



Diamond-petaled California Poppy

A Rare Flower Blooms at Site 300

Once thought to be extinct for about 40 years, a rare plant has been anything but scarce this spring – at least in one location, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) experimental test facility, Site 300. It is estimated that this spring the three remote populations at Site 300 contain between 8,000 and 10,000 diamond-petaled California poppies.

The diamond-petaled California poppy was believed to have become extinct until it was rediscovered in 1992 in the Carrizo Plain in San Luis Obispo County by a botanist from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Five years later, in 1997, botanical surveys conducted to obtain background information for the 2005 Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement for continued operation of LLNL led to the discovery of the second population of this species at Site 300.

In succeeding years, in 2002 and 2004, two small additional populations were discovered, also at Site 300, a 7,000-acre rolling grasslands area, 15 miles east of Livermore.

These are the only locations (See FLOWER, page 9)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen One of the stars on hand for the California Independent Film Festival last week was Joe Anderson. He has worked in film, television and on the stage at the Chichester Festival Theatre. The festival drew fans to view the many independent films screened during the five event.



Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. brings its unique show to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on April 27. Showtime is 2 p.m. The show features original, fantastic, pneumatic suits of all shapes and sizes, dexterous juggling, dance, hilarious visual comedy, mischief and even

Inflatable Theater **First Of Three Family Shows**

A three-part Family Fun Series kicks off at the Bankhead Theater on Sunday, April 27 at 2pm with the funniest and cleverest exponents of juggling, acrobatics and inflatables - The Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. In addition to physical comedy, juggling and amazing feats of acrobatics, the sets, props and even costumes are all inflated!

The performance begins when a ten-foot cylinder slithers onto the stage and implodes, and before long the entire audience is playing catch with gigantic inflatable props! The big blow-up shapes shimmer, balloon, deflate and bounce in a rainbow of colors. Fred Garbo and Daielma Santos inhabit this world with aplomb and skill.

Suddenly, a globulating red (See SHOWS, page 13)

Cities Want More Talks On 78% Flood Fee Boost

Strong objections from the three Valley cities to a proposed 78% increase by Zone 7 in the flood control fee for new development halted it, at least tempo-

The increase, which was contemplated for July 1, is too big, said city representatives. It should be discussed with the cities. Whatever fee is justified, it probably should be implemented in increments, to make the burden easier on development.

Zone 7 Water Agency directors were set to vote on the increase, from 73 cents to \$1.30 per square foot of impervious surface, at their meeting April 16. An "impervious surface" is any surface that prevents storm rains from percolating into the ground, and instead diverts them to the drainage system, which flow rapidly into the arroyos. Houses and driveways are the most common examples of impervious surfaces.

Zone 7's flood control responsibilities dictate that the agency must try to prevent flooding in the arroyos. New development adds to the Valley's storm run-off, so developers are charged the flood control fee for it.

Although Zone 7 staff worked out a formula that it said justifies the increase to meet

Zone 7's future costs, the cities' elected officials had not heard about the specific fee amount until a week or two before the Zone 7 meeting. Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart took the rare step for an elected official of showing up at the Zone 7 meeting to ask for a delay.

Although the cities' staffs had some discussion with Zone 7 staff as early as November, disclosure of the recommended fee amount is recent. "We didn't understand the importance soon enough. There are important issues on the drainage fee charge," said Lock-

Lockhart said, "Zone 7 can't

unfairly put the burden on remaining new development in the region." She added, "The proposed fees seem excessive for the amount of impervious surface re-Letters from the cities of Liv-

ermore and Pleasanton underscored Lockhart's contention that the fee is too high, especially at a difficult time in the housing market. Foreclosures on unpaid mortgages have weakened demand for new homes. A letter sent April 15 from Liv-

ermore Vice Mayor John Marchand, a former Zone 7 director, stated, "The proposed fee increase could seriously jeopardize the ability of the City of Livermore to meet its general plan build-out." He asked for more time for Livermore to work with Zone 7 on revising the proposed

Pleasanton public works director Rob Wilson raises specific objections to the recommended increase in his letter. Wilson said that the calculation of the fee had a "fundamental error." The error is not mathematical, but one of policy. Wilson contends that recovering costs for existing infrastructure as part of the development fee amounts to paying for growth twice. Further, whatever

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Mohr Elementary School in Pleasanton held its 7th Annual Multicultural/Heritage last week. Theme was "Stories From Around the World." Parent volunteers from approximately 20 countries hosted educational booths with information about famous stories, authors, and characters from their countries. Thee week ended with children performing international skits and dances.

Pleasanton Moves Forward with Arts Center

City Council to retain a professional construction management team to build the Firehouse Arts Center was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The council also approved two pieces of public art that will be part of the structure.

The decision was viewed as the beginning of the construction project that will see the center open sometime in 2009.

The historic firehouse on Rail-

A decision by the Pleasanton road Avenue will be converted into the arts center. It is to include a small, flexible theater that seats 240; an art gallery, two classrooms, and a grand lobby. The estimated cost is \$15 mil-

The specialty requirements of the project led to the hiring of the professional team. In addition to the art aspects, there is a need to preserve portions of the historic firehouse, while de-

molishing areas that were added after the facility was first built.

Andy Jorgensen, manager of the Civic Arts Program, described the two public art projects planned for the center. One is the actual sign, which is in the design process. The other includes two glass marquees that will mark the entrances to the center. A 20 foot marquee with a red hue will be placed on the

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Livermore District Sends Layoff Notices To Classified Staff

By Patricia Koning

Bad news is coming in the mail for many classified staff members of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. At the April 15 meeting of the Livermore Board of Education, the trustees approved eliminating 61.67 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions held by 111 classified employees, effective June

"This layoff is only because of a lack of funding. It certainly doesn't diminish the value of our employees," said Assistant Superintendent Mike Martinez.

Classified employees perform a wide range of essential duties, including food services, maintenance and operations, transportation, instructional assistance and paraeducator services, office and clerical work, security, library and media assistance, and computer services.

"We make sure students are safe, well-fed, comfortable, and accounted for," said California Service Employee Association (CSEA) Area C Director Cindy Zecher, speaking at a rally earlier this month.

Taking the biggest hit in this layoff are library techs (12.03 FŤEs), technology specialists (10.45 FTEs), instructional aides (9.73 FTEs), instructional techs (9.25 FTEs), and special education aides (6.00 FTEs). The layproximately \$350,000 in the general fund, with more savings in categorical programs.

Martinez explained that the District will have more information with the May Revise, in which Governor Schwarzenegger will outline proposed changes to his January 2008 budget. That budget sent K-12 educators reeling, with a 10% across-the-board cut to funding along with other reductions.

Some of the classified positions could be taken off the chopping block if the May Revise is favorable. Others will likely be restored through other funding sources, such as school site budgets. "This is an annual kind of event because many of these po-sitions are funded by soft money that we can't rely on from year to year," said Martinez. "The Governor's proposed budget makes it worse this year."

While nearly all of the District's librarians could be laid off. Martinez is confident they will be brought back. The high school librarians, who are funded differently than those working at middle and elementary schools, are the only library positions not identified for elimination.

At the April 15 meeting, the trustees expressed their frustration at the classified lavoffs. "It is shameful that it comes to this. We can't go on like this forever," said trustee Kate Runyon. "Lay-

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High School Homeland Security Program Puts Students on the Hot Seat

By Patricia Koning

Thousands of people are dying from a mysterious strain of influenza, which might be related to terrorism. If you are the school superintendent, when and how do you decide to close schools? If you are the state government, do you impose a mandatory order that the dead must be cremated to prevent further infection? If you are the county government, how do you handle demands on your limit resources from both the state and local governments?

This was the mock scenario, set in the year 2012, that a group of middle- and high school-aged

students had to grapple with as part of the Sandia National Labo-ratories High School Homeland Security Program.

The 23 participating students were broken into small groups, representing the local, county, and state governments. They had to determine priorities and communicate with other agencies to handle the crisis.

Two separate teams completed the exercise in parallel, so that at the end they could compare the impact of their decisions. One team chose to close schools much earlier, saving a

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Emergency Survival Expo Planned at Community Center

ation and Park District is hosting its first ever Emergency Survival

Expo on Saturday, April 26.

The expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Admission is free.

People from throughout the Tri-Valley are invited to attend this event. A major draw of the expo is expected to be the 72hour emergency survival kits. Free kits will be given out to the first 300 guests (limit one free kit per family), with 700 additional kits for sale for \$10. Proceeds from the sale of survival kits will make it possible for LARPD to donate

The Livermore Area Recre- 200 free kits to seniors and lowincome families. The kits consist of a gallon-sized paint can, and the contents are:

Nine drinking water packs, 4.227 fluid ounces each, 2,400calorie food bar, an emergency blanket, 12-hour green light stick, basic first-aid kit, and a package of candy. Kit contents have an expiration date of April 2012.

The Emergency Survival Expo will also feature a series of three free mini-seminars to help attendees learn what to do to prepare for and in the event of an emergency. The seminars will be held at 11 a.m., noon and 1

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Volunteers gathered last Sat urday in Livermore to clean up the arroyo as part of the city's Earth Day celebration.

Gala Highlights Upcoming Bankhead Season

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) today released details on its upcoming spring gala fundraiser On Stage! that takes place at the Bankhead Theater on Friday, May 2, 2008 at 6:30pm.

This unique event invites guests to dine and dance on the stage of the Bankhead Theater. There will be live music, theatrical lighting and special effects to enhance the On Stage! experience. The highlight of the evening will be the first public announcement of the 2008-2009 and entertainment packages as well as some unusual offerings that showcase items and experi-LVPAC Presents season of twenty events, including a world-class jazz musician, a famous folksinger, and a cabaret artist leading up to the season finale, a four performance engagement of a new musical direct from New

The gala features a silent auction of local and Bay Area arts ences donated by past artists and performers at the Bankhead. Gala guests will be able to bid on memorabilia and personalized experiences including a white ukulele autographed by Jake Shimabukuro and a magnum of wine signed by the members of the Duke Ellington Orchestra, a

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PET OF THE WEEK

Kirby is a four year old neutered male cat who is all decked out in his tuxedo, ready for a formal event at a moment's notice! But don't let his hoighty-toighty threads fool youhe is just a sweet boy who loves to be held and brushed. To spend some time with the dashing Kirby, visit Valley Humane Society at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM. For more details, visit the web site at www.valleyhumane.org, or call 426-

Computer and Book Donations Revitalize Del Valle Library

By Patricia Koning
Last year, the library at Del
Valle Continuation High School was little more than a messy room used for storage and not much else. This year, however, the library is a vital part of Del Valle's educational program thanks to donations of new computers and books and a new librarian.

"Kids are using the library now. It's a different kind of learning space for the students—more organic and less stressful. The library gives them a chance to be more self directed," says Del Valle Principal Kat Hannah. "The students are trying to stay in the library even when they are supposed to be somewhere else. That tells us we're successful."

Diane Mueller joined the staff at Del Valle in mid-September as the school's full-time librarian. Previously she served as the librarian for the Livermore Valley Charter School, where she started that school's library from scratch. One of her first tasks at Del Valle was replenishing and updating the collection of books and other

"I really need books that are current, that are pertinent to the student's lives today to catch their interest," she explains. To that end Mueller has purchased books for the Del Valle Library by popular authors, on current events, and about subjects the students can relate to—anxiety, living with diabetes, even teen pregnancy.

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) gave her a \$5,000 grant for nonfiction books and the Livermore Rotary Club donated \$250, which she used to purchase fiction books at lower reading levels but with teen interest. More recently, Christine Wente and her husband Roland von Metzsch donated \$10,000 for the purchase of ten new computers.

"We wanted to make a donation that would have a real impact on students," says Christine. "Computers just seemed to make

The new computers have transformed the library and Del Valle. The old Apple workstations in the library were moved

into classrooms. Teachers have worked the computers into their curriculum. Students can use the computers before and after school and during breaks.

"Kids are in here all the time practicing basic computer literacy," says Hannah. "A lot of these students don't have computers at home.

Ken Mitchell, a 30-year veteran Del Valle teacher, has his class participating in the Cal State East Bay Stock Market Simulation Game. Every day he takes his students to the library to check their stock portfolios and make trades.

Rebecca Cervantes, one of Mitchell's students, says the computers make the Stock Market Simulation Game easier to understand. While she admits to not being much of a reader, she

says she's checked out books from the library this year. "These computers are better and faster," says Alex Hiredia, another of Mitchell's students. In addition to the Stock Market Simulation Game, he's used the computers for writing essays.

Mueller is wants to continue growing the library's collection. Looking around the well-organized room, she sees too much open space. Books and other materials line three of the walls with computers on the fourth wall. The center of the room has large tables and comfortable chairs.

"I'd like to have stacks of books and some rotating dis-plays, section off with mysteries, westerns, and other genres," she

Mueller has a wish list of books requested by students to-taling about \$1,200. Contributions can be made through LVEF visiting home.comcast.net/~lvef/ lvef_main.html (or Google "LVEF"). Donors should specify



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Student Alex Heredia works on one of the computers as Del Valle Principal Kat Hannah (right back) and Christine Wente (right front) look on.

Pleasanton Plans Town Hall Meeting on Real Estate Market

A town hall meeting on the status of the real estate market in Pleasanton takes place on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. The event is free to the public. It will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building, located at 301 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

The purpose of the event is to provide the public with objecfive, timely and accurate information about the residential real estate market in Pleasanton.

"The housing market is in a very fluid state right now and there is a lot of misinformation being passed to the consumer," says Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman. "This town hall meet-ing is an opportunity for Pleasanton residents to engage in conversation with real estate experts about the status of the local mar-

On hand to greet and address the attendees will be Mayor Hos-

terman, along with a panel of experts from the real estate and lending professions and a consumer advocate. They include Carol Rodoni, President of Bamboo Consulting, a real estate in-dustry expert and consultant who also writes several real estate col-umns for Bay Area newspapers; George Duarte, Chair of the Gov-ernment Affairs Committee of the East Bay Chapter of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers, who also serves as an expert witness in court cases involving mortgages; and Jacqueline Rickman, Director of the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center, a regional organization that develops housing and financial literacy programs for low-to-moderate income residents in the Tri-Valley.

For more information, please contact the Bay East Association of REALTORS at (925)730that their donation is for the Del

Valle Library.

LVEF President Vicki
Schellenberger notes that as
Continuation High School with a small student population, Del Valle faces fundraising challenges. "The school just doesn't have the PTO or boosters support you find at other schools," she says. "LVEF makes block grants every year, but the amount is based on student population. So the \$5,000 grant for the library was a way to help Del Valle catch

up."
Mueller also has submitted proposals www.donorschoose.org, a site popularized by Stephen Colbert, and received \$250 in contributions to date. Search for "Del Valle Livermore" on the site to find Mueller's two proposals, "We Have a Library?" for \$1,211 and "HS Students Need High Interest - Low Reading Level Books" for \$396.



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Thursday, May 1 at 7pm Tickets \$24, \$28, \$31, \$11 Students





LVPAC GALA FUNDRAISING EVENT

Join us for dining and dancing on the stage of the Bankhead Theater. Enjoy live music, theatrical lighting and a chance to experience the magic of being On Stage! The highlight of the evening will be the first public announcement of the 2008-2009 LVPAC Presents season.

Friday, May 2 at 6:30 reception & silent auction, 7:45 dinner followed by program & party \$150/each or \$1500/table of 10

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Tot Lot Discussion

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will hold a community meeting to discuss the replacement of the tot lot for Karl Wente Park. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. It is open to all members of the public and will be held in the multipurpose room at the park's neighboring Sunset Elementary School, 1671

The play equipment in the 20-year-old tot lot at Karl Wente Park, located at 1455 Kingsport Ave., was removed last October because of safety concerns. LARPD is now looking for public input on replacing the play structure, which was designed for children ages 2 to 5.

The District intends to keep the same foot-print of the play area, but needs to provide additional improvements, such as a ramp and walkway from the street, to make the tot lot accessible according to the Americans with Disabili-

The meeting will provide an overview of existing conditions at Karl Wente Park, as well as discussion of the proposed improvements. The public will have the opportunity to share their comments and ideas. This will be the first of two community meetings to be held to discuss the tot lot improvements at Karl Wente Park.

For more information, call Chiye Azuma, Project Manager, at 925-373-5724. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance is needed to participate in this meeting, please contact LARPD at 925-373-5723. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the agency to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting. Residents who would like to be notified of subsequent public meetings can contact Vicki Wiedenfeld by phone at 925-373-5723, or email at vwiedenfeld@larpd.ds.ca.us.

Head Injuries

In the first analysis of its kind, the Rand Corporation released a study that found nearly 20 percent of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans suffer from post traumatic stress disorder or major depression. The study also noted that only about a quarter of those who suffer from PTSD or depression receive the treatment they need.

In response, Congressman Jerry McNerney released the following statement and submitted it to the Congressional Record. "Today, we received more disturbing news about the tremendous strain that overseas deployments have put on our men and women in uniform. The study also found that even more have suffered some form of traumatic brain injury, often considered the signature injury of the Iraq War.

"While this trend is not new, this study confirms what we have known for some time: extended tours and multiple deployments without sufficient down time contribute to post-traumatic stress disorder. What is perhaps most disturbing is the finding that only about half those with PTSD or depression have sought treatment, and only half again received minimally adequate

"I've heard from veterans in my district who never sought mental health treatment, either because it wasn't available or because there was a stigma attached to it. Without treatment, these veterans are at risk of engaging in self-destructive behavior like drinking and using drugs, they may have marital problems, and some even contemplate suicide.

Land Not Open to Public

In last week's Independent, the story on "Livermore's Oldest Landscape Has a Web Page," directed people to a website on which there are directions to access a site that is private party. The land is not open to the public.



The Skate Against Violence Roadskate, a 450 mile skatea-thon, traveled from San Francisco to Santa Monica. The skaters went through Livermore on their way south. The event is a rolling antiviolence campaign. There were 12 skaters and 6 support people involved. The skaters were broken down into four (4) teams. Each team skated for an hour, rotating skating duties every hour. One team passed by the Duchaineau ranch near Livermore giving Anton, a sophomore at Livermore High School, an opportunity to take a photo.



Candlelight March Sponsored by Tri-Valley Haven

Tri-Valley Haven will hold a candlelight march at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25 in Livermore. It will commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Participants are invited to meet at the Lizzie Fountain at Livermore Avenue and First Street to deco-

rate a T-shirt to wear on the march with a personal message.

"Traditionally this is a silent march," said Rape Crisis Center Coordinator Christine Dillman. "However, we want to give everyone the opportunity to send a

nity." T-shirts and markers will be provided by Tri-Valley Haven. After the march, participants will gather back at the fountain for refreshments.

Tri-Valley Haven's Rape Crisis Center has a team of specially personal message to the commutrained advocates who respond tims at the police department or hospital, and provide follow up services such as crisis counseling, information and referrals and

in person to sexual assault vic-

court accompaniment. The Rape Crisis Center also offers groups and individual counseling for survivors of sexual assault, community education and self-defense training for women and girls. The Haven's 24-hour crisis

line is (800) 884-8119.

Items Collected for Baskets of Love

BasicNecessities.org, a Tri-Valley non-profit, is currently accepting donations for its second annual Baskets of Love initiative. The Baskets of Love are a Mother's Day gift that provide Tri-Valley mothers living in conditions of hardship with amenities that are normally not a part

of their daily lives.

Over the last BasicNecessities.org handed out baskets to 35 mothers living at two local shelters, Shepard's Gate and the Tri-Valley Haven, as well as to moms living with their children in their cars or on the streets. Each basket contained a gift certificate for a hair cut at a local salon, a gift certificate at a local restaurant, nail polish, mascara, lip gloss, earrings and a bracelet, a music CD, a journal, coffee or tea and a mug, bath items, in addition to other items. These gifts were made possible thanks to the numerous individuals and businesses that donated merchandise, gift certificates and more than \$6000 in This year, BasicNecessities.org hopes to expand the number of moms they serve from 35 to 60.

The mothers will receive their baskets on May 9. Donations will be accepted until May 5. For information, please contact Catherine Suarez at (925) 424-1212. All gifts are tax deductible.



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EDITORIAL

Bad News, Good News

Recent stories in the media brought both good and bad news regarding a couple of local social service and health care programs.

Despite a valiant effort to save the Tri-Valley Adult Day Care Program, it looks like the center will have to close. The needed funds appear to be beyond reach. The uncertainties have adversely affected participation, which has fallen to 13 persons a day, half the number the program is licensed to serve.

Based in Livermore, the Friendship Center has provided adult day care for some 25 years. Participants have come from throughout the Valley. It's been a beautiful program, filled with a caring spirit. "The thought of closing the program is heartbreaking because of the good it has done ..." said Tim Barry, LARPD general

Indeed, heartbreaking.

Meanwhile, the ValleyCare Health System held an open house yesterday to officially open its new women's center. The 2300-square-foot facility features an allwomen staff and high-tech equipment for mammographies and other exams. The focus will be on illnesses that victimize large numbers of women, such as breast cancer and osteoporosis. Doctors offices and more diagnostic imaging are to be added in the future.

The prize of the new center is the digital mammography equipment. It replaces film technology, much as digital is replacing film in photography. It will enable doctors to look for problems they otherwise might not detect. This equipment accounted for \$1 million of the center's total \$2.5 million cost.

ValleyCare continues to grow into one of the premier health care systems. The opening of the women's center is truly an occasion to celebrate.

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ing off and rehiring every year is an insane way to do business and not fair to our very valued employees.

Keith Pickering-Walters, outgoing president of the Livermore Éducation Association, suggested that the Board and District Administration work with local bargaining units to prebudget the funding for programs that are constantly in fear of losing their state funding. If funding comes through, then the reserved money could be set aside for future years.

"If the funding doesn't come through, though, the District would still have money to pay for those positions for that school year—allowing sites a full year to plan for how to do without," he explained. "As you

noted tonight, most of the work done at our sites by classified staff cannot be done simply by people you drag in fresh off of the street. Many of our classified staff members receive very detailed and intense training at their sites and have a specific skill set. Laying those individuals off and causing staffing disruptions at our sites has a negative impact on the morale and the educational pro-

While the trustees supported Pickering-Walters' idea in principle, none took a stand that night as he had asked. The classified layoffs passed unani-

The Board will take up budgeting one-time money at the May 6 meeting, some of which could be applied towards the classified positions.

EXPO

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p.m. The topic of food and water storage will be presented by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, Community Emergency Response Teams presented by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and earthquake preparedness - before, during and after an earthquake - by Your Safety Place in Dublin.

Your Safety Place is excited to help sponsor this event and work foward our goal of getting every Tri-Valley resident, school and business prepared for disasters," said Brian Klosterman, president of Your Safety Place.

There will also be free child fingerprinting, information on emergency response and recovery, seismic retrofits, home utility safety and fire truck and pet ambulance tours.

Groups presenting at the expo

include the American Red Cross, ValleyCare Health System, the Livermore Police Department, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, the Salvation Army, Sandia National Laboratories, East Bay Regional Park District, KKIQ and Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department supports the efforts for education, training and preparedness that the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District sponsors," said Jeff Zolfarelli, deputy fire chief for the Livermôre-Pleasanton Fire Depart-

For more information on LARPD's Emergency Survival Expo, contact Sheryl Hardin at 925-373-5718 or visit the district's Web site www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

ARTS

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Railroad Avenue side. "It reflects the energy and warmth of the bricks on the firehouse," said Jorgensen. A 30 foot green/blue piece will hang on the Lions Wayside Park entrance, which Jorgensen described as in harmony with the park and natural world.

Charlotte Severin, chairman of the center task force, described the marquees as "looking like beautiful silk banners that call you to a very exciting place."

The two marquees were donated to the city by Gary and Nancy Harrington. It is the second time the couple has donated artwork to the city. The Harringtons were responsible for the statue in front of the Veterans

The artist for the marquees was selected following a search. British artist Martin Donlin was chosen.

The Harringtons are paying for the construction and installation of the art.

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation is raising funds to help finance and operate the center. Greg Reznick, president of the PCAF, said, "The arts center will provide a variety of art experiences. It will also help to stimulate the downtown

economy." The foundation presented the city with a check for

\$100,000 To date, the foundation has received \$1.8 million in pledges. The short term goal is \$2 million with the hope of having the funds in time for the groundbreaking sometime this summer.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman stated, "These are projects that go to who we are as a city. We are lucky to have people like the Harringtons."

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VIP trip to Santa Fe hosted by the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, and an evening with maestro and concert pianist, Jeffrey Siegel.

The reception and silent auction begins at 6:30pm with dinner at 7:45 followed by the new season announcement, live music and dancing On Stage! For more information, please visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org and click on the chandelier image or call the Bankhead Ticket office at 925-373-6800. Tickets for the event are on sale now at \$150 per person or a table of 10 for \$1500, which includes a tax deductible donation.

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the mood is optimistic.

By Cher Wollard

Reasons for optimism were provided by several speakers at the April 16 Livermore Real Estate Roundup. One speaker noted that the commercial real estate market continues to be strong. Another pointed out that, although housing sales have slowed, more households, 27 percent, are now able to afford the median priced home in Alameda

The country may be in an eco-

nomic funk, but in Livermore,

County. This annual event, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, drew approximately 250 real estate professionals - agents, loan officers, representatives from title companies, and others - a few less than last year's event. Sponsors included builders, home suppliers, the Livermore school district and the city.

"It's still the biggest roundup in this area, because there is still a lot of growth going on here" said Dale Kaye, president and CEO of the Chamber.

We are the new nexus," proclaimed Rob White, economic development director for the City

Kaye cited Comcast locating its headquarters in Livermore, the decision of the National Food Lab to relocate here from Dublin, and the planned Sullivan Toyota dealership as evidence of the city's vitality. Companies looking for sites check out Liv-

ermore, Kaye said. "The city still has land available. And they are coming for the housing prices" she added. "Transportation is great. The quality of life is good, the vine-yards and forty-three wineries. They are very taken with the downtown, the theater, the synergy of the restaurants. If they haven't been here in a few years, they are blown away.

Roundup participants gathered at the Community Center, then boarded two big buses for a 90-minute guided tour of Livermore's residential and commercial developments. The tours were lead by the event's co-chair Mark Triska of Colliers International, Bob Kumnick of Lee & Associates, Kim Ott and Sherri Souza of Alain Pinel, plus city representatives Marc Roberts and

Rob White.

The company chose Livermore because "Livermore is the place

to be now, going into the next 15-20 years." The dealership expects to hire 200-250 employees when it opens in 2009. "All of them will need homes or up-

We're extremely optimistic.'

Melrose Forde presented an "Update on Residential Real Estate." Forde, president of the Bay East Association of Realtors, said "Livermore is becoming a desti-

nation city because of its amenities." She commented on the fact "The information so far has been very good," Scott Dunlop, a Realtor with Keller Williams, that housing sales slowed. However, more people can afford to

Some Bright Spots in Local Real Estate Market

commented. "I've learned a lot about the developments I didn't

know about." As a residential

agent, he was especially inter-

ested in learning about plans for

commercial development. "Clients want to live where they work," he said.

Gloria Landavazo of

Gloria Landavazo of Windermere Welcome Home re-alty agreed. "The Roundup is a

great opportunity for profession-

als to obtain substantial quality information in a condensed time

The speakers program, em-

ceed by event co-chair John

Kurtzer of Valley Properties,

kicked off with Triska providing

an overview of local commercial

Triska stated, the commercial

space in the city totals 15.5 mil-

lion s.f., about 46 percent of

which is industrial, 43 percent light industrial, and the rest

zoned for retail and office space.

Livermore has had particular suc-

cess filling warehouse space.

period."

real estate.

buy homes.

Forde continued, property values are lower than they were at the peak in 2006, but they have increased significantly over the past 10-12 years. The typical Livermore hoŭse purchasĕd in 1996, for example, has increased in value 196 percent. Even with recent price decreases, home values in 2007 were the third-highest on record. And while foreclosures have received a lot of attention, in Livermore they account for about 10 percent of active listings - much less than in

"If interest rates remain low, we expect home sales to remain stable and then increase.

The fourth speaker, Alameda Supervisor Scott Haggerty, agreed that much is right with the city. "Livermore certainly has come a long way," he said. The downtown, "is vibrant, it's really filling out." However, the Tri-Valley's biggest problem is transportation.

"The vacancy rate is about 5 percent – that's about as low as you Over the next few years, he prewould want to go."
With Comcast and Lam Redicted traffic on the Altamont will increase by 90 percent, due in large part to increased activity at the ports. "Things will get a lot worse here before they get betsearch both moving operations to the city, 500,000 s.f. of commercial space has gone off the

In line with that, Sullivan Auto Group is planning to build Even so, Haggerty listed many improvements: 1-580 is moving faster because of ramp metering; the Bay Area's largest Toyota dealership on a 16-acre parcel on \$1 billion has been pledged in both sides of Northfront Road. transportation investments for David Rogers, the company's senior vice president, told the group that, despite gloomy forethe Tri-Valley. "Up until 10 years ago, we were ignored," he noted. Groundbreaking will begin in 2011 for I-580 improvements, including westbound HOV lanes, casts for the economy in some quarters, "in the last six weeks new overpasses and widening we've seen an increase on the rewhere needed, improved soundwalls in Springtown, and widening and straightening of Highway 84 is already underway; tail side and the business side. He said Toyota is very selective about sites it will approve. Safety improvements on Vasco

Road over then next two years. Comcast, the nation's leading provider of cable, entertainment and communications products and services is consolidating its Livermore operations — a call center and the Tri-Valley tech operation — in the Triad complex on Canyon Road, as well as relocating the company's regional headquarters there. According to Philip Arndt, government affairs director, its Livermore presence will expand from 9,000 s.f. to 20,000 s.f., nearly doubling the number of employees here to about 1,200.

Why Livermore? "To be honest, our employees were happy in Livermore," he said. The company did look at other cities, but this site "is nestled beautifully with the backdrop of the hills, the vineyards there, right next to

the college."
Also high on Livermore was Paul Desmet of the Ryness Company, developers of The Grove, a residential development off Mines Road. "There are really some good fundamentals here," he said. Jobs drive housing demand. During the last four years, jobs have starting to come back. There are now 2.3 jobs for every new home in the Bay Area, which is better than the national statis-

"One of our strengths is that we have an international clientele that moves into our market. We have educational facilities that are second to none.'

Overall, he said he is optimistic. "If you buy a house today, five years from now you will probably be one of the smartest

people on the block."

White, of the City of Livermore, reported increased economic dévelopment for Livermore. Sixty new businesses opened in downtown last year, he said. Livermore currently is home to the headquarters of 70 companies that generate \$500,000-\$775,000 in annual sales. This does not even include such giants as LAM Research and the National Food Lab relocating here, and Comcast expanding its local operations, White

The city has worked hard to make Livermore more attractive to businesses and to improve the quality of life for residents, he said. He cited approval of the cultural arts master plan, the city's partnerships with the Livermore Winegrowers Association, approval of the El Charro Specific Plan, which will bring the Prime Outlets mall, and the Livermore Village Project. He said the city is also seeking a developer for a 100-room boutique hotel near the Bankhead, "The excitement is continuous.

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Candidates to replace Assemblyman Guy Houston will discuss the issues on back-to-back nights at Cedar Grove Community Church.

Houston, a Republican, is termed out in the 15th Assembly District and is running for Contra Costa County supervisor. Cedar Grove will host the Republican and Democrat candidates on back-to-back nights on May 7 and 8th at its facility at 2021 College Avenue in Livermore. The sessions will begin at 7 p.m. each night and conclude with a social time from 8:30-9.

Each candidate will be asked to discuss the following issues: budget and taxes; education; transportation; marriage and gay rights; parental rights; stem cell research; Internet access controls; gambling/casinos; agriculture; immigration; jobs; drivingwhile-intoxicated loopholes, and home schooling. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of each candidate.

Republican candidates scheduled to appear include: Scott Kamena, Judy Lloyd, Robert Rao, and Abram Wilson. Democrats running are Joan Buchanan and Ted Ford.

The evenings are open to anyone interested. There is no admission charge. For additional information, please contact the church office at (925) 447-2351.

Loni Hancock: There will be a meet and greet with Democrat Loni Hancock for State Senate District 9 on Sat., April 26 at the

Livermore Library. She is running for the seat currently held by Don Perata, who is termed out of office.

The meet and greet will begin at 10 a.m. followed by voter education kick-off at 11:30 a.m. She will discuss Propositions 98 and 99 on the June 3 ballot. Both have to do with changes in the eminent domain law. Hancock supports the passage of Prop. 99.

To RSVP for the meet and great or for more information.

greet or for more information, please contact: Christina Armor (925)487-3516

Christina@sfbaysc.org.
The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

Joan Buchanan: Democratic State Assembly candidate Joan Buchanan opened her campaign headquarters in San Ramon at 2694 Bishop Dr, Suite 121.

She also announced that she has received the endorsement of the California Professional Firefighters. The endorsement comes with less than two months left until Primary Election Day, June 3rd.

Among other groups endorsing Buchanan are the California Nurses Association, California Teachers Association, and League of Conservation Voters.

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

Robert Rao: The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association PAC announced its support for Republican businessman Robert Rao in the open 15th Assembly District. Last month, Rao received the endorsement of the National Tax Limitation Com-

The Sacramento Young Re-ublican Federation declared their support for Rao in the race for the open 15th Assembly Dis-

Scott Kamena: The Kamena for Assembly campaign has announced the support of Galt Vice-Mayor Don Haines.

Scott Kamena, seeking the 15th Assembly District seat currently held by Guy Houston, has gained the support of city leaders throughout the region.

Judy Lloyd: Judy Lloyd, Republican candidate for the 15th Assembly District, stands with legislators, the California Chamber of Commerce, the California Women's Leadership Association and other pro-business and profamily associations in supporting Assembly Bill 2127 in favor of flexible scheduling options for workers and employers.

"As a small business owner, I know the value of flexible work schedules and benefits to parentchild relationships and our quality of life in the East Bay. For

low them to spend more quality time together and less time on our congested highways," said Judy Lloyd. **Ruling Seen As** Aid To Steelhead

> Restoration The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), which has a project to reconstruct the Calaveras Dam near Sunol, will be required to consult with the Army Corps of Engineers about the project's impact on the recovery of the steelhead fish

working families options and al-

population in Alameda Creek. News of the consultation requirement, set by the National Marine Fisheries Service, was welcomed by Jeff Miller, head of the Alameda Creek Alliance (ACA), which lobbied for it. He sees it as a way to ensure that SFPUC, which owns more than 30,000 acres of watershed area in and near Sunol, will have to be more accountable for protecting steelhead habitat.

Steelhead trout are, in a sense, two species in one. In fresh water, they are trout, but they swim to the ocean. Some of them head back upstream as salmon, and spawn in the streams. Millers' group is trying to guarantee that Álameda Čreek, with headwaters in Alameda County, will be adequate habitat for steelhead to

Miller said that in the past, SFPUC has denied that the Calaveras Dam project would have any adverse împact on steelhead habitat. The 83-year-old dam needs seismic improvement, and is allowed by the state to hold only 40 percent of its water capacity. The rebuilding is slated to begin in 2009 and be completed by 2012.

Tim Ramirez, who is the natural resources division manager for SFPUC, told the Independent that the requirement for consultation is not a surprise to us. The most important thing is to sit down with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the (army) Corp, and make sure how the consultant process works.

Barring any difficulties, the requirement should not delay the SFPUC's goal of starting work on the dam rebuild in 2009, said Ramirez. He added that all of the stake-holders, including SFPUC, want the same thing: a rebuilt dam and adequate downstream habitat for steelhead.

Miller's perception is that in the past, the SFPUC minimized the dam plan's impact on steelhead habitat. Requiring a steel-head plan screened by the Corps adds insurance that SFPUC will be more accountable for a workable plan.

FEE

(continued from page one) winds up as the final fee, should be introduced in phases annually, a ramping up until the full fee is charged. Another idea

would be to exempt develop-

ment already in the pipeline.

Zone 7 general manager Jill

Duerig told the Independent that Zone 7 is not talking about charging developers twice. The idea is to have them pay for their impact on existing infrastruc-ture, for example, for strengthening arroyo banks because of the bigger stream flow from new development's run-off. In any event, Zone 7 welcomes the

talks, she said. Duerig said that the mix-up in communication was the result of some assumptions on both sides. Zone 7 assumed the cities would approach the agency with any questions about the fee. The cities apparently assumed Zone 7 would take the initiative and approach the cities. The fee issue slipped through the cracks, she said. The same thing happened with an exchange of e-mails with the Home Builders

Duerig was not trying to blame the cities or the HBA for the communications misunderstanding. "The buck stops here," she told a reporter. In hindsight,

Association (HBA), she said.

the agency could have taken more initiative in following up, but assumed that the cities were OK with things, since they didn't call Zone 7 with comments. There will be a stakeholder meeting on the fee proposal in May. She hopes the issue can be resolved in time for the board to act on it when it meets in July. While Duerig recognizes the needs of the cities and homebuilders, Zone 7 also has to meet its costs in a timely way to do its flood control improve-

ments, she said. FIRM HIRED TO PROVIDE **SOLAR POWER**

In a first for the agency, the board unanimously approved hiring Renewable Technologies Inc. (RTI) as a provider for solar power. RTI will construct an array of solar panels that track the sun's course through the sky to make maximum use of available energy. The installation will be at the the Del Valle water treatment plant. The array is expected to be

ready by January. It will be capable of producing 300 kilowatts of power, which should take care of about one-half of the site's power needs. The size of the site limits the space available for the array. The arrangement is ex-

pected to save Zone 7 approximately \$80,000 over the next 20

Director Dick Quigley said that he is "excited that we are starting on a renewable energy pathway. It gets our toes in the

The board also awarded a contract for \$22.8 million to Ranger Pipeline to construct a segment of the Altamont Pipeline Project. The segment is approximately five miles long, and will connect two existing pipelines, in order to provide more water to Livermore. The winning bid was below the agency's estimate of \$26.8 million to build the job.

Another bidder, Mountain Cascade, objected to the award. An attorney for the firm contended that Zone 7's ruling that Mountain Cascade's bid was non-responsive was incorrect. He admitted there were math errors stated numerically, but said the proper total was spelled out in writing, and that writing should take precedence in such matters.

"Ît's a definitive measure of what our bid was," said the attorney. He said the firm may go to court to prove its point. Zone 7's attorney said that the agency acted properly.

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number of lives. The other team issued more public announcements, which moderators felt would have increased compliance in a real situation.

The program was conceived in 2005 by John Taylor, a manager out of Sandia's Albuquerque headquarters. He explained that he always made a point of spending time in local schools when visiting his hometown of Needles, CA. "I was getting tired of talking about nuclear weapons and Russia, so one of the teachers and I decided to try an exercise. It worked beautifully, he said.

The program was piloted in Needles and Mohave County, AZ. Last year Taylor introduced the program to the Bay Area through Tim Shepodd, a manager of materials chemistry at Sandia/

Livermore. Shepodd, a Livermore resident whose own children are home-schooled, had no trouble rounding up two dozen local home-schooling families to participate.

The influenza scenario marked the end of the four-month program, which began in January with CPR and first aid training. The students completed emergency planning for their own families in a variety of scenarios, including natural disasters, terrorism, and crime. They also replayed an exercise that Sandia runs with the State Department of Homeland Security with city governments.

'This is a unique opportunity for exposure to the workings of big government—a behind the scenes view they wouldn't get in any other way," said Gretchen

Largussa of Castro Valley, whose 17-year-old son and 15-year-old daughter participated in the exercise. "I love the excitement and the problem solving. They learn that there is not a perfect solution, that life is not a 30-minute television show with eight commercials that ties up neatly at the

"It's pretty tough. There are all these problems and we don't have the power to do much," said 13-year-old Kyle Shepodd, who represented the county government in the exercise.

Sidney Wagner, a 14-year-old from San Ramon, said the program has changed the way she views emergencies in real life. "This has helped me learn about how complex emergency response is. It's easy to take it for granted. Now when I read the news, I think about what went on behind the scenes," she explained.

This was Katrina Largussa's second time participating in the High School Homeland Security Program. "At first I didn't think I'd like it. I thought it would be too boring, too logical," she said.
"But it's a lot of fun."

Katrina had an especially hard role in the exercise. As the school superintendent for one of the teams, she had to take responsibility for waiting too long to close the schools, which resulted in preventable deaths. "I didn't take the information that was coming in seriously enough," she said at the mock press conference where she tendered her resignation.

The prospect of being responsible for thousands of deaths is serious stuff. However, the participants did not seem spooked by contemplating a disaster of this magnitude. "I'm more afraid of what I don't know," said Sam Wada, a 16-year-old from Livermore. "If this sort of thing happened in real life, I think it's better to know the details than to

have no clue. Many of the participants will go to Roswell, New Mexico in June for a week-long High School Homeland Security Leadership Development Camp. The program will include classes on ethics in national security and dealing with the media.

For Taylor and the other instructors, the camp will also serve as a Curriculum Development Workshop, with the goal of creating a guide that can be shared with schools across the country. "We want to make the program more portable, so it can be taught in more schools," said Taylor.

That effort may be due, in part, to a comment made by Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Security, last year when Taylor and two Needles students briefed him on the program. McHale called it one of the best such education initiatives he's ever seen, saying he was "deeply impressed by the scenarios and student responses" and suggesting that every high school in the country should have such a program.

For more information on Sandia National Laboratories, visit www.sandia.gov.

SHORT NOTES

Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff is offering

two programs this weekend.

Pond Trekking is the theme of the Sat., April 26 event. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. Participants will explore a few of Sycamore Grove's hidden treasures during this brief period when the web of life explodes into overdrive. They will also conduct a species survey and take some environmental readings, and still have time for quiet contemplation. Be prepared for a 2 mile walk which goes off trail and in the mud. Good for ages

5 and up. Canceled if raining. Cougar! is the topic for Sun., April 27. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 1 p.m. in the group picnic area at Veterans Park. The program will include information on cougar history, identification, and behavior. It will included a discussion on recommended safety measures to take when recreating in cougar country, and much more. Visual aids and handouts are provided. Advanced registration is required by calling (925) 960-2400. Please call this number for directions. too.

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 informa-

Senior Programs

Senior citizens have a variety of options for both fun and practical programs offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

 LARPD Senior Services will offer free bone density testing from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 25. The test is non-invasive and takes about five minutes, with results given immediately. Testing is open to seniors 65 and older. Seniors participating in the testing may be eligible for free calcium. Bone density testing is by appointment only. Learn more by calling 925-373-5760. The Foundation for Osteoporo-sis Research & Education (FORE), in partnership with American Bone Health, has been given a grant to bring this

program to this area.

• The Senior Players of Pleasanton, a group of older adults involved in theater, will present two short plays on Thursday, April 24, in the Cresta Blanca Ballroom of the Robert Livermore Community Center, The plays, "Difference Between a Man and a Woman' and "5:00-5:30" will run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The performances are free.

 À Fiesta Luncheon will be offered for the senior program on Friday, May 9, at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Entertainment will be provided by the Alta California band. The lun-cheon will serve chicken enchiladas with green sauce, refried beans, Mexicali salad and vanilla ice cream with a churro. Doors open at 11 a.m., with lunch served at noon. The lunch, catered by Premiere Catering, is \$7 per person. Seniors can reserve a spot up until May 2, including reserving tables

for groups of six or eight.
Sign up for the play or luncheon events by calling LARPD's Senior Services office at 925-373-5760. The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Ave., Liver-

Fundraiser

Gary Gemma, owner of Gary Patrick Salon in Pleasanton, announced the second bi-annual fundraising event called "Style with Substance: A Fusion of Fashion, Music and Giving." All proceeds will benefit the Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society. The fundraiser will be held at San Francisco's Ruby Skye Night Club at 420 Mason Street at Geary on Sunday April 27 from 7:00 to10:00 pm. Destiny, Harpist from the Hood, will open the festivities with a prelude of classical crossover music. The evening will showcase a fashion show featuring the latest from San Francisco's Colleen Quen Couture, seen on America's Next Top Model and debuting in Paris this Contemporary men's fashions will be provided by Acc'sentials of Pleasanton. Carlos Santana supports the event through his donation of Carlos

footwear designs.
Following the fashion show, the celebration continues with the live performance of Jorge Santana, playing with the explosion of sound known as Voices of Latin Rock, inspired by the musical history of Carlos Santana, Malo and other San Francisco musicians. Also scheduled to perform are Richard Bean, Marcus Reyes, Abel Sanchez, and Marcia Miget. Local television personalities Ken Bastida, Roberta Gonzales, and Sherry Hu will emcee the event. This year's presenting spon-

sors are Safeway.com and Coca Cola. Tickets for "Style with Substance" cost \$50 for general admission and \$100 for VIP admission, which includes one cocktail and a gift bag. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.rubyskye.com or www.ticketweb.com or call Gary Patrick Salon at (925) 462-2375.

Arthritis Walk

On Saturday, May 10, Livermore's LifestyleRX will be one of the hundreds of locations nationwide that will

host a local version of the Arthritis Walk, the Arthritis Foundation's national signature event that raises awareness and funds to fight arthritis— America's number one cause of disability. LifestyleRX is located at 1119 Stanley Blvd in Livermore. *Arthritis* Walk registration begins at 8:30 am and the actual walk will begin at 10 am. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided and lots of information about arthritis will be available too.

The Livermore Arthritis Walk will offer both short and long walking courses. Walkers may join individu-ally or join as part of an established team or form a new Arthritis Walk team by recruiting friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers. The Livermore Arthritis Walk already has nine teams formed, most of which are accepting new members. Leashed dogs are welcome at the Arthritis Walk too. The Arthritis Foundation offers incentive prizes to help with fundraising and yone who raises at least \$100 will receive an official *Arthritis Walk* tshirt. Participants can walk in honor of a friend or family member with arthritis or for the sheer satisfaction of knowing their steps support the fight against arthritis. Walkers with arthritis will be provided with blue hats.

The Arthritis Foundation reports that 46 million Americans have arthritis, including two million Northern Californians. Contrary to the myth that arthritis is an older person's disease, 38,000 of those two million Northern Californians are children who have juvenile arthritis. The National Arthritis Walk raises millions of dollars annually to support the Arthritis Foundation's programs in research and public health. The Arthritis Foundation is the largest private funding source of arthritis research funds, and its nationally acclaimed aquatic and land exercise classes are offered in hundreds of communities across America, including 60 Northern California locations.

To participate in the Arthritis Walk or to join a team or form a new team, contact the Arthritis Foundation at 800chapters/northern-california.

Lori & RJ

Performers Lori & RJ invite area kids to hop on the Cotton Candy Express as they sing about taking care of the environment this Sat., April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stoneridge Shopping Center at Simon Kidgits Club Music Mania! Lori & RJ believe in fun for all ages, and as part of their new green" show, eco-tainment for kids, they will be leading new songs focused on our environment, including "Save The Rainforest," "Green & Blue," "Pick-It-Up," "Gaia Earth Mother," "Earth Is Getting Hot," "Green's the Game," and "In The Clouds."

Earth Day activity books with kidfriendly ways to take care of our planet will be given out to all that attend. Additionally, kids who bring along a recyclable item - glass, paper, aluminum or plastic - will receive a free reusable tote bag to get an early start on

"being green."
The Simon Kidgits Club is a club for kids ages 3-8 where our smallest Stoneridge shoppers are treated to entertainment, lessons in education, safety, health & wellness and special mall discounts. Sign up at Guest Services and receive complete program details as well as a schedule of events for the year. The annual membership fee is \$5 per member.

Blood Drive

As part of the upcoming Emergency Survival Expo on April 26, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will hold a blood drive to encourage the community to donate

The American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be stationed in the parking lot of the Robert Livermore Community Center during the expo to collect blood from donors throughout the

Sign up for the blood drive portion of the Emergency Survival Expo by calling 925-373-5715 for an appointment. Plenty of time slots are available to meet donors' needs. Snacks and

drinks will be provided. Donors must be at least 17 years old,

Spring Chardonnay Charles R Vineyards is releasing a spring Chardonnay. It is the a wine that has been barrel feremented using the 'Sur Lies' method: aging the wine on its 'lees' to enhance texture and flavor

weigh 110 pounds or more and bring

complexity. Bring a picnic and view the wild-flowers in bloom near the winery. Tasting room hours are Friday through Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. and the three day Memorial Weekend in May.

The winery is located at 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore. For information go to www.charlesrvineyards.com.

Save on Tickets

The 17th Annual Livermore Wine Country Festival is approaching. The festivities are May 3 and 4 in downtown Livermore.

There are two ways to save at this year's event! Downtown Club Card Member will receive \$5 off the official wine glass (or beer cup) and token package. Visitors can also save by prepurchasing the official wine glass (or beer cup) and token package on-line at www.livermoredowntown.com.

31 Cent Scoop Night

31 Cent Scoop Night is back at Baskin-Robbins. The second annual 31 Cent Scoop Night celebration will be on April 30, 2008 from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. at all 2,700 stores nationwide, including those in the Livermore area.

During the event, the ice cream brand is thanking its loyal customers by reducing prices of its 2.5 oz. ice cream scoops to 31 cents. Additionally, Baskin-Robbins will again partner with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), in an effort to extend support to the firefighting community, by donating \$100,000 to the organiza-tion. Together, Baskin-Robbins and the NFFF will honor 31 firefighters from across the country who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to community service through the newly created America's 31 Firefighting He-

roes program.
"We are excited to host the second annual 31 Cent Scoop Night event. The event gives us a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation to local cussaid tomers and honor local heroes. Nisha Banhgu, Baskin-Robbins in Livermore. Baskin-Robbins in Livermore is

located at 4323 First St; Baskin-Robbins in Pleasanton is at 4001 Santa Rita Rd,

During the event, customers can choose any flavor of ice cream and pay only 31 cents. The cost of a 2.5 oz scoop of ice cream from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on April 30, 2008 will be 31 cents plus applicable tax. To ensure everyone can enjoy 31 Cent Scoop Night, there is a ten scoop limit per person per pur-

Going Green

Julia Korpi, Carolynn Machi and Marta Strain of Prudential California Realty have given each home in Val Vista (approximately 900 homes) an energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulb. With their efforts they hope to demonstrate what each homeowner in Pleasanton can do to help with the fight to combat global warming!

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"Switching from an incandescent light bulb to a compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) is an effective change every American can make right now to reduce energy use at home and prevent greenhouse gas emissions from hurt-ing our planet," says Korpi. If every home in America replaced just one incandescent bulb with a qualified CFL, in one year it would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes and prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of more than 800,000 cars!

Homeowners will save \$36-\$59 on their energy bills over the life of each bulb. In celebration of Earth Day, Julia, Carolynn and Marta hope to raise awareness of what a huge difference we can all make!

Lions Honor Kamena

The Livermore Lions Club recently held a new member induction and special awards dinner at the Livermore Cattlemen's restaurant.

Mayor Marshall Kamena was se-lected as the 2008 Citizen of the Year in recognition of his dedicated and effective leadership on many councils, boards, commissions, chambers, and clubs during the past 35 years.

Following introductory remarks by guest speaker, Past District Governor, Linda Griffin, seven new members were inducted by Past International Director, Bill Iannaccone. They are Ben Barrientos, Ann Barrientos, Robb DeSimone, Dr. Dennis Grotrian, Joe Mangan, Ed Pettigrew, and Christo-

pher Pilla,
Wayne Canon Patron of Sight
Award was given to Peggy McLain,
wife of the late Roger McLain. The Livermore Lions donated \$1000 to the Lions in Sight Foundation in memory of Lion Roger McLain, Pleasanton Lions Club, and longtime mentor and friend of the Livermore Lions Club.

Other recognitions: 2008 Club & Zone Student Speakers Contest winner: Kyle Marchini, 11th gr, Covenant Heart Home School, Livermore; Membership Builder Key Award, Lion Christian Van Houtryve, for sponsoring his 10th new member; Lions International Peace Poster Contest Winners: Christensen Middle School, Lei Wei, 8th gr Teacher: Donna Haggerty; East Ave Middle School, Brandon Disbrow, 8th gr Teacher: Jim Nash; Livermore Valley Charter Sch, Kelsey Girardelli, 8th gr Teacher: Regina Leyva; Mendenhall Middle Sch, Taylor Cannizzaro, 7th gr Teacher: Joyce Our Savior Lutheran Sch, Nicole Miller, 6th gr Teacher: Lynn Dirks; and District 4C3 Winner ,Kelsey Girardelli, 8th gr Teacher: Regina

The door prize, a \$500 life membership to Lions in Sight, was won by Lion Dave Denton, president of the Pleasanton Lions Club

The Livermore Lions will be holding their next New Member Induction Special Awards dinner at the Ruby Hill Golf Club on June 18. For tickets or a new member application contact the Lions at 443-4414 or LivermoreLionsClub@comcast.net.

Book Events

Towne Center Books is offering the following programs: Thursday, May 1: 5:00-6:00,

Wendy Merrill will be at Towne Center Books for a Read and Be Happy Hour. Her book Falling Into Manholes chronicles the misadventures of a 40-

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Tuesday, May 7: 11:30 -1:00, Kate Jacob author of the bestselling Friday Night Knitting Club will be at Towne Center Books for a Read It and Eat Luncheon featuring her newest book Comfort Food. Lunch is a potluck featuring favorite comfort food. Lunch is free with book contribution and book purchase or \$5.00 without. Reservations are required. 925-846-8826

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

Alpaca Show

The California Alpaca Breeders Association (Calpaca), a non-profit organization that supports the alpaca industry, presents the Third Annual edition of the California Classic. It will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and April 27. The show is open to the public 9:00 AM -5:00 PM, Saturday and 9:00 AM -2:00 PM,

The raising and breeding of alpacas is a multi-million dollar industry in the State of California.

The California Classic is a Halter

and Performance Show certified by the national Alpacas and Owners Breeders Association, as well as a Spin-Off Competition. More than 50 farms participate, with close to 450 alpacas on display and for sale. The Performance Show includes alpacas going through obstacle courses or participate in the Egg and Spoon Race.
The event includes judged shows,

fiber demonstratoins and judged spun fleeces, free education exhibits and seminars, and items for sale such as fleeces, yarn, designer clothing, teddy bears, home décor products, and much,

Admission is free. For more information visit our Web site at www.Calpaca.org/Classic

Sheep Shearing Day

Sheep Shearing Day will take place at Forest Home Farms on Saturday,

April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
In addition to watching sheep receive their spring haircuts, there will be a variety of displays including quilters, spinners, a blacksmith and more. a

Forest Home Farms located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard in San Ramon is on the National Register of Historic Places. Admission is \$3 in advance and \$5 at the gate. For more info, call (925) 973-3200.

kids' crafts area, and special entertain-

ment by "Just Kidding" an interactive show that lets the audience get involved in American folk music.

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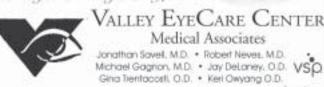


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COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT, SPECIAL EVENT, AND TOURISM GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE

The City of Livermore is announcing the availability of the 2008/2009 Community Enrichment, Special Events, and Tourism Grant Program Funds. A new application process for the 2008/2009 grant period is being implemented. You may view the new applications, questionnaires, and guidelines online at http://www.cl.livermore.ca.us/newsroom.html. The application period is April 21, 2008 through May 26, 2008.

Grants from the City are awarded to promote community enrichment, special events, and tourism for events held July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 in the City of Livermore. Grants cannot exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the event expenses. Organizations interested in being considered must submit an application form, and a questionnaire along with supporting documentation to: Clarice Douglas, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 26, 2008 to be considered for this grant period.

The new application, questionnaire forms, and guidelines are also available at City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA, or by contacting Clarice Douglas, at 925-960-4140.

SPORTS NOTES

Youth Soccer

The Livermore Fury 95 U-12 girls team The Livermore Fury 95 U-12 girls team posted three consecutive shutouts in NorCal Premier Soccer league play. The Fury defeated Tracy E-treme 9-0, Sacred Heart United 3-0 and Madera Red Star 2-0. Limiting the opponents' scoring chances during each game were Morgan Brandt and Erin Winegarner with several one-on-one stops with middle support from Alyssa Stevenson and Elise Falgout. Midfielders Rebekah Johnson, Britany Ahrbeck Amanda Fairclough and Callie tany Ahrbeck, Amanda Fairclough and Callie Crowe controlled play and began the offen-sive attack, Jenna Hatch and Kaitlyn Bulhoes led the offense against Tracy with two goals each and Emily Kalantar, Rebekah Johnson and Elise Falgout also scored during the contest. Against SHU, Alison Pierson opened the scoring two minutes in when she buried a left-footed shot into the right corner of the goal. Eight minutes later, Fairclough drove a corner kick off an SHU player for a 2-0 lead. The Fury capped the scoring late in the game when Falgout placed an excellent corner kick to a waiting Pierson for an easy tap-in. The Fury struggled to score against Madera but Beth McCall broke through in the 18th minute when she raced behind the defense and drilled a hard shot into the back of the net arty. drilled a hard shot into the back of the net. arly in the second half, Fairclough sent a long pass over the Madera defense where Pierson ran it down, cut back to the right and fired a shot into the left corner to complete the scoring. Brandt and Winegarner did a great job con-taining Madera's forwards and goalie Kalantar positioned herself well to save every shot on

goal.

Pleasanton Rage Division 1 U15 defeated Nike Rush 1 to 0 in Morgan Hill. The win advanced the team to the Quarter Finals wind advanced the teal in the Qualiter Finals in the Cal North State Cup tournament. Pippa Whitehand slammed in the goal in the first minute of the game after Lauren Floro's cross was deflected by the Rush goalie. Leading the effort were Lauren Floro, Natasha Springer, Annallise Amos, Jenna Sparks, Cheyenne Kisthardt, Jillian Nunes and Ally Whiteh

The Mustang Strikers U-17 boys teams played in the State Cup Round of 16 this weekend coming away with a 3-0 victory over Modesto Ajax United 91 advancing over Modesto Ajax United 91 advancing them to the quarter finals next weekend. Goals were scored by Nadav Kariv unassisted, Chris Bernardi a header goal assisted by Patrick Watson and Emrah Klimenta unassisted. Ryan Rivera in the nets for Mustang came up with several key saves making two big saves with a burst of shots from Ajax and George Mayer saving another goal also. The defense for Mustang was solid, led by Michael Janjigian, Patrick Watson, Nick Feeney, Dominic Daley and Tory Jorgensen. Excellent midfield play was provided by Jose Garcia, Gerardo Garcia, Alex Alvarez, George Mayer & Scott Brensel. Marvin Zepeda and Justin Chew added to the forward line.

Livermore Youth Soccer League Elite

Livermore Youth Soccer League Elite Livermore Youth Soccer League Elite Teams: Under-10 Girls, Bronze Bay Oaks (1) vs Livermore Elite Force (1). The U10 Livermore Elite Force continued Spring League play in blustery Alameda. The Force and Bay Oaks clashed in a defensive duel during the first half. Both teams were scoreless with tremendous effort from both Adilena Ruit (CK) and Shelby Diebl (back Adilena Ruiz (GK) and Shelby Diehl (back line) for the Force. Bay Oaks scored early in the second half, but the Force delivered a tying score on a penalty kick from MacKenzie Paulo.

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Under-11 Girls, Bronze Livermore Elite
Force (2) vs Brentwood Xplosion (1) Home
Offense: Kalyn Ganz (G), MacKenzie Paulo
(G), Sabrina Lillie Home Defense: Marley
Aumua, Shasta Grant, Adilena Ruiz. The U11 D3 Force opened their Spring season in
Brentwood. The Force scored first on a
breakway drive by Kalyn Canz, MacKenzie breakaway driye by Kalyn Ganz. MacKenzie break away university Rayin Gailz. Mackelizle Paulo added a second goal with a long bomb straight into the net. The Xplosion scored their only goal in the second half. Excellent defense from the Force's Marley Aumua and Shasta Grant prevented the Xplosion from

further scoring.

The Pleasanton Rage U14 Premier team faced the Mustang Rampage in a Round of 16 State Cup game Saturday in very windy conditions. After an exhausting, intensely hard-fought physical battle that went scoreless through regulation and two overtimes. less through regulation and two overtimes. Phoebe Brown saved a penalty kick. Rage finally prevailed 5-4 in penalty kicks to win the game 1-0 and advance to the Quarterfinal round next weekend. The Rage U14 team has now won 13 consecutive games, and by holding another opponent scoreless, has extended their streak to 570 minutes without allowing a goal, GK Phoebe Brown turned in an amazing performance, making several key saves, none bigger than blocking the 3rd PK shot. Scoring on PKs for Rage were Erin Schoendienst, Courtney Stonesifer, Megan Tabler, Gabe Stange, and Melissa Atkins. The Rage back line of Brett Scheckla, Erika Furnamuel Sabrina Lindauh and Stonesifer Emmanuel, Sabrina Unglaub, and Stonesifer played ferocious defense to deny the Rampage scoring chances despite facing an onslaught of pressure and playing against the wind in the 2nd half and 1st overtime period. Extremely strong midfield play by Bria Outland, Rachel Charkowicz, Kiley Zeitler, Alexa Espinosa, Haley Paxton, Lindsay Rigel, Schoendienst, and Atkins provided continuous defensive support, and played nice possession soccer that frustrated Rampage and kept them off-balance.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League high-T-Ball: Nationals vs. Brewers Top Nationals: Joseph Fields, Bo Le and Evan Sire Top Brewers: Jacion Fruge, Alyssa Fuller and Jake Kehn. Strong bats and swift running of the bases by Joseph Fields, Bo Le and Evan Sire of the Nationals. Superb defense by Jacion Fruge, Alyssa Fuller and Jake Kehn of the Brewers. Both teams demonstrated great fielding and bitting techniques.

fielding and hitting techniques.
Pirates vs. Dodgers: Top Pirates: Sam
Siegel, Jakob Scott, Ethan Voelker Top Dodgers: Arnav Patel, Tait Thorvund, Christy Neufeld. The wind was blowing hard this early morning but the Pirates and the Dodgers played a fierce game. Sam Siegel, Jakob Scott, Ethan Voelker from the Pirates were superstar atheletes. Arnav Patel, Tait Thorvund, Christy Neufeld from the Dodgers and the field.

Thorving, Christy Neureia from the Dodgers rocked in the field.

Giants vs. Rockies: Top Giants: Gavin Napier, Blake Bitner, Hunter Carroll Top Rockies: Matthew Hagen, Declan O'Hara, Benjamin Waxman. Twins vs. Royals: Top Twins: Kyle Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Nicho-las Raab Top Royals: Olivia Kohndrow, Olivia Tabaracci, Rece Wilkins, Mariners vs.

Olivia Tabaracci, Rece Wilkins, Mariners vs. Athletics: Top Mariners: Nick Hills, Nathan Jones, Dylan Corker Top As: Carson Nell, Jack Volponi, Jesse Wolfson.

A Division: Mets 6 vs. Blue Jays 4: Top Mets: Ian Toland, Peyton Gibbs, Jordan Flores; Top Blue Jays: Izaiah Enders, Travis Palma, Shane Clifton. Mets: Jordan Flores hit a single in the 2nd inning and Peyton Gibbs his 2 singles. The Mets and Blue Jays were tied up 4-4 in the bottom of the 4th inning when Ian Toland hit a double that resulted in 2 RBIs. He had a total of 3 RBIs for the game. Blue Jays: Travis Palma played for the game. Blue Jays: Travis Palma played a solid game and hit several singles. Shane Clifton hit a double in the 2nd inning and Izaiah Enders hit a one-handed single in the

5th inning. Devil Rays 9 vs. Red Sox 6: Top Devil Devil Rays 9 vs. Ked Sox of Top Devil Rays: Nick Bouillerce - the final out of the game; Tanner Higgins -a hit in the 5th inning; Ryan Escover - great work covering 2nd base Top Red Sox: Jared Michaelis for his great hit; Cade Murphy and Joey Campo for making such great efforts and aiming for the

Nationals 12 vs. Marlins 5: Top Marlins: Elijah Kutsenda, Avery Kempton, Mason Stuart; Top Nationals: Nicholas DeLisle, Jared Adams, Jared Tavares. The Nationals lit up the scoreboard early and were able to maintain the lead. Offensively, the Nationals were led by Nicholas DeLisle, Jared Adams and Jared Tavares. The Marlins had outstanding defense by Elijah Kutsenda and Mason Stuart and Avery Kempton played well at

AA Division: Tigers 14 vs. White Sox 6: Top Tigers: Tristan Dillman-McDougall, Hunter Burke, Kyle Archer; Top White Sox: Cullen Wheaton, Andrew Barrett, Elijah Leonardo. The Tigers started off strong, earning 7 runs in the first 3 innings, while keeping the Sox scoreless. But then the Sox started to come back strong in the hottom of keeping the Sox scoreless. But then the Sox started to come back strong in the bottom of the 3rd, scoring several quick runs including a triple by Wheaton. The bases were loaded when Tristan Dillman-McDougall caught a diving fly ball in left field to end the 3rd inning & keep the Sox to only 3 runs. In the last 3 innings the Sox scored 3 more times, with Barreft getting a double & a run, and Leonardo a double & 2 RBI's. But the Tigers scored 7 more runs, including a double & a run scored7 more runs, including a double & a run by Burke. The Tigers' Archer also stands out for hitting 2 doubles, a single and getting 4

AAA Division: Division Giants 12 vs. Diamondbacks 1: Top Diamondbacks: Jake DeFrenchi, Collin Shetron, Elan Douglas. The Giants defeated the Diamondbacks by a score of 12-1. Jake DeFrenchi pitched a no

accore of 12-1. Jake DeFrenchi pitched a no hitter. Helping Jake with impressive defense were Collin Shetron with two key catches deep in center field and Elan Douglas with strong defensive play in the infield.

Athletics 4 vs. Angels 5: Top As: Seth Higby, Jonah Maranon, Ben Parker; Top Angels: Keith Tyser, Cole Jacobs, Christian Morris, Great catch by A's Seth Higby, and strong hitting by A's Jonah Maranon and Ben Parker. Outstanding defense by Keith Tyser and strong pitching by Cole Jacobs and Christian Morris for the Angel's.

Majors: Indians 6 v A's 2: Top Indians: Kyle Franco – 11 strike-outs; Tito Quihus and Thomas Brown –great hitting Top As: Trevor Escover –solid pitching; Trevor Houghton – great hitting and pitching; Ian O'Brien with a couple of nice catches in the outfield. Kyle Franco's pitching seemed flawless stopping the A's at only two runs. Brent McGarvey scored the A's first run in the second inning when he stole home. In the 3rd inning, Dhru Merril doubled, sending teammate Kyle Franco in to score to tie the game. In the 4th, the Indians showed power at the late and the A's made a few costly errors mate Ryte Franco in to score to the the game.
In the 4th, the Indians showed power at the plate and the A's made a few costly errors allowing the Indians to score 5 of their runs.
Thomas Brown hit a RBI single sending home teammates J.T. Mahler & Tito Quihus.
Then Thomas Brown, Kyle Franco, and Alec Bradley all scored. The 6th inning became Bradley all scored. The 6th inning became interesting as the A's filled the bases and the Indians called upon Nick Merrill and J.T. Mahler to pitch in relief. Josh Revay stole home scoring the second run for the A's. Then, with the tying run at the plate for the A's, the Indians held onto the victory when J.T. Mahler got Ian O'Brien to ground out to short

Junior Division: Granada 80's Giants 2 vs. LALL 80's Athletics 6: Top LALL A's: Chris Holzshuh, Nick Fliehr, Sean Followill. Chris Holzshuh and Sean Followill both pitched well for the A's allowing them to beat the Granada Giants by a score of 6 to 2. Chris also did well at the plate with 2 RBI's. Nick Fliehr helped to keep the Giants from scoring with a great defensive effort at 3rd base. Another solid showing from the LALL 80's

As.
LALL 80's Mariners 4 vs. San Ramon 4:
Top Mariners: Chris DiPeso, Michael Brown,
Josh McCall. The Mariners defense played
well to keep the Giants scoreless in 5 of 7
innings. Chris DiPeso pitched a solid three
innings with 6 strikeouts. At first base in the
sixth inning, DiPeso robbed a Giants hitter
of a possible extra-base hit with an overhead
catch of a line drive. Josh McCall made a great
catch in the outfield in the fifth inning, again

catch of a line drive. Josh McCall made a great catch in the outfield in the fifth inning, again robbing the Giants of a possible extra-base base hit. Michael Brown tied the game in the seventh with a hit that resulted in two RBIs. Games stopped at 4-4 because of time. Danville 80's Yankees 2 vs. LALL 80's Athletics 11: Top LALL As: Nicholas Gaul, Daniel Morgan, Joshua Tavares. Nicholas Gaul pitched 5 solid innings giving up only 2 runs to help the Junior 80's A's boost their record to 10 and 0. Daniel Morgan hit a hard single to right field scoring 2 to give the A's the insurance runs they needed late in the game. Joshua JT Tayares added to the run game. Joshua JT Tavares added to the run count by going 2 for 3 at the plate driving in 2 runs. He also scored twice and stole 4 bases.

Mystics Basketball

ne Livermore Mystics basketball club traveled to San Mateo for the No Excuses basketball tournament. All four teams played during the tournament against some great competition. The Varsity team played two games on Saturday missing half the team because of the prom. They even got to play against the San Mateo college team. A great effort by Kylie O'neal, Laura Linden and Brittani Silva on defense to slow those opposing teams offenses. With the team at full strength on Sunday the Varsity team rained in 8 three pointers and pulled away to

win by 16 points.

The 8th grade team battled three tough opponents during the tournament. Saturday's games found Nicole McDougall (6 pts, 8 rebs), Claudine Seriani (4 pts), Mindy Morettini (3 pts,8 rebs), Krissy Rollins and Cassidy Sherman (3 pts) playing great defense and scrambling for loose balls. On Sunday afternoon offensive standouts Brittany Campiotti (9 pts), Alyse Kline (5 pts) and McKenzie Hubert (2 pts) led the way for the Mystics. The rebounding of Katy Jones (17 Typhs) Achley Hubers (2 pts 7 Typhs) and (pt, 7 rebs), Ashley Holmes (3 pts, 7 rebs) and Jessica Beckwith (4 rebs) limited the second shot opportunities of the good shooting

opposition.

The 7th grade team saw two players flashing mad skills on Sundays game. Sierra Cassels and Sara Marquez both scoring in double figures in Sunday's winning effort. Caitlin Barney had a great tournament ringing up 6pts per game for this weekend. Kristy Kearny was scrapping for every loose ball this

The 6th grade Livermore Mystics finished in 4th place. Every player scored at some point during the 3 game tournament. Taylor Smith was dealing at post and was the leading scorer for the team. Big D was displayed by Nichole Lutz and Rebecca Bernstein. Madeline Glaviano and Hannah Mata each drained a shot from above the arc.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League highlights:
Majors: Giants vs. Cardinals: Top pitcher for the Giants Jacob Collishaw 4ip, 5k. Cardinals Case Soltis 5ip, 11k. Top offensive players Giants Jacob Benavidez 1-1b, 1-2b. Brandon Self 1-1b, 1-2b. Kyle Trask 1-2b. Anthony Aguilara 1-1b. Cardinals Ryan Dearborn 2-1b, Mark Santos 1-2b, Casey Soltis 1-1b. First place Cardinals fall to the Giants in a 5 to 4 loss. Cardinals Soltis pitched a great game by striking out 11 and having the lead 4-3 until the 5th inning. Brandon Self led off the 6th inning with a

double and came in to score the tying run, then Kyle Trask followed with another double and eventually was the winning run after Anthony Aguilara hit the game winning RBI.

A's vs. Diamondbacks. Sebastian Martinez pitched 5 innings to lead the A's to a 4-0 victory over the Diamondbacks. Playing under the lights on Saturday evening, Martinez allowed only one hit in 88 pitches. Llewelyn Slone led the A's in offense with 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Austin Gibbs had 1 hit for the Diamondback's. Top Hitters: A's-L. Slone - 2 hits, 2 RBI; M. Carlson - 1 hit; M. Droege - 1hit; B. Derdak - 1 hit. Diamond-backs - A. Gibbs - 1 hit. Top Pitchers: A's - S. Martinez - 5 IP, 1 hit; D. Sturgil -2 IP,

Diamondbacks 3 Cardinals 2. In a nail-biter, the Diamondbacks edged the first place Cardinals. Back-to-back doubles by JT Storti and Tanner Cortez sparked a three run Dia-mondback rally in the bottom of the 5th inning. With two out and a man on first. the Cardinals threatened in the top of the 6th. Matt Hilgen doubled, but his blast was so deep that it bounced over the fence, forcing the runner to hold at third. Cortez, on the mound, retired the last batter with the two mound, retired the last batter with the two runners in scoring position to seal the victory for the D'backs. Top Hitters: D'backs – Tanner Cortez – double, RBI, run scored; JT Storti – double, run scored; Brian White and Jason Silva each doubled. Cardinals – Ryan Dearborn – 2 singles, run scored; Ricky Reeves - double, run scored; Matt Hilgen – double. Top Pitchers: D'backs – Logan Van Schaack 3 IP, 5 K; Tanner Cortez 3 IP, 7 K. Cardinals – Ryan Dearborn – 4 2/3 IP, 7 K.

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Minor AAA – A's V. Red Sox. A very
close game that went back and forth that was
dominated by the offense of both teams.
Garrett: 2 1B, 1 2B, 3R, 2SB, 2RBI; Ethan:
2BB, 2RBI; Jackson: 1 1B, 1 2B, 2R, 2 SB,
1 RBI; Chris: 2 IP, 2H, 2K, 2 BB; Justin:
1.1 IP, 3H, 2K; Hunter: 0.2 IP, 2K, 0 R
Mariners 6 - Giants 12 Mariners Top
Hitters: Jared Buranis HR, 2B, 1 RBI, 3
Runs; Austin Albiani 3B, 1B; Antony Miller
1B, 1 Run. Giants Top Hitters: Connor
McGee 2-2B's 2 RBI's, 3 Runs; Nat Venzon
2B, 1B, 2 Runs; Matt Kirby 1B, 2 Runs.
Mariners Top Pitchers: Sam Heaton 4 Runs,
IK; Jordan Buranis 3 Runs, 5 Hits, 1K; Max
Wigginton 5 Runs, 1K, Giants Top Pitchers:

1K; Jordan Buranis 3 Runs, 5 Hits, 1K; Max Wigginton 5 Runs, 1K. Giants Top Pitchers: Austin McMillan 4 Runs, 6 Hits, 4K's; Wesley Katz 2 Runs, 3 Hits, 3 K's. Good game for all the players.

Minor AAA - Cubs 13, A's 7. Cubs pitchers - Jason Whitney, Ryan Reeves and Erik Martin; A's pitchers - Connor Gibbons, Adam Kadlec, Harrison Goold and Austin Harrison Cubs ton hitters - Devon Shortidge Harrison. Cubs top hitters - Devon Shortridge (double, scored twice), Ryan Reeves (2 singles, scored twice), Nick Lind (double, stored twice) and Brandon Cuy (2 singles, scored twice): A's top hitters - Connor Gibbons (Triple, scored three times), Harrison Goold (double, scored twice), and Kyle Neves (double, single, scored once).

Minor AA - Mariners vs Cardinals.

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Silverthorn, Reid Heffron (Defense) Ryan Wright, Luke Morrisso, Cody Stearns; Red Sox (Offense) Garrett Borba, Hector Salcedo, Joel Gauch (Defense) Jacob Dukes, JJ Morley,

Jack Kath.
Minor A - Rider — Diamondbacks:

Minor A - Rider — Diamondbacks: (Offense) Brian Mahoney, Andrew Devita, Ben Rocha (Defense) Jason Van Bladel, Anthony Barrow, Lucas Aminos. Farm - Giants (Offense) - Luke Moylan, Ian Rasmussen, Dominic Shepard (Defense) - Zack Stewart, Noah Van Atta, Nate Wilson. Farm Pirates (Offense) - Adrian Ayala, Jane Abele, Tommy Reeves (Defense) Josiah Knight, Harry Rose, Nathan Kamm; Blue Jay's (offense) Noah Wiesner, Colton Morlan, Jay's (oftense) Noah Wiesner, Colton Morian, Alex Taylor (Defense) Jacob Gonzales, Cole Seely, Trevor Kerby: Mets – (Offense) Max Silva, Tamur Asar, Angel Becerra (Defense) Joshua Collom, Jordan Muller, Jordan Collom; Cubs (Offense) Alec Faith, Pascale Badders, Colby Newton (Defense) Colby Brocklesby, Nicholas Gregovich, Cameron Moghadam: Red Sox (Öffense) Xavier Hernandez, Jaxen McLaren, Jennifer Edwards-Estrada (Defense) Forest Bishop, Ethan James,

T-Ball-Giants (Offense) Grant Thrailkill, Jesse Watson, Calvin Fletcher (Defense) Ryan Anderson, Aidan DeMello, Jonathan gory Short, Cardinals (Offense) Christopher Olgardt, Sean Olgardt, Sofia Olgardt (De-fense) Ty Stewart, Ben Wiesner, Nathan Woolsey: Mariners-(Offense) Caleb Chance, Logan Dickey, Katherine Frost (Defense) Connor Hardesty, Austin Overton, Jade Overton, Cardinals (offense) Christina Castaneda, Julia Castaneda, Paimon Goulart. (defense) Yash Hammond, Jack Hansen, Dante Lopez: Red Sox-(offense) Derek Martinez Bosque, Dustin Hart, Max Higgins, (defense) Ryan Stear, Colton Trudeau, Jeffrey Winter Jr.

Youth Lacrosse

The Pleasanton Monsoon 5th Grade Boys Lacrosse team had a weekend full of games dominated by their defense. Saturday games commanded by their detense. Saturday morning the team beat the Firehawks 6-1 behind the stellar play of defensemen Luther Little and Owen Browne and goalkeeper Tristan Baylor. Middies Connor Fey and Nick Stivers also contributed to the stifling of the Firehawks. The offense was powered by the Christoff twins, tyler Wilhite and Eric

by the Christoff twins, tyler Wilhite and Eric Carrolan.

The second game of the day was against the Ross Valley Grizzlies in a cold and blustry Mill Valley. The Monsoon led most of the game but suffered a close defeat, 4-3. The play was led by Daniel Payne, Bryan Bottero, David Acosta and Eric Carrolan. The goalkeeping of CJ Watkins kept the team close until the end.

On Sunday, The Monsoon traveled to Walnut Creek to take on the Warriors. Again, defense led the day with Colin Roeder, Duke Bonde and Luther Little shutting down most of the Warriors foray's sinto the Monsoon end of the field. The offense was led by the efforts of Christopher Klahr, Andrew Lambert, James Angst, and Nick Dauskurdas.

Pleasanton Lightning vs. Livermore Phantom Phantom spooked Lightning 6 to 0 in the 7th grade, 13-year-old lacrosse league. Three shots on the goal by Cale

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Rubinson; two by Tyler Trinidad and two by Devin Bell. Five grounders by Richard Venderbilt, five by Jack Chervet, five by Tyler Trinidad, five by JT Garcia. Two

ryter Trinidad, five by J1 Garcia. Iwo grounders by Grayson Poe. Alex Olguin made 13 saves. Two faceoffs won by JT Garcia; one by Tommy Turner.

Pleasanton Lightning vs. Walnut Creek Warroprs: Lightning was conquered by the Warriors 11 to 2. Lightning did very well, considering the other team was 8th craders. Warriors 11 to 2. Lightning did very well, considering the other team was 8th graders. Goals scored by JT Garcia and Tyler Trinidad after he stormed the whole length of the field. Two shots on the goal by JT Garcia, and two by Devin Bell. Kolby McDonnell picked up the most grounders at 5. Ryan McGlaughlin picked up 4: Tyler Mattimore and JT Garcia each picked up 3. Alex Olguin saved 14 goals. Faceoffs won by Cale Rubinson, JT Garcia, Trevor Maes, and Kevin Costello.

The Pleasanton Typhoon B2 Pups took 1 of 3 games in a tough weekend of lacrosse. They fell 2-4 to the South Valley Chiefs of San Jose in a gutsy effort on Saturday. Andrew Bridges and Benjamin Smedley each scored a goal and Dylon De

Smedley each scored a goal and Dylon De Vries supported them with an assist. Bailey Held had his best game of the season and led the team in ground balls. In addition to Bailey, Zackery Beston and Travis Brawley each contributed with outstanding hustle.

In the first game of two on Sunday, the

In the first game of two on Sunday, the Typhoon recorded its second victory of the season over the Diablo B2 Scorpions in a season over the Diablo B2 Scorpions in a hard-fought battle. Andrew Bridges was the outstanding player for the Typhoon with inspirational, tough play, leading the way with ground balls and a goal. Ethan Bennett, Zack Knox-Wrob and Bailey Held each recorded a goal as well while Benjamin Smedley led the scoring with two goals. Drake Hartland had his best game of the season, leading the team in ground balls, outstanding effort, and an assist. Max De Maria, Benjamin Smedley, Travis Brawley and Bailey Held also contributed with assists. Defensively. Ben Luu and Ethan Bennett sists. Defensively, Ben Luu and Ethan Bennett led the defense in the goal with multiple saves. Other standouts in the game were Nate

Kenney and Sam Stansberry.

The Typhoon fell to an outstanding Walnut Creek Warriors team 4-6. Ethan Bennett led the scoring with two goals while Benjamin Smedley and Zack Beston each scored one goal. Benjamin Smedley and Zack Knox-Wrob each added an assist to their Knox-Wrob each added an assist to their performances. Sanjoy Chowdhury was the Typhoon's outstanding player, leading the defense against a relentless Walnut Creek attack. JJ Melone had his best game of the season, keeping the ball in the Typhoon's hands through great hustle at the attack

position.

The Livermore Phantom Jr. B Team

Placement Lightening 6-0. The Livermore Finalition 31. B Team shut out the Pleasanton Lightening 6-0. Grant Lewis led the defensive line along with Joshua Daly, Michael Fischer playing solid and Goalie, Eric Wurster with 7 saves to keep and Goalie, Eric Wurster with 7 saves to keep the Lightening from scoring. Great offensive playing by Joshua Allen 2 goals, 1 assist, Taylor Class 2 goals, 1 assist, Zachary Swinford 1 goal, Collin Rigby 1 goal, 1 assist, and 1 assist by both Max Byrne and Sam Burnett. Middies, Dalton McLaren, Brandon Goulet and Neal Border kept the pressure on for the win. On Sunday against the Lamorinda Bolts.

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On Sunday against the Lamorinda Bolts,
Livermore Phantom Jr. B lost with only
seconds left in the game 5-6. Goalie, Erik
Wurster racked up 28 saves with defenders,
Joshua Daly, Michael Fischer and Grant
Lewis playing well. The Attack played with such authority, Collin Rigby 3 goals and Joshua Allen 2 goals. Zachary Swinford, Brandon Goulet and Nicholas Winter each had 1 assist. Cameron Locke, Josh Snyder, Nickolas Winter and David Marshall played an outstanding offensive game. The Pleasanton Girls Lacrosse Twister

The rieds and on Giris Lacrosse I wister team faced its toughest battle on Saturday, April 19, at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, but remains undefeated. The first game against La Morinda Flash was a walk in the park for Twister with a victory of 14-3. Tori Larsen and Mackenzie Schoen earned hat tricks (3 goals) in the game. Cambi Cukar had the most assists. Evan Murphy Cukar had the most assists. Evan Murphy was all over the field stopping La Morinda's drive and digging for ground balls. Outstanding speed and ball cradling by Brianna Nicholas. Superior saves by goalies Molly Grozier and Lexi Nicholas.

The second game against the Diablo Scorpion Stingers was a fierce and physical battle, but Twister won 5-3. Swarmed by the Scorpions defense, Olivia Deutschman found a hole and fired in the lower left corner of the

a hole and fired in the lower left corner of the net for a goal. Hannah Stapp, Lauren Hall, and Schoen also scored for Twister. Excellent

defense by Rebecca Dumanski, Sarah Mon-day, and Madison Steele. The Pleasanton Girls Lacrosse Blizzards showed their prowess and domination on Saturday adding 2 more victories to their string of wins over the Walnut Creek Warriors and Danville Scorpions. In the first game defensive players Jaime Rinetti, Brianna Armario and Megan Serrano excelled, hold-ing Walnut Creek scoreless in the first half. ing Walnut Creek scoreless in the first half. Haley Brodnik took control of the ball early on scoring 4 goals with other drives into the net being made by Nicole Moran, Annelise Dutcher, Yolanda Sofiedand and Annalise Stevenson. The game ended with a final score of 12-3 Blizzards

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In the second game against the Danville Scorpions, Maddie Aston took the ball down the field for an unanswered goal by the Scorpions keeper. Megan Serrano fought hard for the ball missing her fist attempt but battling it out with the Scorpions defense to score for the Blizzards. Great goals were also made by Haley Brodnik and Yolanda Sofield. Excellent performance on ground balls and Excellent performance on ground balls and passes by Ellen Casad. Laureen Cladwell did an awesome job of protecting the cage and Kylee Udinski and Sammie LaBella dishylee Uninsk and samine Labella dis-played excellent teamwork throughout the game. The blizzards won with strength and skill defeating the Scorpions in the end with a score of 6-3.

The 7th Grade A Tornados are still

undefeated halfway through the season. Last week the Tornados traveled to Petaluma and played exceptional lacrosse. The first game against the Sonoma Prepschool was physical and challenging for our boys but they kept it together and won 6-4

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The 2nd game of their double header was a total blowout. The score was 16-0. The highlight of the game was long stick middy John Henry Ganzer made his first goal of the season. Saturday's game against the Grizzlies was yet another blowout game with a score of 15-2. Brandon Becker, Elijah Caluya made their first goals of the season and played great. Daniel Bennett graced the goalie box and had several saves. several saves.

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Sunday's game with the Walnut Creek Warriors was the game the Tornados were looking forward to playing. The boys came out pounding the goal. Jerome Rigor led the team with 5 goals and 5 assists. Steven Patrick contributed with 3 goals and 4 assists. Michael Barbier was a face off king and also added 2 goals to the score. Jose Sofield had 2 great goals as well Daniel Arthur Ti Friedl 2 great goals as well. Daniel Arthur, TJ Friedl and Jeff Snyder all had 1 goal. Defense played tough and held the Warriors to only 5 goals.

Bryan Cooper had 12 saves.

Pleasanton Lacrosse Vortex Pups scored

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four unanswered goals in route to an importour unanswered goals in route to an impor-tant 5-1 victory over Ross Valley Grizzles. The Vortex defense (Will Drake, Noah Geib and Jason Sereda) along with goalie Conner McFarlane held Ross Valley without a goal for three quarters. With the game well in hand, Vortex let down its guard a bit in the final quarter of the game, giving up a single goal. Vortex raced out to a 2-0 lead in the first half with goals from Ian Mills and Colton Steiner. Vortex came out from halftime

Steiner. Vortex came out from halftime determined to build on the lead. In the third quarter, mid-fielder Joe Chacon found an opening in the Grizzles defense and raced the length of the field and fired a shot on net to open up the scoring in the second half. In the forth quarter, mid-fielder Andrew Totaro scored one goal and picked an assist by dumping a pass to the left side of the crease where attackman Colton Steiner banged it home to seal the victory.

LHS Lacrosse

The Livermore High School Varsity Boy's Lacrosse team won its first ever league game by defeating crosstown rival, the Granada Matador's in triple overtime 8 - 7. Granada led after the first quarter 3 - 1 with Livermore's lone goal scored by Jesse Teshara assisted by Tommy Parker. At half time the score was 5 Granada. Goals for Livermore were by Kyle Kline, assisted by Ian Skelly, Teshara recorded his second goal, assisted by Harrison Wood and there final goal of the half was scored by Matt Cobb, assisted by Teshara. Both teams played great defense in the third quarter as only 4 shots on goal combined were attempted. In the final quarter Granada took a 7 - 4

lead. The Cowboys scored 3 straight goal to tie the game at 7 - 7. Goals by Ian Skelly, assisted by Matt Cobb, Teshara's third goal was assisted again by Tommy Parker and Nick Levezzo tied the score with the assist by Ben Jacobson. In the first and second overtime both teams played man up and man down but neither could score. With the score tied at 7 Teshara's fourth goal unassisted with 1 minute left in the game brought down the house and Livermore's Varsity Boys team had the first league victory in the year and a half since its founding. Outstanding goal keeping by Gavin Herr. The defense, led by Matt Schlientz, Chris Hill, Ryan Stark and Rusty Schmidt, proved to much in the later stages of the game. Fine middie play by Matt Cobb, Kyle Kline, Brian Hicks, Ben Jacobson, Harrison Parker, Nick Stolz, Cody Sawyer Nick Levezzo and Vince VanBinsbergen. The offense was led by Jesse Teshara, Tommy Parker, Ian Skelly, Morgan Linn, Cory Boulware, Adam Calvalho and Jerrod

The Livermore High Boy's J.V. Lacrosse team won again by defeating the Dougherty Valley Wildcats 13 - 3. After the first time Livermore played Dougherty and had a close game against the Wildcats this time was much different. Livermore scored 2 goal in the first minute to take a 2 -0 led Goals were by Zach Pursch and Paul Warnke Dougherty scored a gaol to make it 2 - 1 then Cody Shubin and Pursch's second goal made it 4 - 1 after the first quarter. Both teams scored 1 goal in the second quarter, Livermore's goal was by Matt Holzschuh and the half time score was Livermore 5 and the half time score was Livermore 5 and Dougherty 2. Dougherty score quickly in the third quarter to make it a 5 - 3 score then Livermore started the barrage of goals. In the third quarter goals by Joey Youngblood, Keyon Taravati, Dan Steeper, Holzschuh's second of the game and Shubin's second of the game made the score after 3 quarters Livermore 10 Dougherty 3. In the fourth quarter Livermore scored 3, Brad Rootz and Holzschuh's third goal of the game finished off the scoring. Great goal tending, and outstanding defense were led by Joe Stone, Craig Cofer, Nathan Loberg, Ryan Wilkerson, Craig Cofer, Nathan Loberg, Ryan Wilkerson, Ian Ingram, Aubrey Gott and Spencer Davidson. Middies were led by Paul Warnke, Joe Gonzalez, Matt Holzschuh, Cody Shubin, Alex Silvia, Tim Byrnes, Mario Ferrer, Steven Niessen, Michael McClurg. The offense was led by Brad Roorz, Marc Acosta, Zach Pursch, Jacob Cuellar, Dan Steeper, Kyle Mccammon and Steven Martinez had a great game as well.

Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association Middle school Black division AP MIDDLE SCHOOL BIACK MIVISION AT Concrete Thrashers 8, Jazzercise Golden Gloves 7. The Thrashers kept their winning streak alive with their sixth win. Amylisa Galvan provided much of the Thrashers' offense with a triple and home run while scoring two runs, Icacia Pereida hit a single, double, two RBIs and scored two runs, Michalla Soulc' had two walks and two runs

double. two RBIs and scored two runs, Michelle Soule' had two walks and two runs. Burger King Vipers 13, AP Concrete Thrashers 8. A team effort helped the Vipers beat the powerful Thrashers team. Top players for the Vipers were Jessica Olsen, Alyssa Cunningham, and Sheryn Beard with a double and two RBIs. For the Thrashers, Amanda Bray hit a single, double and two RBI, Jenna Forsberg hit a single and two RBI, and Tiffani Munoz scored two runs on two walks.

two walks.

Burger King Gold Gloves 8, Meredith Real Estate Brokers TNT 7. The Gold Gloves trailed the entire game until a four-run final inning gave them the win. Samantha Waddle ended the game with a towering double to knock in the final two runs, and Jesssica Leache and Brittone Cunderson ware the other. Jacobs and Brittney Gunderson were the other

Jacobs and Britiney Cultures on were incomer hitting standouts. AP Concrete Thrashers 9, Meredith Real Estate Brokers TNT 3. For the Thrashers, Allyson Walker hit a single with two RBIs, Michelle Soule' hit a single scored run and

Michelle Soule hit a single scored run and a double and stole home, and Megan Breyer scoring two runs on her two walks.

Jazzercise Golden Gloves 9, Burger King Vipers 5. The Gold Gloves were led by pitchers Madalyn Geyer and Cassidy Van Trease held the Vipers to just three hits while striking out six, and Amanda Montano turned in a great performance behind the plate picking off a runner at first base. Despite picking out a runner at Irist base. Despite missing several players to injuries, the Vipers put in a great effort. Erica Serrano had three bunt singles and three pop fly catches, Marissa Cordisco had a great defensive game at shortstop and had a single and an RBI, and Courtnie Fields had a fantastic outing on the mound

Middle School Red division Brem Bowen Photography Grapes of Wrath 15, Tenet Healthcare Foundation Team Fury 6. The Grapes of Wrath scored six runs to pull away late, as Katie Pruneda and Maddy Pruneda reached base and scored early, and both scored again on a dropped third strike and single in the last inning, and Chelsea Bantley reached base twice including a single, scored a run and pitched well in relief. Team Fury played hard, but settled for a loss to the

Fury played hard, but settled for a loss to the Grapes of Wrath. Great defensive plays and hits by Kyleigh Anderson with a base hit, a big outfield hit by Stacie Hutton, and two base hits and two RBIs by Rachel Wolf.
Vintage Management Group Triple Threat 9, CADealer Direct.com Jaguars 6. For Triple Threat, Danielle Paulazzo had a double play at second base catching a tough fly ball and throwing for a double play, Krystal Hill had two walks, scored a run and stole 4 bases, and two walks, scored a run and stole 4 bases, and

Kelsey Girardelli played great defense and had a run-scoring hit. Bill Howard Hardwood Floors, Inc. Hot Tamales 14, San Ramon Auto Repair Lady Yanks 5. The Hot Tamales' fine defensive showing was led by three strong innings of pitching from Kandee Valdez, Cassidy Benson went two-for-three with a double and two runs scored, and Carolyn Fletcher had a triple and a single

Total Sports Hornets 15, Lithia Motors Maroon Monsters 11. The Hornets' Sierra Hoggatt pitched well and caught a fly ball, Brianna Zantman assisted on a double play and played solid defensively as catcher, and Anastasia Goold drove in three runs with a two-out hit down the third-base line to seal

two-out hit down the third-base line to seal the game.

Brent Bowen Photography Grapes of Wrath 10, Bill Howard Floor Co., Inc. Hot Tomales 6. The Grapes of Wrath led 9-4 through two innings and held on for the win, and were led by Katie Pruneda going two-fortwo with a double, Katelyn Serpa reached base all three times and scored twice, and Ariana Taylor walked and scored both times including the game's final run by stealing including the game's final run by stealing

including the game's final run by stealing home.

Vintage Management Group Triple Threat 17, Law Offices of Abramson & Thaete, LLP Pop Rocks 7. For Triple Threat, Corrina Dias scored twice on two walks along with flawless defense at first, Krystal Hill stole three bases and scored a run, Kelsey Girardelli played solid as catcher for four innings and had two hits.

Lithia Motors Maroon Monsters 11, Earth Safety Dynamics Attack 10. Players of the game for the Maroon Monsters were Elyse Tedford who pitched two shutout innings, Danielle Penrod had two singles and two stolen bases, and Sydney Hardman: walked and scored twice, and had four stolen bases. Brent Bowen Photography Grapes of Wrath 12, Total Sports Hornets 5. The Grapes of Wrath kept the hitting up against the Hornets, with Halle Niklewicz singling three times, Erica Smith had two singles and playedsolid defense, and Taylor Enloereached base twice, including a nice single to center field. All three players scored once each. The Hornets' Sami Sedek hit a home run and base twice, including a intersingle to center field. All three players scored once each. The Hornets' Sami Seeds hit a home run, and teammate Delaney Gill-Sommerhauser pitched well and had two hits including a double, and Cassie Conrad also contributed with an RBI double.
Lithia Motors Maroon Monsters 13, San

Lithia Motors Maroon Monsters 13, san Ramon Auto Repair Lady Yanks 11. For the Maroon Monsters, Shalena Anderson gave up just two runs in over an inning pitched, and had two walks and four stolen bases, Kaitlyn Bailey had two singles, three runs scored and two RBIs, and Katy Kennedy had a single and two RBIs.
Earth Safety Dynamics Attack 15, Law

Offices of Abramson & Thaete, LLP Pop Rocks 10. The Pop Rocks battled a great game but just could not break ahead. Rachel Bryant slammed one out to center field bringing in two runs, Maureen Theate hit a double for two RBIs, and Skyler Kris also had a double with two RBIs.

a double with two RBIs.

10-under Pacific Dental Care Teal Explosion 7, Livermore Valley Cellars Wild Things 6. For the Wild Things, Erika Dittmore had two RBIs, Taylor Cole had a RBI pitched awesome in the last inning retiring the Teal Explosion in order with two striboute, and Explosion in order with two strikeouts, and

Explosion in order with two strikeouts, and Tiffany Rascon also drove n a run and gave up one run while pitching the third inning. Chase Financial Group Dirt Devils 12, Livermore Valley Cellars Wild Things 11. Both teams played valiantly in this closely-played game. Bella Pearson hit the Wild Things' first home run this season and also played great defense at catcher, and Jamie Dittmore and Cierra Prestegard each scored a run.

Faltings Racing Team The Crew 14, Faltings Racing Team The Crew 14, Chase Financial Group Dirt Devils 2. The Crew pulled together great team effort to win the game on Wednesday. Selena Sanchez and Marianna Garza played terrific defense. Jesslyn Faltings' pitching and Maddie Seeds awesome hitting strongly contributed towards another win for the team.

Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 10, Pacific Dental Care Teal Explosion 9. For the Mavericks, Sydney Zambonin had three RBIs, Victoria Little had the game-winning BI in the bottom of the fourth, and Arianna McGlvnn went two-for-two.

Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 8, Livermore Valley Cellars Wild Things 7. Led by a stellar play from catcher Elise Williams to third baseman Arianna McGlynn in the bottom of the fourth inning, the Mavericks held on for the win, while Mariah Dias led the team offensively.

Jason Wilkins Memorial Hot Chili Pep-

pers 15, P. Michael Epps-Associates War-riors 10. Jasmyn Mendez picked off a runner at first base to preserve a 15-10 Hot Chili Peppers win, while Taylor Lange pitched well, and Jamie Followill added two RBIs for the Chili Peppers. Lil' Yanks 4, Black Widows 1. For the

Lil' Yanks Alyssa Ramirezand Jenny Connolly each hit a double, and Gianna Belloumini made two important outs.. Lil' Yanks 8, Teal Explosion 4. For the Lil' Yanks Arianah Nava had a single, Karla

Rosa hit a double and Jamie Wittmer hit a

8-under Brian J. Emrich, DDS Lil Yanks vs. State Farm Insurance Purple Passion. Coaches' selections - Amber Thomas, Virginia Verduzco, Erica Bowers (LY). Les Schwab Tires Golden Stars vs. Rich Cortez and Sons Heating & Air Wildcats. Coaches' selections - Madison McCallister, Sarah Whalen, Tiaja Andrews (GS); Ashley Lamb, Kellie Hughes (W). Les Schwab Tires Golden Stars vs. Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls. Coaches' selections - Sarah Sanchez, Stephanie Boschee, Sydney Duncan (GS); Megan Shehab, Angelina Medeiros, Emma Valentine (BBG). Swaim Biological, Inc. vs. Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls. Coaches' selections - Peyton Fields, Grace Stanford, Carlie Spruiell (BBG). Mancini's Sleepworld Magic Dragons vs. Around the Bay Pest Control Black Widows. Coaches' selections - Emily Ilharreguy, Brianna Wheelock, Morgan McMahon (MD); Emily Person, Isabella Quintana, Hannah Ulrick (BW). 8-under Brian J. Emrich, DDS Lil

Person, Isabelia Schiller, Schiller, Schiller, Schiller, Schiller, Mancini's Sleepworld Magic Dragons vs. Classic Images Hair Design Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Madissen Taylor, Julia Maitland, Katie Carmichael (MD). Around the Bay Pest Control Black Widows vs. Swaim Biological, Inc. Kool Katz. Coaches'

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selections - Amanda Burkett, Jamie Freitas, Morgan Waugh (BW). Classic Images Hair Design Blue Ängels vs. Intero Real Estate Agents The Cheetah Girls. Coaches' selec-tions - Jordan Beakey, Tiara Birdsong (CG). Brian J. Emrich, DDS Lil Yanks vs. Intero Real Estate Agents The Cheetah Girls. Coaches' selections - Hayley Thompson, Chelsea Warner selections—riayley Inompson, Cheisea warner (CG). Cresco Rental Equipment Fire Crack-ers vs. William D. Thompson Attorney at Law Daisy Girls. Coaches' selections—Shannon Blockley, Clare Collity, Alyssa Sausen (DG). Rich Cortez and Sons Heating & Air Wildcats vs. William D. Thompson Attorney at Law Daisy Girls Coaches' selections

ney at Law Daisy Girls. Coaches' selections
- Jamie Zogaric, Olivia Curtis (W); Mattie
Tompkins, Erin Bell, Jenna Hagen (DG).

T-ball Quail Electronics, Inc. Little
Stingers vs. J.R. Pierce Plumbing Pink
Ladies. Coaches' selections - Kaleigh Castillo,
Samantha Thomas. Levi Borgar (J. S.). Idol Ladies, Coaches Selections - Kaleight Cashino, Samantha Thomas, Lexi Borgna (LS); Jodi Bryant, Lauren Meeker, Cassidy Bates (PL). Kapowee Diamond Diggers vs. Bloomingcamp Optometry Rockin' Rab-bits. Coaches' selections - Emily Rogers, Annabelle Stine, Lauren Wirth (RR), Pertica Insurance Services Hot Tamales vs. Inte-grated Archive Systems Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Brooklyn Pehargon, Kendall Yamamoto, Olivia Armstrong (BA). Integrated Archive Systems Blue Angels vs. Quail Electronics, Inc. Little Stingers. Coaches' selections - Emily Montes, Allison Scher, Sara Morris (BA). Bloomingcamp Optometry Rockin' Rabbits vs. Pertica Insurance Services Hot Tomales. Coaches' selections - Hailey Lopez, Lauren Wirth, Sierra Street (RR). J.R. Pierce Plumbing Pink Ladies vs. Kapowee Diamond Diggers. Coaches' selections - Brooke Miller, Taylor Crutchley, Serena Hutt (PL).

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League high-

lights:

Juniors Division: Danville Giants vs. 90's House; LNLL Giants had a rough day in the field, but made up for it with their bats, as they beat Danville 17-12 to run their record to 9-1. Josh Diaz started the game with a home run for the Giants. Lydell Amaral reached base five times, scoring two runs. Cameron Nguyen walked five times and scored three runs. He was also the winning pitcher with two shutout innings in relief, as pitcher with two shutout innings in relief, as the Giants came back twice from big deficits, sending ten batters to the plate in both the fifth and sixth innings.

Scores: Danville Giants (12)-90's House

(17); 80's House (4)-A's Livermore American (12); 90's House (6)-Granada A's (2); LALL1 (6)-80's House (14); 90's House (6)-Tassajara Valley (2); Tassajara Angels (7)-80's House (8); San Ramon Rage (3)-90's House (6); Dublin A's (8)-80's House (14); Top Players: Danville Giants: Scott Aurelius, Steven Bruns, Alex de Urioste; 90's House: Lydell Amaral, Josh Diaz, Cameron Nguyen; 80's House: Cody West, Steven Chappell, Austin Gomes; A's Livermore American: Stoebe, Holzshuh, Moore; 90's House: Lydell Amaral, Josh Diaz, Austin Nelson; Granada A's: Brandon Clutter, Jake Kauffman, Joey Martinez; LALL1: #15 Matt, #3 Devin, #14 Mike; 80's House: #17 Bryce Boulton, #21 Alex Currie, #22 Ben Alexander; 90's House: Lydell Amaral, Anthony Mazotti, Scott Vargas; Tassajara Valley: Furlong, Harrison, Kotecha; Tassajara Angels: Murphy, Zamora, Hancock; 80's House: Austin Gomes, Kevin Humes, Geordon Flores; San Ramon Rage Jonohoe, Slausan, Thorton; 90's House: Josh Diaz, Anthony Mazotti, Scott Vargas; Dublin A's: Dominquez, Xue, Fleck; 80's House: Bryce Boulton, Austine Gomes, Reed Ozdinski;

Reed Ozdiński;

Majors Division: Dodgers vs. A's;
Despite good pitching and defense on the A's,
the Dodgers had an outstanding game at the
plate and took the win. Highlights for the A's
included a powerful double to the fence from
Hayes; Great base running from Barrow
helped him make it home; Hood had a solid
single and did some nice pitching. Dodgers'
Thalhuber hit well with 2 singles that led to
runs. Anderson made a great LF catch and runs. Anderson made a great LF catch and scored the final run. Johnson was star of the day hitting a 3 run, out of the park, room to

spare, home run. spare, nome run.
Scores: Dodgers (11)-A's (1); A's (6)Dodgers (14); Diamondbacks (8)-A's (7);
Cardinals (6)-Giants (16); Dodgers (12)Cardinals (1); Dodgers (12)-Cardinals (1);
A's (2)-Cardinals (5); Diamondbacks (2)-Dodgers (7): Dodgers (11)-A's (1): Top Players: Dodgers: Joshua Johnson, Brandon Anderson, Tristen Thalhuber; A's: Keyin Hayes, Thomas Hood, Jason Barrow; A's: Erick Salgado, Thomas Hood, Devin Bad-ger; Dodgers: Joshua Johnson, Bobby Grif-fin, Fotis Dimitropoulos; Diamondbacks: Tim Harris, Jaymal Patel, Billy Henderson; A's: Erick Salgado, Anirudh Bokka, Jay Telles; Cardinals: Shane Silva, Mathew Adaio, Robert Carillo; Giants: Kameron Johnson, Derrick Evans, Cristian Palomo; Johnson, Derrick Evans, Cristian Palomo; Dodgers: Tim Ragusa, Sierra Levenson, Dalton Miller; Cardinals: Michael Ditzel, Jerrod Roberts, Grant Petrie; Dodgers: Tim Ragusa, Dalton Miller, Sierra Levenson; Cardinals: Michael Ditzel, Jerrod Roberts, Grant Petrie; A's: Zach Cantril, Thomas Navarro, Kevin Hayes; Cardinals: Mathew Adaio, Brian Martinez, Matthew Wells; Diamondbacks: Zach Rosas, Mitchell Licata, Nima Jafarkhani: Dodgers: Iose Gonzales Nima Jafarkhani; Dodgers: Jose Gonzales, Devin Bernacil, Dalton Miller; Dodgers: Joshua Johnson, Brandon Anderson, Tristen Thalhuber; A's: Kevin Hayes, Jason Barrow,

Thomas Hood; **AAA Division:** A's vs. Cardinals; The A's & Cardinals met for the first time this season on a very cold and windy morning. The Cards, behind the pitching of R. Petersen, In e Cards, benind the pitching of R. Petersen, got off to an 8-1 lead through 3 innings. The A's bats finally warmed-up and began chipping away at the Card's lead. The Cards defense made some great plays throughout the game. Pitching by J. Rakestraw quieted the Card's bats to in the late innings. Key hits by A's tied the game at 11-11 in the bottom of the 6th. The Cards scored 2 in the 7th to win

Win.

The Cardinals took on the undefeated The Cardinals took on the undefeated Dodgers. Cardinals came out strong scoring 4 runs and only giving up 1 run to the Dodgers in the 1st inning. For the Cardinals: Logan had a spectacular game with a double and 2 amazing catches out in center field. Frank pulled off a great steal to 2nd and a super slide home to score for the Cardinals. Zach held the Dodgers with 2 great outs at home plate. For the Dodgers. Carnett scored the 1st run for the the Dodgers: Garrett scored the 1st run for the

the Dodgers: Garrett scored the 1st run for the Dodgers and had an RBI. Nate Gooby with an RBI. Wyatt hit a triple and RBI. Final score Cardinal 17, Dodgers 7.

Scores: A's (11)-Cardinals (13); A's (6)-Padres (3); Giants (11)-Cardinals (9); Giants (9)-Diamondbacks (18); Padres (4)-Cardinals (16); Dodgers (15)-A's (6); Dodgers (12)-Padres (0); Giants (4)-Cardinals (10); Giants (4)-Cardinals (17)-Dodgers (7); Dodgers (9)-Giants (0); Top Players: A's: Jacob Rakestraw, Ryan Barnes, Stone Remy; Cardinals: Brennan Dillard, Players: A's:Jacob Rakestraw, Ryan Barnes, Stone Remy; Cardinals: Brennan Dillard, Parker Reynolds, Ryan Petersen; A's: Darrell Staley, Zack Kline, Ryan Barnes; Padres: Noah White, Barry Goldman, Scott Will-iams; Giants: Brandon Salgado, Vincent Rizzo, Parker Turk; Cardinals: Parker Reynolds, Brennan Dillard, Russell Stevenson; Giants: Zackery Marshall, Bran-don Salgado, Daniel Chrisman; Diamond-backs: Trevor Duie. Andrew Swain. Gabriel backs: Trevor Duie, Andrew Swain, Gabriel Culver; Padres: John Stenho, Jacob Currie, Noah White; Cardinals: Brett Withrow, Missy Noah White; Cardinals: Brett Withrow, Missy Nunes, Ryan Winsor; Dodgers: Wyatt Pennybacker, Hayden Goldstein, Dalton Seymour; A's: Stone Remy, Jacob Rakestraw, Ryan Barnes; Dodgers: Wyatt Pennybacker, Jonathan Stalie, Zack; Padres: Scott Dougherty, Landon Rhodes, Jared Higuera; Giants: Scott Newby, Vincent Rizzo, Parker Turk; Cardinals: Brennan Dillard, Ryan Peterson, William Johnson; A's: Michael Nelson, Jacob Rakestraw, Ryan Barnes; Diamondbacks: Edward Leon, Justin Mitchell, Chris Moussa; Cardinals: Logan Warner, Frank Gomez, Zach Patterson: Dodg-Warner, Frank Gomez, Zach Patterson; Dodgers: Garrett McDonald, Nate Gooby, Wyatt

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Pennybacker; Dodgers: Hayden Goldstein, Thomas Triantos, Zack DeCarskey; Giants: Vincent Rizzo, Tylor Silva, Landon Finnegan; AA Division: Padres vs. Giants; The Padres and the Giants did great today. Vassilis Dimitroupoulos did a great job pitching, hitting and outfielding today. Holden Tanner made an excellent fac out at second base and made an excellent tag out at second base and Tyler Doyle had an excellent play at third base. Tyler Henderson did a great job for the Giants. He showed up with a great attitude and was a great team player. Riley Miller had some excellent hits and pitched great. Ethan Valdez also stepped up to the plate with some awesome hitting.

Ton Players: Padres: Vassilis

awesome nitting.

Top Players: Padres: Vassilis
Dimitroupoulos, Holden Tanner, Tyler Doyle;
Giants: Tyler Hendersen, Riley Miller, Ethan
Valdez; Cardinals: Nick Adiao, Cruz Perez, Magnum Miller; Padres: Lester, Tanner, Galindo; Giants: Joel Cook, Garrett Barker, Galindo; Giants: Joel Cook, Garrett Barker, Jacob Licata; Dodgers: Jose Chavez, Austin Delisser, Cecily Tinoco-Erway; Cardinals: Nick Ratinho, William Bretz, Trevor Hamilton; Dodgers: Jacob Gooby, Josh Grande, Tyler Ferrick; Giants: Ryan Wiggleton, Noah Rakestraw, Nicholas Lloyd; Cardinals: Kellen Boen, Tanner Gomes, Nicholas Adiao; Rockies: Benjamin (Ben) Roller. Jonathan (Jon) Berry. Fric (Elv) Roller, Jonathan (Jon) Berry, Eric (Ely) Harrison; A's: Hunter Spears, Ryan Martin,

A Division: Padres ys. Orange Giants; Both teams played excellent defense on an extremely windy day. The Padres had strong hitting and tough defense while the Orange Giants were able to make some key outs at the

Top Players: Padres: Jacob Dougherty, Top Players: Padres: Jacob Dougherty, Blake Freeland, Ian Humes; Orange Giants: Marcus Robles, Joshua Goldstein, Ryan Myers; Black Giants: Casey Wilcox, Joshua White, Darren O'Neill; A's: Ryan Hanley, Koa Barr, Dylan Mesarchik; Orange Giants: Domini Coranado, Nathan Hanscom, Eric Heinke; Dodgers: Ban Leggat Nick Leggat Domini Coranado, Nathan Hanscom, Eric Heinke; Dodgers: Ben Leggat, Nick Leggat, Kyle Winkler; Padres: Caden Emry, Jared Persson, Evan Purl; Black Giants: Darren O'Neill, Eric Valdez, Evan Nystrom; A's: Zachery Armstrong, Joshua Gregg, Matthew Hartford; Diamondbacks: Daniel Lloyd, Madelymy Valone, Instit Morgill, Dodgers: Madelynn Valone, Justin Merrill; Dodgers: Antonio Chavez, Brandon Krimsky, Nolan Smith; Black Giants: Joshua White, Mason Smith. Antonio Lamanna: Diamondbacks Jacob Sale, Trent Testerman, Zachary Harris; Padres: Nicholas Benefield, Jack Wilson, Evan Purl: Diamondbacks: Justin Merrill. Colton Berlinn, Michael Friesen; Dodgers: Hunter Calkins, Antonio Chavez, Brandon

T-Ball Division: Cardinals vs. Padres: T-Ball Division: Cardinals vs. Padres; It was a warm spring evening when these two mighty T-ball teams met up on the T-ball field. For the Cardinals, Farrah Lester and Emily Rakestraw were dynamite with their teamwork in getting the runners out at 1st. Birthday boy, Eric Ruloma was on fire at bat. For the Padres, Landon Rhodes and Jared Higuera were all over the field making big league plays while Carter Purl was the big hitter and score every time he picked up the bat.

Top Players: Cardinals: Farrah Lester, Eric Ruloma, Emily Rakestraw; Padres: Landon Rhodes, Carter Purl, Jared Higuera; Cardinals: Jordan Bets, Jake Carmichael, Brody Hanrahan; Giants: Grant Dufek, Paul Buxton, Brandon Umeki: Cardinals: Justin Pestana, Brody Hanrahan, Jordan Bets; Padres: Abbie Doyle, Derek Craven, Haley Craven; Diamonbacks: Josh Fiedor, Matt Craven, Diamonibacks: Josh Fredor, Mat Fiedor, Mason Delisser; Rockies: Bennett Van der Veen, Zachary Saal, Colin Weise; Diamonbacks: Logan Vinson, Sebastian Lee, Bobby Pollard; Dodgers: Gabriel Emfinger, Jacob Dennett, Jack Curtner; Cardinals: Justin Pestana, Joshua Spencer, Brett Oelrich; Dodgers: Isaiah Cisneros, Gabriel Emfinger, Devante Campbell;

Amador Swimming

In Amador Valley High School Dons varsity meet with Monte Vista on Wednes-day, girls' side, every Dual Meet Pool Record was broken. AV Ladies walked away with six new records: Kayleigh Foley in the 50 and 100 Free, Catherine Breed in the 200 and 500 Free, and 200 Medley and 400 Free Relay teams. The Monte Vista Ladies captured the other five records (P. Bradley in the IM & Breast, C. Klein in the Fly, L. Damian in the Rack & the 200 EP)

Breast, C. Neil in the Fly, L. Dainian in the Back & the 200 FR).

The Dons started the swimming with a 13 point lead thanks to a sweep of the diving event by Jennifer Cotton, Lisa Grau and Ashley Salustri. With the strong swimming indicated above, Amador continued to hold the lead striking 65 following the 200 from the lead, taking a 65-61 lead into the 200 free

relay.
At this point, Monte Vista went 1-2 in the relay too take the lead 73-67 and went on to take 23 of the next 32 points leaving even the record-breaking 400 relay too big a gap to

overcome in the final event Varsity Girls: Monte Vista 101 - Amador

vaney 82 200 Medley Relay - 1st AV 1:50.69 (Catherine Breed, Tory Houston, Marina Allen, Kayleigh Foley), 2nd MV 1:51.32 (Damian, Bradley, Klein, Sy.Saunders), 3rd MV 1:59.50 (Wong, Varvitsiotes, Troup, Sloan Saunders)

Sloan Saunders)
200 Free - Catherine Breed (AV) 1:50.30,
Kelly Mendoza (MV) 2:00.02, Jessie Rogers
(MV) 2:01.10.200 IM - Paige Bradley (MV)
2:09.84, Tory Houston (AV) 2:15.10, Natalie
Wong (AV) 2:19.08. 50 Free - Kayleigh
Foley (AV) 2:4.79, Sydney Saunders (MV)
25.14, Ocean Trail (MV) 25.40, Diving AJennifez (Getten (AV) 161.75 Ling Cray(AV) Foley (AV) 24.79, Sydney Saunders (MV) 25.14, Ocean Trail (MV) 25.40. Diving Jennifer Cotton (AV) 161.75, Lisa Grau (AV) 151.05, Ashley Salustri (AV) 135.75. 100 Fly - Callie Klein (MV) 59.73, Lauren Damian (MV) 1:00.88, Karley Troup (MV) 1:02.17. 100 Free - Kayleigh Foley (AV) 52.96, Sydney Saunders (MV) 54.17, Ocean Trail (MV) 55.59, 500 Free - Catherine Breed (AV) 5:00.48, Jessie Rogers (MV) 5:17.45, Kelly Mendoza (MV) 5:22.99, 200 Free Relay - 1st MV 1:42.61 (Lauren Damian, Maggie Steffens, Ocean Trail, Kelly Mendoza), 2nd MV 1:44.94 (O.Anderson, K.Rogers, Purcell, Sl.Saunders), 3rd AV 1:45.94 (Docto, Allen, Plihal, Wong), 100 Back - Lauren Damian (MV) 59.11, Callie Klein (MV) 1:01.13, Stacie Wong (MV) 1:03.69, 100 Breast - Paige Bradley (MV) 1:05.82, Tory Houston (AV) 1:07.42, Maggie Steffens (MV) 1:13.40, 400 Free Relay 1st AV 3:39.87 (Catherine Breed, Jenn Docto, Tory Houston, Kayleigh Foley), 2nd MV 3:40.81 (Klein, Mendoza, Bradley, Sy.Saunders), 3rd MV 3:52.26 (Sl.Saunders, S.Wong, Troup, J.Rogers)

S.Wong, Troup, J.Rogers)

The Amador JV girls swim team posted some good individual efforts, but could not some good individual eriors, but could not overcome a very good Monte Vista swim team, losing 99-74. The Dons swept the diving event with Carly Glogavac, Ari Byers and Maria Behm going 1-2-3. Amador when 1-2 in the 100 breast stroke Kaitlyn Cilk taking first and Allie Hernbroth taking second. Hernbroth also took second in the 500 free while Sarah Turner took a second in the free while Sarah Turner took a second in the 100 IM.

The Amador Valley boys led Monte Vista for two-thirds of the meet, but, despite Andrew Seitz breaking two pool records, they could not hold of the Mustangs, falling 107-

The Dons had 13-point lead coming into the swimming meet after sweeping the diving event with Tyler Pullen, Mike White, and Hayden Forrester going 1-2-3. They then proceeded to outpoint the Mustangs in the first three swimming events to take a 37-24 lead. Seitz was a part of this early charge, taking the 200 free in pool record time. Jake Bahls also posted a win in the 200 IM with Kyle Surber and Tim McLauglin going 3-4 to get the Dons out to an early 43-18 lead. Starting with the 50 free, Monte Vista started chipping away. Scott Arellano won the 50, but the 'Stangs went 2-4. Seitz helped to stem the tide temporarily by taking the 500 free in pool record time and giving the Dons a 65-62 lead. However, Monte Vista returned the favor by setting the pool record in the 200 free to the seat the sea

the favor by setting the pool record in the 200 free relay and then in the 100 backstroke to take the lead 82-75 going into the 100 Breaststroke

Monte Vista then proceeded to collect 25 of the final 30 points to snatch the victory

of the final 30 points to snatch the victory from the Dons.

200 Medley Relay - 1st MV 1:44.36 (Spencer Peugh, Vince Kaaret, Mike Millstein, Brian Carpentier), 2nd AV 1:48.59 (Gates, Surber, Bahls, C.Payan), 3rd MV 1:48.88 (Klein, Rahn, Chiodo, Chang). 200 Free - Andrew Seitz (AV) 1:48.29, Brandon Yee (MV) 1:48.43, Alan Robertson (MV) 1:56.36. 200 IM - Jake Bahls (AV) 2:09.49, Andrew Yee (MV) 2:10.11, Tim McLaughlin (AV) 2:12.50.50 Free - Scott Arellano (AV) 22.94, Spencer Peugh (MV) 22.95, Patrick Scott (MV) 22.96. Diving - Tyler Pullen (AV) 274.60, Mike White (AV) 156.75, Hayden Forrester (AV) 73.65. 100 Fly - Mike Millstein (MV) 56.19, Jake Bahls (AV) 58.53, Matt Chiodo (MV) 59.29. 100 Free - Patrick Scott (MV) 50.83, Andrew Martino (MV) 50.96, Scott Arellano (AV) 51.25.500 Patrick Scott (MV) 50.83, Andrew Martino (MV) 50.96, Scott Arellano (AV) 51.25.500
Free - Andrew Seitz (AV) 4:51.53, Brandon Yee (MV) 4:51.63, Andrew Yee (MV) 5:12.29.
200 Free Relay - 1st MV 1:31.96 (Patrick Scott, Mike Millstein, Andrew Martino, Brandon Yee), 2nd AV (Arellano, Surber, C.Payan, Seitz), 3rd MV (Bailey, Sturla, Robertson, Carpentier), 100 Back - Spencer Peugh (MV) 57.25, Parker Klein (MV) 1:01.39, Edward Zhang (AV) 1:02.06, 100 Breast - Vince Kaaret (MV) 1:04.87, Kevin Chen (MV) 1:08.16, Matt Rahn (MV) 1:09.77, 400 Free Relay - 1st MV 3:25.47 (Patrick Scott, Mike Millstein, Andrew Martino, Brandon Yee), 2nd MV 3:28.93 (Chang, Bailey, Carpentier, Peugh), 3rd AV 3:29.12 (Seitz, Arellano, Bahls, McLaughlin).

Amador JV Boys: Swimming against a laboted and decomposite to the state of the

Amador JV Boys: Swimming against a talented and deep Monte Vista team, the Amador Valley Dons JV boys had their work Amador Valley Dons JV boys had ther work cut out for them and they fell a bit short falling 98-77 in last Wednesday's action. Despite the loss, the Dons had good individual efforts from Justin Sun who won the 100 IM, Stefan Hall, winner of the 500 free and Trevor Landas who took the 100 breast stroke. Amador also managed to go 2-3-4 in the 100 free and the 100 back with Brian Shih, Joey Silva and Nick Wee posting points in the free and Sun, Chris Johnston and Mahir Kalra in the back.

Pleasanton American LL Pleasanton American Little League high-

T-Ball Indians vs. Rangers: The Indians and Rangers were ready to fight the wind and enjoy the T-ball game. Powerhouse hitter Rylie jammed the ball almost out of the park. Thomas Babati cranked the ball down the center of the field and ran hard around the bases. Matthew Hong fielded the ball like a pro. He caught the ball and threw it to first.

The Indians played hard and fielded well.
Each player was able to swing hard and hit the
ball. Both teams enjoyed the game and great
sportmanship was enjoyed by the crowd.

Farm B: Athletics vs. Indians: Jackson
Hager has been a strong defensive player all season long and continued this game. He made several good plays throughout at clutch times. Jaden Orris another consistent player in the field. He made some great plays with his hustle and effort. Harrison Carter had some great at bats with a couple of hits. He continues to help the team with his strong

play.

Farm A: White Sox vs. Red Sox: Fielding was tight, with several quick outs. Matthew Papageorge made a great cross-over catch in the second innings. Gene Carns as catcher showed his sharp eye and hand and rarely let a ball through. Batting was sound - Sam Tincher had a solid double as he contributed to a second innings which ended

with Sox less than 3 outs.
White Sox vs. Indians: The White Sox played an outstanding game today. The fielding was very sharp. Especially in the third inning, we saw Ryan Rudolph with a great catch on a very hard hit, and Braxton Henley showed us his agility with a diving stop and tagged the runner at first. At bat, the steam was sound. Matthew Papageorge shows solid chops every time at bat - he had two doubles and even one triple.

doubles and even one triple.

White Sox vs. Red Sox: A strong game by the White Sox. Dyllan Hazen played well all around, batting hard, good base running and solid fielding. He showed spunk playing with a skinned elbow obtained during a diving stop. Sam Tincher has some sharp and intelligent fielding, including throwing an out at second. Griffin Sanchez hit firmly and consistently. Great game, White Sox.

Minor AA: White Sox 14 vs. Athletics
9: The White Sox played a great game against

9: The White Sox played a great game against the Athletics on Monday night. All of the players were very aggressive at batting and we had a lot of great hits. Among those were Seth Girvan hitting a mean triple. The White Sox

also had some great plays in the field.
White Sox 12 vs. Rangers 1: The White
Sox played an outstanding ball game against
the Rangers. William Muat had 2 huge hits,
knocking the ball deep into the outfield both
times. Jonathan Flynn was named game MVP for his great hits as well as his awesome double play. All of the White Sox played very well, staying focused and making plays, as well as hustling on and off the field the entire

game.
Athletics 9 vs. Angels 16: Dominic Landicho hit a double and made a play at 2nd base. Micheal Koidal, as pitcher, caught a pop fly and struck out several players. Bailey McMullen as pitcher made plays to 1st and 2nd bases

And bases.

Angels 16 vs. White Sox 9: The Angels dominated the field against the White Sox. Ethan Williams made a spectacular double play in the second inning that sparked nail-

play in the second inning that sparked nail-biting action for the remainder of the game. Riley Shields and Gunnar Lingenhuizen both hit triples in the fifth inning with a number of RBIs to snatch the win at 16-9. Angels 16 vs. Athletics 9: The Angels continue to rack up the wins and Saturday's game was no different. Consistent base hits by Matthew Carreon, Radley Rel and Nick Brdar led to points on the scoreboard. David Kozuch cracked the bat with a nice double and Kozuch cracked the bat with a nice double and

Kozuch cracked the bat with a nice double and two RBIs. Gunnar Langenhuizen also showed strong hitting to bring in a couple of RBIs.

Minor AAA: Athletics 6 vs. Rangers 4:
The A's logged another win against the mighty Rangers. A series of walks and base hits in the first inning filled the bases and helped the A's to quickly rack up the runs. Joseph Kwon had the most spectacular mo-

ment blasting a double deep into the outfield. Rory Coles caught a whopping pop fly and Justin Goodman's fine pitching kept the Ranger runs in check winning 6-4.

Athletics 6 vs. Rangers 5: The A's dominated the field on Saturday afternoon

against the Rangers. Sam Molz was on fire with a thrilling double play followed by a massive base hit. With bases loaded James Kozuch followed suit and hit an eye-popping double deep into the outfield to bring in 3 runs. Justin Goodman then closed the game with some powerful pitching to solidify the

Pleasanton American Little League in-

Junior 80's Gold: Pleasanton Junior 80's Gold 3, Dublin 80's Gold 7: Pleasanton 80 s Gold 3, Dubin 80 s Gold ? Pleasanton American gave a great effort in their loss to Dublin. In the Ist inning, what started out as a base hit by Christopher Kinney, ended in a steal to home. A double by Eric Crispell brought Jack Hoffman home. In the 2nd

a steal to nome. A double by Eric Crispell brought Jack Hoffman home. In the 2nd inning, Barrett Fitzgerald's hit brought Mitch Worsey home due to heads up, aggressive running by Worsey, who capitalized on an overthrow to 3nd. Pitchers Eric Crispell and Christopher Kinney. Catchers Jack Hoffmann and Ryan Mahoney.

Pleasanton Junior 80's Gold 10, Dublin Junior 80's Gold 21: Lots of heart and energy was shown and runs scored in game 2 of Pleasanton American vs. Dublin. The first run was scored by Mark Slifer stealing home after a wild pitch. In the 2nd inning, Justin Cruz's hit to center field brought in 2 runs. Another 2 runs were scored in the 4nd inning. One from a walk with bases loaded and one from a base hit by Ryan Mahoney that brought the runner home. If that wasn't enough, a double by Eric Crispell brought in runners, Jordan Cain and Parker Bryan. Another double by Tyler Rains brought home Mark Slifer and Eric Crispell, making the score 9-2. One final double in the 7nd ended the game 10-2. Pitchers Tyler Rains and the game 10-2. Pitchers Tyler Rains and Parker Bryan. Catchers Jack Hoffmann and Ryan Mahoney.

Pleasanton Girls Softball Pleasanton Girls Softball League high-

lights:
Micro Division All Star Sports-Patriots
Fences Diamonds: 1st vs. Borg Redwood Fences-Diamonds: 1st ever game on a dirt infield was filled with hits and hustle. Haley Carr had her first 3 hits of and histie. Have Call had left Histories in one game with top defense by Abby Fried. Top players: All Star Sports-Patriots—Addyson Manes, Emily Mercer, Elena Webster; Borg Redwood Fences-Diamonds—Julia Camello, Nicole Riordan, Nicole Witters.

Eritz's Landscaning Monkays vs. Niki

Fritz's Landscaping-Monkeys vs. Niki Ward Photography-Dynamite Dolphins: Fritz's Landscaping-Monkeys played a masterful game with outstanding defensive plays by Claire Fuller and Jessica Shockley and the terful game with outstanding defensive plays by Claire Fuller and Jessica Shockley and the offensive firepower was ignited by tremendous drives off the bat of Sidney Vaeth. Niki Ward's Photography-Dynamite Dolphins played great with offensive production from Gianna Lyng and Alison Smith. The defense was led by the strong play of Alyssa Wu. Top players: Fritz's Landscaping-Monkeys—Claire Fuller, Jessica Shockley, Sidney Vaeth; Niki Ward Photography-Dynamite Dolphins—Gianna Lyng, Alison Smith, Alvssa Wu. Alyssa Wu.

Allyssa Wu.
Fritz's Landscaping-Monkeys vs. Saavy
Seconds-Cheetahs: Top players: Fritz's
Landscaping-Monkeys—Brenna Adams,
Sidney Vaeth, Jessica Shockley; Saavy Seconds-Cheetahs—Inez Denoncourt, Kiana
Meagher, Carly Rose Recupero.
All Star Sports-Patriots vs. Leslie WolfState Farm Insurance-Hurricanes: Top players: All Star Sports-Patriots—Grace Jackson, Addyson Mapes, Emily Mercer; Leslie
Wolf-State Farm Insurance-Hurricanes—
Kathryn Lee, Haley Sigg, Julia Wood.
Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies vs. The
Hopyard Alehouse & Grill-Short Hops: Top
players: Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies—

Hopyard Alenouse & Grill-Snort Hops: 10p
players: Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies—
Erika Beyer, Megan Colbacchini, Natasha
Mihelcic; The Hopyard Alehouse & GrillShort Hops—Hannah Gossett, Morgan Harris, Michaela Riter.
Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies vs. J.P.
Ruilders, Cohres: Despite very windy condi-

ns, Michaela Kiter.
Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies vs. J.P.
Builders-Cobras: Despite very windy conditions both teams played well. Excellent infield play by Kaitlyn Zaballos and amazing hitting by the J. P. Builders-Cobras. Top players: Friends of PGSL-Storm Puppies—Vanessa Legins, Melissa Widas, Kaitlyn Zaballos; J.P. Builders-Cobras—Harper Cook, Victoria Foort, Terra McHone.
J.P. Builders-Cobras vs. Erickson Financial Services: J.P. Builders-Cobras played outstanding defense, getting stellar play from Harper Cook, Lacy Becker and Terra McHone while recording many outs. The J.P. Builders-Cobras also got some long blasts from Michaela Cabral, Halle Uhl, Lacy Becker and Harper Cook. Top players: J.P. Builders-Cobras—Madeline Baalman, Michaela Cabral, Ariana Cisneros; Erickson Financial Services—Madelynn Crimi, Jasmine Erickson, Kylie Racer Erickson, Kylie Racer
Mini Rec Division Friends of PGSL-

Pink Panthers vs. Japonesque-The Fighting Irish: Michelle Cyr got a nice base hit for the Friends of PGSL-Pink Panthers. Emily Trinidad and Tess Kenny made great defensive plays. Top players: Friends of PGSL-Pink Panthers—Michelle Cyr, Tess Kenny, Emily Trinidad; Japonesque-The Fighting Irish—Cassie Sherman, Sam Usterholt, Katie Zieker.

Plays anton Class, Blue Angale vs. Bob's

Zieker.
Pleasanton Glass-Blue Angels vs. Bob's
Giant Burgers-Patriots: Great Pitching performances from Analese Chinn & Beth
Williams. Top players: Pleasanton GlassBlue Angels—Allison Mercer, McKenna
Shaffer, Rachel Shockley; Bob's Giant
Burgers-Patriots—Julia Camello, Nicole
Riordan, Nicole Witters.
Pleasanton Glass-Blue Angels vs. ACC
Environmental Consultants, Inc.-Wasns:

Pleasanton Glass-Blue Angels vs. ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc.-Wasps: Outstanding pitching from Alexandria Marks and Savannah Fried. Top players: Pleasanton Glass-Blue Angels—Emily Greco, Shannon Greenhouse, Beth Williams; ACC Environ-mental Consultants, Inc.-Wasps—Gabriella Sanchez, Alexandra Sanchez, Lauren Ho-

Tseung,
Pacific Dental Care vs. Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation: Top players: Pacific Dental Care—Courtney Dinelli, Arabelle Franco, Hannah Ochoa; Pleasanton Nursing

Franco, Hannah Ochoa; Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation—Irina Gutierrez, Lauren McNamara, Hannah Myers.
Axial All Stars vs. Friends of PGSL-Rock Stars: Axial All Stars' Juliana Pribela had 2 singles, while teammates Gianna Barletta and Amanda Rogers hit a single each. Friends of PGSL-Rock Stars' Emilyann Gervolinowas 2 for 3, and Jecykah Valenzuela pitched well. Both girls, plus teammate Katie Reding, played good defense. Top players: Axial All Stars—Gianna Barletta, Juliana Pribela, Amanda Rodgers; Friends of PGSL-Rock Stars—Emilyann Gervolino, Katie Reding, Jecykah Valenzuela.
Pilates on Spring-Dragons vs. AMS-Mystics: The victorious Pilates on Spring-Dragons were almost matched by excellent playing from opposing AMS-Mystics. Top players: Pilates on Spring-Dragons—Celeste

players: Pilates on Spring-Dragons—Celeste Burns, Eleni Comstock, Francesca O'Neill; AMS-Mystics—Charlotte Armstrong,

Sophie Brunelli, Adriana Harris

Sophie Brunelli, Adriana Harris.
AMS-Mystics vs. E Squared Automotive-Green Devils: Great fielding by Amanda Harding of the E Squared Automotive-Green Devils. Great pitching by the AMS-Mystics' Clarissa Punla. Top players: AMS-Mystics—Ciara Elson, Adrianna Lotti, Clarissa Punla; E Squared Automotive-Green Devils—Aurelia Escobar, Amanda Harding, Olivia Verbeck

Olivia Verbeck

Mini Upper Division Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams-Jets 3, Titan PCB-Mighty
Titans 2: Kimberly Warren-Keller WilliamsJets: Darcy Kron caught a tough outfield fly
ball. Emily Santiago's throw from center
field to catcher, Alana Mendez, for the tag out
at home was the highlight of the game. Titan
PCB-Mighty Titans: Karina Galvez, Sophia
Brown and Jillian Pluschkell had excellent
hitting and fielding. Top players: Kimberly
Warren-Keller William-Jets—Darcy Kron,
Alana Mendez. Emily Santiago: Titan PCB-

Mitting and rieding. 1 rop players: Kimberny Warren-Keller William-Jets—Darcy Kron, Alana Mendez, Emily Santiago; Titan PCB-Mighty Titans—Sophia Brown, Karina Galvez, Jillian Pluschkell.

Titan PCB, Inc.-Mighty Titans—Taylor Campbell, Emma Furr, Rachel Usen; J. Lohr Vineyards-Sluggers—Christina Echavia, Jessica O'Neal, Kyra Sexton.

Kim Warren-Keller Williams-Jets 12, BEMA Electronics-Stompers—Maddie McGarry, Siena Moca, Ariana Nino; Kim Warren-Keller Williams-Jets—Kelly Jefferies, Sofia Molina, Madalyn Warren—Minor Rec Division Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction-Dynamites 7, Friends of PGSL-Fire Crackers 2: For the Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction-Dynamites, Katie Shigemoto had a fantastic game when she struck out 2 batters in the 2nd in print of the 2nd ton in the 10 to 10 game when she struck out 2 batters in the 2nd inning and caught a fly ball for the 3rd out in the same inning. Later at the plate (still in the 2nd inning), she belted in 2 runs. Myranda Marzocco pitched a strong 3rd inning (2 Ks) and was also solid at the plate and on the and was also solle at the plate and on the basepath. Katryna Deluz was overpowering on the mound and was terrific at the plate. Friends of PGSL-Fire Crackers Kelley Dixon played great 1st base. Shay pitched a strong inning and also played great defense on the mound. She topped off her day with two base hits. Diane Hadley was a solid catcher and controlled the great from behind the alter. ntts. Diane Hadley was a soint catcher and controlled the game from behind the plate. Top players: Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction-Dynamites—Katryna Deluz, Myranda Marzocco, Katie Shigemoto; Friends of PGSL-Fire Crackers—Kelley Dixon, Diane

Hadley, Shay Simmons.
Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction-Dynamites 14, Friends of PGSL-Bantion-Dynamites 14, Friends 14, Friends of PGSL-Bantion-Dynamites 14, Friends of PGSL-Bant dits 3: Top players: Friends of PGSL-Bandits—Amalia Dickenson, Cassidy Holmes, Mattie Lingenfelder; Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction-Dynamites— Hannah Clingerman, Erin Overland, Emily

Hyatt Summerfield Suites-Blue Devils 6, Friends of PGSL-Bandits 5: Top players Hyatt Summerfield Suites-Blue Devils— Lexi Campisi, Bailey Costello, Nikki Moyers; Friends of PGSL-Bandits—Amalia Dickenson, Kate Miller, Allie Sweitzer. Minor Upper Division TPC-Rockettes 11, Coca Cola-Cola Bears 7: The TPC-Rockettes defeated the Coca Cola-Cola Bears 11-7 in a great see-saw game. TPC-Rockettes

Tockettes dereated the Coca Cola-Cola Bears
11-7 in a great see-saw game. TPC-Rockettes
took an early lead in the top of the first with
RBIs from Katie Eppard and Maddie Jefferies.
Coca Cola-Cola Bears came back with five
runs in the bottom of the second with headsup base running by Brianna McGraw ending
in a steal of home, a two RBI double from
Melissa Riordan and a steal of home by Sami Dondero. Not to be deterred, TPC-Rockettes returned with five runs in the top of the third with a double from Sammy Salustri, RBI hits from Katie Jefferies, Maddie Jefferies and Nadia Firoozmand and a two RBI double by Nadia Firoozmand and a two RBI double by Jana Johnson. Coca Cola-Cola Bears then held TPC-Rockettes scoreless for the next three innings while adding one run in the fifth as Marissa Riordan singled and eventually stole home. Heads-up defensive play by Riordan turned the Coca Cola-Cola Bears' first double-play in the top of the sixth while great base running by Hannah Menk and an RBI single by Brianna McGraw tied the game in the bottom of the inning. TPC-Rockettes added the final four in the top of the seventh on a two RBI single by Katie Eppard, and an added the final four in the top of the seventh on a two RBI single by Katie Eppard, and an RBI single from Maddie Jefferies. The seventh also saw Coca Cola-Cola Bear's second double play on a roller back to pitcher Hannah Stoik to Ryan Harding at first to catcher Roni Stone to put out a runner trying to steal home. The final out came as Hannah Menk flipped a squeeze bunt back to Roni Stone catching the runner trying to score. Top players: Coca-Cola-Cola Bears—Sam Dondero, Brianna McGraw, Marissa Riordan; TPC-Rockettes—Katie Eppard, Nadia Firoozmand, Maddie Jefferies.

PABCO Gypsum-Panthers 5. Coca Cola-

PABCO Gypsum-Panthers 5, Coca Cola-Cola Bears 1: Top players: Coca Cola-Cola Bears—Sam Dondero, Roni Stone, Lizzie Wiborn; PABCO Gypsum-Panthers— Victoria Molina, Katie Moore, Janelle Tanis.

PABCO Gypsum-Panthers 8, TPC-Rockettes 1: Top players: PABCO Gypsum-Panthers—Jenni Beadle, Meagan Brennan, Hannah Moreno; TPC-Rockettes— Nadia Firoozmand, Katie Jefferies, Madison Lefferies

Jefferies.
David's Sunflower Seeds-Da Bears 5,
TPC-Rockettes 5: Top players: David's

Sunflower Seeds-Da Bears—Maddie Duval, Fiona Moreno, McKenzi Schlag; TPC-Rockettes—Katie Eppard, Jana Johnson, Sammy Salustri.
Coca Cola-Cola Bears 10, David's Sunflower Seeds-Da Bears—Marissa Riordan, Roni Stone, Lizzy Wiborn; David's Sunflower Seeds-Da Bears—Tori ("Talli") Larsen, Kenzy Schlagg, Maddie Duval
Major Rec Division Sallman, Yang & Alameda-Tornadoes 10, BSM Facility Services-Panthers—Top Jayers: BSM Facility Services-Panthers—Jennie Boswell, Holly Coles, Sarah Machado; BSM Facility Services-Panthers—Jennie Gentry, Kelsey

vices-Panthers—Jennie Gentry, Kelsey Matsune, Sydney Payne. DPR Construction-Whales 12, BSM Facility Services-Panthers 9: Top players: BSM Facility Services-Panthers—Megan Akacsos, Samica Jhangiani, Arianna Rodriguez; DPR Construction-Whales— Kelsey Cloonan, Laura Kaelin, Jordan Watterworth.

Matjor Upper Division Ken's Painting 8, Aire Serv 7: Maycie Partridge pitched a great game with 4 strike outs. Brooke Quesinberry had 2 doubles. Natalie Tiongco catcher threw the ball to Kelly Taylor to make an out at 2nd base. Krista Williams also had a double. Marissa Pereria had a hunge hit an out at 2nd base. Krista Williams also had a double. Marissa Pereria had a huge hit giving her a triple. Andie Becker pitched a good game. Aubrey Wolff made a great catch at short stop. Top players: Ken's Painting—Maycie Partridge, Brooke Quesinberry, Krista Williams; Aire Serv—Andie Becker, Marissa Pereria, Aubry Wolff.

Ken's Painting 3, Strong Source Lending 2: Natalie Tiongo at SS made a diving catch and threw a runner out at third for a

catch and threw a runner out at third for a double play. Emily Nickel made a great catch at 2nd. Krista Williams had 9 strike outs. at Zhu. Kitska Wilhalis had 9 Sirke outs. Lyndsay Godwin pitched a great game as well as Brienna Brown. Shannon Easley was 2 for 2.Top players: Ken's Painting—Kelly Tay-lor, Natalie Tiongo, Krista Williams; Strong Source Lending—Brienna Brown, Shannon Easley, Lyndsay Godwin Senior Division Cardinal Jewelers-Wildcats 13, Winders Heat-ing. 8, A it Lornon Drops 1 Top players Cardinal Jewelers-Wildcais 13, Willucis Ficating & Air-Lemon Drops 1Top players: Winders Heating & Air-Lemon Drops—Gena Daly, Kristi Didio, Monet Ogo; Cardinal Jewelers-Wildcats—Rachel Brearley, Mariah Gutierrez, Christina Schuler

Foothill Little League Pleasanton Foothill Little League high-

AAA Division: Rockies 8, Orioles 15:

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Orioles run scoring machine was at it again.
The big blows came from Tyler Wineger whose 3 RBI double and Ryan Hobbs 3 RBI double were the big bombs. Top Offensive Players: Tyler Wineger, Ryan Hobbs, Connor Isozaki Top Defensive Players: Jack Connolly, Arthur Hwang, Nate Gipson.

AAA Division: Red Sox 17, Tigers 9:
Another big win for the Red Sox! Excellent hitting and solid pitching led the Red Sox to victory over the Tigers 17 to 9. Brian Blasquez went three for four, hit a triple and was responsible for 5 RBI's, Patrick Ronan went 3 for 4 with 3 RBI's, and Adam Aimar, Justin Gronley, Matt Stiles and Jarius Woodson each had three BB's. There were 5 steals of home led by Jarius Woodson who stole home twice. Patrick Ronan put on another stellar pitching performance and struck out 9 batters in 4 innings of play. The Tigers rallied in the bottom of the 5th when they were down 17 to 2 and scored 7 runs but came up a little short. Top Offensive Players: Brian Blasquez, 3 for 4 w/a triple, 5 RBI's

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Patrick Ronan, 3 for 4, 3 RBI's.

AA Division: Yankees 7, Giants 3:
Aaron Wong pitched his first innings for the
Yankees this season and struck out two
batters. David Brooks hit a single for 2 RBIs.
Duncan McCarthy hit a double for 2 RBIs.
Joseph Richardson hit a single for 1 RBI.
Andrew Soldati hit a double in the 2nd innings and played a great defensive game as catcher. Top Offensive Players: Joseph Richardson Duncan McCarthy; Top Defen-

Richardson Duncan McCarthy; Top Detensive Players: Aaron Wong, Andrew Soldati.
Red Sox 7, Pirates 6: Tanner Calcagno of the Red Sox showed a solid pitching striking out three hitters in a row in the second inning. Eric Doppee also did a good defensive pitching giving no score until handing over the mound to Quentin Monroe. In the bottom of the last inning, Eric Doppe did hit the game winning one RBI single. Daniel Choi also added two RBI's by hitting a double in the

winning one RBI single. Daniel Chol also added two RBI's by hitting a double in the second inning. Top Offensive Players: Eric Doppee, Daniel Choi Top Defensive Players: Eric Doppee, Tanner Calcagno.

Yankees 10, Red Sox 3: The action was exciting as the Yankees pitchers honed their skills on the Red Sox, with far fewer walks than strikeouts. The defense was on their game as well, with David Brooks, Alex Warford, and Andrew Soldati all catching line-drives for outs in the first three innings. line-drives for outs in the first three innings Nicholas Cort was the first to start the scoring for the Yanks in the 4th inning and showed

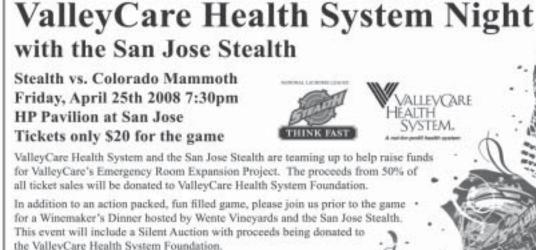
strong focus through to the end of the game.

Farm: Bulls vs. Owlz: This weeks games between the Bulls and the Owlz left the crowd cheering for more. All of the Bulls had a great game behind the plate. They were all swinging and able to bring the runners home. Liam Murtagh had an outstanding catch and tag out on first. He also assisted in another tag out on 2nd later in the game. The last hitter





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Tri-Valley's most exclusive wine provided by Wente Vineyards. To reserve your spot for the game and the Winemaker's Dinner or for any inquiries, please contact Jimmy Dilks at jdilks@sjstealth.com & Breanna Kernan at bkernan@sjstealth.com or by calling (925) 460-8290.

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SPORTS NOTES

ared a strong home run to center field for the Bulls. With this power hit he was able to bring three of his Bulls team mates home for the play of the game.

Bowling News

Tim Piper continued a hot hand again this week when he rolled a an almost perfect score of 299 at Granada Bowl. He was followed by Rich Canada who rolled a 290 and Maria Lockridge just one pin behind him with a 289 Game.

 $Rich\,Novotny\,from\,the\,Valley\,Friends\,\&$ Family bowled 96 pins over his series average including 226 and 223 games. Rich Meyer had a nice series of 680 with 215-235-230 games. Monday Mashers bowlers kept the ball rolling with Artie Ybarra's score of 264 and series of 602. Bill Deuell, with a 201 average rolled a 279 game and ended the night with a 686 series. Getaway Fours bowler Jerry Friesen rolled a 278 for a 666 series; Karl Hess had a 256 game. Tuesday night had some nice games from our Balhorn/O'Dell Construction Match Point League with highs of 246 from Mary Roberts and Gerald Cain with a 258. Bob Suhr shot a 256.

4 Season's City Strollers proved to be a great night for bowler Fred McCarrell improving each game with a 190-221-277 for a 680 series. Ralph Soto bowls a great series with a 218-266-224 for a 708 final series.

In the Monday Primetimers, Senior Bowler Bill Duguid, 139 average started the week off with a 534 series and Paul Guerrero in the same league with a 175 average bowled

Youth bowler, Reily Chin rolled a 698 series which included games of 268 and 235.

Players Sought

Livermore Smoke 13u girls fast pitch softball team looking for players 13 and under for Summer/Fall travel team. Contact Rick Monaghan at 925 449 8158 or rickmonaghan@sbcglobal.net

Cortez Wins

Livermore's Jaimeson Cortez won the Lafayette Tennis Club Boys 14's Challenge

on April 13.

Thirteen-year-old Cortez defeated Alameda's Eric Bonde 6-3, 6-0; Santa Rosa's Dylan Tasker 6-0, 6-2; Saratoga's Vishal Goel 6-3, 6-0; and Diablo's Alec Bakos 2-6,

Cortez, an eighth grader at Our Savior Lutheran School, plays at the Ruby Hill Golf and Tennis Club.

Baseball Camps

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting three summer camps. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. There are two 6-12 year old camps that cost \$150 or \$130 if sign up before a certain date. The two dates are: June 23-27 and July 14-18. There is also a a camp for 13-18 year olds from August 4-6. The cost for this camp is \$100 or \$80 if sign up early. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 443-2742 or mailto:lvbinfo@yahoo.com or check website www.eteamz.com/lvb

12U-A Softball Tryout

Smoke 12U-A girl's fastpitch softball team, supported by Double Diamond Sports

April 26th at 10am. The team is looking for 3 to 4 players to finalize its roster. Please register online at http://leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=smoke12ua. For additional information Contact Johnny Heinz at (925) 454-1406 or jmheinz@comcast.net

Kicks Are for Kids

A your soccer clinic for ages 5 to 10 will be presented by the Pleasanton Rage U13 Premier soccer players, coaches and parents. Learn some new soccer moves and have fun playing soccer with some of Pleasanton Rage's top competitive players. Proceeds support the U13 Premier Team and give them a chance to be mentors to younger players who are just getting started in soccer. Space is limited. The clinic will be held June 7 at the Aquatic Park, Santa Rita Rd. and Black Ave., Pleasanton. There are two sessions: 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$25 per session. Registration deadline is May 18. Download form at www.pleasantonrage.org / Kicks are for Kids. For questions email: soccerdaddarryl@aol.com

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 Berkley 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 coach-

ing 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 places and choosleaders in the Alameda and 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.eteamz.com/lyfcoremail lyfc@onebox.com/lyfc.

Rodeo time is fast approaching. It's time to get down to

Baughman's. Get a new hat. Shine up your boots and get ready for

the 90th running of the World's Fastest Rodeo. Yep, the biggest

event in town is just about here - the annual Livermore Rodeo. This

sociation would like to acknowledge and thank several supporters

for helping in getting ready for this year's show. Bayview General

and scraped the lots. Pacheco Brothers Gardening let the association

use some equipment and Cochran Materials donated a load of sand

and bark. There has been a ton of work going on and we couldn't do

against 2 other well-qualified women and was chosen by the panel

of judges as Livermore Rodeo's 2008 Queen. Congratulations to

Wednesday June 11th, Annual Mixer and Team Penning: This is the best party of the year for the over 21 crowd. There will be hot

BBQ, cold drinks, live music, a bunch of dancing, beautiful people

and Team Penning. Grab your friends and loved ones and get your

tickets at Baughman's in downtown. The price is \$20 and the tickets

go fast. They will be available at the Livermore Wine Festival in

downtown Livermore and in Baughman's starting at the Wine Festi-

and Family Night. This is a free event. The gates open at 5pm and

there will be \$1 drinks and Hot Dogs. There will also be the Food

and Fun Corral for those who prefer trip tip sandwiches and cold

adult beverages. Come and watch the local cowboys and cowgirls

compete for a slot in the professional rodeo on Saturday or Sunday.

morning around 8am, the professional cowboys and cowgirls com-

pete in the timed events for a chance to participate in the weekend

rodeo. These guys and gals travel from all over the country for their

5-10 second "chance" to make the Rodeo. If they don't make the

Saturday June 14th, Downtown Rodeo Parade and the 90th Liv-

ermore Rodeo: The Rodeo Parade starts at 10am and the route is

along 2nd Street. A ton of thanks goes out to the Livermore Rotary

Club. They put this parade on for the sole purpose of keeping rodeo

alive in our community. 2:00PM is the start of the 90th Livermore

Rodeo. This 90th anniversary event is guaranteed to be exciting,

fast paced and full of thrills for the entire family. The gates open at 10AM so get there a bit early to visit Vendor Alley, the Food and Fun Corral and to ensure good parking. Sunday June 14th, Father's Day, Gold Card Roping and 90th

Livermore Rodeo Finale: The Sunday show is on Father's Day. Surprise Dad with a full day of sun and fun-filled relaxation that only a

Rodeo can provide. For about the price of a movie the family can be

outside in the sun enjoying one of the oldest traditions in the West. Sunday also has Gold Card Roping at around 8AM. This is some of the old time ropers who helped build professional rodeo in to what it

is today. The Assofiation is proud to have them at the Livermore

rodeo and honored to turn out a few steers for them to rope. The top teams will also participate in the Sunday professional rodeo. At 2:00Pm the Sunday Finale starts. The gates open at 10AM.

Livermore Rodeo Fact: The moniker of "World's Fastest Rodeo"

rodeo they don't have a chance at the prize money.

Friday June 13th, Professional Slack: This is a free event. Friday

Thursday June 12th, Family Night: Thursday night is Local Slack

This year's Rodeo Queen is Amanda Delaplane. She competed

it without the support of several sponsors and the park district.

Amanda and we look forward to a busy and fun year.

Here's the schedule for this year's events:

The Board of Directors of the Livermore Stockmen's Rodeo As-

donated 50 tons of asphalt grindings. LARPD sprayed

year the shows are on Saturday June 14th and Sunday June 15th.

The league is currently accepting applications for both football and cheer coaches for

California Spirit Elite

Tryouts for California Spirit Elite are rlyouts for California Spirit Eine are scheduled. A parent informational meeting is April 24, 7:30 p.m. Tryout days are April 29, 30 and May 1 (all three days are required). Ages 5-7: sign up and registration only; ages 8-11: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; ages 12-18: 7 to 9 p.m. Age is as of May 31, 2008. Tryout attire is shorts, tak ton or teshirt (up baggy shirts is shorts, tak top or t-shirt (no baggy shirts or sweats). Hair must be in a high ponytail with bow; Cheer Gym, 1056-A Serpentine Lane Pleasanton; information (925) 462-5877 or www.californiaspiritelite.com

Livermore Smoke

Livermore Smoke 16U B Travel Team Mandatory All Skills Clinic, \$25 per player Saturday, April 26, 10am Granada High School JV Field Tryouts Saturday, May 3rd, 10am Granada High School JV Field. Must attend both to be considered for the 16U Travel Team. Any questions please call All Robles at 580-2662.

CYO Track & Field

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO track and

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO track and field results from April 19:
GIRLS 1600 Meters: 3rd Grade - Alana Jimena (1st, 07.32.62) 5th Grade - Dana Anex (1st, 06.42.10), Teresa Jimena (5th, 07.33.99) 8th Grade - Shelby Leary (2nd, 06.30.04). BOYS 1600 Meters: 2nd Grade - Matthew Stepanek (2nd, 06.56.51) 3rd Grade - Ben Sanchez (1st, 06.35.18), Ryan Nunes (2nd, 06.46.63) 5th Grade - Andrew Kettenhofen (1st, 06.37.88) 6th Grade - Camden Smith (2nd, 07.07.56) 7th Grade - Nicolas Trebes (2nd, 06.25.35), Justin Moore (3rd, 06.39.11)
GIRLS 400 Meters: 2nd Grade - Grace Leary (7th, 02.02.42) 3rd Grade - Isabel Minton (2nd, 01.32.39) 4th Grade - Pamela White (4th,

Leary (7th, 02.02.42) 3rt Grade - Isabei Millioni (2nd, 01.32.39) 4th Grade - Pamela White (4th, 01.30.82), Julia Leary (8th, 01.50.40) 8th Grade - Stephanie Beaulieu (2nd -01.10.77), Shelby Leary (3rd, 01.19.34). BOYS 400 Meters: 2nd Grade - Marquis Pruitt (1st, 01.28.49), Matthew Stepanek (2nd, 01.33.06), Matthew Stepanek (2nd, 01.33.06), Matthew Stepanek (2nd, 01.33.06), 10.144.07).

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Smith (6th, 01.09.72) 8th Grade - Kyle Farnady/
Sam Leeper/Daniel Replogle/Michael Acton
(2nd, 00.53.56)
BOYS 4X400 RELAY: 7th Grade - Michael
Marcotte/Lucas Haas/Justin Moore/Tyler
Melgosa (1st, 05.10.27)
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Kavan Bagatelos (1st, 02.53.70) 7th Grade John Stephanek/Tyler Melgosa/Michael
Marcotte/Joshua Knight (1st, 02.08.42)
GIRLS HIGH JUMP: 6th Grade - Kirsten
Mork (1st, 4.03.00), Hannah Stepanek (3rd,
03.08.00), Julia Lee (5th, 03.02.00) 7th Grade Stephanie Beaulieu (1st, 4.07.00), Camille
Cauthen (2nd, 4.06.00), BOYS HIGH JUMP:
5th Grade - Zachary Burnett (6th, 3.08.00) 7th
Grade - John Stephanek (1st, 4.08.00), Evan
Briggs (2nd, 4.08.00), Matt Tyler (4th, 4.07.00)
8th Grade - Kyle Farnady (1st, 4.09.00), Daniel
Replogle (4th, 4.05.00)
GIRLS LONG JUMP: 2nd Grade - Isabel
Stafford (9th, 05.03.50), Aislin McElderry (7th,
5.09.25), Grace Leary (8th, 65.05.75) 3rd

Replogle (4th, 4.05.00).

GIRLS LONG JUMP: 2nd Grade - Isabel Stafford (9th, 05.03.50), Aislin McElderry (7th, 5.09.25), Grace Leary (8th, 05.05.75) 3rd Grade - Samantha Dukes (3rd, 08.10.00), Anya Massoud (13th, 06.08.50), Alana Jimena (14th, 06.07.50) 4th Grade - Megan McCandless (8th, 8.01.75), Julia Leary (16th, 05.11.25) 6th Grade - Kirsten Mork (4th, 11.01.75), Cassandra Dukes (6th, 10.10.50) 8th Grade - Natalie Dimits (2nd, 13.00.75). BOYS LONG JUMP: 2nd Grade - Matthew Stepanek (6th, 07.07.00) 3rd Grade - Peter Vance (1st, 10.08.50), Jason Wallis (2nd, 10.01.50), Mitchell Moore (3rd, 09.02.75), Zack Scribner (11th, 06.08.50) 5th Grade - Johnny Bagatelos (12th, 09.05.25), Austin Armstrong (16th, 09.00.00) 6th Grade - Jeffrey Beaulieu (4th, 10.09.00), Shawn Throckmorton (8th, 09.06.50) 7th Grade - Matt Tyler (1st, 16.02.25), Michael Marcotte (2nd, 16.01.50), John Stephanek (3rd, 14.09.00), Justin Moore (7th, 12.06.00), Nicolas Trebes (8th, 11.00.50) 8th Grade - Daniel Replogle (1st, 17.07.75)

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Stafford (2nd, 14.07.00) 7th Grade - Francis Stafford (2nd, 14.07.00) 7th Grade - Skylar Burt (1st, 25.08.00) 8th Grade - Monica Acton (1st, 33.07.00), Katie Gannon (3rd, 24.06.00). BOYSSHOTPUT: 6th Grade - Jeffrey Beaulieu (2nd, 18.01.75) 7th Grade - Philip Massoud (3rd, 21.04.50)

Student Wins VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7265 of Livermore has awarded Amy Tripp first place in its Patriot's Pen Essay writing competition. Amy Tripp is an 8th grade student in Miss Jenna Weingart's homeroom class at Our Savior Lutheran School in Livermore. This year, the 2007 theme was "Why IAm an American Patriot."

She was honored at a dinner on March 16th hosted by VFW Post 7265 along with her teachers and family. Chairman Joseph Whalin presented Amy with a certificate and a check. Her essay was then submitted to the District (regional) level where she won 3rd place.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored youth Patriot's Pen Essay competition is held nationwide. It gives students in grades 6,7and 8 an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy with the prospect of winning US savings bonds.

The first (entry level) is sponsored by local VFW posts. Post



Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen Essay winner Amy Tripp is shown accepting her certificate. Pictured from left to right: Our Savior teacher/essay coordinator, Mrs. Mickey Angerman; Amy's teacher, Miss Jenna Weingart; essay winner, Amy; and Chairman of VFW Post 7265, Joseph Whalin.

winners advance to VFW District (regional) level where the one first place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The one first place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW National competition for the national prizes.

More than 115,000 students

participate in the contest annually. Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on a yearly patriotic theme. The essay was judged on how well the student understood, developed and presented the theme. The contest is approved by the National Association of Secondary School Prin-

Rotary Hosts Visitors from Taiwan

By Victoria Kamerzell

Five people from Taiwan had the opportunity to come to the Bay Area as part of the 2008 Rotary Group Study Exchange (GŠE). Every year each Rotary district exchanges five people with a district in another country as part of a vocational and cultural exchange. District 5170, which includes Livermore, hosted the visitors from Taiwan.

The Rotary Foundation runs the Group Study Exchange. In addition, the district selects four people to spend time in another country. These people cannot be affiliated with the Rotary Club. The Foundation chooses professionals between 25-40 years old. They stay with Rotary members who pay their expenses. In the past, some districts have elected to send team members who work in similar vocations to observe that profession in a different cul-

In April 2007, a Rotary district in England decided to send emergency management personal to a district in Chicago in an effort to observe the American's crisis management techniques. The British team toured police stations, emergency rooms and fire departments. In turn, they shared innovative techniques for using cell phones and text messaging in emergency situations.

The GSE team members that came to Livermore this year were from diverse professional backgrounds. Dieter Chang is an engineer, Eddy Chang is involved in the development of high tech products, Irene Lin is a Ph.D. student and Chi-Man "Fund" Wu a retired insurance manager as well as the team leader.

The visitors from Taiwan stayed in the Bay Area until April 18th. Their trip included visits to Lawrence Livermore National

Lab, Alden Lane, Concannon Vineyard, Bankhead Theater, Calaveras Big Trees State Park, Yosemite National Park and Napa County for a wine tour. There was a consensus among the group that the scenic highlight of their trip was the trip to Yosemite.

During their visit to the Livermore Rotary Club, the guests from Taiwan gave brief presentations about their home country and their lives. They said that California is twelve times as large as Taiwan, yet Taiwan is significantly denser with a population of 23 million. They showed pictures of their families and talked about foods that were grown in Taiwan, such as coffee beans and mangos. They also talked about their educational backgrounds and careers. The presentations were followed by an exchange of small flags with the Livermore Rotary Club.

During her visit, preschool teacher May Lee had the opportunity to observe an American presčhool. May said she really liked the casual way the teachers "guided the students. Teachers and students were like friends." She explained that in Taiwan she was expected to have a more for-mal relationship with her stu-

May said that what surprised her most during her trip is how well American women age. "I think it is because of their energy. Also they seem happier here," said May. "You can show your emotions quickly and directly [in the United States.]"

Fund was impressed with the Bay Area's plethora of plants and animals. He said, "Everything is perfect, just like heaven." He also said that people in California drive much better than they do in Taiwan. Fund was impressed by Bay Area drivers' patience. He said that in Taiwan people do not

always abide by stop signs when other cars are not there.

The Rotary Foundation is a separate entity within the Rotary Club. Arch C. Klumph who was the president of Rotary International at the time founded the Foundation in 1917. The International Society for Crippled Children (later renamed Easter Seals) was the Foundation's first recipient. The Group Study Exchange was later founded in the mid-sixties. Since its inception, more than 32,000 people have taken part in the exchange.

The team members of the **Group Study Exchange endured** a lengthy interview process. They had to be full-time employees with at least two years experience in their respective fields. The team members also had to reside in the Rotary district sponsoring their exchange. The Rotary Club's website states that ideal candidates for the exchange, "are rising leaders . . . who have an interest in people of other cultures."

The Group Study Exchange can last from four to six weeks. Teams generally have between four and six members. Candidates for the exchange must be fluent in the host country's language. During a typical exchange, participants will make five professional visits, about 15 presentations at local Rotary clubs, participate in a district Rotary conference, and visit local sights. When they return home, the team members are expected to give a short lecture at their local Rotary

club about their visit. Livermore Rotary Club member Rob Anglin is a veteran of the Group Study Exchange. In 1988, he led a Rotary Group Study Exchange with Brazil. Rob says he remains friends with the people he met during the trip and still speaks conversational Portuguese.

Amador Student's Drawing Takes An International Prize

Shauna Black, a freshman at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, entered an art contest "on a whim," and surprised herself by winning it, along with a trip to Washington, D.C. for the awards ceremony.

Black won the 7th to 9th grade category in an international contest sponsored by River of Words, an organization in Berkeley that encourages K-12 students to write poems and draw pictures with a nature theme. The contest had thousands of entries from all over the world. Shauna and her parents, Brian and Stephanie Black, will be attending the ceremony in Washington.

Former U.S. poet laureate Robert Hass of Berkeley is a cofounder of River of Words. He will emcee the awards ceremony

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at the Library of Congress on May 12. Making introductory remarks will be Ben Grumbles, the federal Environmental Protection Agency's Assistant Administrator for Water.

Shauna's drawing, which can be seen at riverofwords.org, depicts the perils of trash for a duck in water and a bird over grass. Shauna said she came up with the idea after taking part in three Pleasanton creek clean-ups, which were part of a church-sponsored volunteer activity.

Shauna has taken art classes in earlier grades, and plans to take one next year. It was easy to integrate science with art, because she also likes science, and her father is an engineer. "I love to be outside, draw something, and show the beauty," she said.

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month that she was a winner, "it was really exciting. It was the first time I won anything for art," said

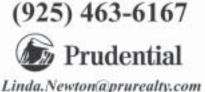
Shauna. She attended the California awards ceremony, at the San Francisco library on April 20. She received a certificate from River of Words and one from the California state Assembly. Asked what she wants other students to know about the contest, Shauna said, "Just enter. I entered on a whim, and I won it. I definitely didn't think I would win. So, just look for opportunities, and fol-



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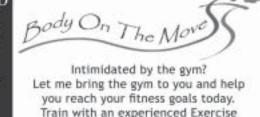






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Olivina: An Agricultural Empire

At the southwest corner of Arroyo and Wetmore Roads stands a stone gateway with a metal arch containing the word "Olivina." This is the entrance to the old Olivina property once owned by Julius Paul Smith—site of one of the first commercial wineries in the Livermore Valley. Smith's wife had the gateway built in his memory in 1905. A double row of walnut trees used to point the way through the gateway to the winery building. Smith coined the word "Olivina" from the words "olive" and "vine." After buying 2,000 acres in 1881, Smith planted wine grapes on about 675 acres. On other parts of the property he planted olive, almond, and walnut orchards, and the rest was used for grain and pasture for Black Angus cattle. In May 1885 work was begun on the excavation for a concrete winery, "the second story being projected into the bluff in the rear of the building. He also built a distillery, perhaps the first in California, where he made brandy from Folle Blanche grapes.

Soon after buying the Livermore site, Smith traveled to wineproducing areas of Europe and studied the viticulture industry. Eventually, he opened a branch office in New York and sold wine and olive oil nationwide. He hired Benjamin Barker, his wife's brother, to manage the vineyard. During the harvesting season, Barker hired about 100 workers; roughly 25 stayed on through the year. Some of the workers were Chinese. In 1890 the winery harvested a grape crop of 1,300 tons. Olivina's Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Haut Sauterne won awards at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. The winery also produced many other varieties, including a white Grenache, a Zinfandel, Champagne, Riesling, sparkling Sauternes, and one of the first Chardonnays. The *Herald Midwinter Edition* of 1896 commented, Julius Paul Smith "has had gratifying success thus far, which amply proves that a high-class American wine will find buyers and admirers all over the country." Ernest Wente remembered Smith's wife tooling around Livermore in a phaeton. "The coachman wore a cap with a fancy coat and drove a beautiful span of black horses with silver mounted harnesses. Mrs. Sarah Smith sat inside, looking at us poor peasant kids through a lorgnette.

Julius Paul Smith enlisted at age 19 in the Civil War in the Wisconsin Infantry and was wounded in the right arm at a battle near Resaca, Georgia in May 1864. For the rest of his life, he had to use his left hand to write. After the war, he returned to Georgia and worked at various enterprises, being what was commonly called a carpetbagger. Later, he and his brother "Borax" Smith, made their fortune in Death Valley, extracting borax with 20-mule teams. It was Julius's idea to package the borax in small containers convenient for housewives. He first came to the Bay Area about 1873 to manage the borax firm's San Francisco office. Julius sold his partnership in the borax company for \$60,000 in 1887 to establish his wine business. Charles L. Sûllivan wrote in *Vintage Magazine*, "Smith, for all his successes, was a cantankerous fellow, whose words often riled his fellow wine men. His garrulous articles and talks were often wrong headed and somewhat ignorant." He liked to sprinkle his talks with French words, which he mispronounced, according to one critic.

After Smith died in 1904, his brother-in-law continued to run the winery until 1913. Sarah Barker Smith moved to the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, coming out to Olivina in the summer. Hazel Petersen Baughman knew the Olivina property well; her father was foreman there, and Hazel, at age 18, was invited to live for a while in the ranch house with the widowed Sarah Barker Smith. At an interview with local historian Janet Newton, Hazel recalled that the Olivina had a number of "company houses," as well as a large bunkhouse, a butcher shop, a meat storage locker in a cave, and a blacksmith shop. There was also a large barn. All the buildings were painted red, including the family house itself. One room in the house that impressed Hazel was the billiard room, which had a skylight. She also remembered Mrs. Smith's white Russian wolfhound, Arloff. Prohibition stopped wine production, and Sarah Smith sold the ranch assets in 1938. After her death in the same year, the house furnishings were sold at auction. The ranch home at the winery burned to the ground in November 1959. The Crane Ridge Lookout called out the county fire patrol to respond to the emergency, but it was too

Livermore ranchers Charles D. Crohare and his father, Charles F. Crohare, who bought the Smith estate in the 1940s, have given LARPD the winery site and added 370 acres to Sycamore Grove Park in return for the district allowing them to build a subdivision on some of the rest of their property. The Crohares have been developing an olive oil business with the 13,000 olive trees on their land, including the still surviving more than 100-year-old Mission olives planted by the Smiths. The Crohares had their first commercial pressing of olives in 2000.

The Olivina gateway was damaged by an anonymous vehicle in 2005. LARPD had it removed for repair; it is now restored to its familiar setting. The Wente family, who own that particular corner of the Olivina estate, have replaced the original row of walnut trees with plantings of olive trees.

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

Duck Races at Granada High School

There is a new location for the 16th annual Livermore Duck Races to be held April 27.

The races will be held at the Granada High School swimming pool from 1 to 3 p.m. This is a fund-raiser for Livermore schools and area nonprofit groups. Over \$5000 in cash prizes will be given out to duck sponsors. Tickets are \$5 per entry. They

are available from some PTAs. The location was changed because of the lack of water flow-

ing in the Arroyo. Beverages will be available for purchase.

There will be two Little Duckie Races for kids 12 years of age and younger. These races are free with a parent present. Prizes will be awarded compliments of Livermore McDonalds.

For more information, call 449-1315 or 321-1123. The races are presented by the Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermore Y's Men's Club.

Youth Food Drive This Saturday

The Sixth Annual Tri-Valley Youth Food Drive will take place beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, rain or shine. All food donations go to local food pan-

About 1000 youth volunteers will be collecting non-perishable items from single-family residences in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Sunol and Alamo. To contact the food drive, leave a mes-

sage at (925) 998-6513. More information is available at youthfooddrive@comcast.net.

The Youth Service Council, a nonprofit corporation run by student volunteers and created to assume the leadership role for youth-run community service programs in the Tri-Valley area, is a coalition of Tri-Valley public and private high school leadership students managing youth service programs.

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Monte Carlo Night, April 26th from 7-11 p.m., Rancho Las Positas Elementary School will be holding it's 3rd Annual Spring Fling fund-raiser event. Monte Carlo Night and Silent Auction to be held at the Barn in Livermore at 3131 Pacific Avenue. Evening will include hors d'oeuvres, a silent and live auction, casino play, raffle drawings, dancing and a no-host bar. All money collected for the event goes directly toward the education of Rancho Las Positas students. Tickets are \$30 at the door.

Livermore High School Class of 1958, 50 year reunion Fri. and Sat., May 30-31 at the Pleasanton Sheraton Hotel. Please con-(Tilton) garnerbee@yahoo.comorcall 650-355-4195 in Pacifica. Advance reservations are re-

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., May 26, 37 miles tour of Occidental along he Russian River and down the Pacific coast to Bodega Bay, meet 10 a.m. at the Union Hotel, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Tues., April 29, 25 miles from Shannon Center in Dublin, meet 6 p.m., Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Thurs., May 1, 25 miles from Shannon Center in Dublin, Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where

Teen Time, ages 11 to 17, come and join
"Teen Time!" fun on Wednesday, April 30,
at the Livermore Public Library. Compete
with your friends on Nintendo Wii, and Sony Playstation games, or play a variety of board games or card games. Two special crafts will be available for teens who are interested in artistic fun. Teen Time! begins at 2:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm in the Craft Room of the Livermore Public Library. Teen Time is a free event. For further information about the program please call 925-373-5504 or visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website at

www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun **Club**, 62nd annual barbecue Sun., May 4. Day includes shooting events at the trap range and the rifle and pistol range. Silent auction, raffle. Event gets underway at 10 a.m. For more information, contact the trap shooting office at 449-8780.

Sons In Retirement (SIR) 101, meets May 6 to socialize: includes luncheon and business meeting followed by an educational presentation. Doubletree Hotel Restaurant, 720 Las Flores Rd., Livermore, 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Open to men who retired and enjoyed a variety of activities. For further information, call Roger at 443-5565 or Dick

Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour, benefit for Valley Humane Society, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun., May 4. Unique Pleasanton homes. Map with the location of each garden and a detailed description written by each homeowner provided with ticket purchase. Self-guided tour. \$35 per person. Purchase at the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton. Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton; Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton; Armstrong Garden Center, 7360 San Ramon Rd., Dublin; Wild Birds Unlimited, 7182 Regional St., Dublin; Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton; and Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Ln. Livermore, or Three Dog Bakery, 335 Saint Mary Street, Pleasanton. For information, call the Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656

Livermore Scottish Country Dancers are sponsoring two free events to celebrate the Bay Area National Dance Week. The first is a dance session for families, Friday, April 25th, 7-9 PM at the Valley Dance Theatre, 2247 2nd Street, Suite B, Livermore. The second is a dance session for adults and older teens, age 16 and up, Monday, April 28, 8-10PM at the Veterans Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore. Learn lively jigs and reels and elegant strathspeys while dancing to the traditional and contemporary folk music of Scotland. For more information, call 925-

447-1833, or write macqs@comcast.net, or visit www.livermorescd.org,

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, meets Thurs., May 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton. Rochelle Conner, the treasurer of the San Francisco Republican Alliance and a member of the Piedmont Area Aniance and a member of the Piedmont Area Republican Women's Club since 2005, will be the guest speaker. New members and visitors are welcome. Reservation deadline is May 1. Call (925) 426-1995.

Free Diabetes Classes in Dublin, Pleas anton and Livermore. Next class starts Apri 29 through June 10, 12:30-2:30, Dublin Senior Center Please call 510-383-5185 to register and for more times and locations Also free Diabetes Support Group Open to all people with diabetes and their families or friends Every 2nd Wednesday of the month 2pm - 4pm Please call 510-383-5185 to register.

Native Californian Class, multimedia Saturday morning class on the First Californians will be held April 26 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Village High School in Pleasanton, Room 602. Participants will be able to feel band on material tests come of the feed hands-on material, taste some of the food which native Californians ate, see how they lived on the land, respecting it, hear how they met European explorers, missionaries, and the Gold rush settlers, and learn about the situation of California native people today. Instructor is Patricia Belding. Class fee is S25, which includes an optional half hour DVD after the class. To register, go on-line at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted and look under Enrichment for Class # 258601 They Were Here First: In Introduction To California Native Culture, or call 925/426-

Pancake Breakfast, Sunol 4-H 42nd annual event, Sun., May 4, 8 a.m. to noon at Sunol Glen Elementary School. Includes bake sale, plant sale and silent auction. Proceeds support the club, its members and the community. Tickets for the breakfast \$6 adults, \$4 children. For more information,

California Red-Legged Frog Workshop, May 2, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Martinelli Event Center, Livermore. For ranchers and ndowners; a donation of \$5 includes light breakfast, snacks and beverages. RSVP

contact Peggy Kiefer, 371-0154, ext. 122 or peggy, Kiefer@acred.org.

Casino Night Fund-raiser, Sat., May 3, 6 to 10 p.m. benefit for Elena Macias Foundation. Veterans Memorial Bldg., 522
South LSt. Livermore, Caming for prizes South L St., Livermore. Gaming for prizes, silent auction and other fun stuff. Featuring entertainment by Keith Douglas and The Rhythm Critters. Event raises money for the schools of Agua Verde, Sinaloa, Mexico. \$40 per person includes appetizers, playing chips and raffle tickets; add \$10 for a seat at the Texas Hold'em Table. Call 292-9994 or go to www.momsfoundation.org for tickets or more information. **Ohlone Audubon,** meets 7:30 p.m.

Walter K. Lukens

Walter K. Lukens, resident of Pleasanton since 1987 died peacefully at Valley Memorial Hospital on April 18, 2008. He was born in Middletown, NY May 10, 1945 to Dr. and Mrs. Walter B. Lukens.

He is survived by wife Kathryn, mother Marion of CT and FL, sisters Joanne and Sarah, bothers-in-law Richard, Roger, Don; nephews Jeffrey, Matthew, Jon, Unristopher, and Ryan and nieces Amy, Kelsey, Jennifer, Sarah and Christine, and two great nephews, Hunter and Aiden. He was predeceased by his father, Walter and brother Paul.

Mr. Lukens graduated from Minot State College, Minot, ND and Webutuck High School in Millerton, NY. He served in the Air Force in the Minuteman Missile field, taught high school English and ended his professional life with Lockheed Martin in

Sunnyvale, CA. Most recently he attended On Track, a school for Adult Onset Brain Injuries, sang in the Church choir, participated in Bible study and volunteered at Open Heart Kitchen.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Tues. April 22 at 7:00 pm at Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to On Track, 1266 San Carlos Ave, Concord, CA 94518 or Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Helen J. Manczak

Helen J. Manczak died April 19, 2008 in Pleasanton. She was

Helen was for Feb. 22, 1915 in Chicago, Illinois. She worked

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as a banker at National Bank of Austin, IL.

She is survived by a daughter, Judi Hinckley of Danville and grandchildren Mark Nelson and Christopher Manczak, both of Chicago, Jill Stager of Livermore, Jason Manczak of Mississippi, and Kym Roberts of Tennessee, as well as six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Andrew Manczak and son Robert

There were no plans for ser-

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Michael S. Sullivan

Michael S. Sullivan died April 20, 2008. He was born in Redwood City on June 23, 1970.

He had lived in Pleasanton for 28 years. Michael graduated from Castro Valley High School. After graduation he worked for California Indemnity Insurance Company for 11 years. His most recent employment was at Safeway in the mail room. Mike was known for his big heart and caring ways. He enjoyed family, friends, sports, live jazz music and the fine dining experience. One of his greatest joys was summers spent at the family beach house in Hermosa. He loved the

He will be greatly missed by his mother Jean Sullivan, his sister Cindy Sullivan, many family members and good friends. His life will be celebrated at

11 a.m. Fri., April 25 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. There will be a reception following, offering food and drink.

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Tues., May 6 at Proctor Elementary School Castro Valley (exit 580 at Castor Valley Blvd., turn north onto Redwood Rd.) The school is on the right 1.5 miles. Park in the lower lot, go upstairs to the art center. Mike Perlmuter, Audubon's California SF Bay Area Conservation Coordinator, will speak about the important bird areas program, esp. in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Refreshments. Information, 510-507-3383.

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.

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. 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.

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Tri-Valley Unity Church, "A New Earth, A New You" - April message theme by Richard Southern, special speaker. Message for April 27: "How Then Shall I Live: Living as a Blessing to the World." Meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin, 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. All are welcome. (1025) 290.9732

FLOWER

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- LLNL's Site 300 and San Luis Obispo County's Carrizo Plain where the diamond-petaled California poppy currently is known to grow worldwide.

Typically, the cumulative population of this plant at Site 300 includes less than 1,000 plants each year, according to ecologist Lisa Paterson, of the Laboratory's Environmental Protection Department.

"This has been a great year for the poppy," Paterson said. "There have been close to 10 times as many plants this spring as in each of the previous 10 years of monitoring.

The size of annual plant populations, such as the diamond-petaled California poppy, frequently vary greatly from year to year. Paterson believes that Northern California's steady, even rainfall this year is the most likely explanation for the explosion of diamond-petaled California poppies, although she adds that she and others aren't certain that's the

Since 1993, LLNL has had a program at Site 300 to monitor rare plant populations and study the ecological causes of rarity in these species.

'Once we have a better under-

standing of why these plants are rare, we hope to use this information to better manage and protect these extremely rare species,' Paterson said. A short-lived annual plant, the

diamond-petaled California poppy started blooming this year at Site 300 in late March and is expected to continue blooming for another few days to a week,

Typically smaller than 15 centimeters (or about six inches) when flowering, the plant has small yellow flowers with roughly diamond-shaped petals and is a close relative of the bright orange California poppy.

The diamond-petaled California poppy has not been seen on the Carrizo Plain in San Luis Obispo County between 1995 and 2007.

All three diamond-petaled California poppy populations at Site 300 grow in remote areas away from the facility's small number of developed areas.

"The management at Site 300 goes out of its way to protect these rare plants and invests money in the monitoring and re-

search for them," Paterson said. "Site 300 is a unique, interesting place. We appreciate the chance to work with plants that occur naturally in only a few places. Most importantly, we want to help protect these plants

and ensure that they survive.' The diamond-petaled California poppy is one of the rarest plants in California; it probably never was widespread. Only seven historic populations are known in the inner Coast Ranges in Contra Costa, Stanislaus, Šan Luis Obispo and Colusa coun-

Three other rare plants also can be found at Site 300: the round-leaved filaree, the big tarplant and the large-flowered fiddleneck. The large-flowered fiddleneck is listed as endangered under the federal and California endangered species acts. The large-flowered fiddleneck has a colorful orange flower and grows on about one-sixth of an acre at Site 300.

large-flowered The fiddleneck is known to exist naturally in only two locations worldwide - at Site 300 and on a privately-owned ranch in Carnegie Canyon, near Site 300.

Students Compete in Solar Sprint

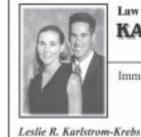
Teams of students from Pleasanton Unified's three middle schools will travel to U.C. Berkeley on Saturday, April 26, to participate in the 13th annual Junior Solar Sprint Challenge, sponsored by the student chapter of the Society of Women Enworking on their solar-powered cars during weekly meetings of the newly-formed middle school Science League and will compete from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. in the plaza outside of the Lawrence Hall of Science in Ber-

Team "Bungarooians" includes Nive Raghavan (Harvest Park M.S.) and Sumana Rallapalli and Rushan Vipani (Pleasanton M.S.). Team "Lightspeed" is comprised of Roshan Agrawal and Andrew Yu, both from Harvest Park. Hart Middle School's Team "Tachy-ons" includes Varun and Vinod Krishnamurthi.

The Science League meets on Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon, at Pleasanton Middle School. The group is advised by teachers Debi Mintz and Lynn Gatehouse. Amador Valley High School student Hari Rallapalli is the team's mentor (and recent winner of the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair). Parent volunteers include Prasad Rallapalli and Prabhakar Krishnamurthi.

The Lawrence Hall of Science is located on Centennial Drive in the Berkeley hills, east of the main U.C. Berkeley campus. Pleasanton Middle School is located at 5001 Case Avenue in Pleasanton.

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Kathleen Lynch and JP Dancing Bear to read.

Wine and Words Reading

The next Wine and Words poetry reading will be held May 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Martinelli Center in Livermore.

It is hosted by Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post.

Featured readers are JP Dancing Bear and Kathleen Lynch. They will read starting at 2 p.m. followed b a short break. An open mic will

There is a \$5 admission (free to students with valid ID). The Martinelli Center is located at 3585 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

J. P. Dancing Bear's poems have appeared in hundreds of publications and anthologies. He is a founding editor of Disquieting Muses and was the Editor-in-Chief of Disquieting Muses/DMQ Review for five years. He is now the editor of The American Poetry Journal. Bear is the owner/editor of Dream Horse Press. He is the host of "Out of Our Minds" a weekly radio show for public radio station KKUP featuring some of today's best contemporary poets. He is the author of several chapbooks, including, What Language, which won the 2002 Slipstream Press Poetry Prize and Gacela of Narcissus City. He is also author of Billy Last Crow and Conflicted Light.

Kathleen Lynch's collection Hinge (2006) won the Black Zinnias Press National Poetry Competition. Her chapbooks include How to Build an Owl (Select Poet Series award, Small Poetry Press), No Spring Chicken (White Eagle Coffee Store Press Award), Alterations of Rising (Small Poetry Press Select Poet Series) and Kathleen Lynch -Greatest Hits (Pudding House Publications invitational series). Her poems appear in many anthologies and literary journals, including Poetry, Nimrod, Chariton Review, The Laurel Review, Poetry Northwest, Two Rivers Review, Slipstream, and Quarterly West. Among her awards, she received the Spoon River Poetry Review Editor's Choice Award, the Salt Hill Poetry Award, Two Rivers Review First Prize, Peregrine and Sow's Ear prizes and a month-long residency at Ucross Foundation

Annual Wine Auction Offers One-of-a-Kind Experiences, Wines, and Other Items

Ice skating with Olympic legend Peggy Fleming, a private jet to Oregon's Willamette Valley and a weekend of wine and world-class poker in Napa are just a few of the spectacular packages that will be "on the block" in Livermore's wine country this spring.

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation will stage its annual Wine Auction Experience to benefit area children on May 17. This year's fund-raising gala will take place in Concannon Vineyard's newly completed, 22,000 square foot barrel room. With a capacity of 5000 barrels and existing casks up to 50 years old, the new barrel room is part of the working winery.

The black-tie optional, Saturday evening event-which features a winemaker's reception, silent and live auctions, candlelight dinner and dancing—begins at 5 p.m. and lasts until midnight. The beneficiaries of the 2008 Wine Auction Experience are: Kaleidoscope After School Program/Easter Seals Bay Area; Oakland East Bay Symphony; ValleyCare Foundation; and The Taylor Family Foundation.

At the 5-6:30 p.m. reception, Livermore Valley wineries will offer their top three-liter, handdecorated bottles in a silent auction. Hors d'oeuvres and glasses of the winemakers' vintages and new releases will be served. Among the silent auction lots are Concannon Vineyard 2005 Captain Joe's Petite Sirah, Reserve; Fenestra 2005 Estate Syrah, Livermore Valley and El Sol 2002

Amador Valley, Zinfandel. The one-of-kind bottles are decorated by local artists in a wide variety of styles.

Wente Vineyards Catering Chef Scott Ritchie will create reception hors d'oeuvres as well as the Gala Dinner that begins at

During dinner, the live auction will begin with Auctioneer David Reynolds of Reynolds & Buckley Auctioneers, who combines British wit and lively anecdotes with American cattle auctioneering bravado. He'll be bringing the gavel down on 50 one-of-a-kind wine, epicurean, travel and adventure packages. Two rare 1000 ml bottles from Grace Family Vineyards will be among the items. Live auction

lots range from a Steven Kent Cabernet Sauvignon vertical tasting for 20 people to a first class trip for two to Puerto Vallarta on Alaska Airlines with luxury accommodations at the Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita.

The Auction fundraising goal for 2008 is \$500,000. Nearly \$453,000 was raised at last year's event. In its 13-year history, the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation has distributed in excess of \$3 million to area charities focused on children.

Tickets to the Livermore Wine Auction Experience are available at the Barrel Room at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore. They are \$250 per person. Please call 925/447-WINE to purchase.

Playwrights' Theatre, May 4 at 3 p.m. ,staged reading of "Blood Mirage," a new work by playwright Jeffrey Hartgraves, and "Revolutions," scenes from Eugene O'Neill plays in which women are the principal characters, featuring Karen Grassle, star of TV's "Little House on the Prairie." Mike Ward, artistic director at S.F. Magic Theater, directs Mirage, a story of three sisters called by their aging mother to attend the funeral of her sister, their aunt. Presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in part-nership with the National Park Ser-

www.eugeneoneill.org.

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble will perform Sat., May 3 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave.,

accordion player joining them on this year's tour. Tickets are \$10 and available by phone 925-447-1950 ext. 0, by mail or in the church office. Call for more info or go to

www.AsburyLive.org.

Eugenia W. Zobel will be exhibiting her Porcelain Art at the Garre Vineyard & Cafe, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, April 27 through June 28. The winery is open for tasting and viewing art weekends 11:20 am to viewing art weekends 11:30 a.m. to

Independent Short Film Premiere, April 26, 6-8pm, Director David Willnerd debuts "Elixir: A Fantasy Adventure." Film viewing and walk-ing tour of conceptual artwork, props and costumes. Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery, 400 Main St., Pleasanton. Film viewing every fifteen minutes.

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vice in the Old Barn at Tao House, Danville. Tickets \$25. 820-1818 or

Livermore. These young men travel the US and Europe, performing Rus-sian church music and folk music. In addition, there is a prize winning

5 p.m. For further information regarding the art contact: Eugenia W. Zobel, 925-443-7266.

Music of the Spheres Offers Enchanted Evening

By Nancy O'Connell

On a night of high winds three muses from three different parts of America flew in and came together to perform at Las Positas College: Jeanne Johnson from Atlanta, Georgia; Joanna Blendulf from Eugene, Oregon; and Yuko Tanaka, originally from Tokyo, but now residing in Oakland. Their musical ensemble is called Music of the Spheres, and the three muses enchanted the audience on April

They first talked about their instruments. The fortepiano is the older name for pianoforte, and is a very different instrument from the harpsichord heard in the last concert of this series. The fortepiano served as a transition between the harpsichord of the Baroque Era and the piano as we know it today. The fortepiano has a knee pedal used for sustaining the notes and only two wound strings instead of three. This ensemble tunes to the pitch A 430. In the Baroque period it was A 415, and most modern orchestras tune to A 440. The San Francisco Symphony, seeking an even more brilliant sound, tunes to A 460.

Both of the other instruments were also transitional ones used during the early Classical period. This violin had a higher bridge, the fingerboard was shorter, and there is no chin rest. Even the bow is different. It is heavier and a bit longer than the Baroque bow, but not as heavy as the modern one seen in orchestras of today. The transitional cello still has no end pin which supports the modern cello on the floor, but only an "end button." Joanna Blendulf has to grip this lighter version of the cello between the calves of her legs. Her fingers hold the bow above the frog, and do not grip the frog as is found in modern bowing techniques.

After the pre-concert introduction, Mozart's "Sonata for Violin and Fortepiano in B Flat Major, K. 378" opened the program. Both instruments had a much softer tone than modern ones. The fortepiano sounded like a muted piano rather than like a harpsichord. There were beautiful modulations from one key to another in the Allegro and almost playful melodies in a question and answer sequence. A fiery conclusion brought the first movement to a close. In the Andantino, Yuko Tanaka on her keyboard had a good ten notes

to every one played by Jeanne Johnson on her violin with her long sustained notes. Often the slower movements in Mozart's music showcase the keyboard with heavy ornamentation, and this Andantino ended with a whisper. In the Rondeau both instruments had many quick running passages of 16th notes which sounded like small creatures scurrying away to safety in the underbrush.

Joanna Blendulf's 'cello playing was electrifying as she performed the very difficult Boccherini "Sonata for Violoncello and Basso Continuo in C Major." Her double stops were perfectly in tune, and her bow danced over the strings in the Allegro. Her hands, which appeared small, had tremendous strength in them. She had no difficulty in stretching her fingers in augmented fourths. In the Largo assai, a beautiful melody in the 'cello introduced the theme in the second movement. In this work, the fortepiano has more of an accompanying role. It was more truly a basso continuo. Boccherini is noted for his very high passages up on the 'cello's fingerboard. Joanna Blendulf surmounted these note up in the stratosphere with ease. Her 'cello had a very sweet tone, but like the other two instruments played in this concert, would not carry in a large hall like Davies Symphony Hall. This ensemble is meant to be enjoyed in an inti-

mate setting.
In the Allegro Moderato there were very difficult sections in the thumb position which she made look effortless. Joanna has a pixie hair cut, is very slim, and has an elfin, Peter Pan figure, yet she has tremendous strength in her fingers. As she crossed all four strings in complicated arpeggios and double stops, she played with assurance and with total mastery

of her 'cello. During the intermission many gathered around the fortepiano to hear it tuned and to peer inside. Some were surprised to note that the usual white keys were black and the usual black keys for the sharps and flats were a pristine white. The few children in the audience who were very quiet and well behaved throughout the concert, stared in wonder at this instrument. Like the harpsichord, this keyboard has to be tuned frequently, as did the violin and the 'cello with their gut strings rather than the

aluminum wound strings found on modern viols. Yuko Tanaka next played

"Sonata for Fortepiano in B Flat Major, Op. 17, #6," composed by Bach's youngest son, Johann Christian Bach, who lived from 1735-1782. The Allegro had a light, delicate beginning followed by a flurry of 16th notes very cleanly played. Octave passages and arpeggios followed. Some deceptively simple lines led into complexities and difficult running notes. The Andante was a slower, more relaxing movement. Melodies in the right hand were accompanied by broken chords in the left. In the Prestissimo her fingers flew over broken octave passages in the right hand while the demanding left hand part would prove challenging to a keyboardist with less technical mastery than our soloist. Yuko tossed off the notes with ease and great musical understanding.

In Mozart's "Trio in B-Flat Major, K. 502," we heard the three artists playing together for the first time. The fortepiano part was more involved than the musical score for the other two voices, but the ensemble work was good. Each listened to the other two players, which is essential in chamber music. Later, the three parts were more equal in difficulty, and all three had demanding passages. The vio-lin would have a soulful melody answered by the 'cello, then all three would take off at a run. It was explained afterwards to me that because they live so far apart, but have met and played together over the years, they often need only two rehearsals to prepare for a concert such as the one

heard Saturday night.
This ensemble, the "Music of the Spheres," has an ethereal sound. These three women, each an artist on her own instrument, blend and subdue their individuality to blend together in a harmonious whole. The appreciative audience of all ages is grateful that these series of concerts have been brought out to Livermore and are given in the library of Las Positas College. Ordinarily one would have to travel Stanford, Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, or San Francisco

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to hear such a concert. The college library provides an intimate setting for this chamber music series. Marilyn Marquis, the Artistic Director who presents Thursday night lectures based on the music to be performed, deserves a special "thank you."

Next year, she promises a series based on music of the Renaissance which will feature some very unusual instruments. Circle your calendars!

Vocal Recital Open to Public

The Sarah Sloan Vocal Studios of Dublin will perform the annual spring vocal recital on April 26 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore.

The recital will showcase young talent from all over the Tri-Valley. The program begins at 7

Singers from Granada High School, Amador Valley High School, Foothill High School, and San Ramon Valley High will be featured in this concert. Vocal music of Mozart, Handel, Gershwin and Rodgers and Hammerstein among others will be on the program.

Admission is free. There will be a reception with the perform-

ers following the concert. Sloan has been a singer, performer and voice teacher in the Bay Area for over fifteen years. Her students have won numerous competitions and scholarships and performed at such venues as Pleasanton Playhouse, Broadway by the Bay, Diablo Light Opera, and Peninsula Teen Opera.

Sloan says of her philosophy in training young voices, "It is my mission to provide the highest quality vocal training possible while focusing on the individual needs of the students. I strive to create an environment in which my students feel safe to explore their creativity and express themselves fully."
Asbury Church is located at

4743 East Avenue, Livermore.

For more information about the studio and/or the recital visit www.sarahsloan.com or contact Sarah Sloan at 719-4984 or sarahsloan02@yahoo.com.

raising 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, speak-easy beer, a three-course seated dinner with wine, live and silent auctions and dancing to the sounds of the musicians of the Amador Valley High School Jazz bands. Amador Valley High School Band and Colorguard benefit. 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, www.amadorband.org
The Boxcar Children, presented by the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company. Performances are April 25 & 26 at 8:00 p.m.; April 26 & 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleas-anton. The Boxcar Children is a play adapted from the beloved classic children's series by Gertrude Chandler Warner. It portrays the adventures of four siblings who run away and make their home in an abandoned railroad boxcar, all the while experiencing the perils of life on the run as well as the joys of keeping their family together. Tickets to the event are \$14, \$18 & \$20 for adults and \$8, \$12 & \$16 for children. They may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance.

discounts are available.

Artists Flea Market, Sat., April 26 at DeLucchi Park, First Street at Neal Pleasanton, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. New and used art supplies and equipment, discounted original artwork, canvas frames, paper, ink, paints, colored pencils, pottery, paintings, brushes, etc. Sponsored by Pleasanton Art League. Booth information at 846-8960.

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. 925.373.6800 or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit is seeking an additional Pleas-anton or Dublin business location for its quarterly exhibit program. Through the Circuit, PAL artists display their work for sale at business

venues for 3 months at a time. Local organizations have the benefit of fresh art displays every quarter. A portion of all sales supports PAL's community art programs. For more information contact the Circuit Chair-

person, Lisa Davis, at 925-518-4436. **Pacific Chamber Symphony**, April 25, Chopin and Saint-Saens, 8pm, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Ticket office open Monday through Saturday from noon to 6:00 p.m. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Del Valle Fine Arts Concert, April 26,

8 p.m. Binelli-Ferman-Isaac Trio, three South American virtuoso musicians exploring the excitement and brilliance of the Argentine tango. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., downtown Livermore. 373-6800,

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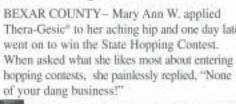
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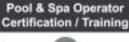
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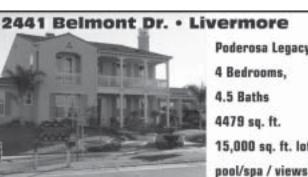












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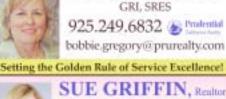
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"The Birth of Liberty," a paper collage by Livermore artist Linda Hopwood, will be exhibited in Las Positas College's 30th Annual Art Festival from May 1 to 30.

Las Positas College Art Festival Opens at 3 Locations

Las Positas College will hold its 30th Annual Art Festival May 1-30 at three Tri-Valley locations. They are Worthington Gallery West in Pleasanton, the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, and the SPCA Art

The exhibit will display drawing, painting, and design work by art students at the Livermore college. The artists' reception and awards ceremony will be Wednesday, May 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, and the public is invited.

"In the past three decades our festival has expanded from an oncampus show to locations in all Tri-Valley cities," said Bill Paskewitz, who heads the art program at Las Positas. "This truly reflects the diversity of students in our art program and displays the college's emphasis on serving the local communities."

The Worthington Gallery West, at 739 Main Street in Pleasanton, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Bankhead Theater, at 2400 First Street in Livermore, is open during performances. The Tri-Valley SPCA Art Gallery, at 4651 Gleason Street in Dublin, is open Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Bill Paskewitz at 925-424-1265.

Trade Tasting at a Tasteful Place: Valley Wineries Shine at Marriott

by Harry Stoll

At the posh Pleasanton Marriott, bottles of wine on white-linen-covered tables offered tastes to the wine tradei.e. companies that buy wine. The Trade Tasting hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association drew buyers from Lucky, COSTCO, Whole Foods, BevMo and mo—who made the rounds with their noses not in the air but in the glasses as they did the color check-whirl-sniff-tastespit riff.

The ceiling glowed gold from groups of 12 chubby cylindrical light fixtures with shades the color of Hidden Creek Wines Cabernet Franc. The buyers trod the plush multi-colored carpeting carrying tasty trade tasting brochures with a list of the wineries and the wines they were pouring followed by a white space marked "Notes."

A journalist bending to look at Maria Terry's handwritten name tag looked like the kid in that corsage-pinning ad. The tag read "La Sommelierre," a femi-nization of "sommelier," she said. Maria is a wine consultant and advises clients on wine buys. She coined the phrase "hidden gem" to describe Wood Family Vine-yards, said the Fenestra Verdelho is the freshest she every tasted, combining a floral bouquet with balancing acidity. Murietta's Well White Meritage she rated as the best. The man pouring said it was a blend of crisp Sauvignon Blanc and creamy Semillon.

Most buyers had non-committal comments. COSTCO's Mary Connally's mantra was "good wine at a fair price" and "We're a big company that buys locally."
BevMo had a tasting contingent but all deferred to John Ignouski of their Mountain View store. He carried Dane Stark's Page Mill wine when the winery was located in Palo Alto and credits Dane with promoting Livermore Valley wines. When asked what wines he might buy, he said, "I'll have to get back to you on that. But I wouldn't be here if I didn't have great expectations."

Lucky Food's buyer Robert Doyle said they carry Concannon and Wente. When asked about his impressions of what he had tasted today, said, "Not that well so far." Barbara of Lucky liked the Bodegas Aguirre Trio and she's not a red wine drinker.

Mary Lynn Slattery soon will open Hera Vina wine boutique near Campo di Bocce on Vineyard Avenue. She liked Steven Kent Cabernet, Wente Merlot and Wood Family Zinfandel. Michael Jonathan of Horizon sales said the Concannon Zin was soft and subtle, an easy drink that would be a good introductory wine. Kim Klescenski of Livermore's First Street Wine Company liked Wood Family, Fenestra and Thomas Coyne wines.

UC Berkeley Faculty Club liked Thomas Coyne Syrah and Petite Sirah. Dan O'Hara and Jeff Loo of Wine Styles in San Ramon and Walnut Creek were "exploring." Their shop features wine at about \$25 a bottle. They liked Page Mill Chardonnay and Red Skye

Barbara and Kenna from the

Sauvignon Blanc.

Sarah Myers-caterer at Sequoyah Country Club in the Oakland Hills—liked the Deer Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Zinfandel. Bar manager Michael Jacinto is the wine buyer. He said of trade tastings: "They want your card and then

later call you."

Michael liked the Bodegas
Aguirre Trio, a splendid blend of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot and half of each of those of Petite Sirah. He also liked the Crooked Vine Syrah and the el Sol Tempranillo. L'ater, he stood in front of John Chris-topher Cellars table and said, "I just bought 100 cases of their Epic." Eno de facto it was three cases, but a buy is a buy. No doubt there were, and will be, others, but it was the only one loudly announced.

Buyers from a tasting bar at Pier 39 tasted and talked as did two men from a waterfront restaurant in Sausalito. Jim Denham of the Wine Steward tastes 100 wines a week. He was looking for wines made from Livermore Valley grapes. He liked the Concannon Assemblage blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon.

Whole Foods buyer Glenn Plizga tasted Fenestra Tempranillo and True Red, Fenestra's most popular wine. He sniffed, tasted and spit the cab, which in the wine world is not an insult,

it's a very practical custom.
A table laden with chowdowns sat in the center of things, near iced bottled water. Phil Long did not get shorted. He is the

owner/winemaker for Longevity Wines, which will soon open on one of those aviator streets near

the airport. Fascinating shapes of Riedel glassware gleamed nearby. Riedel does not rhyme with Weibel, the champagne makers. Tanya Siebold said the stemless glasses (which looked like tumblers) are difficult to upset and blers) are difficult to upset, and emphasized they were all varietally correct. That way you won't be caught using a Viog-

nier tumbler for a Torrontés.
If some of the "liked this and liked that" turn into sales it will be beyond good. The spirit of the tasting was stated by Les Chênes owner/winemaker Richard Dixon. He indicated a buyer at his table, and beaming, said, "He liked the 2005 Syrah.

Wild Vine Shows Art by Pete Escovedo

Original paintings by musician Pete Escovedo will be displayed at The Wild Vine in downtown Livermore.

There will be a reception for the artist on April 27 starting at 2:30 p.m. Pete will be displaying 20 to 30 of his original paintings. Authentic Mexican food will be served from 2:30 -5:30. Latin jazz music will be performed from 6 to 8 pm. The public is invited to attend.

The Wild Vine is located at 2187 First St., For information, call 243-0700.

Shakespeare Festival Camp for Kids Focuses on Theater

Shakespeare Festival is accepting registrations for two summer Shakespeare camps for youth in Pleasanton. Both sessions will be held at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road in Pleasan-

The session for ages 7-13, will be held weekdays from July 21-August 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The teen session, for ages 12-18, will be held weekdays from July 7-18, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Campers at each session will be introduced to three key facets of drama and theater:

• Discovering Shakespeare introduces students to the beauty, versatility and meaning of Shakespeare's language and to what life was like in Elizabethan times. Students work in-depth on a shortened version of a Shakespeare play and learn how to create characters and on-stage

relationships. • Voice and Movement chal-

San Francisco lenges students to learn and use the power and expressiveness of their voices and bodies when conveying thoughts, moods and character traits. They learn theater games, vocal projection techniques niques, and improvisation skills.

 Production and Design teaches students the basics of the technical side of theater. The students learn about costuming, props, and set design. They collaborate on the set design and construct costumes and props for their showcase performance (to which family and friends are invited) on the final day of camp. The camps are appropriate for

youth who are new to drama as well as more experienced young actors. Teaching artists are welltrained adults, many with college degrees in the theater arts and acting experience.

The parent of two 2007 campers reports, "I want to let you know what an absolutely fantastic experience Shakespeare



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Last summer, enrollment exceeded 800 campers, the highest level in the 15-year history of the camps," adds San Francisco Shakespeare Festival Executive Director Toby Leavitt. "Nearly two-thirds of the campers returned for the second, third or

ment that the camps are both en-

gaging and enriching."

Cost for each Shakespeare
Camp session is \$420. Aftercare is available for 7-13-year-olds at an additional charge of \$135.

Registrations are now being accepted by phone at 415-558-0888 with a credit card or by mail. The registration form may

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The series of special family presentations concludes on Sunday, May 18th at 2pm with The Spencers Theatre of Illusion. The Family Fun Series, pre-

sented by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center as part of its commitment to bringing World Class Arts and Entertainment to the Tri-Valley, has been made possible by a grant from a local Livermore family. \$11 Student tickets, for those 17 and under, are available for all Family Fun Series shows. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800, or visit the LVPAC website www.livermoreperformingarts.org





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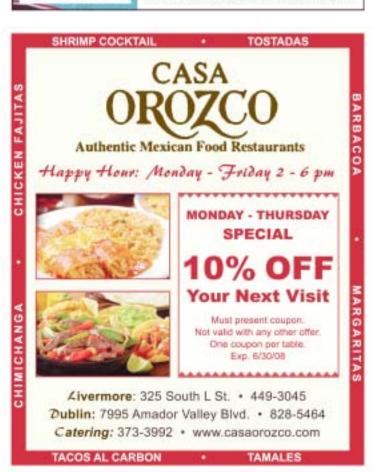


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Charter School students gathered to watch films they created.

Teen Stars Taylor Lautner, Dylan McLaughlin, and Alyson Stoner visit Charter School

Student Films Screened at Vine Cinema

By Patricia Koning

All that Taylor Lautner had to say was "um" to elicit a wave of screams from the crowd at the **Livermore Valley Charter School** (LVCS) on Friday afternoon. Lautner was joined by fellow teen actors Dylan McLaughlin and Alyson Stoner, in town to promote their movie Alice Upside Down at the California Independent Film Festival (CIFF).

The three young stars are only a few years older than some of the LVCS students, but all have years of Hollywood experience under their belts. Lautner, age 16, is best known for playing Sharkboy in The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl and is currently working on Twilight.

McLaughlin, age 15, has shared the screen with many Hollywood heavyweights-Will Ferrel in Kicking and Screaming as well as Lindsey Lohan and Jane Fonda in Georgia Rule. Stoner, age 15, is a Disney Channel regular, with roles on The Suite Life of Zack & Cody and

the animated series *Phineas and* Ferb. She was also in Cheaper by the Dozen 2 with Lautner, and will appear in the Jonas Brothers' TV movie Camp Rock.

Lautner, McLaughlin, and Stoner described their lives as actors, their likes and dislikes of the industry, and how they got into acting. While McLaughlin and Stoner got a young start through family members, Lautner was involved in extreme martial arts. His entrée into show business came through a karate coach, who happened to be the blue Power Ranger.

Most of the LVCS student body, which ranges from kindergarten through eighth grade, along with many parents and teachers packed into the school's multipurpose room for the celebrity visit. They answered questions from the audience that reflected the school's diversity everything from "have you met Miley Cyrus?" to "what is your favorite thing to do on set" to "do you have a limo" as well as favorite pets, sports, and ways to spend free time.

"One of my favorite parts of being an actor is getting to meet people like you," said Stoner. "It's fulfilling and satisfying to meet the people who watch my shows." She also treated the audience to a sample of the voice of Isabella Garcia-Shapiro, the

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character she plays on *Phineas* and Ferb.

When asked if he had a girlfriend, Lautner replied that he is single and added "my dad has told me I can't date until I'm 28, so I've got another 12 years."

Alice Upside Down director Sandy Tung accompanied the teen stars to LVCS and donated copies of the *Alice* book series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, on which Alice Upside Down is

For LVCS middle school students, however, meeting the stars was only part of their Hollywood experience. Over 100 students participated in the school's Middle School Film Competi-

On Friday morning, the middle schoolers took a field trip to the Vine Movie Theatre where they watched the student entries on the big screen, and previewed other CIFF films. Tony Bill, director of Flyboys, another film screened at the CIFF, spent about 45 minutes talking with the students and answering questions.

Regina Leyva, LVCS middle school visual arts instructor, designed the curriculum for the Middle School Film Competition. 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 results, she said, were much better than she expected.

"I knew they'd want to make a movie, but once we hit them with the guidelines, I thought we'd have less participation," she explained. "They really hung in there and created some great

work."

The student filmmakers had to choose a genre, write a plot summary, and create a storyboard with dialogue. Those working on teams had to assign key roles, including time manager, script supervisor, storyboard artist, and conflict mediator.

The winning short film was Indifference to Suffering, directed by Wali Kamal and written by Evan Smith. Other members of the team were Sam Heinz, Antonio Aguilar, Ben Zhu, Brendan Sauer, Kevin Johnston, Brandon Arata, and David Faux.

The movie depicted a suspenseful kidnapping with a twist ending. "We really didn't expect to win," said Kamal. "We were just trying to get an A on the assignment.

Uzair Mohammad won second place with Industrialization: The Seed of Artificial Conscience, 3-D animated movie. He describes the film, which portray robots turning trees into industrial buildings, as a metaphor for how humans treat the environ-

"It took me three weeks to create, which included a lot of time for rendering," he said. "I learned a lot." He's planning to submit the 3-D animation to Pixar Stu-

The third place film was Discontent in a Bag by Lauren Boeder, Kathleen Biehl, and Nicole Glover. Sabrina Chaco and Alia Gross earned honorable mention for their film Reality Shows Exposed.

These first, second, and third place winners will be screened at the Fifth Annual Danville Children's International Film Festival on May 16-18. Anyone wanting a second chance to see Lautner can find him there, where he'll be honored as the 2008 Rising Star.





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