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Officer Dave Batoy and Kaij of Pleasanton Police the **Department Canine Unit will** present demonstrations as part of the City of Pleasanton **Open House on Saturday, May** 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pleasanton to **Host Open House**

The City of Pleasanton will host a free citywide open house on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The theme of this year's event

is, "City of Pleasanton: Working Together for You!" The event will be held rain or

shine at the city's Operations Service Center, located at 3333 Busch Road.

This family event will offer residents a comprehensive over-view of the city's services, programs and activities. Also scheduled are demonstrations by the police and fire departments, along with booths featuring vital information about emergency preparedness, public safety and water quality. Visitors will be greeted with a free Pleasanton-themed gift, while supplies last.

"This event was designed to inform residents about the vast array of services offered through the City of Pleasanton, and how to best access those services," notes Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho. "The interaction between staff and residents is an (See OPEN HOUSE, page 4)



Livermore Sets Guidelines for Public Art

approved guidelines to implement the city's art in public places program.

Included is a set of guidelines for developers who elect to provide the art within a project. A second set of procedures were established for the expenditure of in lieu funds collected from developers who do not want to provide the art. These include a Request For Proposal (RFP) category. A second would be project and program grants up to \$5000. These grants would be available once a year and would typically be dependent on matching funds from

The Livermore City Council another source in order to qualify. The final category allows for mini grants up to a value of \$1000 granted on a monthly basis depending on the availability of funding.

Currently, there are no funds. The city council would have the final say on the allocation of any grants monies.

The decision was not without controversy, with the council vote 3 to 1. Jeff Williams wanted to send the policy and procedure manual back to the Commission for the Arts to "hammer out" their differences. Councilmember John Marchand offered the view that a super majority, a 7 to 2 vote, of the Commission supported the guidelines. He felt that allowing a minority to make substantial changes to the document would end up subverting the process.

One point of contention was the \$5,000 cap on grants. Jean King, one of those who voted in the minority on the Commission, felt that most of the money would go to RFPs initiated by the commission. She felt that the request for the largest grants should come from the public and that \$5000 would not be enough money.

A number of other speakers also expressed the view that the cap of \$5000 is not necessary.

Rather than remove the cap, to deal with this issue, Marchand included in the final motion wording that applications from individuals or organizations would be accepted as well as those solicited via an RFP. Applications would be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

King's other issue had to do with facilities, which she felt were not referenced adequately. King said after the meeting that the grant application guidelines list all sorts of different things.

The guidelines don't talk about facilities, which are mentioned in Arts Alive and the city ordinance. She used as examples of facilities a new history museum or an art gallery.

Former Councilmember Tom Reitter agreed. He felt that making it clear that facilities are an option for grant awards would make the manual even better.

Commission Chairman Robbie Teruya said it had been a pretty amazing process. "It is gratifying to see us get from a 5 line job description to a mission, vision, and procedures and poli-(See PUBLIC ART, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Volunteers tied purple ribbons all over downtown Livermore to let people know about the upcoming Relay for Life. The Relay for Life will be held June 21 to 22 at Livermore High School. It is a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society. Teams walk or run around the track for 24 hours to collect on pledges. For information go to www.livermorerfl.com.

Loss of Rural Open Space One Impact **Of Staples Ranch Development Plans**

Development of the Staples Ranch would substantially change the existing visual character from rural open space to urban development.

There is no way to mitigate

Future residents could be impacted by noise created by planes using the nearby Liver-

more Airport. The Pleasanton Planning Commission will take comments on the EIR and the Stoneridge

Pleasanton city limits, but within its Sphere of Influence and Ur-ban Growth Boundary. The proposed 124-acre Staples Ranch development

would include an approximately 37-acre auto mall to accommo-

Reading Specialists Put Back In Tentative Budget

The Pleasanton school board did more pencil-work to shape a budget that would cut as far from the classrooms as possible when the state budget for education becomes final this summer.

Trustees voted 3-0, with Pat Kernan and Steve Brozosky absent, at their meeting April 22 to put elementary school reading specialists back at their current full strength for next year. The specialist positions had been on a list of prospective cuts needed to cover a \$4.5 million expected shortfall in the district budget for next year, because of the drop in state funding caused by the poor state economy.

Putting the reading specialists back into the budget, so there is one at each elementary school,

was strongly advocated at several board meetings by the spe-cialists, other teachers and parents. Trustees didn't need convincing when it came to the reading specialists. They regularly expressed regret at meetings about having to reduce their numbers. However, restoring them puts \$360,000 of expenses back into the hypothetical working budget for the next fiscal year.

With other restorations at the meeting — keeping Math 1 support classes in the high schools, keeping secondary counseling at current strength, and maintaining AVID program tutors — more than \$563,000 was put back into the budget plan. Not added back (See READING, page 4)

Residents Want to Keep Springtown Golf Course

Two main themes emerged from a workshop designed to find out what facilities residents of North Livermore would like to have in their area.

About 140 people showed up for the first of three workshop held at the Shrine Event Center. Participants were divided among 18 tables with each table considering a list of ideas about facilicourse for commercial development. Yet another suggestion was to share the use of the golf course, perhaps for frisbee.

The second theme was a distrust of the process. Many believe the city has already determined that the golf course would be closed. Residents used as an example the belief that neither the city nor the council listen to their

Watercolor by Louise MacLellan will be in the show.

Student Work in 'Art Made Easy'

The public is invited to attend the opening reception of the 14th annual student art exhibit, "Celebrating Art Made Easy," on Monday, May 5. It will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

The reception is from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 5. The show continues throughout the week, clos-ing on Fri., May 9. Art Made Easy classes are in-

structed by Charlotte Severin.

A wide variety of works created using watercolor will be on display, including the recent "on location" paintings of orchids and wisteria painted at Alden Lane Nursery. Florals, still lifes,





Photo - Doug Jorgensen Barrel racing was just one of the events held last week during the annual Spring Stampede at Robertson Park Livermore. Other in equestrian events include a gymkhana, English-Western, cattle sorting, team penning and a winery trails ride.

There is no way to mitigate the change. That is one of the findings in the Draft Environ-mental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/Staples Ranch. The project would create un-acceptable levels of service at two intersections outside of Pleasanton: Fallon Rd and Dub-

Pleasanton: Fallon Rd. and Dublin Blvd. in Dublin and at Murrieta Blvd. and East Jack London in Livermore. The EIR notes that Pleasanton has no authority to approve mitigations in these areas.

Drive Specific Plan Amendment at a public meeting on Wednes-day, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. Staples Ranch consists of ap-

proximately 124 acres of undeveloped land within the larger 293 acre Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan area, which was adopted in 1989. The Staples Ranch property consists of ± 122.5 acres that are outside the

date the relocation of the Pleasanton Auto Mall, a 45-acre senior continuing care community with a health center, an 11-acre commercial/retail development, a 17-acre community park, and a 5-acre neighborhood park that includes a storm water detention basin.

There has been controversy regarding the extension of Stoneridge Drive through the Staples Ranch property to El Charro.

(See STAPLES, page 4)

ties. They included the golf course, library, and playing fields and parks.

At the end of the session, nine tables were asked to report out. The main theme was a desire to retain the current Springtown Golf Course. Participants wanted it to be upgraded and more heavily promoted. There was some support for retaining the area as open space, if it were not a golf course. Ône table suggested that it would be okay to consider selling a portion of the golf

concerns about the recent approval of the Toyota dealership in North Livermore. Although, there were several hundred area residents who spoke out against it, the council unanimously ap-

proved the dealership. One speaker said, "I don't know that I trust this process. How do we know you (the city) will honor what we put forth and make it happen.'

Another stated, "This is about fair play. How much was spent (See GOLF COURSE, page 4)

Judo Champ Sees Olympic Rings In Her Future

By Patricia Koning The United States has not won an Olympic gold medal in the sport of judo—yet. If it doesn't happen in Beijing this summer, 12-year-old Victoria Burke of Livermore plans to be the first American at the top of the podium in London in 2012.

Victoria is the top-ranked judo player in the country for her age and weight class (38 kilograms). Last year she was one of 35 junior judo athletes representing the United States at the Jita Kyoei Cup in Peru, where she won her class against many of the top competitors in the world.

Victoria has been practicing judo for about five years. It all started when her mother Laurie noticed that she was acting out martial arts moves after playing the video game Mortal Kombat with her older brother. Victoria also played an unusual game of dress-up, turning regular clothes not into princess dresses, but into karategi, the traditional white karate outfit.

When Laurie took a self-de-(See JUDO, page 3)

Council Urged to Move Forward With Site for Regional Theater

Inside

Plans moved forward that would eventually lead to the selection of a master developer for one site in downtown Livermore. The council delayed the vote on a second location.

One site okayed by the council for potential development by a master developer is a collec-tion of parcels at the southeast corner of First Street and Livermore Avenue.

The second potential redevelopment site is the area that includes the site where Harvest Farms had been located. The area is bounded by First Street, Second Street and Maple Street. This parcel belongs to the Williford Trust. Representative Roger Alan Williford said that they had not heard of the idea until last week. 'We would like to know about what is planned before you move forward. It may be a great thing for our family and it may not."

The first step in the selection of a master developer for the potential regional performing arts theater and/or mixed use development is to first assemble a united development area site.

Anne Homan

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The Livermore Valley Per-forming Arts Center (LVPAC) has been preparing plans to build a regional theater on the first parcel. In February 2004, the city designated the location as the site for a regional theater in the downtown specific plan. The council considered five other locationsbefore making a choice. At last Monday's council meeting, many spoke in favor of mov-ing forward with the creation of the united development area for the properties to allow the theater to move forward.

Len Alexander, executive director of LVPAC, stated, "We are delighted to see the city moving forward with the next phase. LVPAC has been working with staff to get a game plan in place as to how the process might unfold. The timing is appropriate. Construction costs continue to escalate. We are delighted to do what must be done to apply to be the master developer of the site."

Don Tishman, who described himself as a real estate developer for over 50 years, told the coun-(See THEATER, page 4)

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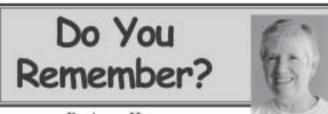
PET OF THE WEEK

P.J. is a people's cat- he can't get enough of 'em! When you walk into the room, he will jump up to say hello and nudge you for a pet. He would be great with kids- the more the merrier! He also enjoys other cats. To get to know P.J., stop by Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Wed-Sun from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org, or call 925-426-8656 for more information. May 4th Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour tickets are on sale now.

Victoria Burke spars with fellow student, Nathan Ross.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen





By Anne Homan

The Mulqueeney Family

Michael Mulqueeney left County Clare and his native Ireland at age 20 and immigrated to Canada. After a four-year stay, in the spring of 1868 he came to California via the Panama Canal. By 1882 he had a sheep ranch of 4,000 acres in eastern Alameda County about three miles from Midway. When a year later he added more property in the same area, Munro-Fraser's Alameda County history called him "the acknowledged king of that industry in this section of the state, having from five to eight thousand head of sheep on his range." Shearers arrived in season in a gang and used hand tools for their work. The wool was stuffed in huge sacks and sold to mer-chants who came to the ranch to bid on it. In late summer months,

chants who came to the ranch to bid on it. In late summer months, the flock was driven down to the San Joaquin Valley, where it grazed on harvested fields. In late winter when the hills began to green, the sheep were driven back up to the home ranch for lambing time. Michael Mulqueeney married 16-year-old Mary Shea in July 1878, and they had three sons: John Francis "Frank," Michael C., and William. The elder Michael died in January 1884 at age 42, and his backalor how they have been been to how with the formily and how with his bachelor brother, John, lived with the family and helped with his bachelor brother, John, lived with the family and helped with the ranch while the boys were young. In March 1883 John was driving a wagon load of wood that became unbalanced; John was pitched out with the wood, and the wagon wheels ran over one of his legs. Dr. William S. Taylor was forced to amputate his foot above the ankle. Even with this handicap, John did what he could to help his sister-in-law. Mary, according to her granddaughter, Evelyn Mulqueeney Griffith, was "a remarkable woman. I wish I had known her. She ran the ranch, driving all around those hills in a horse and buggy." Mary Mulqueeney died in 1905 in the granary at the Mid-way ranch from an accidental gunshot wound to the head: she was way ranch from an accidental gunshot wound to the head; she was 43. William died in 1916, and Frank moved to Oakland, so Michael C. was the son who took over the ranch.

C. was the son who took over the ranch. Michael C. Mulqueeney and Gladys Windeler met at a country dance and married in 1908; they had seven children. Their young-est daughter, Dolores "Loree" Mulqueeney Cornwall, described Michael as a man with a twinkle in his blue eyes: "Daddy was fun, with a lot of friends." Mom was the discipliner in the family. "She spanked good with a butter paddle—it stung!" The oldest daughter, Evelyn, was amazed by her father's gregarious ways. "Even though he lived way up in the hills, he knew everyone in the county." He played the violin and reportedly had a beautiful Irish tenor voice; he sang in the choir at St. Michael's. Although not very tall, he was a large, big-boned man. His caricature at Dan Berry's saloon named him "mayor of Midway." Gladys was an excellent horsewoman who him "mayor of Midway." Gladys was an excellent horsewoman who rode in roundups alongside the men. Gradually, they cut down on sheep and added cattle. In 1918 they moved from the original twostory ranch house to a more modern home they built in Midway, with a flush toilet and electricity supplied by a generator. The fam-ily was active in the rodeo association. Both Michael C. and his son

E.J., called "Mul," were directors. Fires started by passing trains were persistent problems on the ranch; the Alameda County Fire Patrol was often called out to help. The Mulqueeney daughters remembered having to bottle-feed lambs; Lois Mulqueeney Walker said she was convinced that there were at

least 100 orphans one spring. After Michael C. Mulqueeney died suddenly of a heart attack at age 53 in 1934, Gladys and their son Mul ran the ranch. Mul had been born on the property in 1913 and attended the one-room Midway School. After graduation, his family sent him, like his sister Evelyn, to a Catholic boarding school in Berkeley rather than have him drive daily the 30-mile round trip to Livermore High School. He had thoughts of attending Cal Berkeley in engineering, but he graduated from high school in 1931 at the height of the Depression, so he decided to go back to ranching with his dad. In 1932 the family moved to K Street in Livermore so the younger children had engine access to schools. easier access to schools.

Mul Mulqueeney married Maxine Fitzgerald in 1936; they had three children and lived in town on McLeod Street. By 1955 Mul was raising 400 to 500 head of cattle out on the ranch; he had gotten out of the sheep business after his father's death. He bought his Uncle Frank's property of 800 acres at the top of Patterson Pass and built a set of corrals and a large cattle barn attached to the old low lambing barn. He brought materials from the old two story house on lambing barn. He brought materials from the old two-story house on the eastern side of the property to a site near the new barn and fixed up a three-room building for ranch living quarters. It became known as "Granny's Kitchen" because Gladys would come out from Livermore to stay there and cook for roundups and other special events. "Friends and other ranchers came to help and socialize. Those were fun times, and the kids played in the creek outside and got all muddy.

Wente Road Race Is Chosen for **National Program**

The Wente Vineyards Road Race, held in Livermore on April 26, 2008, was selected to participate in a national program, the 2008 Nature Valley Pro Ride. This new program selects the country's best amateur riders to participate in the Nature Valley Grand Prix, the top bicycle stage race on the USA Cycling Na-tional Racing Calendar. The Wente Vineyards Road Race is one of just three events in the country to receive the honor to participate in this national program.

"The Wente Vineyards Road Race was selected from more than 2,000 USA Cycling races based on its excellent reputation as a top regional event," said Nature Valley Pro Ride director David LaPorte of Minneapolis, Minn.

The Wente Vineyards Road Race will select two men and two women to travel to Minnesota's Nature Valley Grand Prix, a fiveday, six-stage race held June 11-15. Here selected riders will race as members of the Nature Valley Cycling Team. They will also receive a travel stipend, free entry, team uniforms, and be taken care of throughout the five-day race by a professional team staff.

The Wente Vineyards Road Race annually attracts more than



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Competitors near the top of one of the challenging hill climbs in the Wente Road Race.

800 participants of all abilities. Only the Category 1 men and Category 1,2 women, the elite racers in this event, are eligible for the Nature Valley Pro Ride.

The other two Nature Valley Pro Ride selection races are the Tour de Ephrata in Ephrata, Pa., held April 26 and 27; and the Tour de Winghaven in St. Louis, June

For more information visit www.NatureValleyProRide.com

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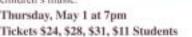
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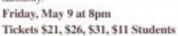
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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Teller Centennial Event

As part of a centennial observance of the late Edward Teller, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is hosting a full-day symposium on his scientific legacy. The event will take place on May 28 at the new Bankhead Theatre in downtown Livermore.

The format will consist of presentations and historical reflections on Teller's scientific career, followed by specialized lectures from distinguished speakers in each field of science, technology and education in which Teller made contributions.

The symposium is sponsored by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the University of California, the Hertz Foundation, and the Hoover Institution of Stanford University.

For more information, or to register go to https://tellercentennial.llnl.gov/.

Few New Homes

The pace of new-home building in California continued to slow in March as builders struggled to sell off existing inventory while dealing with tightening credit standards, the California Building Industry Association reported last week.

According to housing permit data supplied by the Construction Industry Research Board, total housing starts in California as measured by building permits issued, dropped to 4713 units in March. This figure is 65 percent lower than the same month a year ago. Production of single-

JUDO

(continued from page one) fense class with her older daughter at Amador Judo and Jujitsu Studio in Livermore, she noticed a children's jujitsu class and enrolled Victoria. It didn't take long for her to catch the eye of owner Rory Rebmann, who asked her to join his judo team.

"In the beginning class if we see kids that excelling we try to move them to the team to keep them challenged," says Rebmann. "She just happened to be one of those outstanding little girls."

In less than five years, Victoria has gone from a complete novice to a top-ranked player. She has a purple advanced belt, three belts away from black, which she hopes to earn by the time she's 15.

This success comes with a lot of hard work. Victoria, who attends Mendenhall Middle School, practices judo six days a week and competes most weekends, often traveling out of state. This limits her social life, so she doesn't get to attend many birthday parties, sleepovers, or school events. She stopped taking dance, one of her mother's passions, to make time to focus on judo.

"She never ceases to amaze me," says Laurie. "She works so hard, she's so tough and strong. I have her help me move the furniture around.'

Victoria proudly adds that ne's 51% muscle. "I like judo because it lets me get my anger and stress out," she says. The hardest part, she says, is conditioning and technique, which involves sit-ups, pushups, gym squats, running, and lots of drills. The best part is knowing you've improved. Judo, which translated from Japanese means "gentle way" is a modern Japanese martial art and

family homes fell 63 percent while construction of multifamily units decreased 68 percent when compared to March of 2007.

In March, permits were pulled for just 2,964 single-family homes statewide, down 63 percent from March 2007, but up 17 percent from the previous month. Multifamily housing starts condos and apartments -totaled 1,749, down 68 percent from March 2007 and down 60 percent from the previous month.

During the first three months of the year, single-family home production was down from the same period last year by 61 percent with 8,189 units permitted, while multifamily home production slid 32 percent with 8,098 permits pulled. Total new home production was down 51 percent

CBIA Chief Economist Alan Nevin noted that the number of single-family permits issued in the first quarter of 2008 was the lowest total in recorded history with declines throughout the state but with far higher decline rates in the San Joaquin Vallev.

He also noted that with the decline in both single-family and multifamily permits, there will be a limited supply of new for-sale homes when the market turns around.

Correction

combat sport. Judo is probably

best known for the spectacular

throws used in competition. Ac-

cording to USA Judo, it is the

most widely practiced martial art

in the world and the second most

practiced sport worldwide, after

ing judo player, she's not alone

at Amador Judo and Jujitsu. The

judo team, both juniors and se-

niors, have been ranked first in

the state of California for six

Pleasanton will close on May 23

for renovations that will take

place over the summer. The tot

center will re-open on Septem-ber 29, 2008, for the first day of

its fall program. In its 40-year his-

tory in the Pleasanton commu-

nity, Gingerbread has launched

the academic and social lives of

more than 8,000 children with a

focus on learning through play

major upgrades to the current

Gingerbread site, located at 4333

Black Avenue (near Santa Rita

Road) in 18 years. The new de-

sign includes a concrete play/art

terrace, trellis canopy, music wall,

hand pump and water trough for

water play, resilient play surfaces,

sand box, slide, mud play area,

garden area, a new tricycle path

and tunnel, outdoor circle area,

The renovations mark the first

and participation.

While Victoria is an outstand-

soccer.

In the story about "Bras for a Cause" in the recent Independent Magazine, one name was incorrect. The copy should have read Dustin Battaion not Damian Battaion.

SHORT NOTES

Job Hunting Programs

A series of three free Saturday pro-grams will be offered at the Livermore Library during the month of May to assist the job seeker. The first one, Job Seeking Essen-tials, is Saturday May 3 10:15am -1:15pm - Jerry Simerman, Employ-ment Specialist at Pleasanton's One-

Stop Career Center. At this workshop participants will

discover time management and self-organization skills; hear ways to network effectively; learn how to conduct an interview; construct an effective resume and cover letter; and pick up

interviewing and negotiation tips. It will be held at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. No registration re-quired. For further information, please contact Joyce Nevins at (925) 373-5500 extension 5577.

Monday Manga Mania

On Monday, May 5 and Monday, May 19, the Livermore Public Library will sponsor manga workshops for teens ages 11-17. Teen manga maniacs, who are interested in learning to draw manga, Japanese comics and print cartoons, and are eager to share their knowledge of

manga books, are invited to attend. This free event is from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Craft Room of the Civic Center Library. Marcus Ocana, from the Academy of Arts University in San Francisco, will be on hand to teach drawing techniques and help teens cre-ate their own drawings. On May 19, Mr. Bob Borden, from Fantasy Books and Games, will be available to share the latest and greatest in manga titles. Sketch pencils and artist's paper will be pro-

weight classes on the Pan American Judo Union Junior Rosters, maintained by USA Judo. Rebmann says Victoria could

end up representing the United States in London if she keeps performing at the same level and stays focused on judo. "It's a de-manding sport," he says. "Staying with it is the hardest part."

Laurie doesn't think that will be a problem. "I have no doubt in my mind that she'll do it," she says.

Gingerbread Preschool Closing for Renovations Gingerbread Preschool in strength, social and emotional by downloading forms available

years straight. Two older judo

team members, Natalie Laursen

and Tara Clark, are headed to the

teammate Kendyl Post is a Triple

Crown winner, meaning she's

won her division at the United

States Judo Association, United

States Judo Federation, and the

USA Judo Junior Olympic Na-

tional Championships in a single

year. Both Kendyl and Victoria

are ranked number one in their

Victoria's good friend and

Olympic Trials this summer.

strength, social and emotional development, and cognitive learning," she adds.

Gingerbread summer camp will be held at Donlon Elementary School in four one-week sessions beginning June 23 and continuing into the week of July 14. More information can be found in the summer activity guide, which will be mailed to residents in the coming weeks.

Parents may register students for the summer and fall programs



by downloading forms available on the City of Pleasanton website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/gb/

gbhome.html. For those who wish to meet with staff, during the construction period the Gingerbread Preschool office will be relocated to the City of Pleasanton Operation Services Center, located at 3333 Busch Road. Please call to make an appoint-

ment at (925) 931-3430.

vided by Way Up Art and Frame in Livermore.

For more information, please call the library at 925-373-5604 or visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Livermore Public Library 2008 Summer Reading Game, "Catch the Reading Bug!" needs Adult Listener Volunteers. Adult listeners are volunteers who

listen to children report on books they have read for the library's Summer Reading Game. Training is provided. The Livermore Public Library Summer Reading Game runs from June 13 through August 16. Volunteer hours are flexible.

Call (925) 373-5517, or drop in at the Civic Center Library, Rincon or Springtown branch libraries for more information. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at www.ci.livermore.ca.us/library/ volunteers.html.

Family Fun

For the second year, *Cooleykatz Toys* is taking part in the "family" portion of the Livermore Wine Coun-try Festival, May 3 and 4, with dis-counts on selected products, a book-circiting by a local children's book signing by a local children's book author, and the introduction of a new line of fun "character development" products for kids.

"We'll be serving animal crackers and "varietal" grape juice right in front of the store," stated owners Pat and Nita Cooley. "Inside the store, we'll be offering 10-40% discounts on selected items

Livermore author Sarah Jane will be on hand Saturday 1-3 pm to sign copies of her new children's book Hope's Garden, the story of a young girl who creates her own beautiful arden, then as an adult, passes her appreciation for beauty on to her chil-

Additionally, *Cooleykatz Toys* will be introducing *Life's Building Blocks'* line of character-building products to area families. *Cooleykatz Toys* is lo-cated at 1959 Second Street.

Saving Sight

In one day alone, more than 1,300 men, women and children lose their sight to blindness, according to the World Health Organization. More than 80 percent of those cases are preventable or reversible.

To fight blindness and save sight, on Thursday, May 1, at 7pm the Liv-ermore Lions Club is hosting a Zone meeting of all Tri-Valley Lions at Emil Villas BBQ Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Ave, Livermore, to finalize plans and pledges in support of Lions' world-wide efforts during Campaign SightFirst II Day. All local Lions and the public are invited to attend and join in this international initiative. District CSFII Coordinator Dave Peters will be directing the presentation.

more. visit To learn www.lionsclubs.org www.LivermoreLions.org. or

Vendors Sought

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is looking for vendors to participate in this year's Children's Fair. The 2008 fair will be the 12th year for the event

Food, commercial and nonprofit vendors are invited to participate in the fair to provide information or sell their products to children and families. Vendors geared to youth of all ages, from preschool to teens and parents, are encouraged to sign up. Vendors will be provided tables and chairs under a shaded space outside the community center

Families from throughout the Tri-Valley attend the fair and enjoy free entertainment, educational booths related to health and safety, activities for children and more. Vendors are asked

The Children's Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 6 and 7 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For more information or to participate, call Moe Kline at 925-373-5717 or e-mail mkline@larpd.dst.ca.us.

Immunization Clinics

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free spring immunization clin-ics for children on May 3 and June 7, 2008, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only located at 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Parents should bring child's immu-nization records and information about family income and medical insurance Immunization appointments are also available at (925) 462-1755.

Come to Life in Dublin

The *Come to Life* event will be held at the Dublin Senior Center on Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Dublin Senior Center is lo-cated at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard. Admission is free.

There will be hands-on activities for the entire family. Visit Dublin's past with a walk down "Memory Lane." Create a memory jar at the "Imagina-tion Station."

Keynote speaker is Bay Area Backroads host Doug McConnell. En-tertainment includes Dana with his amazing dog Lacey and a Stagebridge Improvisational Production of "An-tique Witty's." This event includes food, fun and

activities. For information check out the event flyer and newsletter at www.ci.dublin.ca.us or call 556-4511





story telling circle, and more. The project also includes a separate play area for the Gingersnaps program, which caters to young chil-dren ages 21 months to 3 years

of age. "Every element of this fabu-lous new playground has a de-velopment purpose with small children in mind," according to facility Supervisor Becky Hopkins. "These include core

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EDITORIALS

Firehouse Arts Center

Pleasanton's council chambers erupted with spontaneous and heartfelt applause two weeks ago when the council voted to proceed with the construction of the Firehouse Arts Center.

The \$15 million project will involve converting the historic firehouse on Railroad Avenue into a small theater seating 240, an art gallery, two classrooms and a grand lobby. The center will open late next year, it's anticipated.

The community has gotten behind the project. The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation is doing fund-raising to build and operate the center. A local couple, Gary and Nancy Harrington, are donating the marquees two colorful pieces, themselves works of art — that will greet visitors at the entrance to the center.

"These are projects that go to who we are as a city," said Mayor Jennifer Hosterman.

Pleasanton is a city that loves and honors the arts. The Firehouse Arts Center promises to be one of the jewels in that firmament.

Astute Lobbying For Steelhead

The Alameda Creek Alliance, campaigning for the restoration of steelhead fish to Alameda Creek, has won some additional insurance for the project.

They've successfully lobbied for a regulation requiring federal screening of the steelhead impacts of the proposed Calaveras Reservoir renovation. This screening will be done through the National Marine Fisheries Service and Army Corp of Engineers.

The reservoir project is being planned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, owner of much of the Alameda Creek watershed. The Alameda Creek Alliance believes SF planners have tended to minimize the steelhead impacts.

We cheer the Alameda Creek Alliance for their astute lobbying. The added layer of scrutiny will better ensure that the efforts to restore both the steelhead and the reservoir will be completed successfully.

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in were two other potential cat-egories — \$40,000 to keep the district nurse at full-time position, and \$260,000 to maintain coaching stipends.

To help balance what was restored, the board voted to accept \$289,000 in cuts in administration positions. They include the elimination of a middle school vice principal, a half-time elementary school vice principal and an administrative assistant in educational services, all through attrition because people are leaving those slots. Administrators will look again to see if more savings can be effected.

On another item, trustees approved an increase in development impact fees. The cooperative agreement fee, which applies to two developers who signed a special agreement, will also rise this year because of the general building market, which is feeling the impact of the housing start slowdown.

The board also recognized four Amador Valley High School students for their designation as the United States representatives to a UNESCO conference in Japan that mimics the G-8 summit meeting of leading economic nations. The students are Manogna Manne, Avani Jariwala, Jamie Vellinger, and Matthias McCoy-Thompson.

The J-8, or Junior 8, begun in 2005, is sponsored by UNESCO. The winning students wrote essavs about the issues that would be discussed at the J-8 summit. They include global warming, poverty, and the AIDS/HIV epidemic.

The delegation went to New York to meet with UNESCO officials this past weekend. They will

has to start somewhere. The fact

we are asking for a master devel-

oper doesn't mean that projects

have been approved or will be

added that the process provides

an opportunity for property own-

ers to come forward with devel-

opment ideas. At the same time,

the city is moving forward with

an environmental review. The

council will review the financial

plans for the regional theater. "It

is important that this process (as-

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She added that the AT&T build-

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growth in inflation.

Several speakers felt that the

Bob Baltzer pointed out that

and could not be moved.

City Manager Linda Barton

approved for these sites.

Apple Moth Pheromone Used In Portion Of Pleasanton, Dublin

By Ron McNicoll

A total of 147 acres in Pleasanton and Dublin near Interstates 580 and 680 are already receiving treatment with a controver-sial pheromone that has ignited protest meetings in the Bay Area.

One area in Pleasanton and three in Dublin have been visited by a state agricultural department worker, who has used chemically treated twist ties on trees to introduce the pheromone into the area. The state Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA) will check the results in another month or two, and see if twist ties need to be put out again. The eradication effort is aimed

at discouraging reproduction of the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM). The DFA contends the moth could cost growers as much as \$640 million in nine Bay Area counties, if it were not checked, because the area would be subject to quarantines on fruit exports.

The Pleasanton and Dublin areas set aside for suppressing the LBAM are relatively small. The dispersal method is not from a helicopter, but from chemically treated twist ties. However, the pheromones being used are the same as those slated for aerial spraying. The material can drift on the wind from the ties to prop-erties beyond the area designated for treatment.

Other areas in the Bay Area are targeted for spraying. Critics of the spraying say that New Zealand has lived with the LBAM for 100 years, and has managed to work within the quarantines. More recently, New Zealand has introduced natural pests to limit the LBAM. The critics in Cali-

Rao Boycotts Forum Emceed By Haggerty

When Assemblyman Guy Houston turned emcee duties for a candidates forum over to Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, one of the four Republican hopefuls for Houston's current seat in the 15th Assembly District canceled his appearance.

Robert Rao of Livermore boycotted the Republican forum April 23 at the Pleasanton Veterans Building because Haggerty has endorsed LARPD director Scott Kamena for the Assembly nomination. Rao's spokesman, Tim Clark of Johnson Clark, a Sacramento political firm that handles GOP candidates, sent out a press release announcing his rejection of the forum.

Clark said in the release, "Robert Rao is interested in debating the candidates in a clearly fair and balanced forum. Having a vocal Kamena campaign sup-porter moderate tonight's debate tips the balance too far in Kamena's favor.'

The plan originally was to have Houston, who has not endorsed anyone to succeed him, serve as the master of ceremonies,

fornia say that the state is not re-ally giving growers or the public a choice, but trying to railroad through its fiat, as "commanded" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Opponents of spraying con-tend that there have been no long-range tests on the pheromones to determine whether there is any long-term impact on people's health, including caus-ing cancer. A look at the short term shows that 643 individuals or families reported respiratory problems and other symptoms after the state sprayed a residential area of 100,000 in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties three times last year.

The state contends that the complaints about symptoms are no greater than would be ex-pected than if there had been no spraying.

Opponents of the spraying say the state is simply dismissing their complaints, and doesn't want to look further into the truth. The critics scored a court victory two weeks ago when a judge ruled that spraying plans had to be halted until a full plan could be drawn up about the

spraying. STATE TELLS TRI-VALLEY NOT TO WORRY

A pheromone is a naturally occurring chemical in the LBAM that sends a sexual signal to male moths. It literally throws them off the scent of the females. The males get a whiff of the pheromone, and head in the wrong direction, away from the females. Eventually that process results in a lower moth population. The life cycle of a typical LBAM is about one week. The female lays 30 to

50 eggs. DFA spokesman Steve Lyle did not have an exact location for the parcels being subject to the twist ties in Pleasanton and Dublin. Asked whether the Tri-Valley population should be worried about pheromone drift from the twist ties, Lyle said that people should not be concerned, whether in the Tri-Valley or in the urban areas that will be sprayed from the air.

The statistics in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties showed that the "exposure levels to Checkmate were far too low to cause the reported illnesses," said Lyle. Checkmate was the name of the pheromone preparation used last

The state isn't sure that it will use Checkmate again this year. The preparation is 72 percent water, said Lyle. The remainder of it is the pheromone in biodegradable capsules made of polyurea, which Lyle specifically said is not plastic.

Some critics have said that the capsules sprayed from the air are plastic, and would get into people's lungs because some would be smaller than the 10 micron level, which gets past the natural screens in people's lungs.

Nan Wishner, chair of the integrated pest management committee in the city of Albany, isn't so sanguine about the purported safety of Checkmate. She said that proportionally the 643 reported illnesses in the two sprayed counties last year would work out to 18,000 people with symptoms, if 3 million people are in the spray area this summer.

"That's a lot of people," she said. What's worse is that the socalled "inert" portion of the spray used last year in Checkmate has two known carcinogens in it. "Inert doesn't mean there is nothing in it," said Wishner. The inert ingredients are there to do other things, such as help get the material past the spray nozzle, she said.

One inert ingredient is butylated hydroxytoulene and another is polyvinyl alcohol. They can cause birth defects and miscarriages, she said.

Lyle insisted there "are no in what the state would inerts" spray this year. Pheromones are what ecologists have asked the state to use for years, instead of pesticides, which can affect the nervous system.

Wishner said, "We don't really know what the health risks are from pheromones. There are fancy fancy tests for a new pesticide (that they might use), which they haven't identified yet. However, they are only short-term tests, a 30-minute test. They tell you if your eyes burn, or you get a rash, but they won't (predict) about carcinogenity.

Looking ahead to a potential option in the ground battle against the moth, another chemical that could be used is BT. Wishner said that BT has left rashes on some people in usage. However, Lyle said if was sprayed

outreach program before launching a spraying campaign. It in-forms health professionals about the spraying, and also notifies all residents in affected areas. Doctors by law are obliged to report any suspected illness linked to the spraying, said Lyle.

Mike Lynberg, a Pacific Grove resident who personally collected the 643 complaints from last year's aerial spraying, told the Independent that some residents said that they had received no notification. The first indication they had they had was when they saw a helicopter spraying. Lynberg said that he and his wife both had respiratory symptoms for about two weeks. His legs "felt like cement," he said.

Seventy percent of the complaints were respiratory problems. Other complaints were about body rashes, sore throats, eye irritation, severe headaches and body aches. "I was at my son's baseball game, and a woman said she had a rash all over her abdomen. Every day I meet new people who realized they had something, but it didn't knock them out. It's pretty ubiq-

uitous," said Lynberg. There may be a chance that people near the twist ties or subject to aerial spraying will carry the LBAM pheromones on them for many years, according to James Carey, a UC Davis professor who is an expert in insect demography. Carey told the Independent

that in a similar experiment with the gypsy moth, he knew one scientist who visited Europe where he worked with a moth outbreak, and attracted gypsy moths to him because he had the pheromone scent on him months later. Seventeen years later, he returned to Europe, and gypsy moths were still attracted to him, although he had not worked around the spray in those 17 years, said Carey.

He added he couldn't predict the same thing for LBAM pheromones. Carey said that the state could just choose to live with the moth, as New Zealand has for 100 years, and not ship produce out-side quarantine borders.

Carey said residents of California had no choice, because the process was already in motion. The decision is not based on science, rather than on a few facts cherry-picked to justify declaration of an emergency to spraying could proceed.

The moth already has been present for a few years. There is no chance that this spraying pro-gram will work, said Carey. Pockets of infestation inevitably will remain. The moth won't be stamped out. "This program is not going to work. Every entomologist knows that it won't work. This is steam-rolling forward, on a mandate from the USDA. It appears the state has to obey that mandate, and they'll

try to spray," said Carey. The state's view is that there were no LBAMs in traps in 2005. They showed up in 2007 in Berkeley. Unlike New Zealand, California has the chance to stop the moth early in its infestation, declared Lyle.

The forum, attended by about two dozen people, went on with-

performance at the forum, Rao didn't have a valid point in be-lieving there would be bias in

All of the questions were writ-ten by the county GOP executive committee. Haggerty simply read them, and rotated the order of questions in an impartial, a chance of speaking last or first evid Uctober first, said Hatcher

Hatcher said that another candidate, San Ramon mayor Abram Wilson "was not thrilled" about the prospect of Haggerty as em-cee. However, Wilson spoke with Haggerty before the forum, and felt comfortable enough to go ahead, said Hatcher.

The fourth candidate in the Republican race, Judy Lloyd, also felt fine with it after talking

to Haggerty, said Hatcher. Contacted after the debate,

out Rao. County GOP executive director Ryan Hatcher told the Independent that based on Haggerty's

favor of Kamena, or against any of the other candidates.

2 percent, to \$5.61 per square foot. There is also a gift fee agreement. It also rises by 2 percent to \$8.62 per square foot.

The percentage increase is based on the state's school construction cost index. Last year, the rise was 9 percent. It's lower

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cil, "What makes a city different is having a use others don't have. A regional theater will bring people downtown and encourage investment in the area. It will differentiate Livermore from other cities in the Tri-Valley.

Others expressed similar views about the benefits of having the regional theater at that location. Jean King pointed out that it was closer to shops, restaurants and parking than the second parcel

Dale Kaye, executive director of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, commented that the chamber had always supported a regional theater, if it pencils out. She pointed out that many new restaurants have opened around the Bankhead Theater. "That shows what a theater can do," she declared.

Former Councilmember Tom Reitter, now an LVPAC board member, summed up the feelings of most speakers, "I cannot think of any use that could generate more benefits for the city than a performing arts theater at this site.

On the other side, Valerie Raymond felt that the decision was moving forward too rapidly. She suggested it would be more logical to wait until after the council reviews reports on the financial plans for the regional theater at its May 22 meeting. She was also concerned about the loss of the AT&T building, the building where Peet's Coffee is located and the park on the corner.

The AT&T building has been empty for many years.

Councilmember Marchand replied, "Everything

go to Japan early in July. They became aware of the contest when one student was looking for an intern opportunity to work for a non-profit group.

because it is his seat, and he is the party's ranking officeholder in the county. However, Houston had last-minute scheduling difficulties, and called Haggerty.

Although Haggerty is in a non-partisan office, he is the only other Republican serving in a relatively high visibility office in the county. The change gave Kamena "a substantial advan-tage," said Rao's press release.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, Democratic candidate for the 9th State Senate District, has received the endorsement of United States Senator Dianne Feinstein.

"I am proud to have Senator Feinstein's endorsement," said Hancock. "I look forward to working with her to retool our economy, fix our health care system, and improve our schools.

The 9th District is currently represented by Don Perata, who is termed out of office.

STAPLES

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Pleasanton will retain the rightof-way to allow for extension of the road. In the meantime, access to the auto mall and future commercial development would be from a new road off El Charro Road, with no through connection to Stoneridge Drive except for emergency vehicles. A new two-lane bridge would extend Stoneridge Drive over the Arroyo Mocho and provide access to the proposed senior continuing care community and parks.

The Staples Ranch project is located on the southwest corner of the of the I-580 and El Charro Road intersection. The site is currently used for agriculture (dry land hay production) and is generally flat, except for ditches and soil stockpiles. A grove of ornamental and fruit trees marks the former location of the Staples Ranch buildings that were previously demolished.

The Alameda County Surplus Property Authority (owner) is the project applicant. Partnering with the Alameda County Surplus Property Authority are the City of Pleasanton, which would develop the parks, Hendrick Automotive Group, developer of the proposed auto mall, Continuing Life Communities, developer of the senior continuing care com-

and told about Hatcher's remarks, Clark said that "it sounds as if Haggerty handled it well. We have no regrets on this one. It is one of dozens (of forums) being held. We've been to almost all of them." Clark said the Rao campaign's view is still the same: "If someone has expressed sentiments in the race, they are not impartial anymore.

There are seven candidates running for three seats on the Zone 7 water agency board: Sandy Figuers, Steve Mattos, Brooke McKinney, Kent McKinney, Chris Moore, Dale Myers, Dick Quigley and Russell West.

The Livermore Amador Valley League of Women Voters will present a public Candidates Forum for the Zone 7 race at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 at the DSRSD boardroom, 7051 Dublin Blvd. in Dublin.

munity, and Fremont Land, developer of the proposed commercial/retail center.

The Pleasanton City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Alameda County Surplus Prop-erty Authority in 2006 regarding the future development of the County owned Staples Ranch property. The proposed Staples Ranch project is subject to discretionary review and can be approved, approved with modifications, or denied by the City Council during the project's for-mal review. The MOU is not a development agreement. Copies of the Draft Environ-

mental Impact Report are available at the City of Pleasanton Department of Planning and Community Development and at www.staplesranch.org. A copy is also available for review at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

Written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report will be accepted by the Department of Planning and Community Development through Wednesday, June 4, 2008, a 45-day review period.

For more information, contact Steve Bocian, Assistant City Manager, (925) 931-5005.

in Marin County a few years ago, and there were no verifiable health problems.

In general, the state sets up an

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on trails, parks and fields south of the freeway. We need to make the case that we should get our fair share of city dollars for facilities.

Consultant David Early of DCE, who facilitated the work-shop, said, "There is no guarantee. I will do the best I can. All I can do is ask you to trust me.

There are no funds currently available for any improvements or additional facilities. Potential revenue sources would be state grants or a bond measure.

One concern raised by participants was not considered to be an issue. There were several tables who felt that police service was inadequate.

Councilmember Doug Horner, who lives in North Livermore, told those gathered that there is a perception that all of the city's efforts have been focused in South Livermore and the downtown. "That is somewhat true. A lot of work and planning went into those areas. Norther Livermore hasn't been looked at. It's our time.

Horner added that a consensus plan created during the workshops would be presented to the council. "If you don't feel that the plan reflects what was said, let us know and let us know very loudly.

There has been ongoing controversy_regarding the golf course. The city is concerned about mounting loses to keep the course open. In 2007/08 the deficit was \$290,590 and is projected at \$323,000 in 2008/09.

The 9-hole, 90 acre site is considered outdated by experts. It is difficult to maintain because it is on alkaline soil. There has been a decline in play with 40,555 rounds in 2001/02 and only 24,276 in 2006/07.

Consultant David Early said of the golf course, "It has been operating at a deficit for six years. The city has a policy that it has to pay its way. There is no viable scenario for continued operation of the golf course." He said there are two hard choices. There is no way to pay for amenities without the golf course. Residents have to say they don't want other things. The second is what to do about the deficit. "If we can solve that problem, we will be done.'

There were several suggested made on how to close the deficit. One was to combine the city's two golf course enterprise funds into one. It was stated that this would result in a net profit. Another suggested was a maintenance district comprised of nearby homeowners, who would help pay for the upkeep of the golf course.

It would be expensive to upgrade the golf course, which would include adding irrigation. Currently, water is taken from a nearby creek. The estimated cost of immediate course improvements would be \$1.9 million. Additional improvements, such as full course redevelopment, could cost as much as \$4.5 million.

Among the uses suggested for the golf course would be for wine grape production, a small sports park, passive open space, active recreational space, or for library expansion. The most controversial proposal was to sell a portion of the golf course for development and use the money to fund a library, playing fields and a community park.

Another focus of the workshop was the branch library. There was no consensus on this issue. Some felt that the branch was fine as it is. They use the Civic Center Library. Others wanted to see a larger facility in North Livermore located closer to Vasco Road.

Parks and playing fields were also discussed. There was not support for a sports park, because of concerns about traffic. However, it would be okay to add sports fields to existing parks.

Questions were raised as to how the city counted what is parkland in North Livermore. Early said that the area has about the same proportion of parkland as areas south of I-580. Speakers wondered if the city was counting the golf course and a wetland preserve as parkland.

Future workshops are planned for May 21 and June 25, also at the Shrine Event Center.

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really great art out there in areas of the city that might not otherwise have public art. Marchand, a former member of the Commission, declared, "I

be a loss

am proud of this Commission. We started with the idea that art is good; we want more of it. In a very short time, look where we



This year marks the 25th anniversary for the Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association. A delegation of 38 people traveled to Tulancingo recently where they were involved in a wheel chair distribution with both Rotary Clubs in Pleasanton. The association has been collecting used eyeglasses at the library. They will be distributed in conjuncton with the Lions Clubs in Pleasanton and Tulancingo. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, and her husband Mike are part of the delegation.

Sister City Group Hosting Cinco de Mayo

The Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association will host a Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Sun., May 4.

The event will take place at the Amador Recreation Center, corner of Black Ave. and Santa band and dancing.

Rita Rd., Pleasanton from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Tacos and sodas will be available for purchase. The celebration will include candy stuffed pinatas, games with prizes, a Mariachi

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invaluable resource for assessing the needs of the people who live in Pleasanton, and this event is a wonderful opportunity for that synergy to take place," he adds.

There will be demonstrations by the City's firefighters and a display and demonstration by the City's heavy equipment corps. The action continues with demonstrations by the Pleasanton Police Department motor and canine units. Also on display will be fire trucks, a police radar unit patrol car, the criminal investigations van, the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) trailer, and more. The City's Animal Control Officer, Roy Ficken, and his mascot Gandolf, will be on hand to greet visitors and answer questions about animal control issues such as barking, leash laws, and pet licensing. Visitors can learn about traf-

fic patterns and monitoring in Pleasanton at a booth hosted by the City's Traffic Engineering Division, complete with a computer that displays the city's arterial traffic management system. Visitors will also receive an insider's view into the type of paving materials and concrete used on city streets, and the rigorous maintenance schedule adhered to by the City for street paving. The public is invited to walk through the City's Water Quality Laboratory and observe the process used to analyze drinking water samples.

The Pleasanton Public Library will provide on-line library card registration and demonstrate the library's on-line services. The library will also host a cakewalk and feature two appearances of its mascot, the 'Books.' The Parks and Community Services Department will host five booths full of information about recreation and sports programs for adults and youth, civic arts programs, environmental and outdoor education, facility rentals, preschool and senior programs and services, landscape architecture, and the summer activities guide and registration process.

Lunch by Cabana Dave's Barbecue will be available for purchase. For more information, please call (925) 931-5500.



Three Boy Scouts will be receiving their Eagle Awards at an Eagle Court of Honor to be held Wed., May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1501 Hillcrest Avenue, Livemore. The boys are part of Troop 906. They are Taylor Colby Disbrow, son of David and Felecia Disbrow. His eagle project was a sandbox for LARPD's Jane Adams Preschool Albert Henry Harris, son of Albert and Debbie Harris. His eagle project was a sandbox and work bench for Christensen Elementary School PreSchool. Steven Thomas Perry, son of Ted and Kathy Perry. His eagle project was to mark and restore the Mormon immigrant trail. All three are seniors at Granada High school. Pictured (left to right) are Albert Harris, Taylor Disbrow, Steven Perry.

BITUARIES

Harold James Hicks

Harold James Hicks, born in Grinnell, Iowa Oct. 20, 1923, and 52 year resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home on March 29, 2008.

Harold enjoyed riding his bike and loved doing crossword puzzles, with the ability to finish mostly all. Harold was best known to family and friends as "Mr. Fix It".

Harold was preceded in death by his parents James and Ceatta Hicks of Missouri and also by his brother Merle.

He is survived by his wife; Della Fae, four daughters and sons-in-law; Sharon (Brian) Wartman of Seattle, Treva (Larry) Mauch of Yankee Hill, Valera (Thomas) Robertson of Canyon Country and Claudia (John) Salo of Burney; two sisters Hazel Hester and Treva Pitka; eight grandchildren Daniel, Ryan, Adam, Michelle, Brianna, Katharine, Sarah and Heather; and four great grandchildren Samantha, Annabelle, Austin and Rachel

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Grace Copham

Livermore resident Grace Copham died April 21, 2008. She was 89.

Grace was born in Thief River Falls, Minnesota on August 12, 1918 to John and Rasmine Christensen. After high school she attended nurse's training at Anchor Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. She joined the army in 1942 and was stationed at Ft. Sill in Lawton, OK where she met and married Bill Copham on Sept. 5, 1942. While Bill served in World War II, she lived with her parents in Bagley, Minnesota. When Bill returned, he attended and graduated from Northwestern College in Minneapolis, where he trained for the ministry. Bill and Grace served in six churches, three in Minnesota, two in Wisconsin and one

Marie Margaret Dignan

Pleasanton resident Marie Marga ret Dignan died April 24, 2008 with her family by her bedside. She was 94.

She was born Feb. 19, 1914 in Oakland, the daughter of the late Maximillan and Katherine Roschitsch. She grew up in Alameda where she attended Notre Dame grammar school and Alameda High School, class of 1932. She attended Merritt Business School. Marie married in 1938 and lived in Oakland for a short time before traveling while Jim was in the army. In 1947 the couple moved to live on the grounds of the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center where Jim was a Deputy Sheriff and eventually Division Chief. Marie adapted to rural life and became an adept gardener and caretaker of ducks, chickens and rabbits. She loved to entertain family and friends. In later vears, she lived in the city of Pleasanton and was known for the beautiful roses in front of her home.

Marie was a long time member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, initially belonging to the Piedmont Parlor. She loved to travel and especially take trips to Lake Tahoe. She enjoyed a long life and kept active, bowling into her mid-eighties, taking long walks until she was 90. During the last few years, she was cared for by Laura, Maura, Sony and Mila.

She is survived by her children James "Jerry" Dignan (Phyllis), Madeline Deaton (Myrkle), Theresa Thut (Mike), and Jeanette Murff (Rick). She is also survived by her brother Fred Roschitsch (Margaret), 12 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cous-

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ins. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Dignan, a daughter Patricia Christman, and siblings Joseph Roschitsch, Katherine Davis, Elizabeth Chambers, Sophie Languemi, and Maxine Lubeck.

Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thurs., May 1 at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Fri., May 2 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a favorite charity.

Raffaela "Falina" Verrilli

Raffaela Verrilli died on April 27, 2008. She was born in Italy on April 15, 1930. The long time Pleasanton resident was proud of her Italian heri-

tage. She worked most of her life in food services, having worked in family owned restaurants in San Leandro and in what is now Gay 90's in downtown Pleasanton. Until her retirement, she worked many years in the food depart-ment at the Veterans' Hospital in Livermore.

She was preceded in death by her parents Rocco and Yolanda, and sister Carmelita. She is survived by cousins and many close friends from Pleasanton Gardens.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on May 1 at St. Joan of Arc, 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon followed by burial at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasan-

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to her favorite charity: The Society of Little Flower,

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1313 Frontage Rd., Darien, IL 60561, or to a charity of choice. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Burton Leroy Shepard

Burton Leroy "Shep" Shepard died April 28, 2008 at the age of 87 in Manteca. He was a native of Dayton, KY and a 6-year resident of Manteca. Shep spent most of his adult life as a self-employed race horse trainer licensed in CA and ID. In 1952 he came to California, settling in Sacramento and also spent many years in San Jose. He was a former member of the AFL-

CIO. He is survived by his children, John and Debbie Shepard of Manteca, Billy Jean Giles of Sacramento, Richard and Ping Shepard of Texas and Louis A. Shepard of San Jose, twenty grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two wives, Lillian in 1992 and Vickie in 2002.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fri., May 2 with funeral services to begin at 1 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Livermore.

Roland John Cerny

Roland John Cerny died at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek on April 24, 2008. He was born January 2, 1920. He moved to California from Missouri at 6 years of age by covered wagon. He was a resident of Contra Costa County for the last 34 years, living in Danville.

He worked for the Federal Aviation Agency. His favorite passion in life was flying. He started flying at age 16 and continued until he was 86, fully instrument rated. Mr. Cerny was also a licensed commercial sea captain. He loved fishing on his yacht, "Oh Deer," and fishing at his fish camp in Alaska with his great grandchildren. He enjoying playing golf and belonged to the Old Crows Golf Club, the New England Village Hackers Golf Club, and the Las Positas Senior Golfing Couples.

He is survived by sons and daugh-ters-in-law Mike (Joan) Cerny of Sunol and Ronald (Darlene) Cerny of Brentwood, six grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and his special golfing partner for the last three years, Carmen Epperson of Castro Valley.

Remembrance and a celebration of his life will be held 2 to 4 p.m. Sat., May 3 upstairs in Bosco's Bones & Brew, 11930 Main St., Sunol.

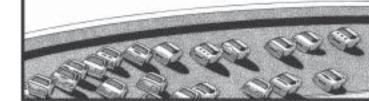
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nity Church.

Grace was a supportive minister's wife serving in many areas; teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school, leading Bible studies, playing piano, active in women's ministries and church socials. She was a gracious hostess to all. She remained actively employed as a nurse until 1982. She was an avid reader, faithful letter writer, great Skipbo player, excellent seam-stress, talented in knitting and crocheting, and a dedicated servant to the Lord

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill in 2001; and three siblings Mary Erickson and Johnny and Dale. She is survived by her children David (Cheryl), Karen (Ken) Kinsley and Nancy (Rick) Barnes; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 26 in Livermore. Burial was at Memory

Gardens Cemetery in Livermore. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ae., Livermore, CA 94550 for the Copham Scholarship Fund.

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SPORTS NOTES

Soccer State Cup

The Pleasanton Rage U17 girls soccer team advanced this weekend to the State Cup championship for the fifth straight year. The championship game will be played Sunday, May 4, in Morgan Hill against the Danville

May 4, in Morgan Hill against the Danville Mustang. In the quarter final game this last Satur-day against LaMorinda, the Rage prevailed 2-1 with both goals scored by Esther Leon. It was a very close game played in very windy conditions. Sunday, in the semifinal game, the Rage defeated the DeAnza Force of Cupertino 4-3. The Rage dominated the game, out-shooting their opponents by a margin of 2-1. The Rage created a 4-1 lead with the first goal being scored with a header by Carlee Payne, assisted by Sohpie Metz off a corner kick; the second goal resulted from astrong cross from Rebecca Schneider which was followed in by Esther Leon. Ashley Loughmiller scored the third goal by slipping Loughmiller scored the third goal by slipping a low shot under the goalie's reach and Sophie Metz drilled a perfect strike past the goalie from 25 yards out for the fourth goal. The Force scored their first goal at the beginning of the second half and then two late goals in the final three minutes to draw within one, but

If the Rage prevailed. If the Rage wins next Sunday they will advance to the Far West Regionals being held in Hawaii in late June. Last year the Rage won the Far West Regionals and was one of four teners in the sector to the debugged to be advantage. teams in the country that advanced to the National Championship

Pleasanton Rage U-15 girls defeated the **Pleasanton Rage U-Logn Istercated Int** Mustang Earthquakes, 1 to 0 in PKs after 2 overtimes to advance to semifinals in State Cup. Eight out of ten girls from each team had to kick in the tie breaker. Ally White made an awesome save to win the game

The U15 Boys San Ramon Santos The U15 Boys San Ramon Santos ended a fantastic year on Sunday with a tough loss in the Cal North CYSA State Cup Semi-Finals. Following pool play and a 3-0 victory over Elk Grove in the round of 16, Santos played Vacaville America in the Quarter-Finals on Saturday, winning 3-0 with goals from Mathues Menezes (2) and Johnny Yankowski and a fantastic defensive effort from the entire Santos team who, only allowed two goals in the entire tournament

from the entire Santos team who, only allowed two goals in the entire tournament thru the quarter finals. The Saturday victory set up the Semi-Final game Sunday against defending State Cup Finalists Santa Clara Sporting. The game was aback and forth heart stopper which found the Santos up 3-2 with only 15 minutes left with goals by Guillermo Rivas and Menezes (2). Sporting was able to draw level at the 65th minute and despite a valiant effort by the entire team. Sporting was able to at the 65th minute and despite a valiant effort by the entire team. Sporting was able to convert the winner in injury time in the 82nd minute of play. Despite the loss, the Santos cap off an exciting year of excellent soccer including finishing in the top four in State Cup, winning GSSL Gold Division League play for the for the third year in a row and US Club Regional Semi-Finalists to list just a few of their accomplishments

few of their accomplishments. **The Mustang Strikers U-17** boys soc-cer team played in the quarterfinals of State Cup, defeating Redwood Juventus Strikers by a score of 4-1. Emrah Klimenta started off by a score of 4-1. Emran Klimenta started off the scoring assisted by a long throw in to the box from George Mayer, then Ryan Rivera the Goalie, kicked a huge punt into the other net-for goal #2. Scott Brensel and Nadav Kariv added goals 3 & 4 assisted by Chris Bernardi Bernardi.

In semifinal action, Mustang lost in a tough fought match with San Juan Lightning by a score of 3-2. Dominic Daley scored the 1st goal of the match assisted by Scott Brensel and Scott assisted by Jose Garcia.

Livermore Xtreme

The Livermore Xtreme 10U fastpitch softball team won the USSSA World Series Qualifier tournament on April 20, defeating the Galt Illusion 9-4. Xtreme has qualified to compete at the USSSA World Series West Tournament held in Hayward the week of July

Livermore Xtreme went 2-1 in pool play as the second seed to play two games on Sunday to win the tournament. Pool play included home runs by Lily Rebello and Grace Naylor with 2 for the weekend, one grand slam. Outstanding pitching for the day was provided by Carly Grossano, Hannah Bennett, and Rachel LaRont.

Livermore Xtreme earned a spot in the championship game by defeating Tracy Ti-tans 4-3 in the semifinals. Livermore Xtreme held the lead with solid pitching from Hannah Bennett and Rachel LaRont and stellar fielding by Ashley Breyer, Carly Grossano, and Lily Rebello with the tying run tag out at home plate.

Livermore Xtreme continued its winning streak defeating Galt Illusion 9-4 in the title game. Livermore Xtreme hitting was in full RBIs), Randall Young (3 singles), and Noah Lux (2 singles). The D'backs jumped out to a quick lead in the first inning (2-0) with the Mariners bouncing back with 2 of their own. The D-backs continued offensively by adding Frues in the top of the 2nd, but the Mariners again tied up the game in the bottom of the 3rd. With the D'backs leading 9-7 going into the bottom of the 6th, the Mariners capital-ized on some base-on-balls until Jonah Teetsel came to the plate with the game winning hit. Creat defensive plays were made by Austin

came to the plate with the game winning hit. Great defensive plays were made by Austin Albiani (Mariners) and Jake Jackson (D'backs). Cubs 6, Giants 2. Top Hitters (Cubs) Brandon Cuy 2-1B, RBI, run scored; Nick Lind 2-1B, RBI, run scored (Giants) Ryan Passama 1B, Matt Kirby 1B. Top Pitchers (Cubs) Ryan Reeves 3IP, 1H, 0R, 2K, Jason Whitney 2IP, 0H, 0R, 3K (Giants) Connor McGee 5IP, 5H, 2R, 8K Giants 16. Red Sox 14. Ton Hitters

517, 514, 528, 814 (change) common Infector Giants 16, Red Sox 14. Top Hitters (Giants) Brett Rassmussen 1-1B, 1-2B, 3 runs scored; Matt Kirby 2-1B, 2RBI, 2 runs scored; Mick Stanley 2-1B, RBI, run scored; Connor McGee 2-1B, RBI, run scored; C

Jake Martinez, Kyle Emrich, Blake Leskey and Reagan Brunner; A's pitchers - Connor Gibbons, Tyler Griffin, Austin Harrison and Adam Kadlec. Cardinal top hitters: Greg Moreland (double, scored once), T.J. O'Farrell (triple, scored 3 times), and Garrett Vest (single and triple). A's top hitters: Tyler Griffin (triple), Sean Haggerty (double) and Adam Kadlec (2 singles, scored once, 1 rbi). Diamondbacks 15-, A's 4. Diamond-backs- Top Hitters: Dak Jackson-2B, Noah Lux-1B; A's-Joseph Carillo 1D, Tyler Grif-fin-1B. Top Pitchers: Diamondbacks-Jason Campbell-1S; Randall Young-3S. A's-Kyle Neves-3S, Tyler Griffin-1S. Game ended in the 4th inning due to the 10 run rule. **Minor AA** Red Sox vs. Cardinals Car-dinals won 13-0. Top three offense Red Sox: Jack Messier, Connor Lovoi, Chris Ayon. Top defense Red Sox: Dominic Bricker, Luke Hottinger, Sean Dreger; Top offense Cardinals: Jarred Leon-triple, scored 3 runs, 1 RBi; Tyler Schultz-3 strike outs, scored 3 runs 3. Jackson Taylor- pitched 5 strike outs, 2 RPI Tea dofancy. Brondon Lobreco, Niel

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Minor A – Giants (Visitors): offense: Minor A – Glants (Visitors): offense: Marie Linney, Josh Mills, Mitchell Rocereto ; Minor A – Giants defense: Nolan Thomp-son, Cade Shortridge, Justin Gutke. Red Sox (Home): For offense: Sean Slabaugh, Joel Gauch and Jack Kath; Minor A Red Sox (Home) defense: Chad Hemmig, JJ Morley, Hector Salcedo Hector Salcedo

Giants (offense) Matthew Hayes, Josh Giants (offense) Matthew Hayes, Josh Mills, Austin Price (defense) Kobe Cortez, Matthew Reddick, David Rider - Diamond-backs (offense) Brian Mahoney, Andrew Devita, Ben Rocha (defense) Jason Van Bladel, Anthony Barrow, Lucas Aminos Cardinals: (offense) Nick LaRosa, Drew Kujacich, Joey Lestochi (defense) Weston Everett, Alex Gonzalez, Ben Dupuis A's (offense) Nolan McCormick, Lukas Owen, Sam Miller (defense) Seth Street, Ben Wright, Jason Snell

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Farm Yankees vs. Diamondbacks. Yan-Farm Yankees vs. Diamondbacks. Yan-kees offense: Peyton Peterson, Gabriel Parrish, Quinn Tudor defense: Caleb Hachler, Roberto Iacomini, Ethan Gregory. Diamondbacks offense: Cameron Schrader, Peyton Stultz, Hunter Taylor defense: Jason Wigginton, London Billings, Andrew Choumas. Blue Jays (offense) Wyatt Moseley, Logan Finch, Ty Bothwell-Mitlisky (defense) Jarrett Jorgenson, Sydney Keshmiry, Alex Taylor: Red Sox - (offense) Henry Kath, Jennifer Edwards-Estrada, Forest Bishop (defense) Xavier Hernandez, A.J. Phillips, Chase Grif-fin. Angels (offense) Zachary Demo, Kyle Correia, Ethan Dreger (defense) Chris Perez, Correia, Ethan Dreger (defense) Chris Perez, Colby Smith, Dylan Tompkins: Cubs (of-fense) Jacob Gutke, Brandon Yocham, Thofense) Jacob Gutke, Brandon Yocham, Tho-mas Vi (defense) Pascale Badders, Colby Newton, Elijah Togiai. Red Sox (offense) Chase Griffin, Colby Gibbons, Anthony Sisneros (defense) Taylor Pine, Sebastian Lechner, Ethan James Farm – A's (offense) Dylan Graham, Ryan James, Andrew James (defense) Harrison Meadows, Logan Fernandez, Zachary Stewart. Cardinals (of-fense) Andrew Hayley, Zachary Macintire, Drew Marples (defense) Ethan Lux, Cameron Stephenson, Justin Watson: Mariners – (of-fense) Andrew Hayley, Tachary Macintire, Drew Marples (defense) Ethan Lux, Cameron Stephenson, Justin Watson: Mariners – (of-fense) Max O'Connor. Kevin Plant, Nick fense) Max O'Connor, Kevin Plant, Nick Puso (defense) Trevor White, Spencer Will-Puso (defense) Trevor White, Spencer Will-iams, Brodie Wolf. Angels (offense) Zachary Demo, Kyle Correia, Ethan Dreger (defense) Christopher Perez, Colby Smith, Dylan Tompkins Yankees (offense) Ray Montes, Christopher Schechtz, Christopher Junio Christopher Schonholtz, Christopher Irwin (defense) Nicholas Hill, Conner Detlefsen, Christepher Nicholas Hill, Conner Detlefsen, Ryan Layton Tee Ball - A's: (offense) Danny Geissbuhler, Drake Small, Jensen Roldan (defense) A.J Morais, Tate Masingale, Daniel Becerra; Cubs: (offense) Cody Ward, Drake Demo, Jacob Keeler (defense) Devin Shah, Thomas Stevenson, Ryan Van Bladel. Dia-mondbacks (offense) Luke Shepard, Carson Tracey, Seth Lundin (defense) Vijay Memula, Kyle Rodgers, Connor Campbell: Red Sox (offense) Shlok Bansal, Derek Martinez-Bosque, Ethan Clark (defense) Dustin Hart, Max Higgins, Anthony Shepard. was the Typoons outstanding player, leading the team in ground balls and general effort. Sanjoy Chowdhury led the defense with a tireless performance while Benjamin Smedley and JJ Melone put in outstanding efforts at attack. Zack Beston, Max De Maria, Zack Knox-Wrob played valiantly at the under-manned middle position. **Storm:** The Diablo Scorpion Jr. B Scrap-

Storm: The Diablo Scorpion Jr. B Scrap-pers proved to be very fired up going against the only team that has beaten them this year the Pleasanton Storm B team. Despite com-ing back from a three goal deficit and tying the score at 5-5, the Storm was able to hang on and defeat the Scrappers 6-5. After a quick water break the Storm headed back on the field for their second game of the day, taking on the Palo Alto Tomahawks B team. Sweaty and tired the girls came up winners with a 6and tired the girls came up winners with a 6-2 victory. Many great players contributed but a few highlights were Sabrina Ehlert getting many ground balls and making 5 awesome saves as goalie. Kendra Wilcox scoring her first goal, Keli Wheatley on defense and Andi Bright with two goals

Bright with two goals. Phantom Junior B: Neal Steward scored Phatom Junior B: Neal Steward scored the game winning goal in the 4th quarter to give Livermore Phantom Junior "B" Team the win over Skyline 6-5. Collin Rigby started things off by scoring 2 goals in the first quarter with the help of Zachary Swinford and Evan Martin. Zachary Swinford scored 2 goals followed by Joshua Allen with 1 goal. Excellent offensive play by middles, Sam Burnett, Neal Border, David Marshall and Brandon Goulet. Defensive players, Griffith Shaw, Joshua Daly, Michael Fischer and Hunter Olson played solid as did Goalie, Taylor Class ending the game with 17 saves. **Pleasanton Vortex**: Last Saturday morning's tough 7-0 road loss to Skyline at Witter field means the Pleasanton Vortex Pups B1 will need to take care of business in

Writer field means the Preasanton Vortex Pups B1 will need to take care of business in its final two games if they hope to secure a postseason spot in the Boy Pups B1 Division (5th/6th grade) playoffs. Goaltender Connor McFarlane made 13 saves and helped the Vortex successfully kill a pair of six-on-five disadvantages. For the 2008 season, he continues to be the statistical leader in save correcting among all active pup geolies in percentages among all active Pup goalies in the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association. The defensive unit (Sam Gorman, Noah Geib, and Jason Sereda) and mid-fielders (Jackson Fialho, Brian Kinnee, Joe fielders (Jackson Fialho, Brian Kinnee, Joe Chacon, Brian Culy, Andrew Totaro, Wesley Bower, Kevan Knaggs, David Zatorski) played well and continued to go hard for the entire game. The Vortex offense (Ian Mills, Erik Gallagher, Andrew Natsch, Colton Steiner, Aaron Hollingsworth) fired a barrage shoots and worked hard until the final game whietle whistle.

Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association

Senior (High School) division: Liver-Senior (High School) division: Liver-more Les Schwab Savage 9, Pleasanton Ready Mix Black Pearl 8. 2B - Kensey Anderson (S). 3B - Kaylene deBord (S); Trevor Konopka (BP). 2 hits - Anderson (S); Konopka (BP). Kaylene deBord hit a three-run bases-clearing triple to cinch the Savage come-from-behind victory. Livermore Les Schwab Savage 12, Pleasanton Prestige Portraits by Life Touch 11. 2B - Bradie Rosa (S) 2 hits - Megan Criffin Lauren Bricker (S). 2 hits - Megan Griffin, Lauren Bricker (LT). Breanna Henry had a base hit in the bottom of the seventh inning to cinch another come-from-behind victory for the Savage

Middle School Black division: Meredith Realty TNT 15, Burger King Vi-pers 5. A great effort by the Vipers team especially Taylor Huston, Corrin Whitehurst, and Paige Darrow but they could not hold up

against a strong TNT team. Burger King Vipers 5, AP Concrete Thrashers 4. In a very close battle, the Vipers were able to pull it out in the last inning thanks to a great hit and pitching by Courtnie Fields, game winning RBI single by Erica Serrano and strong pitching and base running by Katelyn Erickson. Middle School Red division: Tenet Healthcare Foundation Team Evy 14 Total

Middle School Red division: Tenet Healthcare Foundation Team Fury 14, Total Sports Hornets 7. Team Fury took a com-manding lead and kept strong to win the game. The team played well and highlights included two base hits and RBIs by Adrianna Rocha and Kaila Cortez, and three base hits and RBIs by Kylaigh Anderson. The Horand RBIs by Kyleigh Anderson. The Hor-nets' Kaitlyn Davenport hit two nice balls, one a single over third and the other on a fielder's choice, Delaney Sommerhauser hit a rock-solid double in the second inning, and then stole third on a very close play, and Anastasia Goold also had three hits.

Anastasia Goold also had three hits. Law Offices of Abramson & Thaete, LLP Pop Rocks 14, San Ramon Auto Repair Lady Yanks 13. The Pop Rocks were rewarded for their teamwork against the Lady Yanks, as Haylie Hill started off with a double, and Lauren Huizar scored the first run

CADealerDirect.com Jaguars 12, Law Offices of Abramson & Thaete, LLP Pop

Threat, Krystal Hill reached base every time at bat with two hits and a walk, Jenna Jenkins had a double, single, walk and stole home, and Alyssa Gonzales played two innings at catcher and made a brilliant play to get an out at first. Tenet Healthcare Foundation Team Furv

11. Earth Safety Dynamics Attack, 10. In a very exciting game, the Fury stayed strong in the end to claim the win. Rebecca Bernstein very exctning game, me ruly stayed studing in the end to claim the win. Rebecca Bernstein had some strong base hits, Elise Robinson had a great double play at first, and Kyleigh Anderson with a powerful hit to center field. Tenet Healthcare Foundation Team Fury 22, San Ramon Auto Repair Lady Yanks 11. Team Fury played a solid game and didn't give the Yanks a chance for a comeback. Heavy hitters included Haley Williford with a double, single and four RBIs, Siena Trujillo with two base hits and two RBIs, and good pitching by Stacie Hutton. **10-under:** Faltings Racing Team The Crew 7, Jason Wilkins Memorial Hot Chili Peppers 6. The Hot Chili Peppers rallied to very nearly make up a 7-0 deficitin a 7-6loss. Avalon Amaral, Tea Stephenson and Racquel Wilkins played great for the Hot Chili Peppers.

Wilkins played great for the Hot Chili Peppers. P. Michael Epps-Associates Warriors 8, Livermore Valley Cellars Wild Things 8. Two very determined teams played one of the best games of the season. Jordan Higby scored a run and pitched two strikeouts in the second inning, and Cierra Prestegard and Katie Reddick scored runs. New United Motors, Inc. Lil' Yanks 12, Sherman Roofing Shermanatorz 5. The Lil' Yanks won their final regular season game behind a great team effort. Sherman Roofing Shermanatorz 5, Inter-

Sherman Roofing Shermanatorz 5, Inter-state Concrete Pumping Mavericks 2. In a defensive battle, the Mavericks were led by Maggie Kilday who pitched two scoreless innings, Mia Niklewicz had a solid game behind the plate, and Shaylee Hubbs also played well on defense.

Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 8, Chase Financial Group Dirt Devils 0, The Mavericks bats came alive in the game behind Chloe McGlynn who had a hit and scored, and Nicole Paulazzo who had a hit and scored, and Device Wealtwrich ad a bit and scored, train

Peyton Woelk who had a hit and scored twice. Jason Wilkins Memorial Hot Chili Pep-pers 12, Chase Financial Group Dirt Devils 8. For the Hot Chili Peppers, Tori Nicole has a triple and 4 RBI's, Taylor Lange added a double, and Racquel Wilkins struck out the side side.

side. Jason Wilkins Memorial Hot Chili Pep-pers 12, A.P. Concrete Black Black Widows 4. For the Hot Chili Peppers, Chloe Rodriguez scored on an exciting play at the plate, while Ashley Groth and Morgan Dillard combined for three singles on three plate.

Ashley Groth and Morgan Dillard combined for three singles and two RBIs. **Bunder:** Brian J. Emrich, DDS Lil' Yanks vs. Mancini's Sleepworld Magic Drag-ons. Coaches' selections - Juliana Santos, Taylor Sullivan, Amber Thomas (LY). Intero Real Estate Agents The Cheetah Girls vs. Cresco Rental Equipment Fire Crackers. Coaches' selections - Chelsea Warner, Tiara Birdsong (CG). Rich Cortez and Sons Heat-ing & Air Wildcats vs. State Farm Insurance Purple Passion. Coaches' selections - Lindsey Clendenen, Jenna Jorgenson, Anna Neumann (W). Rich Cortez and Sons Heating & Air Wildcats vs. Intero Real Estate Agents The Cheetah Girls. Coaches' selections - Taylor Stephenson, Randi Cortez, Olivia Curtis (W); Camile Best, Emma Stoneberger (CG). Brian J. Emrich, DDS Lil' Y anks vs. Around the Bay Pest Control Black Black Widows. Coaches' selections - Virginia Verduzcu, Coaches' selections - Virginia Verduzcu, Erica Bowers, Shelby Clark (LY). Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls vs. William D. Precision Bubble Gum Girls vs. William D. Thompson Attorney at Law Daisy Daisy Girls. Coaches' selections - Grace Masingale, Sarah Wenzel, Ashley Cole (BBG). Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls vs. State Farm Insurance Purple Passion. Coaches' selec-tions - Isabella Cusimano, Jenny Stoner, Emma Valentine (BBG)

 T-ball: Bloomingcamp Optometry
 Rockin', Rabbits vs. Quail Electronics, Inc. Rockin Rabbits VS. Quali Electronics, Inc. Little Stingers. Coaches' selections - Kayla Claudino, Jordan Goodwin, Caitlyn Quartaroli (RR); Taylor Bond, Madelyn Addington, Kaleigh Castillo (LS). J.R. Pierce Plumbing Pink Ladies vs. Integrated Archive Systems Blue Angels. Coaches' selections -Kennedy Griffith, Isabella Romero, Chloe Docut (2014). Achevil La trib. Exolution 20 page Rennedy Griffith, Isabella Romero, Chioe Daoust (PL); Ashley Lewis, Isabella LaRosa, Colleen McCandless (BA). J.R. Pierce Plumbing Pink Ladies vs. Pertica Insurance Services Hot Tamales. Coaches' selections -Kaycie Lindland, Lauren Farrauto, Ally Meeker (PL): Sabrina Pertica, Amanda Price Meeker (PL): Sabrina Pertica, Amanda Price, Shelby Williams (HT). Quail Electronics, Inc. Little Stingers vs. Kapowee Diamond Diggers. Coaches' selections - Skylar Vinson, Shelby Straum, Maddie Addington (LS). Pertica Insurance Services Hot Tamales vs. Kapowee Diamond Diggers. Coaches' selec-tions - Olivia Claypool, Alexis Diaz, Alicia Diaz (HT). Diaz (HT).

Amador Swimming

IM. 100 breast)

IM, 100 breast) 200 Medley Relay - 1st AV 1:53.40 (Catherine Breed, Tory Houston, Marina Allen, Kayleigh Foley), 2nd Cal 1:54.51, 3rd (Cal 2:01.35; 200 Free Bridget Bugbee (Cal) 1:57.11, Marie Schmidt (AV) 2:01.47, Casey Coughlin (AV) 2:04.05; 200 IM - Delise Batiza (Cal) 2:13.07, Tory Houston (AV) 2:15.71, Stephanie Cheng (Cal) 2:17.47; 50 Free - Kayleigh Foley (AV) 24.63, Helen Sun (Cal) 2:5.73, Jenn Docto (AV) 25.80; Diving - Jennifer Cotton (AV) 156.10, Lisa Grau (AV) 147.95, Ashley Salustri (AV) 131.80 100 Fly - Marina Allen (AV) 1:02.10, Wong (Cal) 1:04.90, Natalie Meltzer (Cal) 1:05.09; 100 Free - Kayleigh Foley (AV) 54.42, Jenn Docto (AV) 56.71, Marie Schmidt (AV) 57.77; 500 Free - Catherine Breed (AV) 4:55.37, Bridget Bugbee (Cal) 5:15.51, Natalie Wong (AV) 5:19.36; 200 Free Relay - 1st AV (Tory Houston, Marina Allen, Melissa Pease, Jenn Docto) 1:46.10, 2nd Cal 1:48.86, 3rd AV 1:49.15; 100 Back- Catherine Breed (AV) 1:01.34, Delise Batiza (Cal) 1:01.35, Stephanie Cheng (Cal) 1:04.65; 100 Breast - Natalie Meltzer (Cal) 1:08.08, Tory Houston (AV) 1:10.22, Natalie Wong (AV) 1:14.07; 400 Free Relay 1st AV 3:43.30 (Catherine Breed, Jenn Docto, Natalie Wong, Kayleigh Foley), 2nd Cal 3:44.18, 3rd AV 3:59.57 Kayleigh Foley), 2nd Cal 3:44.18, 3rd AV 3:59

VARSITY BOYS: Amador Valley High School (2-3) stayed close to California (3-3) in the Boys Varsity swim meet, but fell short, primarily in the free events, at the end of the meet, falling 107-78. The Dons came into the swimming

the Dons came into the swimming portion of the meet up by seven points led by the first place diving of Tyler Pullen. They stayed close, even taking the lead 31-30 after the 200 IM. However, Cal went 1,2,4 in the 100 Free to open up a 15 point lead and the Dons could get no closer. Tim McL auchlin Dons could get no closer. Tim McLaughlin (200 Free) and Andrew Seitz (200 IM) grabbed first place finishes for the Dons. Seitz also got a second in the 500 Free while Kyle Surber finished a close second in the 50 Free. Edward Zhang also took a second in the 100 backstroke.

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 California 107 - Amador Valley 78: 200 Medley Relay - 1st Cal (Quincy, Perfect, Stelter, Bracken) 1:44.28, 2nd Cal 1:50.12, 3rd AV 1:50.54; 200 Free - Tim McLaughlin (AV) 1:54.08, Andrew Liu (Cal) 1:56.06, Daniel Lazaruz (Cal) 2:02.29; 200 IM - Andrew Seitz (AV) 2:03.47, Brad Perfect (Cal) 2:06.04, Jake Bahls (AV) 2:09.58; 50 Free - Stewart Bracken (Cal) 22.39, Kyle Surber (AV) 23.17, Jeremy Lewis (Cal) 24.05; Diving - Tyler Pullen (AV) 259.20, Nick Mancini (Cal) 136.85, Casey Long (AV) 103.40; 100 Fly - Kyle Stelter (Cal) 57.70, He (Cal) 57.95, Tim McLaughlin (AV) 1:01.99; 100 Free - Stewart Bracken (Cal) 48.93, Thomas (Cal) 52.22, James Raynel (AV) 153.67; 500 Free -Paul Quincy (Cal) 4:46.98, Andrew Seitz (AV) 4:47.07, Jake Bahls (AV) 1:01.71; 200 Free Relay - 1st Cal (Lewis, Quincy, Stelter, Thomas) 1:34.12, 2nd AV 1:34.47, 3rd Cal 1:40.19; 100 Back - Paul Quincy (Cal) 1:06.83, Krishnan Rajagopalan (AV) 1:10.71; 400 Free Relay - 1st Cal (He, Lazarus, Perfect, Terres) 3:26.44, 2nd AV 3:35.51, 3rd Cal 3:46.45.
 JV BOYS: Despite winning the 200 Medley Relay to start the meet, the Amador Valley JV Boys found themselves trailing 37-40 midway through their meet with Cal. Up to that point, the Dons had not taken an individual first. However, after that point,

Up to that point, the Dons had not taken an individual first. However, after that point, Amador tied or out-pointed the Grizzlies in every event and pulled out a narrow 93-76 win.

Curtis Wong and Jae Ryoo got the comeback started by going 1-2 in the 100 Free to give the Dons a 49-44 lead. James Cheney and Stefan Hall then went 2-3 in the 500 free to keep the lead at five points. The 200 Medley Relay team (Wong, Ryoo, Sam Martin and Treyor Landsa) wonto un the lead Martin and Trevor Landas) won to up the lead

to seven. The 100 backstroke upped the Amador lead by another two points with Chris Johnston

taking first. Wong and Landas essentially put the meet in the bag by going 1-2 in the 100 breaststroke but the 400 Free Relay team (Johnston, Martin, Chang and Hall) put an exclamation point on the meet by taking the final event.

JV GIRLS: Winning every race doesn't

JV GIRLS: Winning every race doesn't guarantee a victory in swimming and diving, but it sure helps. This was certainly true in the Amador Valley JV girls 130-51 thrashing of California High on Friday. Kristin McNeil started the meet off well, taking the diving event by 8 points over teammate Ari Byers. The Dons went on to take the 200 medley relay to start the swim-ming meet followed by Allie Hernbroth taking the 200 Free, Christina Zhang in the 100 IM, Chelsea King in 50 free and Michelle Schirle in the 50 Butterfly. Kaitlyn Cilk then took the 100 free and Kellv Avon the 500 free leading into the 200

T-Ball Indians vs. Tigers: During the first inning Jarad Pugh hit the ball hard down the center and ran fast to first base. Michael Rodriguez was the powerhouse hitter of the game. He swung hard and nailed the ball. Michael Delucia fielded like a pro player. Catching and throwing the baseball are his specialty. Every Indian smashed the ball toward the Tigers. In the field they moved around and tried to not let the baseball get away from them. The Indians thur burg tourb in away from them. The Indians hung tough in the heat. They caught the ball, threw the ball and hit the ball hard.

Athletics vs. White Sox: There were a lot of great defensive plays and some incredible his during a very exciting game. Jackson Hager went 3 for 3 at the plate including 2 doubles. He was also all over the field defensively making several stellar plays. Scott Renton got the game ball for his efforts. They included a spectacular line drive catch at second base that had fans on both sides of the field chearing in ann around Harrison the field cheering in amazement. Harrison Carter was also a stand-out player. He had a two out single in the 3rd that got a strong rally started and fielded several grounders for outs at 1st.

at 1st. **Farm B:** Yankees vs. Angels: Hope Alley has been one of the team's strongest defensive player this season and held her title by catching several balls covering third base. The Yankees had several big hitters in the game. Keaton Smith was the closet player hit to a home run all season. Matthew Greenup considently ecourd bics send at first bace with fast line drives. Red Sox vs. Twins: The Red Sox en-

joyed a great game against the Twins this week, especially showing growth at infield play. Payton Brown and John Morse each had a chance to make awesome outs at first base with their quick action. Cody Vaeth also rocked the infield and overcame a tremendous collision to make an out at 1st. Farm A: Indians vs. Angels: The Indians

played another outstanding game today against the Angels. Logan Still knocked the ball out of the field landing his first home run for the season. Best defensive fielder was Nathar Samuli at first base. Finally, Kyle Walsh dominated the field with his solid batting.

White Sox vs. Athletics: A fine game on a hot day. Eric Thomas shone with confident drives bringing the runs in, and reliable fielding for some swift outs. Dyllan Hazen again showed his mettle with consistent and outgothed bits down the middle including a

neiding for some swirt outs. Dyllan Hazen again showed his mettle with consistent and powerful hits down the middle, including a nice scramble and slide for a triple. Kapil Raman had sharp fielding both in the infield and outfield, stopping and chasing the ball, and strong throws in. **Minor AA:** White Sox 10, Angels 10: An awesome 6 inning game was played by the White Sox and the Angels and ended in a tie. The White Sox had a lot of big hitters up at the plate on Monday night. Will Muat hit one deep into center field and it looked like it was going over the fence. Cullen Carns hit a mean double to center field as well. Nice swinging boys. Andrew Bonilla had great form on the mound and threw a lot of strikes for outs to hold the Angels. Angels 10, White Sox 10: It was a chilly Monday evening and it took the Angels to o

Angels 10, White Sox 10: It was a chilly Monday evening and it took the Angels two full innings before they thawed out and started putting points on the scoreboard. Tanner Strangmeyer pitched three very fast innings and handed the reins over to Riley Shields and Matt Dickinson who tempered the White Sox lead. A string of base hits by Joe Geasa, Andrew Liggett and Tanner Strangmeyer along with a number of walks led to a relatively high scoring game and eventual tie. eventual tie.

Majors: White Sox 12, Yankees 4: The Majors: White Sox 12, Yankees 4: 1 he White Sox came to play today. Operating on all cylinders they were impressive on both sides of the diamond. On offensive Donald Camello led the team with 2 home runs and 5 rbis. The White Sox collected 12 hits as they could be a man and be 7 amore strended on scored 12 runs and left 7 runners stranded or the base paths. On defense the pitching staff of Chase Henley, Alex Zwingle and Will Pickett kept the Yankees off balance an off the base paths. They had 9 Ks between them. On the defense the White Sox kept the errors down and had many heads up plays.

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T-Ball: Valentine Wealth Management Inc. vs. Contra Costa County Auto Auction: Top players: Valentine Wealth Management Inc.—Andrea Harding, Jayden Silva, Kyra Thordsen; Contra Costa County Auto Auc-tion—Samantha Brown, Tara Daly, Sonya Panwar

Panwar **Micro Division** Borg Redwood Fence vs. TSI: Borg Redwood Fence: Great fielding from Rachel Pettey, Amy Asmussen, Nicole Riordan and Kristen Greene. Madison Burke had 2 awesome hits. Top Players: Borg Redwood Fence—Amy Asmussen, Madi-son Burke, Rachel Pettey; TSI—Abbie Coo-per, Katherine Delevaux, Jordann Klein. Excel Realty, & Mortgaze vs. Saavy

Bennett, a base clearing triple by Rachel LaRont, double by Taylor Lobb, and RBI perfect bunt by Victoria Betz. Team defense was awesome with strong pitching from Rachel LaRont and fielding by Mia Volpatti, Grace Naylor, Carly Grossano, Ashley Breyer, and (coming off injured reserve) Samantha Whalen. Rounding out the team effort was strong team support and cheering from in-jured reserve player Cameo Schubert.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League highlights from last week:

last week: **Majors** - Diamondbacks 0, Red Sox 10. Red Sox pitcher Lyndon Moreland pitched 4 2/3 innings, giving up 0 runs, 0 hits, and struck out 11 batters. Devon Sturgill pitched well for the Diamondbacks - 3 innings and 3 strike-outs. Red Sox Top Hitters - Ryan Mathia 2B, 1B; Derek Wilcox 2B, 3B, 2 RBI's; Devyn Kelly 2B, 1B, 1 RBL Josh Quadara had a double and ended the game with a home run, 3 RBI's.

with a home run, 3 RBI's. Diamondbacks 11 Giants 10. It was a wild game as the Diamondbacks defeated the Giants to hold onto second place. Michael Duterte drove home the winner for the D'backs as Tanner Cortez scored on a play at the plate. Top Hitters: D'backs – Isaiah Mendez – 2 singles, double, RBI, 3 runs scored; Brian White – single, double, run scored; 3 RBI; Jacon Silva single, double, 2 RBI, Giants Jason Silva single, double, 2 RBI. Giants – Kyle Trask – 2 home runs, single, 3 runs scored, 4 RBI; Matt Santos - home run, 2 RBI; Brandon Self – single, triple, RBI, run scored. Top Pitchers: D'backs – Logan Van Schaack 3 IP. Giants – Jacob Benavidez – 2

IP, 4 K Cardinals 7, Cubs 1 - Top Hitters Cardinals 7, Cubs 1 - Top Hitters Cardinals - Casey Soltis hit a home run and a single, doubles were hit by Matt Hilgen and Michael Pierce. Cub's Matty Proetel had a single and at his next at bat he hit the ball deep and with the baln of an error made it round and with the help of an error made it round the bases and in to score the Cub's only run of the game. Top Pitchers: Cardinals - Ryan Dearborn 6IP, 4H, IR, 15K; Cub's - Bryan Brinkley 4IP, 7H, 3R, 7K. A great defensive play at 3rd base was made by Zak Blair of the Cubs.

Cubs. A's 1, Red Sox 9. Top Hitters A's -Michael Carlson 1B; Jacob Lutz 1B; Mat-thew Droege 2-1B, RBI. Red Sox - Devyn Kelly 2-1B, 3 runs scored; Gino Belluomini 2B, 1B, 2 RBI's, 2 runs scored; Brandon Jefferis 2B, 1B, 2 RBI's, run scored. Top Pitchers A's - Llewelyn Slone 3IP, 1R, 4H, 2K; Red Sox - Brandon Jefferis 5IP, 1R, 4H, 9K 9K

Minor AAA - Mariners 10, D'backs 9 a close match that went to the bottom of the 6th when Jonah Teetsel came to the plate with our when Jonan Teetsel came to the plate with 2 outs and bases loaded to hit a chopper past the infield to score the game tying and game winning runs. Top hitters for the Mariners were Anthony Miller, Austin Albiani, and Jonan Teetsel (each with 2 RBIs). Jared Buranis and Jordan Buranis added 1 RBI each. Top hitters for the D'Backs were Jason Campbell (HR, 1 RBI), Jake Jackson (2

HEARING

SERVICES

Youth Lacrosse

Blizzards: Despite a heartbreaking loss in their first game, the Pleasanton girls Blizzard 5th/6th lacrosse team regained their composer and continued to roll with an 8-7 win against the Diablo Stingers. In game one against the Diablo Venom, Kaylee Udinski scored first for the Blizzard while Annelise scored first for the Blizzard while Annelise Dutcher and Haley Brodnick pitched in one goal each to bring the game to a 3-3 tie at the half. The Blizzard kept the contest tight late into the game with additional goals scored for Brodnick and Dutcher, but fell one goal short of the Venom. Goalie Lauren Caldwell re-corded 8 sayes for the game

of the Venom. Goalie Lauren Caldwell re-corded 8 saves for the game. In game two against The Stingers, The Blizzard dominated with an 8-7 win. Sabrina Dolan, Jaime Rinetti, and goalie Alyssa Marceno stepped up at defense to hold the one point lead. Offensively, Haley Brodnick, and Meghan Serrano chipped in 2 goals each while Annelise Dutcher, Maddie Aston, Lauren Caldwall and Brianna Armario each Lauren Caldwell, and Brianna Armario each

early 4-0 deficit to tie the Novato Knights 6-6. Daniel Payne of the Monsoon played an outstanding fwo way game, winning numer-ous ground balls, distributing on offense and playing tough defense. The scoring was courtesy of Tanner and Keenan Christoff with 3 goals each. David Acosta led a tough defense with help from James Angst from the midfield.

midfield. On Saturday, the Monsoon fell to Dan-ville 8-4. Tanner Christoff scored three goals for the Monsoon who despite the result played one of their better games of the season. Christopher Klahr, Tyler Wilhite, Conner Fey, Nick Stivers and Colin Roeder had outstanding games for the Monsoon

oulstanding games for the Monsoon. Pleasanton Typhoon B2 Pups fell to the Burlingame Coyotes in a 5-0 decisions whose score belied a tough fought battle. While the Typhoon played even with the second-place Burlingame Coyotes for much of the game, they eventually succumbed to the brutal heat and a much larger Burlingame team. While every member of the Typhoon team is to be congratulated for their effort, there were several stand-outs. Bailey Held

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Rocks 9. The Pop Rocks displayed great offense and great defense with Haylie Hill playing excellent backup in right field, Lauren Huizar bunted her way to first and then scored and later caught a fly at second base, and Stephanie Ricker pitched a great inning.

Earth Safety Dynamics Attack 11, Bruce Bowen Photography Grapes of Wrath 8. The Grapes of Wrath stayed close throughout, but was unable to come out on top. Jessica Choi reached base all three times at bat with two singles and pitched a great third inning, Ariana Taylor reached base both times at bat and scored a run, and Austyn Najera also reached base twice and scored once.

Vintage Management Group Triple Threat 15, Total Sports Hornets 4. For the Triple

Showing no let down after a tough defeat to Monte Vista last week, the Amador Valley High School Varsity (4-1) girls got out to an early lead and cruised to a 113-73 victory over Cal (2-4). The Dons took first in all but three

Cai (2-4). The meet. Kayleigh Foley and Catherine Breed both took a pair of firsts. Foley in the 50 and 100 free and Breed in the 500 free and the 100 backstroke. Both also swam on the winning 200 medley and 400 free relay teams.

Other individual first place finishes were garnered by Jennifer Cotton in the diving competition and Marina Allen in the 100 butterfly. Tory Houston had a good meet getting a pair of second place finishes (200

Kelly Avon the 500 free leading into the 200 Free relay. Avon, Schrile, Cilk and Brittany

Gallagher took first in the relay. In the last two individual events, Sarah Turner too the 100 back while Cilk got her second individual first of the meet in the 100

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per, Katherine Delevaux, Jordann Klein. Excel Realty & Mortgage vs. Saavy Seconds: For the Saavy Seconds, Carly Rose Recupero had a great line drive hit and Jordan Ciesielski threw to 1st for the out. Kiana Meagher did an excellent job pitching. For Excel Realty & Mortgage, Taylor Sowers, Lindsey Schroeder, and Kailey Kalabolas all did a wonderful job on the field and hitting. Top players: Excel Realty & Mortgage— Kailey Kalabolas, Lindsey Schroeder, Taylor Sowers; Saavy Seconds—Jordan Ciesielski, Kiana Meagher, Carly Rose. Recupero Saavy Seconds vs. J.P. Build-

Recupero Saavy Seconds vs. J.P. Build-



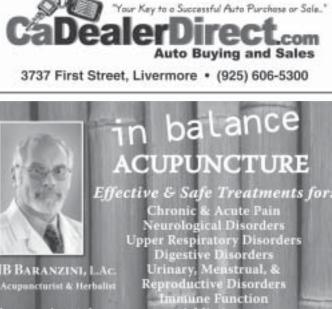






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SPORTS NOTES

ers: For Saavy Seconds, Sammi Carlson had a great out at 3rd base, Haleigh Lopes got a pop fly, and Vivianna Carnes really sped to 1st to be safe. For J.P. Builders, Emma Fritsch, Terra McHone, and Dina Parks cheved o let of structure the stude Teop showed a lot of strength on the field. Top players: Savvy Seconds—Sammi Carlson, Vivianna Carnes, Haleigh Lopes; J.P. Build-ers—Emma Fritsch, Tera McHone, Dina Parks.

Barks. Friends of PGSL vs. All Star Sports: Ariana Amini-Nejad had some great throws. Top players: Friends of PGSL—Ariana Amini-Nejad, Hailey Hogarty, Emily Peterson; All Star Sports—Haley Carr, Hannah Johnson, Morgan Miles. Niki Ward Photography vs. Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurances: Outstanding pitch-ing by both teams. Top players: Niki Ward Photography—Claire Larsen, Olivia McGee, Alison Smith; Leslie Wolf-State Farm In-surance—Savanah Caires, Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf, Emma Monsen. Mini Rec Division Assist Tel Com vs. Pilates on Spring: Assist Tel Com 's Gabriele

Wolf, Emma Monsen.
Mini Rec Division Assist Tel Com vs.
Pilates on Spring: Assist Tel Com's Gabriele
Finley base hit off the pitcher. Pilates on
Spring's Courney Goldstein did some great
pitching. Assist Tel Com's McKenna Moura
and Brooke Christian also pitched great.
Top players: Assist Tel Com—Brooke
Christian, Gabriele Finley, Alexa McGee;
Pilates on Spring—Victorina Garcia,
Courtney Goldstein, Maeve Leininger.
Moonshot Girl vs. Pacific Dental Care:
Double plays by Kameryn Esmeyer and
Shreya Madan. Top players: Moonshot
Girl—Brianna Bench, Shelby Cabral, Callan
Pacanton Nursing & Rehabilitation
vs. Peasanton Glass: Top players: Pleasanton
Nursing & Rehabilitation—Irina
Gutierrez, Katherine Jackson, Emma Long;
Pleasanton Glass—Analese Chinn, Shannon Greenhouse, Beth Williams.
E Squared Automotive Group vs.
Japonesque: Top players—Esquared Automotive Group vs.
Japonesque: Top players: Clear Path
Business Advisors vs. Pacific Dental Care: Top players: Clear Path
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Business Advisors Sarah Almeida, Talia
Florio, Jacqueline Wood; Pacific Dental
Care—Chelsea Burke, Courtney Dinelli, Hanah Ochoa.
Moonshot Girl vs. Friends of PGSL:

Hannah Ochoa.

Care—Cheľsea Burke, Courtney Dinelli, Hannah Ochoa. Moonshot Girl vs. Friends of PGSL: Great hits by Shelby Cabral and Carly Moresco. Great pitching by Claire Wagner and Sonora Andrews. Top players: Moonshot Girl—Sabrina Dunham, Shreya Madan, Taylor Martinelli; Friends of PGSL—Carly Moresco, Maya Nozaka, Claire Wagner. AMS vs. ACC Environmental Con-sultants, Inc.: AMS made 3 good plays at home to tag the runners out. ACC Environ-mental Consultants, Inc. had good fielding with several plays at first for the out. Top players: AMS—Charlotte Armstrong, Adriana Harris, Kelsey Miles; ACC Envi-ronmental Consultants, Inc.—Haley Beltran, Danielle Sirota, Imani Wilson. Axia All Stars vs. Moonshot Girl: Excellent playing from both teams. Top players: Axial All Stars—Gianna Barletta, Rebecca Deckinger, Grace Nielson; Moonshot Girl—Brianna Bench, Nicole Craven, Hannah Frieson.

Monstor Graven, Hannah Frieson. **Mini Upper Division** J. Lohr Vine-yards & Wines Sluggers 4, Kimberly War-ren-Keller Williams Realty Jets 3: Top players: J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines— Christina Echavia, Hanna Mallie, Jessica O'Neal; Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams Poalty. Achlow Balostrori Choleon Eddy. -Ashley Balestreri, Chelsey Eddy, Realty-Kelly Jefferies. Titan PCB, Inc. 9, BEMA Electronics

Titan PCB, Inc. 9, BEMA Electronics 2: Titan PCB, Inc.: Strong pitching by Alyssa Bardakos. Excellent fielding by Caroline Clark and Karlee Sweitzer. RBIby Karlee Sweitzer. BEMA Electronics: Excel-lent fielding by Hannah Brown and Tami Kwong. A double by Haley Wesenberg. Top players: Titan PCB, Inc.—Alyssa Bardakos, Caroline Clark, Karlee Sweitzer; BEMA Electronics—Hannah Brown, Tami Kwong, Halev Wesenberg Haley Wesenhe

Minor Rec Division Friends of PGSL Ninor Rec Division Friends of 1 GJz 5, Hyatt Summerfield Suites 6: Top players: Friends of PGSL—Katie Grant, Savannah Morales, Allie Sweitzer, Hyatt Summerfield Suites— Molly Burchett, Lexi Campisi, Rachael Miller.

Rachael Miller. Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction, Inc. 12, West Masonry 1: Top players: Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction, Inc. — Meghan Fletcher, Myranda Marzocco, Caitlyn Murray; West Masonry— Devon Buteau, Nicole Gilbreth, Kiley Stowell. Canyon Chironractic & Dr Dees DC 9

Stowell. Canyon Chiropractic & Dr. Dees, DC 9, Friends of PGSL 6: Friends of PGSL took an early 3 run lead in the top of the first inning. Canyon Chiropractic & Dr. Dees, DC scored I run in the bottom of the first, and then took the lead with 4 in the 2nd inning and never looked back Ton players: inning, and never looked back. Top players: Canyon Chiropractic & Dr. Dees, DC— Kristen Marks, Kendall Martinez, Kayla

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League highlights

AAA Division: Rex Sox 17, The Nation-AAA Division: Rex Sox 17, The Nation-als 1: The Red Sox bats were on fire again as they were victorious over the Nationals last Saturday 17 to 1. Along with scoring 17 runs, the team had 17 hits, including 5 doubles. Every player had at least one hit. Leading the

satuday 17 hints, including 5 doubles. Every player had at least one hit. Leading the way were Hayden Berson, Brian Blasquez, Patrick Ronan, Noah Pacheco and Ollie Allen. The defensive fielding and base running has become rock solid as the pitching allowed only one run with total of 12k's. Top Offensive Players: Hayden Berson – 3 for 3, 2 doubles, 7 RBI's Brian Blasquez - 3 for 3, 1 double, 3 RBI's Patrick Ronan – 3 for 3, 2 double, 1 RBI's Brian Blasquez - 3 for 3, 1 double, 1 RBI's Brian Blasquez - 3 for 3, 1 double, 3 RBI's Patrick Ronan – 3 for 3, 1 double, 1 RBI's Brian Blasquez - 3 for 3, 1 double, 1 RBI's Brian Blasquez - 3 for 3, 2 doubles, 7 RBI's Brian Blasquez - 0 for 3, 2 RBI's Ollie Allen 2 for 3, 2 RBI's; Top Defensive Players: Brian Blasquez, pitching 4 k's Haden Berson, pitch-ing 4 k's Justin Gronley pitching 4 k's. Orioles 10, Tigers 0: Orioles pitching staff Nate Gipson, Jack Connolly, Nick Martin, and Shawn Kienhofer combined to pitch a no hitter. The first place Orioles, who now have a 7-1 record, combined big hits and excellent pitching to shut down the Tigers. Top Offen-sive Players: Ryan Hobbs, Jakob Davidson, Top Defensive Players: Timmy Wu, Arthur Hwang, Nick Bush. **Majors:** White Sox 8, A's 9: Collin Richardson and Josh Stevens pitched aggres-sively against the hard hitting White Sox, Josh Steven Closed out the game striking out the last 6 batters. Rueben Mercado, Ryan Gronlund and Justin Gibson worked together for a picture perfect double play. Greg Miller con-ributed in the field by making 3 outs. Other defensive standouts were Ryan Gronlund Kenny Spivey and Collin Richardson. Justin Gibson was 3 for 3 at the plate with 2 singles and a triple resulting in 3 RBIs. Greg Miller was 2 for 2 at the plate with a single and double, resulting in an RBI and scoring twice himself. Mihir Naik hit the ball over the fence but was robbed by the fielder who reached over the fence and made the catch. Angels 11, White Sox 8: All players were

robbed by the fielder who reached over the fence and made the catch. Angels 11, White Sox 8: All players were hitting well. Ivan Swalve hit a strong double to tie the game 5:5 in the 1st inning and went on to pitch 5 strong innings holding the Sox down. Matt Weir hit a double sliding into the base then stole home. Jordan Ott hit well. Jake Wilgus hit a double and Weir went on to send a crushing line drive down the 3rd baseline a crushing line drive down the 3rd baseline. Derek Banister was the closing pitcher striking out the side in the 6th for the win.

In weekend play, the Angels lost to the Rangers in an extra inning 10-9. Top Offensive Players: Matt Weir, Kevin Vigallon, Joran Ott; Top Defensive Players: Ivan Swalve, Derek Banister, Stephen Chipman, Camden Murtach Murtagl

A Division: Redwings vs. Bees: The entire Redwings team hustled on Saturday and repeatedly made close plays at first and second base. Trevor Doster had an unassisted double play at shortstop and three big hits. Staton Rosenblum handled his glove well at first base and had four big hits. Carter Person was hitting excellent and had four strong hits and two excellent 1-3 outs at pitcher teaming up with

Staton. The word for the day was hit, hit, hit for the Redwings against the Defenders. Everyone use neeuwings against the Defenders. Everyone was hitting, scoring and making great plays. Joey Nickel had 4 hits and made a throw from pitcher to 1st for an out. Josh Low smashed one to center field and had a double play. Eric Shields played excellent at first base and had 2 great hits. Muckdogs ve. Bivardogs: Anthony con

Muckdogs vs. Riverdogs: Anthony con-tinued his hot hitting by slamming a double to the outfield for two RBI's, and Andrew and

in the outfield for two RBI's, and Andrew and Zach each chipped in with a base knock and an RBI in a five run Riverdog first. In the field, the Riverdogs looked sharp. They retired consecutive base runners on force outs at second, Andrew to Anthony. Jay made two unassisted put outs at first and later held a foul tip for strike three playing catcher. **AA Division:** Pirates 1, Red Sox 11: Red Sox dominated both in offense and defense throughout the game. Tanner Calcagno com-pletely dominated the mound for the first three innings churning out nine strikeouts without giving in any score. Cliff Moran started the 11 score streak by a RBI single in the first top. In the second, Mitchell Lawrence hit a grand double scoring two RBI's following Daniel Choi's single RBI hit. Again Cliff Moran singled followed by another single by Ray-mond Abels in the third inning. The Red Sox didn't stop there, adding runs on three singles by Matthew Morosoli, Raymond Abels, and Eric Doppee, respectively in the fourth. Daniel Choi to everthe mound in the ton of fourth Eric Doppee, respectively in the fourth. Daniel Choi took over the mound in the top of fourth and showed a quality pitching with two strikeouts. Mitch Lawrence came in to save the game with two more strike outs. Top Offensive Players: Mitchell Lawrence, Cliff Moran, Raymond Abels Top Defensive Players: Tan-

ner Calcagno Junior 80s: Dublin 8, PFLL 6: Dublin started strong with 6 runs in the first two innings. In the 3rd inning PFLL responded sparring ability than his kata abilities, sur-prised some people with his first place form against 20 competitors. Lucas also competed in the sparring event. Carla Kochmann: Sr. Women's Spar-ring, Purple and Blue Belts. Carla won this competition against eight other competitors in her first tournament with United Studios, and also commeted in forms and weapons

and also competed in forms and weapons events as well.

events as welf. Scott Samuelson: Sr. Men's Sparring, Purple and Blue Belts. Scott won this event, which was dominated by Livermore partici-pants. His final match, against another Liv-ermore student, was described as a "textbook match" by the judge. 2nd Place Finishes: Kegger O'Neal: Jr Kata, Black Belts. Kegger finished second only to a student from Foster City who has won several national competitions in this area.

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area. Jasmine Geyer: Pee Wee Girls Sparring, White, Yellow and Orange Belts. Jasmine finished second among ten competitors in this event, and almost pulled off a 1st place upset after starting the match down two points to tie it up, but then lose on a tie-breaker. Frank Ferrel: Sr. Men's Sparring, Purple and Blue Belts. Frank's second place finish was his best performance in his tournament experience, and no doubt a sign of things to come. Frank lost in the final match to his classmate, Scott, who is close to a foot taller than Frank.

than Frank.

3rd Place Finishes: Gabrielle Drewes: Jr. 3^{ad} Place Finishes: Gabrielle Drewes: Jr. Pee Wee Girls Sparring, Purple and Blue Belts. Gabrielle finished third in this event, which is highlighted by the simple fact that so few girls her age (4-6 year olds) even make it to the rank of blue belt. Gabrielle Drewes: Jr. Pee Wee Kata, Purple and Blue Belts. Gabrielle got her second third place trophy with her perfor-mance in this forms event against 13 competi-tors.

mance in this forms event against to competent tors. Tyler Felgenhauer: Pee Wee Boys Spar-ring, Purple Belts. Tyler's third place here was against 16 other opponents in this event. Max DeSantis: Pee Wee Boys Sparring, Green Belts. Max, who is one of the best all-around martial artists in the Livermore dojo, competed against 14 other competitors for this event.

Kyle Yeoman: Boys Sparring, White and Yellow Belts. Kyle had a very good showing in his first tournament, competing against seven other competitors in this event. There is no doubt that this experience will help him in the tourname tourname for a well. Kelt a clea in future tournaments as well. Kyle also

in future tournaments as well. Kyle also competed in the forms event. 4th Place Finishes: Dakota Kleven: Jr. Mens Sparring, Purple and Blue Belts. Dakota finished fourth in his second tourna-ment, but his first in the older category. Louis Napolitano: Sr. Men Sparring, Purple and Blue Belts. Louis was the third of Livermore's students to place in this event. Jonathan Weiss: Pee Wee Boys Sparring, Green Belts.

Green Belts For more information on tournaments at

United Studios or other special events held at the school, please call 925-449-1746 or visit at 4429 1st Street in Livermore.

Livermore Aquacowboys

The Livermore Aquacowboys kicked off the long course swim season by participating in the SRVLA Long Course swim meet. The team achieved new best times in 96% of their swims with eleven year old Jessica dropping a total of 72 seconds over the course of the meet. Nina Hayes, 11, qualified for the Far Western championships in the 50 butter fly. Four Aquacowboys earned new lunior Olym-

a total of 72 Seconds over the conset of the Far weet. Nina Hayes, 11, qualified for the Far Western championships in the 50 butter fly. Four Aquacowboys earned new Junior Olym-pic qualifications: Shelby Swanson (13). Moriah Simonds, (10). Nina Hayes (11), Evan Carlo (15). Patrick Kulp, 15, earned a new A time and took 2nd place in the men's 50 freestyle. Katie Kulp, 11, earned a new A time in the 400 IM and 200 freestyle. Taylor Brennan, 8, earned a new A time and took 1st place in the 100 freestyle. Results: Boys: **6 and Under**: Paige DaCosta — 50 free, 3rd, 49, 89, 50 back, 2nd. 57.77; **8 and Under**: Matthew Hayes — 100 breast, 2:35.89, 50 free, 9th, 52.71, 50 back, 1:02.44; Xander Bass — 50 free, 4th, 59, 88, 50 back, 1st, 1:11.30; **15-16**: Evan Carlo — 100 breast, 4th, 1:26.45, 50 free, 29.63, 400 IM, 3rd, 5:33.47, 100 back, 3rd, 1:11.78, New JO; Patrick Kulp — 200 fly, 4th, 3:02.13, 100 breast, 1st, 1:40.02, 50 free, 2nd, 29.14, New A, 400 IM, 2nd, 6:31.24. Girls: **8 and Under**: Ashley Burton — 50 fly, 7th, 1:15.64, 50 bree, 8th, 57.39, 50 back, 6th, 1:22.53; Taylor Brennan — 100 free, 1st, 1:36.03, New A, 50 free, 2nd, 39.87, 50 back, 1:43, 49.06; **9-10**: Catherine Elliott — 100 back, 1:43, 21, 50 fly, 47,99, 50 breast, 58.29, 100 free, 4th, 37.71, 100 fly, 10th, 1:51.19, 50 back, 6th, 46.75; Moriah Simonds — 100 back, 8th, 1:39.81, 50 fly, 9th, 45.48, 50 breast, 1st, 47.29, New JO, 100 free, 3rd, 1:24.41, 100 breast, 5th, 1:43.65, 50 free, 8th, 38.09, 50 back, 48.31; Sarah Swanson — 100 back, 1:43.71, 50 fly, 48.24, 50 breast, 4th, 49.39, 100 free, 4th, 2:61.71, 100 breast, 4th, 45.08, 50 breast, 6th, 57.371, 50 hack, 4:63.50 free, 8th, 35.07, 100 breast, 5th, 1:43.65, 50 freest, 4th, 49.39, 100 free, 4th, 2:61.71, 100 breast, 4th, 1:48.38, 50 frey, 2:61, 36.90, 100 fly, 18th, 2:09.71, 50 back, 4:63.64, 50 breast, 4th, 45.05 breast, 6th, 2:63.71, 50 fly, 4:82.45, 50 breast, 4th, 45.05, 50 breast, 4th, 50 frey, 2:61, 62.44, 50 breast, 4th, 45.35, 50 frey, 2:61, 62.44, 50 breast, 4th, 45.35, 50 frey, 3: Sarah Swanson — 100 back, 1:43.71, 50 fly, 48.24, 50 breast, 4th, 49.39, 100 free, 4th, 1:26.17, 100 breast, 4th, 1:48.38, 50 free, 2nd, 36.90, 100 fly, 18th, 2:09.71, 50 back, 49.72; **11-12**: Haley Hamza — 50 fly, 8th, 44.78, 200 IN, 3:18.79, 50 free, 35.19, 100 breast, 1:54.14, 200 free, 2:52.35, 50 breast, 49.54, 100 back, 14th, 1:31.01; Jessica Paul – 50 fly, 2nd, 40.81, 200 IM, 3:40.86, 50 free, 37.76, 200 free, 8th, 3:17.96, 50 breast, 9th, 52.82, 100 fly, 5th, 1:41.94; Katie Kulp – 50 fly, 10th, 38.09, 200 IM, 8th, 2:59.55, New A, 50 free, 9th, 34.60, 100 breast, 1:43.22, 200 free, 1st, 2:38.57, New A, 50 breast, 47.86, 400 IM, 10th, 6:17.68, 100 back, 1:30.97; Kylie Clark — 50 fly, 38.72, 200 IM, 6th, 2:57.42, New A, 50 free, 7th, 34.33, 100 breast, 3rd, 1:29.30, 200 IM, 6:19.96, 100 back, 1:33.50; Nina Hayes — 50 fly, 6th, 33.61, New FRW, 200 IM, 1st, 2:53.09, New JO, 50 free, 7th, 30.91, 100 breast, 9th, 1:32.17, 200 free, 2:34.96, 50 breast, 47.85, 41.01 fly, 9th, 1:19.13, 100 back, 1:23.74; **13-14**; Shelby Swanson — 200 free, 5th, 2:35.86, 100 free, 1:09.89, 200 breast, 7th, 3:25.35, 100 breast, 5th, 1:35.73, 50 free, 31.71, New JO, 400 IM, 2nd, 6:05.96, 100 back, 3rd, 1:23.79.

Heather Chandler (11), Caitlin Macgregor (11), Morgan Mcgrath (11), Maggie Woods (12), Kevin Mclaughlin (12), Anthony Shen (11), Nick Silverthorn (12), Caleb Wang (12), and Bridget Moran (14).

California Gymnastics

Jordan Garza of California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Level 8, 9, `0 Regoinal Championships in Long Beach over the weekend

Results: LEVEL 8: Age Group: 13B VAULT - Jordan Garza (8.7) BARS - Garza, 5th place (9.075) BEAM - Garza, T10th place (9.0) FLOOR - Garza, T8th place (9.3) ALL AROUND - Garza, T10th place (36.075).

West Coast Gymnastics

Patricia Aubel from West Coast Olympic Gymnastics competed in the Level 8, 9,10 Region 1 Gymnastics Championships held in Long Beach on April 25-27th. Patricia had an outstanding season and was able to end the season with 1st place finish on bars with a score of 9,650.

Level 8 results for Patricia Aubel: Vault 9.2, Bars 9.65, Beam 9.150, Floor 8.375, AA 36.375 (9th place).

Diablo Gymnastics

Team members from Diablo Gymnastic competed in the USAG 8-10 Region 1 Championships in Long Beach over the weekend. Among the competitors was Vinnesa Narvaez of Livermore in the Junior 12A division. Her scores were: vault 9.375 (8T) bars 9.3 (11); beam 8.675 (25); floor 91. (15) and all around 36.45, 12th place.

Phantom Softball

Notice is hereby given that Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League is accepting nominations for its 2009 Executive Board of Directors. Nominations are to be made at the board's regularly scheduled meeting on Thurs-day, May 8, 2008 at the Hyatt Summerfield Suites, 4545 Chabot Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588 . The meeting begins at 8:00pm. Voting will take place on Saturday, May 17,

Baseball Camps

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

Ballistic Registration

Ballistic United Soccer Club registration is underway. On-line registration is open for the 2008-2009 season is now open. Please visit our www.BUSC.org for fees and in-structions on how to register.

Baseball Camps

Matador Baseball Summer Camps, ages Vialation Disensity of the second summer comps, ages 5-14. Weekly skills-based camps at Granada High School Varsity field run by Varsity coaches and players. Camp dates: June 16-19 (incoming 7, 8, and 9 grades only), June 23-26, and June 30-July 3 from 9-12 each day. Cost is \$140 per camp (if registered by June 1, \$150 after June 1). For more information and registration, www.granadabaseball.org. to go

Golf for Women

The 3rd annual Business Golf for Women will be held Tues., June 3 at Poppy Ridge

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

follow the tournament, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$49 for breakfast, the seminar and clinics; and \$89 for the full day program. To register go to www.poppyridgegolf.com.

and defense, and the correct football stance for each position. Campers will receive a written evaluation and a t-shirt.

The camp will be conducted by Granada High School head football coach, Tim Silva. Registration is at 400 Wall Street, Livermore; information, call 606-7299 or 667-6132.

Bowling News

Mark McCreary, in the Modified Guys and Dolls, just missed a perfect game leaving the head pin in the 12th for a 299. Just behind him, Larry Clifton in the same league, rolled a 290 game to end the night. High series for the week goes to Darin

Smith from the ReMax Executive Cheyenne League with games of 234-289-236 for a 759 series. Also in the same loop, Mushy Machado rolled a 268 and Ken Sartoris a 266. In the Monday Mashers, Greg Kwasniak led the night with a 290 game. In the Balhorn O'Dell Match Point League Mark Hernandez ex-ceeded his average of 154 and rolled games of 257-182-172 for a 611 Series. From the same league, Ike Fernandez bowled a 245 and female bowler Tanya England a 245 game. David Slade on the Sunday Rollers league turned in a 255 game.

Senior bowler Lori Kaufman in the Friday Primetime Seniors league bowled 65 pins over with a 221 game. Bobbie Barthram bowled 64 pins over with a 201 game.

Youth Bowler Alex Stuber rolled his highest series to date with a 243-258-204 for a 705 series.

Football and Cheer

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer Live ermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for 35 years. The league strives to teach the fundamentals of both football and cheer that are needed to make the transition into High School both rewarding and as

smooth as possible. Football and cheer squads have been very Football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVYFC). The league consists of 18 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerlead-ers in the Alameda and Contra Costa Coun-ties. There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading). Registration will be held at the Livermore Wine Country Fasting on May 3 and 4 in Wine Country Festival on May 3 and 4 in downtown Livermore. There will be a booth set up both days.







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Moniz: Friends of PGSL—Amalia Dickenson, Cassidy Holmes, Stephanie

Dickenson, Cassidy Fromes, Stephanie Tasto Minor Upper Division Coca Cola 3, TPCSoftball.com 0: Ashley Lotoszynski pitched well to give Coca Cola 3-0 win over TPCSoftball.com. Top players: TPCSoftball.com—Katie Jefferies, Jana Johnson, Sammy Salustri; Coca Cola— Ashley Lotoszynski, Hannah Menk, Marisa Biordan Riordan

David's Sunflower Seeds 8, TPCSoftball.com 7: Jana Johnson had 2 David's Sunflower Seeds 8, TPCSoftball.com 7: Jana Johnson had 2 hits and great base running, Ali Gonsman pitched well, Katie Jeffries played great defense. Carly Robertson played great de-fense, Maddie Duval had 2 hits including the game winning hit, Casey Eddy had 2 hits, 2 RBI's. Top players: TPCSoftball.com– Ali Gonsman, Katie Jeffries, Jana Johnson; David's Sunflower Seeds—Maddie Duval, Casey Eddy, Carly Robertson . David's Sunflower Seeds 1, PABCO Gypsum 1: Victoria Molina led off the game with a double for PABCO Gypsum. Top players: David's Sunflower Seeds—Casey Eddy, Mackenzie Shields, McKenzi Shlag; PABCO Gypsum 9, Coca Cola 3: PABCO Gypsum Sugged their way to a 9-3 victory over their cross town rivals Coca Cola. Victoria Molina had a triple and double to lead PABCO Gypsum. Top players: David's Molina, Nicole Yozzo; Coca Cola—Erica Goldhawk, Ryan Harding, Roni Stone Maior Rec Division Central Chevrolet

Roni Stone

Coca Cola—Enca Goldnawk, Kyan Hardung, Roni Stone Major Rec Division Central Chevrolet 16, Sallman, Yang & Alameda 11: Top players: Central Chevrolet—Kendal D'India, Kaitlin Gallagher, Makayla Reitsma; Sallman, Yang & Alameda— Alexandra Breed, Kelsey Matsune, Akiko Osbourne. BSM Facility Service Group 10, Sallman, Yang & Alameda 7: Top players: BSM Facility Service Group—Lanie Boswell, Cassidy Butler, Emily Helmer; Sallman, Yang & Alameda—Elizabeth Broughton, Allie Peterson, Madeline Quinn Major Upper Division: Ken's Paint-ing 6, Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel 3: Krista Williams and Maycie Partidge pitched a great game and had many strike outs. Zoe Picke also pitched a great game. Kennedy

Arista Villia and had many strike outs. Zoe Price also pitched a great game. Kennedy Poplawski made a great catch at center field when bases were loaded with 2 outs. Lauren Bennett had a solid hit and getting an RBI for her team. Top players: Ken's Painting— Lauren Welco, Krista Williams, Amanda Wilson; Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel— Lauren Bennett, Dharini Clare, Zoe Price. Senior Division Best Buy 10, Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch 4: Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch's Stephanie Bricker did a great job pitching, Emily Lundin great infield play, Felicia Lasala great job catching. Best Buy's Maddi Holland had a great double, Kacey Higgens had 3 strike outs, and Nicole Lingenfelder was 3 for 3 singles. Top players: Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch— Stephanie Bricker, Felicia Lasala, Emily Lunden; Best Buy—Kacey Higgins, Maddi Holland, Nicole Lingenfelder

innings. In the 3rd inning PFLL responded with 4 runs, and then again 2 more in the 4th inning, but were unable to keep the momen-tum going. Top Offensive Players: Ben Case Top Defensive Players: Sean Stiles **Farm:** Rockhounds vs. Bulls: These two

Farm: Rockhounds vs. Bulls: These two rival teams were ready to play ball. Robbie Miller was able to stop the Rockhounds on first base with a dynamic catch and tag out sending the Rockhounds back to the dugout. Once again Brandon Ricci proved he was ready for the big league. He was able to make two separate outs on second. Our Bulls player of the game was Brett Davis. Brett had his game faceonand was ready to take on the Bockhounds face on and was ready to take on the Rockhounds. Behind the plate he was our power hitter. He had two doubles and a single. Brett also made an out at second. The entire Bulls squad played with confidence and determination.

Livermore Mystics

The Livermore Mystics basketball team played in the EBX Spring Classic this week-

The 8th grade girls started the tournament short handed for both games on Saturday, but battled in both games. Ashley Holmes (7 pts), Alyse Kline (6 pts) and Nicole McDougall (4 pts) led the offensive charge for the Mystics in the morning action. Brittany Air Campiotti had a brilliant game in their evening game racking and attacking for 21 points. Nicole McDougall (10 pts) and Mindy Morettini (6 points) slashed to the basket in another great effort. Defensive standout Krissy Rollins (5 pts) stole the ball 3 times and disrupted the offensive flow of the opposing team. Sunday's win was led by Cassidy Sherman

(3 pts), Katy Jones (2 pts), Jessica Beckwith (2 pts) and Claudine Seriani rebounding and fighting for loose balls.

Martial Arts

Many of the students from United Studios of Self defense in Livermore competed in a martial arts tournament on April 27 in South San Francisco. Events were held in sparring, forms (also known as katas), and weapon forms competition, and there were students represented from approximately 25 different schools from as far away as Vancouver and Virginia. There were a total of 878 competitors in the tournament. in the tournament.

The low manner. The Livermore school finished in sixth place in the event. The next tournament in Northern California will be held on November 16. Results:

16. Results: 1st Place Finishes: Kegger O'Neal: Jr. Men's Sparring, Brown and Black Belts. Kegger won this event competing against 11 other competitors, many of whom have won national competitions in Southern California and Las Vegas. Kegger O'Neal: Weapons Competition, ages 13-above. Brown and Black Belts. Kegger won this event against seven other competitors introducing a new form he choreographed

introducing a new form he choreographed himself with the help of his instructors. He looks forward to unveiling a new form again of the new form again

at the next tournament. Lucas Coppock: Pee Wee Kata, Purple Belts. Lucas, who is more known for his

Pleasanton Seahawks

More than ninety Pleasanton Seahawk swimmers attended the first long-course meet of the 2008 season at the San Ramon Liver-more Valley Aquatic over the weekend.

There were significant improvement in personal best times across the board. More

personal best times across the board. More than one third of the swimmers improved their times by 10% or higher. Among them, some had reduced their time by 15% or more. They are: Wolfgang Lachance (7) reduced his 100 free by 23 seconds, Wolfgang also cut his 50 fly by 24 seconds and dropped his 100 breast by almost 24 seconds. Kayla Lindsay (9) improved her 100 fly time by 25 seconds. Regis Lachance 100 fly time by 25 seconds. Regis Lachance (10) improved his 200 IM by 42 seconds. Analeser Chinn (9) reduced her 100 free by 16 seconds. He Zhang (10) reduced his 100 free by 16 y 23 seconds. Stephanie Aronson (11) dropped her 200 IM by 37 seconds. Heather Chandler (11) improved her 200 free by 32 seconds.

Seventeen swimmers had achieved 100% personal best times. They are: Wolfgang Lachance (7), Eva Chung (10), Kayla Lindsay (9), Analeser Chinn (10), Margaret Kauffeld (10), Jonathan Ong (10), Bridget Booe (12),

Football Skills Camp

A non-contact football skills camp is

A non-contact football skills camp is being offered to all incoming 3rd to 8th graders. It will be held June 16-20 at Granada High School, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee is \$100. All campers will be in-structed on offensive, defensive and the proper weight lifting techniques, throwing, catching and carrying the football, the proper footwork needed for each position on offense

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'Hidden Gardens' Tour Set

"Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour," benefiting the Valley Humane Society, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 4.

The tour, rain or shine, will allow participants to visit outstanding and unique gardens at Pleasanton homes, where the love of gardens meets the love of pets.

Each of of the gardens is named after the homeowner's pet. Browse "Shabby and Chic" and "Chateau Snowflake" -just to name a few. There will be rose gardens, a tropical garden, and gardens with pools and hard-scape.

With ticket purchase, participants will receive a map with the location of each garden and a detailed description written by each homeowner. Participants will receive the event brochure and begin the tour at the "starred" garden listed on the ticket. The other gardens on the tour can be visited in any order. Participants will drive themselves to each garden.

Tickets at \$35 per person can be purchased at the Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Feline Medical Center, Pleasanton; Western Garden Nursery, Pleasanton; Armstrong Garden Center, Dublin; Wild Birds Unlimited, Dublin; Towne Center Books, Pleasanton; Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore; and Three Dog Bakery, Pleasanton. For information, call the Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656.

Home Brewing Demo Planned

A home brewing demonstra-tion along with food and fun will be part of Big Brew Day 2008 on Sat., May 3.

The event is hosted by the Mad Zymurgists home brew club and Hoptech. Activities take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to area home brewers, as well as anyone age 21 and up who is interested in learning how to brew classic beer styles at home

For additional information, call Hoptech at 875-0246 or email Brian Cooper at brewerbrian@sbcglobal.net. Hoptech is located at 6398 Dougherty Rd., #7, Dublin.

Mad Zymurgists club holds regular meetings the second Thursday of each month at various locations throughout the Tri-Valley. www.madzymurgists.org.

ART

(continued from page one) animals, people, trees, even work inspired by the Old Masters, will be on display. The show represents the work of an entire class

For further information, contact Charlotte Severin at 846-6382.

from Eugene O'Neill plays in which women are the principal characters, featuring Karen Grassle, star of TV's

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Eugene O'Neill Foundation in part-nership with the National Park Ser-vice in the Old Barn at Tao House,

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the Arts, fine arts exhibit May 1-30 at three locations: Worthington Gal-

lery West, 739 Main St., Pleasanton;

Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. (open during performances), Liver-more; and SPCA Art Gallery, 4651

Gleason Dr., Dublin. Artists' recep-tion and awards presentation on Wed., May 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bankhead

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

Livermore. These young men travel the US and Europe, performing Rus-sian church music and folk music. In

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

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for more info or go www.AsburyLive.org.

Wine and Words poetry reading, May

4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Martinelli Center in Livermore. Hosted by Liv-

ermore Poet Laureate Connie Post.

Featured readers are JP Dancing Bear and Kathleen Lynch. They will read starting at 2 p.m. followed by a short

break. An open mic will then be held. There is a \$5 admission (free to stu-dents with valid ID). The Martinelli

Center is located at 3585 Greenville

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www.eugeneoneill.org. Las Positas College 30th Festival of

Organizations wishing to run notices in Branch Library is located at 998 Bluebell

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Livermore Relay for Life fund-raiser, June 7 at the Livermore Veterans Hall, 6 to 10 p.m. Team captain is Bailey Powell. Dinner catered by Cabana Dave's, live music (the band covers classic rock, and oldies), and a Raffle/Silent auction. Tickets prices are as follows: Adults \$40, Couples \$70, Children \$20. All donations are tax deductible. 100% of the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. The team will be selling tickets at the Livermore Wine Festival May 3-4, at the Livermore Relay for Life booth, or contact Bailey Powell at (925) 321-4755 or baileyp88@gmail.com for tickets. The Relay for Life will be held June 21 to 22 at Livermore High School - livermorerfl.com.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., May 3, 39 miles climb up Mt. Tamalpias, meet 10 a.m. at Commons Park in Ross, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., May 4, 35 miles with race team, meet 9 a.m. at Bankhead Theater, Don Williams, 580-9395. Tues., May 6, 25 miles T n' T ride, meet 6 p.m. Shannon Center, Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Wed., May 7, 42 miles from San Ramon Community Center up Southgate to the junction and down Northside, meet 9 p.m., Barb Hailey, 820-8006. Anyone plan-ning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

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

Pleasanton Newcomers luncheon Wed., May 14, Chef India, 5100 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Buffet. Guest speaker is Karen Joy Fowler a resident of Santa Cruz and the author of the New York Times Best Seller, The Jane Austin Book Club. She has a new book, Wit's End, a Mystery. The cost is \$12.50. Please make your reservation today by sending a check payable to Pleasanton Newcomers, attn: Joyce, 3853 Stone Pointe, Pleasanton, CA 94588 or email: jwange1953@comcast.net

Livermore-Amador Valley Legal Pro-fessionals Association (LAVLPA) is hosting the Legal Secretaries Incorporated 74th Annual Conference at the Hilton Pleasanton at The Club in Pleasanton on May 15-18, 2008. Contact Cecelia Stansbury for information at (925) 200-4360. Anyone working in the legal field is welcome to attend.

Fiesta Dinner Dance and Silent Auc-tion, East Avenue Boosters presents an adults only evening of dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing Fri., May 2 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, 5 to 11 p.m. Tickets \$30 per person. For more information go to www.eastavenue.org/Boosters/

Drive in Livermore, just off the Springtown exit from Interstate 580, next to the duck pond. There is no fee for this craft program. Contact us at 373-5517 with any questions. Pancake Breakfast, Sunol 4-H 42nd annual event, Sun., May 4, 8 a.m. to noon at Sunol Glen Elementary School. Includes year. bake sale, plant sale and silent auction. Proceeds support the club, its members and

the community. Tickets for the breakfast \$6 adults, \$4 children. For more information, call 862-2118. Employment and disability rights for **people with cancer**, Thurs., May 15, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240, Pleasanton. Facilitated by Elizabeth Kristen, staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society Employment Law Center; and Michelle Roberts, Esq., Springer-Sullivan & Roberts, LLP. Free. Reservations required. For information, call

the Wellness Community, 933-0107. Career Hero session is planned for 7 p.m. Mon., May 5 at the Pleasanton Library. The program is for students exploring and hunting for the right career. Learn about the hottest new career-networking site called www.CareerHero.com. Students can post an on-line resume, internships wanted, watch "day in life" videos, connect with mentors, and join career clubs to meet new friends and companies. Attend an interactive session hosted by a Harvard MBA, Wharton Business School undergraduate who will answer questions about career search. This a free informational program for high school and college students looking for career guidance and adults interested in becoming a career hero mentor. For more information please contact Teresa Parham: tparham@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or 925-931-3404

Child care licensing orientation, May 6, 9 a.m. to noon. The Licensing Orientation is the first step in becoming a licensed family child care provider and is open to all. Partici-pants will receive the application packet and handouts with information from Department of Social Services - Community Care Licensing regarding the licensing process. Child Care Links will be present to offer an overview of the services provided to potential child care providers. There is a \$25.00 Community Care Licensing Orientation fee for all attendees. This fee applies to every person attending the orientation. Must pre-pay and preregister prior to attending a licensing orientation. For more information, contact Child Care Links at (925) 417-8733

contact Child Care Links at (923) 417-8733 or Department of Social Services-Commu-nity Care Licensing (510) 622-2602. **Casino Night Fund-raiser**, Sat., May 3, 6 to 10 p.m. benefit for Elena Macias Foundation. Veterans Memorial Bldg., 522 South L St., Livermore. Gaming for prizes, silent auction and other fun stuff. Featuring entertainment by Keith Douglas and The entertainment by Keith Douglas and The Rhythm Critters. Event raises money for the schools of Agua Verde, Sinaloa, Mexico. \$40 per person includes appetizers, playing chips and raffle tickets; add \$10 for a seat at the Texas Hold'em Table. Call 292-9994 or go to www.momsfoundation.org for tickets or more information. Ohlone Audubon, meets 7:30 p.m.

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Talk on Kuna Indians at Museum On Main

Claudia Hess will present a talk entitled, "The Fascinating Culture and Art of the Kuna Indians of Panama," at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 15 at the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase that night.

Hess, owner of Worthington Gallery West in Pleasanton, is an art dealer and historian. She will share her knowledge on the colorful Mola textiles made by the Kuna Indians of Panama and will show her personal Mola collection collected over 20 years. She will discuss the Mola's artistic qualities and their unique Kuna culture.

The Kuna Indians are a matriarchal society given to democratic solutions and a staunch protection of their way of life. The women's blouses incorporeverse appliqué panels or Molas. The lively genre depicts every aspect of their lives, from animals. nature. dress and rituals to abstractions of canoes, stools and more. Pop culture is often



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the subject matter. As a tribute to this art form's importance, the Smithsonian Museum and UCLA Fowler Museum have amassed

Don't Miss Lamplighters Susan Steinberg

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I'm looking forward to a great evening at the Bankhead Theater Saturday, May 3, when the Lamplighters Music Theatre brings its hit show to the Valley.

"Gilbert and Sullivan: Straight Up, with a Twist," was an instant success at its 1998 debut, and won a well-deserved Bay Area Theater Critics Circle Award (an unusual honor for a unique new musical). Based on the life of that great English creative pair, the show brings all their best-known favorites together for nonstop audience enjoyment.

This critic saw three performances of "G and S" in 1998, and I couldn't believe I'd be able to have the pleasure of another showing right here in Livermore. (Previous performances required a trip to Walnut Creek or San Francisco.)

Please join me in applauding this tuneful and witty delight on Saturday, May 3, when the Lamplighters play Livermore. For tickets, call 925-373-6800 or visit lamplighters.org.

are May 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m., including the traditional closing Mother's Day matinee, May 11 at 2 p.m. tickets are \$8 reserved and \$5 general balcony seating. Call 925-606-4812, ext. 2446 to reserve tickets. Performances will be held at Livermore Performing Arts Theatre, 600 Maple Street, Livermore.

On Stage! Livermore Valley Perform-ing Arts Center Fund-raising Gala Event May 2, 6:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at 925.373.6800 or www.livermoreperformingarts.org **Livermore Wine Country Festival**, May 3 and 4 downtown Livermore. Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wine tasting, arts and crafts, live music, children's activities and more. Livermore Downtown, Inc.

www.livermoredowntown.com Red Grammer, A Grammy nominee and the winner of numerous Parents' Choice Awards, Red has been fea-tured on Nickelodeon, the Disney Channel, and the Today Show, and has been described by Parent's Maga-zine as "the best voice in children's music." Thurs., May 1, 7 p.m. Bank-head Theater, 2400 First St., Liver-more. \$24, \$28, \$31 (\$11 students). Tickets at 925.373.6800 or www.livermore.org.org. www.livermoreperformingarts.org Celebrating Art Made Easy, 14th Annual Student Art Exhibit. Monday-Friday, May 5 to 9; Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasan-

ton. Information 931-5340. **Music Department Recital**, Wed., May 7, 12:30 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

Free admission. 414-1100. Parsons Dance Company, the company's style fuses the gesture and movement of modern dance with the discipline and impeccable technique of a classical company Thurs., May 8, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. \$28, \$31, \$36, \$41 (\$11 students). For tickets call 925.373.6800 or online at rmoreperfo

Watters, Turk Murphy and the Bay City Jazz Band of the '50s in a classic jazz lineup led by two cornets. \$11/ \$20/\$25/\$30. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., downtown Livermore. Tickets at 925.373.6800 www.livermoreperformingarts.org Spring Concert, Livermore High School Band, May 13, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org Las Positas College Orchestra and Band Concert, Wed., May 14, 8 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800,

www.livermoreperformingarts.org Summer Theater Auditions: The Cherry Orchard a gentle comedy by Anton Chekhov; directed by Wendy M. Wisely. Prepare a short contemporary monologue. Auditions are 5/ 13 7-10pm, 5/14 7-10pm at Las Positas College Little Theater. Per-forms 7/26 - 8/1. Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Blvd., Liver-more Also looking for singers and musicians of Russian music. Info: Wendy M. Wisely (925)424-1000 ext.2480 wwisely@laspositascollege.edu.

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Society of American Indians Scholar ships, Amelia McClure \$100-\$500 award. Applications available for Tri-Valley students of American Indian heritage. They may be picked up at the Livermore American Indian center, 298 Junction Ave., Livermore, mputhoff@livermore.k12.ca.us, Mary Puthoff, 606-3405. Deadline is Wed., May 28 to send in application to Society of American Indians, PO Box 2323, Livermore, CA 94551. Applicants must document at least one-sixteenth American Indian and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club mets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. The meeting will take place at Alisal School, multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Carolyn Parker will discuss "Roses." Visitors are welcome. For question, please call Sally at 417-8809. Armchair Travelers, Thurs., May 8 at

the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. from 1:20 to 2:30 p.m. So. Envertible Ave. Hom 1.20 to 2.30 p.m. Lynda Fullerton will show photographs of herrail trip across Canada during her program "A Canadian Rail Adventure." Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms. 373-5500.

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

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

Mother's Day Craft, Springtown Branch Library on Friday, May 9, any time between 10:30 and 5:30, create something special for Mother's Day! The Springtown Tues., May 6 at Proctor Elementary School, Castro Valley (exit 580 at Castor Valley Blvd., turn north onto Redwood Rd.) The school is on the right 1.5 miles. Park in the lower lot, go upstairs to the art center. Mike Perlmuter, Audubon's California SF Bay Area Conservation Coordinator, will speak about the important bird areas program, esp. in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Refreshments. Information, 510-507-3383.

Fiesta: Spring Fling, East Avenue Middle School event to be held Fri., May 2 Middle School event to be held Fri., May 2 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. 6 to 11 p.m. events include dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing. S30 per person. This is an adult event. Information, Carmela Stepp, 640-7346 or stepp2@sbcglobal.net. **RELIGION** Coldensities Marg. Mary Commission

Celebrating Mary – May Crownings and Rosary, St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore will be honoring Mary with a Crowning at the 9:30 am, May 4 mass. The Faith Formation children of the arish will also be celebrating a Crowning/ Rosary liturgy May 6 at 7:00pm, May 7 at 3:30 pm and May 8 at 3:45 pm. Anyone in the community interested in joining us during any of these celebrations is welcomed to attend. For more information contact Julie at 925-447-4549 ex 114 or upcatholic@aol.com.

CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin, new session of Step One groups begin Wed., May 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Groups meet ranging from 8 to 14 weeks at the church, unless otherwise noted. Fee \$40 per person includes cost of all materials. Child care available for children under 12 years of age for an additional fee of \$5 per child per night. To

an admundarice of 35 per child per hight. To register, go to www.crosswindschurch.org or contact Denise Croghan, 560-3835. **Discovering the God Within**, May 4 message theme by guest speaker Richard Southern. Tri-Valley Unity Church, meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin 10:00 a m. Sunday sortice. (025) Dublin, 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. (925) 829-2733. All are welcome.

Musician Greg Greenway will be per-forming at Tri-Valley Unity Church on Sun., May 4 at the 10 a.m. service. Church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., bublin. Musically, Greg draws inspiration from all over the map—gospel, rock, blues, jazz, and world music. However, his center is in the singer/songwriter tradition that traces its roots all the way back to the social awareness of Woody Guthrie. (925) 829-2733. All are welcome

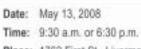


- Lamplighters Music Theatre, Gilbert & Sullivan: Straight Up, with a Twist, includes oft-performed favorites and gems from seldom-staged productions. Livermore Performing Arts Center, Bankhead Theatre, 2400 First Street. Saturday, May 3, 8pm For
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 Fingerpicking Champion Rick Ruskin Concert, May 3 and 4, West End Stage, Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H St., Livermore. Tickets are avail-able at Bankhead Theater bay office able at Bankhead Theater box office, on-line www.livermoreperformingarts.org, or by phone at 925-373-6800. West End Stage is located in the Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H St., Livermore
- **Las Positas College Dance Perfor-mance**, May 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and May 4, 4 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors/students. Information 414-1100

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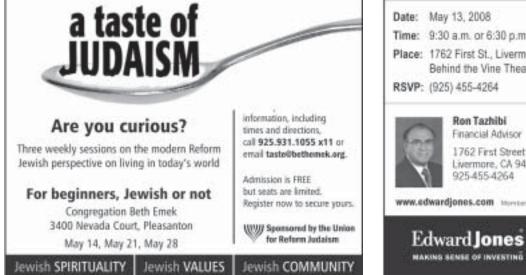
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Michael Czaja

Youth Jazz Quartet Performs at Library

The Michael Czaja Quartet will perform at the Pleasanton Library on Saturday, May 3rd, at 7 p.m. The quartet includes Colin McDaniel on drums, Ryan Coleman on guitar, Alex Reiff on bass, and Michael Czaja on Alto Saxophone.

They will be playing a variety of jazz standards and ballads.

Michael is currently a junior at Foothill High School where he has been the lead alto saxophone player in the jazz band since his freshman year. He is also the lead alto saxophone musician for the San Francisco Jazz All Star High School Ensemble. Michael has also been chosen to be one of only two alto saxophone players in the California All State Jazz Band for the last two years. He has won solo awards at various jazz festivals and he performed most recently at the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival for both the Foothill High School Jazz Band and the San Francisco All Star Ensemble.

In the past, Michael has volunteered to perform for a number of local community events, including the Pleasanton Civic Arts Council Young Expressions Concert, the Pleasanton Youth Music Festival, the Pleasanton Children's Art Festival as well the the Livermore 4th of July Family Festival.

Michael also doubles on the flute and the soprano saxophone.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call Teresa Parham, Teen Services Librarian at (925) 931-3404 or visit the BLOG: www.ptownteenlib.blogspot.com.

By Nancy O'Connell Maestro Lawrence Kohl brought his Pacific Chamber Symphony to the Bankhead The-ater on April 25th, where an at-tentive audience enjoyed the program of Romantic Music im-mensely. Kohl first spoke infor

mensely. Kohl first spoke informally, "Both composers featured tonight - Camille Saint-Saens and Frederick Chopin - com-posed for a beautiful sound."

Saint-Saens' March Heroique Op. 34 opened the concert. Because he was an organist, he wrote more for the orchestra than did Chopin. With the many stops on a pipe organ, the organist is constantly emulating the sounds of an oboe, a flute, or a violin, working for an orchestral effect. The *March Heroique* had a full, rich sound with French horns, trumpets, and trombones augmenting the usual chamber or-chestra. It had the military march beat of 4/4 and a soulful trombone solo well played by Kenely McDowell. Dramatic brass parts with all strings using full bows from frog to tip led to a big forte set of cadences which brought it to a close.

Blackhawk Chorus Performs

The Blackhawk Chorus, the San Ramon Valley-based 130voice choir founded by Diane Gilfether that has performed locally and internationally for the past 16 years, presents "A Trib-ute to Judy Garland" at 7 p.m. May 10 at the Bankhead Theater, in Livermore, and 8 p.m. May 22 in Livermore; and 8 p.m. May 23 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Dublin.

A former opera singer and voice coach, Gilfether has been The Blackhawk Chorus director

Accompanied by Assistant Chorus Director Stan Fong, as well as Relativity – featuring multi-instrumentalist Mary Fettig – the chorus will present a retig – the chorus will present a program of music associated with Judy Garland. Also featured will be the quintet, Special Blend, directed by Rob Lappa. The program includes such songs as "After You've Gone," "Come Rain or Come Shine,"

Come Rain or Come Snine, "Easter Parade," "Happy Days Are Here Again," "I Can't Give You Anything but Love," "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," "The Music of MGM" a medley that includes "That's Entertain-ment", "San Experience," and ment," "San Francisco," and "Make 'em Laugh." Other songs on the program include "Puttin' on the Ritz," "Stormy Weather," "Together Wherever We Go," and a "The Wizard of Oz" medley.

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There was a slight shifting of chairs as the violinists left the stage so that the grand piano could be moved to the center of the stage, and all of the instruments tuned to the piano A - first the winds and then the strings. Chopin's *Concerto No. 2 for Pi-ano and Orchestra in F Minor* opened with a long orchestral introduction with some wind so introduction with some wind so-Introduction with some wild so-los which were well played. When the piano soloist, Denis Pascal, entered, he had a sure touch, a warm tone and he was in full command. Maestro Kohl looked at him frequently and kent the orchestra quiet enough kept the orchestra quiet enough so that every note and every nu-ance from the superb soloist could be heard. There were some very difficult piano passages which he played with alacrity. He used his expressive hands to al-most caress the keys, much as one might imagine Chopin himself would have performed the work. His running arpeggio patterns sounded effortless as his fingers flew from the lowest to the highest notes on the keyboard. The *Larghetto* began with a

A Tribute to Judy Garland

since its formation.

"That Old Black Magic" will be performed by Special Blend. ure in the American concert hall and in movie musicals. Her reputation since her death at age 47 in London in 1969 has kept on growing as her contribution to American culture is better understood. Garland didn't write her own songs, but she made other composers' songs her own with her uniquely powerful and per-sonal delivery. Her most memorable role was in 1939 as Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," when Garland was 16 years old and the

shorter orchestral introduction with a dialogue between the winds and the strings, then the piano entered with a gorgeous melody which modulated into different keys. Trill and runs in his right hand were accompanied by the orchestra musicians listening carefully to the soloist. The melodies in the piano were ro-mantic and lush, there was a first bassoon solo well played by Karla Ekholm with the rather unusual pairing of instruments, the piano and the bassoon. The *Allegro Vivace* featured fireworks contrasting with quieter passages. A staccato section in the piano was answered by the strings col legno, on the wood of

the bow, creating a very different sound. Denis Pascal, the soloist, was outstanding, and well deserving of his fame, not only in his native France, but internationally.

The Pacific Chamber Symphony Fills Theater with Beautiful Sound

After the intermission, Camille Saint-Saens' Overture to an Unfinished Comic Opera was performed. Written in his younger years, it sounded like Gilbert and Sullivan. However, Saint-Saens' work featured more counterpoint and even had a fugue. There was a playful dialogue between the first flute, Janet Ketchum, and the first nuce, sa-net Ketchum, and the first oboe, Robin May while accompanied by the orchestra. Both played flawlessly. The brass then en-tered, a forte tremolo in the tripic opened and a long tered, a forte fremoto in the strings ensued, and a long cadential pattern emerged, bring-ing the work to a close. Saint-Saens's Symphony No. 2 in A Minor, Opus 55 featured a dramatic solo by the concertmas-ter William Barbini answord by

ter, William Barbini, answered by the first oboe. There were demanding technical parts for each section. Syncopation was fol-lowed by tremolo up near the tip of the bow in the violas. A long dramatic section contrasted with more syncopation in the different voices.

In the *Adagio*, the symphony's second movement, there was a quiet opening in all of the strings. The *Adagio* was filled with beautiful melodies and lovely woodwind passages. The movement ended quietly. In the *Scherzo Presto* there was a duet between the French horns and the 'celli. Maestro Kohl conducted with surety and grace, with generous, sweeping arm movements. Each section was

given very clear, precise cues. The *Scherzo* had a surprising end-ing with just a single dramatic chord. There was no long series of cadences leading up to that conclusion. The last movement, the Prestissimo sounded like the Mendelssohn Scherzo in his Midsumer Night's Dream, lighthearted, yet difficult and techni-

cally demanding. The enthusiastic audience brought Maestro Kohl back for several curtain calls, and for an several curtain cans, and for an encore, the chamber orchestra played Chopin's *Grande Waltz Brilliante, Opus 34, #1* as ar-ranged by Roger Brango from Chopin's piano score. It was a delightful way to end a concert paying tribute to the genius of paying tribute to the genius of Chopin and Saint-Saens. Generally considered the finest of the

Polish composers, Chopin fought ill health for much of his life, and died at the age of 39. He was best known during his lifetime as a consummate pianist who pre-formed intimate galance the large ferred intimate salons to the large concert hall, but Friday night's performance demonstrated his genius for composing in the Piano Concerto.

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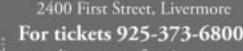
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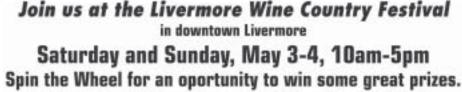
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Livermore High School Presents "The Music Man"

By Patricia Koning Hang onto your hats—or rather, your pocketbooks, because the fast-talking con artist "Professor" Harold Hill is coming to Livermore. Starting Friday, May 2, the Livermore High School (LHS) drama department will present Meredith Wilson's classic tale "The Music Man". "I love doing 'The Music

Man' because it has so many wonderful roles for many, many cast members," says director and LHS drama teacher Carol Hovey. "Beyond the wide variety of roles, the heart-warming message of long-cherished American family values and incredibly rous-ing and upbeat songs and dance music just can't be beat.'

"The Music Man" tells the story of Harold Hill, a traveling salesman who, despite not knowing the first thing about music, cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize. But his plans to skip town with the cash are foiled by certain River City librarian.

Over 50 students, ranging in age from 9 to 18, make up the show's cast, with another 11 students on the tech crew, and over 20 student musicians providing a live score. The LHS production features the wonderful harmonies of the Barbershop Quartet (sung by the River City school board), as well as a women's octet singing Sweet Adeline's numbers. This week has been tech week

for the cast and crew of the "The Music Man," where all of the kinks are worked out in anticipation of opening night. The performers know their lines backwards and forwards by now, but it's the little things—lights, cur-

play," he says. Hall is a musical theatre veteran, going back to church plays, and Christensen Middle School productions, where he played lead roles for three years. This is his third year in a lead role for LHS and he's also active in community theatre in Fremont.

LHS junior Amy Bandy plays the role of Marian the Librarian, a part she enjoys because of all the pretty songs. Bandy was in the ensemble of last year's production of "Urinetown", but carries the lead role like a professional.

Briant Jacobs says his role of Mayor Shinn is lots of fun. "He's crazy, so I really get to play around and experiment," he says. "We get to be town crazies to-gether," adds Katy Sanlis, who plays his wife Eulalie McKecknie Shinn.

Other key roles are Mrs. Paroo (Candice Évensen), Winthrop (Grant Lowenstein), Amaryllis (Emily Serdahl), Zaneeta Shin (Analise Eastman), Tommy Djilas (Ronnie Abreu), Charlie Cowell (Ryan Heath), Marcellus Washburn (Jack Ortner), Ethel Toffelmier (Michelle Phelps), and Constable Locke (Drew Accornero).

Jordan Adelman, Tyler Campbell, Skyler Jones, Adam Weinstein are the quartet per-formers. Playing their wives are Keegan Roberts (Alma Hix), Beth Berger (Maud Dunlop), Tiffany Buckmaster (Mrs. Squires), and Kimberly Wakefield (Mrs. Britt).

The octet members are Jessica Adams, Brinda Dixit, Analise Eastman, Candice Evensen, Megan Graves, Emily Persson, Michelle Phelps, and Katie Sanlis. The members of the women's dance ensemble are Madison Burgess, Maria Oliveira, Nicole Pham, Angelic Reyes, Jalinna Ward, Katelyn West, and Annelise Wood. The townspeople are played by Devin Berghoff, Ryan Church, Nathan Martin, Zoe Ashcraft, Sami Davison Jessica Graves, Megan Morris, Stevie Rae Stephens, and Marina Weighill. The members of the boys' band are Devin Berghoff, Jace Roberts, Jerrod Roberts, Coby Sandholtz, Joe Sandholtz,

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and Talen Stephens. The little girls are played by Melanie Bierworth, Kelsey Campbell, Leela Dixit, and Sarah Persson.

Many of the younger perform-ers are siblings of the highschool-aged cast members.

Performances are at 8 pm on May 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 and at 2 pm on May 11 at the Livermore High School Performance Arts Theatre. Tickets are available at the door, although some performances are expected to sell out in advance. Contact Carol Hovey at (925) 606-4812 ext. 2446 or chovey@livermore.k12.ca.us to pre-order tickets.

Library to Screen Documentary

Local film documentarian, Sean Laskey of Orange Moon Films, will introduce his newest film, "On the Edge of Black and White." at the Pleasanton Library, Sunday May 4, at 2pm.

In the film Sean Laskey interviews the stars of Leave it To Beaver, Father Knows Best, My Three Sons, Lost in Space and other popular shows.

"In the mid 1960s, the last of the old American television shows converted from black and white to color. At the same time, America was undergoing an epic cultural revolution. The Stars from those shows who were chil-



Luna Negra Dance Theater Sizzles In West Coast Premiere

By Patricia Koning

The Luna Negra dance company made its west coast premiere at Livermore's Bankhead Theatre last week. The company burned up the stage, performing four eclectic numbers in their distinc-tive style, artfully blending ballet and contemporary dance movements strongly flavored by Latin and Afro-Caribbean dance forms.

Luna Negra has been described as an amazing blend of contrasts that mirrors contemporary Latino culture. The dancers and music are both precise and chaotic, classic and modern, adventurous and subtle. Last week's roughly 90-minute performance kept the audience on their toes the entire time, as you never knew what to expect next from the dancers.

The first number, "Plight" began as a traditional ballet dance before moving into fast-paced salsa and jazz, at one point filling the stage with flashes of running leaps. In the program notes, this piece is described as "inspired by the ancient cultures of Mexico ... expressing the feelings of mystery, beauty, and even cru-elty they evoke." Luna Negra pre-miered "Plight" last month in Chicago.

The second number, "Ton Ton," was the only piece per-formed that night choreographed by company founder Eduardo Vilaro. The number began in si-lence, with dancers Kimberly Bleich and Ricardo J. Garcia sensually swaying together to a beautiful piano score. The danc-

dren, witnessed those changes from the inside while they were growing up in television and growing up in America. That era of Black and White

family television didn't last long and it ended seemingly overnight. It would be the last time that America was tied together with same high-ideal family television.

The program will be in the meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

ers moved slowly with mesmerizing exactness and then faster

and faster as the piece took flight. In the third number, "Sugar in the Raw (Azucar Cruda)," ten dancers performed on the stage, sometimes in unison but more often in independent, yet carefully coordinated, moves. While the piece is described as an abstract work about Latino roots, the dancers flow through universal gestures of elation, disappointment, doubt, and courage.

Choreographer Michelle Manzanales describes the piece as "an exploration of who we are in our purest form." Argentine composer and musician Gustavo Santaolalla, who won Oscars for the scores of "Brokeback Mountain" and "Babel", composed the music for "Sugar in the Raw."

The first three numbers were performed before the intermission, giving the audience a chance to refresh before the eyepopping finale, "Batucada Fantastica." The program notes capture the essence of this piece—"a stunning series of eight solos that culminates in a riot of ensemble dancing.'

With bright costumes, energetic, almost frenzied dancing, and a fast drum beat, "Batucada Fantastica" felt like a street festival. The piece, choreographed by the late Vicente Nebrada, is indeed an homage to Brazilian Carnival.

The Luna Negra Dance Theater was founded in 1999 by Vilaro, who said he wanted to create a company that would break free from stereotypes attributed to Latino culture but also dance exclusively to the work of contemporary Latino choreographers. The company's repertoire draws upon classical ballet, modern jazz, flamenco, salsa, acrobatics, and tango.

In introducing the Chicago-based company, Livermore Per-forming Arts Center Executive Director Len Alexander said he chose Luna Negra for the theatre's inaugural season because he was looking for an up and coming group. The company definitely fit the bill. Hopefully we see more of Luna Negra in future seasons. For more information, see www.lunanegra.org.





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The stars of "The Music Man" aren't nervous about playing before a live audience; rather, they say they are eagerly anticipating opening night. For the entire cast and crew, opening night also will mark a chance to celebrate their hard work.

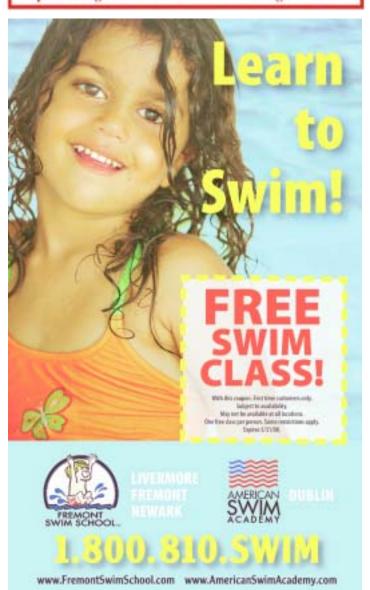
Benjy Hall, who plays Harold Hill, says the role is a challeng-ing. "It's an incredibly wordy part and not the type of role I usually

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