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Livermore Police To Host Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall Meeting will be held May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. It will feature Chief Steve Sweeney, Captain Scott Trudeau, Captain Steve Gallagher, and other members of the Livermore Police Department.

The community education presentation is offered by the Livermore Police Department in cooperation with the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARPD).

Chief Sweeney will discuss current law enforcement trends in Livermore and then open the meeting up to questions from the audience. This Town Hall Meeting is intended to allow our community members to discuss topics they feel are important to them and the police department.

According to Chief Sweeney, "The Livermore Police Department prides itself on being an open agency with our community members. This Town Hall Meeting will allow us to directly interact with the people we serve and I hope that we can have a great exchange of information and ideas. It's imperative that we include our community in our law enforcement efforts, and I am always interested in hearing what our residents have to say about what is occurring in town."

The Town Hall Meeting is an open forum. Everyone is welcome to attend. Reservations are not required. It will help plan for seating if attendees register for the presentation by calling LARPD at 373-5700 and registering for class #2723.



PET OF THE WEEK
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Council Backs Downtown, Vasco Stations

The Livermore City Council voted unanimously to recommend that a BART extension to Livermore go underground through the downtown and at grade to Vasco Road.

If funding could not be obtained for a downtown station, the council's vote included the recommendation to extend BART to Vasco Road. A Vasco station would be near the national laboratories and the area where Livermore anticipates that a large number of jobs will be generated at the i-Hub. The state has designated Livermore as an i-Hub, a center for innovation.

The final decision on a BART extension alignment will be made

by the BART board. The decision is expected to be made in June.

The recommended route, known as 2B, follows I-580 east from the Dublin-Pleasanton station to Livermore's East Airway-Portola interchange, where it goes underground and angles southeast beneath Portola and city streets to the location of the current Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) station at the downtown transit center.

From there it turns east and rises back to the surface along the Union Pacific Railroad corridor leading to its terminus on the east side of Vasco Road. A maintenance yard would be constructed at the Vasco site.

The selected route was that recommended by staff.

Staff told the council that other alignments were unworkable due to various constraints that would not allow the city to meet the criteria need to gain money to build the extension. Among those is a requirement for housing. The MTC, which makes spending decisions, requires 3850 existing or planned housing units within a half mile of a station. With the 2B option, the required housing could be split between the downtown and Vasco sites. "Without the housing, the project will not be funded," declared city traffic engineer Bob Vinn.

Staff examined five proposals

for station locations, three proposals for maintenance yards and 10 potential track alignments that had emerged from previous studies. The tenth alignment, the one selected by staff and endorsed by the council, evolved as part of the public outreach process that included public hearings and community workshops. Cost for the various options range from just over \$1 billion for a single Isabel station to \$3.8 billion for option 2B.

BART's anticipated effect has evolved beyond freeway relief to a more comprehensive array of benefits, such as connecting city with city, improving the mobility of residents, stimulating

economic development near station sites, reducing greenhouse gas and connecting with other transportation systems such as ACE and the high-speed rail project.

City engineer Cheri Sheets told the council, alternative 2B best satisfies community goals and policies for infill development, economic vitality and regional mobility; local, regional, state and federal transportation policies for intermodal connections, reductions in greenhouse gases, congestion relief and sustainable transit through mixed use development at stations. She also noted that is the environment. (See BART, page 2)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III high fives students at Rancho Las Positas in Livermore.

Lorrie and Sully Sullenberger Honor Rancho School Students

By Patricia Koning

Lorrie Sullenberger has been waiting to meet the students at Rancho Las Positas Elementary School since last September, when they gave away their Governor's Fitness Challenge gold medal award of a \$100,000 fitness center to Modesto's Tulumne Elementary School. After reading essays from other finalists in the Governor's Fitness Challenge, Principal Chris Calabrese said it was obvious that other schools had a greater need than Rancho for the fitness center.

"I was so blown away by what you had done. I said we

need to go to this school," said Lorrie, an Ambassador to the California Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the organization that sponsors the Governor's Challenge.

On Friday, April 23, Lorrie and her husband Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III attended the school's Earth Day assembly. "We often talk about heroes in our world. I think a hero is someone who changes a person's life or saves a life," said Calabrese. "Both of our guests here are heroes—Mrs. Sullenberger because she changes people's lives by helping them make healthier choices. And

Captain Sullenberger, of course, saved an entire plane load of people."

Sully achieved worldwide fame on Jan. 15, 2009, when he successfully landed US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River after engine failure due to bird strikes. Lorrie runs Fit and Fabulous . . . Outdoors (www.fitandfabulousoutdoors.com), which aims to help women find fun in everyday exercise and accept their bodies.

"I married him over 20 years ago, back then he wasn't so cool," said Lorrie. "You are leaders right now. You set an example" (See RANCHO, page 3)

Pleasanton Looks at Negotiations to Settle Court's Cap Ruling

The Pleasanton City Council continued public hearings on how the city should respond to a recent court ruling, overturned the city's housing cap.

The council is considering three responses: continued litigation, compliance, or negotiations.

The council will continue to meet in closed session to discuss the various options. The next session was set for April 27. It is possible there could be a decision by the end of the week. The council appears headed towards negotiating, while retaining the ability to litigate if an agreement were not reached.

The city has until August 9 to respond to the court.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern noted, "We are truly talking about issues, not making decisions. We are trying to reach an understanding on both sides"

Hosterman commented, "Just as we vigorously defended the cap, we will pursue vigorously a solution that will bring Pleasanton into compliance and safeguard the best interests of the community."

The suit was filed by Urban Habitat, which claimed that the city's growth policies made it impossible for it to meet its regional fair share housing numbers, particularly with regard to low income housing. The suit targeted the 29,000 unit housing cap and the growth management ordinance, which limits the number of permits allocated each year. The housing cap could have only been overturned by a vote of the people.

A third element of the lawsuit

involved a charge of discrimination. Urban Habitat alleged that the city favors housing for seniors over other multifamily or other low income types.

Alameda Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch issued the ruling on the lawsuit on March 12. He ordered the city to complete re-zoning to accommodate its share of the region's housing as required by state law. The ruling prevents the city from using the cap in any planning documents or decisions. The judge also suspended the right of Pleasanton to issue nonresidential building permits. Roesch did not rule on the discrimination charge.

"We think the order is broader than the law allows," stated Tom Brown, counsel hired by the city to represent it in the litigation. Brown noted that the city has failed to update its housing element to include regional housing numbers. Under state law, housing elements have to be adapted and then updated on a regular schedule. They are required to accommodate regional housing numbers, he added.

The city has spent about \$500,000 in legal expenses on the case. It does not include the work performed by the city attorney's office. An appeal could cost about \$250,000. The city could also face claims for legal expenses for Urban Habitat, which instituted the lawsuit.

Brown said the options are to include fighting the ruling. "There are substantial questions about whether the city has the right to go immediately to the appeals court because of the" (See RULING, page 4)

Grant Program Would Help With Stream Improvements

The Zone 7 Water Agency is launching a pilot grant program to determine whether public/private partnerships could help in implementing Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP) projects on privately owned stream reaches within Zone 7's jurisdiction.

The Zone 7 Board of Directors agreed to requests from a group of private landowners for a \$100,000 grant to facilitate stream improvements consistent with Zone 7's SMMP goals. Their properties are located along a stretch of Arroyo de la Laguna between Pleasanton and Sunol, which suffers from significant streambank erosion and loss of backyard property.

The Urban Creeks Council, a non-profit organization, will administer the grant along with \$50,000 in matching funds it has received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The money will be used to develop

preliminary designs for bank stabilization, erosion protection, habitat and other improvements on a mile-long stretch of arroyo from Castlewood Drive downstream to the Verona Bridge. The design work could then be used to seek future joint funding for constructing those improvements, and could make the project more competitive for future state and federal grant funding.

"This action demonstrates Zone 7's willingness to work collaboratively on watershed issues, and provides one avenue for seeking joint funding on stream management issues like slope stabilization and restoration," said Zone 7 Board President Dick Quigley. "To finally see SMMP projects where the rubber is meeting the road - and with community involvement - is really special."

Zone 7's SMMP, adopted in 2006, identifies the lower reach (See STREAM, page 3)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The annual Wente Vineyards criterium and road race were held over the weekend. Winning the junior men's (15-16) criterium was Marcus Smith of Pleasanton. Ryan Gabow of Dublin finished fifth in the 17-18 Jr. men. Mike Gabow was 7th in the master (45-99). Gordon Lau of Livermore finished 6th in the men's criterium. In the road race event, Nathan Parks, Livermore, finished 3rd in the master class, Hanns Detlefsen, Dublin was 9th. Dan Foehner, Pleasanton, raced to 2nd in the men's event.

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RABBIT ADOPTION EVENT

Primrose is a stunning Lop who will capture your heart. She has white fur with soft gray markings including two whimsical marks above her nose. To meet Primrose join us at the East Bay SPCA, located at 4651 Gleason Dr. in Dublin on Saturday, May 1st from 11 am-4 pm. This month, free bunny portraits are being offered with adoptions! Photography by Brian Son, www.journeyphotography.net. At noon, drop in for, Bunny Basics, a presentation on rabbit care and health. Anyone with questions is welcome. Please visit www.eastbayspca.org or call 925-479-9670 for more info.

BART

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tally superior alternative with the best air quality, most energy savings, and most reduction in vehicle miles traveled. It was the concept with the most support at the community workshops.

In looking at the proposed Isabel and I-580 station, Vinn said that because of the urban growth boundary (UGB), scenic corridor policy, and airport protection zone, no new housing could be built at the site. In addition, there is no connection to ACE.

The Greenville site, once the favored end of line station, is unlikely ever to be built due to environmental concerns. Regulatory agencies have indicated they would not likely issue permits that would allow development of the station and maintenance yard, said Vinn. There are sensitive habitat and wildlife mitigation corridors in the area. "Because of that, a station at Greenville is not viable," explained Vinn. In addition, the location near the eastern UGB would make it difficult to meet the housing requirement. On the positive side, it would pick up the most San Joaquin commuters.

Sheets called Greenville "fatally flawed for environmental reasons." In addition, residential development at 100 units to the acre would be required at a location far from any city services.

Malcolm Quint, BART project manager, was asked about the potential for a Greenville station. "It is my sense that staff will not recommend the site because of the constraints that have been identified," he replied.

Vinn continued the discussion of options. A downtown station is in the middle of the urban core. It is best suited for transit oriented development (TOD). "The biggest constraint," said Vinn, "is that development is already there."

The Vasco station is near jobs, the i-Hub and existing plans for a neighborhood. It, too, is constrained by existing development.

Vinn felt that concerns about noise and visual impacts could be mitigated for the 2B option. When it came to concerns about parking, Vinn said it could be constrained in the downtown. He pointed out that many downtown stations on the BART line have no parking at all. He felt that sufficient parking could be provided at Vasco to intercept commuters. In the downtown, parking would be controlled by the city. It could be shared with other uses.

Public testimony was split almost 50-50 between the downtown to Vasco alignment and keeping the extension on the freeway with stations at Isabel and Greenville.

Those in favor of 2B talked about the positive economic impacts, ease of access by other public transit and walking, and the fact that it is the most likely to be funded.

John Mahoney, representing the Livermore Chamber of Com-

merce, said the chamber agreed with staff recommendation. His reasons were economic. "We must get BART to the i-Hub area near the laboratories," he stated.

Len Alexander, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center CEO, favored 2B as the best option. "I believe it will make an impact on the viability of the downtown and enhance our ability to run the performing arts theaters."

Winegrower Jon Christensen reminded the council that the city's policy has been to grow within the city's current boundaries to avoid building in empty fields. Much effort and planning had gone into preserving the vineyards and open space areas around the city. "There is a new opportunity to focus more on the downtown. A major transit center can define a city center. Freeway stations are a concept of 30-year-old urban planning," he stated.

Michael Weiner brought up the impact on cultural activities. Weiner, is a member of the board of the California Symphony. He said of Livermore, "It is a destination spot. I look forward to exploring its cultural offerings." David Lowell, who chaired the Wings for Charity airshow, pointed out that issues that make the protection zone necessary are safety and noise. "I can't imagine building the needed homes in the area. No one would want to live there."

Reading a letter of support for a downtown station was Rachael Snedecor, executive director of Livermore Downtown Inc. The letter notes that the board feels confident that the presence of a downtown BART station added to the existing transit center will allow Livermore to truly grow its residential and entertainment developments. The underground option preserves the design and beautification elements in place and the board strongly endorses the underground option. The board would like assurance that with the addition of theater venues, housing and transportation projects, parking structures and street parking balance is maintained.

Bob Baltzer pointed out that additional money could be saved by putting the Vasco yard east of Greenville and well south of I-580 outside the UGB. This would save \$300 to \$400 million.

Those favoring a station on the freeway, either Isabel alone or both Isabel and Greenville pointed to the disruption construction would cause in neighborhoods. There was concern about noise, loss of property values, and the loss of homes.

Milo Nordyke said his preference was a station at Isabel to provide access for students attending the college. He pointed out that homes have already been built in the airport protection zone. Other homes could be built.

Matthew Steinberg favored a freeway alignment all the way

to Greenville. If the downtown to Vasco alignment were to go forward, he asked why it could not continue as a subway all the way to Vasco.

Susan Young called the favored alignment, "the path of most disruption to the most residents of Livermore. It will destroy a neighborhood. You will be hurting a lot of people."

Valerie Raymond described the staff recommendation as "staggeringly expensive. Funding it would require strong community support and consensus, which doesn't exist. Regional support is unlikely to be enthusiastic. Every dollar spent is a dollar not available to projects important to other areas. The only alternative that makes sense is a single station at Isabel/580. The limitations cited by staff are artificial and can be changed."

Also stating that the constraints, such as the UGB, scenic corridor and airport protection, are all things that can change was Linda Jeffery Sailors. She pointed out that under the 2B option, 81 living units would be lost. Other towns had to pay for undergrounding. "I don't think we can afford it," she stated. She urged the city to recommend an Isabel station with future expansion possible.

Sheila Cooper said of the preferred alignment, "Homes will be taken. How will relocation take place. I love the Bankhead Theater. However, Livermore will not become a destination for the arts. The city does not have the restaurants and walking areas to make that happen."

Luanna Layton suggested that requirements for funding at Isabel and Greenville could be waived, because Livermore has been paying into the system for such a long time.

In response to comments about funding, BART Board member John McPartland commented, "If BART goes to Isabel, not only would we end up with difficulty in funding it, it would be a non-starter. It would be an end game." He said there are four criteria that must be met to gain funding. They are political will, funding, sustainable ridership and connectivity with ACE or the high speed rail. Isabel would not meet the criteria.

Councilmembers then explained their reasons for supporting the staff recommendation.

John Marchand noted that it is an extremely difficult topic to handle. He has friends on both sides of the issue. "All of the arguments have merit. One thing I find troubling are statements this is staff driven. It is goal driven. A lot of the options are unaffordable." He said he did not want to change the airport protection zone. Citizens have steadfastly supported the UGB. "I love the fact we have the scenic corridor. It separates Livermore. Citizens put these protections in place."

Doug Horner pointed out that the preferred option was not

one of the original proposals. It came out of input received from the public. "The freeway will do nothing but benefit Tracy and Manteca. After 40 years, do we want to use our BART ticket for commuters who have not paid," he asked. Horner said he would pick the option that has the most benefits for the citizens of Livermore. That's 2B. He noted that the decision impacts how we will function in the future. "Cars won't continue to be the primary way to get around. A station in the downtown will benefit the city for decades and decades."

Marj Leider also did not want to overturn the airport protection, UGB or scenic corridor protections. "If I didn't keep them, I would betray those who voted me into office."

Jeff Williams, who grew up in Orinda where the BART station is a block from the downtown, said there were no negative impacts to the downtown. "With a lot of hard work, we can make sure the negative impacts are mitigated in Livermore. When

making a decision, we need to take into consideration how people will be living 30, 40 and 50 years from now."

Mayor Marshall Kamena noted, "It's important that the rail goes to the laboratories. Thousands of jobs will be created on the 1600 acre science and technology park. To sug-

gest that downtown won't be a destination, when the 2000 seat theater is coming, is incorrect. Having a downtown station is a real plus."

Kamena concluded, "I believe in this one. I haven't heard anything that would make me change my mind."

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STREAM

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of Arroyo de la Laguna, which carries much of the area's stormwater to Alameda Creek and on to San Francisco Bay, as regionally important to the flood protection goals of the entire Valley. The SMMP list a project for this stretch of arroyo that includes bed/bank stabilization, restoration/rehabilitation through bio-engineering methods, and other habitat enhancements within the reach.

Private landowners along

the stretch near Verona Bridge formed a neighborhood coalition called Friends of Verona Reach to address their concerns about erosion and loss of property, along with overall stream health. The bank erosion is a major source of sediment buildup in the downstream area of the arroyo, which reduces its stormwater-carrying capacity. In addition, the erosion is so great that large amounts of tree debris can become lodged downstream, causing out-of-bank

flooding.

Although many of the Valley's streams and channels are under public ownership, the Verona Reach of Arroyo de la Laguna is one of many privately owned areas seen as important to the overall health of the Upper Alameda Creek Watershed. Achieving flood protection in the Valley is therefore difficult for Zone 7 to accomplish without costly or unpopular land acquisition. Zone 7 is hopeful that public/private

partnerships in implementing some SMMP projects could be a win-win for everyone involved.

The grant program will require minimum criteria to be further refined through the pilot program: Grantee must provide a 25 percent match for requested grant funds. Grant funds may be provided only to non-governmental organizations, non-profits, homeowners associations or other groups assisting private landowners. Grantee must own land within Zone 7's jurisdiction and be located on a stream identified in the SMMP or subsequent flood protection improvement plans as needing improvement or enhancement.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Bill Benefits Veterans

A bill authored by Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) to address the needs of veterans who have suffered traumatic brain injuries (TBI) passed the House of Representatives.

"Many service members who were wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan have experienced a traumatic brain injury. In fact, traumatic brain injuries are the hallmark injuries of these wars," said Rep. McNerney. "It is our responsibility to ensure that the Veterans Administration is equipped and ready to provide the ongoing services necessary to fully address the impact of traumatic brain injuries."

McNerney's bill helps develop improved policies for care and rehabilitation of veterans with traumatic brain injuries by establishing a special panel to assess how well the VA treats veterans with TBI. It will also help establish TBI-specific education and training programs for VA health professionals.

Congressman McNerney's bill passed the House as part of the comprehensive Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act. The inclusion of McNerney's bill in this Act is an important step because the legislation reflects language agreed upon by both the House and Senate. The Senate could take up the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act in the coming months.

Workshop to Help Seniors

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) will hold a senior assistance workshop in Dublin. The workshop will take place on Friday, April 30th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center, located at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard.

Representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Social Security Administration, and Alameda County Adult and Aging Services will be on hand to offer one-on-one assistance to seniors with obtaining benefits, including applying for Social Security and Medicare benefits, checking on the status of a previous application, and obtaining help with missing Social Security payments.

In addition, representatives from the Dublin Police Department and the Eden I&R / Alameda County 2-1-1 program will give presentations on topics relevant to seniors, such as fraud prevention and how to connect with social service agencies.

For questions regarding the workshop, contact Congressman McNerney's Pleasanton office at 925-737-0727.

Murder Charge in Baby's Death

The Livermore Police Department arrested Jessica Adams for the murder of her two month old baby, Gary Sterling.

Livermore police and medical personnel responded to a call about an unresponsive baby on March 19. His mother told the officers that she had accidentally suffocated him while she

was sleeping.

Sterling was transported to Valley Care Hospital in Pleasanton where he was pronounced deceased.

An investigation led detectives to believe that Adams caused the infant's death due to "her deliberate disregard for his life." Investigators concluded that when Adams used methamphetamine for four consecutive days and refused to sleep, she knew she was incapable of safely caring for Sterling. Although she was aware of the dangers of caring for Sterling while under the influence of methamphetamine, she did not make arrangements for others to care for him, in conscious disregard for his life.

Adams is a long time abuser of methamphetamine, with numerous arrests for drug related charges. She has been through numerous drug rehabilitation facilities, where she learned the dangers of using of methamphetamine.

Adams had made plans to use methamphetamine in celebration of her upcoming birthday. In preparation for using methamphetamine, Adams stated she stopped breastfeeding Sterling. Adams traveled with Sterling to a residence in Richmond, California. Adams stated that while at the Richmond residence, she continually smoked methamphetamine from March 15, 2009 until March 18, 2009.

Adams then returned to her Livermore residence. Although Adams was presented with opportunities to have someone else care for Sterling, she continued to keep him in her custody. Adams was with Sterling on a couch inside their residence. While on the couch, Adams fell asleep for the first time since beginning her methamphetamine use four days earlier. While sleeping, Adams rolled on top of Sterling, smothering him.

Adams has two other children, currently ages three and five. Both of these children had methamphetamine in their system when born. They were removed from her custody by Child Protective Services.

Funds for Schools

A "drop off and donate drive" last Thursday at Pleasanton schools resulted in donations of \$73,000.

CORE, Community Outreach for Education, is a combined effort by PPIE (Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation), all Pleasanton Unified School parent groups, and the District to raise funds for libraries, technology, and student support programs.

The overall goal of the campaign, which will run through June 1, is \$954,064. PUSD families have been asked for a donation of \$150 per student, and community members are invited to donate as well. Currently, the campaign has raised a total of \$130,165.

The next Drop and Donate day is May 27. However, donations may be made any time, by check on online at www.ppie.org.

A garage sale is planned for Friday, April 30 (3 - 6 p.m.) and Saturday, May 1 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.) at 2810 Camino Segura.

Zone 7 Directors Won't Increase Meeting Pay

In a unanimous decision, Zone 7 Water Agency's Board of Directors chose not to increase the amount of money directors are paid to attend Board meetings — even though their current compensation falls below that of other water districts in the region.

Board members said they don't serve in a publicly elected office for the money. Plus, they want to set an example in these difficult economic times by foregoing an increase in compensation.

"It's important for the public to know that the board sitting here making policy and water rates decisions is, in comparison to neighboring boards, really paid leanly," said Board President Dick Quigley. He said compensation is particularly small when considering all the time that Board members put into Zone 7 business outside of Board meetings themselves.

The Board's current compensation, last adjusted in June 2008, is \$159.99 per meeting, with a maximum of four meetings per month for a maximum monthly total of \$639.96. During that same period, the Bay Area's Consumer Price Index rose 3.8 percent.

The mean compensation level of other six Bay Area water agencies surveyed is \$166 per meeting, with a maximum of 9.2 meetings per month for a maximum monthly total of \$1,448.88. Currently, Zone 7 is also the only agency of those surveyed in which board members are not eligible for health and dental benefits.

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for other children and adults in your community and across the country. We are here today to be inspired by you."

Sully told the Rancho students they have a unique school culture and attitude. "It's so much fun to be here, such joy in the room," he said. "Before I landed the plane in the Hudson, I hoped that by the end of my life that I would have done enough things, one day at a time, to have made a difference in the world. You are on the right path of making heroic choices, one day at a time."

The Sullenbergers joined Calabrese and several Rancho teachers on stage to lead the children in the fitness song "Tony Chestnut (Toe-Knee Chest-Nut)". The Rancho students then sang the Rancho school song to the Sullenbergers and then everyone—all 522 students, their teachers, other staff members, and plenty of parents—headed out to the track where the Sullenbergers jogged a lap with the students.

Lorrie and Sully spent a long time signing autographs on copies of Sully's book "Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters", scraps of paper, hands, and even the back of the students' Governor's Fitness Challenge t-shirts. Several children, walking away from Sully, swore they'd never wash their hands again.

Every student at Rancho has completed the Governor's Challenge since it began in 2006. The school has been finalist in each of the last three academic years. To participate in the Governor's Challenge, students must be active 30-60 minutes a day at least 3 days a week for a month in addition to physical education classes. For more information on the Governor's Challenge, visit www.calgovcouncil.org.



Celebrate a New Beginning with Radiance Day Spa

On May 15th, 2010 Radiance will join the family of Aventine. Aventine is an innovative spa that has a robust service offering as a med spa, day spa and salon. Pam Linney, RN, owner of Radiance, is thrilled to continue to provide the exceptional services she has to her clients in the past 9 years at the beautiful Aventine location near the Ruby Hills area.

Pam will be joining the very accomplished medical family at Aventine and will work along with Dr. John Romano, Dr. Prasad Kilaru, and their team of nurses. Please call 925-846-0511 to schedule your next appointment and tour of the Aventine location at 101 E. Vineyard Avenue in Livermore or visit www.aventinemedspa.com.

All Radiance Gift Card holders will have the opportunity to use their gift cards for an extensive variety of services at Aventine.

Radiance's current location will be converted to a new business, Affinity Day Spa, under Sueanne Lam Moniz. Valued patients who have received medical spa services will have their medical records transferred to the office of Dr. Ronan at 3600 Blackhawk Plaza in Danville and new records will be created at Aventine.

We look forward to seeing you at Aventine!



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EDITORIAL

Community Responds

Instrumental music in elementary schools in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District appears to have been saved for at least another year, thanks to the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) working with the community.

LVEF president Vicki Schellenberger announced recently that the foundation was closing in on its goal to raise \$100,000 for elementary music. She told the Livermore school trustees, "Keeping an elementary instrumental music program is really a game changer. If you cut elementary music, in four years you'll see a drastic change at the high schools."

The community stepped up to contribute to the program: Wente Vineyards, through the wine bottle auctions at its summer concert series; ABC Music, through its House of Floyd concert in February; and the Gene Morgan Insurance Agency, which donated \$10,000 in November. Earlier this year, the middle school and high school bands and orchestras raised nearly \$9,000 at two "Make Time for Music" concerts.

LVEF continues to fundraise through its "Straight A's for Livermore Students: Academics, Athletics, and Art" program. The goal is to raise a total of \$300,000, to be split evenly among the three areas.

We hope the community comes through with funding for all of these programs to ensure Livermore students have the well rounded educations they deserve.

RULING

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outstanding claims of discrimination. The claims need to be resolved before the city could file an appeal," explained Brown. He added that an appeal would be a long and expensive process. "The council needs to think about committing the needed time and resources to an appeal."

The city could comply. "What that means is subject to some debate. As it reads, the ruling eliminates the cap and allows 'by right' development," said Brown. It isn't clear whether the development would be "by right." He said that short of eliminating the cap, the city could leave it in place with the ability to make exceptions to accommodate regional housing numbers. "It would be a floating cap."

Negotiations are a third option. Brown said that strict compliance to the ruling wouldn't necessarily advance the city's or the advocate's best interest. The city has been in talks with Urban Habitat.

He said the city can retain its right to litigate at the same time it is negotiating. "We intend to do so until the time we have an agreement that both sides find acceptable."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman noted, "The ruling means that the city is obligated to plan and zone to allow for the possibility of development. In no way is the city committed to build or devote public resources to building homes."

Brown pointed out that since the cap was approved in the mid-1990s, state obligations have evolved. Dozens and dozens of laws have been approved, chipping away at local control.

There are growth management regulations available. Such tools have been tested in the courts and upheld, said Brown.

City Planning Director Brian Dolan discussed some of the growth management tools the city could utilize in the future. He noted that the city should have completed a housing element update by June 2009. "We wanted to see the outcome of the litigation," he stated. The update will begin soon. It offers an opportunity to include new growth management tools.

One option is to rely on city-wide standards for services and infrastructure to limit growth. The city's current system is not based on a level of service standard, explained Dolan. He pointed out that if this option were selected, both commercial and residential growth would be impacted.

The city could develop a new program. Growth could be granted that meets policy themes such as green building. "It is a system referred to as a 'beauty contest.' Projects are ranked based on what a city has set as criteria. The proposal that ranks the highest would be the one that met the largest number of criteria.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne wondered if growth could be based on social services that should be provided by the state or the county.

Dolan replied, "I wouldn't dismiss the idea out of hand."

The public testimony followed.

Kay Ayala commented that local control is being taken away. She said that the city should appeal the decision.

Others focused on negotiation. Affordable housing advocates Pat Belding and Becky Dennis urged a settlement.

Belding stated, "An appeal would be a further waste of taxpayers money. This is an opportunity to gain the workforce housing that the city needs."

Dennis talked about infrastructure. She said that the city knows what its sewer capacity is, the water it needs, and the traffic. She suggested allocating building permits to both commercial and housing development in a fair manner. "The city cannot fail to allocate infrastructure to low and very low income housing. It should not all go to commercial development."

Mary Roberts, who took part in the most recent housing element update as a planning commissioner, said that people "didn't plan, they had agendas. I don't think we should appeal. I prefer negotiation. We need to be able to retain the right of discretionary approvals." Roberts said it is time to look at a more regional approach to housing. There is lots and lots of high density housing in Dublin that is empty and more is on the way. Those should count as regional housing, said Roberts.

One expert in the field of land use believes the city council owes an obligation to the residents of Pleasanton, who have twice approved the cap by large margins. "State law has imposed all this ambiguous verbiage on local governments. It needs to be sorted out with legal opinions." In the end, the city might find that the restrictions are very onerous. On the other hand, the city might not have as heavy an obligation as it is facing now. The expert said he would probably go with an appeal of the court decision.

He said when planning for housing, a city doesn't have to have provide any fixed amount in order to meet state law. It can take into account all of the planning objectives such as the environment, natural resources and open space. A city would only have to zone to meet its regional housing numbers assigned by ABAG, no more.

There are no dollars for affordable housing. Who is going to pay for it, he asks. He pointed out that the housing can't be built unless it is subsidized. The city can't pay, and neither the state nor developers will. "The numbers are an effort to

Pleasanton Objects to Condition on Rt. 84 Funds

The City of Pleasanton will be sending a letter to the Tri-Valley Transportation Council (TVTC) objecting to a condition placed on funding a project Pleasanton has long wanted.

Matt Sullivan, who represents Pleasanton on TVTC, told the council last week, "The good news is there is funding to begin planning the portion of Route 84 between Pigeon Pass and I-680." There is \$2.94 million designated for the area.

"However, I have an issue with the decision. There is a condition attached. The money is not approved unless there is a signed memorandum of understanding among the members of the Triangle Committee on arterial extensions. I objected strenuously and voted against the allocation, because of that condition," explained Sullivan.

The Triangle committee consists of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, and Alameda County. It was established to study ways to improve traffic on local highways. One of those is the extension of roads in the three communities: Stoneridge Dr. in Pleasanton, Jack London Blvd. in Livermore, and Dublin Blvd. in Dublin.

beat down local restrictions on development."

Of the court ruling, he said that the judge's remedies way overshot the mark. The judge had no authority to throw out the cap entirely. Saying the city can't issue any commercial approvals until land is rezoned is too high a price. The City of Pleasanton, itself, should be asked how to fulfill state numbers. The Plaintiff should agree to drop the complaint if the city makes realistic, practical adjustments.

He said the Superior Court ruling does not set a precedent. However, if it were appealed to the Court of Appeal, the resulting decision would set a precedent.

Some cities have built in escape valves, if their caps were not allowed. The current Pleasanton cap allows no exceptions. It could be 2020 or 2025 before the cap is reached at the rate housing is being built.

Pleasanton has been at odds with other valley communities over the extension of Stoneridge Drive. The extension was approved as part of the Staples Ranch development. However, a lawsuit challenged the adequacy of the Staples Ranch environmental impact report in looking at impacts resulting from the extension. An out of court settlement was reached. The city agreed to conduct additional studies. The council will then review the new information and revisit the approval of the road extension, along with Staples Ranch plans.

Councilmember Cindy Mc-

Govern urged the council to send a letter to TVTC. "Something like this has never happened before. It is not a good thing to start now. I think it's really bad business," she declared. "Funds should be based on commute needs. Funding decisions should not be political."

City Manager Nelson Fialho commented, "We advocated strongly against the inclusion of the condition, but were unsuccessful in having it removed."

Sullivan noted that placing a condition by a regional committee sets a precedent that could lead to other regional agencies placing conditions on projects

on member jurisdictions. "Our businesses and people are paying into the TVTC fund. Setting a condition on spending those funds is a line that shouldn't be crossed," declared Sullivan.

Livermore City Councilmember Doug Horner, who represents Livermore on TVTC, told the city council that because of the slow down in development, TVTC funds are coming in more slowly than anticipated. "There is \$2.94 million for Pleasanton to begin planning the southern portion of Route 84. The provision moves forward only if the MOU is signed," stated Horner.

Livermore Labeled 'Boomtown'

Livermore was recently labeled a "boomtown to be" by radio talk show host Mike Consol.

His show, Boomtown Business, airs on KDOW AM1220 Saturday 7 a.m. or Sunday 11 a.m.

On April 17, his program focused on Livermore. He didn't say which city would be the topic of the program. He stated, "I'm talking about a boomtown in the future tense, rather than the present. I believe it is on the cusp of breaking out in a big way."

He added, "In fact, if municipalities were stocks and I was a stock picker, this city would be my hot pick as the city that will pull away from the pack when the economy rises out of this dreadful recession."

He said the city has outstanding fundamentals:

1. It's got a sizable population, so it already has a critical mass of people and political power
2. It's got lots of undeveloped land.
3. It's got a science and technology park in formation.
4. It was selected as one of only six places selected to be part of the state's iHub program, acres which are designed to spur economic growth by showcasing and supporting California's most promising hubs of innovation.
5. It's got a thriving and quaint downtown.
6. It's got a strong housing stock with lots of recently completely construction.
7. It on tap to have a BART line extension brought to the city with one and maybe even two

new BART stations.

8. It is home to two federal national laboratories.

9. It is home to – or has significant operations from – signature employers such as Comcast, Kaiser, FormFactor, the Wine Group and Topcon Positioning Systems.

10. Lastly, this city – and valley – has given birth to and hosts more than 40 wineries.

He followed the introduction with an interview of Rob White, Livermore's economic development director, and Dale Kaye, CEO of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce.

Consol asked White if he felt Livermore were poised to pull away and become a boomtown.

White replied, "Livermore already is a boomtown." It continues to see business growth. There is low unemployment under 8 percent, and the business occupancy rate is in the low 90s. "There are a couple of jewels you didn't mention. The Livermore airport allows businesses to easily access world markets. Plus, there is a lot of industrial land available that is under utilized or not built on," said White.

Kaye noted there has been a recent influx of new business that provides potential for greater things to come as they spread the word about what Livermore has to offer. Many of the businesses coming are technology companies.

Consol noted, "Livermore is incredibly well balanced. It has technology, emerging tourism, its ag heritage has been protected, there are wineries, a variety of

housing, mass transit is coming and there is a regional theater in the offing. With the Bankhead Theater, there is a tremendous play for culture." He suggested that is all good for business.

He pointed out that the city and chamber have worked together to bring in businesses and those businesses in turn promote Livermore. He added that it is rare for a chamber and government to work together.

White said that one of the companies coming to Livermore is Bridgelux. "The company was considering moving its manufacturing offshore. We were able to bring them to Livermore."

White added there is a common vision at all levels. The mayor is on the board of the Chamber. City and chamber staffs work well together. There is constant communication. He noted that over seventy company headquarters or regional headquarters are located in the Valley, most of them in Livermore. They are new and clean tech companies, all start-ups.

Kaye said it is important to take advantage of all the jewels. She noted that not just Livermore companies are involved, but Sybase in Dublin and Chevron in San Ramon. "These companies are interested in being interconnected."

Consol said that neither the chamber nor the city act as if Livermore were a really small town. Livermore operates like cities such as Los Angeles. It plays in the same way the big boys and girls do. It has paid dividends in a really big way in attracting new business.

White said it is the quality of life that is attractive. Plus the city has a top priority to be business friendly.

Kaye said there are seven things that are identified as promoting innovation. They are: a good research institution, entrepreneurs, investment capital, a talented workforce, business friendly government, quality of life, and social and professional networks. Kaye said, "We don't have boundaries. We are looking at a brand of innovation. It's a job creator that will help everyone in the region. The trend is to involve the larger companies in the effort."

When asked about companies in the pipeline, White declined to name them. He did say that big transportation companies could be establishing new facilities. They currently work with Sandia on combustion research. He noted that Sandia is changing the way combustion is accomplished. Auto makers can't change to all electric quickly. However, they could change the way fuel is burned to create a zero emission car.

Another aspect of the national laboratories that could lead to increasing numbers of businesses in Livermore is the National Ignition Facility. "If we can solve a way to power the world in Livermore, it's a big thing."

White explained that NIF is the experiment, not the power plant. "It looks like researchers will reach their goal of fusion in May or June," he stated.

Consol also noted that the film commission is an exciting direction.

Kaye said it started as an economic development initiative. Filming is excellent for every business in the area. The city is generic enough to be shot as a lot of places. We are now scouting for an Ernest Hemingway film that takes place in Key West. "The single best element in being a successful commission is cooperation. We respond to such strange requests as a call for five cows all with white faces that had to be on site in half an hour.

"Over the last five weeks, seven or eight major productions have filmed in the area, mainly commercials. We are looking for features," said Kaye.

A broadcast is available on the internet by going to <http://www.kdow.biz>.

MAILBOX

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Doctors Respond

Bruce M. Gach, M.D.

It's an easy task for someone trained in public speaking to undermine the truth with generalities stated as facts. Chairs of Boards of Directors and C.E.O.s rise to such positions in part because of their abilities to convince their "stakeholders" of their version of the truth. The article "Doctors Group at Odds with Foundation" is peppered with assertions from ValleyCare's Board Chair Deborah McKeehan which illustrate how easy it is to manipulate facts. The ValleyCare Medical "Foundation" is a threat to the patient's free choice of medical care. If a patient sees a foundation physician, that physician is only allowed to refer the patient to other physicians employed by the Foundation unless the particular specialty is not available within the Foundation. That is part of their employment agreement with the hospital. The Foundation has hired many of its doctors from out of our area and now has most specialties represented to avoid outside referrals. Is an unknown doctor the person you want to trust with your health?

McKeehan stated that there is room to have independent doctors and Foundation doctors practice together at the hospital. The facts are the non-foundation pediatricians no longer get referrals from the community obstetricians since all but two are Foundation employees referring only to Foundation pediatricians. That's okay for the obstetricians since they are paid a set salary by the Foundation no matter how many deliveries they may or may not perform.

The foundation pediatricians were hired to serve the obstetrician's needs, not the commu-

nity. McKeehan's statement that "there is a waiting list for families to see a pediatrician in this area" may be based on requests for same day full physical exams. There is no waiting list in the non-foundation pediatricians' offices for same day ill or urgent visits. In fact, actual statistics by governmental agencies reveal that this geographic area has had an excess of pediatricians per 100,000 lives for years.

McKeehan compares John Muir's Foundation with ValleyCare's. John Muir formed its Foundation legally. Separate from their Foundation is the John Muir Medical Group, composed of independent practitioners. They formed an alliance with their hospital because of the manner in which they were approached. They know they can refer elsewhere as they deem appropriate. McKeehan goes "on to say that all hospitals will eventually include foundations." That simply is not true and is another reason to question all of her other claims.

Finally, when looking up the regulations for a group to qualify for Foundation designation you will find that legally constituted foundations must have in place 40 physician members in ten separate specialties before applying for Foundation status. Agreements with outside providers to accept referrals don't qualify in this number. ValleyCare has yet to meet those government requirements to call their group a Foundation.

Where do you as a patient wish to place your trust, with your community physician or in an organization that isn't honest with you?

Vote No on Measure D

Anne Fox Pleasanton

Back in 1993, the Lin land development speculator filed a lawsuit against the City of Livermore where it owns 1,400 acres in North Livermore north of I-580. In 2000, they filed another lawsuit against the citizens of Alameda County after voters approved an open space measure, and in 2008, sued the citizens of Pleasanton.

In the November 1993 elec-

tions, the aloof land speculator from outside the country, in spite of never actually showing up in person to any local city hearing, spent record amounts of around a half-million dollars to influence local elections and to try to convince Pleasanton voters to approve Kottinger Hills and Dublin voters to double its population and approve Measure B, in order to annex another 1,400 acres of East Dublin it owns near Tassajara Road. The result? Take a look at that view of 14,000 housing units in East Dublin, 30,000 new commuters and the traffic congestion which has been the result.

Now Kottinger Hills is back on the ballot in Pleasanton, but this time it is called Oak Grove, with 51 Ridgeland "Hotels," all of which are proposed to be larger than the existing "Hayward Hotel"---that monstrosity of a house on top of Pleasanton Ridge.

I do NOT support Oak Grove and here is why:

1. It involves scraping off ridgetops to flatten ridgelines for development.
2. It puts houses on ridgetop areas which voters have time and time again said are inappropriate for development
3. It grades steep slopes in excess of 25% slope.
4. Oak Grove is not environmentally sensitive to the site. It fills valleys with 26 acres of the dirt from the scraped off ridgetops.
5. Oak Grove does not create open space. The open space is already there.
6. Grading is near or adjacent to 900 rare native blue oak trees.

7. Oak Grove does not raise revenues for the city. It will actually cost more than the taxes collected to maintain and service the development, and requires formation of a Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD).

The driving force behind all these Lin-initiated sprawl Tri-Valley developments is land speculation.

Thanks to a referendum, like Pleasanton rejected Kottinger Hills in 1993, the Pleasanton voters will have a chance to deliver

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MAILBOX

that "no" vote on Oak Grove on June 8th. I urge the Pleasanton electorate to defeat this badly designed plan and vote "no" on Measure D.

Yes on Measure D Bob Butler Pleasanton

We have a chance to bring unprecedented benefits to the City of Pleasanton by voting YES on Measure D in June. The Oak Grove plan approved by the city council in 2007 was the result of four years of public review and negotiations. During this time the property owners made many concessions to improve the benefits of the project to the city.

The property is 562 acres in the southeast hills, and under the General Plan could have as many as 98 homes. The plan on the June ballot includes 51 homes on 62 acres, with 497 acres donated to the city, forming its largest park. In addition, Pleasanton will receive millions in fees to help our schools, traffic improvements, and vital city services.

This plan is a tremendous opportunity for Pleasanton. I urge you to find out the facts for yourself, and join me, a 47-year resident, in voting YES on Measure D in June.

Yes on D; Yes on Open Space Dolores Bengtson Pleasanton

Measure D opponents are depending on Pleasanton voters making their decision regarding Measure D based on the incorrect and misleading statements they make at Council meetings, Farmer's Markets and in letters to the editors. What is their actual agenda? Keep these two points in mind:

1. Many of Measure D's most vocal opponents and financial supporters live adjacent to the project, have their own self interests at heart in disallowing a project that opens up an entire area (496 acres) for public use and enjoyment, an area they now consider their private preserve. They live in Grey Eagle, a gated community, and Kottinger Ranch, surrounded by private open space and signed to make sure it is kept private.

2. Opposition to this project did not start until park, open space and trail advocates came forward to insist the 496 acres of open space was made available to the public.

The Oak Grove Project enjoyed 7 public hearings, was approved by four councilmembers, is supported by park, trail and open space advocates and key local environmentalists. This is a good project that respects the vision of preservation of the southeast hills.

Performance to See John Shirley Livermore

I hope many of your readers will take the opportunity to enjoy a great Tri-Valley Repertory production now running at the Bankhead Theater.

"Springtime for Hitler" (The Producers) on opening night was amazing, and I am sure this great production will be appreciated by all during its run.

The orchestra and the stage direction were excellent. As were the costumes, set, staging, lighting, and all aspects of the effort in support of the performers.

Most of the beautiful blondes in the ensemble were brunettes, but great regardless of hair color. The leads and principles were

outstanding with great singing and comic skills.

Tri-Valley Repertory has had many wonderful productions over the years. This was one of the very best.

I am confident all who attend will be very pleased, and such support will help keep this fine company producing great entertainment that can be enjoyed locally. The company is a wonderful asset to our valley communities.

No on Measure D Linda Garbarino Pleasanton

I am voting NO on Measure D. As Pleasanton residents we already voted to protect our ridgelines from development. Now, another developer push to mar the ridgelines is called Measure D. The promises in their fliers are very misleading. Our schools will not be saved. Fees paid by the proposed ridgeline homeowners can NOT be used for classroom programs, reduction of class size, or salaries.

What would Measure D provide? It will allow wealthy landowners to bulldoze the ridgelines and erect huge mansions that will blight our beautiful view! These Big Box houses will be visible from all parts of the city. Let's not make the same mistakes made in other cities. Protect Pleasanton's ridgeline by voting NO on measure D.

Vote No on June 8 Tony Slimick Pleasanton

What's all the hub-bub about Measure D. I have spoken to both sides and my choice was very clear within just a few minutes. Not just No on Measure D...But

Hell No!!!

The issue is very simple: No on Measure D wants the Oak Grove development to abide by the General Plan which also complies with Measure PP, a voter approved ballot measure of a couple of years ago.

The voters have spoken several times, and once again we must vote to stop the building on our Ridges or at least make them comply PP. All this because our City Council will not step in and do their jobs...It's funny how they vote according to their Political Donations...

No on Measure D is a Grass roots organization, scraping by to beat the large developer, who by the way has sunk tens of thousands in this campaign and operates with a fully paid staff.

No on Measure D will win. You can see the mounting support at the Farmers Market, where I was hooked and have become a devoted supporter.

I worked the streets all day Sat April 24th and got only two negative remarks - two out of over 200 contacts - looks like great odds to me.

Vote no on Measure D. Please vote on June 8.

Vote No on D Christine Bourg Pleasanton

Join me in voting NO on measure D. Don't be fooled by glossy fliers of pristine hills and promises of money coming soon to our School District to rescue us from the current funding crisis. If and when homes are built in the Oak Grove development, the fees paid by homeowners (not developers) can not be used for programs, smaller class size, or salaries; they would NOT save our schools!

The proposed houses would be built on ridgelines visible from all over our city. Pleasanton residents voted to save our hills from projects like this. Voting NO on D will stop multi-millionaire landowners or anyone else from building any dwellings that would mar our beautiful ridgelines.

Preserve Ridgeline Brian Arkin Pleasanton

Vote NO on Measure D. Did you ever shop at the now-empty Domus store? The one which was Pleasanton's largest grocery store in the 1960's? It's about 8400 sq. ft., that is the average size of the 51 homes authorized for the Oak Grove property. The largest homes could go to 12,500 sq. ft., so add another 50% to the Domus building. Of course, that does not count the multi-car garage, cabana house, or second unit.

A yard of dirt would be a good-sized load for a full-sized pick-up truck. To build those 51 homes, it would take 620,000 such loads to move the dirt which the Oak Grove developers plan to cut off Pleasanton's southern ridges. To cut 43 feet off a hill top, a lot of dirt needs to be moved. Add a mile long road on the just flatten ridge to service the 51 houses.

I have other concerns -- the visibility of many homes from the valley floor, habitat destruction, fire danger to homes on hill-tops surrounded by grasslands, significant distances and time delays for fire trucks, a truncated City hearing process before the approval, a developer lawsuit to invalidate this referendum, big money trying to buy this election. Lastly, this project violates

ridgeline protection (Measure PP) just passed by the voters in the last election.

Vote to preserve our ridgeline. Vote to protect the environment. Vote NO on measure D.

Sierra Club: No on D Richard Pugh Sierra Club, Tri-Valley Group Executive Committee

The San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club recommends No on the Oak Grove subdivision because of its unsound environmental impact. Oak Grove has been a troubled project from the beginning. Not even the Planning Commission would approve the Environmental Impact Report because it's that bad.

Ridgetops would be scraped off for a ridgeline road and building pads, with around 700 thousand cubic yards of excavated dirt being deposited in valleys. If you think "mountaintop removal," you'll understand why so many of us know this project is so very wrong.

950 blue oak trees could disappear, some a century old, because the project design has them within or adjacent to the area of grading.

The footprint of the proposed 8,000 to 12,500 square foot residences is incredible. With a planet climate emergency right in our face, how does anyone in all conscience justify old discredited building practices with supersized use of materials and consumption of energy?

Insensitive housing developments disfigure scenic views, destroy centennial oaks, fill in creeks, and damage habitat. The current project design just makes no sense.

Visit the website at sanfranciscobay.sierraclub.org. Send this flawed project back for rework by voting No on Measure D.



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SPORTS NOTES



Tri-Valley Blue Devils Squirt B team won the Norcal Championship. Team members are from Pleasanton - Sarah Takahashi, Ian Montesanti, Dylan Dilger, Gavin Wallace; Livermore - Zach Acton; Dublin - Peyton Wick; Danville - Erich and Henrick Lang, Mason Evans; Alamo - Cole Madzey; San Ramon - Gabe Buckles, Sage Zonner, Justin Morkin; Castro Valley - Ethan Stibich; San Lorenzo - Christian Wong-Ramos; Brentwood - Alex Barclay, Ethan Dodd; Tracy - Kyle Corliss; Stockton - Jered Stevenson. The head coach is Andrew Barclay (Brentwood), assistant coaches are Greg Acton (Livermore), Thomas Corliss (Tracy) and Jason Wisch (Dublin)

Good Year for Blue Devils Ice Hockey

The 2009-2010 season marked the 40th anniversary of the Tri-Valley Blue Devils, a youth ice hockey club based at Dublin Ice-land. The club was founded by the Merrick and Long families in the East Bay in 1970 and initially played at Southland Mall's ice rink in Hayward.

The sons and grandsons of the founders are coaching and playing with the club today.

The Blue Devils had a successful 40th anniversary season, with multiple tournament titles, four teams advanced to the state championships and one traveled across the country to compete in the USA Hockey Tier II Nationals in New York.

In January, Tri-Valley's PeeWee B (under 12) team won the International Silver Stick Championship, an honor known as the Stanley Cup of youth hockey. The team name will be engraved on the Silver Stick trophy in the Hockey Hall of Fame for the next year. The same team won their division at the Norcal championships and finished second in the state championships in San Jose on April 11.

The Midget AA (under 18) team played well at the state championships in Valencia in mid-March, earning a return trip to the USA Hockey Tier II Nationals. They traveled to Rochester, New York in early April to play teams from New Mexico, Illinois, Delaware and Tennessee. The team advanced to the quarter-finals and then to the semi-finals where they were defeated in overtime by a team from Oklahoma that ultimately won the national title. Last year, the Blue Devils' first-ever AA team made it to Nationals and was eliminated in the second round.

The Blue Devils' Squirt B (under 10) team was undefeated, 14-0, in the regular season and won the Norcal championship in late March by scoring 27 goals while allowing only five during the championship tournament. The team finished second in the state championships that took place in San Jose April 9-11.

The Squirt A team finished the regular season in first place and advanced to both the Norcal and state championships, where they finished second.

The Midget A (under 18) team completed the regular season in second place and played in both the Norcal and state championships.

Over President's Day weekend, the Mite (under 6) team captured the title at the Wine Country Face Off in Santa Rosa and the Bantam A (under 14) team was undefeated at the Polar Bear Invitational Tournament in Phoenix. They beat a Bantam team from Calgary, Alberta for the championship.

The Tri-Valley Blue Devils offer both travel and in-house ice hockey teams for boys and girls ages 4 to 18. Currently, there

are more than 300 kids in the program and they come to Dublin as far away as Elk Grove, Corte Madera and Stockton to play. The 2009-2010 season was the very first for the Blue Devils High School teams that play in the Bay Area league run by the San Jose Sharks. Tri-Valley fielded three JV teams and a Varsity team.

For more information, please visit the Tri-Valley Blue Devils web site at www.trivalleyminorhockey.com

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League highlights:

Form B: Yankees vs. White Sox: The Yankees and the White Sox were fired up to play their baseball game. Thomas Babati had a huge hit into the field and ran the bases with ease. Eric Millar fielded the ball and threw like a pro. Caleb Lammie swung the bat and connected with a slaming hit to the field. The boys enjoyed playing and seemed to work together as a team.

Form A: Angels vs. Athletics: Angels played the A's in a spectacular game that looked like it took place more in the air than on the ground. Nolan Letter's hitting—including the innings during which he experimented with batting as a lefty—made spectators wish they had brought their binoculars: tall, arcing hits momentarily lost in the white clouds then descended on the grass with disarming speed. Mike Rodriguez sent the balls flying each time he was up to bat. Brett Ciraulo as third baseman consistently fielded grounders and sent them air mail to first base. After a good single, Connor Schmidt leapt around the bases as his teammates' hits successively sent him bouncing into home with a grin that lit up the field.

Minors AA: White Sox vs. Yankees: The White Sox scored 3 runs, and the Yankees scored 7 runs. Jake Gebb hit an outstanding triple for the White Sox. Great job Jake. Matthew Greenup hit an awesome double for the White Sox too.

Minors AAA: White Sox 2, Angels 6: The White Sox were having one of their best games of the season leading 2-1 going into the fourth inning. Pitcher Braxton Henley had many strikeouts in both the second and third innings and great infieling by Cameron Hennings and Dylan Barker kept the Angels off the scoreboard. The White Sox were also hitting well with a double by Radley Rel in the second inning. Barker had a single RBI. Jake Wilner and Daniel Coyle hit singles. With the score at 2-2 in the fifth inning, the pressure was on White Sox pitcher Noah Moreno. Moreno and the team again allowed no runs in the final two innings. With the score tied, an extra seventh inning was played. Key bunting and steals allowed the Angels to make 4 runs in the seventh inning.

Majors: A's 10, Indians 9: The Indians jumped out to a 5-0 lead, but it wasn't enough to put away the first-place A's, who answered every Indians rally and clawed back to win a 10-9 battle. The Indians opened the game by sending 10 batters to the plate and scored five runs on four singles from Brett de Geus, Nolan Burton, Michael Schwankens and Fabian Placencia, a walk and two hit-batters. But the A's responded immediately with a first-pitch liner, a double and a three-run homer on a two-out, 3-2 pitch that closed the gap to 5-4. In the second inning, the Indians stretched their lead to 7-4 as Nick Martin doubled to right-center, de Geus ripped his second single, and Patrick Loughane pounded a grounder between third and short. But the A's knotted the score at 7-7 in the third with three singles and two walks and an errant overthrow to the pitcher that set off a wild 2-4-2-3-2 play that allowed the tying run but ended with the second A's runner out at the plate as he tried to score when the first throw home caromed back toward first base. The Indians scratched out a 9-7 lead in the fourth by leading the bases on three one-out walks, with de Geus scoring on a wild pitch and Burton on an infield grounder by Dustin Dukleth. The resilient A's closed the gap to 9-8 in the bottom of the inning, then took a 10-9 lead -- their first of the game -- in the fifth and held on.

Studios of Self Defense

Martial artists from United Studios of Self Defense in Livermore competed in a martial arts tournament recently in South San Francisco. The event, attended by 802 competitors from the Bay Area and rest of California, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, Washington and Utah, comprised of three events: sparring, forms (classically called "katas"), and kata with weapons. The event saw competitors from over 25 schools compete, and was open to all of United Studios of Self Defense's 200-plus schools.

Team Livermore had 18 representatives ranging all the way from white to black belts in various age and rank categories, although USSD does not allow people under the age of 16 to receive a full level black belt. Competitions are separated by both age and rank to ensure fairness.

Placing in various events included:

1st place: Alex Flegel-Jr. Pee Wee Kata, Orange Belts; Alaric Hileman-Junior Kata, Green Belts; Roger Hileman-Sr. Men and Women's Kata, Green Belts; Kaelise Hileman-Women's Sparring, Green Belts.

2nd place: Justin Kundert-Boys Sparring, Green Belts; Alaric Hileman-Jr. Men's Sparring, Green Belts; Carla Kochmann-Sr. Women Sparring, Brown and Black Belts; Skyler Goddard-Mens Sparring, Brown and Black Belts.

3rd place: Nick Anderson-Jr. Mens Sparring, White through Orange Belts; Kaelise Hileman-Men and Women's Kata, Green Belts; Brian McKee-Mens Sparring, Brown and Black Belts.

4th place: Jason DeSantis-Pee Wee Boys Sparring, Green Belts; Tyler Felgenhauer-Boys Sparring, Green Belts; Hannah Peacock-Jr Women's Sparring, Purple and Blue Belts; Roger Hileman-Sr. Men and Women's Kata, Brown and Black Belts (competing as green belt); Roger Hileman-Men's Sparring, Green Belts.

Fighting Spirit Awards: Jasmine Geyer-Pee Wee Girls Sparring and Kata, Blue Belts; Michael Butterfield-Boys Sparring and Kata, Brown and Black Belts; Adam Henke-Pee Wee Boys Sparring and Kata, White and Yellow Belts; Mattar Maroney-Junior Kata, Brown and Black Belts; Gabrielle Drewes-Pee Wee Kata, Green Belts.

For more information about tournaments and other events at United Studios of Self Defense, call 925-449-1746 or stop by 4429 1st Street in Livermore.

Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League highlights:

Single A: Giants vs. Dodgers: The Dodgers put up a tough game for the visiting Giants. Logan Seitz led the way by going 4-4 and scoring a run for the Home team. Tanner Fehrmann helped the cause with some nice play in the field and also went 2-3 at the plate. Aidan McCarthy hit the ball well and scored a run for the Dodgers. The play of the game was Garrett Alsup's quick thinking on the mound with the bases loaded. His fielding of a grounder and a nice throw to catcher Logan Seitz saved a run in the final inning of the game. Nick Costello was the MVP for the Giants. He crushed a couple of the hardest hit balls we've seen this season. He was equally tough in the field, not letting anything get past him a 3rd base. Robby Perkins Arango was the other star for the visitors, showing great range at shortstop and proving to be a really tough out at the plate.

Dodgers vs Mets: The Dodgers and Mets played a great game this Saturday. The score went back and forth right to the end. Just a great day for baseball. JT Fulmer and Declan Alsup started the game off for the Dodgers with back to back singles, leading to the first 2 runs of the game. Garrett Alsup also had a hot bat for the visitors, going 2-3 including a big double in the 4th inning. Benjamin Wold came up with the big plays in the field again for the Dodgers. Fielding a hard hit ball into right field, Ben made a great pickup and throw to 1st for the out. He also made a spectacular grab to end the game, catching a hard shot to the outfield that would've easily been extra bases and scored the two baserunners. The Mets had a terrific game themselves. Justin Rasmussen led the way for the home team going 4-5 with a huge double to centerfield in the 2nd inning bringing in two runs. Kevin Santero was solid for the Mets on offense and defense, going 2-2 at the plate. Kyle Mann looked great behind the plate. Nothing got past the Mets catcher. He also went 2-4 at bat and scored a run for the Mets.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League highlights:

Granada Junior 90's: Granada 11, Pleasanton American 11: The Granada Junior 90's squared off against Pleasanton American this past Friday in Livermore. After trailing for most of the game, Granada scored 6 runs in the bottom of the 7th to tie the game. Brandon Self led the Granada attack with 3 hits. Jose Gonzalez finished with 2 hits, including a double and 2 RBIs. Matty Proetel, Logan VanSchaack, Tyler Offill and Nick Campiotti all had a hit to go along with an RBI. The pitching for Granada struggled most of the game as once again walks kept them in trouble throughout. Seldom used pitchers Campiotti & Self were able to shut down the potent Pleasanton offense in the 6th and 7th innings to allow Granada to come back and tie the game.

Granada 10, Valley White 0: JT Storti got the call on the mound for Granada and in turn pitched 5 scoreless innings while allowing 1 hit with 0 walks and 3 strikeouts. Storti, Jose Gonzalez and Logan Vanschaack all turned in a solid offensive showing as they finished with 6 hits, 2 doubles and 5 RBIs. Tyler Offill, Nick Campiotti, John Madrugra and Jacob Benavidez each had a base hit for Granada. Defensive standouts for Granada were Shortstop Ryan Dearborn and second baseman Brandon Self.

Granada 12, Valley White 2: The Granada Junior 90's were able to take home a win in the second game of the double header this past Saturday as Logan Vanschaack pitched 6 innings to earn the win. Vanschaack completed his strong game by allowing 5 hits, 2 runs (0 earned), and 6 strikeouts. Once again, Jose Gonzalez and JT Storti were the offensive spark for Granada as they each had 2 hits with 3 RBIs. Vanschaack, Ryan Dearborn, and Matty Proetel all hit safely with 2 hits of their own. Brandon Self and Tyler Offill each had a single. For the game, Granada finished with 11 hits in 24 at bats, 12 runs and 7 stolen bases.

Majors - Dodgers 6, Mariners 4: Top hitters Dodgers - AJ McMillan - 3 run HR, 3 RBI, 1R; Kyle Moylan - 2H, 1 RBI, 1R; Kyle Emrich - double, 1R; Mariners - Adam Padilla - triple, 1R; Gregory Moreland - single, double, RBI; Jason Frost - double, 1R. Top pitchers Dodgers - Nick Lind - 4IP, 1R, 6K; Mariners - Anthony Miller - 4IP, 2H, 3R, 3K. The Dodgers' AJ McMillan hit a three run homer in the bottom of the first to tie the game at 3, and Nick Lind and Anthony Miller duelled for 4 innings each. The Dodgers broke through in the bottom of the

fifth, scoring 3 times to come from behind and win their fourth straight.

D-Backs 8, A's 7: Top Hitters D-Backs - Stanley 1B, 1B, 2B, 2RBIs, 2 runs scored; Reeves 2B, 1RBI, 2 runs scored; Rasmussen 2B, 2 runs scored. Top Hitters A's - Hinds 1B, 2B, 1 run scored; Swadener 1B, 1B, 2 runs scored; Bricker 1B, 2B, 2RBIs. Top Pitcher D-Backs - Steim 3.5IP, 0R, 3H, 1K. Top Pitcher A's - Lesky 4.5IP, 4R, 7H, 3K. A close game between the D-Backs and A's came down to the wire. The A's came from behind to go ahead by one run in the fifth. The D-Backs then took the lead by one run in the sixth, but with two men in scoring position the A's were unable to convert in the sixth and the D-Backs held on for the win.

Minor AAA - A's 16, Red Sox 4: Top Hitters Red Sox - Michael Thae 2 hits, 1 RBI. Top Hitters A's - JJ Sailors 1 BB, 1 run scored Mitchell Rocero 2 hits, 2 RBI, 1 run scored; RJ Wright 2 hits, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored. Top Pitchers Red Sox - Jack Kuth 1IP, 3H, 3R, 4 K's. Top Pitchers A's - Seth Street 1IP, 1H, 0R, 2 K's.

A's 14, Phillies 8: Top Hitters Phillies - Jason Van Bladel 2 hits, 2 RBI. Top Hitters A's - Alex Hattori 3 hits 1 RBI; Troy Forchard 3 hits, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored. Top Pitchers Phillies - Reid Heffron 1 1/3 IP, 2H, 1R, 4 K's. Top Pitchers A's - Blake Downey 2 2/3 IP, 2H, 2R, 5 K's.

Dodgers 11, A's 5: Top Hitters Dodgers - Andrew Walker 2 hits, 1 RBI, 3 runs scored; Mark Silverthorn 1 single & 1 triple, 3 RBI. Top Pitchers A's - Joe Murphy 2 2/3 IP, 2 hits, 1 R, 7 K's. Top Pitchers Dodgers - Drew Kujacich 4 IP, 2 hits, 3 R, 5 K's. Great game that went back and forth until the 6th inning. The A's took the lead 5-3 in the 4th inning when RJ Wright crushed a triple to the left field wall and scored on the throwing error. The Dodgers manufactured 2 runs in the 5th to tie the game. After Andrew Walker came in for relief and held the A's in the 5th, the Dodgers exploded for 6 runs in the top of the 6th inning to take the lead for good led by Mark Silverthorn's massive bases loaded triple and then scored on the throwing error.

A's 13, Giants 11 - The A's steal a win over the Giants in a back and forth battle. With strong offense from Malini Tia with two singles, one RBI and two runs scored and from Emory Larson with two singles, two RBIs and one run scored the Giants were strong. The A's answered back with hits of their own including a single, an RBI and 3 runs scored from Albert Amavizca who reached base 4 times and RJ Wright with one RBI and 2 runs scored who also reached base 4 times. The pitchers for both teams duled with strong performances for the Giants from Woody Stultz for 3 innings and 4 strikeouts and Cameron Geyer for 3 innings. Joe Murphy put together three strikeouts in two innings for the A's followed by 3 strong innings by Blake Downey with 7 strikeouts. The Giants took the lead in the bottom of the fifth with a double from Stultz scoring two runs but the A's answered back with a huge triple from Mitchell Rocero that put two more runs across. The A's held the lead in the bottom of the sixth to finish the game with a 13 to 11 win.

Diamondbacks 8, Dodgers 7: Top Hitters: DBacks - Dillon Martinez-1 x 1B, 2 x 2B; Lucas Aninos-3 x 1B, 2 runs scored; Grant Riddough- 3 x 1B, 1 run scored; Dodgers - Morgan Kelly - 2 x 1B, 2B; Mark Silverthorn-2 x 1B, 2 runs scored; Drew Kujacich-2B, 1 run scored. Top Pitchers: DBacks - Lucas Aninos-3IP, 6H, 4R, 3K; Dodgers - Drew Kujacich-5IP, 7H, 7R, 1K; Andrew Walker-3IP, 2H, 1R, 2K. What a great hard fought battle by both teams! The game was tied 6-6 after the sixth inning. The DBacks came back strong with a run in the top of the 7th and their defense held off the Dodgers. There were lots of great hits and defensive plays by both teams throughout the game.

Minor AA - Phillies 6, D-Backs 6: Top Pitchers: Cameron Stephenson, Coby Cortez, Johnny Geyer and Justin Watson. Top Hitters: Morgan Labrucherie, Coby Cortez, Daniel Granados, Johnny Geyer and Justin Watson. Offense: Kinar Desai, Ethan Dreger, Jacob Keeler, Max O'connor, Harry Rose, Devin Shah. Great game and a close match up.

Diamondbacks 15, Dodgers 10: Top Hitters D-backs - Scott McPherson 1B, Travis Silva 2B, 3 RBI, Colby Smith 1B. Top Hitters Dodgers - PJ Kalcic 2B, Thomas Vi 2B. Top Pitchers D-backs - Zach Parodi, Noah Wiesner. Top Pitchers Dodgers - Jonathan Nguyen, Michael Nowaczyk. A tight battle was broken open when Travis Silva hit a laser into left center field with the bases loaded. Kyle Correa played an active game behind the dish for the Dodgers.

Minor A - Mariners (Offense) Colton Osborn, Colton Trudeau, Dylan Corker. Defense: Peyton Stultz, Tyler Marks, Vijay Memula. Pirates (Offense) Mason Eastman, Zach Gooby, Matthew Gomes; (Defense) Ryan Wenzel, Vincent Dixon, Daniel Becerra.

Phillies (Offense) Logan Hartrum, Matthew Kronmal, Ty Bothwell-Miltitsky; (Defense) Aidan Ackerman, Alec Faith, Logan Finch. Red Sox: (Offense) Shloek Bansal, Skyler Ferguson-Rosa, Cody Ward; (Defense) Malik Merchant, Luke Moylan, Chris Perez.

Farm - Team Mariners (Offense) Connor Perkins, Samuel German, Andrew Bates; (Defense) Justin Gilliam, Joshua Heninger, Jordan Fritz. Team Pirates (Offense) Ben Wigington, Sam Morrisroe, Wesley Short; (Defense) Landon Jansen, Will Wentworth, Jake Fields.

Giants (offense) Sam Carbonaro, Connor Waklee, Hayden Williams (defense) Dale Spence, Noah Thompson, Stephen Geyer; A's (offense) Colin McConnell, Ryan Macintire, Neil Shah (defense) Benjamin Sears, Claire March, Donovan Holmes.

A's: Neil Shah, Ben Sears, Aggie Mascari. Red Sox: Joshua Johnson, Aidan Buenostro, Christian Silva.

Diamondbacks (defense) Ryan Tafoya, Zachary Van Huis, Ryan Stear (offense) Ben O'Connor, Ben Wiesner, Grant Thraikill; Pirates (defense) Wil Wentworth, Jake Fields,



Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U14 Premier reached the semifinals of the CYSA-North State Cup tournament at the Morgan Hill Soccer Complex last weekend. The boys won their 4-team bracket in the preliminary round in Rio Linda in early April, then advanced to the Sweet 16 round, where they defeated Heritage Manchester 5-2. They then advanced to the quarterfinals, where they bested Almaden Storm 4-2. Premier then met Santa Clara Sporting in the semifinal game where, despite playing some of their best soccer all season, they fell short 0-1 but finished in the top 4 of the 47 U14 teams entered. Pictured are (front, left to right) Marco Neves, Kamron Crow, Scott Simpson, Jackson Adams, Rob Rowenhorst, Tommy Thompson, Connor Clark, coach Todd Higley; (back) coach Pablo Espinosa, Nathan Howald, Michael Paiva, Collin Blaney, Aaron Trujillo, Thomas Lee, Nate Grixti, Max Molz, Brenden Inchauspe, and Pablo Espinosa.

Nicholas Hall (offense) Garrett Robb, Wesley Short, Garrett Riddough

Yankess - (offense) Michael Anolin, Tate Magindale, Skyler Steele- (defense) Jake Addington, Shawn Walker, Hudson Steele-Phillies (offense) Austin Machado, Mark Bennet, Michael Straus - (defense) Cooper Meyer, Hunter Houghton, Isiah Garrido- Ramariez

Teeball -Phillies (Offense) Tanner Parker, Jared Di Paola, Ryan Martin (Defense) William Eccles, Sean Nadeau, Elena Woolsey; Yankees - (Offense) Braden Wash, Luther Hart, Reggie Wade (Defense) Tyler Trudeau, Daphney Lux, Andrew McAlinden

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League highlights:

Junior 80's: Pleasanton American Pirates 13, Livermore American A's 2: Top Pirates players: Cole Goeta, Nick Soldati; Top A's players: Thomas Brown, Aaron Arndt, Christian Morris. Goeta hit a base clearing triple; Soldati played great defense. For Livermore, Brown, RBI single; Arndt, on base 3 for 3; Morris, 2 for 2, 4 K's as pitcher

Majors: Giants 13, A's 3: The A's and Giants played an exciting game, with the Giant's taking an early lead. Outstanding pitching by Garrett Cordisco, with 10 strike outs, kept the A's scoreless until the 5th, when Sam Bothwell started a rally with a double and Austin Birdwell with an RBI. Great defense by the A's Brandon Pierra with 2 great catches in center field. The Giant's offense was solid with Jake Ledbetter (single, RBI) and Cole Jacobs (2 singles, 3 stolen bases) securing the win for the Giants. Top players Giants: Garrett Cordisco (3 for 4, 3 RBI's), Jake Ledbetter, Cole Jacobs; Top players A's: Sam Bothwell, Brandon Pierra, Austin Birdwell

AAA Division: Padres 19, Mariners 3: The Padres came out swinging Saturday, besting the Mariners 19-3. While every member of the Padre team got at least 1 run, highlights were Noah Reno (home run, 3 RBI's, 3 runs) and Adam Lebish (3B, 3 RBI's). Cameron Priest played great defense at shortstop. On the Mariner's side, Dominic Bartoni looked

very good in the field, aggressive base running by Jose Mariscal turned a single into a homerun, and Sam Ogunfunmi got a single & an RBI.

AA Division: Astros 6, Cardinals 4: The Astros and the Cardinals faced off in their second game of the season. Both teams started strong; the Cardinals scored a run in the top of the 1st, Brandon Trevelthan hit a drive double and scored on a hit by Ryan Carlson. The Astros' Carson King answered back with an awesome in-the-park home run in the bottom of the 1st. The Astros turned up the heat in the 3rd inning. Jack Volponi hit a solid single to right-center and then worked his way to third with two stolen bases. Gavin Napier and Daulton Johnston each doubled and Carson King tripled, bringing the Astros run total to 4 at the end of three. The Cardinals threatened in the 4th inning but were shut down by a fantastic catch in left field made by Astro Nick Hermann. The Cardinals would not trail for long however; they tied it up in the top of the 5th on hits by Ryan Carlson, Joe Hager, and a well-hit double by James Duperly. Astro Shane Grimes had a strong single in the bottom of the 5th but the Astros could not bring him around. Yet the Astros refused to let go - Gavin Napier pitched three straight strike-outs in the top of the 6th and then singled in the bottom of the 6th to get the rally going. Daulton Johnston singled and the winning runs then scored on a powershot double hit by Carson King who led the Astros to victory.

Timers 8, Reds 1: The Tigers started the game with a giant roar. In the top of the 1st inning Nolan Smith caught 2 fly fields and made a double play with Joseph Fields to keep the Reds at 0. In the bottom of the inning, Smith, Ian Partridge, Mason Arnold, and Grand Hrdlicka all made hits, and the Tigers scored 4. The Reds pitched buckled down and prevented further runs until the 4th inning. In the bottom of the 4th, the Tigers scored 4 more, with Ian Toland, Drew Brauerlick, and Cameron Songey each earning RBIs. Songey also stole 2nd base. The Reds defense clamped down, with William Steinberg, Xavier Pelican, and Julian Stroud making an outstanding play to tag a runner out at home. In the fifth inning, the Reds' bats started to heat up. Mike Viscaino hit a

RODEO CORNER

It'll be rodeo time again in six short weeks. June 12 and 13 are the dates for the 92nd Annual Livermore Rodeo. Check out the website www.livermorerodeo.org for all the event information, tickets and host hotel information. For early birds, tickets will be on sale at the Rodeo booth in front of Baughman's during the Livermore Wine Country Festival May 1 and 2. Buy your tickets early for the best seats in the shade.

The Rodeo Week's events are as follows (all but the parade are held at Robertson Park):

- Wednesday, June 9 is Local Team Penning and Mixer. Tickets are \$20. They will be sold at Baughman's. This is an age 21 and over event. It includes team penning, tri-tip bbq, and dancing to live music from Whiskey Dawn. Check out the band at www.whiskeydawn.com. If you like good food, good music and a really good party you need to come. This event is limited to 1,000 and usually sells out.
- Thursday, June 10, 6pm, is Family Night. It includes local team roping, The Nestle Nesquik Wild Cow Milking, \$1 hot dogs, \$1 sodas, Nesquik and Juicy Juice. This is a free event. Bring the kids and their friends and enjoy some good, clean family fun. You won't find a free event like this anywhere else. Wild Cow Milking is truly and literally a kick in the pants. The kids will love it.
- Friday, June 11 is Professional Slack at 8am. This is where the pro cowboys and cowgirls compete for a spot in the weekend rodeo. This is also free to anyone who wants to see the nation's best pros compete for a spot in the weekend rodeo.
- Saturday, June 12 is the Livermore Rodeo Parade at 10am. The parade is hosted by The Livermore Rotary Club. It runs along 2nd Street in downtown Livermore. Get there early for a spot on the curb. Each year the parade draws more and more people so give yourself a few extra minutes for parking and getting to 2nd Street.
- Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13 are the dates for the 92nd Annual Livermore Professional Rodeo. Both shows start at 2pm and include the awesome majesty of the Grand Entry, the presentation of the Country's Flag and Military's Colors by the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, the speed of all the timed events and of course all the bucking action of the broncs and bulls. The Riatta Ranch Cowboy Girls trick riding team is back as is the US Army Mounted Unit. Both days promise to be full of exciting action and great family fun.

The 2010 Queen contest was the closest in many years. In fact, the judges took over 2 hours to decide who would be crowned Miss Livermore Rodeo 2010. It was that close. The judges selected Bailey Castello to represent the Livermore Rodeo up and down the state for the 2010 rodeo season. Bailey is a long-time horse enthusiast and has been part of the rodeo family for many years. "She will do Livermore proud. Get your girls a picture with Miss Livermore Rodeo 2010 at the rodeo. Congrats Bailey."

The time is getting close for one of this town's biggest weekends. Come out and support your Livermore Rodeo. This event is a significant part of this town's heritage and kids will love it. So will friends and family. We've partnered with the Doubletree Hotel to offer out-of-towners 2 free tickets if they stay at the Host Hotel. Give the Doubletree a call and ask for the Rodeo Promo and they'll take good care of you.

Similarly, if you purchase some Wrangler products at Baughman's you'll receive a ticket voucher for either Saturday or Sunday. So pick up a new pair of jeans or a fancy new shirt and you're in.

The organizers are looking forward to welcoming everyone June 12 and 13, and remind people not to forget about Family Night or the Mixer. Just come and relax, have a few laughs, grab a bite to eat and enjoy some true western fun. Everyone can be a cowboy for a day.

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SPORTS NOTES



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Amador Valley High School player got trapped in a run-down in a game against Granada in varsity baseball action. The Dons came away with a 10 to 2 victory. The Dons' JV team won, 5 to 2.

double and stole third base. Julian Stroud also hit a double and brought Viscaino home to score a run. However, the Tigers defense held strong in the final innings; highlighted by Toland's huge catch in right field at the top of the 5th. The Reds were unable to rally in the 6th, leaving the final score Tigers 8 and Reds 1. Top offensive players for the Reds: Mike Viscaino, Julian Stroud, and Jackson Brown. Top players for the Tigers: Nolan Smith, Cameron Songey, and Ian Toland. Top 3 defensive players for the Reds: William Steinberg, Xavier Pelican, and Julian Stroud.

White Sox 2, Cardinals 1: Brandon Trevehan and Reece Wilkins pitched incredible games for their teams. The game was tied 1-1 in the bottom of the 7th inning when Cole Gibson from the White Sox had a walk off hit, scoring Jacob Zayas from third base. Top players for the Cardinals: James Duperly, Shane Cromwell, Brandon Trevehan; Top players for the White Sox: Jacob Zayas, Cole Gibson, Reece Wilkins

A Division: Braves 17, Rays 4; Top Braves players: Jesse Wolfson was 4 for 4, scored one run and had 2 RBIs; Patrick Curulla was 4 for 4, scored 2 runs and had one RBI; Chris Miller scored one run, made a clutch out at 2nd to end the game. Rays top players: Drew McDonald. He had 2 hits and made a good defensive out on 3rd; Tyler Ramirez. He had an RBI. He caught a flyout at 3rd and was responsible for an unassisted triple play; Colby Scherere. He had 2 outstanding defensive plays including a flyball on first base.

Rays 4, Yankees 9: Top players Yankees: Evan Sire - 3 for 3 - 1 double, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Jack Kilner - 3 for 3 - 1 run, 2 RBIs; Joseph Orluck - 3 for 3 - 2 runs, 1 RBI. Top players Rays: Ethan Zenner - 2 for 3; Michael Grant - 2 for 3; Zachary Medina - 2 for 3

Yankees vs. Orioles: The Orioles were victorious over the Yankees with a score of 12 to 0. The Yankees were short on players but gave it their all. Kyle Stow, Reece Bittner and Evan Sire were all 2 for 2. The Orioles were well represented with outstanding hitting and defense efforts by Kaitlyn McDonald, Mason Paulo and Cameron Winter.

T-Ball: Orioles vs. Giants: Top players Giants: Luke Dodson - was the Giants player of the game; Drew Kardy - demonstrated great hitting skills; Keoni Hurskin - played great defense in the field. Top players Orioles: Brett Whitlaw - had some solid hits; Jarrett Williams - played great defense; Dylan Borges - Great hits

Giants vs. Rangers: Top players Giants: Luke Darby - Great hitting; Ryan Demos - excellent fielding; Joey Makarewicz - out-

standing hustle in the field. Top players Rangers: Damien Stiles - excellent fielding skills; Henry Timmons - hit a homerun; Ethan Durms - had some big hits

Rangers vs. Brewers: Top players for the Rangers included: Stone Stephenson who had a big hit in the first inning and did a great job fielding balls in right field, Henry Timmons with an excellent hit in the first inning and great at great assist to first base, and Michael Vieira with big hits in both the first and second innings.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results:

T-Ball: TIMMCGUIRE.NET Alain Pinel Realtors vs. Richert Lumber Co., Inc.: Great game between TIMMCGUIRE.NET Alain Pinel Realtors and Richert Lumber Co., Inc. Olivia Beaumont was really on her toes at shortstop and made a great throw to first base. Olivia Fragomeli played second base and really hustled during every play. Ella Patterson played catcher for the first time and showed good form. Lauren Reilly did a great job in the field and Hannah Macucci was a great hitter. Mackenzie Klein showed good speed running the bases. Overall all girls had great hits during the game and fielding plays. Top Players: TIMMCGUIRE.NET Alain Pinel Realtors - Olivia Beaumont, Olivia Fragomeli, Ella Patterson; Richert Lumber Co., Inc. - Mackenzie Klein, Hannah Masucci, Lauren Reilly

Floor Coverings International East Bay vs. Hyatt-Summerfield Suites: Hyatt-Summerfield Suites' top players are Natalie O'Sullivan and Erica Haley for hitting and Ella Hodges for fielding. Top Players: Floor Coverings International East Bay - Natasha Hicks, Samantha Richert, Jane Ruby; Hyatt-Summerfield Suites - Erica Haley, Ella Hodges, Natalie O'Sullivan

Micro Division: Temperature Perfection vs. Greyhound Properties: A spirited contest between Temperature Perfection and Greyhound Properties, highlighted by key hits from Whitney Dishman, Maysene Mendes and Camille Kulak of Greyhound Properties. The Temperature Perfection trio of Charlotte Whiting, Emma Seitz and Alex Stokoe provided a spark with big hits and recorded some key outs to successfully offset the power display by Greyhound Properties. Top Players: Temperature Perfection - Emma Seitz, Alex Stokoe, Charlotte Whiting; Greyhound Properties - Whitney Dishman, Camille Kulak, Maysene Mendes

Sean Doyle vs. Greyhound Properties: For Greyhound Properties, Maysene Mendes, Stella Kruschke, and Lexi Whitney played great overall games. Top Players: Sean Doyle - Jillian Brugaletta, Allison

Casey, Emily Verbeck; Greyhound Properties - Stella Kruschke, Maysene Mendes, Lexi Whitney

Greyhound Properties vs. Jabwire: For Greyhound Properties, both Amanda Dilger and Camille Kulak did a super job pitching two innings each and Whitney Dishman had a great overall game. For Jabwire, Clarissa Mendoza, Kate Reedy, and Kenna Asmussen did a great job pitching too. Top Players: Greyhound Properties - Amanda Dilger, Whitney Dishman, Camille Kulak; Jabwire - Kenna Asmussen, Clarissa Mendoza, Kate Reedy

Total Player Center vs. GFI Stainless: For Total Player Center, Nicole Williams did a great job as pitcher, while Kate Weckwerth made some powerful hits to the outfield and Emily Hunt scored an out at third base. Top Players: Total Player Center - Emily Hunt, Kate Weckwerth, Nicole Williams; GFI Stainless - Dana Chabrien, Samika Goel, Elna Verma

Fernando's Mexican Restaurant vs. All Star Sports: All Star Sports' Tara Daly had a monster hit to out field, Brianna Fong also made several key hits, and Haley Kolon was all around awesome in the field. Fernando's Mexican Restaurant's Payton Plork pitched like an All-Star, Rachel Lemmon made a fantastic throw to first base for an out, and Isabella Fragomeli was strong at bat. Top Players: Fernando's Mexican Restaurant - Isabella Fragomeli, Rachel Lemmon, Payton Plork; All Star Sports - Tara Daly, Brianna Fong, Haley Kolon

Jabwire vs. Total Player Center: Top Players: Jabwire - Megan Rovira, Madeline Shimy, Peyton Williams; Total Player Center - Emily Hunt, Aoife Stapleton, Colie Williams

All Star Sports vs. Delores Gragg, Realtor: For All Star Sports, Brooke Szurgot was an outstanding third baseman. Emmy Madigan crushed the ball in the infield, and Maddie Beyer made a clutch out at first. For Delores Gragg, Realtor, Paige threw to third base for a key out while she was on the pitchers mound. Kayla made an amazing play at first when she was playing second base, and Mia was at the top of her game playing outstanding defense in the infield.

Temperature Perfection vs. Contra Costa Co. Public Auto Auction: For Contra Costa Co. Public Auto Auction, Bella Segundo, Alyson Marzocco and Kannon Phipps all contributed big hits and sound defensive play while Hannah Kramer, Corey Timby and Sydney Soares fueled a strong comeback with key hits and solid base running. Both teams did a fantastic job of pitching, and battled hard. Top Players: Temperature Perfection - Hannah Kramer, Corey Timby, Sydney Soares; Contra Costa Co. Public Auto Auction - Alyson Marzocco, Kannon Phipps, Bella Segundo

Mini White Division: Borg Fence vs. Diablo Designs Tile & Marble: Pitching debuts of Nikki Harman and Emily Murawski complemented the solid hitting from Alex Amavizca and Isabel Mayfield. Top Players: Diablo Designs Tile & Marble - Alex Amavizca, Nikki Harman, Isabel Mayfield

Savvy Seconds vs. TG Information Systems: For TG Information Systems, Kylie Stewart made a great hit with an RBI and pitched well. Sydney West did a wonderful job in right field with first base back up. Madeline Ward was awesome pitching. From Savvy Seconds, Christina Castaneda made great plays out at third two times. Allie Simon was fantastic pitching with a no run inning, a nice double, and a RBI. Sammi Carlson made a beautiful throw to first base. Top Players: Savvy Seconds - Sammi Carlson, Christina Castaneda, Allie Simon; TG Information Systems - Kylie Stewart, Madeline Ward, Sydney West

Savvy Seconds vs. Sports Assoc. of Alameda Co. Deputy Sheriff: Sports Assoc. of Alameda Co. Deputy Sheriff had great pitching by Natalie Larsen and a wonderful hit struck by Stephanie Silva. Savvy Seconds also had some great pitching from Geneva Ekren. Natalie Tarantino made an amazing defensive play at second. Allie Simon had yet another big hit, double. Top Players: Savvy Seconds - Geneva Ekren, Allie Simon, Natalie Tarantino; Sports Assoc. of Alameda Co. Deputy Sheriff - Natalie Larsen, Stephanie Silva

Mini Teal Division: Blueline Company 1, Genworth Financial 5: Jessica Cole pitched a great second inning and got a base

hit. Hannah Schott did a great job pitching in the third inning and had a base hit. Top Player: Blueline Company - Jessica Cole, Hannah Schott

Blueline Company 7, State Farm Insurance - Leslie Wolf 2: In her pitching debut, Hunter Faria got all three outs by strike-out. Sarah Sullivan did a great job catching and had a base hit. Alliannah Cuevas hit two singles and scored a run. Alexis Blaschka had two fantastic innings of pitching, backed by a hit to the outfield. Chloe Engel was catcher for two innings then took the mound with confidence to pitch. Elena Webster had a hit far into the outfield. Top Players: Blueline Company - Alliannah Cuevas, Hunter Faria, Sarah Sullivan; State Farm Insurance - Leslie Wolf - Alexis Blaschka, Chloe Engel, Elena Webster

Mini Black Division: Construction Testing Services (CTS) 2, Ogen Costa Creative Group 4: Construction Testing Services (CTS) had strong pitching performances from Kaitlyn Jones and Lauren Hermes. Lauren Sowers had a strong outfield performance. Top Players: Construction Testing Services (CTS) - Hanna Fleschman, Allison Jenezon, Taylor Sowers; Ogen Costa Creative Group - Isabella Clark, Sarah Costa, Amanda Hoffman

Bob's Giant Burgers vs. 5, Construction Testing Services (CTS) 2: Olivia McGee pitched 4 out of the 7 innings taking the win for Bob's Giant Burgers throwing some strong strikes to the opposing team. She had 3 put out for Bob's Giant Burgers while batting 2 for 3 with 2 runs being scored. Libby Shlag came in taking the save and pitching the last 3 innings for Bob's Giant Burgers. She batted 1 for 3 with a double and scoring a run for Bob's Giant Burgers. Emily Cabral batted 1 for 3 having 2 RBIs for the team. She also had two defensive put outs for Bob's Giant Burgers. Top Players: Bob's Giant Burgers - Emily Cabral, Olivia McGee, Libby Shlag; Construction Testing Services (CTS) - Harper Cook, Kaitlyn Jones, Nicole Riordan

Ogen Costa Creative Group 6, John Rocha-ReMax Accord 9: John Rocha-ReMax Accord had some great hits in the win over Ogen Costa Creative Group. Top Players: Ogen Costa Creative Group - Julia Balcerri, Allison Defazio, Kathryn Lee; John Rocha-ReMax Accord - McKenna Harris, Espi Lotti, Brooke Promes

Minor Teal Division: Robert Half International, Inc. 1, TIMMCGUIRE.NET Alain Pinel Realtors 15: Top Players: Robert Half International, Inc. - Emma Brunker, Isabella Mora; TIMMCGUIRE.NET Alain Pinel Realtors - Charli Faris, Karlee Schweitzer

Concord Feed 11, Robert Half International, Inc. 2: Maria Summersett of Concord Feed made her pitching debut and did an awesome job. Kara Haynie also pitched a great game for Concord Feed. Concord Feed's bats were buzzing, with several girls batting 2 for 2. Top Players: Concord Feed - Erin Chilicky, Kara Haynie, Maria Summersett; Robert Half International, Inc. - Talia Florio, Lauren Milligan, Caitlyn Sigua

Association Management Solutions, LLC 11, Richert Lumber Co., Inc. 5: Richert Lumber Co., Inc. was led by Jessica Emde who had two excellent catches in the field and had a hit and RBI. Hannah Friesen pitched one inning, had one strikeout, and Jenna Voorhies chipped in with one hit of her own. Association Management Solutions, LLC was led by Natalie Lambros who had three hits, two RBIs and caught two pop flies. Krista Buescher had two hits and three RBIs, and Julia Goetz added a hit and an RBI. Top Players: Association Management Solutions, LLC - Krista Buescher, Julia Goetz, Natalie Lambros; Richert Lumber Co., Inc. - Jessica Emde, Hannah Friesen, Jenna Voorhies.

J. Lohr Winery - Jeff Meier 9, Robert Half International, Inc. 3: A great game with great plays on both sides. J. Lohr Winery - Jeff Meier: Julia Olman played well as catcher and also scored one run, hit two singles and stole bases. Lauren Schaefer played well at third base where she got an out. Abby Sage struck out 2 players as pitcher and also hit 2 doubles and caught a pop fly. Robert Half International, Inc.: Audrey Morse did a super job as catcher. Stephanie Owens made great plays at second base and Jenna Taffe played well at first base. Top Players: J. Lohr Winery - Jeff Meier - Julia Olman, Abby Sage, Lauren Schaefer; Robert Half International, Inc. - Audrey Morse, Stephanie Owens, Jenna Taffe



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The Livermore High School varsity boys' lacrosse team lost to Foothill, 13 - 2 Foothill scored five goals in the first quarter and two in the second to take a 7 - 2 lead at the half. Foothill added three goals in both the third and fourth. The Livermore boys JV team also lost to Foothill, 13 - 4

Concord Feed 0, Roof-Life Construction 21: Top Players: Concord Feed - Brittany Barrowcliff, Shannon Greenhouse, Kara Haynie; Roof-Life Construction - Megan Mannion, Clarissa Punla, Latinda Xu

Minor Black Division: ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. 9, Pleasanton Glass 0: ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc.'s pitchers throw a seven inning no-hitter. Alex Sanchez pitched four innings, Emily Crimi two innings and Christina Echavia one inning. Sophia Brown had a nice hit and scored twice. Caroline McMorro and Emily Crimi also scored twice. Emma Furr pitched three solid innings for Pleasanton Glass. Top Players: ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. - Emily Crimi, Christina Echavia, Alex Sanchez; Pleasanton Glass - Emma Furr

ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. 1, Pacific Dental Care 2: Top Players: ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. - Madison Avery, Christina Echavia, Alex Sanchez; Pacific Dental Care - Karen DiDio, Jessica

O'Neal, Megan Shackley
ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. 10, TPC Softball 1: ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. came back strong after their first game close loss with a big win against TPC Softball. ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. once again had great pitching and defense to hold TPC Softball to one run. ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. had great hitting by Madison Soble, Jenyce Dutcher, Christina Echavia, Michelle Wood who each had two hits. Madison Soble and Christina Echavia also scored twice. Top Players: ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc. - Jenyce Dutcher, Madison Soble, Michelle Wood; TPC Softball - Lauren Blach, Jillian Pluschke, Emily Trinidad

Major Teal Division: 3PAR, Inc. 5, Contra Costa Co. Public Auto Auction 7: Top Players: 3PAR, Inc. - Molly Hamilton, Shelby Richmond, Meghan Sensiba

Mancebo Corporation 13, Kevin Martin, Attorney at Law 12: Top Players: Mancebo

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Mancebo Corporation 8, ViewMobile-Dental.com 13; ViewMobileDental.com took an early lead by scoring 10 runs in the first 2 innings. Mancebo Corporation batted back, scoring 5 runs in the last 3 innings to fall short 13 to 8. For ViewMobileDental.com, Miranda Paulos had 2 RBIs, Cassie Balducci went 3 for 3, Ashna Jasuja had 2 hits, while Maddie Dragotta struck out the only 3 batters she faced. Mancebo Corporation were led by Jaime Rineti and Jillian Quintanal, both going 1 for 1, with 2 walks, and scored 4 of the team's 8 runs. Top Players: Mancebo Corporation - Jillian Quintanal, Jaime Rineti, Jenn Teitell; ViewMobileDental.com - Maddie Dragotta, Ashna Jasuja, Miranda Paulos.

Mancebo Corporation 4, Kaelin Construction, Inc. 5. Top Players: Mancebo Corporation - Cassidy Holmes, Meghan Fletcher, Kendall Martinez; Kaelin Construction, Inc. - Stephanie Chilicky, Erica Goldhawk, Haley Hjerpe.

3PAR, Inc. 10, Melissa Mazotti-Johnson, VP Tucker Assoc. 1; For 3PAR, Inc., Carly Krakauer allowed just 1 run, pitching a complete game and Shelby Richmond hit a 3 RBI triple. Top Players: 3PAR, Inc. - Jaime Altman, Carly Krakauer, Jacquie Price.

Senior Division: Cardinal Jewelers 9, Tracey Buescher-Hometown GMAC 1; Tracey Buescher-Hometown GMAC jumped out to a 1-0 lead after the first inning. However, Cardinal Jewelers dominated the rest of the game and won 9-1 with excellent defense, solid hitting and aggressive base running. Tracey Buescher-Hometown GMAC were led by Ary Botelho with a hit, Eileen Adams with a hit and Gina Daly with a hit and an RBI. Cardinal Jewelers were led by Alex Ruis with two hits, Alyssa Dunlap with two hits and Christine Balestrieri with a hit. Top Players: Cardinal Jewelers - Christine Balestrieri, Alyssa Dunlap, Alex Ruis; Tracey Buescher-Hometown GMAC - Eileen Adams, Carly Botelho, Gina Daly.

Tracey Buescher-Hometown GMAC 13, Livermore Smoke Eliminators 10; Tracey Buescher-Hometown GMAC and Livermore Smoke Eliminators played in an instant classic. The game saw lead changes every inning and neither team led by more than three runs. It was filled with excellent pitching, well played fielding and game changing hits. Livermore Smoke Eliminators were led by Iacacia Pereira with a double and a triple and 3 RBIs, Victoria Rowell with a single and triple and one RBI, and Janet Koenig with a single. Tracey Buescher-Hometown GMAC were led by Sarah Machado with three hits, two RBIs and two innings of excellent pitching. Gina Daly with a single, double and three RBIs and three innings of pitching including the closeout inning preserving the victory, and Olivia Buescher with two hits and two RBIs. Top Players: Tracey Buescher-Hometown GMAC - Olivia Buescher, Gina Daly, Sarah Machado; Livermore Smoke Eliminators - Janet Koenig, Iacacia Pereira, Victoria Rowell.

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League (PFL) highlights:

Majors: Giants 6, Angels 18: The Angels defeated the Giants on a beautiful spring evening. Joshua Ott led the offensive attack for the Angels with 5 hits, 4 runs scored and 2 RBIs. Matt Bishop had a single and a double, 3 RBIs and 1 run scored. Joey Richardson had 2 hits and 2 runs scored, Nick Bush had 1 hit and 3 runs scored, Jack Sanderson had 1 hit and 2 RBIs. Jordan Singh scored 3 runs, Mitchell Walsh had 1 hit, 1 run scored and 1 RBI. Brett Derham had 1 run scored and 2 RBIs, and Bobby Fjerstad had 1 hit and 1 run scored. In total the Angels had 10 hits. Jack Sanderson and Joshua Ott held the Giants to 3 earned runs, while only walking 2 batters and striking out 6. Joey Richardson made several great plays on defense for the Angels, and Mitchell Walsh and Joshua Ott teamed up to throw out a Giant runner at home by a great throw and an acrobatic catch and tag by Ott, and Jordan Singh and Nick Bush teamed up for a game ending double play when Singh ran down a fly ball in left field and threw a strike to Bush at first base to double off the Giants runner. Top Offensive Players: Joshua Ott, Matt Bishop and Nick Bush. Top Defensive Players: Joey Richardson, Jordan Singh and Joshua Ott.

AAA Division: Red Sox 13, Orioles 5: After falling behind early in the game, the dangerous Red Sox bats came alive with Sean Sexton, AJ Warford and Will Brendel each delivering 2 clutch hits. Once in the lead, the Red Sox defense held tight. Ramon Cristwell caught a deep fly in center field, Will Brendel snapped up a hot grounder at 3rd for a force play and Will Mattingly and Sean Sexton both made critical plays at 2nd base. Mitch Lawrence allowed only 1 run over 3 innings pitched and Dylan Walsh closed out the game with a dramatic strikeout.

Red Sox 15, Tigers 5: The Red Sox had a great game plan for the first game of the first game of the Bernal Hills. The offense was on fire, led by AJ Warford who had 2 extra base hits and 4 RBIs. Brandon Fan, Will Brendel and Mitch Lawrence had clutch RBI singles while Ben Carter and Ramon Cristwell each scored 2 runs. Dylan Walsh, Justin Newton and Brandon tore up the bases with 5 steals each. Sean Sexton led the defense with 2 shutout innings on the mound and executing a critical double play at 2nd base. AJ also pitched 2 strong innings with Mitch closing out the game for a Red Sox win.

AA Division: Rangers vs Mets: In a hard fought battle the Rangers rallied in the 5th & 6th was enough to post a win against a very good Mets team. On the basepaths Ian Montesanti, Dylan Dilger and Brandon Lipscomb scored the max 3 runs in the 5th after each player along with "DK" Dylan Kolon got a base hit followed by a two out towering triple by Chandler Queenan to bring them all in to score.

A Division: The Diamondbacks hit the cover off the ball at Saturday's game. Cohen Emerson had a number of great plays in the field, including an unassisted double play. Anshul Panda made a nice catch on a fly ball at second base. Taylor Lee, Noah Lee, and Jack Spinola were on as well with great hitting. Overall a great team effort played by all!

T-Ball: Express vs. Rivercats: An exciting game was played by both teams with good hitting and fielding. For the Express, the game ball was given to Nicholas Walsh for being a great all around team player. Micah Masten played well all around and Riley San Filippo made an outfield hit. For the Rivercats, Gavin Le Bars, Chase Knight, and Tyler Ferry all had good hits. Top players for the Express: Nicholas Walsh, Micah Masten, and Riley San Filippo. Top players for the Rivercats: Gavin Le Bars, Chase Knight, and Tyler Ferry.

Granada Swimming

Granada High School and Foothill High met in a swimming meet over the weekend. Highlights (JVG junior varsity girls; JVB junior varsity boys; VG varsity girls, VB varsity boys):

200 Medley Relay: JVG: 2nd Glover, Douglas, Danner, Darling 2:00.09; JVB: 1st Blaze, Middlecamp, Peters, McCallum 2:07.05, 2nd Eckles, Shanley, Snyder, Skaor; VG: 2nd McDiarmid, A. McLaggen, Swanson, Hayes 1:59.55, 3rd Harker, Clark, Boeher, C. McLaggen 2:02.13; VB: 1st Carlo, Schierloh, Guido, Hayes 1:45.39, 3rd Lindsay, Dourov, Chandler, Harker 1:47.96.

200 Free Style: JVG: 3rd Darling 2:31.04; JVB: 2nd Neumayer 2:15.17; VB: 1st Guido 1:48.58, 2nd Dourov 1:54.62.

100 Individual Medley: JVG: 3rd Glover 1:16.58; JVB: 2nd Shull 1:09.95, 3rd Snyder

1:10.57.

200 Individual Medley: VG: 2nd A. McLaggen 2:28.54; VB: 1st Carlo 2:02.95, 2nd Lindsay 2:03.20, 3rd Harker 2:19.95.

50 Free: JVG: 3rd Darling 29.29; JVB: 2nd Stoll 25.14; VG: 1st C. McLaggen 25.12; VB: 1st Kulp 23.17.

50 Fly: JVB: 2nd Stoll 30.55, 3rd Peters 30.94.

100 Fly: VG: 1st Swanson 1:03.12; VB: 1st Guido 55.27, 3rd Chandler 56.92.

100 Free Style: JVG: 3rd White 1:07.14; VG: 1st Hayes 54.93; VB: 2nd Hayes 51.03, 3rd Kulp 53.10.

500 Free: JVG: 3rd Danner 6:58.70; JVB: 2nd Shaffer 5:59.78; VB: 1st Chandler 4:47.85, 2nd Dourov 4:57.55.

200 Free Relay: JVG: 2nd Glover, Douglas, White, Darling 2:02.00; JVB: 1st Blaze, Shaffer, Neumayer, Stoll 1:45.50, 3rd Peters, Middlecamp, McCallum, Shull 1:49.63; VG: 2nd A. McLaggen, Swanson, Boeher, C. McLaggen 1:48.69; VB: 1st Lindsay, Kulp, Dourov, Hayes 1:35.55, 2nd Firl, Benge, Glover, Linhart 1:39.61.

100 Back Stroke: JVB: 1st Blaze 1:12.38, 3rd Shaffer 1:12.98; VG: 1st Hayes 1:02.08; VB: 1st Carlo 56.60, 2nd Hayes 57.47.

100 Breast Stroke: JVG: 1st Douglas 1:24.29, 2nd McEntee 1:32.64; JVB: 1st Shull 1:16.40, 3rd Middlecamp 1:21.52; VB: 2nd Schierloh 1:08.96, 3rd Benge 1:15.08.

400 Free Relay: JVG: 3rd Danner, Guilford, Menise, White 4:56.53; JVB: 2nd Shaffer, Stoll, Shull, Snyder 4:00.94, 3rd Neumayer, Eckles, Skaor, Shanley 4:22.77; VG: 2nd C. McLaggen, McDiarmid, Stroud, Hayes 3:54.79; VB: 1st Chandler, Cuido, Kulp, Carlo 3:27.76, 3rd Glover, Linhart, Hughes, Firl 3:45.50.

Honorable Swimming Effort: JVG: Mikki Glover 100 Back stroke; JVB: Josh Snyder 500 Free Style VG: Emma Hughes 200 Free Style; VB: Alec Grabarek 50 Free Style.

Amador Swimming

Amador Valley High School JV girls swimming and diving team turned in some nice individual performances, but fell to Carondelet 127-59. Lissi Knell was a standout for the Dons with first place finishes in the IM and in the fly. She also swam on the medley and 400 free relay teams which finished second, joining Knell on the medley relay were Lindsey DeWilde, Elaina Gates, and Katie Marlin. Swimming on the 400 team were DeWilde, Marlin and Kristine Waldear.

The diving team was also impressive with Nicole George, Raquel Fraticelli, and Gabby Schulz going 1-2-3 to sweep the event. The Dons other top three finishers were Erica Engento, second place in the breaststroke, and Emily Truax, third in the 100.

Despite missing many key swimmers, the Amador Valley JV swim team kept their perfect EBAL season going with a 104-72 win over De La Salle. James Cheney was a key part of the Dons victory with a pair of individual wins in the 200 and 500 free, and participated in a pair of relay wins on the 200 and 400 free relays.

Amador came into the meet down by six points from the diving event held earlier, but they quickly erased that deficit by going 1-3 in the medley relay. David Becker, Camren Chang, Kaleb Peterson, and Alec Grotegut got to the wall first for the Dons.

Amador then took 11 and 10 points in the 200 free and the IM with Cheney winning the 200 and Justin Pasquale taking the IM. The Spartans brought the score to 37-31 by winning the 50 free, but Peterson won the fly, and Ben Sorensen and Becker went 1-2 in the 100 free to open the lead back to 58-42. After Cheney and Joey Lindley went 1-2 in the 500 and Amador won the 200 free relay (Cheney, Matt Sun, Sornsen, and Grotegut) the Dons were up 78-52 and it was all but over.

Becker won the backstroke and Andrew Song and Chang went 2-3 in the breast to set up an anti-climatic 400 free relay which saw Cheney, Becker, Sun, and Sornsen take the event and cap the win.

The Dons managed to grab five individual firsts, and four seconds, but the depth of the De La Salle varsity swimming and diving team was just too much for Amador Valley to overcome and they fell 105-81.

Andrew Seitz posted a pair of firsts for the Dons, in the IM and the 500 free, to lead the Dons first place finishers. Bryan Hughes chipped in a first in the fly and a second in the 200 free, while Kyle Surber did likewise in the 50 and 100 free. Nick Johnston and Jason Chen went 1-2 in the back for one of Amador's few event point total wins. Chen also finished third in the IM behind Seitz.

Tyler Pullen and Peiron Connors placed second and third respectively in the diving event held earlier.

Amador got as close as 10 points after the IM, but the Spartans slowly pulled ahead and led by 14 after Seitz, Tim McLaughlin and Stefan Hall went 1-3-5 in the 500 free. However, that's as close as the Dons would get as De La Salle gained six in the 200 free relay and 10 in the breaststroke to put the meet away.

The Amador Valley varsity girls fell behind early and could not come back against Carondelet falling by a 122-64 score.

The Dons came into the swim meet up by six points after divers Emma Rigel, Haley Brot and Marina Mihov finished 1-3-4. Chelsea Finn gave the Dons some hope with a second place finish in the IM, but the strong and deep Carondelet team still pulled ahead.

Catherine Breed was a bright spot for the Dons with a first place finish in the 100 free and a second place finish in the fly. Danielle Stickler, swimming the backstroke, also grabbed a second spot.

Amador had four third place finishers, Roshni Nair in the 200 free, Natalie Wong in the fly, Bernadine Martin in the 500 free, and Finn in the breaststroke.

Livermore National LL

AAA Division: Cardinals 2, Giants 1: Cardinals and Giants played a great defensive game. For the Giants, Joey Sullivan had a big hit to center field in the 4th inning. Victor Samara came through with a 2 out hit in the 6th. Michael Friesen pitched 2 shutout innings to start the game and hit 2 for 2 with the only Giants RBI. For the Cardinals, the defensively, Ian Slominski threw out 2 runners at 3rd base; Jake Winslow played well at 3rd; Cole Rees played well at 1st. Kade Gomes pitched 6 great innings. Offensively - It was pretty tight and hits were few, but Trey Olsen and Ian Slominski got on base and scored the 2 runs.

Crush Basketball

In 8th grade MVP flight basketball action this past weekend, the Tri-Valley Crush took

three wins in as many games.

The Crush #10 team won two games, defeating ASA Green and East Bay Bulldogs. Against ASA Green, the Crush jumped to an 10 point first quarter lead and cruised to a 49-31 victory. James Dayton led the winners in an all-around game with 9 points, 3 rebounds and 4 assists, and big man Dominic DeFina had 3 assists of his own.

In Sunday's game against the tough Bulldogs, everything went right for the Crush as they had a 32 point first half on their way to a 52-28 win. Dayton again led the team with 12 points, including 2 treys and Stephen Goode had 11 points and a team high 7 rebounds. Dominix Kovacs had an amazing 6 steals together with 8 points, and Grant Perry contributed 9 of his own.

The Crush #2 team won their only game of the weekend, beating Piedmont by a 39-19 margin. Holding Piedmont to only 6 points in the first half, the Crush was able to keep their players rested in the moderately paced game. Austin Medeiros led the victors with 11 points on smooth shooting. Andre Kasten has 6 rebounds on the inside, and Calvin Rasbold had 3 assists and added 7 points.

Livermore Lacrosse

Finally, Finally the Cowboys win in the EBAL - April 20

The Livermore Boys Varsity Lacrosse team earned their first victory in the East Bay Athletic League by beating cross-town rival, Granada Matadors, 11 - 5.

Granada scored first. Then Tommy Parker scored, assisted by Kyle Kline, to tie the game at one each. Granada scored again to take a one goal lead after one quarter by a score of 2-1. In the second quarter Livermore scored three goals, two by Parker and one by Scott Gragg, to take a 4-2 lead at the half. Kline had all three assists.

In the third quarter, the Cowboys scored three more goals. Parker had his fourth goal of the game, Kline followed, and Travis Cyronok had his second goal of the year from the Long-Stick-Middie position. Kline had his fifth assist. Granada scored with seconds left to make the score 7 - 3 Livermore after three quarters.

Finally, in the fourth quarter, Livermore put the game out of reach as they scored four times. Gragg had his second of the game, Stan Steeper, Daniel Rowan, and Eric Loberg followed with goals. Parker had three assists in the quarter. Granada added a late goal to make the final score Livermore 11 - Granada 5.

The defense was lead by Chris Hill, Rusty Schmidt, Joe Gonzales, Aubrey Gott and Michael Fischer. Gavin Herr had four saves in the victory.

As with the Varsity, the Livermore Boys JV team won their first EBAL game by defeating the Granada Matadors by 6 - 2.

The Cowboys scored two goals in the first quarter to take a 2 - 0 lead after one quarter. Goals were by Junior McCammon and Brandon Hall, both unassisted. In the second quarter Livermore, added two more goals, by Max Kreger and Mac Morgan. Hall had the lone assist. Livermore lead 4 - 0 at the half.

In the third quarter, Livermore added their final two goals of the game. McCammon had his second goal of the game as did Kreger. James Ellis had the lone assist. Granada added a goal in the third and one in the fourth to make the final score Livermore 6 - Granada 2.

The defense was lead by Spencer Davidson, Jacob Farnos, Chris Alderson, Joe Munns, Niklas Palomba and Max Byrnes. Steven Martinez had 10 saves in the victory.

The Varsity Boys Lacrosse team came down off their victory over Granada and were flat in losing to Foothill, 13 - 2.

Foothill came out and scored five goals in the first quarter and two in the second to take a 7 - 2 lead at the half. Livermore's goals were by Tommy Parker. Scott Gragg had the lone assist. Foothill added three goals in the third and fourth to make the final score Foothill 13 - Livermore 2. Gavin Herr had six saves in the loss.

The Livermore Boys JV team followed suit in losing to Foothill, 13 - 4.

Foothill took a 4 - 1 lead at the half. Brandon Hall had the goal and Max Kreger had the assist. Foothill scored eight in the third to put the game away in one of the worst quarters of the year. Hall had his second goal of the game in the third quarter. Mac Morgan had two goals in the fourth quarter, assisted by Aaron Untalan. Steven Martinez had 12 saves in the loss. Livermore took on the #5 and #10 teams in the CIF this week and came out losing both games April 13.

The Livermore Varsity Lacrosse team played its best EBAL game ever in losing to the Mustangs of Monte Vista, 10 - 7.

The Cowboys scored first on a goal by Tommy Parker assisted by Kyle Kline. Monte Vista scored two to go ahead 2 - 1 after one quarter.

The same combo worked their magic again to tie the game at 2 apiece. The Mustangs then scored the next two to take a 4 - 2 lead, but Scott Gragg scored, assisted by Ryan Wilkerson, to make the score 4 - 3 at the half.

Monte Vista scored the next three goals to take a 7 - 3 lead. Then Parker scored again, assisted by Kline, to creep closer, but a last second goal gave Monte Vista an 8 - 4 lead after three quarters.

The Mustangs scored again to make it 9 - 4. Then, unassisted goals by Gragg and Stan Steeper brought the Cowboys to a score of 9 - 6. Monte Vista tacked on their final goal to take a 10 - 6 lead. Then Goalie, Gavin Herr took off down the field to score a goal, assisted by Kline, to make the final score 10 - 7, a very good game. (Monte Vista was favored by 7 goals.) Herr had 12 saves in the loss.

JV team lost 12 - 1 to Monte Vista. Junior McCammon had the lone goal assisted by James Ellis. Steven Martinez had 10 saves in the loss.

On April 16, an under-manned Cowboys take it on the chin, losing to California High School, 11 - 3. The game started well for the Cowboys as the score was 4 - 3 well into the second quarter on goals by Scott Gragg, Eric Loberg, and Tommy Parker. Kyle Kline had three assists. The California Grizzlies then scored the next two goals to lead 6 - 3 at the half. California scored four in the third quarter and one in the fourth to make the final score 11 - 3. Herr had 14 saves in the loss.

The JV Lacrosse team lost to the Grizzlies, 7 - 5. At the half, Livermore was down 4 - 2. Goals by Junior McCammon and Brandon Hall, assisted by Nick Vickers, provided the offense in the first half. California went on 5 - 3 after three quarters. The third Livermore goal was by Hall assisted by McCammon. Livermore finally caught the Grizzlies on

goals by Hall again, assisted by Mac Morgan, and the final Cowboy score was made by Morgan unassisted. But Livermore suffered injuries and couldn't sustain pressure.

California went ahead with 1:37 left in the game and tacked on their last goal while the Cowboys were a man down. Steven Martinez had 8 saves in the loss.

Granada Lacrosse

The Granada High School girls varsity lacrosse team won a tough game against Cal High on Friday night, 12-9. Friday night's win by Granada was the first time the Matadors have beaten Cal High in four years.

The first half was a back and forth duel ending up with Cal ahead 7-6 via a goal in the last minute of the first half. The Matadors opened up the second half with intensity and focus that gave them control of the field until the end of the game. The Matadors capitalized on several shots to earn 6 goals vs. Cal High's 2 in the second half. Granada's midfield performed very well with multiple turnovers and recovery of ground balls by Captains Hayley Olson, Catrina Hickman and Jamine Sanck. Melanie Pacheco controlled multiple draws and helped the Matadors win crucial control of the ball at mid field throughout the night. Granada's defense held tight and shut down several drives by Cal with strong contributions by Andrea Chy, Ariana Garcia, Jasmin Alves and Aly Codiroli, in addition to capitalizing on several well executed clears by Goalie Allison Davis.

By the end of the game, the Matadors came out on top with scoring contributions being made by Captain Hayley Olson, 4 goals, Livv Gerton, 4 goals, Shannon Sunnregren, 2 goals and Camille Hanna with 2 goals.

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Baseball Camps

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting two 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 5-12 year old camps that cost \$100 and \$125. The two dates are: June 28-July 1 (four days only) and July 12-16 and run from 9-12 each day. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 586-2811 or dpperotti@yahoo.com or check website www.eteamz.com/lvb

Charity Cup Golf Classic

Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill is hosting its 15th Annual Charity Cup Golf Classic at Las Positas Golf Course (915 Clubhouse Drive) in Livermore on Friday May 21st, 2010. The cost is \$150.00 per player includes green fee, cart, golf shirt, lunch, dinner, on-course refreshments, awards ceremony,

huge raffle giveaway and a chance to win \$10,000 and more!

All proceeds will benefit the Helen Diller Family Cancer Research Center

Lunch & Registration begins at 11am. Shotgun start is at 1:00pm

To register visit www.beebsatlaspositas.com or call (925) 455-7070.

Entries limited to the first 144 received so don't delay

Bowling News

In the Monday Getaway Fours, Laurie Chapman rolled 85 pins over average for a 224 game.

Roger Purta turned in a 289 game in the Tuesday Match Point league. Derrek Gillians shot a 269 and 259 game. Brandon Klinefelter a 278, and Isiah Haygogod a 234 game. Mark McCreary rolled triplicate 247 in the 4 Seasons Modified Guys & Dolls, Fred McCarrell bowled a 279 game, Pat Braga had a 234 game and Tom Grammatica bowled 118 over series average with games of 179-202-202. Ray Salas turned in a 290 game in the Cheyenne league, Glen Thompson a 273 and Wayne Folster 257. Austin Stuber, in the Generation Gap league, rolled 73 over average with a 255 game.

Senior bowler Dick Braden, in the Monday Primeimers, rolled a 245 game. Tony Giannotti a 226, John Waite a 222. In the same league, Harry Thompson bowled 100 pins over series average with games of 190, 206 and 196 for a 592. Tom Crane rolled a 259 game in the Sirs & Sirettes league with Ron Knott rolling 70 over for a 235 game and Paul Guerrero a 234.

Youth bowler, Brendan McClain bowled 67 over average for a 212 game in the Friday Family Affair league. Nick Moreland, in the

Generation Gap on Sunday, rolled 63 over average for a 178 game.

Livermore Smoke

Under-8: Lighting Bolts vs Lightning: Lighting Bolts players: Emily Brown, Hannah Whitlock, Nicole Benjamin; Lightning players: Zakiya Clark, Tiffany Rucker, Cloe Williams.

Lighting Bolts vs Wildcats: Lightning Bolts players:: Elliana Aggarwal, Sofia Randall, Katherine Terry; Wildcats players: Taylor Bond, Jillian Devine, Payton Hall

Amador Judo

The Amador Judo and Jujitsu Studio in Livermore sent 12 competitors to the semiannual City College of San Francisco Judo Tournament. It was held last weekend. Players from all over California competed. The Amador team brought home 15 top medals:

1st place: Abby Maciel-Lahann, Dublin, jr. female; Dan Ikegami, Dublin, jr. male; Rafael Gamboa, Dublin, jr. male; Victoria Burke, Livermore, intermediate female; Nathan Maratea, Livermore, intermediate male; Adam Skinner, Livermore, sr. male; Jamie Behmyer, Livermore, sr. female; Bradley Maratea, Livermore, black belt.

2nd place: Garrison Groves, Livermore, jr. male; Gabrielle Gamboa, Livermore, jr. female; Victoria Burke, Livermore, brown belt; Bradley Maratea, Livermore, brown belt.

3rd place: Kai Ikegami, Dublin, jr. male; Josh Rodrigues-Lahann, Dublin, jr. male; Jason Craig, Livermore, intermediate male.

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OBITUARIES

Shirley Sue Simmons

Shirley passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on April 16, 2010 after a short battle with cancer. She was a resident of Pleasanton.



She was born on Aug. 2, 1945 in Monterey, CA, and it remained her favorite place. She was preceded in death by her father, Angelo DiVecchia. She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years Ron, sons Mike (Kelly), Tim (Michelle), Steve (Christine); and 7 granddaughters; mother, Idris (Sue) DiVecchia; 2 brothers, 2 sisters and many friends.

She became a self taught baker extraordinaire, among her many other talents. Volunteering as a docent at Alviso Adobe in Pleasanton and being "grandma" at Forest Home Farms in San Ramon was her passion. She was a long time member Order of the Eastern Star Oak Leaf Chapter #8

Shirley was loved by all and lived a life with no regrets.

Friends and family are invited to A Celebration of Life honoring Shirley at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton on April 30, at 2:00 pm. Contributions in her name can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Carole N. Rose

On April 18, 2010 we lost a remarkable Tri-Valley resident, wife, mother, cousin, and friend, Carole Rose. Carole passed on peacefully at the age of 64 surrounded by her four children, two daughters-in-law, her brother (John), sister-in-law (Trish) and an assortment of four footed friends. Carole was devoted to her family and to raising her three boys. Carole spent a number of years as a production pattern designer assistant for Byer of California. At Byer, Carole made many new friends with whom she continued to stay in contact with to this day. Carole always considered all her friends as part of her extended family.



Carole was an avid quilter, making many baby quilts for friend's new babies and full sized quilts for family members. She was always on the lookout for that special piece of fabric that would fit her current or maybe a future project.

Carole is survived by her husband of 52 years William (Bill) P. Rose, son William (Bill) P. Rose Jr. of Woodfords, CA, son George Matthew Rose, of New York City, Patrick Allan Rose of San Francisco, daughter-in-laws Susie Pacheco-Rose of San Francisco and Karen Brickey-Rose of Woodfords.

No services are contemplated. In place of flowers please make a donation to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

Carol A. Penzotti

Carol A. Penzotti died April 11, 2010. Carol was born in Baltimore, MD on March 23, 1945. She moved to Tempe, AZ, where she spent her adolescence, and eventually moved to the California Bay Area where she has lived for the last 40+ years, mostly as a resident of Livermore.



A true craftsperson, Carol was a naturally talented and notoriously prolific, especially with her cross-stitch creations. Creativity was an innate part of who she was and how she expressed herself. Amongst her creative pursuits were cross-stitch, knitting/crochet, and most recently beading and jewelry making. If you were counted among her friends you would surely have received a handmade gift from her. In addition to her crafts, Carol had a great love of reading, crossword puzzles, and all things whimsical. She delighted in spending time with family and friends. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and she loved animals (especially her cats).

Carol is survived by her husband of 28 years, Richard Penzotti, her daughter Renee, her sister and brother, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Carol was preceded in death by her daughter Terrie, and by her son Robert.

Carol's thoughtful, generous and kind spirit will be greatly missed by all of her friends and family.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Carol's name to the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Private family services are planned.

Charlotte Keogh Bachleda

Charlotte Bachleda was born June 18, 1918, and entered into rest April 19, 2010, she was 91 years old.

Charlotte was born in Connecticut lived in the Livermore for 48 years. She and her late husband moved to Patterson when he retired in 1984, but she returned to Livermore when he passed away in 1998

Charlotte was a parishioner of St. Michael's Catholic Church for many years. She was a Radioman in the Navy and met her late husband who was also in the Navy, while training in Jacksonville, Fla. She enjoyed watching and attending Oakland A's game, gardening, and taking annual family trips to South Shore Lake Tahoe. Her main focus in life was her 6 children.

Charlotte was preceded in death by husband Milan Victor Bachleda in 1998. She is survived by children Janet (Bob) Newlands of Livermore, CA; Mary Anne (Jack) Gomes of Vista, CA; Julie (Andy) Thomas of Reno, NV; Valerie (Dan) Steussy of Poway, Ca; John (Holly) Bachleda of Livermore, CA; and Paul Bachleda of Livermore, CA. She is also survived by grandchildren Karen Homer; Laura Webster; Scott Newlands; Nicole Edminster; Danielle, Lauren, and Austin Steussy; Sarah and Emily Bachleda, and great-grandchild Madison Edminster.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated April 23, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Livermore. Burial followed at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella where Charlotte and Milan were reunited.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Francis Marciel

Francis Marciel, born in Livermore, CA, on Dec. 13, 1925 to Frank and Marie Marciel, passed away suddenly on April 18, 2010 in Mt. Vernon, OR.

Francis grew up in a large ranching family in the Livermore Valley and spent his youth working on the ranch learning the skills and techniques he would utilize the rest of his life. As an adult, he farmed, ran cattle and did harvesting jobs in the Altamont & Midway areas in the surrounding Livermore hills. He married his wife Mary on Feb. 18, 1956. They settled on rural Buena Vista Ave. in Livermore. In 1970 they bought a 2,200 acre ranch in Mt. Vernon, OR near John Day, moving there in 1971 where they continued to develop the ranch and raise their three children. Fittingly, Francis spent the last day of his life riding around his beloved ranch on his trusty 4-wheeler with Mary at his side.

Other survivors besides Mary are daughters Sheryl Wishard (Bard) of Prairie City, OR, Joanne Hansen (Frank), and son John Marciel both of Mt. Vernon. Surviving brothers are Paul, Lawrence, Herman and Roy Marciel and sisters Marie Brockman, Theresa Turpin and Sharon Marciel. Six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous neices and nephews also survive.

A Memorial Service will be held at the family ranch in Mt. Vernon on Sat., May 1st at 1 p.m. Private scattering of Francis's ashes on the ranch will be carried out by the immediate family at a later date.

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Doris Lee Wanden

Doris Lee Wanden passed away Saturday, April 17, 2010 at her Camanche Lake house in Lone, CA at the age of 67 years. She was born December 4, 1942 to Floyd and Dora (Drew) Haskins in El Reno, OK. Doris married Gilbert Wanden on April 14, 1962 in Hayward, CA. Being with her family was the most important thing to her. She touched the lives of many, and will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband, Gilbert Wanden of Livermore, CA; children, Wade Eric Wanden of Pleasanton, Aaron Drew Wanden of Discovery Bay, Christina Renee Wanden of Livermore; sisters, Rita Jane Jacobs of Valley Springs, Barbara Jean Cambria of Livermore; grandchildren, Tyler Drew Wanden, Sierra Lynn Wanden, Emily Lauren Perry, Allison Grace Perry, and Cody James Franco.

At the family's request there will be no services. Inurnment will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital Foundation, 800 Research Parkway, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, OK 73104. Condolences may be offered to the family, via e-mail, at condolences@danerimortuary.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Daneri Mortuary in Jackson.

Lucille (Lou) Angelina Romaniello Granica

Pleasanton resident Lucille Granica passed away suddenly on April 12, 2010. Lou was born in Waterbury, CT on November 28, 1942.

Lucille was raised in an Italian American home, and was extremely proud of her heritage. Lou relocated to California in 1973 with her only daughter, Gina. She spent most of her years living in the South Bay, but relocated to the Livermore/Pleasanton area in 2005 to be closer to Gina, her son-in-law Scott, and her only grandson Andrew (Drew). She was a resident of Ridgeview Commons in Pleasanton and a member of the United Christian Church in Livermore.

She was very passionate about donating a lot of her time and efforts to both facilities, in both fundraising and activity causes. Lou taught most who touched her life or whose lives she touched to LOVE big, LIVE big, have FAITH, and to LAUGH hearty.

She is survived by her daughter, Gina, son-in-law Scott, and her grandson Drew of Livermore, CA, along with her older brother Leonard Romaniello, Sr. and his children, Lenny and Cathy, and her great niece and nephew, Michael and Christina of Waterbury, CT.

She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

A memorial service was held at United Christian Church on April 16th. Her family requests that in her memory donations be sent to the United Christian Church, 1886 College Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 in her name.

Marion Blanche Frey

Marion went to be with Jesus on Sunday afternoon, April 18, 2010. Following a lengthy illness, she passed away peacefully at her home in Keizer, Oregon. She was born March 21, 1922 in Charlotte, N.C.



Marion married Norman Stewart. They had three children: Don, Linda and Scott. Widowed in 1951, she immigrated to California in 1961. She found Bill Frey, the love of her life, in Livermore. They married in 1962 - making her the adopted mother of Bill and Linda Frey. Marion and Bill enjoyed water skiing, camping, biking and later became snowbirds between Oregon and Yuma, AZ. In 1989, Marion was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. They moved from Azalea, Oregon to Keizer. They enjoyed new friends and worship times at First Baptist Church in Salem, volunteer work with Meals on Wheels, and building a new house.

Marion is remembered as a loving, kind and gentle woman. Her favorite hobbies were oil painting, poetry, reading, playing the organ and sharing life stories.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; brother John and sisters, Vida and Shirlee, all in Canada; her children, Linda Huffman, Linda Frey and Bill Frey of California and Scott Stewart of British Columbia. She was predeceased by her parents, brothers Ira and Gordon and son, Donald.

Burial will be in Truckee, California. The memorial service will be Sat., May 1 at 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church of Salem.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Center of Oregon at OHSU in Portland Oregon.

There will be a memorial service at 1 p.m. on May 8 at Cedar Grove Church in Livermore.

Donate by mail, send a check or money order to: OHSU Foundation, 1121 SW Salmon St., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97205-2021.

Frank La Ferrera "Dago Frank"

Frank La Ferrera died April 21, 2010.

He was the devoted husband to Marion for 62 years, loving father to Sandra and Denise and father-in-law to Ken, dear grandpa to Amber, Kendra and Brooke, and caring brother to Nancy, Steve and Salvatore.



He was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 3,

1930. He moved to San Francisco when he was a boy and graduated from Mission High School. Frank was coined the "newspaper boy" in the North Beach district when he was 10 years old, standing in front of the old Fior de Italia in Washington Square. He was a foreman in the iron trade for 58 years and loved every minute of punking iron and the camaraderie of his co-workers at Soule Steele and RPS. Frank was an avid deer hunter, fisherman and loved working in his garden. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

The family requests that any donations may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

James E. Collins Sr.

James E. Collins Sr. was born

on January 21, 1941 and passed away peacefully at his home in Livermore, CA; on April 5, 2010. He was 69 years old.

Jim was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and worked for Ford for over 35 years after serving in the military. As a hobby Jim enjoyed building and restoring classic cars and was an active member of The Good Guys Auto Club. Jim was loved by many and will be missed by all.

He is survived by his sons James E. Collins Jr. and Michael E Collins, daughter-in-law Kari Valasek, and grandsons Michael E. Collins II and Ryan D. Dicus.

Jim has seven brothers and sisters: Ivan, Delbert (deceased), Eddie, Betty, John, Pat and Tom.

Jim was laid to rest at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA.

Colonel John Toman

Pleasanton resident John Toman died April 23, 2010.

John was the beloved husband of Mary Toman, devoted father to John J. Toman of Oakdale, CA, Lani Toman of Redondo Beach, CA, Tom Toman of Pleasanton, Lindy Chase of Loxahatchee, FL, Chris Toman of Livermore, CA, and cherished grandfather to eight grandchildren.

John, affectionately known to many simply as, "the Colonel," touched many lives with his boundless optimism. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on May 5, 1930, graduated high school from Girard College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 1953, was assigned to the Army Corps of Engineers and served a tour in Korea in 1954 as a combat engineer. He earned Masters Degrees in Physics and Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, later resigned his active U.S. Army commission to accept a position at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory where he

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served for 26 years, retiring as a senior scientist in 1990.

He retired as a member of the Army reserves after 30 years of military service in 1983 as the commandant of a U.S. Army reserve school for which he was awarded the highest military award in peace time, the Legion of Merit. His passions for the last 20 years of his life were both: serving as Chairman, CEO, and President of Pan American Resources, Inc., a public company with a patented system for converting landfill waste into electricity; and his several national speaking engagements as an expert on energy and environmental issues. He was a member of St. Augustine's Catholic parish and enjoyed world travel, woodworking, golf, performing as a vocalist, and spending time with his beloved family and friends.

A memorial mass was celebrated on April 28th at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Pleasanton, CA, followed by military honors committal at St. Augustine's Cemetery, 5780 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

Family asks that memorial contributions be made to Girard College, 2101 South College Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19121, in the name of John Toman, Class of 1947, or flowers sent to Graham-Hitch Mortuary, Pleasanton.

Donald James Wilson

With great sadness we announce the passing of Donald James Wilson on April 22, 2010. He was a resident of Livermore.

Donald was born July 3, 1959 in Berkeley, California. During his childhood he was very active in sports; he loved playing soccer and baseball and was also a Boy Scout. He also spent several years in drum corps. He was a student at Granada High School, and enjoyed the Army where he proudly served his country repairing tanks. Donald was a mechanic for many years by trade and loved to fix things with his hands. As an eagle collector, Don loved garage sales and thrift shopping

where he found most of his eagle collection treasures. He was truly a "simple man" and wanted nothing more in life than to be happy. Don always had something funny to say, whether it was wrong or right it was hilarious and downright funny. Always so giving and helping to others. He would give the shirt off his back for another. He loved to watch baseball and his favorite team the Giants. As for football he was a diehard Raiders fan.

Donald is survived by his mother Martha Wilson of Livermore and father Wayne Wilson of Sacramento. Father to Donald Wilson II, Jason Wilson, Ashley Wilson, Megan Wilson, and Emily Wilson. Grandfather to Tyler Conder, AJ Shipman, Aureanna Fernandez and Madeline Wilson. Brother to Sheryl Pierce, Brother-in-law Jeff Pierce and brother to Michael Wilson. Sister-in-law Julie Wilson. Uncle to Melissa Maynard, Jessica Wilson, Sarah Pierce, Jay Pierce, and Michael P. Wilson. Great Uncle to Toni Juarez, Taylor Juarez, Brooklyn Juarez, Leslie Juarez, Chance Posada, Shelby Pierce, and Devon Oase. Donald was loved by all and will be missed by everyone; he will be in our hearts forever as he touched all of our lives.

Nothing was better than the smile on your face as I yelled across the way "Hey Don Petty", wearing your favorite hat. You will forever be in my heart "Uncle Dizzle" I love you, your niece Jessica Wilson.

Born a free spirit, reborn a "Freebird," fly freebird, fly. All my love your son Donald Wilson II

There will be a visitation on Fri. April 30; 10:00-11:00am, in the Chapel of Callaghan Mortuary 3833 East Ave. Livermore; with a Celebration of Life commencing at 11:00am. A burial procession will follow to the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery where Don will be laid to rest and also receive traditional Army honors.

SHORT NOTES

Arthritis Walk

The 2010 Tri-Valley Arthritis Walk will be held on Saturday, May 1st at the LifeStyleRx, 1119 East Stanley Boulevard at 8:00am.

Please visit the Tri-Valley Arthritis Walk website at www.av2010trivally.kintera.org. For more information, contact Sarina Aguirre, Arthritis Foundation Community Development Manager at saguirre@arthritis.org or call 415-356-1237.

Sheep Shearing Day

Visit Forest Home Farms Historic Park to watch the sheep get their annual haircuts on Sunday, May 2, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

There will be something for the whole family. There will be live music and demonstrations of old-time traditions such as lace-making, woodcarving, quilting, and spinning. Nature-lovers will find garden tastings and sheepdog demonstrations. Children's activities include 4-H animals, crafts, games and tractor rides.

Take a tour of the property and visit the old-fashioned Gift Shoppe featuring Victorian items and farm mementos. Food will also be available for purchase. Price is \$2 higher at the gate, so pre-register and save money.

For registration information call (925) 973-3200 or visit www.sanramonrecguide.com. The activity number is #64661. For more information about Forest Home Farms Historic Park call (925) 973-3284.

Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. Parking at the farm is limited, but parking will also be available on Pine Valley Road, west of San Ramon Valley Blvd.

Thinking Differently

Author Javy Galindo will discuss his book *The Power of Thinking Differently* at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 2.

There is no charge for this event. Books will be available for sale and signing.

"Creativity isn't reserved for the elite, the painter, inventor, or entrepreneur. It is a skill that we are all born with and can harness to enhance all aspects of our lives," says creativity expert Javy W. Galindo, author of *The Power of Thinking Differently: An Imaginative Guide to Creativity, Change, and the Discovery of New Ideas*. "Regrettably, far too many of us react to our circumstances with habitual responses that leave us feeling stuck, frustrated, and desperate for deeper meaning."

Galindo claims that the key to creativity is overcoming our neurologically wired thinking habits in order to explore creative possibilities. In his book, he takes a unique approach to

understanding the innovative mind by exploring the latest research in cognitive science and psychology while also reflecting on the creativity of famous artists, scientists, and business people.

Galindo lightheartedly guides the reader through the universal stages of the creative process and describes the nature of creative insight, ways to transcend creative blocks, the keys to cultivating creativity in groups, and how to break free of groupthink by using both sides of the brain. As a result, readers discover how important relaxation, collaboration, diversity, a sense of humor, and a sense of play are to finding new ideas.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

Storytime with Farmer

Storytime with the Farmer will be held at Forest Home Farms Historic Park in San Ramon.

The topic for Wed., May 5, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. is "Happy Mother's Day."

There will be stories, songs, crafts and refreshments. There will also be an opportunity to visit with the animals that live at Forest Home Farms Historic Park.

Children must be accompanied by an adult, but only children need to register. Pre-register by calling the San Ramon Community Center at (925) 973-3200 or register online at www.sanramonrecguide.com. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Ages 3-5 only. Space is limited. This event will be held outdoors, so please dress appropriately. 4/19- Activity #64662 and 5/5- Activity #64663.

Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard, San Ramon, just south of Pine Valley Road. Call 925-973-3284 for information.

AABC Scholarships

Activities and Academic Booster Club (AABC) of Foothill High is accepting applications for four scholarships of \$500 each from Foothill seniors.

The application can be found at www.foothill-falcons.org or on the AABC webpage under scholarships. The deadline to submit an application has been extended to May 7. Please submit applications to Mrs. Bing in the Foothill counseling office.

Day of Service

Recognizing the impact of the current economic environment on California's valuable local, regional, and state parks, members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have designated Saturday,

May 8, 2010 as a statewide day of service.

Some 75,000 volunteers, 8 years and older, will participate in the "Mormon Helping Hands - Renewing California Parks" service projects. Mormons in every community in California, working with park and civic officials, have identified hundreds of projects in parks throughout the state.

In the Dublin/Pleasanton/Livermore area, approximately 1,000 volunteers will work in city parks and historic sites, as well as walking trails and arroyos. Volunteers will wear the distinctive yellow Mormon Helping Hands vests, the official vests used by members of their church when participating in humanitarian service projects and disaster relief efforts throughout the world.

For more information about Mormon Helping Hands, please visit <http://newsroom.lds.org/ldsnewsroom/eng/> and type "Helping Hands" in Search

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Mount Diablo Interpretive Association (MDIA) is working with Mount to supply interpretive materials for some of the new display areas, like the visitor reading area and the rotating seasonal displays, among others. And lastly, MDIA will provide new merchandising fixtures and equipment for the new Visitor Center Retail Area.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Why Not 3D, 1130 Catalina Dr., Apt #80, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Jermel Algernon Wells, 1130 Catalina Dr., Apt #80, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on January 1, 2010.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Jermel A. Wells

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 23, 2010. Expires March 23, 2015.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 436610-436611

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Experience Disc, 2) Triple Point Advisors, 3266 Chablis Court, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Gauri Reyes, 3266 Chablis Ct., Pleasanton Ca 94566

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Gauri Reyes

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 30, 2010. Expires March 30, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2755. Publish April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 436942

The following person(s) doing business as: Vega's Landscaping, 1039 Bluebell Dr. #3, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Samuel Vega, 1039 Bluebell Dr. #3, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on April 7, 2010.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Samuel Vega

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 437013

The following person(s) doing business as: Lalman, Inc. dba:

Del Valle Lodge, 3979 First Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Lalman, Inc., 3979 First Street, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on December 27, 1996.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Sabhash L. Patel

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 437014

The following person(s) doing business as: Deepesh, Inc., dba: Sands Motel, 3787 First Street, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Deepesh, Inc., 3787 First Street, Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on October 9, 1996.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Sabhash L. Patel

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 436535

The following person(s) doing business as: Manbhavan Catering, 4386 Diavila Ave., Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Mukta Arora, 4386 Diavila Ave., Pleasanton Ca 94588

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Mukta Arora

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 29, 2010. Expires March 29, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2760. Publish April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 436986

The following person(s) doing business as: dgbestdeals, 2648 St Helena Ct, Livermore Ca 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Dennis D. Gordon, 2648 St. Helena Ct., Livermore Ca 94550

This business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on April 1, 2010.

Signature of Registrant:

/s/ Dennis D. Gordon

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 8, 2010. Expires April 8, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2761. Publish April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 436376

The following person(s) doing business as: Hey Nay Nay Ink Dba: The Bracelet Bar, 252 Main St., Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Nancy K. McKain, 95 Windward Common Unit 2, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by: an individual

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Nancy K. McKain

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 24, 2010. Expires March 24, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2762. Publish April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 436612

The following person(s) doing business as: Performance Landscape Service, 5781 Preston Avenue, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

Plants Direct Inc., 5781 Preston Avenue, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by: a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name (s) listed above on August 9, 1996.

Signature of Registrant: /s/ Darrell L. Amaral

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 30, 2010. Expires March 30, 2015.

The Independent Legal No. 2763. Publish April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 437044-437045

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Painted Tree Winery, 2) Painted Tree Cellars, 6776 Preston Ave, Ste C, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

One Varia LLC, 6776 Preston Ave Ste C, Livermore Ca 94551

This business is conducted by: a limited liability company

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

Signature of Registrant: /s/ John Gash

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 9, 2010. Expires April 9, 2015.

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How Realtors Calculate Market Value

By Cher Wollard

Look in the mail or e-mail you received today and you are sure to find at least one offer for a "Free Market Analysis of Your Home."

The type of analysis offered is likely a Comparative Market Analysis, or CMA, which is a tool real estate agents use to help you determine what a property should sell for.

How is a CMA calculated and is it even necessary?

If another house in your community sold two months ago for \$25,000, that must be the value of your property - right?

Maybe, maybe not.

It's a good place to start in calculating what your home might sell for. But a number of factors go in to determining market value.

In preparing a CMA, your agent begins by gathering and sorting data about real estate activity in your neighborhood.

This activity falls into four categories:

- Properties currently on the market.
- Properties in contract or "pending."
- Properties that have sold within a certain time frame. In a fast-moving market, that generally means no more than three months back.
- Properties that have been withdrawn from the market during that same period.

The goal is to find properties in each category as similar to yours as possible, and within a definite time period.

Last winter when your neighbor's house went into contract, your house may well have garnered the same price. Several months later, the market has shifted. Some neighborhoods have gone up in price; some have gone down or stayed flat.

Your agent begins by setting criteria, then narrows the search as much as possible. The more market activity, the more focused the search can be, and the more accurate the results.

Begin with the old real estate maxim: "location, location, location."

The best comparable properties - or "comps" - are those in the same neighborhood or development. But often there is not enough activity to provide a clear picture.

Agents may expand the search based on proximity - meaning they will search for properties within a certain distance from your home - typically .5 to 1 mile for suburban properties. Other times agents may look for homes in neighborhoods that are similar to yours.

Similarity of neighborhoods is based such factors as the age of the development, proximity to downtown, amenities such as parks and libraries, tests scores at the local schools, crime rates, how well-maintained the neighbors' homes are.

Two identical houses can sell for very different prices based on location.

The agent then narrows the search to focus on homes most like yours. The criteria most often used include:

- The size of the home in square footage. Only finished, permitted space is considered. Garages and screened-in porches are not included.
- The number of bedrooms and bathrooms. Homes with guest cottages or granny units can count those bedrooms and bathrooms, as long as they were built with permits.
- The age of the home. In general, new homes sell for more than older homes. One exception may be beautifully maintained and/or refurbished vintage homes in desirable locations.
- Lot size. Buyers may pay premiums for lots that are larger, especially if the space is well utilized.
- Is it a short sale? Many buyers will underbid properties being sold short because of the hassles and delays often associated with these sales.

Once your agent has a list of homes similar to yours, he or she will figure the average list and sales prices of those properties.

Then it's time to refine the value by looking at criteria that cannot be programmed in to a CMA calculator. For these crucial factors, you will have to depend on the knowledge and expertise of your agent.

For example:

- Location of the lot. Houses on busy streets tend to sell for less than those on quiet cul-de-sacs, for example.
- Condition of the property. Agents who are familiar with a neighborhood know which homes were move-in ready and which required major repairs.
- Floor plan. While square footage is important, how that square footage is used may impact price.

Some floorplans are more popular than others. Is it a single story home or are there lots of stairs? Is this the original floor plan or was the home added on to? Were the add ons done with permits? How does it flow with the rest of the house?

- Upgrades. Things like kitchen and bath remodels, inground pools, upgraded flooring, beautiful landscaping and hardscaping, newer or well-maintained decks and patios, and solar panels may add value to a home.
- Is it a custom home? Does it "fit" the neighborhood? Homes that are much larger and more lavishly appointed than their neighbors' are valued less than similar homes built areas filled with big houses. The same goes of houses that are of a vastly different design style.

Even though your agent prepared a CMA when you first started discussing selling your home, if it's been more than a few weeks, he/she will likely update it based on current market conditions.

If you delay offering your home for sale, or if your property stays on the market for a while, the analysis will have to be updated continually.

The last thing you want is to price your property based on outdated statistics, and watch the market pass you by.

A CMA is designed primarily for homeowners who want to sell their property.

However, a professional market analysis is also a useful tool for buyers wondering what the perfect home in the perfect neighborhood will really cost - not just what it's listed for in the Multiple Listing Service or what Zillow estimates as its value.

The List Price is the asking price. It may or may not represent a realistic value for the property.

Some sellers price their homes for more than a CMA shows it is worth because they want to "test the market," to see if anyone will pay their asking price.

Some sellers price their homes low, either because they are willing to sacrifice full price for a quick sale or because they believe listing it low will generate multiple offers and thus a higher selling price. If you see a home listed for a price that is "too good to be true," it probably is.

A Realtor can help a smart buyer calculate the fair market value of a property, which is the amount the house will likely sell for.

So, for a free Market Analysis of your home - or a home you are considering making an offer on - call your Realtor today.

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Livermore, Pleasanton Agree to Discuss Airport Issues

The cities of Livermore and Pleasanton have a tolling agreement with regard to litigation involving Livermore's recent vote to change the zoning of its airport.

The tolling agreement extends the right of Pleasanton to file a lawsuit by 15 days starting April 21.

Livermore City Attorney John Pomidor commented, "The agreement gives the two sides an opportunity to talk a little more without the threat of litigation." He said any lawsuit would be limited to issues addressed during the discussion on changes at the airport.

As part of the hearings on rezoning of the Livermore Airport, Pleasanton sent a letter stating they believe there are fundamental flaws in the environmental

analysis and "disagree with the conclusions."

The letter points out that there was no analysis provided of future improvements. The letter also raised concerns about impacts from jet travel, which could be significant in those portions of Pleasanton lying under the flight path. Single event noise is not dealt with in the analysis. The airport study is based on an overall average of noise, the letter points out.

Pleasanton also raised concerns about language relating to grant assurances. When a public agency accepts grant monies for the purposes of acquiring land for an airport, it must agree to adhere to specific assurances relating to use, operation and maintenance of the airport. The objection Pleasanton had was including

the construction of airport facilities in the assurances. They felt facilities should not be part of the assurances.

In addition to Pleasanton, those opposed to changes at the airport are most concerned about single event. They would like to see a system put in place similar to that used by the City of Hayward at its airport.

The City of Hayward has an ordinance that limits the noise level (measured in decibels) of planes using the Hayward Airport and provides for fines for violations of the limits. The airport maintains four noise monitors that are designed to measure the noise of aircraft taking off and landing. When someone complains about noise, airport staff check noise monitor records to see if the noise reported ex-

ceeded the limits set by the ordinance. If it did, the staff will then identify the aircraft that exceeded the established noise limit.

If the aircraft is based at the Hayward Airport, airport staff will speak to the owner to learn why the aircraft may have exceeded the noise limit. If the aircraft is not based at the Hayward Airport, the aircraft owner is notified that the aircraft may not use the airport so long as the aircraft is unable to comply with the noise limits.

Dan McIntyre, Livermore public works director, said that the city conducts a noise study every two years. In 2007, the council considered an option to study noise or to monitor it. The decision was to study the level of noise. "That's all we are doing."

At its meeting earlier this year, the council rescinded the 35 year old airport master plan. It reduced projections of future use at the airport, down from 370,000 operations to 220,000 by 2030. Operations at the airport have never reached the projected numbers. The highest number of annual operations was about 283,000 in 1993. There are currently about 140,000 annual operations. The number of planes to be based in Livermore was reduced from 900 to 720.

The level of development is reduced from 1.9 million square feet to about 1.4 million square feet. To date, about 670,000 square feet of facilities have been constructed.

The new zoning would specifically identify the permitted

land uses and development standards for the airport. It would constrain development to the extent feasible under FAA rules and regulations.

The Livermore city council also approved a resolution that included what they hoped would calm those with concerns about the airport.

They include such things as staff will take no action to encourage a major cargo carrier service to come to Livermore; the city does not intend to extend the existing runways; and the city will continue to aggressively foster reduction of airport noise consistent with federal law and in cooperation with other Tri-Valley cities.

Wild Horses, Burros Available for Adoption in Livermore

Residents of the area will have the opportunity to add a horse or burro to their families, when the Bureau of Land Management brings its Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program to the Livermore Rodeo Grounds, Robertson Park, 3500 Robertson Park Road, Livermore, on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2.

"We're holding the adoption in conjunction with the California State Horseman's Spring Stampede," said Doug Satca, manager at BLM's Litchfield wild horse and burro facility near Susanville. "We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy both events."

The BLM will offer 30 horses, mostly yearlings, and 10 burros for public adoption. Anyone interested can preview the animals when they arrive at about 3 p.m. on Friday, April 30.

The event gates will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Adoptions begin with silent bidding from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Animals not taken during bidding will be available for a \$125 adoption fee.

"With spring and summer days ahead, this is a good time to begin training an adopted mustang or burro," said Satca. "Our horses and burros are certified to be healthy and they are ready to begin training."

The horses are from herd management areas in Northeast California and Northwest Nevada. Burros (donkeys) came from Southern California deserts.

All available animals have received de-worming treatments and vaccinations for West Nile virus, rabies and common equine diseases. All have negative Coggins test results. Adopters receive complete health records for their animals so they can begin health care programs with their veterinarians.

To qualify, adopters must be at least 18 years old and have no convictions for inhumane treatment of animals. BLM staff members will interview all prospective adopters to be sure they meet the BLM adoption requirements.

Newly adopted horses and burros must be kept in corrals with at least 400 square feet of space per animal (20 feet by 20

feet), surrounded by a fence built of pipe or boards. The corral enclosure must be six feet high for adult horses.

Horses under 18 months old can be kept in corrals with five-foot fences. Four-and-a-half-foot fences are allowed for burros. Adopters must provide a two-sided, roofed shelter to provide protection from extreme weather.

"Adopted animals should be kept in this corral until they can be approached, handled, haltered and led," Satca explained. "Non-gentled animals should not be placed in large, open pastures."

At the adoption event, Adopters must provide a halter and lead rope. BLM wranglers will halter and load adopted animals. Adult horses must be transported in stock trailers with side-swinging gates.

Title to adopted wild horses and burros remains with the federal government for one year. After providing a year of good care, adopters can receive title. The BLM or a representative will check on the condition of the animal during the adoption period.

Wild horses and burros are protected by a federal law, the Wild and Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act. The law recognizes the animals as "living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the west," and requires the BLM to manage the

wild herds.

The BLM periodically gathers horses and burros to control herd populations on ranges shared with wildlife and domestic livestock. Herd sizes are controlled to ensure there is sufficient feed and water for all range users and to ensure that natural resources are not over-used.

For additional information on the adoption event or wild horse management, contact the BLM toll free at 1-866-4MUSTANGS or the Litchfield Corral at (530) 254-6575. Information is also available online at www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov.

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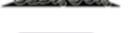
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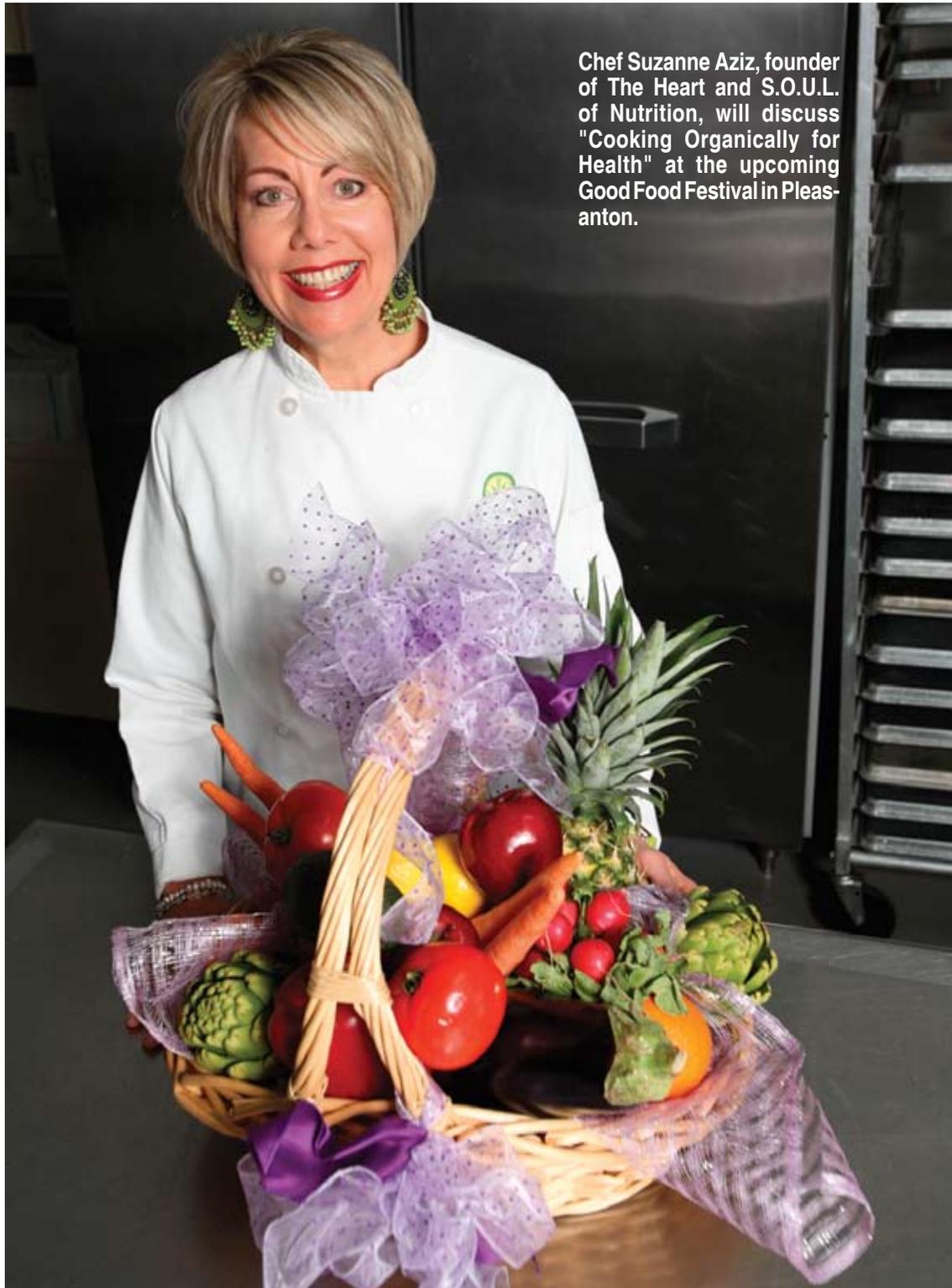
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Art, Community, & Education



Chef Suzanne Aziz, founder of The Heart and S.O.U.L. of Nutrition, will discuss "Cooking Organically for Health" at the upcoming Good Food Festival in Pleasanton.

Healthy Eating Goal of Good Food Festival

The City of Pleasanton will host a Good Food Festival on Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

The Senior Center is located at 3939 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

This free event targets all ages

and offers something for everyone interested in learning about healthy eating. It kicks off at 9:15 a.m. with keynote speaker Dr. Susan Rapp from Kaiser Permanente. In "Eat Healthy and Thrive," she will cover goals for eating well, diet

myths, how to read food labels, and examples of healthy foods, among other topics.

"The Good Food Festival is an opportunity for all ages to learn about the small things we can do (See GOOD FOOD, page 3)



Favorite Songs of Harry Chapin to be Featured in Special Tribute Concert at the Bankhead

With signature songs such as "Cat's in the Cradle" and "Taxi," Harry Chapin is recognized as one of the most iconic singer-songwriters of the 1970s. His tragically early death in 1981 cut short his prolific career, but his classic folk rock music lives on in the hearts of his own and subsequent generations.

A Tribute to Harry Chapin, featuring some of his best known songs, arrives at the Bankhead Theater for one performance only on Friday evening, June 4, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. Performed by the Steve Chapin Band, led by Harry's brother Steve, with original band members and guest vocalist Jessica Craven of the Chapin Sisters, the concert will be a Chapin family event and a celebration of Harry Chapin's legendary songwriting gifts.

Harry Chapin was known for his ability to transform simple stories and heartfelt messages into memorable songs. Often called an American troubadour, Chapin took great pleasure in touring small towns and playing intimate venues, where his relaxed stage presence connected him with audiences in a very personal way. His songs were inspired by the everyday stories of ordinary people, such as the cab driver in his song "Taxi" and the father and son of his best known hit "Cat's in the Cradle," which soared to number one on the popular music charts in December 1974. A cautionary reflection on a man's distant relationship with his son,

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What's so funny about greed?

The Producers Camped-out at the Bankhead

by Harry Stoll

In *The Producers*—one producer whines, the other wheedles money out of lonely loaded old ladies—and together, they bet against their investors, a preposterous notion with absolutely no basis in reality. Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom choose a musical, *Springtime for Hitler*, that will so offend the audience it will open and close the same night. They cook the books intending to take the money and fly down to Rio. But alas, poor Bialystock and Bloom, it's too bad to fail. After an initial gasp, the audience finds letting the sunshine into the evil vile life of Hitler is not an outrage, but outrageous, and *Springtime* is a joy to the world. It's not Bloom's day and Bialystock plunges.

The Producers is a derivative of Mel Brooks' screenplay for his film debut in 1968. He adapted it for the stage in 2000 and it was a huge hit. His oeuvre includes *Robin Hood: men in tights*, *Dracula: dead and loving it*, and the in-progress, *CEO, Baby*.

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre present it at the Bankhead—with disciplined, but over the top, around the bend, and below the Borscht Belt performances, direction, dancing to the music, choreography, and script—to sneak a peek into the human heart. This tale of greed is good. Kathleen Breedveld is the producer and John Maio the director.

Jeff Seaberg portrays the bullying Bialystock and Robert Lopez the shrinking violet Bloom. Both distinction up the place. The once-big shot Bialystock is without profit in his hometown.

Lighting designer Andrew Dorland lights up the sky over Bialystock when Bookkeeper Bloom notes that a failed production can make money. Bialystock bludgeons bookkeeper Bloom into leveraging and slicing and dicing the investments. Lopez' Bloom is an honorable wimp who is too easily corrupted by thoughts of show biz glitz, including babes on Broadway, "... in nothing but pearls."

Bialystock plays sex games to get old ladies' largesse. In *The Well Hung Stable Boy* and *The Milk Maid*, Savannah Stratton is deliciously lascivious as she delivers



Cast of "The Producers" in rehearsal for the Bankhead Theater production.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

raucous lines lying spread on his casting couch while he becomes a man with a mission.

Seaberg has a big show biz voice and Lopez a beautiful wide-ranging voice. They are so good you believe it.

Tiffany Davis is the oo la la Ulla, who undulates, dances like a windup doll, and is chosen for the play by the panting pair. Tiffany delivers a smart portrayal of the cliché dumb blonde. She has legs up to here, no to there, and provides an insight when she sits on the couch between them and uncrosses and recrosses them at the speed of sight. Davis plays her with naughty innocence.

The script shtiks it to the audience with a glut of good gags—before you can swallow one here comes another. It's gritty and witty, sometimes silly, but ya gotta pay attention. Check the background posters, such as "King Leer."

Ben Krantz should be charged with larceny for his love child Franz Liebkind, who is the deranged playwright of *Springtime for Hitler*. Bulky Ben happily dances and sings in celebration of all things Third Reichian. His

play might not play in Peoria but Sandpoint will love it. When it's corrupted, he is enraged and waves a Luger, taking names and kicking attitudes.

Doing this corruption is the worst director they could find, Roger DeBris of the Gay White Way—played by Kenneth Blair with swishiness. When B&B visit his house to sign him up, he introduces his all-gay production team. "They all live here." That's a comment on the high proportion of gays in theater.

Some of the gay scenes drag, with caricatures rather than characters. The biggest audience laughs at the gay gags came from females, while the biggest laughs at dumb blonde cheap shots came from males. Brooks fan, Danville actor G. Scott Phillips, points out that Brooks is an equal opportunity offender. He says, "The gay stereotypes depicted (Roger DeBris and his entourage) certainly exist within the gay community, but they are only a part of who we are."

The young actors play old ladies bent, creaky, croaky, and phony. They are clad in floral print

dresses, and carry patent leather purses. One scene with three old ladies would make Archie Bunker squirm. But then immediately, they captivate with a walker-dance created by Tri-Valley Rep's Kevin Hammond. In a Busby Berkeley-esque Tilt-a-Whirl, the circling dancers raise their walkers and the light bounces off the flying aluminum legs, then they come

back to earth.

The costumes by Lisa Danz are gorgeous and fitting, the choreography dances, and the sound of music echoes to support the story. The ensemble dance numbers are a high kick as they spin, glisten, and all in all are shiny and bright. Those are some of *The Producers* long suits—its length isn't. Geez, 26 scenes.

During intermission, the audience is handed a playbill of *Springtime* with ads done in a 1950s style and a pun-filled production crew list, such as "Orchestrations ... Blair Flatley," but missed saying it's performed at The Bankhead.

The Tri-Valley troupe's *Springtime for Hitler* is lavish and flies like a mockingbird with swastika dancers, and soldiers in well-tailored uniforms, including a blue-eyed blonde dude in dark blue, played by Bob Stratton. His cast notes have the Brooksonian comment that he "... likes blind sky diving, Sumo wrestling, and full contact gardening. There are brown shirts to poke fun at, including Hitler in Jodhpurs, sitting on the edge of the stage for his soliloquy, perhaps too close to the audience for comfort.

We know what happens to Hitler. What do you think happens to those who scheme to cheat their investors? Part of the answer is at the Bankhead in *The Producers*. It's springtime, time to see *Springtime for Hitler*, the musical within a musical.

The Producers:
Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore

Remaining runs:
Fridays and Saturdays April 30, May 1, 7, and 8, at 8 p.m. and matinees Sundays May 2 and 9, at 2 p.m.

Admission:
\$36.50 general, \$34.50 for seniors over 60, and \$26.50 for juniors, under 18

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“Ranch Shed” by Kathleen Meyer.

'Art Made Easy' Work in Exhibit

The public is invited to the opening reception for the 16th annual “Celebrating Art Made Easy” art exhibit on Mon., May 3, 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit features the work of Charlotte Severin and her students from the 2009-2010 class.

The exhibit will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

The exhibit will include plein air paintings (painted on location), as well as flowers, still life, figures created using live models, and experimental works on Yupo and crumpled rice paper and collage.

In addition to the opening reception, the exhibit will be open for the public to view May 4 to 6, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and May 7, 9 a.m. to noon.

For additional information, contact Charlotte Severin, 846-6382.

CHAPIN

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“Cat’s in the Cradle” was based on a poem written by Chapin’s wife and set to music after the birth of their son Josh. While he built a reputation for his music, Chapin was also known for his passionate dedication to humanitarian causes. He was posthumously awarded a Congressional Gold Medal for his activism in working to combat world hunger.

A Tribute to Harry Chapin brings together the talent found in his extended family. Since 1991 the Steve Chapin Band has performed the songs of Harry Chapin, together with songs written by Steve, to audiences throughout the United States. The band includes bass player “Big John” Wallace and drummer Howard Fields, who toured with Harry Chapin in the 1970s, as well as Wallace’s son Clark and Steve Chapin’s son Jonathan, both of whom play the guitar. Also representing the family’s younger generation is guest vocalist Jessica Craven of the Chapin Sisters, a group whose lyrical sound and rich three-part harmonies are establishing a well-

deserved reputation of their own. This evening of song is enlivened by the casual onstage sharing of personal anecdotes and stories of the band members’ years with Harry Chapin on the road and in the studio.

A Tribute to Harry Chapin is part of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center’s LVPAC Presents series featuring acclaimed performers in music, dance and other performing arts throughout the year. Closing this season’s series will be a lively performance by the Doo Wah Riders on Friday evening, June 11, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. Known for their energetic and original style of “country with a Cajun twist,” the Doo Wah Riders concert marks the third year the Bankhead Theater has offered a country music performance in conjunction with the annual Livermore Rodeo.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The Ticket Office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket

Broadway Chorus Plans Mother's Day Weekend Performances

Broadway Chorus will perform “The Great Choruses of Broadway 2” on Mother’s Day weekend. The show will feature selections from beloved Broadway musicals including Gypsy, The Sound of Music, Les Miserables and Hair-spray.

Pianist Daniel Lockert will perform along with other musicians. Also performing will be the Broadway Kids Chorus, made up of local children in grades 1-8, directed by Martie Muldoon.

The three performances will be held on Friday, May 7 at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 9 at 2 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

Tickets are available online at www.trivalleyrep.org or at the Amador Theater box office on



the show days. Ticket prices are adults 18+ \$18, seniors 60+ \$15, juniors under 18 \$10. There is a 10% discount for those who hold a Broadway Chorus “business card” available from any Broadway Chorus member. For more information visit the chorus website, www.broadwaychorus.org, or call 925.462.2121

Broadway Chorus is a community chorus located in the Tri-Valley area (Pleasanton - Dublin - Livermore, California). It is part of the Tri-Valley Repertory The-

atre, formerly known as Pleasanton Playhouse. Tri-Valley Repertory provides regional Theatre productions for the San Francisco East Bay and the Tri-Valley area including Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, Sunol and San Ramon.

The adult Broadway Chorus is a mixed group of about 80 men and women non-auditioned performers directed by Jenny Matteucci and accompanied by Daniel Lockert. There is also a Broadway Kids Chorus for students in grades 1-8 directed by Martie Muldoon. Typically there are two concerts annually which usually include both the adult and youth groups. Broadway Chorus encourages the community to attend the performances listed on the website and welcomes members of the community to join and sing with the group. The website is located at www.broadwaychorus.org

GOOD FOOD

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to improve our diet, and the major implications those changes can have on our short-term and long-term health,” according to event coordinator Diana Tucker.

Concerns about the growing epidemic of obesity among adults and children are sweeping the nation. The American Heart Association reports that American

adults eat 22 teaspoons of sugar a day, and teens eat 34 teaspoons of sugar a day. By comparison, most women should be getting no more than 6 teaspoons a day of added sugar, while men have a recommended limit of 9 teaspoons.

Following the keynote speech, visitors can participate in a number of workshops and seminars including:

- Eating Well at Any Age presented by Carol Garberson, R.D., Senior Support of the Tri-Valley
- Shopping on a Shoestring presented by the ‘Shoestring Sisters’, Susan May and Joanne Hall
- Eating Organically for Health presented by Suzanne Aziz, Founder of The Heart and S.O.U.L. of Nutrition, and
- Container Gardening presented Livermore-Amador Valley

Garden Club

Healthy food cooking demonstrations will also be included and are scheduled as follows:

- Making Your Own Healthy Snacks for Kids (ongoing throughout the morning) presented by Crista Haar, Cal High School Culinary Department
- Quick and Healthy Meals (10:00 a.m.) presented by Mechiel Taylor
- Cooking Organically for Health presented by Suzanne Aziz, Founder of The Heart and S.O.U.L. of Nutrition

The Pleasanton Senior Center’s ‘Snappy Café’ will offer a healthy lunch for \$5 for non-seniors and \$2 for seniors. For more information, please contact the Pleasanton Senior Center at (925) 931-5365.

office remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org

Rose Society Annual Show Scheduled

The Mount Diablo Rose Society 22nd Annual Spring Rose Show is set for Sunday, May 2.

It will be held at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin.

This is an American Rose Society sanctioned show.

Novice public entries and entires from society members are welcome between 7 to 10 a.m.

The show will be open to the public for viewing from 1 to 4 p.m. The awards presentation will take place at 3:30 p.m.

There is no admission charge.

For more information call (510) 331-6115



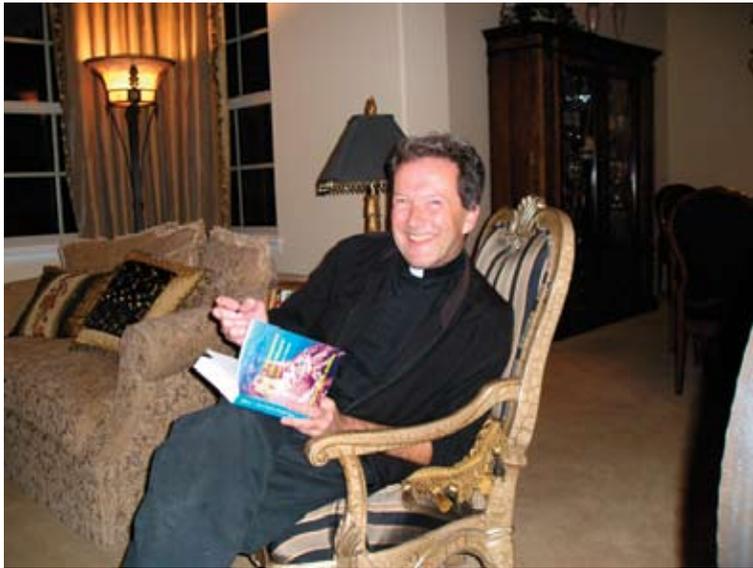
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Fr. Jim Sullivan

Seven Summers From the Shore Debuts in the East Bay

Fr. Jim Sullivan of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Fremont, formerly of Pleasanton, has published his first book, *Seven Summers From the Shore: A Seminarian's Story*.

He launched the publication with numerous book-signing parties and events in the East Bay. During the gatherings, Fr. Jim gave humorous readings from his book. He expressed appreciation to his friends, reminding them that the entire proceeds from the book will be used to support his youth ministry in Caracas, Venezuela. Tico and Valentina Zendejas, Miguel Vargas, and Ravi Arman of the Marysville Youth Group, and E.J. Rin from the Alameda Youth Group, were special guests at book-signing parties. Events will be on-going throughout the spring and summer. A second printing of the book has already been scheduled.

The book is about Fr. Jim's pilgrimage from seminarian to priesthood and the young men from Marysville in his youth group that he mentored and traveled with to Betania near Caracas, Venezuela. While there, he met and has been working with another group of young men for three and a half years.

Fr. Jim expressed gratitude for the support given by his friends

and parishioners to continue his work with these impoverished young men from Caracas. "I think the main things the guys have gotten from me, so far, are deeper faith (which just happens automatically, if you hang around with me for long, and greater hopes, a broader vision of what might be possible for them, in life," he stated.

"They are great buddies with the Californians. This is good for all of them — sometimes I think this ministry is as much for the North Americans as for the South Americans. I want to help them build better lives for themselves and their families. I want them to draw closer to God, be more serious about their faith, which they all have. I believe that several of them are future priests. We have sponsored some of them in English programs, paid their tuition, paid rent for one of them for a semester so he could study fulltime, and so on. Their employment opportunities rise with their capacity with English."

Tico Zendejas, who was in the Marysville youth group, attributes the success of the young men, both Californian and Venezuelan, to Father Jim's efforts.

To order *Seven Summers From the Shore*, go to www.catholiccaliforniapress.com

The Board of Directors of the Museum on Main in Pleasanton is taking nominations for the First Annual Museum on Main Heritage Awards. The awards recognize excellence in the preservation of our community's history.

Each year a panel of qualified judges, including historical preservation architects, members of the history profession, representatives from the community and the museum's board will select award winners in five categories. This year's honorees will be publicly acknowledged at an award ceremony to be held September 24, 2010 at the museum, 603 Main Street.

The five awards that will be presented are:

- **Historic Preservation Award:** The building should demonstrate excellence in the adaptive reuse of an historic structure maintaining the historical integrity of the exterior while renovating the interior space to a use other than that which

was originally intended.

- **Historic Business Award:** The business should demonstrate excellence in the preservation of historic structure that has always been a business or commercial property, maintaining as much of the original character of the structure as possible.

- **Educator Award:** The honoree should be an educator in the Pleasanton Unified School District who has shown exceptional support for and dedication to formal or informal education programs, particularly in the area of history, civic engagement or the social sciences.

- **Phoebe Hearst Award:** The honoree should have made significant and lasting contributions to the field of history and/or historic preservation in our community,

- **Historic Organization Award:** The honored group should have made significant contributions to maintaining the history and/or his-

toric character of our community, either through preservation of a structure, creation of incentives for preservation, or work in recording the community's history; OR it may be a group that has had a significant impact on the history of our community.

Those who wish to nominate a building, organization or individual may pick up a nomination form and a complete set of criteria for each award at the Museum on Main or by visiting the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org. Nominators will be asked to attach a short essay, no more than a one page, single-spaced page in length, discussing the reasons for nominating this particular property, business, group or individual. Other materials as appendices attached to this application.

All nominations must be received by June 30, 2010. For more information, please contact Jim DeMersman at 925-462-2766 or executive@museumonmain.org.

Festivities Mark Opening of Livermore Summer Farmers' Market

The Livermore Certified Farmers' Market will open for the season on Thursday, May 8.

The farmers' market will be held each Thursday from 4:00pm until 8:00pm in Carnegie Park between J and K Streets through October 21. The market will showcase Northern California's freshest fruits and vegetables at reasonable prices.

"We are pleased to continue our well-received presence in the community as a way to help promote buying local and eating healthy," said John Silveira, Director of PCFMA.

To celebrate the new season Livermore Downtown Association will be in attendance for a special "Thirsty Thursday" event. Market patrons can sample local wines.

There will be live music and gourmet food. Local artisans will also be in attendance, displaying handmade arts and crafts. Market manager, Thomas Dorn, says "There will be food, fun, live music and other great entertainment offered throughout the season. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone."

Local farmers and other producers will bring produce like strawberries, raspberries, cherries, salad greens, artichokes, and later on in the season terrific peaches, nectarines, tomatoes, peppers and corn, all locally grown and straight from the fields. Live music as well as visiting bands will be featured each week.

The Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association is the state's largest operator of Certified Farm-

ers' Markets, with over sixty Certified Farmers' Markets weekly in the Bay Area during the peak summer months. Certified Farmers' Markets are locations that offer only California-grown products sold directly to consumers by the farmers that grew, nurtured and harvested the crops. All PCFMA markets accept WIC FMNP (Woman Infant and Children Farmers' Market Nutrition Program coupons) and EBT (the Golden State advantage food stamp cards).

For more information on the Livermore Certified Farmers' Market, please contact the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association at (800) 949-FARM, (925) 825-9090, or go to www.pcfma.com.

Poetry at Ravenswood This Weekend

Featuring Joan Gelfand and Rebecca Foust with guest host Deborah Grossman, poet laureate of Pleasanton, reading poems about mothers and motherhood on Sun., May 2 at Ravenswood Historic Site, 2 to 4 p.m.

The City of Livermore and Poet Laureate Cher Wollard present the

latest in a continuing series.

Featured poets will read at 2 p.m. An open follows, after a short break.

Joan Gelfand of San Francisco is a 2008 Pushcart prize nominee and winner of the 2005 Best Fiction Award from Chaffin Journal. She is the Fiction Editor for Zeek Magazine and a teacher with Cali-

fornia Poets in the Schools. The winner of the 2010 Cervena Barva fiction award, her chapbook of stories "Here and Abroad" will be published late this spring. She will be reading from her books *Seeking Center* and *A Dreamer's Guide to Cities and Streams*.

Rebecca Foust is the author of *Dark Card* and *Mom's Canoe*,

awarded the 2007 and 2008 Robert Phillips Poetry Chapbook prizes, and *All that Gorgeous, Pitiless Song*, winner of the Many Mountains Moving Poetry Book Prize. *God, Seed*, a book of environmental poetry with art by Lorna Stevens, will be released this year by Tebot Bach Press. Her poems

have appeared in *Atlanta Review*, *Margie*, *The Hudson Review* and *Women's Review of Books*. She has been twice nominated for Pushcart awards.

Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5. Ravenswood is located at 2657 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

Music Review: Battle of the Basses Produces Exciting Program

By Nancy O'Connell

On Saturday evening, April 24th, the last of the three early music concerts was given in the Las Positas College library. Every seat was taken, so word of these wonderful programs is spreading. Kevin Fryer, a master harpsichord builder, was the pre-concert speaker, and he first interviewed David Morris, who brought three fascinating instruments with him – the viola da gamba, a bass violin, and a Baroque cello. Morris spoke on the evolution of these three basses over the last four and a half centuries.

David Morris started his cello studies at the age of 12. Later he received his BA and MA in music from U.C. Berkeley. He received a scholarship to Jerusalem and encountered the viola da gamba for the first time. His instrument has seven strings instead of the usual six. The viola da gamba is in the lute family, and it is tuned in fourths, rather than fifths, with the interval of a third in the middle. He told the audience that all of the string instruments are descended from the Arab world's stringed fiddle, called a spike fiddle. This is still played today in Egypt and other countries, and the bow is held underhanded, instead of the way a modern cellist holds his bow.

Next he introduced a bass violin which he had created especially for him. It is bigger than a cello, is tuned down one whole note from cello tuning, and was played standing up, because one was not allowed to sit in the presence of royalty. In the days of courtly music, royalty was often the employer. The third instrument he demonstrated was the Baroque cello, which closely resembles the cello of today, but it had no end pin, so he played it gamba style, holding it between his legs.

Yuko Tanaka, harpsichordist, a native of Japan, has played with major Baroque ensembles and received her PhD in early music from Stanford University. Her beautiful instrument was built by Ron Nakashima and is based on one created in 1624 by Joannes Ruckers. This instrument belongs to Marilyn Marquis, who spearheaded these early music concerts five years ago.

The concert itself opened with a work by Diego Ortiz for viola da gamba and harpsichord. Ortiz in 1553 wrote a book on ornamentation, and this piece demonstrated some of the many types. Not only trills, but mordents and appoggiaturas embellished the melodies. As Morris played, one had a chance to look closely at the gamba. The fingerboard is much shorter than on a modern cello, and there are frets which enable the player to play chords more easily.

According to David Morris, Tobias Hume (ca. 1569-1645) wrote "scads of pieces". The three which he played demonstrated the variety that the viola da gamba can attain without keyboard accompaniment. There were many double stops in *The Spirit of Gamba*. *Loves Farewell* sounded more like a lively folk song with much crossing of the strings, and *A Souldiers Galiard* was rhythmical – a true galliard, a 16th century dance form – gay and rollicking, in 3/4 time.

Marin Marais lived from 1656 to 1728, and he left five books of music for gamba and bass viol. Explaining that playing the entire *Suite* could take all evening, David Morris chose a subset to share. The *Prelude* was delightful, and the *Allemande* was livelier with many double stops, ornamentation and trills. The *Sarabande*, a popular dance form, was more serious and refined and in triple time with an accent on the second beat. David Morris used every inch of his bow, using an underhanded hand position. In the *Gigue*, there were rapid notes, and his fingers climbed far up the fingerboard past the frets. The harpsichordist flawlessly followed him. The *Rondeau* and *Chaconne* demonstrated difficult passages which Morris surmount-

ed with ease.

This *Suite* for gamba was very popular in 1724, but it was 50 years later before viola da gamba music reached Germany. No form of instant communication in those days! Karl F. Abel's father was a good friend of J.S. Bach, and Karl became close to one of Bach's sons when both lived in England. Abel's *Sonata in E Minor* had a *Moderato* which featured driving rhythms, and an *Allegro* which led the performer from the lowest to the highest range of his gamba.

After the intermission, David Morris brought out his bass violin. He said that because it was a band instrument, there was no solo music for it. He performed a work of Francesco Rognoni's, who died around 1525. For the bass violin, Mr. Morris held his bow overhanded, but not all the way at the frog, as it's held for modern cello playing. There were no longer frets on the fingerboard, but marvelous deep sounds came forth.

Domenico Gabrielli was the most famous cellist of his day. He was connected to a church in Bologna which was like a conservatory, and he trained many cellists. His *Sonata*, written about 1689, had four movements. In the *Largo* there was an especially beautiful melody played principally on the top two strings, the D and the A. Accompanied by the harpsichordist throughout, this *Sonata* had a slow third movement, followed by a very brief *Prestissimo*.

David Morris referred to Johann Sebastian Bach as a "brilliant dinosaur". Suites as dance forms were dying out, but Bach perfected the form based on all that had gone before. He performed the *Bach Suite #2 in D Minor* for

cello solo. The *Prelude* had much crossing of strings and ended with several chords. In the *Allemande* he handled the trills and double stops with ease. The *Courante* had difficult 16th note passages, but his tone quality remained beautiful. The *Sarabande*, here presented as a stately dance form had double stops and several chords crossing 3 or 4 strings. Morris had perfect bow control, even at the tip. In the *Menuettos*, he played with his bow much closer to the fingerboard, wending his way through very tricky passages. The *Gigue* in 3/8 time was gay, with staccato used for emphasis, and again, many chords.

The last work on this exciting program was by Giacomo Basevi Cervetto, who lived for 101 years! An Italian of Jewish descent, he traveled to England to sell Stradivarius violins. This venture was not successful, but he and his compositions were very popular with the English.

His *Sonata IX in F* was for cello and harpsichord. The *Caccia* was a tour de force for the cellist, but most memorable of the four movements was the *Andante allegro* with its haunting melody.

Cheers erupted from the back of the audience when the players stood to take their bows, and two curtain calls brought them out again from behind the library stacks. No actual stage curtain in this setting! Next year, however, these early music concerts will be held in the new performing arts center on the campus. When concert halls replaced the smaller, private homes, the beautiful violas could not be heard. Which instrument won the "battle of the basses?" The cello. Its tone carried to the back of every concert hall.

Hike for Hope Offers Two Treks

The trails of the Sunol Regional Wilderness are the location for the Hike for Hope benefiting Hope Hospice.

It will be held May 1. The hike will start between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Registration fee is \$35, children 6 years and younger are free.

There are two treks available from easy to moderate: The Little Yosemite Hike is along a tree lined park service road. The moderate trail continues up the Canyon View Trail.

The park is located at 1895 Geary Rd., Sunol.

Registration can be completed at www.hopehospice.com/hike-forhope.

Parking is \$5 per car. Hike for Hope's designated parking is adjacent to the Alameda Creek Picnic area. Follow the parking directional signs after entering the park. Additional parking will be available in the overflow parking lot located 1.3 miles of the park entrance, (watch for signs). A shuttle bus will be available for transporting you to hiker registration inside the park.

Spring Stampede Offers Variety of Horse Events

California State Horsemen's Association, Region 5 is holding its 17th Annual Spring Stampede, May 1st & 2nd at Robertson Park at the Livermore Rodeo Grounds.

This is a fundraiser for the Region 5 Equestrian Program.

The 2-day includes a Gymkhana, Cattle Sorting, Winery Trail Rides, Western/English Horse Show, Kiddie Korral Children's Area, Vendors, Food & Drink.

For information go to www.springstampede.info or contact Gina at 925-354-6514 or Lvs-2ride@yahoo.com.

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At Holy Cross Lutheran's Preschool, Teachers Make the Difference

By Patricia Koning

As Holy Cross Lutheran Church looks forward to celebrating its 50th anniversary this fall, Pastor John Bost thinks the church has a lot of reasons to be proud. One of those reasons is Holy Cross Lutheran's preschool, which has been serving Livermore families since 1973.

"I think Holy Cross has one of the best preschool programs in the Tri-Valley," he says. "Our low student to teacher ratio gives parents peace of mind that their children will get plenty of one-on-one and hands-on instruction. The overall goal of the preschool program is to instill in the children a love of learning."

Bost knows a thing or two about the preschool program, and not just from the perspective of a pastor—his seven-year-old went through the program, his four-year-old is currently in the program, and he expects his one-year-old to attend in a few years.

His favorite aspect is "Godly Play," which he alternates leading with the preschool director Jenifer Montgomery. In Godly Play, Bost or Montgomery reads a 20-minute Old Testament story, livened up with visual aids and props. Afterwards, the students answer "I wonder" questions, such as "I wonder where you see yourself in this story?" or "I wonder if we could remove any part of the story and still have it make sense?"

"It's not about history or facts,"



Students entertain residents at Heritage Estates in Livermore.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

says Bost. "We are seeking to draw things out of the children, rather than bury them with information. I believe the kids will discover what they need to from the stories."

Faith and religious instruction are a strong component of the Holy Cross preschool program, although the school and Vacation Bible School program draw more people with faith connections outside of Holy Cross than to it.

"We don't apologize for this," says Bost. "We are a school that will talk about spirituality with your kids. We may not be the school for everyone but I think people appreciate our honesty."

The Holy Cross preschool has three programs: 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and junior kindergarten, each offered in the morning and afternoon. Three-year-olds attend twice a week, 4-year-olds three

times, and the junior kindergarteners four times a week.

Each classroom has up to 18 students with three teachers, keeping the student to teacher ratio at 1:5 or 1:6. State licensing requirements stipulate a ratio of at least one teacher per 12 students at this age group.

Right now 13 teachers work in the Holy Cross preschool, and Montgomery proudly points out

that between them, they have over 100 years of experience teaching at the school. Another common denominator is that most of the teachers' own children attended the program.

"Most of us never left after our kids finished," says Cindy Silveira, who teaches in the three-year-old program. "We value each other and we value the school."

A 10-year veteran of Holy Cross, she says she loves the development in three-year-olds over the course of the year. She also loves letting the kids get messy. "The messier the better. One of my favorite things is to let the kids go crazy with glue," she adds. "They don't always get that glue dries clear. The kids make these masterpieces that then disappear, but then they are fascinated with the texture and shininess of the dried glue."

Holy Cross Lutheran will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sept. 17-19, beginning with a formal dinner and dance at the Robert Livermore Community Center that Friday night. Bost expects a number of founding families and former pastors to attend the celebration. A special worship service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12, the actual anniversary of the church's founding.

For more information on Holy Cross Lutheran, visit www.holy-crosslivermore.org or call 925-447-1864.

Rotary Foundation Announces Over \$27,000 in Grants

The Rotary Clubs of Livermore met recently to announce the awarding of a total of \$27,125 grants from the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore.

The Foundation is managed by both the Livermore Rotary and the Livermore Valley Rotary. It provides major grants to local organizations that have identified special needs.

The Foundation awarded a total of \$27,125 in grants to five organizations. Two grants went to continue support for organizations whose programs feed and clothe needy children.

Grants were given to the following:

- The Open Heart Kitchen received a total of \$11,000. \$5,000 was awarded for the "Weekend Box Lunch Program, Livermore Hot Meal Program" and \$6,000 for a matching grant opportunity.

- The Assistance League of Amador Valley received \$6,500 for their "Operation School Bell", providing clothing and books to children in Livermore Schools.

- Livermore Public Library received \$2,125 to fund a teen magazine (or "Teen Zine") called "Fusion", for the second year.

"Teen Zine" is an art and literary magazine created by Livermore teens to showcase the artistic talents of Livermore teen artists, poets and writers.

- The "Dictionaries for Young Scholars" project, sponsored by the Livermore Rotary with participation by the Livermore Valley Rotary, the Hindu Cultural Center, Livermore National Lab and other participants, received \$2500 to continue this program. Every third grade student attending Livermore schools receives an illustrated dictionary, as does every third grade teacher.

- Community Children's Health Access Program, a partnership between the City of Livermore Human Services and Livermore School District received \$5000. The program's goal is to remove barriers to success in school by providing access to local medical, dental and optometric care for low income, uninsured and underinsured children.

As each recipient went to the podium to receive their grant they shared stories – some happy and some bringing tears to the eyes of the audience.

The Open Heart Kitchen pro-

gram feeds a growing number of kids in each of our Livermore schools who live in cars with their parents and siblings. It gives a hand to veterans who go to the Veteran's Hospital for their medications as they try to return to a normal life. On the happy side, there were stories of Livermore teens crying with pride and joy when they saw their own artistic creations published in the "Teen Zine" glossy teen magazine. There were stories about young kids going with Assistance League volunteers to buy basic clothes for school in the fall.

Pleasanton Teams Move On in Destination Imagination Competition

Four teams of Pleasanton students used their creativity to solve challenges involving improvisational skits, puppet shows, robots and construction projects at the California state Destination Imagination tournament April 10 at Independence High School in San Jose. Competing among 180 creative problem-solvers from all over California, four Pleasanton teams earned spots in the Global Finals to be held at the University of Tennessee, May 26 to May 29.

Destination Imagination is the world's largest creative problem solving program designed to teach children divergent thinking, creative problem solving and team work.

The teams are: "There is No Planet B" from Foothill High School, first place and second place; "Senioritis" from Foothill High School, second place; "Vanilla Chocolate Ninjas" from Pleasanton Middle School, first place; and "Creative Wizard Champions" from Fairlands Elementary, second place.

Teams from Foothill High School and Fairlands Elementary also received special Renaissance Awards for outstanding design, engineering, execution and performance.



Photo is of of Foothill High School team, "There is No Planet B" with first place, second place and Renaissance Awards. From left are Hunter Laine, Preston Hedrick, Arielle Siegel, Sachin Dhar, Marisa Victor, Naveed Akhter

99 Ranch Market's New Store Now Open in Pleasanton

99 Ranch Market, the leading Asian American supermarket chain, opened its 12th retail location in Pleasanton on Tuesday, April 20. The Pleasanton store, located at 4299 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton, represents 99 Ranch Market's retail location in Northern California.

99 Ranch Market's 11 locations in the Bay Area are known for offering a wide selection of freshest fruits and vegetables and the highest quality meats and seafood. The Pleasanton location satisfies an important need for customers looking for the best for themselves and their families.

David Lee, Chief Operating Officer of 99 Ranch Market in Northern California, said, "We are committed to offering enjoyable shopping experience and abundant choices to our customers. Promising diverse products and quality services, we believe the new Pleasanton store will satisfy the needs of residents in this highly populated district. Our store in Concord has been a great success and has prompted us to open a second in the Tri-Valley area, and we believe this new business development will take root in this district and open a new chapter for the whole group of 99 Ranch Market."

The new 46,000-square-foot 99 Ranch Market features many appealing elements, including:

- Seafood Department features a lobster tank and a large assortment of live crabs and fish, which will be cleaned and cut upon request. Fish will also be deep fried at no additional cost.

- Meat Department is staffed by professional meat cutters and offers a complete selection of USDA Choice beef. Best quality poultry and pork meat. Hard-to-find items including rabbit meat, quail and black chicken can also be provided in the store.

- An extensive array of fresh produce, including locally grown produce, an unusual selection of seasonal, exotic specialty products.

- An extensive selection of wine and beer from around the world

- The Grocery Department provides a full selection of oriental grocery items, such as authentic food items from Taiwan and China, ethnic offerings including Hispanic and Filipino and Indian foods.

- A large bakery emphasizing made-from-scratch pastries, desserts and artisan breads

- A wide variety of great

foods from the Deli department available for dine-in or take-out, providing with sautéed dumplings and oriental items, which are handmade by experienced chefs.

The new 99 Ranch Market will also offer additional services and conveniences, including ATM, phone cards, California Lottos and Mega Millions. There are a lot of discount items offering at the store, customers will be able to receive special savings during the store's grand opening.

On top of a wide variety of 99 Ranch Market introduced various licensees in the Pleasanton Store, including the bank, book store, cosmetic service and health food supplement company, to provide customers with a truly convenient shopping experience.

99 Ranch Market is committed to maintaining its market-leading position by providing one stop shopping convenience to customers, consistently delivering value for money through Super Fresh Foods, Friendly Service and Low Prices. Please visit www.99ranch.com for more details about 99 Ranch Market.

For more information, please go to the stores of 99 Ranch Market, or visit the website: www.99ranch.com.



Local Comcast employees and their families joined with students and parents to spend the morning repainting the Kindergarten Playhouse, building a retaining wall, planting flowers, restriping the playground, sanding and repainting the flagpole, replacing benches, repairing fences, and cleaning up the grounds at Livermore Valley Charter School. This volunteer effort was part of the 9th Annual nationwide "Comcast Cares Day." Pictured are volunteers repainting a map of the east coast of the United States. "Our local students and parents continue to feel the devastating effects of school budget cuts, and we hope that our Comcast Cares Day efforts at 14 California schools can have a positive impact on that situation," said Curt Henninger, Regional Senior Vice President for Comcast California. "Comcast Cares Day is part of our ongoing commitment to education and to improving the quality of life in the neighborhoods where we live and work."

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in Carnegie Park, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

Seward Johnson Sculptures Downtown Pleasanton, interactive exhibit by sculptor J. Seward Johnson placed on sidewalk locations. The eleven life-size, three-dimensional bronze sculptures depict the everyday activities of people who may be found anywhere, from a man reading a newspaper on a park bench and an elderly woman carrying a bag of groceries to a child welcoming a soldier home from duty. The exhibit will remain in place through June 30, 2010. More information about the J. Seward Johnson exhibit is available by contacting Pleasanton Fine Arts Coordinator Julie Finegan at jfinegan@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or (925) 931-5355.

Art Exhibition - Works by Colin Hurley at Ryan Fine Art gallery, An exhibition of works by this expressionistic painter with local roots, creating a range of playful to edgy works in media from acrylic to spray paint, will be showing at Ryan Fine Art from April 16th through May 8, with a reception Friday, April 30 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Ryan Fine Art is located at 171 So. J Street, and open lunch hours Thursday through Saturday and Friday evenings. Info at www.lindaryanfineart.com.

Call to Artists - Art Exhibition, What Lies Above, Below & Through, a juried exhibition exploring surface, depth, opacity & transparency. Entries due April 16th. Exhibition runs May 14- June 19th at Ryan Fine Art, 171 So. J Street, Livermore. See www.lindaryanfineart.com for details.

Through the Glass Eye, current exhibit showcased at the gallery at Deer Ridge Vineyards. This exhibit features landscape photographic works by Marc Davis, Chris Foster, Stephen Joseph, Lon Overacker, and Lawrence Piggins. Free and open to the public during tasting room hours, Friday through Sunday, 11 am-5 p.m. until May 21, 2010. Preview the collection at www.deeridgevineyards.com/glasseye.html. Deer Ridge Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore.

The Contra Costa JCC will open three new exhibits featuring work by Michael Yashar, a collection of Ketubot, and Traditions: From Generation to Generation, an eclectic collection of Judaica from the local community. The exhibits will be housed at the Contra Costa JCC's Friedkin Art Gallery, Gallery 925, and Tice Valley Gallery from May 12 through September 17, 2010. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 p.m. and Fridays, 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy the exhibits. Admission is free. The Contra Costa JCC is located at 2071 Tice Valley Blvd. in Walnut Creek.

Call for Artists, Art in the Park, Danville: 12th Annual Fine Arts Festival, October 2 & 3, On the Town Green, Front Street Park, by the Library. Categories: Paintings in All Media, Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture, Graphics and limited openings in Fine Jewelry (no crafts). Sponsored by Alamo Danville Artists' Society and the Town of Danville, this event is a Fund Raiser for Art in the Schools of the San Ramon School District. Art in the Park includes a Judged Inside Art Show and food, wine and live entertainment. Booth spaces are 10' x 10' and the fees are \$85 for

nonADAS members. Artist's applications available: e-mail ormaeweb@comcast.net or call 925 828-9170.

Art exhibit, Louise Gibler will be exhibiting her oil paintings consisting of still life, landscape, floral and figurative subjects for the months of May and June 2010 at the Garre Vineyard & Winery 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and weekends 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All the pieces are framed and done in the chiaroscuro style of painting.

Diapers to Diapers, poetry, prose and photography exhibit. Vogue Studio, 5410-4 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Reception with artists Sat., May 22, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Creative director: Sandra Kay; photographer: Monica Dawn. Gourmet appetizers. Live music by the band 256. \$3 at the door. Tri-Valley Haven fund-raiser.

Pleasanton Art League, 41st Annual Art Show, May 21-23, Alviso Adobe, 3465 Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday. No admission charge. Public is invited.

Art & Wine Crawl, May 38, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. downtown Livermore. Several artists' receptions, studios and wine tasting venues. Organized by Ryan Fine Art Gallery, pick up a map, 171- South J Street, Livermore. Maps available one week prior to exhibition. www.lindaryanfineart.com.

Art in the Vineyard, May 30, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Art in action, art displays and sales, entertainment, wine tasting. Information go to www.livermoreartassociation.org.

WINERY EVENTS

Vino Carnival, a wine country Auction benefiting these local children's charities, hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation. Sat., May 1, Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. 5 p.m. silent auction and upscale carnival cuisine, 7:30 p.m. live auction and dessert/port pairing. Tickets \$175 per person. Game token packages available, buy 5 game tokens and event ticket for \$200. www.lvwine.org.

Cinco de Merlot, May 1, Cedar Mountain Winery, So come by between 12:00-4:00 and enjoy some Mexican food and Merlot compliments of Cedar Mountain. 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore, 925-373-6910.

Art, Wine & Chocolate. An evening of wine-tasting, live music and fine art to benefit Camp Kadima. Saturday, May 1, 7:30-10 p.m. Come experience the fine art of nine diverse award-winning and upcoming Bay Area artists. Works on display will include original watercolors, acrylics, oils, ceramics, photography and jewelry. Enjoy wine tasting from Little Valley's selection of superb wines. Treat yourself to delicious gourmet desserts. Live music performed by Night Harvest. Tickets are \$20. Little Valley Winery, 739 Main Street, Pleasanton. Contact Sharon Cohen, 925-931-1055 x11 or campkadima@bethemek.org.

Lavish Laines Winery, May 7-9: release of the 2008 Gewurztraminer. Come out and taste this wine. For more information on anything about Lavish Laines Winery please feel free to send an email to lalavishlaines@yahoo.com. Tasting Room opening soon at the Good Brewer, 2960 Pacific Avenue, Livermore. Fri.-Sun. 11-5.

Mother's Day Picnic, May 9, noon to 4:30 p.m. at Retzlaff Winery in Livermore. Cost: \$10.00 for adults, children 15 and

under free. Reservations required, 925-447-8941. Come and enjoy a day under the shade of the winery's old trees. Kick off your shoes and dance to the music of, Top Secret. Please call 925-447-8941 for more information.

Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, Mother's Day May 9. Have a picnic and taste wine. There will be treats to dip into a chocolate fountain. All mother's get free tasting. Picnic spots available first come, first served. Reserve a table, with linens for only \$15.00. Private Courtyard max 50 people, \$200.00. Wine club receives 10% discount on table & courtyard rental. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore, www.rmwinery.com, to reserve e-mail info@rmwinery.com or call 443-1998. 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore.

Tamás Estates will host Buon Appetito, on a new day, May 12, featuring a food and wine pairing experience. 4 to 7 p.m. Offered complimentary to Salute wine club members. Reservations are highly recommended. Seating is limited. Open for Club Members and up to 4 guests each. \$10 for guests. Visit tamasesates.com or call 925-456-2380 to purchase tickets or to make reservations. 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Las Positas College Music Department Recital, May 5, 12:30 p.m. College theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Free admission. 424-1119.

Las Positas College Orchestra and Band Concert, May 5, 7:30 p.m. location TBA. Information 424-1119.

KC and the Sunshine Band, May 7, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center. Tickets or information at www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-ARTS.

Leo Kottke, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. May 14, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Las Positas College Vocal Jazz Concert, May 14, 8 p.m. on campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$12 general admission, \$8 seniors and students. 414-1119.

Livermore Amador Symphony, concert May 15, "Strings, Tuba and Mahler," Tony Clements, tuba. 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Las Positas College Instrumental Jazz Concert, May 15, 8 p.m. on campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$12 general admission, \$8 seniors and students. 414-1119.

Pacific Chamber Symphony concert, Thurs., May 20, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets available at 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

JAMfest Youth Concert, May 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets, Pleasanton. Local youths perform. City of Pleasanton Parks & Community Services contact at Mark Duncanson at 925.931.3481

ON THE STAGE

The Producers, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, April 30, May 1, 2, 7, 8, 9. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets or information at 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Treasure Island, April 23-May 2, 2010, at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Presented by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company, in partnership with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival. Performances are April

23-24 and April 30-May 1 at 7:30 p.m., April 24 at 11:00 a.m. and May 1-2 at 2:00 p.m. Audience members are encouraged to bring donations of nonperishable food items to the theater to benefit The Haven Food Pantry. Tickets are \$12, \$16 & \$20 for adults and \$8, \$12, & \$16 for children and seniors. All tickets 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. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available.

Dark Deeds at Swan's Place or Never Trust a Tattooed Sailor, May 14-16 & 21-23. San Ramon Community Theater presents the tongue-in-cheek, uproarious melodrama. Classic Olio songs, skits, and dances between scenes. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramoncommunitytheater.org

Plays Inspired by O'Neill, May 16, 2010. From the new collaboration between the Foundation and Playground, eight new, short plays which all pay homage in one way or another to Eugene O'Neill and/or his works. 3 p.m. Danville Town Hall, 201 Front Street. Tickets \$25. www.eugeneoneill.org/events

Las Positas College One Act Plays, May 19, 12:30 p.m. and May 21, 8 p.m. on campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Free admission. 424-1119.

Tri-Valley High: The Impossible Film Project, May 20, 21, 22. Creatures of Impulse, teen improv group, creates short films based on audience suggestions. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door; student tickets with valid ID \$5 in advance and at the door.

Twelve Angry Men, presented by the King's Players, a local, amateur theater company. May 21, 22, and 23, 2010. 7 p.m. Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. 925-447-2351.

Desire Under the Elms by Eugene O'Neill, May 23, 2010, 3 p.m. A classic play, one of O'Neill's renderings of Greek tragedy transported to American soil. Directed by Soren Oliver. The Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, Tao House Tickets \$25. www.eugeneoneill.org/events.

A Tribute to Harry Chapin, Fri., June 4, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. LVPAC Presents The Steve Chapin Band with special guest Jessica Craven of The Chapin Sisters. Tickets on-sale to public Tues. April 27 at noon. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

DANCE

Saturday Night Dance Parties, themed parties each Saturday night from Salsa to Swing, includes an optional group dance lesson at 7:15. \$15 cover charge, 7:15 dance lesson, 8:00-10:30 for dance parties. It's All About Dancing, 171 So. Livermore Avenue, 925-449-9292, or studio@itsallaboutdancing.com.

Wayward, an immersive dance/theatre event that will lead audiences on a journey through and around the Cal State East Bay University Theatre, will be performed at 8 p.m. May 7-8 and 14-15, and at 2 p.m. May 16. The show, rated "R" for mature content and non-sexual nudity, will consist of two parts, both focused on issues concerning growing up, rites of passage and what it means to be an adult. Guests will assemble in the University Theatre, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward. Tickets

to "Wayward," at \$15 p.m. general, \$10 youth/senior/alumni, \$5 for CSUEB students, may be reserved at http://class.csueastbay.edu/theatre/Ticket_Reservations.php or at 510-885-3118.

Las Positas College Dance Performance, May 7 and 8, 8 p.m. college theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$12 general admission, \$8 students and seniors. 424-1119.

AUDITIONS/VOLUNTEERS

Auditions, Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre: Adult Auditions: (ages 14-mature adult) May 10 and May 11 at 7:30 pm Call-backs by invitation only, May 15 at noon. All auditions at 315 Wright Brothers Avenue, Livermore. Bring a current head shot and resume. Prepare 16 bars up-tempo Broadway song with sheet music in your own key. Everyone auditioning must be prepared to dance. No flip flops or bare feet Children's auditions: (ages 7-13) on Saturday, May 15 at 9 a.m. at 315 Wright Brothers Avenue, Livermore. Children do not need to prepare music, but must be ready to dance and learn music from the show. A parent must stay on the premises during the audition. If your child is cast in the show, at least one parent must volunteer to supervision duties for 2 rehearsals or performances. Cast: featured, 6 men, 1 narrator (female); featured 11 men, 1 woman; ensemble. More information go to www.trivalleyrep.com/auditions.

MOVIES

A Patch of Blue, Classic Film Series, Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., May 6, 7 p.m. Las Positas College and Pleasanton Public Library present this classic film series with Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. No admission charge.

Book Into Film, "Emma," May 16. A film based on the book by Jane Austen. View the movie at 2:00 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, followed by a comparison of the movie with the book. Free. Information: 925-931-3405.

Film Program for MAP, (Mature Adult Program), "Miss Potter" will be shown Tues., May 18 at 1 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library. Beatrix Potter has delighted generations of children with her books. But she kept her own private life locked carefully away. Oscar-winning star Renee Zellweger brings her secret story to the screen in "Miss Potter." Rated PG. 93 minutes. The film will be shown in the Library Meeting Room. The Pleasanton Library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. This program is free. No registration is required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Book Into Film, "Clueless," May 30. Read the book, then view the movie at 2:00 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, followed by a comparison of the movie with the book. Free. Information: 925-931-3405

CHORAL

Las Positas College Choir Concert, May 4, 8 p.m. Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, Pleasanton. Information 424-1119.

Ohlone College Community Choral and Fremont Christian High School Living Water Vocal Ensemble, directed by Darryl Guzman Sat., May 8, 3 p.m. works by American composer Randall Thompson including "Frostiana," a unique collaboration between Thompson and American poet laureate Robert Frost. The music

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has been described as "American in spirit but universal in appeal." Centerville Presbyterian Church, 4360 Central Ave. in Fremont. Tickets: \$10-\$15. www.smithcenter.com

Broadway Chorus will perform "The Great Choruses of Broadway 2" on Mother's Day weekend. The show will feature selections from beloved Broadway musicals including Gypsy, The Sound of Music, Les Miserables and Hairspray. Pianist Daniel Lockert will perform along with other musicians. Also performing will be the Broadway Kids Chorus, made up of local children in grades 1-8, directed by Martie Muldoon. The three performances will be held on Friday, May 7 at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 8 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 9 at 2 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Tickets are available online at www.trivalleyrep.org or at the Amador Theater box office on the show days. Ticket prices are adults 18+ \$18, seniors 60+ \$15, juniors under 18 \$10. There is a 10% discount for those who hold a Broadway Chorus "business card" available from any Broadway Chorus member. For more information visit the chorus website, www.broadwaychorus.org, or call 925.462.2121

Cantabella Children's Chorus, annual spring concerts, "Hope for Resolution," Saturday, May 22, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Award-winning choral group presents training and performing choirs, grades K-12, at 1:30 PM; performing choirs only, grades 5-12, at 4:00 PM. Concerts will conclude with performance of title song, composed for Mandela and de Klerk, a message of peace and unity for all people. Tickets at the door: \$15 for adults, \$5 for children.

Folk Songs From Around the World, Valley Concert Chorale, Sat., May 22, 8 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton. Music from Norway, Japan, Nigeria, Argentina, Iceland, the USA, (of course!). www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

OPERA

La Rondine, by Puccini. April 29, May 1, 4, and 7 at 8 p.m., May 2 and 9 at 3 p.m. San Jose Opera. California Theatre, 345 South First St., San Jose. \$51-\$91. 408-437-4450 or www.operasj.org.

Live Theater-Casts from the Met: 10 a.m. Saturdays at Dublin's Royal Hacienda Cinema. May 1, Armida. Replays of each opera will be shown on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. as follows: May 19, Armida.

MISCELLANEOUS

An Afternoon of Poetry about Mom, Sun., May 2, 2 to 4 p.m. Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. In collaboration with the City of Livermore and Poet Laureate Cher Wollard, Pleasanton Poet Laureate Deborah Grossman will guest host at Ravenswood. San Francisco poet and fiction writer Joan Gelfand will read poems on family from Seeking Center and A Dreamer's Guide to Cities and Streams. Rebecca Foust will read from Dark Card and Mom's Canoe. Deborah Grossman will also read from her book, Goldie and Me, co-authored by her mother. An Open Mic follows. Cost: \$5.00, students free. pleasantonpoetry@gmail.com.

Rehearsal behind the scenes, Livermore's Shakespeare's Associates behind the scenes rehearsal, "Romeo and Juliet." May 8 Spring Fund-raiser for a rare opportunity to experience the world inside the rehearsal room. Dinner, dessert and Livermore Valley Wine (donated

by Rodrigue Molyneux Winery). The activities are 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center located at 2466 8th Street in Livermore. Tickets are \$135 per person for dinner, wine, and workshops. All proceeds will benefit the Livermore Shakespeare Festival. Guests are encouraged to call Katie Marcel at (925) 443-BARD or email Katie@LivermoreShakes.org by May 1st to secure a seat for an evening to remember.

1st Wednesday Party, May 5, 6 to 9 p.m. "Cinco De Mayo" theme. Downtown Pleasanton. Featured band The Houserockers. Pleasanton Downtown Association hosting. 484-2199. events@pleasantondowntown.net

Las Positas College Speech Performance Night, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. May 6, 7:30 p.m. \$12 and \$8. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Livermore Rotary, 12th annual Wine Train on the Niles Canyon Railway. The family event is set for Saturday, May 8. Proceeds benefit the Rotary scholarship and community projects. Depart Sunol Station at 6:30 p.m. and return at approximately 8:30 p.m. There will be wine tasting, soft drinks and water. Appetizers and desserts will be available on the train. Strolling musicians will entertain riders. A pre-boarding show will feature entertainment by gunfighters of the Old West. The fare is \$25, which includes one complimentary wine taste; youth fare (under 21) is \$10. Tickets are available at the Travel Bug, 2269 Third St., Livermore. For more information, call Kathy Coyle at 606-7564.

Las Positas College Speech Tournament, May 14, 1 to 5 p.m. on campus, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Free admission.

Symphony Awards, Livermore-Amador Symphony will present four awards of \$399 each at the May 15 concert to graduating high school seniors who have participated in school and community musical activities during high school. Information regarding the awards and an application form may be found at www.livamsymph.org. Questions directed at 447-8789.

2010 Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour, May 16, Fund-raiser for Valley Humane Society. Features gardens in Pleasanton. Tickets or information www.valleyhumane.org.

An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt, Thursday, May 20, Sit back and enjoy an evening with U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series. 7 p.m. at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$5 members and seniors, \$10 nonmembers, \$3 students and teachers with ID. Reservations are suggested. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Call the Museum on Main at 462-2766.

A Taste of Summer, BBQ Cook-off competition will be held Friday May 21, 2010, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, from 4 to 8 p.m. The event is a charity fund-raiser for "Hacienda Helping Hands" the charitable giving arm of the Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton. <http://helpinghands.hacienda.org/>

Taste of Summer BBQ, Friday, May 21, 4 to 8 p.m. Fund-raising event for Hacienda Helping Hands. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Tickets \$20. www.tvcfoundation.org.

Celebrate!, a Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment (PSEE) benefit to Save the Arts in Pleasanton Schools. Two-day

fund-raiser and celebration showcasing the talent of Pleasanton students through a visual arts show and performing arts extravaganza at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, May 21-22. Proceeds will go to support PUSD's elementary band and strings programs and Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) specialists for the 2010/11 school year. PSEE's goal is to raise \$290,000. Visit www.psee.org for updated information or to make a donation. May 21 will feature a visual arts show with wine and cheese tasting. May 22 will feature performances by groups from all PUSD schools, starting at 9 a.m. www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

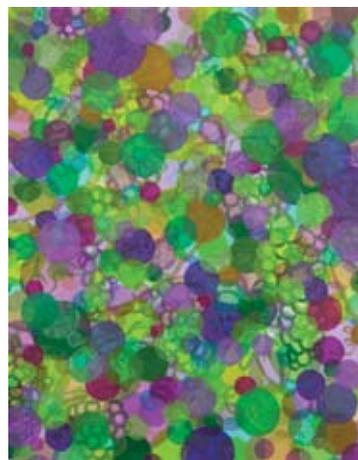
Open Heart Kitchen fund-raiser, May 22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by HK Cycles at 196 Airway Blvd., Livermore. There will be a band, food, drinks. Everything is being donated, so any proceeds raised will go directly to Open Heart Kitchen. Cost to partake is \$15/single person, \$20/couple. The band performing is "Relic." All are invited to attend.

Author Peggy Kennedy, discusses her book, *Approaching Neverland: A Memoir of Epic Tragedy and Happily Ever After*. Sun., May 23, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Admission is free. For more information call 925-373-5505.

Let's Go Science, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents. May 23, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Livermore Heritage Guild Auction, May 29, Duarte Garage, corner of Portola Avenue and L Street. www.livermore-history.com.

Spring Antiques & Collectibles Street Faire, May 30, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. Information available at 484-2199. events@pleasantondowntown.net. Pleasanton Downtown Association.



Angela Johal's latest tissue paper paintings will be on display at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Tasting Room from May 1-31. An artist's reception with wine and cheese will be held on Sun., May 2, from 1-3 p.m. Pictured is one of her paintings, "Fruit of the Vine." The tasting room is located at 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore.



Color Bands - Metallic is the theme of an exhibit of work by artist Claudette McDermott at Poetry on Canvas in Pleasanton. She is the featured artist in a series of exhibits called, "The Creative Process." Her personal motto is, "Keep creating and keep the passion. Sell to paint, don't paint to sell." For information go to poetryoncanvas.com or call 461-5084.

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Dublin Rotary Honors Community Superstars

Dublin Rotary honored six community superstars.

The Superstar Awards program, now in its second year is intended to recognize City and School District employees who meet very high standards and would not likely receive recognition either from the public or from elected officials.

The selection criteria include Leadership by Example, Ethics First (Embodied by the Rotary 4-way Test), An Openness to New Ideas, and Dedication to Excellence.

These broad categories include 32 specific criteria which are used to select the Superstars. The honorees are selected by representatives of the City and School District in six specific categories: City – Police, Fire, and Non-Emergency Service; School District – Teacher, Administrator, and Classified.

The Superstars are:



Sergeant George Lytle is a 27-year officer with 11 years assigned to Dublin Police Services. He is currently the Supervisor of the Special Investigations Unit. Last year he organized the Holiday Crime Suppression Unit; for the first time there were no holiday crimes in the commercial areas of the City. Fire Engineer



Lisa Feldman works at Station 16 on Donohue Drive. She is a member of the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force and operates some of the Department's more specialized pieces of equipment. Last year she coordinated Dublin's Holiday Toy program.

the City's Disaster Preparedness efforts and as the guiding force in the week's Dublin Pride Week celebration.



Bonnie Reed is the Secretary to the Principal of Dublin High School, who was effusive in describing Bonnie as patient, helpful, thorough, fair and honest, courteous and confidential and a true professional.

outstanding Music Director. In five years, he has grown the music program from 35 students to over 200 participating in marching, jazz and beginning band. He also is the 2010 President of the Dublin Teacher Association. As the union president he has been instrumental in working with the District to problem solve all issues during this time of massive budget cuts.



Keith Nomura is the Principal of Green Elementary School and encompasses character values important to this award – value of respect, leading by example, mutual respect at all levels, high integrity and ethics.

The Wells Middle School Jazz Band entertained the crowd.

In Between Stitches Featured in Quilt Sampler Magazine

In Between Stitches, a quilt shop in Livermore, has been chosen as one of the ten featured shops across the United States and Canada for the Spring 2010 issue of "Quilt Sampler" magazine, published by Better Homes and Gardens.

The magazine is published twice a year. It has been profiling top quilt shops for the past 13 years. Shops submit a detailed application on their history, business promotions, charitable work, teaching schedules and design philosophies. A panel of experts selects ten to be featured in each issue.

The magazine will be available on newsstands on May 11. Employees of each quilt shop also design an original quilt for the magazine. The full-sized pattern appears in the issue.



Roger Bradley is an Administrative Analyst for the City. His significant contributions are as the manager of the Environmental Services Division, the head of



Lee Fallon is Fallon School's

American Red Cross Honors Local Volunteers

The American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region presented David Waterman, Cathy Slinkard and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Retirees group with the President's Volunteer Service Award, a national honor offered in recognition of volunteer service.

Waterman of Livermore qualified for the gold level of the PVSA, having logged well in excess of 500 hours of volunteer service with the Red Cross since September 2002.

"Dave cares about these donors, about this community, and about the Red Cross," Volunteer

Services Coordinator Anne Blackstone said. "No matter what is going on in his life, Dave tries to be at every blood drive and does whatever he can to ensure the community donors leave happy. And for that we extend our profound thanks to him."

Waterman volunteers his time at Livermore-area blood drives, where he serves as a blood donor ambassador in the canteen area.

After donating blood, donors are required to rest for fifteen minutes in a refreshment area referred to as the "canteen". Waterman provides donors with juice and snacks, which help restore the fluids and nutrients lost during

the donation process. He also provides educational information and helps donors schedule their next appointment.

As a blood donor ambassador, Waterman is often the face of the Red Cross to many donors. It's his job to thank them for their donations, make sure they are comfortable and most of all make sure each of them feel appreciated.

The Red Cross presented the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Retirees group with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The group qualified for a gold level award under the family/group category by amassing

more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service with the Red Cross since 2000.

The LLNL Retirees staff at least three four-day blood drives every year with lab employees (some years it's as many as five four-day drives). At each weeklong drive the group contributes 120 hours of service to the lab donors. In the last five years alone, the LLNL blood drives have collected more than 4,500 pints of blood.

Slinkard, a Livermore resident, received a silver level PVSA. She has recorded more than 250 hours of volunteer service, and has done a little of everything during her time with the Red Cross. Slinkard

has worked at the registration desk and in the canteen at mobile blood drives and blood donation centers, and sometimes makes blood donation reminder calls to donors.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service.

For more information on volunteering with the Red Cross, please visit our website, redcrossblood.org.

Milestones

Community

Military



Air Force Reserve Airman Steven J. Anderson (shown in photo) graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

He is the son of Robert Anderson of Paradise, and the grandson of Joy Montgomery of Livermore.

Army National Guard Spec. Ryan N. Baughman has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., which included basic military training

and advanced individual training (AIT).

During basic military training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons qualification, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army doctrine, history, principles and traditions.

During AIT, the soldier completed the military police specialist course to acquire skills to provide combat area support, conduct battlefield circulation control, area security, prisoner of war operations, civilian internee operations, and law and order operations. The trainee performed as a team member in support of battlefield operations, installation law and order operations and security of Army resources and installations. Additional training included providing peacetime support to the military community through security of resources, crime prevention programs, and preservation of law and order.

He is the son of Michael W. Baughman and Dawn R. Baughman, both of Livermore. His wife, Stephanie, is the daughter of Cindy J. Colisino of Morgantown, W.Va. Baughman graduated in 2004 from Livermore High School, and earned a master's degree in 2009 from the University of West Virginia, Morgantown.

Education

PPIE Student Grant Awards Go to Seven Projects

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation has announced the latest round of PPIE Student Grants. Seven Pleasanton Unified School District students have been selected to receive funding for their Student Grant projects (see list below).

The PPIE Student Grant program, now in its twentieth year, promotes positive learning experiences inside and outside the classroom, and supports co-curricular and extra curricular student activities and projects. General guidelines require each application to be student authored, to have a teacher sponsor and the site principal's approval. To better support student interests, two grant cycles are offered, the first in the fall semester and the second in the spring semester. The PPIE Grant Program is funded by generous donations from our partners in-

cluding: Accusplit, ACOE, ADP / ProAction Foundation, Black Tie Transportation, The Clorox Company, ClubSport Pleasanton, Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, Fremont Bank, Kaiser Permanente, KKIQ, Oracle, Pleasanton North Rotary, Robert Half International, Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Tri-Valley Community Foundation, Vulcan Materials, and the Walter S Johnson Foundation.

PPIE Foundation also offers Education Grants for Pleasanton Unified School District employees to fund projects that are student-focused, that promote creativity and innovative thinking, and that offer expanded learning opportunities to students. Applications are available on the PPIE Foundation website, www.ppie.org. Grant requests are accepted in amounts up to \$2500.00.

Pleasanton Partnerships in Edu-

cation Foundation, a community-based volunteer group, exists to enhance learning experiences for students of the Pleasanton Unified School District through a partnership of businesses, schools and the community.

PPIE Foundation Student Grant Awards, 2009-2010, Cycle #2

Donlon Paws Newspaper: Kiley Grundstrom, Donlon Elementary School, \$340.00 to provide a digital camera and printing support for student produced school newspaper.

Yearbook Committee: Carly Moresco, Donlon Elementary School, \$270.00 to purchase three digital cameras to provide pictures for yearbook

Science Under A Microscope: Pranav Praveen, Mohr Elementary School, \$250.00 to purchase microscopes to explore microor-

Waste Management Earns Clean Air Award

Altamont Landfill was awarded the 2010 Clean Air Award for its Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions. Presented by Breathe California, the award recognizes the Altamont and its owner/operator Waste Management's innovative conversion of landfill gas to liquefied natural gas (LNG). The bio-fuel from the LNG plant, which opened in November 2009, is expected to reduce nearly 30,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions in California annually. A panel of Green Ribbon Judges including representatives from the Natural Resources Defense Council, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Environmental Defense Fund and Bay Area Rapid Transit selected the Altamont Landfill from numerous nominees.

State Senator Mark Leno in a Senate Certificate of Recognition stated "I commend your dedication to creating the world's largest landfill gas to liquefied natural gas plant in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is through the ongoing efforts of or-



Ken Lewis with award.

ganizations such as yours that the world will be brighter for future generations."

Waste Management was presented with the Clean Air Award at an awards luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco on April 16, 2010. Eight additional honorees were recognized for

their contributions to improving air quality. The 20th Anniversary of the Clean Air Award, Breathe California was founded in 1908 to combat tuberculosis and today is dedicated to fighting lung disease by advocating for clean air, climate protection and policies to promote public health.

Waste Management Area Director of Landfill Operations Ken Lewis who accepted the award on behalf of Waste Management said, "It is an honor to receive this award in recognition of our innovative approach to harnessing waste in place to create the lowest carbon fuel available. Fueling our garbage trucks with garbage is the ultimate closed-loop solution."

The Altamont Landfill LNG Plant produces nearly 13,000 gallons of clean-burning fuel a day — enough to power more than 300 of Waste Management's more than 500 natural gas vehicles in California. Harvesting the gas from the existing waste, without another morsel of organic material entering the landfill, the Altamont will produce an average of 10,000 gallons of LNG a day for the next 30 years. An alternative to foreign fossil fuel, Altamont LNG is a sustainable use of a naturally occurring gas byproduct of decaying waste in landfills. The Altamont captures more than 93% of the landfill gas - among the highest capture rates in the industry — to convert to LNG and fuel turbines to produce enough electricity to power nearly 8,000 homes annually.

Waste Management has the largest fleet of natural gas vehicles in the industry. To meet its growing demand for bio-fuel, Waste Management is in the process of sighting an LNG plant in Southern California. It is also preparing to build a fueling station at the Altamont Landfill to fuel its transfer trucks from the Davis Street Transfer Station and other third-party vehicles that travel to the Altamont.

For more information about the Altamont LNG Plant or to schedule tour, please contact Karen Stern at 510-613-8720 or kstern2@wm.com.

Art Room – Recess Activities Program: Paige Williams, Walnut Grove Elementary School, \$500.00 to purchase art supplies for weekly art projects conducted during recess

The Beacon – Literary Magazine: Connie Wu, Foothill High School, \$300.00 in seed money to provide support of new literary magazine including student created literary and art works

BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

The Peddler Shoppe, located in the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., will be open on Sat., May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The shoppe features many one-of-a-kind items, all handcrafted by local senior citizens. Wide selection of gifts for the individual, family or friends.

Valley Humane Society presents "Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour," from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, rain or shine. Tickets are \$35 per person. Gardens in Pleasanton will be visited. (925) 426-8656.

Livermore Master Gardener Demonstration Garden. Guided tours Saturdays: May 1, 8, 15, 22; 10-noon. The garden demonstrates drought tolerant plant and other earth friendly gardening techniques -- Alameda County Master Gardeners will be on site to give tours and answer plant and gardening questions. 3585 Greenville Rd Livermore by the Martinelli Center. For more information: <http://groups.ucanr.org/ACMG/index.cfm>

Arts and Crafts Faire, Sat., May 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. fund-raiser for Operation S.A.M. (Serving all Military). Veterans Memorial Building, L Street, between fifth and sixth streets, Livermore. Handcrafted gifts for Mother's Day.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, is sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, Wed., May 12, at 7 PM. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. In addition, there will be a Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, May 26 between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions?? Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or krdowling@pacbell.net. Website www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Livermore Amador Genealogical Society, meets Tues., May 11, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Douglas Mumma. He will talk about FamilyFinder and the Mumma "proof of concept" project. The meeting is at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. For information, or directions go to www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html. Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) will soon be offering a new DNA diagnostic tool called "FamilyFinder" which matches linked blocks of DNA across the 22 autosomal chromosomes which everyone has. For additional information contact Dick Finn, Program Chairperson, at program@L-AGS.org.

Granada High School Class of 1980 reunion. Friday, June 25, 2010 Pine Street Bar & Grill Mixer 8:00pm; Saturday, June 26, 2010 The Club at Las Positas-Beeb's Dinner Reception 6:30-11:30pm; After Party, Jackie Tarin Rankl's Residence 11:30pm to 1:00am. Find information on www.GranadaHigh.com/alumni/ free register, Facebook and Classmates. Tickets on sale now \$90 per graduate, \$60 for guest through May 1st. Questions/Concerns please contact Patti Wilson Smylie 925.487.2080 or seeme@pattysmylie.com

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., May 1, 35 miles from Shannon Center in Dublin to Sunol Regional Park, meet 9 a.m., Bill Goodwin, 487-0521. Sun., May 2, 30 miles Dublin to Danville, meet at Livermore Cyclery, 9 a.m. Bob Heady, 833-8214. Mon., May 3, 8 to 18 miles mountain bike trails Lake Chabot loop, meet 7 p.m., Janie Page, 408-598-0247. Wed., May 5, 38 miles Lafayette to Pinol via Reliez and Pig Farm Hill, meet 10 a.m., Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Chefs Grand Tasting, Fri., May 21, 5:30 to 10 p.m. Shannon Community Center, Dublin. Food samplings and fine wines from top local restaurants and wineries, musical entertainment, silent auction. Hosted by Rotary Club of Dublin. Proceeds go to Open Heart Kitchen and the Rotary Club charitable projects. Tickets \$75 per person. www.rotarydublin.org. Tickets available at Cauchi Photography, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, or

Jon Ric Express Spa.

Wildflower Walk, Sat., May 1, John Muir Historic Site, two hour walk starts at 9 a.m. Meet at CalTrans Park and Ride, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. No admission charge. Bring water. Wear good walking shoes, trail is steep. If rains heavily, walk cancelled. Information, 228-8860.

Pleasanton VIP Travelers, Culinary Institute of America and Rachael Dunn Chocolates in St. Helena, Wed., May 26, \$88 members, \$89 nonmembers. Columbia State Park, National, Hotel and Railtown, June 19, \$78 members, \$79 nonmembers. Reservations sign up at the travel desk at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Free computer class, Livermore Adult Education is offering a free computer class 5/3-6/4, Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm to people who qualify through a One-Stop Career Center. This intensive computer course includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook 2007. Some computer experience is required. For more information please call 925-606-4722 or visit us at 1401 Almond Ave. Livermore.

Peewee Art Time. For 2-5 year olds and an adult. Planned projects followed by time to explore other art mediums of the children's choice. Lots of paint, glitter, glue, clay, collage, etc. all doable for preschoolers! Books, blocks, enriching toys and story. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St. Livermore, Calif. Thursdays, 9:30 am-10:30 am. April 29, May 6, 20, 27, June 3, 10. \$20/class, includes all supplies. Sign up for as many classes as you like. To register or for more information, contact Ava Chinn peeweeclasses@gmail.com or (925) 462-5915

Learn Scottish Country dancing at the Livermore class of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, San Francisco Branch. Lively reels and jigs, graceful strathspeys. All ages. Adults Mondays 8 to 9:30 p.m. Livermore Veteran's Hall, 522 South L St., Livermore; youth or adult Fridays 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Valley Dance Theatre School, 2247 Second St., Suite B, Livermore. Call Margaret Ward, 449-5932 or Sheena MacQueen, 447-1833.

Meat Sale, Foothill High School Athletic Boosters is having a Meat Sale on May 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days in the Foothill High School Parking lot, Pleasanton. Proceeds from the sale benefit all sports and all athletes at Foothill High School.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, Voters in the upcoming Republican primary are invited to attend a candidate forum hosted by the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated at its next dinner meeting on Thursday, May 13. Ask questions of Republican candidates for national and state offices, and learn more about the propositions on the June 8 ballot. Meeting starts at 6:30pm at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. \$26 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Advance reservations required by Monday, May 10. Call Phyllis at (925) 462-4931 to RSVP. www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org for more information.

Education Fair, Thurs., May 13, 4 to 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Meet representatives from Golden Gate University and other bay area universities. Learn about their programs and financing opportunities. Information, call the Livermore Economic Development Department, 960-4140.

Veterans Employment Conference, Wed., May 26, 9 to 11 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Employers and Federal Contractors are invited to learn about government programs and incentives for the hiring of veterans. Information, call the Livermore Economic Development Department, 960-4140.

Good News Bears, nonprofit with a mission to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals, assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by the group. Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station. Log on to www.goodnewsbears.org or call 373-7982 for more information.

Volunteer Orientation, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, Sat., May 8, 1 to 2:30 p.m. East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin. Volunteer opportunities include so-

cializing shelter animals, becoming a dog/cat foster, helping at adoption events, helping with fund-raising and marketing efforts, and plenty of other supportive roles available. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is a 100% non-profit, 100% volunteer organization, whose mission is to end the unnecessary euthanasia of homeless animals. Please bring a pen and \$10 cash or check as a donation to help cover the cost of materials. Open to age 18 years or older. Contact Valerie May, vmaykm03@hotmail.com or 829-6660. To find out more about the organization and volunteer opportunities, please visit www.tvar.org or call 925-803-7043.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group. (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings in Room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our one of the volunteers: 925-200-1943, or go to www.ClutterLess.org.

Shop for the Cause, Sun., May 2, 10 to 6 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 522 South L Street in Livermore. 35 commercial vendors as well as artisans and crafters offering a wide variety of products and services. Fund-raiser for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Chapter Raffle with variety of items. www.nami-trivalley.org for further information.

Rummage Sale, Sat., May 1, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. 8 a.m. to noon - rain or shine. Proceeds from the Rummage Sale will be donated to American Cancer Society. Hosted by Livermore Moms.

Tri-Valley Republican Women will offer two nonpartisan scholarships -- one for \$1,000 and one for \$500 -- to eligible high school seniors from the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore who will attend a two- or four-year academic college in September 2010. Winners will be chosen on the quality of their essays, written as open letters to Congress, addressing the issues involved in the Federal government's complete assumption of the college student loan program in the Budget Reconciliation Act of 2010. Submission deadline is May 15; winners will be announced May 21. For complete rules and submission procedures, contact Janet-marie Persico at jmpersico@comcast.net or visit www.trivalleyrepublicanwomen.org.

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club invites new & long-time residents to its monthly luncheon on May 20 at Forbes Mill Restaurant, 200 Sycamore Valley Rd., West, Danville from 11:30 - 2pm. Program will be the annual installation of officers. The cost is \$19. Call Myrna, 560-0656, for reservations & info.

St. Michael School first annual Alumni Day on May 14, 2010 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. The evening event will be catered in the school hall. Casa Orozco will be providing the appetizers and the event will include pictures and presentations from prior graduating classes, homeroom teacher attendance, and plenty of fun and games. There will be fundraiser for the St. Michael Technology Fund. No attendance fee is required. Please contact the school to reserve space for the first annual Alumni Day, email Jtyler@csdo.org.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, PetSmart Charities National Adoption Event. It runs Friday April 30 to Sunday May 2, 2010. PetSmart Charities Adoption Center at PetSmart 6960 Amador Plaza Road, Dublin; (925) 803-8370. Adoptable pets will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Picnic in the Park, Fri., June 4, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bray Commons. Open to family and friends. Barbeque lunch, games, prizes and entertainment. Shuttle service to and from the picnic is available at the Dublin Senior Center by reservation. Price includes a reserved seat at a picnic table and lunch. Tickets on sale until May 31: Res \$3/Non-Res \$4. Tickets after May 31: \$5. Activity Code 24377. www.DublinSeniorCenter.com. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.

Latin DanceEscape, Saturday, May 1, 7-10pm. Hot and spicy Mexican, Cuban, Salsa and other Latin music. Dance Instruction provided in the first hour. Singles and couples welcome. Tickets on sale until April 31: \$9. Res/\$10 Non-Res. Tickets at the Door:

\$12. Activity Code: 23441. www.DublinSeniorCenter.com. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.

Navigating the College Application Maze. This course will provide an overview of the entire application process including general procedures, early action/decision, getting recommendations, writing strong essays, and strategies for keeping everything organized. Many shortcuts, time-saving resources, and tips will be provided. Livermore Adult Education - Tuesday, 5/18 6:30-9 and Saturday 5/22 - 9-11:30 www.livermoreadulted.org - 925 606-4722

Bingo night, benefiting Christensen Middle School Wrestling team, Sat., May 8. Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Doors open 4 p.m., bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Must be at least 18 to play. One pack \$17; games pay \$175, \$250, and \$500. Mystery envelope to first 150 players. Snack bar. Proceeds will be used to purchase uniforms and equipment. Contact Laura Sheppard at the Bingo Ranch, 606-7777, for information.

Blue Star Moms East Bay, Chapter 101, is collecting donations for the deployed military personnel to be placed into care packages and mailed to them for 4th of July. The dates for "Drop Zones" are: Sat., April 24, 10-3, Pleasanton Wal-Mart; Sat., May 1, 10-3, Molly's Pup Pur-ee; Sat., May 8, 10-3, Pleasanton Wal-Mart; Sat., May 22, 10-3, Pleasanton Wal-Mart. Information contact Stephanie Nimitz, snimitz410@yahoo.com.

Calpers retirees, all retired public employees under the Calpers retirement program are invited to attend bimonthly meetings at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit & Grill, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore, at 10:45 a.m. Dates are June 3, August 5, Oct. 7 and Dec. 2. For more information, call Dona Allen, 443-3484.

Sixth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour: Registration for the Sixth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will take place on Sunday, May 2, 2010 from 10 to 5, is now open. This free, award-winning tour features 50 pesticide-free Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 50% or more native plants. This self-drive tour showcases a variety of gardens, from large parcels in the hills to small lots in the flats. Native plant sales and talks at select gardens. Space is limited and registration is required; register early to ensure a place. Volunteers are needed. Please register or volunteer at www.bringingbackthenatives.net

Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Pleasanton, volunteer women's organization that promotes patriotism, preservation of American history and promotion of education. Members and prospective members welcome. For more information and meeting location, contact Susan at 699-4147 or susanhs@comcast.net.

The Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave. in Livermore and is open Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch has been running Bingo for 16 years and is now working with Christensen, Arroyo Seco and East Ave Schools, and Exceptional Needs Network and All American Sports Academy Teams. Come play Bingo and support the kids in Livermore. Call 925-606-7777.

Pleasanton Newcomers Club and Tri-Valley, great way for new and established residents to meet new friends, keep in touch with old friends, have fun and become acquainted with neighbors, merchants, restaurants, professional services, and Pleasanton and Tri-Valley communities. Coffee on first Wednesday of each month, or come for lunch on the second Wednesday of each month. Information, visit the website at www.pleasantonnewcomers.com or call Sandy B. at 249-1776.

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Calvary Chapel, Livermore, presents: "The Truth Project: Know what you believe and why." Wednesdays at 7 pm in March, and April. Located on 545 N L Street, Livermore. Call (925) 447-4357 or visit calvarylivermore.org for more information.

Exploring the Gospel of St. Luke: Join Fr. Thomas Bonacci, C.P., scripture scholar, over five weeks, where he will look at Luke's unique contribution to the Gospel traditions of Jesus who models what it means to be "Spirit-filled" people. Anyone in the community who is interested in understanding more about Luke's Gospel is invited. The sessions are on Monday evenings, April 26, May 3, 17 & 24 at 7:30 pm

in Borromeo Hall at St. Charles Borromeo 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. A \$5 freewill donation for Fr. Thomas would be appreciated. For more information contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 925-447-4549 ext 114.

Meditation Study Group - Practice new meditation methods, based on teachings of Shinzen Young, using audio, video and handouts. Meeting 7:15-8:30 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Gayle at gstaehle@comcast.net

Prayer Circle - Prayer, meditation, study, and sharing. Meeting 7:15-8:30 pm on the first, third, and fifth Tuesdays of the month, at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Bob at hardyco1@comcast.net.

Learn the Old Testament: Over 4 million people have benefited from the Walk Through the Bible Seminar, a fast moving & enjoyable teaching technique to over-view the entire Old Testament's 70+ key milestones with hand motions to glue them in memory. Join us at Valley Community Center, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton, Sat., May 1 (9 am - 4 pm) for middle school through adults who are eager to learn the Old Testament. \$25 covers course material, lunch and refreshments. Advance Registration required - Diane Saito 925-829-4380, tsaito@comcast.net.

Bible Study, offered Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Refreshments served at no cost. 925-305-9468.

Jewish Voice for Peace political activist Michael Batchelder will speak at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore on Sunday, May 16. Batchelder is a solar power engineer and long-time political activist. The evening will begin with refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (enter on South K Street) at 6:30 pm. At 7 pm, Batchelder will Israeli politics, U.S. policy and practical peace activism. The program will include an opportunity for questions, answers and discussion and will conclude at 8:30 pm. The program is sponsored by The Vineyard Chapter, Pilgrims of Ibillin. All are welcome. The program is free. Donations gladly accepted. For more information, Contact First Presbyterian Church, (925) 447-2078.

Victory Point Church will dedicate its new sanctuary at 6258 Preston Avenue in Livermore on Friday, April 30, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Businesses and individuals who transformed an office warehouse into a sanctuary will be honored. Guest speaker will be The Reverend Ron Mullings. Nursery provided. Visit the website at <http://www.visitvictorypoint.org> or call 925-455-0700. Pastor is Stuart Young.

Science & The Bible: The Genesis Debate is the topic for May 11 at 7:30 pm at St. Charles, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore. Santa Clara University Religious Studies professor, David Pleins will explore the current debate over the Genesis creation story from a variety of angles, looking in particular at the theological debates, the scientific challenges, the history of the conflict, the public policy debate, and the enduring meaning of myth. Bring a friend to share this with and questions to ask. A \$5 freewill donation will go to pay for speaker fees. For information contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549 ext 114.

Finding Certainty in Uncertain Times: Prayer-Based Solutions, talk by David Stevens, May 23, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Four Points by Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel, Amador Room, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. There is no admission charge. Stevens' ideas are based on the teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Bible, and as discussed in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker. More information go to www.seekanswers.info. This talk is given in hosted by the Christian Science churches in Hayward and Livermore. Care for children too young to attend the talk will be provided onsite.

Art Show, An exhibit of paintings, photography, jewelry and more will be shown at Tri-Valley Unity on May 16, 11:30 to 1:30, 2260 Camino Ramon, San Ramon. Music will be performed and a raffle held as well. Light refreshments served; love offering. Event preceded by church service at 10 a.m. at which the Clarewood Singers perform. All are welcome. www.trivalleyunity.com (925) 829-2733.