. Without the support of Clorox Foundation, Horizons would not be able to provide these special resources to known community needs.

The Clorox Fund is an effective means for the Tri-Valley Community to support the services and activities valued by the community. We are honored to be a part of the fund's effort.

Grave Concerns

June Thompson Pleasanton

I wanted to voice my grave concern over the Oak Grove Referendum that was signed by over 5000 Pleasanton voters. What happened to the process and apparent lack of support by the City?

I was dismayed that the Judge ruled against the City of Pleasanton and Kay Ayala (a private citizen who helped lead the referendum) and hope anyone who believes in the democratic process feels the same.

Concerned and dedicated citizens worked in "good faith" carrying the "proper" paperwork as provided by our City Attorney. But, apparently, the City Attorney did little to defend against the lawsuit filed by the Lin Family, even though the attorney's office had provided the very paperwork which was considered necessary. If the citizens of Pleasanton can't trust the assurances of it's own City, who can they

trust!

Many feel that the City should have no alternative but to appeal this decision. This ruling goes to the very heart of First Amendment Rights and it removes the people's right to petition the government. If not overturned, the ruling would certainly have severe repercussions throughout California.

The Pleasanton City Council are our official representatives. We need to hear what they have to say regarding this unprecedented ruling. This is not something for "closed session" by a select few. This issue should be open to the public by putting it on the Agenda, and citizens of Pleasanton should be able to state their concerns and hear how their elected officials feel about this very important issue.

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Second floor conference room

SPORTS NOTES

Youth Soccer

The Mustang Strikers U-17 Boys Soccer team advanced to the Sweet 16 of State Cup this past weekend.

In Preliminary action—Mustang started off the weekend versus Davis Legacy 91 United, Mustang came away with a 4-0 victory. Mustang started the scoring with a huge throw in by George Mayer to Michael Janjigian in the box who kicked to Chris Bernardi who put it in the nets to Mustang for one of his three goals for a hat trick. Chris Bernardi scored the next two goals assisted by Dominic Daley and Marvin Zepeda. Gerardo Garcia added goal #4 assisted by Scott Brensel.

In Game 2 versus ARYSL San Juan Lightning 91 Blue, Mustang came away with a tough fought 2-2 tie. Emrah Klimenta scored the 1st goal assisted by George Mayer, and Nadav Kariv assisted the 2nd goal with a throw by George Mayer to Michael Janjigian with the flick this time to Nadav Kariv who headed it in the nets for Mustang.

Gong into game three and tied for advancement with San Juan, Mustang needed a shutout victory.

Mustang came away with a 3-0 victory over Mt. Hamilton Real Madrid with goals being scored by Gerardo Garcia on a penalty kick, after Justin Chew was taken down in the box. Scott Brensel added the 2nd goal assisted by Gerardo Garcia and Emrah Klimenta assisted by Scott Brensel.

Ryan Rivera in the nets for Mustang had several key saves in this weekends action. He was supported by excellent defensive play from Michael Janjigian, Patrick Watson, Nick Feeney, Dominic Daley and Tony Jorgensen.

Solid midfield play by Jose Garcia, Marvin Zepeda, Scott Brensel, George Mayer, Alex Alvarez, and Nadav Kariv provided several good scoring chances for the forward line of Gerardo Garcia, Emrah Klimenta, Justin Chew and Chris Bernardi.

With two wins and a tie, the U-15 Pleasanton Rage advance to the next round of the State Cup tournament. The Rage nipped the Mission Wildcats 1-0 with the game winning goal headed in by Lauren Floro. Top offensive Players were Lauren Floro, Pippa Whitehead and Darby Brooker; defensive standouts: Ally White, Natasha Springer, Jenna Sparks and Jillian Nunes.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results: **Majors:** The Cubs beat the Cardinals in extra innings when Zak Blair hit a walk-off inside the park homerun in the bottom of the 7th. The pitching was great for both teams as Ryan Dearborn for the Cardinals (5 2/3 innings pitched, 7 hits, 4 runs, and 12 strikeouts) and Matty Proetel for the Cubs (5 1/3 inn. pitched, 2 hits, 1 runs, 11 strikeouts) pitched out of jams all game. Leading hitters for the Cubs were Nick Campiotti (2 for 3 with 2 runs), Proetel (2 for 3, 1 run, 3 RBI's), Jeffrey Brinkley (single and RBI), Tanner Sandy had a single, and Daniel Williams with a double. The Cardinals top hitters were Casey Soltis (2 for 2, double, BB, 2 RBI's), Curtis Wiggington and Matt Santos each hit singles.

CYO Track & Field

St. Michael's School CYO track and field results from March 29 are as follows:

GIRLS 1600 Meters: 8th Grade - Natalie Dimits (1st, 05:41.50); BOYS 1600 Meters: 3rd Grade - Jason Wallis (2nd, 07:00.42), Garron Hahn (7th, 08:09.30), 5th Grade - Andrew Kettenhofen (4th, 06:41.48), 6th Grade - Camden Smith (3rd, 07:16.96), 7th Grade - Justin Moore (3rd, 06:54.57)

GIRLS 400 Meters: 2nd Grade - Katherine Dabney (3rd, 01:39.54), Isabel Stafford (7th, 01:59.727), 4th Grade - Morgan Leonard (4th, 01:26.394), Pamela White (6th, 01:28.896), 6th Grade (Heat 1) - Morgan Brandt (4th, 01:14.537), (Heat 2) Kirsten Mark (3rd, 01:14.86), 8th Grade - Natalie Dimits (1st, 01:06.545), Stephanie Beaulieu (2nd, 01:08.247), BOYS 400 Meters: 3rd Grade - Ben Sanchez (1st, 01:20.826), Ryan Nunes (2nd, 01:22.328), Garron Hahn (6th, 01:39.278), 5th Grade (Heat 1) - Cole Souza (1st, 01:11.955), (Heat 2) Zachary Burnett (3rd, 01:22.182), Andrew Kettenhofen (4th, 01:22.883), 7th Grade (Heat 1) - Evan Briggs (1st, 01:10.080), John Stephane (3rd, 01:04.875), (Heat 2) Daniel Replogle (1st, 00:56.458), Mitchell Acton (2nd, 01:00.028).

GIRLS 50 Meters: 3rd Grade - Adriana Sblendorio (3rd, 9.09), Samantha Dukes (1st, 8.15), Shannon Kai (8th, 11.44), 4th Grade (Heat 1) - Allyson Marty (5th, 9.17), (Heat 2) Mackenzie Schley (2nd, 8.38), 5th Grade Megan Amick (3rd, 8.25), (Heat 4) Sabrina Lillie (7th, 9.62), Alexa Chavarria (2nd, 8.52), BOYS 50 Meters: 2nd Grade - Marquis Pruitt (1st, 8.55), Matthew Steponek (4th, 9.39), 3rd Grade (Heat 1) - Mitchell Moore (4th, 9.13), Jason Wallis (5th, 9.18), Peter Vance (6th, 9.52), 4th Grade Kavan Bagatelos (1st, 8.79), 4th Grade - Malik Pruitt (1st, 8.32), Justin Brandt (2nd, 8.79), Dustin Ullom (3rd, 9.09), Brandon Replogle (6th, 9.6), 5th Grade - Stephen Kai (6th, 9.12).

GIRLS 100 Meters: 2nd Grade (Heat 1) - Emily Robinson (7th, 21.40), (Heat 2) Isabel Stafford (6th, 20.27), 3rd Grade (Heat 2) - Adriana Sblendorio (5th, 18.11), (Heat 3) Samantha Dukes (1st, 16.25), 4th Grade (Heat 1) - Morgan Leonard (7th, 17.56), (Heat 2) Allyson Marty (2nd, 17.81), 5th Grade Megan Amick (3rd, 16.61), (Heat 4) Alexa Chavarria (4th, 17.14), 6th Grade (Heat 3) - Cassandra Dukes (5th, 16.23), Francis Stafford (6th, 17.22), 7th Grade - Skylar Burt (3rd, 15.71), 8th Grade - Katie Camille (3rd, 16.99), BOYS 100 Meters: 2nd Grade - Marquis Pruitt (1st, 16.25), Matthew Steponek (4th, 19.44), 3rd Grade (Heat 1) - Ryan Nunes (1st, 17.47), Ben Sanchez (2nd, 17.56), Mitchell Moore (3rd, 18.02), Peter Vance (5th, 18.54), Zack Scribner (6th, 18.78), 4th Grade (Heat 1) - Malik Pruitt (1st, 15.80), Dustin Ullom (4th, 17.28), Brandon Replogle (6th, 18.10), (Heat 2) Justin Brandt (4th, 18.68), 5th Grade (Heat 1) - Raleigh Adams (2nd, 15.51), (Heat 2) Ben Gill (8th, 18.42), Austin Arnstrom (9th, 18.59), 6th Grade (Heat 1) - Shawn Throckmorton (6th, 17.96), Camden Smith (7th, 18.34), 7th Grade (Heat 1) - Joshua Knight (1st, 13.63), Elliot Gomez (3rd, 14.48), (Heat 2) Tyler Melgosa (2nd, 14.07).

BOYS 800 Meters: 5th Grade - Andrew Kettenhofen (4th, 2:59.48), 7th Grade - John Stephane (1st, 2:33.43).

GIRLS 200 Meters: 4th Grade (Heat 2) - Pamela White (3rd, 34.22), 6th Grade (Heat 1) - Morgan Brandt (4th, 33.58), 7th Grade - Skylar Burt (5th, 34.18); BOYS 200 Meters: 3rd Grade - Joseph Alarab (1st, 38.90), Connor Lencioni (4th, 41.44), 4th Grade - Andrew Mathers (5th, 37.24), 6th Grade - Shawn Throckmorton (3rd, 38.15), 7th Grade - Michael Marcotte (3rd, 29.04), Tyler Melgosa (6th, 30.68).

GIRLS HIGH JUMP: 5th Grade - Kelly Borden (8th, 3.04.00), 6th Grade - Hannah Sapanek (3rd, 03.10.00), 7th Grade - Sara Inokuchi (1st, 4.02.00), 8th Grade - Stephanie Beaulieu (1st, 4.06.00), Camille Cauthen (2nd, 4.06.00); BOYS HIGH JUMP: 6th Grade - Jeremy Williams (1st, 5.07.00), 7th Grade - Matt Tyler (1st, 4.08.00), Michael Marcotte (2nd, 4.04.00), Evan Briggs (3rd, 4.04.00), John Stephane (4th, 4.04.00), 8th

Grade - Kyle Farnady (1st, 5.07.00), Daniel Replogle (2nd, 5.02.00).

GIRLS LONG JUMP: 2nd Grade - Aislin McEldeery (9th, 5.01.00), 3rd Grade - Samantha Dukes (2nd, 9.04.50), Adriana Sblendorio (24th, 05.06.00), 4th Grade - MacKenzie Schley (8th, 09.03.50), Megan McCandless (19th, 8.00.25), Allyson Marty (24th, 7.06.25), Megan Amick (27th, 7.04.75), Sabrina Lillie (29th, 07.00.75), 6th Grade - Kristen Mark (1st, 12.61.50); BOYS LONG JUMP: 2nd Grade - Matthew Steponek (6th, 07.05.00), 3rd Grade - Jason Wallis (1st, 9.05.25), Zack Scribner (9th, 5.05.25), 4th Grade - Andrew Mathers (7th, 9.04.00), Brandon Replogle (13th, 7.11.00), Kyle Williams (14th, 6.08.50), Quilan McEldeery (15th, 5.11.50), Christopher Lassen (16th, 5.06.50), 5th Grade - Stephen Kai (21st, 8.02.50), 7th Grade - Matt Tyler (1st, 14.05.75), Michael Marcotte (3rd, 14.00.75), Joshua Knight (5th, 11.08.50), Justin Moore (6th, 11.08.50), 8th Grade - Daniel Replogle (1st, 17.03.50).

GIRLS SOFTBALL THROW: 2nd Grade - Isabel Stafford (6th, 041.09.00), Aislin McEldeery (9th, 24.03.00), 3rd Grade - Shannon Kai (15th, 022.02.00), 4th Grade - Pamela White (2nd, 070.09.00), 5th Grade - Kelly Borden (5th, 68.04.00), 6th Grade - Francis Stafford (7th, 055.02.00), 7th Grade - Skylar Burt (5th, 70.00.00); BOYS SOFTBALL THROW: 3rd Grade - Ryan Nunes (1st, 089.08.00), Zack Scribner (2nd, 080.11.00), Mitchell Moore (5th, 77.09.00), Marquis Pruitt (6th, 75.02.00), Peter Vance (11th, 64.07.00), Ben Sanchez (12th, 060.11.00), 4th Grade - Kyle Williams (4th, 73.10.00), Andrew Mathers (6th, 056.02.00), Quilan McEldeery (7th, 50.05.00), Chris Lassen (8th, 49.08.00), 5th Grade - Marcus Acton (2nd, 112.00.00), Johnny Bagatelos (89.10.00), Stephen Kai (8th, 069.07.50), 6th Grade - Camden Smith (2nd, 88.02.00), 7th Grade - Cody Scribner (3rd, 148.06.00)

GIRLS SHOT PUT: 6th Grade - Morgan Brandt (3rd, 17.09.00), Francis Stafford (4th, 15.03.00), 7th Grade - Skylar Burt (1st, 28.06.00), 8th Grade - Monica Acton (1st, 33.04.00), Katie Cannon (2nd, 26.09.00); BOYS SHOT PUT: 5th Grade - Ben Gill (5th, 15.08.00), 6th Grade - Luis Ramirez (2nd, 20.00.00), Jeffrey Beaulieu (3rd, 19.00.00), Shawn Throckmorton (5th, 13.08.00), 8th Grade - Kyle Farnady (2nd, 37.00.00)

West Coast Gymnastics

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy competed in the Region 1 Men's Gymnastics Championships in Reno April 3 to 6. Jonathan Liu qualified for the 2008 Men's Jr. Olympic National Championship Level 9 Team (Top 10 All Around Qualifiers, while Liu, Justin Woo and Travis Gollott qualified for 2008 Men's Jr. Olympic National Championships.

2008 Region 1 Level 10 Floor Champion is Brandon Jessup, 2008 Region 1 Level 10 Parallel Bars and All Around Champion is Chris Turner. Chris Turner and Brandon qualified for the 2008 Men's Jr. Olympic National Championship Level 10 Team (Top 10 All Around Qualifiers). Chris Turner, Brandon Jessup, Alex Ganz, Ethan Jose qualified for 2008 Men's Jr. Olympic National Championships.

Mark Ringle qualified for the 2008 Men's Jr. Olympic National Championship Level 10 Team (Top 10 All Around Qualifiers). Mark Ringle, Christian Montecarlo, John Nathan Montecarlo qualified for 2008 Men's Jr. Olympic National Championships.

LEVEL 5 Age Group: 10 yrs FLOOR - Jeremy Inchauste (8.2) POMMEL - Inchauste (8.6) RINGS - Inchauste, 4th place (9.2) VAULT - Inchauste (9.25) PARALLEL BARS - Inchauste (8.95) HIGH BAR - Inchauste (7.9) ALL AROUND - Inchauste (52.1)

LEVEL 8 Age Group: 12-13 yrs FLOOR - Chris Stibel, 1st place (13.25) POMMEL - Stibel, 1st place (12.55) VAULT - Stibel (12.15) PARALLEL BARS - Stibel, 3rd place (12.8) HIGH BAR - Stibel, 2nd place (12.05) ALL AROUND - Stibel, 1st place (74.4) * 2008 Region 1 Level 8 Floor, Pommel, and All Around Champion: Chris Stibel

LEVEL 9 Age Group: 12-13 yrs FLOOR - Jonathan Liu, 75th place (13.65); Travis Gollott (13.45); Justin Woo (12.55) POMMEL - Liu, 8th place (12.5); Gollott (12.1); Woo (11.95) RINGS - Liu, 73rd place (12.9); Woo (12.25); Gollott (11.65) VAULT - Liu (13.4); Gollott (13.1); Woo (12.35) PARALLEL BARS - Liu, 4th place (13.375); Woo, 7th place (13.25); Gollott (12.95) HIGH BAR - Woo, 7th place (12.15); Liu, 78th place (12.1); Gollott (10.7) ALL AROUND - Liu, 4th place (78.125); Woo (74.6); Gollott (73.95)

LEVEL 10 Age Group: 14-15 yrs FLOOR - Brandon Jessup, 1st place (14.35); Chris Turner, 11th place (13.75); Ethan Jose (13.2); Alex Ganz (12.55) POMMEL - Turner, 2nd place (13.45); Jessup (12.75); Ganz (12.7); Jose (8.8) RINGS - Turner, 3rd place (13.9); Jessup (12.75); Ganz (11.75) VAULT - Turner, 3rd place (15.45); Ganz, 5th place (14.7); Jessup (14.15); Jose (13.6) PARALLEL BARS - Turner, 1st place (14.8); Ganz, 78th place (13.7); Jose, 10th place (13.4); Jessup (13.15) HIGH BAR - Turner, 3rd place (13.55); Jose, 9th place (12.65); Jessup (12.25); Ganz (11.05) ALL AROUND - Turner, 1st place (84.9); Jessup, 7th place (79.4); Ganz (76.45); Jose (74.65)

LEVEL 10 Age Group: 16-18 yrs FLOOR - Mark Ringle, 19th place (14.2); Christian Montecarlo (14.0); John Nathan Montecarlo (13.9); Sam Morris (13.15); Kenrick Lam (12.9) POMMEL - J. Montecarlo (12.65); Lam (11.95); Ringle (11.9); C. Montecarlo (11.25); Morris (11.25) RINGS - J. Montecarlo (13.45); C. Montecarlo (13.25); Ringle (13.1); Lam (12.4); Morris (11.6) VAULT - Ringle, 6th place (15.55); C. Montecarlo, 8th place (15.4); J. Montecarlo (14.3); Morris (13.5); Lam (12.6) PARALLEL BARS - Ringle, 3rd place (14.35); C. Montecarlo, 9th place (13.8); Lam (13.25); Morris (13.25); J. Montecarlo (13.15) HIGH BAR - Ringle, 10th place (13.15); C. Montecarlo (12.4); J. Montecarlo (12.25); Lam (11.35); Morris (10.85) ALL AROUND - Ringle, 8th place (82.25); C. Montecarlo (80.1); J. Montecarlo (79.7); Lam (74.45); Morris (73.6).

GIRLS STATE MEET

Level 8, 9, 10 Girls State Championship Meet in Oroville. Patricia Aubel from West Coast Gymnastics in Pleasanton competed in the Level 8 division. After a rough start on floor, when her music stopped in the middle of her routine, Patricia quickly recovered with a 9.625 (1st) on bars and 9.45 (1st) on beam. She earned first all-around for the 14B age group, and qualified for the Regional competition, which will be held in Long Beach, CA on April 24-27.

LEVEL 8 Age Group: Jr 14B VAULT - Patricia Aubel, 5th place (8.875) BARS - Aubel, 1st place (9.625) BEAM - Aubel, 1st place (9.45) FLOOR - Aubel, 11th place (8.95) ALL AROUND - Aubel, 1st place (36.8). Patricia Aubel was the 2008 Level 8 State Bars, Beam and All Around Champion and qualified for the 2008 Level 8-10 Regional Championships.



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The Pleasanton Seahawks Swim team hosted a four-day swim meet last weekend. This weekend the Tri-Valley Masters Swim team will host a second swim meet at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, April 11-12.

Gymfinity Gymnastics

The level 8 team from Gymfinity Gymnastics competed in the Level 8 Norcal State Championships this past weekend, April 4 to 6 in Oroville. All three members of the team, Ashley Eastman, Brianna Camacho and Valentina Barbalainardo, scored well enough at the meet to qualify for Regional Championships which will be held April 24 to 27 in Long Beach.

Full results: Valentina Barbalainardo, age group 11B - vault, 8.3; bars, 3rd, 9.45; beam, 2nd, 9.4; floor, 9th, 9.025; all-around, 5th, 36.175. Brianna Camacho, age group 12A - vault, 7th, 8.85; bars, 7th, 8.8; beam, 8th, 8.8; floor, 8th, 8.975; all-around, 7th, 35.425. Ashley Eastman, age group 13A - vault, 9th, 8.3; bars, 9th, 8.9; beam, 9th, 8.55; floor, 9th, 9.125; all-around, 9th, 34.875.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Level 8, 9, 10 Girls State Championship Meet hosted by Oroville Gymnastics April 4 to 6. Jordan Garza qualified for the Level 8-10 Regional Championships in Long Beach.

LEVEL 8 Age Group: Jr 13B VAULT - Jordan Garza, 8th place (8.65) BARS - Garza, 7th place (8.9) BEAM - Garza, 9th place (8.55) FLOOR - Garza, 9th place (8.975) ALL AROUND - Garza, 9th place (35.075)

Region 1 Men's Gymnastics Championships: LEVEL 9 Age Group: 14- FLOOR - Nicholas Canaparo (11.3) POMMEL - Canaparo (9.55) RINGS - Canaparo (10.95) VAULT - Canaparo (12.05) PARALLEL BARS - Canaparo (11.75) HIGH BAR - Canaparo (10.0) ALL AROUND - Canaparo (65.6).

Diablo Gymnastic

Members of the Diablo Gymnastic team competed at the Norcal Level 8, 9, 10 State Championships held at the Oroville Gym in Oroville April 4 to 6.

Among the team members was Vinnesa Narvaez of Livermore, who completed in the Junior 12A Level 8 division, finishing 9th. Her scores were Vault 8.775 (8.8), bars 8.05 (12), beam 9.275 (21), Floor 8.85 (9) and all around 34.95.

GHS Lacrosse

Granada High School men's lacrosse team lost two games this past week.

Football High came out on top with an 18 to 0 victory. Scorers: Granada: Mora 2, McCallister 2, Strauch 1, King 1, Cordes 1, Hanna 1; Football: Shaw 7, Beddome 2, Cavallo 2, Garcia 2, Benson 2, Lambrecht 1, Andrews 1, Fabian 1, Assists Granada: Cordes 1, Amdor: Riddle 4, Weaver 1, Kristal 1, Sensiba 1, Becker 1, Banahan 3, Evanchin 1. Goalie/Saves Granada: Hopkins 22; Amdor: Sayles 2 Halan 6.

Youth Lacrosse

The Pleasanton 7A Tornados are still undefeated. After a two week hiatus the Tornados were ready to play lacrosse. Middy Mitchell Barbier won first face off and ripped a great unassisted goal he would also contribute an assist to Zach Wilhite on his 3rd goal of the season. Steven Patrick and Jerome Rigor would connect once again with drilling in Patrick's 1st goal of the game, he was also assisted by Roeder to add a 2nd goal of the game. Rigor added 2 more goals which were assisted by Jake Ackman and TJ Friedl. Roeder also passed a great assist to Daniel Bennett who not only scored this game but gave a beautiful out of nowhere assist to Jose S. Bryan Cooper allowed only 3 goals but had 9 saves. Great defensive plays by George Curtis, John Henry Ganser and Ryan Almeida showed great teamwork. Middlees Connor Francesca, Joe Kluj and Elijah Caluya all worked hard to keep the ball on the offensive side of the field.

The NCJLA Pleasanton Girls Junior B Storm team

had a stellar performance in both their games this weekend. All players participation contributed to the impressive 11-4 win over the Palo Alto Tomahawks B team. The second game against the undefeated Diablo Scorpions Jr. B Scorpions proved to be even more exciting with a 4-1 win. Offensively, Jackie Gilbert was unstoppable and on defense Andrea Bright was impassable. Jennifer Gubner in goal was a huge part of the teams success as well.

Livermore Phantom Junior B team crushed the Pleasanton Lightning B2 during Thursday night's match-up with a score of 7 to 1. Top scorers: Collin Rigby 3 goals 1

assist, Zachary Swinford 2 goals 2 assists, Evan Martin 1 goal 1 assist, and Joshua Allen 1 goal resulting from taking possession from the face-off. Offensive players Justin Popovits, Dalton McLaren, Sam Burnett and Grant Lewis were unstoppable while the defense Griffin Shaw, Hunter Olson and Michael Fischer solidly protected the goal. Goalie, Erik Wurster played outstanding with 9 saves.

Over the weekend, Livermore Phantom Junior B team could not hold their winning streak against the Pleasanton Lightning B2 with a loss of 3-4. David Marshall started off the scoring drive with 1 goal, followed by Joshua Allen with 1 goal. Collin Rigby also had 1 goal with Evan Martin assisting, Middlees Taylor Class, Brandon Goulet and Neil Borderland Cameron Locke played well. Defenders, Joshua Daly, Michael Fischer and Evan Martin played solid. Goalie, Hunter Olson had 3 saves.

In game two, Livermore Phantom Junior B team lost to the Walnut Creek Warriors with a score of 10 to 5. Zachary Swinford had 2 goals 1 assist, Collin Rigby 1 goal, Evan Martin 1 goal, Neal Steward 1 goal and Michael Fischer with 1 assist. Offensive players, Sam Burnett, Nick Snyder, David Marshall, Max Byrne and Nicholas Winter playing solid. Joshua Daly, Hunter Olson and Griffin Shaw played an outstanding defensive game. Goalie, Erik Wurster had 9 saves.

The Pleasanton Girls Lacrosse Blizzard stay undefeated so far by adding two more victories on Sunday, April 6th against the Diablo Scorpions and the Lamorinda Flash. Meghan Seranno and Annelise Dutcher were the top scorers with goals also being made by Samantha LaBella, Brianna Armario and Rachel Barry. Alyssa Marcano did a great job of stopping the Scorpions' shots on goal. Haley Brodnick and Maddie Aston led the team in assists with outstanding offensive performance by Nicole Moran. Final Scores - Pleasanton Blizzards 6, Diablo Scorpions 3, Pleasanton Blizzards 5, LaMorinda Flash 3.

The Pleasanton Girls Lacrosse Twister team triumphed again with two more victories at Blackhawk Field in Danville on Sunday, April 6. Great goals by Madison Steele, Andrea Arden, and Brianna Nicholas. Outstanding defense and ball cradling by Olivia Deuschman and Lynnea Flaherty. Kirsten Jensen showed her speed and excellent passes. Final score of the first game 12-1 against Mariah.

Displaying superior teamwork again in the second game, Twister beat Skyline with a score of 13-5. Super shots by Mackenzie Schoen, McKalee Mooney and Cierra Kocik. Excellent ground balls by Hannah Stapp and Madison Steele.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

T Ball: Rockies vs. Mariners Top Rockers: Michael Grant, Zachary Miller, Tucker Vonderhaar Twins vs Pirates Top Twins: Alex Jones, Brenna Songey, Brian Peeso Top Pirates: Koston Markham, Ethan Voelker, Ainsley Gibbs Highlights: The brisk wind did not slow these little sluggers down. Both teams performed well, and showed good sportsmanship while having a great time! Athletics vs. Dodgers Top Athletics: Kevin Cahilly, Jeffrey Fairbanks, Parker Hively Top Dodgers: Adam Chapman, Kylie Peters, Steven Lee Nationals vs. Royals The Nationals had an action-packed game vs. the Royals on Saturday, April 5th. Both teams demonstrated great fielding and hitting techniques as well as great team spirit! Strong bats and swift running of the bases by Jeremy Davis, Wesley Edwards and Jacob Zayas of the Nationals. Superb defense by Ryan Wilkins, Olivia Tabaracci and Cameron Paizo of the Royals.

A Division: Phillies 15, Marlins 14; Top Phillies players: Grant Murphy, Bailey Kemp, Jared Hubert Top Marlins players: Sean Rolandelli, Conner Johnston, Elijah Kutsenda Highlights: In a game that went back and forth with scoring, the Phillies held off the Marlins in the bottom of the 6th. Rolandelli and Johnston both played outstanding defense and Kutsenda went 3-3 to lead the offense for the Marlins. The Phillies had great hitting by Kemp and Hubert and the defense was led by Murphy.

Red Sox 11, Devil Rays 14; Top Red Sox: Joey Campos-throw in from right field; Chase Jesus-jung; Graham Michaels-home run; Top Devil Rays: Hannah Lipp-awesome single in 3rd inning; Jack Perry-caught fly ball bottom of 6th; Andrew Arruda-single in 5th inning.

Yankees 11 Nationals 7; Top Yankees: Mason Arnold, Tyler Neumann, Miles Gomez Top Nationals: Jared Taveres, Noah Klubal, Logan Church Yankees player Tyler played a terrific game, getting two hits and two runs; the excitement grew as Mason, Yankees' first baseman, made a double play by catching a fly and tagging out the runner on first base; Miles also helped the win by getting two hits and two runs. On the Nationals, Jared made a nice play, tagging a player out at second, while Noah was a consistent hitter. Logan also had a good hit!

Devil Rays 17, Mets 8; Top Devil Rays: Wesley Williams, Scott Ragatz, Dante DeMayo Top Mets: Cole Meyers, Isaac

Montes, Michael Honeycutt Highlights: Mets players Meyers hit a double in the 4th and tagged a runner at third in the 6th inning; Honeycutt hit a single to left field in the 1st and a double in the 3th; Montes caught a fly in the 6th; Devil Rays Williams hit 3 singles; Ragatz hit a double in the 3rd; DeMayo caught a fly in the 6th. Marlins (14) vs. Phillies (10) Top Marlins: Jordan Burress, Tristen Mulrooney, Mason Stuart Top Phillies: Tucker Lyons, Zack Eidourou, Jared Hubert Highlights: The Marlins started off with a commanding lead in the first half. The Phillies came back strong in the second half to try and even up the score but, ultimately, lost by 4 runs.

AA Division: Cubs 2, Tigers0; Top Tigers: Ethan Shang, Bryce Disbrow, Tyler Gonzales Top Cubs: Ben Kerling, Eric Pison, Cole Escover Highlights: The Cubs won 2-0 over the Tigers. Cubs' pitcher Kerling shut down the Tigers offense 3 innings in a row. The Cubs' Pison got a double, while Escover got a 2 hits; Ledbetter and Volponi both got RBI's. The Tigers held to Cubs to only 2 runs with excellent fielding. The Tigers' Shang made a great catch at RC; Disbrow at 2nd and Gonzales at pitcher also made great catches during the game that resulted in 3 outs for the team to end the top of the inning.

Cardinals 2, Tigers 0: Top Cardinals: Austin Birdwell, Patrick Schwartz, Justin Dalin Top Tigers: Nate Redditt, Chase Dun, Hunter Burke Highlights: The Cardinals pitchers recorded a combined 15 strikeouts to help make 2 runs stand against the Tiger bats. Chase and Hunter led the way with big hits for the Tigers, while Nate made several great plays in the field. The entire Tiger team played fantastic defense behind very strong pitching! Trevor Chapman started the Cardinal rally with a long at bat and single, followed by Patrick's huge double to deep left field. Austin hit one of his two doubles to give the Cardinal pitchers all the run support they needed. Justin pitch the final 3 innings to finish what Austin Birdwell started, a 2-0 Cardinal win!

AA Division: Padres 15, Mariners 8; Top Padres: Great pitching by Dylan Gullin; an awesome base by Ryan Sturtz; great base running by Zachary Stevens. Top Mariners: Strong pitching by Darien Look; 2 hits and 2 RBIs by Kevin Key; a key hit by Demetris Wagner.

Athletics 12, Giants 8: Top Athletics: Jake Peterson was on base twice and made a game saving catch; Kenny Williams hit a in-the-park homerun and pitched the final two innings to get the win; Alex McCollum had 2 singles and 3 runs batted in, made a fine defensive play to force a runner at the plate late in the game and pitched well. Top Giants: Aaron Jennings-long triple to left knocking in a couple of runs; Aaron Spiller-triple with 2 RBIs and great pitching; Jack Frevert-pitched 3 strong innings to start the game, notching several strike outs in his outing.

Angels 14, Diamondbacks 6: Top Angels: Sean Stavert, great pitching; Ryan Silvas, great pitching; Keith Tysler, 2 for 2 with 1 double and 1 single. Top Diamondbacks: Steve Braun, Jr., great pitching; Conor Cruz, great pitching; Austin Joggart, great defense. Highlights: Angels came out strong by scoring 7 runs in the 1st inning. Diamondback came back with 4 runs of their own in the 1st inning.

Majors: Athletics 4, Yankees 3; Top As: Jacob McCall, Trevor Houghton, Trevor Escover and Travis Adams with their solid hitting. Top Yankees: Riley Draa for his hitting and solid performance behind the plate. Tyler Dancer for timely hitting and solid defense and Daniel Cavaleri for his strong pitching performance. Highlights: It was a very close game as both teams battled well into dusk. Yankees Draa started the excitement by hitting a 1st inning triple and then stole home when the A's catcher Brent McCarvey attempted to throw out a runner stealing second. The A's answered back in the 2nd inning when Jacob McCall hit a triple and Trevor Houghton brought him in an RBI single. Colin Shelton of the Yankees delivered a two RBI single sending in Draa and Dancer. Fighting back, the A's Jacob McCall stole home and Travis Adams' collected an RBI bringing in Revay for the A's. At the end of the 6th inning, the A's came through when McCarvey drew a timely walk and collected a game winning RBI by forcing home teammate Escover to give the A's the narrow victory.

Junior Division: LALL Mariners 13, San Ramon Hammers 12; Top Mariners: Greg Anderson, Devon McMahon, Nino Carnignani Highlights: Greg Anderson at second for a 6th inning double play to get the Mariner's defense back on track. Anderson also singled in the 3rd and 6th contributing to a 4-run inning to get the Mariners back in the game. McMahon doubled in the 1st and 7th inning, knocking in two RBIs in the 7th to tie the game. Carnignani hit a solid grounder to short, knocking in the game-winning RBI.

LALL Athletics 15, San Ramon Valley Red Sox 5; Top Athletics: Nicholas Gaul, Drew Falabella, Matt Stoebe The Junior 80's A's continued their winning ways beating the SRV Red Sox 15 to 5 to stay undefeated. Nicholas Gaul had 2 doubles driving in 4 runs while Drew Falabella played a great game with 2 RBI's and 3 runs scored. Matt Stoebe

was solid behind the plate keeping potential base stealers on the bag and throwing out those who dared. Another great team effort.

GLL Giants 9, LALL Mariners 3: Top Mariners: Devon McMahon, Matt Neale, Joe Halliwell Highlights: Despite the loss, the Mariners showed moments of heads-up defense and solid hitting in Monday's game. In the third inning, after backing up an errant throw, Devon McMahon threw out a runner attempting extra bases. In the second inning, Joe Halliwell at catcher threw out a runner attempting to steal third. Halliwell and Matt Neale kept the Mariners in the game with RBI singles in the fifth inning.

Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Soft

SPORTS NOTES

Daisy Girls. Coaches' selections - Katie Sposeo, Ashley Morton, Madissen Taylor (MD); Erin Bell, Madison Stewart, Mattie Tompkins (DG). Inter Real Estate Agents The Cheetah Girls vs. State Farm Insurance Purple Passion. Coaches' selections - Hayley Thompson, Savannah Stevenson (CG). Inter Real Estate Agents The Cheetah Girls vs. Swaim Biological, Inc. Kool Katz. Coaches' selections - Camille Best, Emily Montalvo (CG).

Brian J. Emrich, DDS Lil' Yanks vs. Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls. Coaches' selection - Taylor Sullivan, Amber Thomas, Virginia Verdugo (LY). Rich Cortez and Sons Heating & Air Wildcats vs. Cresco Rental Equipment Fire Crackers. Coaches' selections - Jamie Zogarcia, Randi Cortez, Taylor Stephenson (W). Around the Bay Pest Control Black Widows vs. Les Schwab Tires Golden Stars. Coaches' selections - Mallory Jones, Emily Frank, Isabella Quintana (BW). Marissa Franks, Sophia Rebello, Ariana Dixon (GS). Around the Bay Pest Control Black Widows vs. William D. Thompson Attorney at Law Daisy Girls. Coaches' selections - Hannah Ulrich, Amanda Burkett, Jamie Freitas (BW). Shannon Blockley, Jenna Hagan, Alyssa Sausen (DG). Mancini's Sleepworld Magic Dragons vs. State Farm Insurance Purple Passion. Coaches' selections - Julia Maitland, Gabriela Maitland, Madison Kunke (MD). Les Schwab Tires Golden Stars vs. Classic Images Hair Design Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Erica Espinosa, Sarah Sanchez, Sarah Whalen (GS).

T-ball: J.R. Pierce Plumbing Pink Ladies vs. Kapowee Diamond Diggers. Coaches' selections - Serena Hutt, Brooke Miller, Lauren Meeker (PL); Camryn Gray, Kayla Hebebrand, Natalie Stone (DD). Quail Electronics, Inc. Little Stingers vs. Integrated Archive Systems Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Lexi Borna, Sierra Graman, Skylar Vinson (LS); Allison Scher, Olivia Armstrong, Kendall Yamamoto (BA). Bloomingcamp Optometry Rockin' Rabbits vs. Pertica Insurance Services Hot Tamales. Coaches' selections - Emily Brown, Sierra Street, Emily Rogers (RR); Alexis Diaz, Alicia Diaz, Amanda Price (HT). J.R. Pierce Plumbing Pink Ladies vs. Integrated Archive Systems Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Kaycie Lindland, Taylor Crutchley, Jodi Bryant (PL); Ashley Lewis, Isabella LaRosa, Colleen McCandless (BA). Pertica Insurance Services Hot Tamales vs. Kapowee Diamond Diggers. Coaches' selections - Mia Mendoza, Amanda Pertica, Shelby Williams (HT). Quail Electronics, Inc. Little Stingers vs. Bloomingcamp Optometry Rockin' Rabbits. Coaches' selections - Samantha Thomas, Madelyn Addington, Kaleigh Castillo (LS).

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results: **Juniors Division:** 90's House 3, San Ramon 90's; 90's House 12, Mountain House Red Sox 1; 80's House 7, Danville 1. 90's House vs. San Ramon 90's: L.N.L. Giants pitcher Steve Bender shut out San Ramon for 5 2/3 innings before being removed for pitch control striking out nine. Anthony Mazotti finished up for his second save, striking out the side in the 7th. Austin Nelson struck the big blow for L.N.L. His 3rd inning triple drove in Cameron Nguyen and Lydell Amaral with the first two runs. Anthony Mazotti doubled in the 5th and hustled home on a wild pitch to score an insurance run. Summer Houston pitched four innings for the Rays.

Majors: Diamondbacks (4), Cardinals (9); Dodgers (9)-Diamondbacks (1); Diamondbacks (9)-Mountain House (6); Dodgers (8)-Giants (2); Mountain House Astros (9)-Cardinals (15); Top Players: Diamondbacks: Tim Harris, Jose Inzerillo, Connor Spalding; Cardinals: Matthew Wells, Brian Martinez, Jared Roberts; Dodgers: Jordan Dowd, Jose Gonzalez, David Gomez; Diamondbacks: Mitch Licata, Tony Galindo, Nima Jafarikhani; Diamondbacks: Connor Spalding, Tim Harris, Zach Rosas; Mountain House: Kevin Nguyen, Jared Dalrymple, Christian Searle; Dodgers: Devin Bernacki, Tristan Thalhuber, Fotis Dimitropoulos; Giants: Nate Burke, Tyler Wallis, Kameron Johnson; Mountain House Astros: James Akins, Josh Searle, Jacob Bradley; Cardinals: Matthew Wells, Joshua Tudino, Michael Ditzel.

AAA Division: Diamondbacks 13, Giants 8; D'Backs catcher Addison Westbrook threw out a runner at 3rd to stop a 1st inning rally. Trevor Valone made two great plays at second base and Tristan White made 3 plays at 1st base. Hitting was led by Robert Chioino 2 doubles, Addison Westbrook 3 singles, Andy Swaim, 2B, 1B and Gabriel Culver, 1B, 3B. Giants offense showed up with Scottie Newby, 1B, 2B, Steven Royster 1B, 2B, Parker Turk, RBI Single, and Brandon Salgado, RBI Single, a Giants mid game rally to a 8-7 score kept the game close.

Scores: Diamondbacks (13)-Giants (8); Giants (1)-Diamondbacks (2); A's (6)-Giants (1); Dodgers (3)-Diamondbacks (2); Cardinals (3)-Dodgers (13); Top Players: Diamondbacks: Trevor Valone, Addison Westbrook, Robert Chioino; Giants: Steven Royster, Raul Santofia, Brandon Salgado; Giants: Scott Newby, Tyler Silva, Vincent Rizzo; Diamondbacks: Chris Moussa, Robert Chioino, Gabriel Culver; A's: Jacob Rakestraw, Ryan Barnes, Zack Kline; Giants: Andrew Romero, Daniel Chrisman, Steven Royster; Dodgers: Nate Gooby, Wyatt Pennybacker, Zack DeCarsey; Diamondbacks: Robert Chioino, Chris Moussa, Gabriel Culver; Cardinals: Zack Patterson, Ryan Winsor, Trevor O'Neil; Dodgers: Thomaas Triantos, Hayden Goldstein, Garrett McDonald.

AA Division: Top Players: A's: Joshua Hart, Joey Petner, Kyra Kelly; Giants: Javier Guerra, Jacob Licata, Reece Kerstetter; Padres: Zack Ostrander, Youki Chiva, Jacob Rasmussen; Cardinals: William Bretz, Jake Gutierrez, Dylanger Rucker; Rockies: Ben Roller, Andrew Messner, Tommy Leon; Dodgers: David Salinas, Cecily Tinoco-Erway, Ian Slominski; Padres: Vassilios Dimitropoulos, Jacob Rogers, Jacob Rasmussen; Rockies: Suede Canales, Jacob Roberts, Jonathan Berry.

A Division: Diamondbacks vs. Rockies; Both teams came ready to play with great hitting by Dbacks Niles Moy and Zachary Harris and Rockies Valerie Ixta and Quinn Smalling. Good defensive plays by the

Rockie's Kyle West and the Dback's Justin Merrill added to the excitement.

Top Players: Diamondbacks: Justin Merrill, Zachary Harris, Niles Moy; Rockies: Valerie Ixta, Quinn Smalling, Kyle West; Diamondbacks: Daniel Lloyd, Jacob Sale, TJ Testerman; Black Giants: Grant Ikeda, Colby Smith, Todd Neizman; Dodgers: Wyatt Calkins, Nolan Smith, Zachary Voisin; Padres: Jack Wilson, Caden Wmyr, Ian Humes; A's: Siddarth Bokka, Jeremy Snyder, Daniel Lodderhose; Cardinals: Jaren Dietsch, Jack Altman, Jaren Dietsch, Charles Fillippucci; Black Giants: Matthew Covacs, Justin Rasmussen, Antonio LaManna; Dodgers: Cody Voisin, Gabriel Mladnich, Wyatt Calkins; Cardinals: Kyle McKinzie, Jaiden Jimenez, Nolan Kutsuse; Padres: Blake Freeland, Ronald Martindill, Jacob Dougherty.

T-Ball: Cardinals vs. A's; The Cardinals met the A's on the Majors field early on a chilly spring morning. The Cardinal's Ben Tiedemann made an amazing play catching the ball behind his back and holding on for the "out". Justin Pestana dazzled the crowd with his clutch hitting and Eric Ruloma ran bases like a champ. The A's Jaxson Moseby and Tyler Blue were wicketed with the bat getting to base every time they stepped up to the plate. Dylan Clinton wowed the crowd in the field with his great skill and attitude.

Top Players: Cardinals: Benjamin Tiedemann, Justin Pestana, Eric Ruloma; A's: Dylan Clinton, Tyler Blue, Jaxson Moseby; Cardinals: Sean Pascual, Joshua Spencer, Mateo Moncada; Dodgers: Shaun Smith, Anthony Miller, Jacob Bramell; Giants: Brayden Nunes, Jacob Hutchinson, Jacob Lord; Cardinals: Brett Oelrich, Sean Pascual, Eric Ruloma; Rockies: Zachary Saal, Ryan O'Neill, John Stangl; A's: Gavin Powers, Jessica Vasquez, Jack Bosso.

Mystics Basketball

The Livermore Mystics girls basketball club traveled to San Jose to play in the Great America Shoot Out tournament. The Varsity team played against some of the toughest competition it has seen this spring. The team was still able to finish in 3rd place with a 2 and 2 record. The offensive skills of Taylor Borba, Ryann Raber and Shayla Raber lead the Mystics. Each of them averaging double figures for the tournament. Dominating in the paint was Margaret Donovan, who averaged over 10 boards during this talent filled tournament. The Varsity Mystics hustled on every loose ball and played unselfish basketball. In the third place game the Varsity Mystics poured in 10 from way downtown to spread the floor. A great effort, in a very tough tournament was appreciated by the coaches and parents.

The 8th grade girls team came out fired up for this tournament. The girls left it all on the floor playing full court pressure basketball the entire tournament. Saturday's game found Brittany Campiotti leading the way for the Mystics. Jessica Beckwith was a beast at center pulling down over 30 rebounds in the tournament. In Sunday's win Claudine Seriani, Mindy Moretini and Krissy Rollins scrambled and sacrificed their bodies for each loose ball. Some great passing by Ashley Holmes (6 pts) and Alyse Kline (6 pts) led to some easy lay ups. A great defensive effort by Cassidy Sherman (2 pts), Katy Jones (4 pts) and Nicole MacDougall kept the opposing teams offense from establishing any rhythm.

The 7th grade Mystics team keeps improving every tournament. Sara Marquez was a basketball magician, pulling 15 points per game out of her hat. Kelsie Bowles showed her skills off the bench by draining six points per game for the tournament. Great defensive games by Jennie Harmonson and Sierra Cassels disrupted the opposing teams offense.

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League results: **Juniors 90s Gold:** Pleasanton 1, Danville 80s Gold 2; In the top of the third, Pleasanton American's Barrett Fitzgerald had a base hit. Kevin Faggiano hit a bunt that brought the runner home. After that, another hit by Mark Slifer had 2 runners on base, but then a double play and pop fly left us with just one run. In the bottom of the 5th, Pleasanton American had a great play by 3rd baseman, Christopher Kinney, who threw to Tyler Rains at 1st for a double play. Tyler Rains and Parker Bryan pitched a great game for Pleasanton American.

Pleasanton 3, Danville 80s Gold 7: In the top of the 1st inning, Pleasanton American's Christopher Kinney hit with Mark Slifer already on base from a walk. Jack Hoffman had an RBI. Tyler Rains' pop fly sacrifice brought home Christopher Kinney. In the top of the 3rd inning, Christopher Kinney had a base hit and later stole to 2nd. Jack Hoffman had a beautiful hit that brought Christopher Kinney home. In the bottom of the 3rd inning, an amazing double play ended the inning. Shortstop, Justin Cruz, threw to 1st baseman, Parker Bryan, who threw to 3rd baseman, Christopher Kinney.

Middle School Wrestling

Mendenhall Middle School had three wrestlers reach the championships of the tough Harvest Park Wrestling Tournament. Jon Zawada, Greg White and Nick Campiotti all made it to the championship match. Jon Zawada wrestled great all day and was the lone winner for Mendenhall in the 8th grade division. Greg White lost a tough match to take home 2nd place. Other 8th graders to medal were Jared Bailey, who took third, and Ryan Bashaw with a 4th place finish. Sixth grader Nick Campiotti, wrestling in the 6th-7th grade division, won a couple of tough matches before taking 3rd in the championship match. Jeffrey Brinkley and Clayton Bueno wrestled great as they each fought hard to come away with 3rd place in their weight divisions. Mendenhall had a good day as 7 wrestlers placed.

Hart Middle School captured three first place medals at the Harvest Park Wrestling tournament over the weekend and grabbed a total of nine medals during the event. Leading the way, with gold medals, for the Huskies were Cal Dutrow (8th grade), Zach Wilner (7th) and Jacob Richey (6th). Kyle Batoy (7th) and Max Johnston (8th) took home second place finishes while Jeff Deike (8th) and Dillon Gilbreth (8th) grabbed thirds. Also reaching the medal round and getting fourth place finishes were Louis Desprez (7th) and Conner Brown (8th).

Junction Avenue Middle School eighth grade brought home the 2nd place trophy from the Harvest Park Classic Tournament

this past weekend. They took 32 wrestlers and brought home 18 medals. Eighth grader Jacob Vital earned the "Most Valuable Wrestler" for the Tournament. Sixth Grade: Terry Graham, 74 lb, 2nd; John Madrua, 104 lb, 1st; Nathaniel Docena, 115 lb, 3rd; Artemio Fennoy, 190 lb, 2nd; 7th grade: Brandon Olson, 80 lb, 3rd; Brianna Hevle, 84 lb, 4th; Summer Johnson, 95 lb, 3rd; River Sandoval, 154 lb, 2nd; Keanu Anderson, 190 lb, 3rd; 6th grade: Jake Bolland 104 lb, 4th; C.D. Talamayan, 104 lb, 2nd; Jacob Baxter, 119 lb, 1st; Johnathan Enriquez, 122 lb, 1st; Andrew Cable, 143 lb, 1st; Jacob Vital, 148 lb, 1st; Quincy White, 145 lb, 2nd; Troy Gomez, 154 lb, 2nd.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results: **T-Ball:** Valentine Wealth Management Inc vs. Chase Electric. Top Players: Valentine Wealth Management, Inc. - Allison Casey, Emily Sanchez, Lexi Valentine; Chase Electric - Sarah Green, Taylynn Low, Drew Pagtakhan.

Micro Division: J.P. Builders-Cobras vs. TSI J.P. Builders Cobras- Top offensive players: Terra McHone, Emma Fritsch, Harper Cook, and Madeline Baalman. Top defensive players: Harper Cook, Terra McHone, Sophia Herzfeldt, Halle Uhl, Rida Lasne, Ariana Cisneros, and Lucy Becker. Highlights: recorded 11 outs in 5 innings (23 in two games). TSI Top hitters: Abbie Cooper, Mary Tincher, Daisee Kim. Top Players: J.P. Builders-Cobras - Harper Cook, Emma Fritsch, Terra McHone; TSI - Abbie Cooper, Daisee Kim, Mary Tincher.

Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies vs. All Star Sports- Patriots; All Star Sports-Patriots-Excellent hitting by Fiona Mitchell. Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies- Outstanding double play by Libby Schlag. Top Players: Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies - Jessica Cole, Libby Schlag, Katie Young; All Star Sports- Patriots - Claire Armstrong, Fiona Mitchell, Natalie Tarantino. Excel Realty & Mortgage-Silverettes vs. The Hopyard Alehouse-Short Hops. The Short Hops received outstanding play and spirit from Madison Hildebrand, Lauren Melvin and Chloe Beidleman. Top Players: Excel Realty & Mortgage-Silverettes - Summer Freericks, Kate Inman, Taylor Sowers; The Hopyard Alehouse-Short Hops - Chloe Beidleman, Madison Hildebrand, Lauren Melvin.

Erickson Financial-Razzle Dazzles vs. Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies. Great hitting and fielding. Top Players: Erickson Financial Razzle Dazzles - Madelynn Crimi, Kylie Racer, Lexi Tucker; Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies - Vanessa Legins, Allison Stowell, Melissa Widas.

Niki Ward Photography-Dynamite Dolphins vs. JP Builders. Outstanding fielding by Niki Ward Photography-Dynamite Dolphins - Claire Larsen and Zoe Moura. Top Players: Niki Ward Photography-Dynamite Dolphins - Meret Kenna Harris, Claire Larsen, Zoe Moura; JP Builders - Michaela Cabral - Victoria Hungerford, Dina Parks.

Niki Ward Photography-Dynamite Dolphins vs. Borg Redwood Fences-Dragons. Outstanding hitting by Niki Ward Photography-Dynamite Dolphins Allison DeFazio and Maddy Ward. Top Players: Niki Ward Photography-Dynamite Dolphins - Jordan Bolla, Allison DeFazio, Maddy Ward; Borg Redwood Fences-Dragons - Amy Assmusen, Madison Burke, Keara Greenan.

Mini Rec Division: E Squared Automotive Group-Devils vs. Pacific Dental Care-Fireballs. Top Players: E Squared Automotive Group-Devils - Allie Sanchez, Lauren Schaefer, Olivia Verbeck; Pacific Dental Care-Fireballs - Chelsea Burke, Arabella Franco, Emily Taggart.

Friends of Spring-Dragons vs. E Squared Automotive Group-Devils. Last inning rally by the visitors decided the game. Top Players: Pilates on Spring-Dragons - Tori Garcia, Abby Hester, Abigail Sage; E Squared Automotive-Green Devils - Katelyn Antilla, Aurilia Escobar, Olivia Verbeck. Assist Tel-Com-Martians vs. Axial-All Stars. Top Players: Assist Tel-Com-Martians - Megan Brown, Mackenzie Fox, Olivia Larsen; Axial-All Stars - Kamdena Maher, Juliana Pribela, Megan Ritter.

Moonshot Girls-Blue Rockets vs. Pilates on Spring-Dragons. Raven Maier Bell pitches 3 strikes in row. Sabrina Dunham catches a pop-fly ball. Sonora Andrews of Moonshot Girls-Blue Rockets pitches an almost perfect 3 outs. Double play by Abigail Sage and Ariana Brooks of Dragons team, Julia Denison. Top Players: Moonshot Girls-Blue Rockets - Sonora Andrews, Julia Denison, Shreya Madan; Pilates on Spring-Dragons - Courtney Goldstein, Raven Maier Bell, Jasmin Ross.

Pleasanton Glass vs. Friends of PGSL-Pink Panthers. Top Players: Pleasanton Glass - Haillie Berman, McKenna Shaffer, Beth Williams; Friends of PGSL-Pink Panthers - Ally Isaacs, Carly Moreco, Emily Trinidad. Friends of PGSL-Pink Panthers vs. Pilates on Spring-Dragons. Bryanna Schreiber pitched well for the Friends of PGSL-Pink Panthers. Carmen Lopez and Maya Nozaka also played well. Raven Maier Bell, Jasmin Ross & Ariana Brooks had a great game for the Pilates on Spring-Dragons. Top Players: Friends of PGSL-Pink Panthers - Carmen Lopez, Maya Nozaka, Bryanna Schreiber; Pilates on Spring-Dragons - Ariana Brooks, Raven Maier Bell, Jasmin Ross.

Axial-All Stars vs. Pleasanton Nursing & Rehab-Crushers. Top Players: Axial-All Stars - Mia Battilega, Rebecca Deckinger, Megan Ritter; Pleasanton Nursing & Rehab-Crushers - Emma Long, Lilly Ryan, Charisa Shin.

Mini Upper Division: Kim Warren-Keller Williams-Jets 11, BEMA Electronics-Stompers 4; It was an awesome game with great pitching on both teams. Top players: BEMA Electronics-Stompers - Maddy McGarry, Ariana Nino, Haley Wessenberg; Kim Warren-Keller Williams-Jets - Alana Mendez, Madalyn Warren, Danielle Williams.

Titan PCB-Mighty Titans 2, Keller Williams Realty-Jets 1; Titan PCB-Mighty Titans had excellent pitching by Jillian Pluschckell. Great fielding and hitting by Sophia Brown, Nicole White and Jillian Pluschckell. Keller Williams Realty-Jets had great pitching by Danielle Williams. Excellent fielding and hitting by Alana Mendez, Lauren Blach and Danielle Williams. Top Players: Titan PCB-Mighty Titans - Sophia Brown, Jillian Pluschckell, Nicole White; Keller Williams Realty-Jets - Lauren Blach, Alana Mendez, Danielle Williams.

BEMA Electronics-Stompers 4, J. Lohr Vineyards-Sluggers 3; It was an exciting game between the two teams with excellent plays on both sides. BEMA Electronics-Stompers pitcher Monica Martinez started the game holding down the runs. The highlight of the game was a double play from Madison Avery to Haley Wessenberg of the Stompers. Top Players: BEMA Electronics-Stompers - Madison Avery, Jenyce Dutcher, Haley Wessenberg; J. Lohr Vineyards-Sluggers - Christina Echavia, Ragan Lacy, Jenna O'Neal.



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"Biker Chicks" were one of the entries in the annual Valley Spokesmen's Cinderella Classic ride. The non-competitive ride, open to women only, covered 63 miles

Minor Rec Division: Friends of PGSL-X 16, Res-Com Insulation-Chargers 1; Friends of PGSL-X collected 23 hits and 16 runs in a great all around team effort. Carly Krakauer threw to Hannah Stevens for an awesome double play. The Res-Com Insulation-Chargers gave it their best effort, coming closer than the score suggests - ending most of their at bats with runners on second and third. Top Players: Friends of PGSL-X - Emily Christensen, Molly Hamilton, Hanna Stevens; Res-Com Insulation-Chargers - Moira Andrews, Morgan Balaban, Nina Harpell.

Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction-Dynamites 16, Ireland, San Filippo, LLP-Lucky Charms 2; Ireland, San Filippo, LLP-Lucky Charms - Runs were scored by Megan Sensiba and Emily Barber. The RBIs came from Erin Walsh and Kayla Cerri. Nicole Cerri was able to successfully hit against the hard-throwing Katryna DeLuz and played outstanding defense. Cassie Balducci pitched strongly and played great defense.

Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction, Inc.-Dynamites - Myranda Marzocco had multiple hits and made a great catch while playing shorts TP. Paige Jones pitched strongly (while playing great defense) and was solid at the plate. Ashley Beyer hit safely and scored in the 4th inning. Top Players: Ireland, San Filippo, LLP-Lucky Charms - Cassie Balducci, Kayla Cerri, Erin Walsh; Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction, Inc.-Dynamites - Ashley Beyer, Paige Jones, Myranda Marzocco.

Canyon Chiropractic-Fillies 7, Res-Com Insulation-Chargers 2; The Canyon Chiropractic-Fillies scored in every inning. Chloe Connolly, from shortstop, dashed across 2nd base to field a ball and throw the batter out at first, saving a run. Top Players: Canyon Chiropractic-Fillies - Chloe Connolly, Kristen Marks, Shelby Sarin; Res-Com Insulation-Chargers - Moria Andrews, Serena Carmona-Hesler, Antoinette Rydell.

Tomarco Contractors-Blue Devils 7, Friends of PGSL 1; Tomarco Contractors-Blue Devils had excellent pitching by Monique Davidson; short -s Top Brittany Cooper had two hits including a double and catcher Jacklyn Long was great at home plate. Top Players: Tomarco Contractors-Blue Devils - Brittany Cooper, Monique Davidson, Jaclyn Long; Friends of PGSL - Meghan Boyle, Amalia Dickenson, Victoria Dominguez.

Minor Upper Division: PABCO Gypsum-Panthers 3, Coca Cola-Cola Bears 0; The PABCO Gypsum-Panthers had 3 pitchers. Ireland, San Filippo, LLP-Lucky Charms - Janelle Tanis, Corinne Valdivia, and Katey Moore all pitched well against a tough Coca Cola Bears team. Ashley Lotoszynski pitched well for the Coca Bears. Top Players: PABCO Gypsum-Panthers - Katey Moore, Janelle Tanis, Corinne Valdivia; Coca Cola-Cola Bears - Ashley Lotoszynski, Jordan Niermeyer, Hannah Stoik.

Major Rec Division: Sallman, Yang & Alameda-Teal Tornados 11, J.M. O'Neill, Inc. 7; The Sallman, Yang & Alameda-Teal Tornados had an incredible day, using their incredible whipping strength to win the first of their double-header, 11-7. Akiko Osbourne caught severe fly balls. Sydney Payne and Elizabeth Broughton pitched with awesome force. The Tornados were uns Top Table! Top Players: Sallman, Yang & Alameda-Teal Tornados - Elizabeth Broughton, Akiko Osbourne, Sydney Payne; J.M. O'Neill, Inc. - Lauren Brown, Savannah Cordova, Alexandra Dickinson.

Sallman, Yang & Alameda-Teal Tornados 8, Stainless Distributors 8; The Sallman, Yang & Alameda-Teal Tornados tied their second game of the day. Allie Peterson caught a fly ball at third base. She also batted well. Madeline Quim pitched with lightning speed

and Kyra Esmeayer batted two runs in. Top Players: Sallman, Yang & Alameda-Teal Tornados - Kyra Esmeayer, Allie Peterson, Madeline Quim; Stainless Distributors - Kara Carlstrom, Raquel Chao, Erin Emde. Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance 11, J.M. O'Neill, Inc. Planners/Builders 8; Tough five inning game with good defensive plays by both teams. Kyra Costa pitched three innings allowing only one run. Olivia Buescher had 2 key RBIs. Savannah Cordova scored 3 runs and Alexandra Dickinson scored 2 runs. Top Players: Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance - Olivia Buescher, Kyra Costa; J.M. O'Neill, Inc. Planners/Builders - Savannah Cordova, Alexandra Dickinson.

Senior Division: Prestige Photography 12, Pleasanton Ready Mix 10; Tied game went over time. Prestige Photography pulls it out in the end. Meghan Bean and Danielle Seuts made terrific plays with their pop-fly catches. Felicia Lastala did a great job catching. Amanda Zavattero brought in 3 runs for Pleasanton Ready Mix. Kristen Chapman and Elena Montauti did a great job pitching. Top Players: Prestige Photography - Meghan Bean, Felicia Lastala, Danielle Seuts; Pleasanton Ready Mix - Kristen Chapman, Elena Montauti, Amanda Zavattero.

Best Buy-Breakers 9, Cardinal Jewelers-Wildcats 6; For the Cardinal Jewelers-Wildcats Lauren McCarroll started the team's comeback attempt in the 6th inning with a single. Jeny Meseheimer went 2 for 3 with two singles. Caitlin Gray hit a double into center field. For the Best Buy-Breakers, Kacey Higgins shined with 5 straight strikeouts. Top Players: Cardinal Jewelers-Wildcats - Caitlin Gray, Lauren McCarroll, Jeny Meseheimer; Best Buy-Breakers - Kacey Higgins, Ashley Moreno.

Colt .45s Baseball

Colt .45s Baseball Club now forming 18U and 16U competitive travel teams. All high school players welcome for evaluation. No conflicts with your school team schedule. Please contact Coach Max Valencia at (925) 639-9034 or email maxvbasesball@hotmail.com. Team website, www.colt45s.net.

Correction

The score was incorrect in last week's Independent. Livermore did not defeat Foot Hill in the consolation game. Foot Hill scored five runs in the 7th inning to record a 5 to 1 win over Livermore.

Place-Kicking Camp

Registration is open for the final place kicking camp in Pleasanton. Amador Valley High School Varsity Football Kicking Coach, and former All-PAC-10 and NFL Place-Kicker, Steve Jordan will instruct participants in basic place-kicking skills and techniques. Participants will gain accuracy and power on P.A.T.'s, field goals, and most importantly kickoffs. Participants will learn proper kicker sideline etiquette. Campers will need to bring kicking cleats or soccer shoes, plenty of water, and a game winning attitude each program day. Footballs and other kicking equipment will be provided. Beginners are welcome. Space is limited.

The camp is open to all in 6th to 9th grade. The camp is April 12-13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Camp fee is \$125. For registration contact the City of Pleasanton's Parks and Recreation Department at 931-5340 or see page 48 of the Spring 2008 City of Pleasanton's Activities

Guide, or contact Steve Jordan directly at (925) 200-8661.

Swim Clinic

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

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

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

Bowling News

Darin Smith of the ReMax Executive Cheyenne League started the night with a 275 game and never let up when he added a 259 and ended with a 278 to complete an USBC award winning 812 series at the Granada Bowl in Livermore. Rich Canada used a 276 game to help him to a 723.

In the Friday Family Affair league, two of the youth bowlers took center stage. 18 year old Casey Albert rolled a 223 and a 266 and finished with a 280 game on his way to a 769 series. Reily Chin (13) bowled a 248, 237 and a 257 for 742 series.

High game honors last week went to Troy Heal when he blasted 10 strikes in a row to complete a 286 game.

Ray Salas of the Generation Gap had a 765 set that included games of 258, 248 and 259. Mark McCreary kept a hot hand with his 256, 234 and 227 for a 717 set. Carl Rogers of the Balhorn O'Dell Construction loop rolled a 245, 234 and a 231 for his 710 set. Jeff Nunes rolled a 268 on his way to a 708 series. Joe Delise's 703 was aided by his 245, 224 and a 234. Brian Johmann, Early Years Getaway League earned his 700 award when he rolled a 237, 222 and 241.

Karl Estabrook rolled a 245 game and Diane Belak belted a 236 game in the Valley Families and Friends League. PrimeTime Senior Don Tunison rolled a 247 Game and Fred Stary rolled a 243 while Otis Farris topped his average with a 237 game.

Track and Field

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

Golf for Women

The 3rd annual Business Golf for Women will be held Tues., June 3 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The day begins with registration and a continental breakfast followed by guest speaker Nancy Berkeley at 9:30 a.m. Golf clinics will be offered between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., followed by lunch. After lunch a 9-hole golf tournament tees off at 1 p.m. A networking reception, awards, wine tasting and prizes follow the tournament, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$49 for breakfast, the seminar and clinics; and \$89 for the full day program. To register go to www.poppyridgegolf.com.

Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for 35 years. Registration will be held April 24, 6 to 8 p.m. at Round Table Pizza, 1024 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore.

All coaches are required to attend coaching clinics each year to strengthen their knowledge of the game.

Football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVYFC). DVYFC is one of the strongest youth football conferences in Northern CA. It consists of 18 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading). Information at www.elycm.com/lyfc or email lyfc@onebox.com/lyfc.

The league is currently accepting applications for both football and cheer coaches for the upcoming season.

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AABC (Activities & Academic Booster Club) Scholarships: Four Scholarships (Two for \$1000 each and two for \$500 each) will be awarded in May 2008. Foothill High School seniors who will attend an accredited institution of higher learning must submit a completed application to Mrs. Bing in the FHS Counseling office by Monday, April 14, 2008. See FHS counseling (Mrs. Bing) for an application or online at <http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/foothill/pub/foothill/aabcscholarship.pdf>.

Travel with Friendship Force: program Sunday, April 13, 2:00-3:00 PM, Dublin Public Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Discover travel that makes a difference. Club members will describe hosting and being hosted by club members around the world, promoting peace one friendship at a time. Coffee, tea, and sweets will be served. Reserve a space: 510-794-6844. No charge. www.fsfba.org.

Golden Gala: dance held by the Intract Club at Valley Christian High in Dublin for senior citizens around the area. It is a free event. This year's theme is Paris. There will be appetizers, desserts, live music, dancing, and a raffle. The event is April 12, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the school, 7500 Inspiration Dr. For information, call Sue King-Irwin, 560-6250 ext. 422. RSVP is encouraged, but walk-ins will gladly be welcomed.

Valley Vista 4-H Club is looking for new members, ages 5-19. Various projects include mini 4-H, beginning 4-H, crafts, cooking and leadership. The club meets on the second Monday of every month at Jackson Avenue School, 554 Jackson Avenue in Livermore at 7:00. The next meeting is April 14. Contact Melanie Kent at (925) 443-1597 or mjkent@earthlink.net for information.

Old Fashioned Family Fun Night: Jackson Avenue Elementary School annual spring fun- and fund-raiser Friday, April 11th at 5:30. Admission is free. There are games to play, food for purchase, and gift baskets and other items to bid on. There will be an old-fashioned cake walk, snow-cones and popcorn. Bid on items from parents, teachers, and the community. Sponsored by Jackson's Parent-Teacher Organization, money from the spring fund-raiser pays for much-needed items at Jackson Elementary School. Jackson Avenue Elementary is located at 554 Jackson Avenue in Livermore. The fun runs from 5:30 til 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11th.

Spring fashion show, at Nordstrom in

Stoneridge Mall. Season's new looks and accessories will be featured by Pat Lees of the personal shoppers department. April 24, Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women fund-raising for scholarships for local re-entry women in college. Dinner and show \$35. Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Cafe. Reservations by April 18, call Mona at 829-3505.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace is again sponsoring a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main Street, Downtown Pleasanton. April 16, Wednesday, at 7 PM. We will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor our veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Please bring a votive candle in a paper cup so that we do not drip candle wax on the sidewalk. We are planning to continue a monthly event as long as necessary. Questions? Call Cathie Norman at 462-7495 or E-mail Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com.

Valley Spokenes Bicycle Touring Club: Sat., April 12, 32 miles Pleasant Hill to Crockett and Martinez, meet 10 a.m. Pleasant Hill Community Center, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., April 13, 35 miles join a team in ride from Bankhead Theater out along rural roads, meet 9 a.m. Don Williams, 580-9395. Wed., April 16, 38 miles Vacaville to Winters, meet 10 a.m. at Lagoon Regional Park, Edith Norby, 707-748-1508. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Rummage Sale: Sat., April 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge 2117, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore.

Bird walk: Sat., April 12, 8:30 a.m. John Muir National Historic Site. Meet at the CalTrans park and ride, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Bring water and binoculars. Wear good walking shoes. Trail is steep. If rains heavily, walk canceled. For more information, call 228-8860. No charge.

Rummage Sale: Fairlands Elementary School, 9th annual rummage sale and bake sale. Sat., April 12, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the multipurpose room, 4151 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton. Cash only please. Items in good condition can be donated for the sale on Fri., April 11, 3 to 8 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Fairlands PTA fund. Questions, call Laura Barnett at 461-5321.

Pleasanton Senior Center VIP Club: sponsoring a Napa-Sonoma wine tour Wed., April 23. Cost is \$65 members, \$87 non-members. Wineries to be visited are Viansa Winery, Sutter Home Vineyards, and Beringer Vineyards. Lunch at Compadres at Vintage 1870 in Yountville. Contact the Senior Center travel desk at 931-5370 for more information and reservations.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle On Monday, April 21, at 7 p.m., the Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network will hold a meeting in honor of Earth Day. Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. Please note there is a new meeting location provided by a local business: In My Nature, 4725 First Street, #270, Pleasanton. The building is located in Civic Center Station between Bernal & First St. in Pleasanton. Please park in the lot facing Bernal. There is no charge for first time visitors or for Chapter members. For further information, please visit www.holisticmoms.org or e-mail TrivV.HolisticMoms@hotmail.com.

The U.S. Vs. John Lennon will be shown Sat., April 19 at 7 p.m. at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. This film examines the period in John's life when he and Yoko became involved in peace and social justice issues and how officials in the United States reacted to this. This event is open to the public, free/\$3.00 donations accepted, wheelchair accessible. Refreshments are served. Meet & greet begins at 6:30 PM. A short discussion about the film follows. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Livermore Community Blood Drive - Friday: April 18, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in the Gym. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1/2 hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use ASBURY as the sponsor code. For information contact Tom Petty at 925-980-8164 or e-mail BloodDrive@asburylive.org.

Free seminar on The East Bay Is On Sale: hosted by the McDaniel Callahan Real Estate Team at J. Rockcliff Realtors on Tuesday, April 22, 6:30-7:45 PM at the Danville office of J. Rockcliff Realtors, 15 Railroad Ave. The seminar covers: Four strategies to sell your home. Three secrets to enhance your property value. Two hot money makers: REO's and Foreclosures, and One proven way to buy below market. Reservations are required. Call 925-838-4300.

Volunteers sought: The Livermore READ Project is currently seeking volunteer tutors to help motivated adults improve their basic reading and writing skills. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Public Library on Wednesday, April 23rd, from 7-9 p.m. and on Saturday, April 26th, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please plan to attend both sessions. To register for the training, or for more information, call 925-373-5507.

Augustin Bernal Hike and Meditation for Women: Sat., April 19, 9 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. \$18.00 (include photo of group, hike, mindful activity at lunch break) Non-residents \$21.00. Information or registration at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/current-activities-guide.html. Join other women for nature's rebirth, great exercise, a special meditation and great views of Mt. Diablo and the entire valley.

6th 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 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Locations throughout Santa Clara Valley and Peninsula. Free admission; registration required at www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org before April 19, 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 tour. email info@GoingNativeGardenTour.org.

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

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

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, April 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Quilt teacher and author Brenda Henning will present a lecture entitled, "How Did I Get Here?" Rose, a self-described compulsive quilter, will conduct her workshop "Quilt As You Go Stained Glass Table Runner" the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further

information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, <http://amadorvalleyquilters.org>.

Fiesta: Spring Fling: East Avenue Middle School event to be held Fri., May 2 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. 6 to 11 p.m. events include dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing. \$30 per person. This is an adult event. Information, Carmela Stepp, 640-7346 or stepp2@sbcglobal.net.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day: Sat., April 12, Frederiksen Elementary School, Dublin, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fun family activities, a bounce house, entertainment, door prizes, exhibits, vendors, food and YMCA program information and registration. Admission is free. Please call the Tri-Valley YMCA at 475-6110 for more information.

Free computer training: Livermore Library: Searching the Internet class Sat., April 12, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Searching: Google & Beyond on Sat., April 19, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes are hands on, first come first served, and take place in Community Meeting Room B. Stop by the Civic Center Library adult information services desk, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., or call 373-5505 for information about the classes.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party: Saturday, April 19th, 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Assistance League of Amador Valley hosts their 13th annual afternoon tea. Members and guests enjoy an afternoon of tea, music, opportunity prizes, an interesting speaker and musical entertainment. This year's featured guest speaker is Juliette Goodrich, a KPX News Anchor and Emmy Award winner, on "Finding Balance." Guest vocalist is Eric Ribiero, a Bay Area performer since 1988. This annual fundraiser supports many projects including Operation School Bell, in which hundreds of school children are clothed each year. Reservations are now open and tickets are available at \$45 per person. For ticket information, please call Annette at 925-462-5275 or Rickie at 925-846-3922.

Natives Garden Tour: registration for the 2008 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour on Sunday, May 4, 2008 is now open at www.bringingbackthenatives.net. This free, award-winning tour features 60 pesticide-free gardens that conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 50% or more native plants. In addition to the free tour on May 4,

this year's Select Tours - private, guided tours of signature native plant gardens - offer something for everyone. Accompanying the "Meet the Designer" series is a "Gourmet Bicycle Tour" to Walnut Creek and Lafayette gardens; a "Fraction of a Century Biking Tour" in Oakland; and a walking tour to three Berkeley gardens. These Select Tours are offered on April 12, 13, 26, 27, and May 3, 18, and 25, 2008. For details go to www.bringingbackthenatives.net/selecttour.html. The Native Plant Sale Extravaganza will take place throughout the weekend of May 3 and 4.

RELIGION
Community Second Seder: The Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' Passover seder celebrates the heroism and courage of the human participants in the original freedom struggle of the Jewish people and in all struggles for freedom throughout the world. TVCJ, an affiliate of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, will hold its annual community seder on Sunday, April 20, at 5 pm at the Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth St. in Livermore. The seder is a potluck and reservations are required. A donation of \$10/adult (over 13) is requested. For reservations and food assignment, call (925) 485-1049.

Care for the World: 5:15 p.m., Sunday, April 13. A festival service of readings, prayers, and music focusing on creation, the environment, and our responsibility as stewards of God's creation. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Free. 925-462-4802. www.stclarespleasanton.org.

Are we still praying like we did when we were 5? Is the topic for the April 15, L.I.F.E. (Lessons In Faith Experience) series at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomas Ave., in Livermore. Sr. Rebecca Shinas, O.P., the Adult Spiritual Formation director at St. Simon's in Los Altos, and Patty Littrell will present the program. All are welcome. A \$5.00 free will donation is appreciated. For information contact Julie at ucatholic@aol.com or 447-4549 ex 114.

Tri-Valley Unity Church: "A New Earth, A New You" - April message theme by Richard Southern, special speaker. Meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin, 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. Message for April 13: "Open My Eyes: Seeing Myself in a New Way." All are welcome. 829-2733.

Sidewalk Sale Set in Pleasanton

Downtown Pleasanton will host a sidewalk sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 on Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Many downtown shops will have tables outside on the sidewalk in front of their businesses and feature special promotions and sales both inside and out.

Purchase a Downtown Pleasanton Gift Card that can be used for shopping, dining, salon and spa services and more. Gift cards are available at Towne Center Books (555 Main), online at www.pleasantondowntown.net or at the Pleasanton Downtown Association office (830 Main, Suite A).

For additional information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

OBITUARIES

Rosenda "Rose" Halog

Pleasanton resident Rosenda "Rose" Cataga Halog died of complications related to lupus on April 1, 2008.

She was born March 1, 1922. She touched the lives of many with her vivacious spirit and compassionate soul. Prior to her illness, she was an active member of St. Augustine Catholic Church and the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She enjoyed sports and gardening. She loved roses.

She is survived by her husband "Dionisio "Danny" Halog; children Tessie, Virginia, Linda, Donnie and Ron; and grandchildren Richard, Rosie and Anthony.

A prayer vigil is planned for 6:30 p.m. on Fri., April 11 and a memorial service at 10 a.m. Sat., April 12, both at St. Augustine, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Richard Allan Ferguson

Richard Allan Ferguson was born August 30, 1929 in New York and entered into rest on March 23, 2008.

He was a resident of Dublin. Richard grew up in Gold Hill, Oregon and graduated from Gold Hill High in 1947. He attended the University of Oregon for two years where he received his BA in education. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-1951. He moved to Dublin in 1965 where he was a soccer and Little League coach for two years. He particularly enjoyed trips to the beach.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law Donald and Tammy Ferguson of Manteca and Rich and Deanna Ferguson of Dublin; daughter Kimberly Ferguson of Redding; sister Carma Lanford of Mercer Island, WA, and grandchildren Joey Ferguson, Sam Ferguson and Hannah Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne Ferguson in 2005.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Dorothy Swift Bearse

Dorothy Swift Bearse was born the youngest of eight children in Cotuit, MA on Sept 23, 1914 to Osborne W. and Geneve Crosby Bearse. She died March 31, 2008 in Livermore.

"Dot", as she liked to be called, graduated from Bridgewater State Teachers College and taught in the Barnstable schools until she married Irving W. Bearse of Hyannis in June 1938. They subsequently lived in Providence, RI, Charleston, SC and to Decatur GA. She moved to Oak Ridge, TN in 1992 and to

Livermore in 2006.

In 1953 she and a co-owner established a private kindergarten. She operated the kindergarten until 1961 and then taught first grade in the DeKalb County School System until retiring in 1971.

Throughout her life she participated in church, school and community activities. She enjoyed playing golf, sewing and traveling to such places as Portugal, India, Turkey, and Greece.

Her husband, Irving Bearse died in 1985. She is survived by three children; Jane Everett (Roger), Livermore, CA, William Bearse (Karen) Bethlehem, PA and Nancy Vanderlan (John) Clinton, TN. Her six grandchildren, Julie Mello, Jill Hornbeck, Billy Bearse, Kevin Bearse, Scott Vanderlan, and Michael Vanderlan. Great-grandchildren are: Kendall Hornbeck, Katelyn Hornbeck, Ryan Hornbeck, Courtney Mello and Justin Mello.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Hyannis, MA. No services are planned.

Joseph C. Lagomarsino

A Livermore native and veteran of World War II, passed away at his home on March 30, 2008, at the age of 91.

He is survived by his wife Martha, son Mark, daughter Edith Van Huss, sisters Teresa Wiedemann and Erma Fechter, and brother John Lagomarsino. Another brother, Robert, preceded him in death.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hope Hospice; 6500 Dublin Blvd., #100; Dublin, CA 94568.

George C. Steinhauer

George C. Steinhauer died March 31, 2008 at his home in Tracy. He was 84.

George was born Feb. 26, 1924 in Indianapolis, IN. Shortly after graduation Broad Ripple High School in 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II and served as a medic in both the war in Europe and the Pacific war. Following the war, he attended and graduated from Purdue University.

George married Dorothy Lommel on July 29, 1950 in Indianapolis. In 1957, they moved to Livermore where George worked as an engineer at Sandia. Later, George and Dorothy purchased and operated Loard's Ice Cream and Candy in downtown Livermore for 18 years. In 1988, he opened Tracy Suds Laundromat in Tracy.

He enjoyed taking an active interest in the community. In retirement, he served as a mediator

and tutor for the Alameda County Court System, and, most recently participated in the Volunteer In Police Service (VIPS) for the Tracy Police Department. George was an avid reader and a long time poker player.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Sue Steinhauer and great grandson James Steinhauer. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy, daughter Carol Sigg and son Stephen Steinhauer, grandchildren Jessica and Mark Adams, Keith Steinhauer, Jennifer Taylor, Ray Sigg, Christopher Sigg and Della Roebel; and great grandchildren Peyton Steinhauer and Isaac Adams.

A gathering of remembrances will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Fri., April 11 at Green Oaks Clubhouse, 2929 N. MacArthur Blvd., Tracy. Arrangements by Irene Rose and the Tracy Police Department's VIPS.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

John "Rocky" Mountain

John "Rocky" Mountain, formerly of Livermore, died peacefully in the Life Care Center in Mount Vernon, WA on April 2, 2008.

John was a former United States Marine and served in both World War II and the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Rita of Mount Vernon, WA, two daughters, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and four stepchildren and their families.

Inurnment will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore following a memorial service. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Fri., April 11 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

Joyce Genevieve Werner

Joyce Genevieve Werner passed away peacefully on April

4, 2008 in Fairfield, Ca. at the age of 92.

Born on February 9, 1916 in Hartley, Iowa, Joyce lived a long and adventurous life. She grew up on a farm in Minnesota and graduated in Home Economics from the University of Minnesota. Upon graduation she married Hugh Carrico, an Army pilot, who was shot down over Italy during World War II. After the death of her first husband, Joyce signed up with the Red Cross and served 2 years in Juneau, Alaska making the lives of our soldiers a little happier. After the war, she moved to San Francisco where she met and married Arthur Werner, Jr., an Army Colonel returning from the war.

After her children were in school Joyce began her teaching career in Home Economics at Livermore High School. She also earned a certificate in Counseling and became a certified financial planner. In retirement, Joyce spent lots of time gardening, sewing, traveling, reading and enjoying her family and friends. She was an exceptional wife, mother, grandmother, and friend and was loved and admired by all who knew her.

Joyce was a loving mother to Randy, Arthur III (Skip), and Roger Werner. She is also survived by her step-daughter, Marilyn Werner-Baker, her sister Marjorie Ogren and Marjorie's husband Ken and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Her husband, Arthur Werner, Jr. preceded her in death in 1998.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service on Friday, April 11, at 2:00 pm at Callaghan's Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore. A viewing will be at 1 pm. Burial will be at the service at Roselawn Cemetery also in Livermore.

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Get Help Designing Your Post-Retirement Life

By Patricia Koning

Beginning May 13, Livermore Adult Education will once again offer "Designing Your Life in Retirement," a class taught by financial planner Steven Shagrin. The class runs for three weeks and costs \$60.

The title of the class is a bit misleading—while the class focuses on retirement planning, the skills covered are applicable to any stage of life. Yvonne Pelle, the secretary at Livermore Adult Ed, told the course even though she's years away from retirement and found it very helpful. Shagrin says the class works best when taken several years before the actual date of retirement, to allow time for transitions.

Calling Shagrin, who prefers to be called "Shags," a financial

planner is also misleading, as he's a man of many titles. His website lists Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor, Certified Retirement Counselor, Certified Enhanced Lifestyle Planner, and Certified Money Coach in addition to Certified Financial Planner. He also has a law degree and is a published author (*Managing My Life: Managing My Money*).

"For those who have not yet 'crunched the numbers' to find out the likelihood of running out of money before running out of breath, I offer services in that area as well," he explains. "I don't sell any investment or insurance products nor provide investment advisory services—simply a financial snapshot of where one stands with respect to long-term cash flow planning."

Shagrin brings 25 years of experience as a retirement specialist to his course. He served as president of the former International Society for Retirement and Life Planning (ISRLP), a group that focused on providing a forum for those offering holistic and balanced programs, not simply highlighting the financial aspects of retirement. These other areas include: health, wellness, nutrition and exercise; travel and leisure; lifetime learning; estate planning; family and relationships; and more.

Designing Your Life in Retirement was created by Carol Anderson, a friend of Shagrin's from ISRLP and the founder of Money Quotient, a company that develops Financial Life Planning tools. "The course workbook is the culmination of years of research and is the basis for the award winning retirement preparation program of Weyerhaeuser under the guidance of Sally Hass," Shagrin says.

Designing Your Life in Retirement meets from 7-9 pm on Thursdays, beginning May 13 and ending on May 27. For more information, see www.livermoreadulted.org or call (925) 606-4722. For more information on Steven Shagrin, see www.planningforlife.info.

'Magic of Music' Helps Finance Amador Band's Trip to London

The Amador Valley High School Band and Colorguard will hold The Magic of Music 4th Annual Fundraising Gala, "The Great Gatsby" A Celebration of the Roaring 20's, from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at The Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, 7050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton.

Tickets are \$75 per person. The elegant evening includes champagne, speakeasy beer, a three-course seated dinner with wine, live and silent auctions and dancing to the sounds of the talented musicians of the Amador Valley High School Jazz bands.

The music, the cocktails, the food, and Gatsby will set the stage for this lavish party. The Roaring '20s comes to life, a time when extravagant parties were the norm, the Jazz Age was in full swing. Prohibition was in effect, people danced, lights glittered and unbridled romance was in the air.

This event is the only major



fundraiser of the year for Amador Valley High Schools four concert bands, two jazz bands, winter percussion and colorguard. Proceeds will be used to meet the ongoing needs of the band program in areas such as instruments, uniforms and equipment. Funds raised this year will also help fund transportation costs associated with marching

in the London, England New Year's Day Parade on January 1, 2009. The band will march through London in front of a live audience of over 500,000 and of millions worldwide via televised coverage.

The Amador band now has over 200 members and has more than doubled in size during the last seven years. Band is now the single largest student activity on campus. A record number of students from Amador's Music Department were selected this year for local, regional and state honor bands.

For event information, call Dianne Jones, event chair (925) 426-5662 or Amador Valley High School Director of Bands Jon Grantham (925) 462-6196. For ticket information, Paulette Callahan (925) 846-8957. A reservations form can be found at the "Magic of Music" link on the Amador Valley High School Band website at www.amadorband.org

Gala LPC Foundation Fund-raiser Features Best of the Best

The Best of the Best, featuring Livermore Valley wines and gourmet food from Tri-Valley restaurants, will be held at the college, 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore, on April 26.

Tickets, which are available now for \$125, are limited to the first 100 couples. They may be purchased by contacting the Las Positas College Foundation office at (925) 424-1010.

The evening will feature the best of the Las Positas performing arts program, including the Talk Hawks forensics team, which has placed among the best in California at two major competitions. The performing arts interlude will follow wine and food tasting. The evening finishes with sparkling wine and dessert.

The silent auction offers a number of unique items:

The ultimate Star Wars/Indiana Jones Experience includes a private tour for two adults and two children of either George Lucas' legendary Skywalker Ranch in Marin County or the Lucasfilm facility at the Presidio in San Francisco. The high bidder will have the opportunity to see costumes and props, meet key personnel and receive an employee discount in the general store. The package also includes lunch and Lucasfilm goodies.

The Romance Package includes a night in the grand king suite in the Rose Hotel in downtown Pleasanton and dinner for two at Agora Bistro, a touch of Greece in Pleasanton.

The Country Weekend in the famous Willamette Valley in Oregon includes two days and two

nights at the home of Las Positas College President Emeritus Karen Halliday and her husband Jim. It includes luxury accommodations, gourmet meals and wine tasting.

Unique adventure packages range from golf outings at Ruby Hill and the Callippe Preserve in Pleasanton to tickets and dinner to a Wente Vineyards summer concert.

Private fine dining packages range from a six-course dinner paired with wines at Uncle Yu's in Livermore to a multi-course dinner with paired wine with Las Positas President DeRionne Pollard at the art gallery home of Bob and Joyce Shapiro.

Be in the Anchor Seat at ABC-7. News anchor Cheryl Jennings will host a private tour for six of the San Francisco studio of Channel 7. Six guests will sit in the

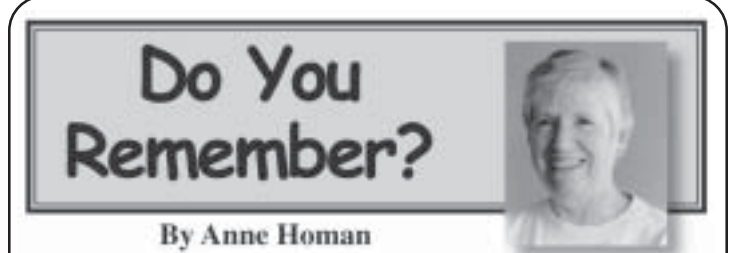
control room during the actual broadcast with Cheryl.

Premium Wine features a case of collector wines provided by the Las Positas College Foundation board.

Lunch and wine in the vineyard at the estate home of Mark and Maria Trisha will be available, as will several wine and cheese tasting packages in the vineyards.

The Foundation was established in 2003 to serve as a funding support resource for the college, as well as to educate surrounding communities about the many learning opportunities available at the college, and its cultural contributions to the region.

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



Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan

More Responses from Readers

In June 2007 I wrote about responses from some of my readers. Today's column is a continuation. After my column on Thomas Carneal on August 16, 2007, I received an e-mail inviting me to tea at the Reinstein ranch. What an adventure! Thom and Roberta Reinstein treated me not only with tea and goodies, but also with a tour of the original ranch house built by Carneal that they are restoring. Its wide floor boards and generous ceilings give dignity to the old wooden home. When Thom was walking through the house one day before any attempt at restoration, piles of trash were everywhere. He noticed a light blue velvet case, perhaps used to store a necklace. He opened it to find the original medals presented to Carneal for his prize-winning wheat at the 1900 Paris Exhibition. Thom took me on a tour of the other ranch buildings, and I saw Carneal's garage, with its floor especially slanted for his cars, so that they would start without being cranked by a one-handed man. Scattered around the grounds were the antique agricultural machines that Thom has gradually been restoring.

John Stein wrote, asking why I had not included the tiger salamander in my column on endangered species. I have no excuse—I just overlooked it. The disappearance of vernal pools and other wetlands because of farming and building projects means that our native California tiger salamander is losing habitat needed for breeding. Adults run between eight and ten inches in length; their black stocky bodies have yellow or cream spots. The Los Vaqueros Reservoir project included creating 20 to 30 culverts under the new portion of Vasco Road so that salamanders and kit foxes could have access to terrain on both sides of the road.

My publisher forwarded me an e-mail from Pleasanton resident Robert E. Garcia about my Livermore book in July 2007, and we began a correspondence that has continued to this day. He sent me four sketches that he calls "doodles" to help in his description of Camp Corregidor, the Filipino encampment for field workers that used to be across from the Concannon vineyard on Tesla Road. The drawings included an interior sketch of the Quonset hut with its big gas stove heating a fragrant pot of chicken stew, the dining table, and the old couches set around a small black and white TV. Exterior views showed the galvanized metal shower and the weathering wooden car sheds with shelves of "old coffee cans that held rusted nails and cob web dreams." He remembered "fiestas" held there when barbecued goat was the tasty main dish. Robert is a Vietnam vet and has also sent information and comment about veterans' affairs.

After my column on creameries, an e-mail arrived in November with an invitation from Ronald and Cheryl Hahn, owners of Livermore's Cold Stone Creamery, for a tour of their facility. It was especially interesting to see behind the scenes: an employee mixing up an enormous batch of ice cream, the huge freezers where different flavors are kept. And I had the opportunity for a little taste testing—cookie dough ice cream definitely tastes like cookie dough! They employ about 23 students who attend Livermore schools.

I was sad to read recently an obituary for Marilyn Daly Bangs, who sent me the material for the column that I wrote in May 2007 about the Daly family's life in the old Altamont Hotel from 1935 until 1957. Since writing that column, I have learned that an earlier hotel, built in 1868, burned. The two-story replacement hotel the Dalys occupied was designed by architect Julius L. Weilbye. Built by Thomas Twohey, it was ready for occupancy in November 1907.

In writing about the Bothwell family, I mentioned the awarding of a trophy each year after Samuel Bothwell's death to someone who had given the most to youth in the Livermore community. While I was doing research for the column, I could not find the three-foot-high trophy bought by the ten members of the LARPD board in 1952. Current LARPD employees have no knowledge of the trophy. When I interviewed Ruth Regan and her daughter, Nancy Huffman, for my column on the Regan Brothers Christmas trees, they brought a smaller version of the trophy that John Regan won in 1960 for his leadership in the Livermore Little League program. It repeats the original trophy's style, with a graceful bronze-colored figure on the top.

Occasionally, some readers have written to ask questions about the column or another historical interest. Some of you I have been able to answer, but others have asked for information that I do not have. In those cases, I admitted my ignorance, but I often suggested possible sources for the answer. One reader e-mailed back, "Oh, you are going to make me do the work." She promised to let me know if she found the information, but I haven't heard from her yet. During the almost two years that I have been writing these columns, many of you have written simply to say that you enjoy them. Eric Edgar e-mailed last week to remind me that Mt. Hamilton east of San Jose stands at 4,360 feet, considerably higher than Mt. Diablo. He added, "Not nitpicking, just informing. I love your column and look forward to it every week." Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to write.

Park Presents Wildflower Festival

Sunol Regional Wilderness will be holding its sixth annual Spring Wildflower Festival on Saturday April 12 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.

Interpretive staff will provide easy ways to identify wildflowers and where to discover the best places and times to see different varieties.

Slideshows, exhibits, and hikes of various lengths and subjects will be offered throughout the day. Hikes range from kid-friendly, to ethnobotany, to a longer flower hike to Little Yosemite waterfall. Activities also include arts and crafts, face painting, and games. There are no food concessions in the park so visitors should bring a lunch and enjoy a picnic in the great outdoors.

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

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

Granada High Presents Fashion Show and Auction

Granada high school students led by seniors, Li Zhou and Kristy Cox, are launching a Charity Fashion Show and Auction to take place Friday, April 18. All money generated from the event will directly benefit the American Cancer Society.

This show will feature student models ranging from freshmen to seniors, all coming together to help find a cure for a disease that has affected so many people. The apparel and accessories they will be wearing have been donated from a variety of local and nationwide designers including: Chinese Laundry, David and Goliath, Luxirie by L-R-G, Diva in U, Magnet, Purse Party, Orghipchick, Flobell, Retromartini, Bride's Corral, Styles, and the Edge.

The show will offer a look at trendy and exciting apparel, while simultaneously helping a cause. All attendees will receive a goody bag with coupons for local stores and have the opportunity to bid on clothing items featured on the runway. Bidding for the auction will start at roughly \$5-\$10 for each item.

The show will be held in Granada High Gym, 400 Wall Street, Livermore on Friday April 18 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$2 at the door. The event is sponsored by Granada High Leadership.

For additional information, contact Li Zhou at li.zhou.ca@gmail.com or 216-7598.

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Hunter Milano (Benny), (from left) Juliana Ohlmeyer (Jessie), Lexi Pudvan (Violet) and Auburn Wilson (Henry) play the four orphaned Alden children in City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company's production of "The Boxcar Children," opening at the Amador Theater on April 18.

Play Brings 'Boxcar Children' Story to Life

The Boxcar Children, a play adapted from the classic children's series by Gertrude Chandler Warner, will be presented by the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company.

Performances will take place on April 18, 19, 25 and 26, at 8:00 p.m. and on April 20, 26 and 27, at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

The Boxcar Children, set in the time of the Great Depression, portrays the adventures of the four orphaned Alden children, Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny, who run away to make their home in an abandoned railroad boxcar. "This play is about the ingenious resourcefulness of kids who take control of their lives in order to stay together," says Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgensen, who co-directs the play with Paula Wujek. "They learn to rely on themselves by inventing the tools they need, such as six-year-old Benny's water system. They also find work and people who will help them. The older children comfort the younger ones with jokes and family stories.

"Throughout their adventures, the children learn that the world can be a dangerous place, but that it can also be nurturing. They discover that people who are down on their luck are not necessarily evil, but can be kind and compassionate, too. The story ends happily when the Alden children are reunited with their grandfather, who has experienced a transformation himself," says Jorgensen.

The cast is comprised of 18 adults and youth with varying experience performing live theater. Adults are Chuck Cole (Officer Banning), Kim Haynes (Mrs. Truman), John Loll (Dr. Samuel Truman), Bridget O'Reilly (Mrs. Alberts), Frank Siegert (Mr. Alden), and Co-director Paula Wujek (Sarah Calder). Youth are Auburn Wilson (Henry Alden), Marie McCoy-Thompson and Juliana Ohlmeyer (Jessie Alden), Lexi Pudvan and Rita Zwiefel (Violet Alden), Hunter Milano (Benny Alden) and Sean Carrick (The Kid), Michael Chew, Mackinna Hart and Courtney Haynes play orphan train children and Mary Easley plays three roles, Baker's Wife, Cookie and

Secretary. Local musician Spencer Chan provides music of the time for dancing and singing throughout the production.

Two of the student actors, Hunter Milano and Juliana Ohlmeyer, have been involved in acting since preschool. Milano, who hopes to become a film director one day, is an eighth grader at Harvest Park Middle School. He has appeared in such plays as *A Christmas Carol* and *Carmen* and in many school productions, as well as at the City of Pleasanton's summer acting camp. About *The Boxcar Children* he says, "The most fun part is learning new ways to come into character and portray my character well."

Ohlmeyer, a sophomore at Amador Valley High School who aspires to a career in law, has appeared in many musical theater productions. She participates in acting competition with other high school students at Ohlone College and sings in her church teen choir. She says, "In *The Boxcar Children*, we have a great cast and directors who are very supportive. It's been wonderful getting to know everyone and creating a fun and meaningful show that families will enjoy."

Gertrude Chandler Warner, a first-grade teacher, published the first of her 19 books in 1942. Because some of her pupils spoke languages other than English at home, she wanted to give them a fun story that was easy to read, so, during the writing process, she read the book to her classes and rewrote it many times so the words were easy to understand. Warner once wrote that the original book "raised a storm of protest from librarians who thought the children (in the story) were having too good a time without any parental control! That is exactly why children like it!"

Tickets to *The Boxcar Children* are \$14, \$18 & \$20 for adults and \$8, \$12 & \$16 for children. They may be purchased online at the website 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 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available.



Photo - Patricia Kenber

Pictured are (from left) Kathyne Davidson (Lady Teazle), Paul Plain (Snake), Candy Campbell (Crabtree), Melynda Kiring (Mrs. Candour), Michael Sally (Joseph Surface).

Role Players End Season with 'School for Scandal'

Sue Trigg directs Sheridan's "The School for Scandal" for Danville Role Players Ensemble. Performances are April 18 to May 10 at Danville's Village Theatre.

RPE Artistic Director Sue Trigg has set Richard Brinsley Sheridan's "The School for Scandal," his successful 18th century comedy of manners, in the 1930s, a time whose social cynicism was not unlike the era when the play was first produced. This is the final production of Role Players' 2007/2008 season. The play runs Thursdays through Sundays April 18 to May 10 at 8pm (2pm on Sundays) at the Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

"The School for Scandal" is both comic and telling in its relentless and scathing portrait of high society in the 18th century. Virtue is shown to be vice, and vice versa, and in language that is almost pure poetry. Even the characters' names speak volumes - Lady Sneerwell and Mr. Snake, for example. The sense of the play is reflected in one of its earliest passages, where Lady Sneerwell says: "I cannot deny the pleasure I get from spreading

slander... I have known no pleasure equal to reducing others to the level of my own reputation."

"The School for Scandal" features mother and daughter actors Jill and Kate Davidson (last seen in RPE's Black Box production of "Talking with...") as Careless and Lady Teazle, while John Blytt, last seen in high heels and furs in RPE's "Ruthless, the Musical!" plays Sir Peter Teazle. Chris Chapman, last seen in RPE's "Bus Stop" as Professor Lyman, plays Sir Oliver Surface while Candy Campbell plays the male role of Crabtree, complete with mustache. Melynda Kiring, a talented scenic painter, plays Mrs. Candour.

Edward Hightower returns as set designer for "The School for Scandal." Costume design is by Lisa Danz.

For tickets call 314-3400, or go to the website www.villagetheatreshows.com or go to the Community Center, 420 Front St, Danville between 8:30am and 5pm weekdays.

Ellen Bass Featured Poet at Century House Reading

Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer will host award-winning poet and author of non-fiction, Ellen Bass, at the next Century House Poetry Reading on Sunday, April 20. The program will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

An open mic segment will follow when aspiring and accomplished poets of all ages will be invited to read a favorite or original poem of 40 lines or less.

Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

Bass' poems have appeared in hundreds of journals and anthologies, including *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Ms.*, *The American Poetry Review*, *The Kenyon Review*, *Ploughshares*, and *Field*.

She was awarded the Elliston Book Award for Poetry from the University of Cincinnati, *Nimrod/Hardman's* Pablo Neruda Prize, *The Missouri Review's* Larry Levis Award, the Greensboro Poetry Prize, the New Letters Poetry Prize, the Chautauqua Poetry Prize, a Pushcart Prize, and a Fellowship from the California Arts Council.

Her non-fiction books take on many of the crucial moral issues of our times. Among them is *The Courage to Heal: A Guide for Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse*, which has sold over a million copies and has been translated into ten languages. Bass is currently teaching in the low residency Master of Fine Arts program at Pacific Univer-



Ellen Bass

sity. She has taught poetry and creative writing in Santa Cruz, Calif. and many other locations, nationally and internationally, since 1974.

Light refreshments will be served during intermission.

The Poet Laureate program is part of City of Pleasanton Civic Arts, a division of the Department of Parks and Community Services. For more information, contact Michelle Russo at (925) 931-5350 or mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or visit www.civictartsliterary.org.

Charter School, CIFF Plan Fund-raiser

The Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) will host an April 16 promotion party and fundraiser in conjunction with the California Independent Film Festival (CIFF).

LVCS, in association with CIFF, will sell tickets to upcoming festival films "The Flyboys" (showing at 3:30 p.m. April 19 at the Vine), and "Alice Upside Down" (showing at 6:00 p.m. April 19 at the Vine). At this event, LVCS' own Middle School Film Competition winners will be announced, and their films will be screened. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from ticket, food and beverage sales will go to help defray the costs of a June trip to Washington D.C. planned for LVCS 8th grade students.

LVCS invites the community to join the celebration from 5:00-8:00 p.m. April 16 in the school's multipurpose room at 543 Sonoma Avenue. Regina Leyva, LVCS middle school visual arts instructor, has incorporated the CIFF into her program this year giving students the opportunity to produce their own independent films. The students worked in small groups to write, direct,

act in, and produce films, each of which is a maximum of 3 minutes in length.

The films will be judged and awards presented at the April 16 event. The first, second, and third place winners of the LVCS competition will have their films screened at the Children's International Film Festival next month in Danville. Also, on April 18, all participating LVCS students will have a field trip to the Livermore Vine Theater, where they will preview some CIFF films and have the opportunity to see their own films on the big screen.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Theater Education. Explore the issues and challenges of "Proof" with cast members and physicist Dave Munro in a post-performance panel discussion after the April 13 matinee performance. Previous audience members also are invited to the free half-hour discussion, beginning at 4:25 pm at the Bothwell Arts Center's West End Theatre, Eighth and H streets, Livermore. 8 pm Fridays and Saturdays, 2 pm Sundays, April 11-13. For tickets at \$25 general, \$20 seniors and \$15 students, call (800) 838-3006.

Independent Short Film Premiere. April 26th, 8-8pm. Director David Willner debuts "Elixir: A Fantasy Adventure." Film viewing and walking tour of conceptual artwork, props and costumes. Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery, 400 Main St., Pleasanton. Film viewing every fifteen minutes. Free.

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

Artists Flea Market. Sat., April 26 at DeLucchi Park, First Street at Neal, Pleasanton, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Used art supplies, equipment, frames, bargain art. 10x10 booth space \$25. Sponsored by Pleasanton Art League. To reserve booth space, send check to PAL, c/o Gail Ruvalcaba, 3738 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566. Information at 846-8960; entry form at www.pal-art.com.

Diablo Light Opera Company. "Songs For A New World," musical focusing on isolated moments in the lives of many characters in a variety of eras and a broad range of musical genres. 8 p.m. April 10, 11 and 12 and 2 p.m. April 12. Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School St., Lafayette. www.thtc.org. Also 8 p.m. April 26, El Campanil Theatre, 602 W. Second St., Antioch. www.elcampaniltheatre.com. \$15 students, \$25 seniors, \$28 general, on sale at both venues.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony. Duane Carroll conducts, "Celtic Connection," an all Irish concert with Irish folk singer Liam Tiernan, McGrath Irish Dancers, U.S. premiere of a new work for wind symphony by Irish composer Vincent Kennedy. 8 p.m. April 13, Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$18 general admission, \$15

seniors, \$12 students. 943-6469, www.lesherartscenter.org. Information www.CCWindSymphony.org.

Luna Negra Dance Theatre, Latin and Afro-Caribbean dance. Thursday, April 24 at 8pm, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Contemporary dance flavored by tango, mambo and salsa. Luna Negra's distinctive style artfully blends ballet and modern dance movements with Latino dance forms. \$28, \$31, \$36 (\$11 students). 925-373-6800 or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

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Early Music Concert at Las Positas College. Saturday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. in the college library. "The Classical," featuring a musical tour during the classical period with music of Mozart, Boccherini, and J.C. Bach. Jeanne Johnson, violin; Joanna Blendulf, cello; and Yuko Tanaka, flutepiano, will perform on period instruments. Tickets at the door \$5 students, \$15 general admission. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Information call Marilyn Marquis: 424.1209. www.lpcearlymusic.org

Valley Dance Theatre Summer Camp - Peter & The Wolf; July 7-July 11, 9am-12 noon or 12:30-3:30pm; registrations accepted now. Valley Dance Theatre 2247-B Second St. Livermore: www.valleydancetheatre.com or 243-0925. Cost is \$150.

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'Iron Curtain' - A Laugh Out Loud Production

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Las Positas College continues a tradition of staging little known works with its latest production, "Iron Curtain."

The production is well worth seeing, not because you may never see it staged elsewhere, but because it's a laugh out loud kind of evening. The story puns its way through every aspect of the Russia-U.S. relationship during the Soviet era.

It's a gleefully ridiculous story about how an unsuccessful musical writing team in New York comprised of Murray Finkel (Robert Thomas Pagan) and Howard Katz (James Koponen) and a bumbling theatrical team in the Soviet Union get together.

The show opens with the Soviet theatrical team performing a number about sowing and reaping for the glorious good of all. It turns out that Premiere Nikita Kruschev (Louie Heseman), who watches the rehearsal, likes a good musical. After seeing the rehearsal, he asks (after a round

of shoe pounding), "Where is the irony? Where is the big 11 o'clock production number?" He demands that the producer Yevgeny Onanov (Robert Shofly) of the Ministry of Musical Persuasion, and a KGB agent (Thomas Ignatius) find a way to improve the show.

They decide to go to America, since the talent to improve the show is not available in the Soviet Union. Finkel and Katz answer the advertisement promising "travel." They are kidnapped, taken behind the Iron Curtain and ordered to improve Mother Russia's entertainment product.

There are some very funny moments concerning listening devices or "bugs." Onanov talks into light fixtures, a desk and a shoe extolling the virtues of the Soviet system, while secretly admiring American musicals. He says at one point, "I don't feed them propaganda. I feed the soul."

There is love interest with

Natalie Hawkins portraying Shirley Dooley, stereotypical warm-hearted dumb blonde, who goes looking for the missing writers; and Masha, the Soviet "peasant," played by Sara Sweatt. Masha ends up with a starring role in the musical.

Victoria Parson plays Hildret Heinz, the German director of the production, who looks a lot like Natasha of Rocky and Bullwinkle.

The second act of the play moves the action to East Berlin, where the play is to be made into a movie.

Personalities shift and change throughout the play. Will the writers make it home? How will the love interest play out? There are enough twists in the plot, which I won't go into, to keep the story interesting.

Suffice it to say, the cast is talented and energetic with the leads possessing fine singing voices. This production is well worth a look.

The show has had only two full productions to this point. One was in 2006 at New York's Prospect Theater Company and a second in 2007 at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland. The book is by Susan Dilalo, songs by Stephen Weiner and lyrics by Peter Mills.

Remaining show dates are April 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and April 13 and 20 at 2 p.m.

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

Tickets for all performances are \$15 general admission, \$12 seniors and \$10 students. They may be purchased in advance at the Las Positas College Bookstore or at Fine Fretted Friends music store in downtown Livermore. To make advance reservations, call 424-1812. For show information, call 424-1166.

Las Positas Screens 'Stranger with a Camera'

The Las Positas College Campus Change Network will screen Stranger with a Camera followed by a discussion with the filmmaker at its monthly gathering, Friday, April 11 at the college.

The free program will take place at 7:30 in room 2420 of the college, located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

The film explores the murder of filmmaker Hugh O'Connor as he attempted to document poverty in Central Appalachia. Filmmaker Elizabeth Barrett uses the work to explore the issues of representation, culture and the media in America today.

"This film explores society's unresolved questions concerning media images and some in-

dividuals' lack of power to define themselves within the American landscape. The film poses more questions than it does answers and that is the beginning of excellent dialogue," said Cynthia Ross, student life advisor and faculty member at Las Positas.

The author will lead a question and answer period after the film is shown.

Light refreshments will be served.

For further information, contact Kimberly Tomlinson, 424-1432 or email ktomlinson@laspositascollege.edu.

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FILE NO. 407413
The following person (s) doing business as: Michelle's Bridal, 1748 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Diem Nguyen, 691 Alden Lane, 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/ Diem Nguyen

FILE NO. 407719-407721
The following person (s) doing business as: 1) J. Travis Photography, 2) Jim Travis Photography, 3) J. Travis Packaging, 564 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
James V. Travis, 551 Trebbiano Place, 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 2005.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ James V. Travis

FILE NO. 407994
The following person (s) doing business as: HNZ Consulting, 487 Montori Court, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Edward Sieh, 487 Montori Court, 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/ Edward Sieh

FILE NO. 407986
The following person (s) doing business as: Developmental Spectrums, 4463 Stoneridge Drive Ste A, Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Lynne R. Mielke
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The Independent Legal No. 2306. Publish March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2008.

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 407919
The following person (s) doing business as: MSR Value, 5328 Charlotte Way, Livermore CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Jeanne Michael, 5328 Charlotte Way, Livermore CA 94550
This business is conducted by: Co-partners
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on February 1, 2008.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jeanne Michael
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 12, 2008. Expires March 12, 2013.
The Independent Legal No. 2309. Publish April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2008.

FILE NO. 407918
The following person (s) doing business as: Vice Specialty Products, 288 Boeing Court, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Vi-Tec Manufacturing Inc., 288 Boeing Court, Livermore CA 94551
This business is conducted by: a Corporation

FILE NO. 407613
The following person (s) doing business as: Elle Salon, 4713 1st Street #240, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Kathie Morales, 593 King George Ave., San Jose CA 95136
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/ Kathie Morales

FILE NO. 408770-71
The following person (s) doing business as: 1) Fleetlight Photography 2) Surreal Images, 1729 Paseo Del Cajon, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
James Brooks, 1729 Paseo Del Cajon, 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/ James Brooks

FILE NO. 408877
The following person (s) doing business as: Tiffane's A Cupcake & Cookie Boutique, 184 South K Street, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Tiffane Schultz-Neu, 623 Eliot Dr., Livermore CA 94551
This business is conducted by: an Individual
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FILE NO. 408877
The following person (s) doing business as: Tiffane's A Cupcake & Cookie Boutique, 184 South K Street, Livermore CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
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Signature of Registrant: /s/ Tiffane Schultz-Neu
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The Independent Legal No. 2312. Publish April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 409031-409032
The following person (s) doing business as: 1) Bellinger Realty 2) Bellinger Financial, 8029 Regency Dr., Pleasanton CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Bellinger, Inc., 8029 Regency Dr., Pleasanton CA 94588
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/ Louise R. Olsen
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 4, 2008. Expires April 4, 2013.
The Independent Legal No. 2313. Publish April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2008.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 408645-408646
The following person (s) doing business as: 1) Rhythm Services Network 2) Bounce Bunny, 7228 Moss Tree Way, Pleasanton CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Harsha Gandhi, 7228 Moss Tree Way, Pleasanton CA 94566
Niraj Gandhi, 7228 Moss Tree Way, Pleasanton CA 94566
This business is conducted by: Husband and wife
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Harsha Gandhi
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Binelli-Ferman-Isaac Tango Trio

Trio Speaks the Language of Tango

Del Valle Fine Arts concert presents the Binelli-Ferman-Isaac Tango Trio for its 4th concert in the 2007-2008 season.

The concert will be presented on Sat., April 26 at 8 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

The trio merges the unlimited resources of the piano, guitar and bandoneon to delve into the language of tango in unexpected ways. With this exceptional ensemble, you can enjoy the tense and obsessive pulse of the music of Buenos Aires, its provocative sadness and existential expression.

Bandoneonist Daniel Binelli, pianist Polly Ferman and guitarist Eduardo Isaac collaborate to recreate a repertoire ranging from old tango to compositions of the new century. The initial collaboration of Binelli and Isaac was the recording of the Double Concerto for Bandoneon and Guitar by Astor Piazzolla, with the Argentine National Symphony Orchestra in 1997. They later recorded this masterpiece of Argentine music with the Montréal Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Charles Dutoit for Decca. Daniel Binelli toured the world as a

member of the Sextet of the creator of nuevo tango, Astor Piazzolla. Always open to new ideas, this native of Buenos Aires creates brilliant compositions in Argentina's contemporary idiom.

One of the leading interpreters of the music of the Americas, Uruguayan pianist Polly Ferman captivates audiences with her illuminating performances of works by Gottschalk, Nazareth, Villa-Lobos, Ginastera and Piazzolla. Her mastery of this literature prompted

A guitarist who honors the tradition of his instrument on the Rio de la Plata, Eduardo Isaac's interpretative excellence is met with great admiration from specialized critics. Considered one of a select group of new generation guitarists, he is often featured at major international festivals.

Tickets are \$29, \$24 and \$19 (high school students free and college \$10 day of performance) and can be obtained at the Bankhead Theater box office, Mon-Sat noon to 6:00 pm or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Additional information is available at www.delvallefinearts.org or by calling 447-2752.

Food Item Is the Admission to Concert

The teaching staff from The Anderson-Siprashvili Music Academy in Pleasanton is performing Sunday April 20th at 2 p.m. at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway in Pleasanton.

The roster will include local pianists Mark Anderson and Tamriko Siprashvili, soprano Sarah Franklin, guitarist Paul Keyes, oboist Mike Aducci and more. In addition to donating funds to organizations such as the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation in support of the Firehouse Arts Complex project, the International Foundation for Music Performance and Education based in Los Angeles, the Pleasanton-based music academy has a novel approach to giving: instead of charging admission to recitals, each audience member is asked to bring a non-perishable food item as an admission ticket.

However, since this is a food drive that will benefit the Alameda County Community Food Bank, the more donations the better. This event is expected to raise over 200 lbs of non-perishable food items.

"We are constantly striving to find ways to benefit our community, musically and otherwise," says Mark Anderson, the academy's executive director. "Educating, inspiring and leading by example is what this academy has done from its inception in September 2005. We are carrying innovative involvement with our community to the next level" says Anderson.

Another innovative program the academy is implementing this year is the Music Teachers National Association Music Achievement Award Program, a term-long program sponsored by MTNA. The program is designed to encourage and motivate students to continue their music studies and to strive to achieve goals that will help them not only become better musicians but that will enhance their love for and appreciation of music. The goals

include such achievements as performing in public recital, attending a specific number of live, professional concerts and accomplishing a set list of standards set forth by the academy that are unique to every student's level and abilities.

The students will be recognized for their achievements by being awarded the official Music Teachers National Association Achievement Award pin and diploma in the academy's year-end open house and recitals on May 17th and 18th which take place at the academy itself.

For more information about the upcoming Faculty Recital April 20th or about the academy in general, please call (925) 462-5400.

Comedians Present 'Laughs For Education'

The Arroyo Seco Elementary School is holding a comedy competition, "Seco Laughs for Education," on Friday, April 18th from 6:00pm-Midnight.

Three comedians will compete. They are Rick Romero, Susan Maletta and Jim Summer. The audience votes to select the winner.

The evening also includes a DJ, dinner, dancing, live auction and silent auction. The event will be hosted by KKIQ's Faith Alpher. It will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore, 4444 East Avenue.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Proceeds from this event will benefit the school's PE program, Tech and Librarian.

For information or tickets go to www.arroyosecoschool.com.

Hungarian Folk Dances at Library

Eszterlanc Hungarian Folk Ensemble performs traditional folk dances at the Pleasanton Public Library on Saturday, April 12 beginning at 2:00 pm.

Celebrating and showcasing Hungarian folk culture since 1977, Eszterlanc Hungarian Folk Ensemble exists to promote and preserve the history of Hungarian folk culture in all its forms. This is the group's first performance in Pleasanton. It is part of the library's ongoing Dance & Sing Around the World series, celebrating the music and dance of the many cultures which make up the Pleasanton community.

These free programs are open to all ages. No registration is required. For information on these and other family events, visit the library website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library/programs-and-events.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.



Tom Reardon as Harold Hill tells the folks of River City "Ya Got Trouble."

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Entertaining Production Of 'The Music Man'

by Janet Armantrout

It's one of those love conquers all, happily ever after musicals that make for an entertaining evening out. I refer to the "The Music Man" now playing weekends at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The Pleasanton Playhouse production features a talented cast and great sets that provide the right feeling for the story of a small town. There is humor and a look inside a small town, where gossip is an everyday part of life.

The play opens with a large steam engine puffing onto the stage, carrying traveling salesmen to Iowa. One, Harold Hill, responds to a challenge that Iowa residents are a stubborn bunch, difficult to convince to buy.

Tom Reardon as Hill dances, sings and fast talks his way through the pocketbooks of the folks in River City, Iowa. He convinces them that instruments and uniforms will establish a boys' band that will keep the youth of the city out of trouble.

He is able to easily charm the populace, with the exception of the mayor (Don Naylor) and Marian, (Tina-Maria Garcia). They are both suspicious of his motives.

His efforts change both himself and the residents. The contentious school board, (John Barnes, Gary Foley, Alan Wiltse and Kevin Foley), end up literally in harmony. Along the way he loses his heart to Marian and is caught between completing his scheme or staying with Marian.

The opera trained Garcia brings a lyrical quality to songs such as "Goodnight My Someone." Reardon is a likable Harold Hill, who can both sing and dance.

Other notable numbers from the play include "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Till There Was You," and "Ya Got Trouble."

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

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Apr 20 at the Bankhead Theater 2400 First Street, Livermore, California.

Tickets are \$31 for adults, \$29 for seniors age 60 and older and \$21 for juniors 18 and younger. There is a substantial discount for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets.



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Pianist Denis Pascal performs with the Pacific Chamber Orchestra.

Chopin's Concerto No. 2 Featured in Symphony Program

The Pacific Chamber Symphony, Lawrence Kohl Conductor, will perform Chopin's stunning Piano Concerto No. 2 in f minor featuring the French Pianist Denis Pascal. Also featured on the program is Saint Saëns' Symphony No. 2 in A minor.

The concert takes place Friday April 25 at 8:00 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$38, \$32 and \$26; students \$7. Tickets are available at 925-373-6800 or www.livermoreperformingarts.org

According to Maestro Lawrence Kohl, "Our concert features Chopin and Saint Saëns. This side-by-side view of the two composers offers an illuminating juxtaposition of how each composer suggests and uses color to enrich the emotional palate of their respective works."

"We are delighted to have the incredible French pianist Denis Pascal returns to PCS! His last performance four years ago playing Ravel's Piano Concerto in G was stunning. This time he joins us in doing a work by Frédéric Chopin, the composer who many proclaim wrote best for the piano: Concerto No. 2 in F minor.

"Camille Saint-Saëns' Symphony No. 2 in A minor travels through the dark beauty of the minor key to joyful rapture. This French masterpiece is not to be missed," Kohl concluded.

Denis Pascal is a well-known soloist and music chamber musician; he performs in famous Parisian concert halls such as Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, Théâtre du Châtelet, Théâtre de la Ville, Salle Gaveau and Opéra Garnier. His concerts are broadcast on the French TV network (ARTE, Mezzo, TV5) and on French radios (France-Musique and Radio Classique).

He also performs in prestigious concerts in Europe: Palermo, Roma, Mestre, Venice (Italy), Oviédo, Valencia, Alicante, Saragossa (Spain), Lisbon (Portugal) and Helsinki (Finland) and in the United States of America as well : Lincoln Center, Alice Tully Hall and Merkin Hall in New-York , Kennedy Center in Washington, Herbst Theater in San Francisco.

Pascal is now a professor at the "Conservatoire National de Région" in Rueil-Malmaison in Paris neighborhood.

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budget restoration. "We need only two more votes in the Senate and six more in the Assembly," said Corbett.

Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi (D-Castro Valley) said, "We're gonna fight this." Noting that it was the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Hayashi read a quotation from King, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands at moments of convenience, but where he stands in a time of crisis." She added, "Please note I stand with you."

Assemblyman Alberto Torrico

(D-Newark) declared, "It's an outrage what's happening. It doesn't make sense to cut across the board."

Schwarzenegger has called for a 10 percent cut in all budget categories. Torrico said that he should instead make cuts by priorities, set priorities. "The message to Sacramento should be 'How do you balance your budget (to help education?)' Join us in the fight."

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R-San Ramon) was invited to appear, said emcee Debbie Look, a county and Pleasanton PTA official. However, there was no re-

sponse from Houston's office, she said.

Lary Aladeen, president of the Pleasanton chapter of the teachers union, stated, "This governor doesn't care about you or your students' education." He asked those present, especially teachers and staff, to "show up every day emotionally and physically for students, and stand up for those who can't do it for themselves."

Amador senior Kristen Bellingher told the audience that she is heading into the larger world upon graduation with many opportunities, thanks to 12

years of Pleasanton public schools. "The resources have been right there" for teachers and counselors. If the budget forces

cuts, she is concerned that staff won't be able to provide that same level of support in the future. "Education is the biggest

gift we can offer to our children. I ask on my behalf and all my fellow students" for education support.

Alex Sutton, president of the support staff union in the Pleasanton district, said that California spends \$1900 less per pupil than the national average. Without putting more dollars into education, the alternative budget to look at is incarceration. He said it costs \$75,000 to put one youth into juvenile detention.

School trustee Chris Grant said that California is 40th in educational spending. When adjusted for cost of living, the state slips to 48th, because it's more expensive to run schools in high-cost areas. Grant said that Pleasanton homes are assessed 20 or 30 percent higher than neighboring communities because of the schools' reputation for excellence. "Don't kid yourself. It isn't anything else," he said.

Emcee Look closed the program with a note of optimism. She said that in a two-day conference in Sacramento, there was evidence that the governor is starting to mellow on some of the education budget. "I'm very hopeful," she said.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton residents waved at motorists to rally support to keep school funding.

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tion budget, which, according to the California legislative Democrats, could result in laying off one-third of the teachers in the state, reducing the school year by four weeks, increasing class sizes by 35%, or eliminating all new textbook purchases for the next four years.

"We don't need \$4.8 billion cut from schools. California is ranked 47th in per pupil spending. With more cuts, we'll be down in the bottom. That's not right—this is supposed to be the Golden State," said Pam Budge, a school bus driver in the Livermore School District.

For Livermore, the Governor's proposed budget means a loss of \$7.8 million in funding. Kelly Bowers, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, says the Livermore District is okay for the coming school year but would likely have to make painful budget cuts the following year. Livermore's status as a low-wealth school district is a benefit in this situation, as the cuts are slightly smaller than they are for higher wealth districts.

The District has already frozen spending on unrestricted discretionary funds, except for health and safety. "I'm seeing the effect of the spending freeze in my kids' classes. It's the little things. For instance, we are out of glue sticks and construction paper," said Cathy Finkbeiner, a parent of two students at Jackson Avenue Elementary School.

Max Winer, a fourth-grade student at Smith, addressed the crowd at the rally, giving his perspective on the proposed budget cuts. "Music, GATE, PE, and newspaper club will be gone. These programs make learning fun. Some of my favorite classes, like science lab could be cut," he said. "Show the teachers you care too. Don't let the Governor terminate our future."

"Please resist challenging the local school board and raise concerns at the appropriate level," said parent Dave Curtis. "The first and most important step is to ensure that the minimum level of funding according to Prop 98 is continued. This would eliminate nearly 25% of the proposed budget cuts and return over a billion dollars to the education budget. It's a great place for us to start."

Proposition 98, which was enacted in 1988 as an amendment to the State Constitution, guarantees a minimum level of state funding for K-14 public schools (kindergarten through community college). The exact amount is based on a compli-

cated formula. However, the goal is to provide a guaranteed funding source that grows each year with the economy and number of students.

The legislature can suspend Proposition 98 for a single year with a two-third majority vote. Proposition 98 was suspended from the 1990/91 school year through 94/95 and again in 2003/04. While it was funded in other years, the education budget is still owed money from past cuts and suspensions. The Governor's proposed budget calls for another suspension in the 08/09 school year.

Dawn Whalen, Livermore PTA Council Legislative Chair and parent, was nearly in tears when she spoke at the rally. "You cannot ask the children of California to accept less than their constitutional minimum to fix a problem they did not create," she said.

Jim Ott, Pleasanton School Trustee, CEO of UNCLE Credit Union and past chairman of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, gave more reasons not to cut education funding. "The vitality of the California economy depends on education, and it begins in K-12," he said. "We have to invest in our future. I encourage other CEOs and business leaders to wake up and recognize this crisis."

Perata also said that he is working to engage the business community. "I am going to try to get Oracle engaged. I'm going to go up and down the state talking to businesses and the corporate community," he said. "We need to take this state back for our children. We have to decide what kind of state we want to live in. A little bit done by a lot will get us there."

Many speakers at the rally encouraged attendees to write and call their state representatives and voice their opinion about the proposed budget cuts to education. For addresses and phone numbers, visit www.leginfo.ca.gov.

"We talk about the future, but what we are really talking about is the now," said Corbett. "The reason we are all hear is to send a message to the governor that these draconian cuts are not the right thing to do."

Perata also asked attendees to join his "Classrooms First" campaign. For more information see <http://dist09.casen.govoffice.com>.

Smith Principal Denise Nathanson, Livermore Education Association (LEA) President-elect Kathleen Reardon, Califor-

nia Service Employee Association (CSEA) Area C Director Cindy Zecher, Smith fifth-grader Devin Darden, and Smith PTA President-elect Denise Glasco also spoke at the rally. Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller, a large contingent of CSEA members, and trustees Bill Dunlop, Tom McLaughlin, and Anne White were in attendance.

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