



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
The fountain in downtown Livermore was a big attraction for the younger set at last weekend's Livermore Wine Country Festival.

Farmers' Market Moves to Carnegie

The Livermore Farmers' Market kicks off its 10th anniversary season on May 15 at Carnegie Park in downtown Livermore.

The market will be open at the park through Oct. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. each Thursday. The third Thursday of each month is designated "Thirsty Thursday," with wine tasting offered by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

The first Thursday of each month, from June to August, is "Family Night," with activities for kids. Live music is part of the market every week featuring performances by local musicians.

Each week, the market features farm fresh seasonal produce. Opening day shoppers will find asparagus, fresh mixed salad greens, mushrooms, strawberries, early peaches and olive oil. As the season progresses, other items such as heirloom tomatoes, corn and squash will arrive at the market. In addition to produce, shoppers will find artisan breads, fresh pasta, seafood and more. Local restaurants, Riata's Diner and Tavern, Meyer's Barbecue, and Brittany Crepes will be selling food.

This year the Livermore market has been a year-round event. Through the winter the market operated on Sundays at the Valley center Parking Garage. The summer market is located at Carnegie Park, 3rd and J Streets.

The Livermore Farmers Market is a partnership between the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association and Livermore Downtown Inc.

For more information go to www.pcfma.com or call 825-9090.



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Award-winning singer and guitarist Red Grammer entertained students at Joe Mitchell School. For this song, he got some help from one of the students. Grammer, who also performed in concert at the Bankhead Theater, is described by Parent's Magazine as "the best voice in children's music."

Pleasanton Names Excellence in Education Winners

The Pleasanton PTA Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District have announced the recipients of the Excellence in Education awards for 2008. These individuals were nominated by students, parents, supervisors, or co-workers.

The following classroom teachers were selected: Nancy Falcone (Hearst Elementary, 3rd grade teacher); Elicha

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Decision to Close Friendship Center Delayed

The Friendship Center adult day care program still has a pulse. A decision on whether or not to shut down the program has been delayed until May 14, with the hope that something can be done to keep it open.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) board of directors voted unanimously to delay the decision after hearing from the public that perhaps the district had not explored all of the options to keep the program open.

The Friendship Center, an adult day care program for those 50 and older, provides socialization, recreation and stimulation in

a safe, supervised, state-licensed environment while giving respite to families. It has operated for 16 years at Sonoma School. The school is now occupied by the Livermore Valley Charter School, which has said it needs the area occupied by the Friendship Center in order to expand its program. The lease to operate the adult day care runs out on June 30, 2008.

The school district does not charge LARPD for use of the site for its adult day care program, which has helped to make the program affordable to users. Leasing any other location would add the cost of a lease

plus the need to adapt the site to the needs of the program.

It is estimated that 23 participants per day are needed to make the program self-supporting. Because of concerns that it might be closing, the attendance has dropped to 11 to 13 a day, making it expensive to keep the program open.

The district considered a number of other locations ranging from leasing in an industrial area to adapting LARPD facilities for the program to building a new, permanent facility. All were deemed to be too costly.

A large crowd was on hand for the public hearing last week.

They spoke of the benefits of the program, some noting the improvement in aging parents when they participated in the program. Others said it benefited families as well by providing respite from having to care for a disabled or aging family member.

Board President Steve Goodman said he was willing to delay a decision, although he didn't hold out much hope. "If it cannot be saved, it's not because we haven't valued the program," he declared. "It has made a difference in people's lives that you can't measure. That makes it very difficult to discuss closing it. Time is what we have little of."

Director Scott Kamena said after listening to the public that there were things the district could have done better. "People gave us ideas tonight. I didn't expect to hear anything we hadn't thought of."

Kamena pointed out that one of the major problems to overcome is licensing. The license goes with the site, not the program. "Adult day care can't move without obtaining a new license."

"I am willing to postpone a decision. However, I don't want people to get their hopes up. We don't get to decide. It's not our

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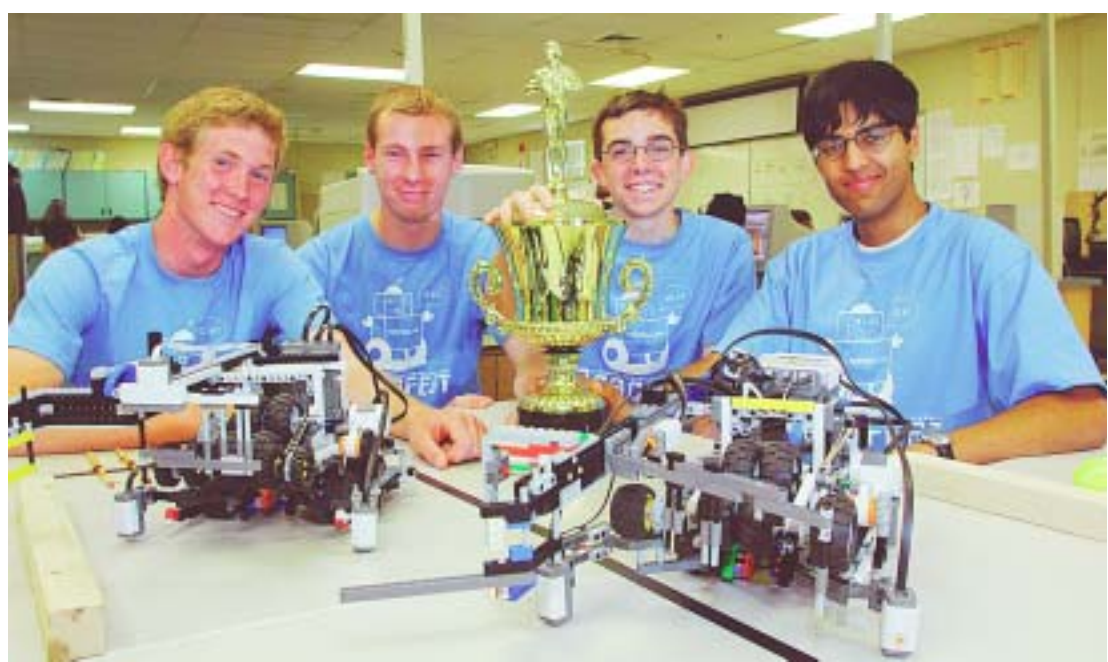


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Members of the robotic team are (from left) Robert Hobson, Daniel Handrock, Drew Accornero and Saqib Mohammad. The robots are named (left) Havok and Behemoth.

Livermore High School Robotics Team Wins Robofest 2008 World Championship

By Patricia Koning
Robots—once relegated to the pages of science fiction—are becoming increasingly pervasive in everyday life. For a few hundred dollars, it's possible to buy a robot that will vacuum or mop floors.

Robotics, the study of robots, has been around at the college and graduate level for decades. Recently, it is becoming part of the regular curriculum at many high schools and even some middle schools.

Teacher Mike Waltz started the robotics program at Livermore High School (LHS) three years ago, with a robotics class and afterschool robotics club. At first glance, robotics might seem like playing with fancy toys, but through this "play" students learn a wide range of programming, en-

gineering, and physics concepts. "This is more like a college course," he says. "It's definitely the most fun class I teach, more like what I studied in graduate school."

Last month the LHS Robotics Team, comprised of seniors Drew Accornero, Daniel Handrock, Robert Hobson, and Saqib Mohammad, showed just how serious they are. They beat out 155 other teams from as far away as England, France, and South Korea to win the senior division at the Robofest 2008 World Championships, held at Lawrence Technological University (LTU) in Southfield, Michigan.

The competition tested how well autonomous mobile robots, built and programmed entirely by high school students, could

perform in a timed scenario. The teams were given the mission in October, and spent the next six months perfecting their robots.

The mission was straightforward—using automated robots, rescue four "people" (foil covered tennis balls) trapped in a pile of "debris" (Kleenex boxes) inside a collapsed building or mine. Teams were given the playing field configuration and parameters such as the basic placement of the balls, walls, and rough terrain (simulated by taping three pencils to the table).

In competition, points are awarded based on the robots performing the mission tasks of removing the debris and carrying trapped "people" back to the safe zone, as well as staying intact in the active zone throughout the

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Sierra Club Agrees to Join Oak Grove Appeal

The Tri-Valley Chapter of the Sierra Club voted Monday to support the appeal of the Oak Grove referendum decision.

The vote of the local executive committee was 4 to 1, with Jon Harvey opposed.

Harvey was a member of a three person subcommittee that worked with the developer to create the Oak Grove plan to be built within the southeast hills of Pleasanton.

Last week, the Pleasanton City Council voted 3 to 2 not to join the appeal.

Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled in April that the petition gatherers had not carried the proper information. In particular, the judge felt that portions of the development plan should have been part of the petitions, nullifying the referendum.

The referendum supporters will be contacting other groups to gain their support in the appeal process. Kay Ayala, one of the leaders of the referendum, said the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club will discuss whether or not to support the appeal. The hope is the larger Si-

erra Club chapter would provide "much needed legal advice on the process." There are plans to contact Earth Justice and the League of Women Voters.

"We're happy with the local Sierra Club support," commented Ayala. "The board members felt the same as I do that the judge's decision would impact future referendums."

"This is no longer about Oak Grove," Ayala contends. It's about the referendum process and the confusion over what documents should accompany petitions.

The ordinance that the signature gatherers carried in the effort to overturn the Oak Grove development was voted on by the City Council, signed by the mayor, and approved by the city attorney. The city's own rules and policies determined that this ordinance was "complete."

Pleasanton City Councilmember Matt Sullivan wrote a letter urging the Sierra Club to join the appeal. He said in the letter, "I am very concerned about the direction this project has taken related to our citizens"

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Pleasanton Council Votes Not to Have City Join Appeal

The City of Pleasanton won't be joining an appeal of a court decision nullifying the Oak Grove referendum.

The city council voted 3 to 2 in closed session last week not to pursue an appeal. The council also rejected the idea of hiring outside counsel to assist them in making a decision on whether or not to join the appeal.

The majority was comprised of Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, and councilmembers Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio. Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan voted in the minority.

Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled in March that the petition gatherers had not carried the proper information. In par-

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Democrats Have Two Experienced Contenders For Perata's Senate Seat

The 9th Senate District stretches from Richmond south through the northern portion of Alameda County through part of Castro Valley to Dublin and Livermore.

The 9th district has more than 800,000 residents, which is a typical population total in a California Senate district. The party registration is 60 percent Democratic and 13 percent Republican, so the Democratic primary race winner is expected to be elected in November.

The seat is held now by Sen. Don Perata, the Oakland Democrat who has served as Senate Pro Tem. The position is generally considered the second most powerful elected governmental job in Sacramento, behind the governor. Perata finishes his tenure this year, because of term limits.

Seeking the Democratic nomination are two people with Sacramento experience. Wilma Chan is a former Alameda County Supervisor from Oakland who served in the Assembly from 2000 to 2006, when term limits ended her tenure. She was Assembly majority leader, which is the second

most powerful post in the Assembly, after the speaker.

The other hopeful is Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, who is termed out this year. Hancock was the first woman to become mayor of Berkeley. She served in the Carter Administration as head of the regional office of ACTION, which recruited for the Peace Corps and VISTA. During the Clinton administration, Hancock was director of the western regional office of the U.S. Department of Education. Hancock is married to Berkeley mayor Tom Bates, who occupied the Assembly seat that she now holds.

Chan and Hancock share some of the same endorsers, including the League of Conservation Voters, and the California Chapter of the National Organization for Women.

However, most endorsers on the long list gathered by each have chosen one over the other. In Chan's camp are former Livermore mayor Cathie Brown, state superintendent of education Delaine Easton, former state

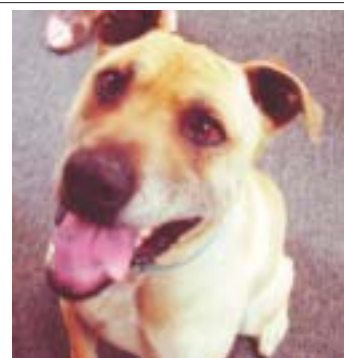
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Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Connie and Dan Davis invite the public to toast the opening of Livermore's newest winery, Red Feather Winery. It will officially open to the public on May 10. Festivities will take place from noon to 9 p.m. at the tasting room, 5700 Greenville Road, Livermore. The John Howland Trio will entertain visitors starting at 5 p.m. Red Feather Winery offers the following wines: Chardonnay, White Cab, Old Vine Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Jaiden's Port. The ranch is planted in 6 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon vines. The winery's motto is: "We grow grapes and make wine for the Heart from the Heart." Little Valley Winery shares the tasting room.

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PET OF THE WEEK

"Indiana" Jones is a 9 year old mixed breed looking for his next adventure. He is a true Heinz 57 mix- we're not sure what he's made of! (Maybe some Lab?) He's a big boy, kind of goofy, and just looking to have some fun. But no cats, please! Valley Humane Society dogs can be seen every Saturday from 11AM to 2PM at VHS, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit THE web site www.valleyhumane.org, or call 925.426.8656 for more details.

Axis Community Health Introduces New Logo

Axis Community Health introduced its newly-designed logo and agency colors to the community. The logo was created pro bono by graphic designer Maya Ostrander, wife of Axis Community Teen Drug and Alcohol Recovery Program counselor Jeremy Ostrander.

"We are delighted with the results of Maya's research and creativity," says CEO Sue Compton. "The logo reflects our mission, to provide care for all

in the community who need it, and we look forward to establishing the logo as the cornerstone of Axis Community Health's new, more community-oriented, image.

"The old logo served us well during a difficult and challenging period of recovery, restructuring and rebirth. Today, Axis is a stable, healthy and vital organization that is ready and able to serve our community capably and compassionately. We wanted

our logo to reflect that - a professional-but-friendly new identity for a new phase in our history. We are launching a vigorous agency awareness effort this year, so our logo will be in evidence everywhere."

Axis Community Health offers medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to residents of the Tri-Valley. Detailed information is available at www.axishealth.org.



Five Christensen Middle School students participated in the Junior Solar Sprint Challenge on Saturday, April 26 at the Lawrence Hall of Science. Jessica Hoang, Tristan Thalhuber, Sajan Pate, Cole Carlson, and Sam Brinker built and raced solar powered model cars. Each team started with the same set of solar panels and motor. The rest of the car design was up to the participants' imagination and engineering skills. Jessica's car placed third overall, and won "Best Car" and "Most Practical" awards. The event was sponsored by the University of California's Society of Women Engineers and open to Bay Area middle schools. Pictured (left to right) are Jessica Hoang, Sajan Patel, Cole Carlson, Tristan Thalhuber, Sam Brinker.

EDUCATION

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Gastelumendi (Valley View Elementary, kindergarten teacher); Lisa Highfill (Fairlands Elementary, 4th/5th grade teacher); Kara Magaro (Hearst Elementary, 3rd grade teacher); Donna Melvin (Pleasanton Middle, humanities teacher); Chris Murphy (Amador Valley High, social studies teacher); Carol Raimondi (Harvest Park Middle, 6th grade block teacher); Mary Ellen Rodda (Walnut Grove Elementary, 3rd

grade teacher); Karen Swift (Walnut Grove Elementary, 3rd grade teacher); and Joan Thomas (Amador Valley High, ROP teacher).

Also recognized in the "at-large" category are Carolann Carter (Pleasanton Middle, counselor); Christina Clark (Valley View, Barton reading specialist); Sharon Gitchell (Hearst Elementary, reading specialist); Lois Treiber (Hearst Elementary,

speech teacher); Joe Kettwig (principal at Mohr Elementary); and Bill Radulovich (principal at Walnut Grove Elementary).

The recognition ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. The reception is sponsored by the Pleasanton PTA Council, Pleasanton Unified School District, Cold Stone Creamery, Safeway and Nob Hill.



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Commuters Honor Tauscher

The Association for Commuter Transportation has presented Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher with its 2008 Legislator of the Year Award.

In the 110th Congress, she has championed a provision which would make it easier for local communities to use federal resources to start and expand vanpool programs; in addition, she has supported legislation that would increase the cap on the monthly transit benefit, thus making transit riders with the most expensive trips eligible to utilize the transportation fringe benefit offered by local transit agencies in accordance with federal tax laws.

"Congresswoman Tauscher has been a champion and leader in working to provide commuters with options. Her commitment to expanding options for her constituents and her dedication to improving the nation's transportation system should be recognized," said Jon Martz, President of ACT.

Mark Wright, Executive Director of ACT, added, "In a time with \$4 dollar a gallon gas, and commute times increasing, we need to look at all available options. Congresswoman Tauscher and her staff have worked tirelessly toward this end and have been an example to other policy makers."

Clean Air Award

Continuing an 18-year tradition, Breathe Cali-

fornia presented its Clean Air Awards on Friday to 12 businesses, organizations and individuals, including Pleasanton-based Safeway, Inc. The awards, which were presented before hundreds of local air quality advocates at the agency's annual Clean Air Luncheon, honor those who are leading the fight against climate change and helping to make the Bay Area a "green model" for the rest of the country.

Headquartered in Pleasanton, Safeway received its award in the Greenhouse Gas category for its "Greenhouse Gas and Sustainability Initiative." The company has entered a legally-binding commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by six percent (from a 2000 baseline) by 2010. In 2006 alone, Safeway eliminated more than 350,000 tons of CO2 emissions by converting its entire mainland fleet of Safeway vehicles to biodiesel and utilizing more effective energy procurement, conservation and recycling. By committing itself to purchasing 90,000 kilowatt hours of wind energy in 2008, Safeway is now the fifth largest retail user of renewable energy in the United States.

Arroyo Crossing Nominated

The Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southern California and the Home Builders Association (HBA) of Northern California have recognized KTYG Group, Inc. as a finalist in six categories in the prestigious MAME Awards competition including Best Community, Best At-

tached Home and Best Architectural Design.

Among the developments is Arroyo Crossing in Livermore. It is a MAME Award finalist in the award categories of Best Architectural Design of a Detached Home - 2,000 to 3,000 Sq. Ft. for Arroyo Crossings - Classics - Plan One and Three; Best Architectural Design of a Detached Home - 3,000 to 4,000 Sq. Ft. for Arroyo Crossing - Estates - Plan One and Six; and Community of the Year. O'Brien Homes is the builder. In February 2008, Arroyo Crossing won three Silver Awards in The Nationals award competition in the categories of Best Single Family Detached Home Priced \$650,000 to \$1 Million for its Plan Four, Best Single Family Detached Home Priced \$1 Million to \$2 Million for its Plan Six, and Detached Community of the Year Over \$750,000 in The Nationals award competition.

The Arroyo Crossing community has a total of 11 designs with each one having distinctive architecture.

Health Seminar Onboard ACE

The Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) in conjunction with Doctors Hospital of Manteca held their first health seminar onboard ACE Rail Thursday May 1, 2008. Medical Social Worker Crista Moore presented the seminar on stress management to passengers aboard ACE 06 from Fremont to Pleasanton.

This seminar is the first of a year-long series of health related presentations that will be available for ACE passengers. Hubert Hanrahan, Manager of Customer Service & Marketing, was responsible for the seminar.

Future seminars include medication safety. A medical worker from Doctors Hospital of

Manteca will be onboard to educate passengers about the various medications that they are taking and to make sure that the combination of medicines they are taking is safe.

Teen Volunteers Needed

Tri-Valley Youth Court needs high school teens youths to serve as Peer Advocates for the summer. This is an excellent opportunity for teens looking to help their peers and their community. Peer Advocates represent defendants once a month at the Tri Valley Youth Court.

To become an advocate, teens must complete a youth volunteer form, including parent's signature, and attend two advocate trainings. The application can be downloaded at www.trivalleyyouthcourt.com. The training sessions are 2 hours each. For more information please visit the website or call Tonya at (925) 337-7175.

Corrections

In the story about the wine scene in downtown Livermore in the recent Independent Magazine, one name was incorrect. The copy should have read Dustin Battaia not Damian Battaia.

In the April 24 article, "Teen Stars Taylor Lautner, Dylan McLaughlin, and Alyson Stoner visit Charter School," the director of the movie Flyboys was incorrectly identified as Tony Bill. The director of The Flyboys (2008), who met with the LVCS students, is Rocco DeVilliers. Also, the article failed to mention that LVCS parent Teresa Gilman was instrumental in students' involvement in the California Independent Film Festival.

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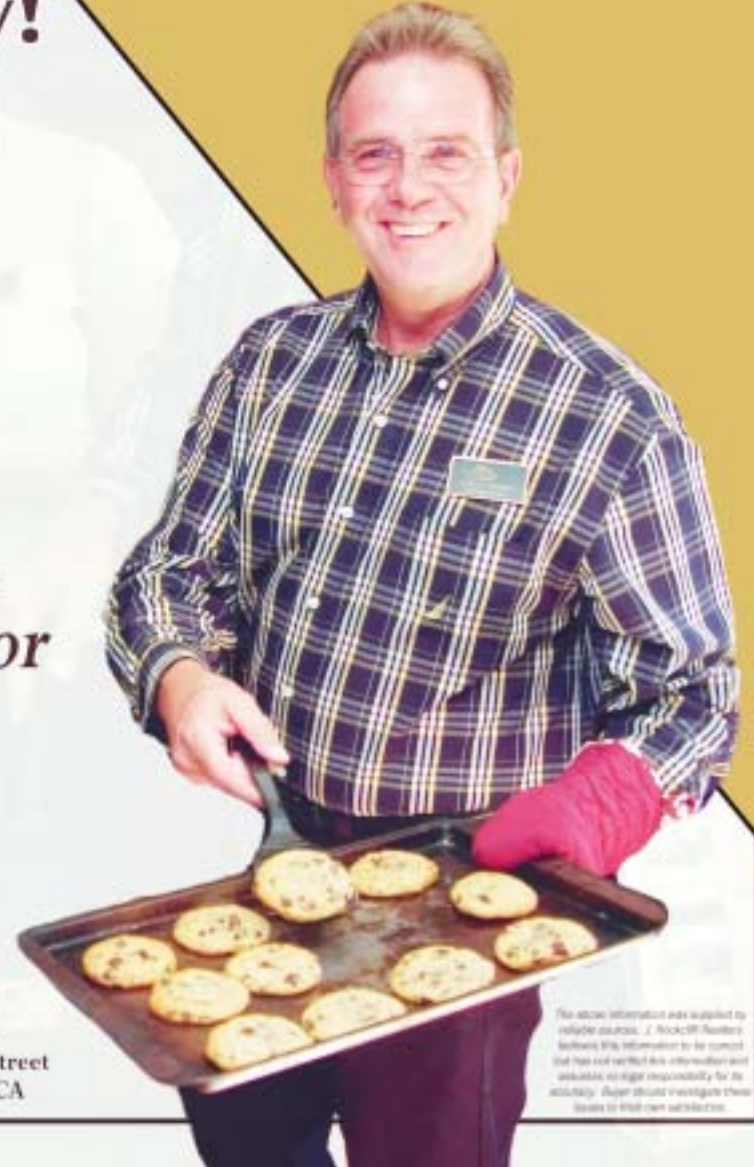
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EDITORIAL

Flowering Of Public Art

Public art will soon be flowering in Livermore now that the City Council has approved guidelines for the program.

"We started with the idea that art is good; we want more of it," said Councilmember John Marchand, who championed the program.

One set of procedures will guide the builders who opt to provide the art themselves. Another set will deal with the situations where the developer doesn't want to provide the art and instead pays an in lieu fee. The program includes provisions for soliciting project proposals and for grants.

Marchand eased one area of concern by adding wording that applications from individuals or organizations would be accepted as well as those solicited via a "request for proposal" process. Applications would be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

The fact that this program is now in place and will produce works of public art is reason to applaud.

FRIENDSHIP

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building. The issue has been festering for three years. If it takes this kind of outpouring to make people change their minds, that's great," Kamena declared.

Among those who spoke was Matthew Brandstetter, executive director of the Livermore Valley Charter School. He said that when he came to the school he was thrilled to find it was being shared with seniors. "Their impact on young people is tremendous." He pointed out that the school is in the process of renewing its charter. One of the suggestions of the oversight committee is that the school focus on a K-8 community.

Brandstetter held out hope that some accommodation could be made to retain the Friendship Center. "I'm hoping the three parties can get together in a last ditch effort to see if there is a solution. It is important to this community, and to the world, that we make this work for all parties."

Some speakers said the district hadn't looked at all of the options. For example, there are churches in the area that might have space that could be used for the program. Another idea was to add portables at the school site to accommodate more students. Others said that an analysis that the district received regarding the potential for a successful fund-raising campaign was wrong. They said they would be willing to help raise money. A capital campaign could be launched to build a permanent facility. Fund-raising is needed to establish an endowment to help to pay to operate it.

Frosty, a member of the Henchmen Motorcycle Club, declared, "The program has been said to be failing. It's not failing. No one has asked for help. I'm willing to go door-to-door to ask for help."

The Henchmen Club has been

one of the major financial supporters of the Friendship Center. Members also visit the facility to work with the clients. Over the years, other financial help has come from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, Livermore Soroptimist and the Hindu Community and Cultural Center.

Cal Wood read a letter from Marena Drilik, president of the Tri-Valley Adult Day Care Program board. She said that short of the charter school agreeing to take space in another school, the center must close. "Even if it were allowed to stay that would only be a temporary solution. A larger facility is needed to make the program financially viable. It takes a village to honor and celebrate the contributions of our elders."

"We will need all valley citizens to speak for the program with their checkbooks. With a growing population there will need to be at least three centers in the valley," wrote Drilik.

Dennis Gams, a member of the board, agreed that it would take an effort by the entire community to keep the current center open and to raise the funds for a permanent location. He declared, "I hope to take all the energy from the meeting and see if we can come up with something." Gams can be called at 449-1639.

Director Maryalice Faltings said that the district is not the villain in this process. "We have no place to go and it is not our fault. If we, the people and other civic entities, allow this essential service to die, we should be ashamed of ourselves." She urged people to go to city council meetings, school board meetings, and meetings of the charter school board and speak up for keeping the program. "Be a good citizen and don't let this program die."

Del Valle Students Learn "A Better Way"

By Patricia Koning

As a campus supervisor at Del Valle Phoenix Continuation High School, Paul Grasseschi feels his role not about just watching over students; he wants to serve as a mentor and trusted adult.

"I'm not really an authority figure, at least in the sense of a teacher, administrator, or police officer," he says. "I want these kids to know I accept them the way they are and provide positive input."

Grasseschi joined the Del Valle Phoenix staff in December, after serving as a part-time campus supervisor for 2.5 years at Livermore High School. During that time he helped run the successful Boyz to Men program, a gang intervention program targeting ninth and tenth graders.

In March, he started a similar program at Del Valle, called "A Better Way." The Tri Valley Community Fund (TVCF), which also supports Boyz to Men, is providing lunches for students who attend meetings through the end of the school year. The Liv-

ermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) and Livermore Rotary provided a \$500 grant for supplies and excursions.

The program meets three times a week after school, which ends at 12:30 pm, attracting anywhere from a few to 15 participants. Some days the students just talk with Grasseschi about what is on their minds. "I want them to understand that this is a safe place. What they say stays with me," he says.

The students are also working on service projects, starting with small activities on campus. When new computers were recently moved into the library, several of the A Better Way participants helped move old computers to classrooms. They've also repaired a broken ping-pong table.

Last week Dustin Davis, Garrett Glass, and Jesus Carmona spent their afternoon cleaning up the back part of the Del Valle Phoenix campus. As a reward, Grasseschi is taking the three students to the movies next weekend.

"They are slowly learning to be responsible members of the community," says Grasseschi. "Even though going to the movies is a reward, it's also an opportunity to behave properly in a public setting."

In the future, he's planning to have students undertake service projects in the immediate neighborhood and volunteer at a soup kitchen. He'll also be taking the students to restaurants, both as a reward and to develop good manners.

"My hopes are to mentor them in a way that will help them understand that you can have a good time without the use of drugs or alcohol," he explains. "They can hang out with friends whether it is in a small group of two or three or in a much larger setting without the need of gang affiliation, protection or support."

He's already seen positive results from a core group of students who attend A Better Way meetings regularly. Davis's attendance and school performance has already shown improvement.

MAILBOX

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Lab Layouts Ted Schaefer Livermore

Lets see if I have this right! Livermore Lab operates under a UC contract for decades and provides the USA with the highest level of strategic R and D. Suddenly, a right wing conservative White House favorite private corporation, Bechtel, is allowed to bid and wins this contract, but because of their private tax status, the costs to us taxpayers goes way up to cover their high private profit margins. And hundreds of loyal career Lab scientists and others are suddenly unemployed mid-career, with a lousy severance of 1 week-per-year served! Is this 'privatization' the way Bush diabolically punishes a group or geo area they label 'liberal'?

Golf Course Donald Nolte Springtown Golf Committee

We have one city, one city budget, one city golf course manager, and one city golf course program. We now have two city golf courses operated as enterprise funds. Each enterprise fund must be run as a business and make money. Both Las Positas and Springtown courses are losing money.

New maintenance contracts have recently been awarded to firms who will maintain all facilities at both courses. Accord-

ing to the NGF Report these contracts will enable Las Positas to make a substantial profit within two years. Springtown will continue to lose a lesser amount of money.

In our opinion, these two courses should be consolidated into one enterprise fund that would make a net profit. Consolidation is a common practice these days between competing businesses: note the recent consolidation of two airlines for example. Combining the two enterprise funds would eliminate competition for maintenance funds and promotional activities, as well as foster equal treatment of both courses.

Our Springtown Golf Committee would recommend the above course of action. We don't want to lose the Springtown Golf Course or our open space.

Voter Identification Herbert H Marshall Pleasanton

The Supreme Court's decision regarding the legality of requiring voter photo ID is long overdue. For many years I have manned Voter Registration booths. People are able to register under any name or address with no proof or verification of citizenship or name. You can even register your pet.

The right to vote is our most precious right and the State of California makes no realistic effort to guard it. Unfortunately the recent court decision will have no effect in California, as our legislature places such a low value on this right. Some have even suggested that a citizenship requirement should be eliminated. To the contrary we must strengthen and guard this requirement if we want our country to continue to exist as a free nation.

Friendship Center Closure Dennis Gams Tri Valley Adult Day Care Program Board Member

An Adult Day Care program for frail seniors in the Tri-Valley is scheduled to be closed. On June 30, 2008 the lease for use of the Livermore School District's property on Sonoma Avenue in Livermore by the Friendship Center program expires. This program has been operated at the school site by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District for the past 15 years. The Livermore Charter School has determined that it needs the use of the 2 1/2 classrooms currently being used by the Friendship Center at the school site.

The charter school is within their rights under state law to use these classrooms. However, the charter school has been offered additional classrooms by the school district at another school site. Additionally, students that would otherwise attend the charter school have the option of attending public schools. Most of the seniors that attend the Friendship Center have no such options. The Friendship Center is the only adult day care program in the Tri Valley.

Before the Friendship Center would need to be closed, I would like the Charter School Board to consider allowing the Friendship Center to continue using the school site. The needs of the entire Tri Valley area, not just additional charter school students, should be taken into consideration. A final decision on the fate of the Friendship Center is scheduled to be made on May 14, 2008. I urge those that would like to keep the Friendship Center open to contact the Charter School Board by email at bod@lclboard.org.

"It's another reason to come to school," he says.

Both Glass and Carmona say they like the program because it gives them something to do after school. "I get to meet new people," says Glass. "The meetings are like a gathering of friends."

Del Valle Phoenix Principal Kat Hannah says having "A Better Way" on campus is great. "Paul really provided the impetus for this important program," she says. "He has strong relationships with our young men. He is creating an opportunity for our students to participate in something meaningful. The program has constructive activities. Our students are developing cooperative relationships with each other."

Hannah adds that she's not sure how the program will be funded next year. "We don't have the same kind of school based monies that Livermore High School has to augment what the Tri Valley Community Foundation provides, but we are committed to continuing it. We have started small, but we've developed good momentum. We are going in a good direction," she explains.

Paul says that he plans to spend his summer writing grants so that he can cobble together enough funding to maintain A Better Way in the fall.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Joan Buchanan, Democratic candidate for the 15th Assembly District, will speak at the ACT NOW (National Organization for Women) meeting on Wed., May 14 at Round Table Pizza on Main Street in Pleasanton. The group meets at 7 p.m., with the speaker to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The California NOW Political Action Committee has endorsed Buchanan for the seat currently held by Republican Guy Houston, who is termed out of office.

People's Advocate CEO Ted Costa announced the support of People's Advocate PAC for conservative Republican Robert Rao in the open 15th Assembly District, adding another of California's major taxpayer organizations to Rao for Assembly endorsements. People's Advocate was the co-sponsor of the historic Proposition 13 property tax reduction initiative. Rao has already received the endorsements of the National Tax Limitation Committee and Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

Galt High School Trustees Art Olsner and Terry Parker as well as Galt Elementary School Board Member Erv Hatzenbuehler added their names to a list of education advocates supporting Republican Scott Kamena's bid for the 15th District Assembly seat.

Kamena has the most support from the education community among candidates for the Assembly seat. Other endorsements have come from Byron School District Trustee Jill Sprengel; Pleasanton School District Trustee Pat Kernan; River Delta Unified School District Trustee Joy Baker, Livermore Valley Unified School District Trustees Tom McLaughlin, Kate Runyon, and Bill Dunlop.

"Education will be one of the most important issues in the general election," said Kamena. "I've shown an ability, beyond that of my opponents, to appeal to education advocates from across the spectrum. I believe I am the candidate best prepared to face Democrat School Board member Joan Buchanan in November."

Poll workers are needed at 805 polling places in Alameda County for the June 3, 2008 Primary Election.

Dave Macdonald, Alameda County's Registrar of Voters, encourages Alameda County citizens to support the voting process by signing up now to work at the polls on June 3, 2008. Applications to become a poll worker can be obtained by calling the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6971 or by visiting the Registrar's website, www.acgov.org/rov/workers.htm.

Poll workers must be eligible to register to vote in California, and have basic clerical skills. They receive a stipend for their Election Day service which ranges from \$95 to \$180, depending on the duties they perform. Training classes for poll workers continue through the end of May. Call the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6971 for more information or to sign up to be a poll worker on June 3, 2008.

A candidates' night for the Superior Court Judge County of Alameda Seat 9 will be held Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. at Oakland City Hall.

Candidates are Dennis Hayashi, Phil Daly, Victoria Kolakowski and Dennis S. Reid. The session is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Oakland and the Alameda County Bar Association. This forum is open to the public.

City hall is located at 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, (between 14th and 15th Streets at Clay Street), Oakland.

APPEAL

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ticalar, the judge felt that portions of the development plan should have been part of the petitions.

The referendum supporters have filed an appeal. They asked the city to join and lead the appeal, since the city and city clerk were named in the original lawsuit filed by property owners, Jennifer and Frederic Lin.

Referendum leader Kay Ayala and Councilmember Cindy McGovern noted that the judge said the petitioners did not carry the development plan, which was referenced in the ordinance. Both pointed out that while a development plan was referenced in the conditions of approval, there is no development plan. It is to come later. There is an EIR and there are design guidelines.

Ayala pointed out that the judge dismissed other portions of lawsuit, leaving only the issue of the paperwork to be carried as part of the petitions. She believes they carried the proper paperwork. "Election law tells us exactly what we have to carry - the ordinance and nothing more, nothing less." In launching the appeal, she said the hope was that three judges would take a look at the ruling. "I'm 100 percent confident it will be overturned. All we want is the right to vote on this project," stated Ayala.

Cook-Kallio recommended that the city ask members of the state legislature to craft wording that made the statute with regard to paperwork required for referendums "crystal clear."

The council did vote unanimously to waive the right of privilege with regard to the con-

versation held in closed session on the matter. All five then made statements on the reasoning behind their votes.

The closed session followed a public hearing where advocates spoke both for and against the city's participation in further legal action.

Those speaking in favor of the appeal declared that the court's decision would impact future efforts to referend government decisions, because petitioners would not know what they would be required to carry. This could discourage them from attempting a referendum or initiative. They also said that the city should support the over 5000 residents who signed the petition, to make sure that they have a right to vote on the referendum.

Mary Roberts declared, "This is not about Oak Grove. It's about the right of citizens to petition their government. The city told Kay Ayala she had everything she possibly needed to carry."

Speakers who opposed having the city join the appeal felt it would look like the council was advocating overturning its own decision. They said the city should not waste taxpayer money in pursuing an appeal.

Scott Raty, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce CEO, said the council should take the opportunity to celebrate and talk about a very healthy decision it had made. "It is the responsibility of those who conducted the referendum to follow the law. They didn't. It is their right to appeal and it should be at their cost."

Jon Harvey, one of the three residents of Kottinger Ranch (the adjacent development to Oak

Grove) who negotiated the development agreement for Oak Grove, felt the judge's decision would strengthen the referendum process. "In the future, petitioners would make sure they have a good package put together. There have been a lot of successful campaigns. Measure D was challenged vigorously in the courts. It stands today as one of the strongest open space initiatives in Alameda County. The organizers spent a lot of time and money to get it right."

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Jerry Thorne stated, "In its zealous pursuit of a compromise and yes some placation of a certain political faction, the council has lost sight of the bigger picture." He said the goal was to eventually have 2000 acres of protected open space in the southeast hills, using Oak Grove as a model. This project would provide 496 acres.

Thorne also objected to statements made by petition gatherees, in particular characterization of the Lin family as foreign developers who don't care anything about Pleasanton. "Mr. Lin is a citizen of the United States who deserves to be treated with respect and not to be discussed in a racist way in a public forum."

Thorne questioned the legality of the referendum campaign, saying they failed to report money spent on it, something required by the Fair Political Practices Commission. "It doesn't matter where the money comes from. There is a responsibly to report any funding that exceeds \$1000."

Thorne concluded, "I won't support the use of additional tax dollars to hire yet another consultant and will not support a mechanism designed to overturn a decision made by this council in a four year public process."

Cheryl Cook-Kallio said the judge's decision is not prohibitive. She saw it as protective of

the referendum process. She explained that it forces citizens working to repeal a decision to wade through all of the material the council has read before and then having pages explaining that decision as part of the petition.

"The decision is not precedent setting. The appeal may be if it were to be published," said Cook-Kallio.

In response to those who said the council should support the right of those who signed the petition to vote, Cook-Kallio pointed out that 89.3 percent of registered voters in Pleasanton did not sign. "I represent all of Pleasanton. It is not a cost we should bear financially. I think the greater cost is not doing it right. I think we did it right. At the end of the day, some agreed with us and some didn't," declared Cook-Kallio.

Cindy McGovern, who voted in the minority, said that she felt that the decision was precedent setting. She wanted to have a lawyer who specialized in the referendum/initiative process look at what it might mean to cities in the future. She said that the city attorney (Michael Roush) had told her he thought the decision was wrong. "If that's true, we should appeal," argued McGovern.

"Most important is to have this appeal to clarify the evolution of election code," added McGovern.

Matt Sullivan, the other minority vote, pointed out that he had voted for Oak Grove. "I supported the process and the project. Now I have come to another conclusion." The goal was to empower citizens to participate in the project planning and hopefully come to a compromise that everyone could live with and end up with open space. Having a referendum "sent me a strong message that maybe we didn't do our job all of the way." He added,

9TH DISTRICT

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Sen. John Burton, state attorney general Jerry Brown, and Assemblyman Alberto Torrico, whose district includes Sunol and a small part of south Pleasanton. Also on board for Chan are Santa Clara County Rep. Mike Honda, state controller John Chiang, Alameda County school superintendent Sheila Jordan, children's advocate Rob Reiner, and Dublin school board member Pat Kohlen.

Siding with Hancock are Perata, Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, Dublin mayor Janet Lockhart, former Dublin councilmember Claudia McCormick, former Dublin mayor Linda Jeffery Sailors, state treasurer Bill Lockyer, Eastbay Reps. Ellen Tauscher, George Miller and Barbara Lee, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, the Tri-Valley Democratic Club, and the National Women's Political Caucus. Also in Hancock's corner are San Ramon Valley school board member Joan Buchanan, who seeks the 15th Assembly District Democratic nomination, and former Valley BART director Erlene DeMarcus.

The Independent asked both candidates the same specific questions in telephone interviews on the broad topics of the state budget and taxes, local government, health care, education, transportation and environment.

WILMA CHAN

Looking ahead to future state budgets, Chan would like to see a 51 or 55 percent majority requirement in both houses to pass the budget, not the current two-thirds vote, which leads to gridlock. A referendum is expected on the ballot in a future election to change the two-thirds requirement.

Chan doesn't approve of a cuts-only approach in the current budget crisis, because there would be so much damage to vulnerable people such as seniors and health patients. Education would take a big hit. It's clear that taxes will have to be raised in some form.

"I would oppose any deal that gives the governor, or any one person the power to cut the budget," said Chan. She also wants to see a budget reserve built, though that will have to wait until a future budget is healthy enough for that to happen.

The Legislature should change things so that in the future it starts to work right away on the governor's January budget proposal, and not wait until April or May. There should also be more transparency. "You see the drama in the press. What's really happening is that people are meeting in back rooms and cutting deals. If you want the voter to understand why taxes need to be raised, you need to have more hearings, and an earlier date (to start the process)," she said.

Chan said she was critical of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in taking back the vehicle license fee. That would be generating \$6 billion, and help government avoid the current budget crisis.

To address the current crisis, Chan prefers closing loopholes, especially on corporate taxes, so that working class and middle class people are not tapped disproportionately. The notion of raising Proposition 13 taxation on commercial property should be examined, if it's a "reasonable level," said Chan.

Asked about special districts' lost revenue, such as Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's loss of 50 percent of its annual budget to the state's various budget crises, Chan said that districts seeking capital improvements can take advantage of the bond issue that passed several years ago. As for operating costs, Chan said that if elected, she would assign staff in the Tri-Valley area to work on a solution.

MANDATES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Chan was asked about the so-called unfunded mandates that Livermore and Pleasanton city governments have complained about in the state's "fair share housing" requirements in general plans. She replied that it's important for communities to take their fair share of housing.

In Piedmont, the city dealt with it by working with the community and the law to achieve low and moderate income housing. "You need to find a fair way to do it. If tweaks are needed, and cities don't have the funding (for infrastructure to support it), then revise the law," said Chan.

In general, planning decisions should be local and regional, not dictated by the state. This is certainly true when it comes to decisions about urban in-fill, which she supports.

Chan opposes Proposition 98, which is geared toward eminent domain, but which also eliminates rent controls in mobile home parks, and shuts down other forms of rent control that exist in some cities. "There should be local input into it (rent control)," said Chan. Prop. 99, an eminent domain alternative to Prop. 98, is written much better by legislators, and would serve the public better, she said.

Asked about supporting local senior and youths programs, Chan said that for five years she sat on an Assembly committee for seniors. She passed a bill that ensured that there would be enough flu vaccine for seniors, who would take precedence. In terms of local programs for seniors, in general it would be well to consolidate programs, and have "one-stop shop types of things, so they don't have to go to too many places," she said. Her own experience with her 88-year-old father's access to many different services is showing her that.

'HEALTH CARE IS APASSION'

When Chan was in the Assembly, she supported a universal health care coverage bill sponsored by a fellow legislator. "I was chair of the health committee. Health care is one of my passions. Making an investment now would save us money later. The governor said he's interested in rewriting a package for 2010. If I'm in the leadership, I'm well-positioned (to pass it)," said Chan.

Chan said that she was the primary author of 20 health bills during her tenure. Among those that became law was one that required health care insurers to make public the percentage of applicants they turn down for coverage. It can help consumers determine where to apply if they have been rejected over such things as taking a cholesterol drug, or having a bad acne condition (as one committee hearing witness testified).

Another bill put a cap on how much a person can be charged if they have no insurance for a given procedure. One couple testified at the health care hearing that their bill was \$400,000. When the hospital found out that they had health insurance, the bill was cut to \$75,000. Health care bills have been the second leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the United States, she said.

Chan wants to see all California children have health care coverage. Her bill to extend it to all was vetoed by Schwarzenegger. However, Sen. Darrell Steinberg has picked up the torch since Chan left the Assembly. "There are 1 million kids in California who have no health insurance. I think that's criminal," said Chan.

B.A.R.T. CAN PROFIT FROM BULLET TRAIN

On the topic of a Livermore BART extension, Chan said that she likes County Supervisor Scott Haggerty's suggestion of rolling in money for it from the proposed bullet train bond measure. She definitely would support the bond or other money for the extension, having been caught in rush hour traffic in the Valley.

On relieving freeway congestion, Chan said the state infrastructure bonds can help. The Bay Area has to come together and fight for its share, since Los Angeles has received a big part of it.

EDUCATION SIMPLY NEEDS MORE MONEY

With California ranked nearly last in support for education, there is a need for more money. This year's prospective education budget is bad. "It will take a lot of pressure from outside (voters). I'm a Democrat, but Republicans will have to get off the mantra of 'no new taxes.'"

Livermore school district has improved its income through the Legislature's moves toward equalization, but more needs to be done, said Chan, who was on the education budget committee for five years. Unless there is infusion of more money, the problem becomes taking money from other districts to "equalize" Livermore and other underfunded districts.

TOXINS, GLOBAL WARMING ARE MAJOR

Many things should be hap-

pening when it comes to environmental law. Global warming and control of toxic substances are chief among them.

Bills introduced by Chan include a ban on harmful toxins in rugs and furniture, which was approved in 2003, and was the first in the United States. Another of her bills reduced the amount of lead in pipes, despite opposition from chemical companies.

Education in the schools and in households is a good way to cut the carbon footprint. Working with the energy caucus, she said she presented a program statewide on the topic. She also was involved in AB 32, the bill that will cut the state's greenhouse gas emissions.

On green jobs and the spread of technology, Chan said she would make sure that money for them goes into Senate District 9. "We are in a good position, with LLNL and the Berkeley lab. A lot of it is working with partnerships," she said.

On the home mortgage crisis, she is sympathetic to people who have lost their homes. She supports congressional bills to allow people more time to pay off their debt. "We have to protect the consumer, and regulate mortgage brokers more," she said.

In closing, Chan said she feels that based on her record in the Assembly leadership, she expects again to have a leadership post. If she does, she can use it effectively for district residents, she said. Overall, her emphasis has been on getting bills passed, not just on ideas, she said.

LONI HANCOCK'S VIEWS

On the state budget and taxes, Hancock stated, "Taxes are the way we pool money for things that we can't afford separately, such as roads, schools, a health care system, hospitals, trains and buses. The budget is a statement of our values. What kind of people are we? What kind of life do we want in California?"

The California budget has been at the tipping point for years. It's clear that the state, which is 47th in financial effort behind each student, can't endure the \$4.8 billion cut for schools proposed by Schwarzenegger, and "prepare kids adequately for 21st century jobs."

"We are about the lowest in the nation on medical reimbursement (for doctors with Medi-Cal patients). A 10 percent cut there would be disastrous for many doctors. In some rural counties, only two or three doctors take Medi-Cal patients now. We leave federal-match money on the table all the time when we make cuts. We have to realize we can't cut our way out of a crisis," said Hancock.

Revenues need to be raised in a way that does not hurt the working class and middle class. A bill that Hancock has would supported accomplishes what Ronald Reagan did when he faced a deficit (as governor). Hancock stated, "He implemented a 1 percent increase in the income tax for the wealthiest Californians. So I am proposing we restore that, on people making over \$250,000 per year, keeping in mind that they can also deduct their state income tax from the federal tax."

Closing the yacht tax loophole, where someone can buy a boat in Oregon, wait 90 days, bring it home to California and escape the state's sales tax is another thing to consider. "We need to look at these options and ask, 'Is educating our children worth it?'"

If the governor hadn't cut the vehicle license fee, it would bring in \$6 billion annually now, said Hancock. It would be good to restore the fee in some form. "It was quite a progressive fee. You could structure it so that gas guzzlers pay more," she said. It takes a two-thirds vote in both houses in the Legislature to close the yacht sales loophole or approve any other tax increase, since closing a loophole is considered a tax increase.

"We are one of three or four states to require a two-thirds vote (of the Legislature) to pass a budget. That means there is the tyranny of the minority. If the U.S. Congress had a two-thirds rule, they would never pass a budget."

Hancock said that she and Sen. Tom Torlakson have sponsored Senate Constitutional Amendment 22 for a future ballot that would change the rule to a simple majority could decide the budget. Hearings in Sacramento have shown that people who are "very distraught about what would

happen to schools and elderly parents and child care" want more taxes so that services are not lost, as long as the tax increases are fair, she said.

Instigating an oil severance tax is another way to raise revenue. "We are the only one of 21 oil-producing states that does not have an oil severance tax. Texas and Oklahoma have oil severance taxes. We couldn't get a two-thirds vote for it. All of the Democrats were for it, and all of the Republicans were against it. We were seven votes short in the Assembly, and two in the senate."

The oil-tax vote also brought up the topic of public financing of campaigns, which is the subject of a bill that Hancock sponsored and passed in the Assembly, but which died in the Senate. If she gets into the Senate, she's optimistic she can work on the logjam there.

Hancock's donations reform plan is patterned after that of Arizona. It involves getting many \$5-limit contributions to qualify for matching state funds. "I talked to a Republican in Arizona who ran on public financing. He said that when he was elected, he didn't have to do anything but what was in the best interest of the state of Arizona. A year or so ago, 66 percent of people in an Institute of Public Policy poll said 'yes' to the statement that Sacramento is run for a few big interests, not for people like me," said Hancock.

Proposition 13 needs to be put on the table to re-examine the entire way California is financed, said Hancock. It's the commercial side that needs a second look, not residential properties. Residential homes turn over every three to five years, and are reassessed. However, much of the state's old commercial property has not been reassessed because there is relatively little turnover.

Asked about special district taxation, such as the 50 percent cut the state takes from LARPD every year, Hancock said she has spent time fighting for Bay Area special districts, such as EBMUD, EBRPD and AC Transit. "I have succeeded in keeping those special districts from being cut in the budget. I look forward to doing the same thing for the Livermore district," she said.

FAIR SHARE HOUSING GOALS

Asked about unfunded state mandates in terms that require cities to expand housing, Hancock said, "The more you housing build, the more is assigned. Instead of punitive measures, there are positive incentives for cities that build around transit hubs. I was able to include \$850 million in the last housing bond for incentives for cities that decide to build inside urban limit lines," she said.

Hancock said she believes "strongly in urban limit lines, and having greenfields as opposed to urban sprawl." She said she doesn't see any threat from the state against open space or urban growth boundaries.

On the eminent domain propositions, Hancock said, "No

on 98, and 99 is fine." She said that Prop. 98 would prohibit all local zoning. It says developers should be able to build anything they want, or be compensated. It would hurt renters, the environment, the ability of cities to shape their building environment. Prop. 99 clarifies, in some very narrow cases, where you can't use eminent domain, but it leaves the rest of zoning and planning."

About programs for seniors and youths, Hancock said that she is focused on protecting the existing programs, such as in-home support of seniors and senior nutrition, that are threatened with cuts. Also, if \$4.8 million is cut from education, "we'll see after-school and nutrition programs cut. Some districts I represent are looking at cutting music and art. One is looking at sports. That's a recipe for making school a place where a child doesn't want to be."

HEALTH CARE, TRANSPORTATION

Asked about whether the state should adopt single-payer health plan, Hancock said that the experience in other countries shows that it works. It results in spending a smaller percent of the gross domestic product on health care, and people live longer.

"The question should be: If every other industrialized country in the world does this, why can't we? We are a very innovative people. Truly we can figure it out," said Hancock.

Extending BART to Livermore is an important part of the picture. "We need to invest a great deal more in public transit. We are one of the few countries that doesn't have high-speed rail. That is public investment. We need to pool our money for that and BART and buses," she said.

EDUCATION

The Republicans in the Legislature are trying to manipulate the formula contained in Proposition 98, the guarantee for a minimum amount of state budget money to underwrite education. By manipulating the formula that distributes the money, they think they can say they are not really cutting it. "The point is, the money is needed in the classroom," said Hancock.

Asked about equalization for poorer districts, such as Livermore, Hancock said that there are a variety of levels of funding depending on the district, and every district is different. The real problem is that "like the rest of our financial system, education needs to be completely overhauled. We need more money for

public schools. Otherwise, we are just rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic," said Hancock.

ENVIRONMENT, MORTGAGE DEFAULTS

As chair of the Assembly natural resources committee, Hancock said she is looking forward to implementing AB 32, the greenhouse gas law. "This is leading to an economic boom in California. Investment capital is flowing into the green economy. We have been working with partnerships on the I-880 corridor, from Oakland to Richmond, to attract green businesses and jobs, with help from Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory.

Representing Livermore, we would bring the Livermore lab into that as well, and the whole Tri-Valley business community," said Hancock.

A bill Hancock sponsored is establishing 10 career academies in green technologies in career path settings in schools. "I think we really can position this part of the world to lead in building the green economy. There is a role for every young person. They can invent the next generation of solar panels, or install them, or market them around the world, or be involved in shipping them," she said.

Asked about whether the state should help people who got in trouble over mortgage defaults, Hancock said that it is "as least as important as helping mortgage brokers about investments that didn't work out." Such tools as longer loans, and negotiated loans that families can pay for would be better than seeing people "losing their homes and whole neighborhoods becoming derelict."

SIERRA CLUB

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ability to protect the environment and to shape open space policy with this project. When the developer's lawsuit was successful in overturning the referendum based on a technicality, it sent chills up my spine. I understood what this meant not only for this situation, but also for future grassroots efforts to protect the environment and our precious hillsides from development. What is at stake is far more important than any single project."

Marty Inderbitzen, attorney for the Oak Grove property owners, asked the Sierra Club not to join the appeal. He read a letter from Mayor Jennifer Hosterman supporting his request.

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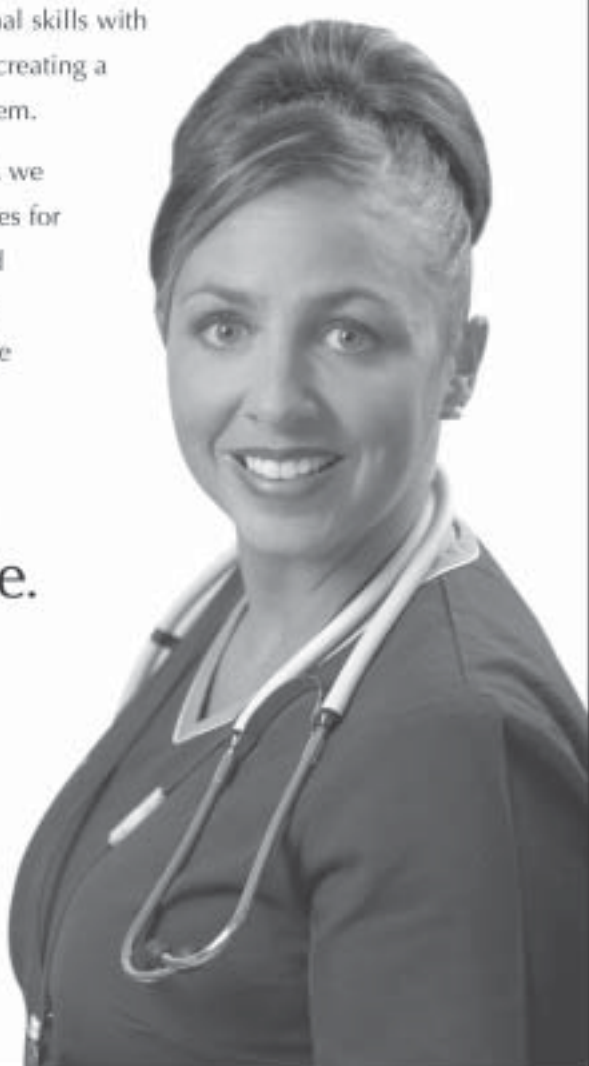
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SPORTS NOTES

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results:

AAA Division: On Saturday, the Tigers defeated the Nationals 11-2. Luther Little led the offense for the Tigers with two doubles and a single and three RBI's. Little also struck out two batters in one inning of relief. Tigers starting pitcher Josh Olt held the Nats to one run and Sammy Cabral had a hard single to left field for the Tigers.

Rockies 15, Tigers 10: The Rockies came up with a great team effort to win against the Tigers with solid team offense, pitching and defense. The team delivered 10 hits en route to the win with 2 hits and 5 RBI's coming from Brock Gustafson highlighted by his out-of-the-park, over the fence home run. There was an outstanding defensive catch by Ethan Lipsker at third base. The Rockies threw 4 pitchers at the Tigers including Dane Delaney, Rod Hajian, Brock Gustafson and the game closer Giovanni Caponigro.

A Division: Redwings vs. Muckdogs: Trevor Doster, Joey Nickel, Evan Peterson, and Eric Shields had stellar performances on the mound for their first times. All players pitched well. Trevor Doster was throwing well and hard. The Redwings demonstrated heads up baseball when Trevor fired a fastball down the middle with 1 out, 3 balls and 2 strikes, runner on first. Owen Camp hustled left and fielded it cleanly to get the runner out on second. Staton Rosenblum had a smash to left field that looked like a sure double but the Muckdogs stopped the celebration with their excellent fielding at Left Center, short-stop and second base to stop the Redwings.

Amador Swimming

With a possible league championship on the line, the Amador Valley High School Varsity girls led early, and stayed close for most of the meet, but in the end, couldn't pull off a win against cross-town Foothill, falling 106-79.

After the 200 freestyle, in which Catherine Breed, Casey Coughlin, and Marie Schmidt, went 1, 3, 4, the Dons led 17-13. After getting a win from Kayleigh Foley in the 50 Free, the meet was all tied at 31. Another win by Breed (100 fly) and second place finishes from Foley (100 Free) and Tory Houston (500 free) kept Amador within striking distance 65-61 with four events to go. However, the Falcons gained eight points in the two relays and dominated the 100 backstroke to take the meet.

JV BOYS: By the narrowest of margins, the Amador Valley JV boys fell to Foothill 89-87. The two point margin is only part of the story as Joey Silva finished only .02 seconds out of first place in the 50 free. Had Silva won that event the Dons would have won by two points instead of losing by two points. In fact, had any Amador swimmer finished one place higher, the Dons would have won or tied the Falcons.

Amador jumped out to an early lead, going 1-2 in the Medley relay and held the lead after the 200 relay and the 100 IM. Hayden Forrester's six points in the diving event put Amador up 35-33 and Sam Martin, Matthew Sun and Sneharth Mukherjee went 1,3,4 the 100 butterfly to pull the lead to 46-33. The Falcons pushed even after 100 Free, and took a two point lead after the 500 free despite a second place finish by James Cheney.

After going 2-3 in the 200 free relay the Dons trailed by two, but flipped the lead by two when James Sun, Chris Johnston, and Mahir Kalra when 1,3,4 in the 100 backstroke. Trevor Landas and Stefan Hall went 2-3 in the 100 breaststroke and the meet was all tied up going into the 400 free relay. Needing a win the event, the Dons had to settle for second and third and the Falcons took home the narrow win.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results: Granada Junior 80's Granada Junior 80's Gold team has played an awesome season so far with a record of 14 & 2. Saturdays double header against LNLL was not exception, the boys played great. Final scores: Granada 12, LNLL 1 & Granada 12, LNLL 2. Top hitters for Granada total for both games - Vince Fernandez 2B, 3B, RBI & 2 runs scored; Nathan Preece 3-1B, 3B, 4RBI & 4 runs scored; Taylor Downey 2-1B, 2RBI's & 3 runs scored; Anthony Olmo 3-1B, 2RBI's & 3 runs scored. Pitchers for Granada - Ryan Flayler & Taylor Downey each pitched 4 innings. Daniel Whitney & Justin Whitman pitched 2 innings each. Top Hitters for LNLL - Davis 1B; Martin 1B; Wilkinson 2-1B & runs scored; Royster 1B & RBI. Pitchers for LNLL - McLeod, Oliveri, Royster, Silva, Davis & Lee.

Granada's Junior 80's Gold team has been putting together quite impressive season thus far with a 17 - 2 record. This past weeks performance was no exception. With a combination of great pitching and hitting, Granada was able to continue its winning ways. Granada 12, Pleasanton Foothill 2 Granada 11, Danville 1 Granada 7, Danville 2 Top hitters for the week: Granada - Nathan Preece, 5 for 8, 1-2B, 3RBI's, 3 runs scored; Vince Fernandez, 4 for 7, 1-2B, 1-3B, 7 runs scored; Taylor Downey, 2 for 9, 5 RBI's, 3 runs scored; Jordan Thraikill, 3 for 9, 2RBI's, 4 runs scored Top Pitchers for the week: Granada - Anthony Olmo, 5 IP, 1 R, 2 H, 5 BB, 10 K; Justin Whitman, 5 1/3 IP, 2 R, 6 H, 4 BB, 5 K; Daniel Whitney, 4 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 4 K.

Majors: Cubs 12, A's 4. Top Hitters: Cubs - Matty Proettel 2B, 1B, 5RBI; Nick Campitelli - 1B, 2B, 2 runs scored; Jeffrey Brinkley - 1B, 2 RBI. A's - Sebastian Martin HR, 1B, 2 RBI; Matt Carlo 1B, run scored; Michael Carlson 1B. Top Pitchers: Cubs - Matty Proettel 5IP, 4R, 2H, 10K; A's - Jacob Lutz 2IP, 2R, 3K; Brandon Derdak 1IP, 3K. Matty Proettel led the Cubs in a 12-4 victory over the A's. Matty held the A's to 2 hits over 5 innings. Proettel's bat was hot with 2 doubles and a single, driving in 5 runs. For the A's, Sebastian Martinez started the game off with a home run scoring two of the A's early runs.

Cardinals 6, Diamondbacks 1 - Top Hitters Cardinals - Ryan Dearborn 2 doubles, 1 RBI, and 3 runs scored; Casey Soltis a double, a single, 3 RBI's and a run; Matt Hilgen a double and 1 RBI; Zac Botello & Matt Ontano both hit singles. Diamondback's Jacob Storti had a solid blast that easily cleared the center field fence for a home run and the Diamondbacks only score in the game. Diamondbacks Brian White and Calvin Rasbald both hit singles Top Pitchers: Cardinals - Ryan Dearborn 6IP, 3 hits, 1 run and 13 strike outs. Diamondbacks: Jacob Storti 3IP, 3 hits, 3 runs and 6 strike outs.

Cardinals 5, Red Sox 2 - Top Hitters Cardinals - Ryan Dearborn hit a double and a single and scored 2 runs. Matt Hilgen hit a double and Ricky Martinez had 2 singles. Casey Soltis and Ian Clutter both hit singles and scored a run. Red Sox's Ryan Mathia hit a double and a single, while singles were also made by Grant Perry, Cesar Becerra, and Aaron Stoen. Top Pitchers: Cardinals - Casey Soltis 5IP, 5H, 2R, 11K; Red Sox's Brandon Jeffers 6IP, 8H, 5R, 7K. A great defensive play at 3rd base was made by Lyndon Moreland of the Red Sox.

Minor AAA: 5-3-08 Giants 7, Cardinals 6. Top Hitters (Giants) Matt Kirby 2-1B, 3 RBIs; Johnny Barney 2B; Connor McGee 1B, RBI. 2 runs scored (Cardinals) Gregory Moreland 1B, Kyle Enrich 1B, Garrett Vest 1B. Top Pitchers (Giants) Connor McGee 4IP (Cardinals) Gregory Moreland 5IP. Both teams played a great game that came right down to the very end. In the bottom of the sixth, with bases loaded, Matt Kirby hit a 2-run single to win the game.

Diamondbacks 9, Giants 2: Top Hitters: D Backs - Matthew Ryan - 1 out of the park home run, 2RS, Dominic Mingione - 2B, 1 RS. Giants: J.J. McMillian - 2B, Conner McGee 2B. Top Pitchers: D Backs - Jake (JJ) Jackson - 1.5 Innings, 6K, Jake Olofson - 4.5 I, 6K. Giants - Wesley Katz - 2 I, 2K, Matt Kirby - 2 I, 4 K.

A's 2, Mariners 13 - The A's jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead behind the bat of Sean Haggerty who hit inside the park Home Run for 2 RBIs. The Mariners responded back with 4 runs of their own and continued their hitting ways during the remainder of the game. The Mariners offense was led by Joshua Marty (1 triple, 2 RBIs), Anthony Miller (1 triple, 3 RBIs), Domenic Carlson (2 singles, 1 double, 2 RBIs) and Austin Albiani (1 single, 1 triple, 3 RBIs).

Cardinals 11, Mariners 1. Top Hitters Cardinals - McKenzie Frost - 2B, 2RBI, one run scored; Gregory Moreland - 2 singles; T.J. O'Ferrall - 1B, 1RBI, Mariners - Jared Buranis - Triple, single, run scored. Cardinals pitching led by Gregory Moreland with 3IP, 1H, 1R, and 5 strike outs. Mariners pitching led by Jared Buranis with 2IP, 1H, 2R, and 5 strike outs.

Minor A: Giants (offense) Cade Shortridge, Austin Price, Mitchell Rocereto (defense) Gabriel Vargas, Marie Liney, Kobe Cortez - Cardinals (offense) Trevor Campbell, Matthew Hall, Cameron McGee (defense) Dmitri Boyd, Weston Everett, Drew Kajucich.

Mariners - Defense: Parker Hall, Dillon Martinez, and Seth Davis. Offense: Bradley Bailey, Tyler Thompson, and Andrew Lewis. Visitors - Cubs - Offense: Luke Morrisoe, Mark Silverthorn, and Reid Hefron. Defense: Cody Stearns, Pierce Cadle, and Ryan Wright.

Cardinals vs. Red Sox. Cardinals (offense) Claire Abele, Cameron McGee, Alex Gonzalez (defense) Trevor Campbell, Weston Everett, Joey Lestochi Red Sox (offense) Ethan Arrow/Smith, Garrett Borba, Michael Silva (defense) Jack Kath, JJ Morley, Joel Gau.

Farm: Pirates (defense) Joziah Knight, Tommy Reeves, Ethan Lane (offense) Harry Rose, Jane Abele, Rudy Ayala; Mets (defense) Caleb Hardesty, Jake Johnston, Sawyer Demarest (offense) Travis Silva, Joshua Collom, Logan Greenough, Pirates (offense) Tommy Reeves, Nate Stone, Jane Abele; (defense) Noah Dahmler, Rudy Ayala, Ethan Lane - Cardinals (offense) Zachary Hollingshaus, Ethan Rayvine, George Zikou (defense) Jeremy Dyson - Gunnar Hollingshaus, Andrew Hayley, Yankees (offense) Connor Detlefsen, Nicholas Hill, Ray Montes (defense) Christopher Irwin, RJ Mata, Gabriel Parrish; Giants (offense) Chad Goldsberry, Joey Katen, Ryan Lortie (defense) Derek Eijansantos,曹Cao Eijansantos, Jordan Garcia, Angels: Dylan Krauss, Colby Smith, Brandon Garvey, Brad Lidge, Christopher Perez, Dylan Tompkins, Diamond Backs: Cameron Schrader, Benjamin Kanuth, Hunter Taylor, Peyton Stultz, Daniel Pryor, J.T. Kelley.

T-Ball: Giants (offense) John Orsini, Kyle Packard, Ryan Stapp (defense) Grant Thraikill, Jesse Watson, Calvin Fletcher; Cardinals - (offense) Sean Olgardt, Sofia Olgardt, Christopher Olgardt (defense) Ty Stewart, Ben Wiesner, Nathan Woolsey. Cardinals (offense) Christina Castaneda, Julia Castaneda, Paimon Goulart (defense) Yash Hammond, Jack Hansen, Dante Lopez; Diamond Backs (offense) Seth Lundin, Gavin Carreira, Blake Stokes (defense) Aiden Lewis, Kyle Rodgers, Ben O'Connor. Cubs (offense) Ty Marks, Christian Neumann, Devin Shah (defense) Ryan Wenzel, Max Weasner, Ben Morrisoe, Red Sox (offense) Brent Young, Dougley Winter Jr. (defense) Colton Trudeau, Devin Stone, Ryan Stear, A's (offense) Jacob Kilbane, Michael Straus, Gregory Short (defense) Brendan Paterson, Hayden Marshall, Drake Small; Mariners (offense) Katherine Frost, Andy Hankins, Samantha Newton (defense) Cole Niermeyer, Nate Miskella, Mason Eastman.

YOUTH LACROSSE
Action Pleasanton Lightning 7th grade, 13-year-old boys lacrosse league vs. Berkeley Lacrosse Club Lightning got stomped 12 to 12 but the Lightning boys never loose spirit. Devin Bell and Kyle Banda scored the goals with a shot by Ryan McGlaughlin. Grounders were picked up by Connor Sanchez, Richard Vanderbill, Cale Rubinson, Jack Chervet, Kevin Costello, Tyler Mattimore, and Kenton Kosz. Face-offs won by Ryan McGlaughlin, Tommy Turner, and Kevin Costello. Alex Olguin admirably defended the goal against yet another team spiked with towering 8th graders.

Action Pleasanton Lightning vs. Ross Valley Grizzlies Lightning was mauled by the Grizzlies 2 to 5. One goal scored by Trevor Maes. Tyler Trinidad stormed 100 yards from goal to goal to score the other, the second time he achieved an impressive coast-to-coast this season. Shots by Ryan McGlaughlin, Grayson Poe, and team captain JT Garcia. Face-offs won by Jack Chervet, Ryan McGlaughlin, Tyler Mattimore, and Alex Olguin. Grounders picked up by Kyle Banda, Connor Sanchez, Devin Bell, Jack Chervet, Tyler Trinidad, Ryan McGlaughlin, Grayson Poe, Cale Rubinson, Tyler Mattimore, JT Garcia, Colton Swalley, and Michael Boveda. The goal was protected by Alex Olguin.

Action Pleasanton Lightning vs. Warriors Lightning was conquered by Warriors 5 to 10. Two goals were scored by Cale Rubinson, two by Ryan McGlaughlin, and one by Jack Chervet with assists by Steve Kinnard, an assist and a shot by Kevin Costello, and a shot by Richard Vanderbill. Ground balls were picked up by Tyler Mattimore, JT Garcia, Trevor Maes, Kolby McDonnell, and Devin Bell. Alex Olguin and Michael Boveda tended goal.

Pleasanton Monsoon 5th Grade Boys Lacrosse closed out the 2008 season with a doubleheader on Sunday. They lost the first game 7-5 to the Ross Valley Grizzlies despite the outstanding defensive efforts of Luther Little and Owen Browne. Nicholas Dauskurdas and Conner Frey also played well for the Monsoon.

In the nightcap, the Monsoon dropped a 6-3 decision to the Tomahawks. Eric Carrolan scored for the Monsoon. Duke Bonde, Andrew Lambert and Tyler Wilhite also had strong games for the Monsoon.

Livermore Phantom Jr. "B" Team took a jolt from the Lamorinda Bolts losing their last season game at home. The Junior Team s dedicated coaching staff: Tim Allen, John Landreth and Kevin Byrne. The 2008 team players: Neal Steward, Colin Rigby, Taylor Casa, Michael Landreth, Neal Border, Cameron Locke, Grant Lewis, Joshua Allen, Hunter Olson, Evan Martin, Josh Snyder, Sam Burnett, David Marshall, Erik Wurster, Chad Smylie, Zachary Swinford, Max Byrne, Griffin Shaw, Michael Fischer, Dalton McLaren, Nicholas Winter, Brandon Goulet, Justin Ponovits, and Joshua Dwy.

Pleasanton Girls Lacrosse Twister team added two more victories to their record on Saturday, May 3, at Hart Middle School in Pleasanton. In the first game against the Walnut Creek Warriors, Lauren Hall earned a hat trick with 3 goals. McKalee Mooney dazzled the crowd with a shovel shot for a goal. Lynnea Flaherty scooped up a ground ball, drove down the field, and fired into the net for a goal. Superior passes and shots by Sarah Monday and Kirsten Jensen. Kira Ewanich and Lindsey Kail had the most goals and showed dynamic defensive skills to shut down the Warriors. Great interception by Evan Murphy. Outstanding job by goalies Molly Grozier and Cierra Kocik. Final score 12-0.

In the second game, the Twister team showed their expertise again in moving the ball down the field. Flaherty sent a perfect pass to Olivia Deuschman who fired it into the net for a goal. Other great goals by Brianna Nicholas, Andrea Arden, and Evan Murphy. Nicholas stepped out of her goalie role and showed her speed and superior ball cradling. Excellent defense by Hannah Stapp, Madison Steele, and Kail. Final score 12-7. The Twister team heads to Davis on May 17 for the championship tournament.

The Pleasanton Vortex Pup B1 boys lacrosse team recorded hard-fought victories in its last two home games of the regular season. On Saturday, attack player Ian Mills scored a game-high four goals to lead the Vortex past the Walnut Creek Warriors, 8-4. Against the Ross Valley Grizzlies on Sunday, attack player Colton Steiner contributed a hat trick and an assist as Vortex completed its first shutout of the season, 7-0. Vortex scored four straight goals to closeout their first half. In the second half Vortex, used a balanced scoring attack to build its lead, with one player (Ian Mills) scoring twice, two players (Colton Steiner and Brian Culy) scoring one goal and three different players (Erik Gallagher, Kevan Knaggs, and Nick Burnap) assisting on goals.

Sunday's game against the Ross Valley Grizzlies provided another opportunity to win. Vortex exploded for five goals in the first half of the game. In the second half, Vortex continued its offensive dominance and added 2 more goals to finish the game. The offense (Erik Gallagher, Aaron Hollingsworth, Andrew Natsch, Jackson Fialho, Brian Kinnes, Wesley Bower, Joe Chacon, David Zatorski, and Brian Culy) took advantage and used well executed fast breaks as well as set plays. The defense (Jason Sereda, Sam Gorman, Noah Geib, and Will Drake) smothered the Grizzlies for the entire game and goalie Connor McFarlane turned away all shots on goal.

Livermore American LL
Livermore American Little League results:
T-Ball: Twins vs. Giants: Overall, it was another action-packed afternoon of baseball between these two rival squads. Superb infield play and strong arms were demonstrated by Jayden Hurskin, Joseph Bartoni, and Nicholas Raab. They showed their fine batting skills in each of the action-packed innings. Alejandro Cabassa and Cameron Winter lit up the offense with their swift bats. Reece Bittner put on an infielders clinic with his tough defense. Top Twins: Jayden Hurskin, Joseph Bartoni, Nicholas Raab Top Catcher: Cameron Winter, Alejandro Cabassa, Reece Bittner.

Nationals vs. Mariners: Top Mariners: Jacob Moen, Madison Silva, Brendon Jewell; Top Nationals: Andrew Stine, Cole Arnold, Trystan Lemas.

Rockies vs. Dodgers: Top Rockies: Paul Curbelo, Brandon McDougall, Noah Wolf Pirates vs. Brewers: Top Brewers: Jake Kelm, Cassandra Matchett, and Malik Kermanshah. The Pirates and the Brewers played excellent defenses and demonstrated excellent batting abilities.

A Division: Marlins 7, Nationals 8: In a defensive game, the Nationals held on to beat the Marlins. For the Nationals, Jared Adams and Ryan Bond had great defensive plays and Noah Klubb singled and scored.

The Marlins were led offensively by Noah Peit and Devin Rowland, who both had three hits in the game. Tristen Munroony hit a double and played a solid game defensively. Top Marlins: Noah Peit, Devin Rowland, Tristen Munroony. Top Nationals: Jared Adams, Ryan Bond, Noah Klubb.

Devil Rays 20, Blue Jays 11: Top Devil Rays: Dante DeMayo, Hannah Lipp, Gerardo Cabassa. Top Blue Jays: Jacob Marshall, Sean Brooks, Cameron Priest. The Devil Rays broke the Pirates and the Brewers back doubles by Gerardo Cabassa and Dante DeMayo, followed soon thereafter by Hannah Lipp's second single of the game. Both teams showed great sportsmanship when confusion about a call at first base sent everyone into the dugout with only two outs. They came back out to play the final out to everyone's satisfaction.

Devil Rays 16, Yankees 6: Top Devil Rays: Nick Boulliere, Lucas Gordon, and Shane Cromwell. Top Yankees: Seth Buenteello, Miles Gome, and Evan Capurro. Mets 4, Phillies 16: Top Mets: Andrew Lignell, Neil Patel, Tyler Kelly. Top Phillies: Rigo Zapien, Kendall Hornbeck, Jonathan Sogo.

Yankees 18, Marlins 19: In a high-scoring game, Jordan Burress hit the game-winning RBI for the Marlins in the bottom of the 6th inning. Top Marlins: Jordan Burress, Landon Paiso, Alex Fogschtch. Top Yankees: Kevin Lee, Brandon Bruns, Colin Barnett.

Nationals 11, Phillies 11: Top Nationals: Jared Stanley, Noah Klubb, Brandon Williams Jared Stanley with consistent hitting to help with RBI's. Noah Klubb hustled for a tie with the first baseman.

A Division: White Sox 3, Cardinals 3: Robbie Tweston had a great game with a single at the bottom of the 6th - a base stolen and scored for the White Sox. Andrew Dawson caught a pop fly as catcher for the out and also drove in the winning run in the 6th. Cullen Wheaton "CC" had run hard against the Cardinals - stealing three bases and batted a triple. Alan caught an awesome fly ball in left field for the out. Both Bobby and Trevor had hit hard throughout the game. Top White Sox: Robbie Tweston, Andrew Dawson, Cullen Wheaton. Top Cardinals: Alan Conrad, Bobby Woods, Trevor Chapman.

Indians 2, Tigers 1: Top Tigers: Bryce Disbrow (2.2 IP, 7K), Nate Redditt (1B, RBI), Chase Dunn (Defense); Top Indians: Braden Jackson (2B, 2 1B, R), Logan Cole (2 1B, R), Sean Constable (2 IP, 0 ER, 3K).

White Sox 10, Reds 0: Top White Sox: Lucas O'Brien, Nathan Gwendon, Jensen La Blanc; Top Reds: Logan Koch, Tyler McMahan, Trenton Wiedner.

Reds 6, Tigers 2: Top Tigers: Nate Redditt, Hunter Burke, Carter Fisher. Top Reds: Bobby Payne, Tyler McMahon, Trenton Wiedner.

White Sox 3, Cardinals 1: Top White Sox: Elia J. Hernandez, Luo O'Brien, Cullen Wheaton; Top Cardinals: Dominic Bartoni, Austin Birdwell and Lazarus McAtee.

Cubs 1, Astros 0: Top Cubs: Sam Grossano - RBI the winning run, Erick Mork - Base hit and stole to second, Ben Kerling - Great pitching! Held Astros for 3 innings; Top Astros: Miles McPeek - Great catching



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Foothill High School edged Amador Valley 76 to 60 in a varsity men's track and field dual meet last week. In the women's meet, Foothill was also victorious, 71-65. Foothill will host the EBAL track and field finals on May 8, 9 and 10. Events start at 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday and run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. In the photo, junior varsity runners head to the finish line in the 1500 meter event.

-tagged a runner out at home plate. Chris Roessler - Pitched 3 great innings for the Astros. Jared Heise - Great at bats and defensive play.

White Sox 1, Indians 0: Top White Sox: Cullen Wheaton, Robbie Tweston, Lucas O'Brien. Top Indians: Julian Chavez

White Sox 5, Cardinals 1: Top White Sox: Kaine Montez, Lucas O'Brien and Cullen "CC" Wheaton; Top Cardinals: Austin Hosmer, Cody Skinner and Trevor Chapman.

AAA Division: Rangers 1, Athletics 8; Top Rangers: Sam Bothwell - good hitting, Patryk Skowronski - nice catch in leftfield, Ryan Ball - good pitching. Top A's: Alec Jensen - on-base twice and scored 2 runs, Jaren Maranon - 2 for 2, Kyle Constable - pitched well and threw guy out at 2nd base from catcher.

Mariners 17, Diamondbacks 5: Top Mariners: Darian Look 3 hits, 4 RBIs; Cody King 4 innings pitched, 5 runs, 3 walks; Vincent Bartoni triple, 2 RBIs; Top Diamondbacks: Tyler Miller and Jacob Huff played a great game.

Giants 8, Athletics 7: Top Giants: Nico Medina - hitting, Colin Sheeran - hitting, David Harmon - Pitching and hitting. Top A's: Jonah Maranon - 3 RBI's, Taylor Wirth - 2 RBI's, Alex McCollum - Scored 2 runs and pitched well.

Athletics 15, Diamondbacks 5: Top A's: Kenny Williams with 3 RBIs, great defense; Kyle Constable 2 for 3, 2 RBIs, great defense; Jake Peterson 2 for 3, great outfield; Top Diamondbacks: Matt Shezifi good hitting; Tyler Miller - great at bat; Nick Penrod - outstanding fielding.

Giants 8, Angels 7: David Harmon showed strong pitching skills through the 6th inning and with bases loaded and two outs reached his max pitches and switched to 3rd base. Aaron Spiller at catcher made an awesome throw to Harmon at third who put the tag on the runner for the final out. Top Angels: Mauricio Zavala - 2 hits, Rory Cartwright - 2 hits, Cole Jacobs - pitching; Top Giants: David Harmon - pitching, Aaron Spiller - fielding.

Majors: 80s Mariners 21, Danville 80s Yankees 3; Joe Wood led the Mariners offense with a triple in the first inning and a double in the second inning, driving in a total of four runs. Chris DiPeso pitched a one-hitter through four and a third innings with five strike outs. Sara Marquez closed the game with two strike outs to end the fifth inning. Top Mariners: Joe Wood, Chris DiPeso, Sara Marquez.

80s Mariners 4, LALL 80s Athletics 7: The Mariners played both solid defense and offense against a tough A's squad, staying in the game for the duration. Joe Halliwell made a sacrifice hit RBI in the 4th and doubled in the 7th to start a late game rally. Jed Lipp had an RBI single in the 7th, contributing to the Mariners' late game rally. Greg Anderson, Joe Halliwell, Jed Lipp, Michael Brown.

80s Mariners 2, GLL 80s Giants 12: Top Mariners: Brian Garcia, Josh McCall, Matt Neale.

80s Nationals 0, LALL 80s Athletics 10: The A's took one more step toward their perfect season tonight beating the LNLL Nationals by the score of 10-0. Chris Holzschuh pitched a complete game shutout! He dominated the game with 9 strike outs over 6 innings and fielded the Nationals to just 1 hit. Kyle Penrod made a couple of terrific defensive plays at shortstop. Drew Falabella had a great all around game going 1-1 with 2 RBI's, 2 walks and 4 stolen bases. Too many other players to list by name that contributed to another great team effort.

San Ramon 80s #2 0, LALL 80s Athletics 10: The Junior 80's A's kept their unbeaten season intact. Matt Stoebe had a great game behind the dish throwing out 3 base stealers and keeping the others on the base. Danny Morgan secured the win in the bottom of the last inning by singling to first, stealing 2 bases and then scoring on a wild pitch. Top A's: Nicholas Gaul, Matt Stoebe, Daniel Morgan.

Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association results:
Middle School Black division play-offs: AP Concrete Thrashers 6, Burger King

Lithia Motors Maroon Monsters 11. The Pop Rocks benefited from great batting by Meg Mannerling who had a double and three RBIs. Irais Ortiz had a double and two RBIs, and Stephanie Rucker did an excellent job at shortstop.

Total Sports Hornets d. San Ramon Auto Repair Lady Yanks.

10-under: New United Motors, Inc. Lil' Yanks 11, Livermore Valley Cellars Wild Things 7, Olivia Garcia was two-for-two, and Megan Halliwell doubled with bases loaded in the Lil' Yanks' come-from-behind win. For the Wild Things, Taylor Cole had a hit, scored twice and drove in two runs, Allie Sauer pitched three strike outs in the second inning, and Sierra Freeland pitched three strike outs in the third inning.

Playoffs: A.P. Concrete Black Widows Black Widows 10, Chase Financial Group Dirt Devils 6. P. Michael Epps-Associates Warriors 12, Pacific Dental Care Text Explosion 7.

Second round: A.P. Concrete Black Widows 6, Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 4. In spite of Arianna McGlynn's two doubles and a fifth-inning run by Chloe McGlynn, the Mavericks weren't able to come back and win. Maggie Kilday pitched 10 strike outs in the loss.

Sherman Roofing Shermanatorz 7, Jason Wilkins Memorial Hot Chili Peppers 1. Fallings Racing Team Crew d. Livermore Valley Cellars Wild Things. P. Michael Epps-Associates Warriors d. New United Motors, Inc. Li'l Yanks.

Third round: Sherman Roofing Shermanatorz 5, A.P. Concrete Black Widows 2. Fallings Racing Team Crew d. P. Michael Epps-Associates Warriors.

Consolation bracket: Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 14, Pacific Dental Care Text Explosion 1 powered by hitting from the entire team, the Mavericks continued their playoff run. Nicole Paulazzo had three hits and Laura Duterte scored three runs in the win. The Mavericks were also led by the pitching of Victoria Little with eight strike outs.

New United Motors, Inc. Li'l Yanks 9, Chase Financial Group Dirt Devils 7.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

Juniors Division: 80's Nationals defeated the San Ramon Grizzly's 7-1 in an almost error free game. In the 1st inn. Michael George caught a high fly ball in left field. Michael also had a great base hit with an rbi and stole 2nd in the 5th. Alex Currie and Ben Alexander executed a perfect double play in the 5th inning. Craig Woollen pitched an awesome game and also slammed a double in the 5th. Austin Hummel was on fire as he caught a high fly in center, had a base hit and also made the last out of the game.

Scores: San Ramon Grizzly's (1)-80's House (7); 90's House (11)-Granada A's (1); Granada Giants (9)-80's House (8); 80's House (7)-San Ramon (9); San Ramon Rage (0)-90's House (12); PFLC Cubs (2)-90's House (3); 90's House (6)-Danville Giants (1).

Top Players: San Ramon Grizzly's: Aiello, Calcagno, Pence; 80's House: Michael George, Alex Currie, Craig Woollen; 90's House: Josh Diaz, Anthony Mazotti, Cameron Nguyen; Granada A's: Amick, Jake Kauffman, Joey Martinez; Granada Giants: Gan, Sturgill, Krueger; 80's House: Matt Greeny, Craig Woollen, Geordon Flores; 80's House: Austin Hummel, Bryce Boulton, Geordon Flores; San Ramon: Tyler, Baldacci, Oswald; San Ramon Rage: Cuevas, Sumner Houston, Stallbaum; 90's House: Stevie Denver, Jonathan Rapley, Christian Tudino; PFLC Cubs: Crow, Rydell, Schaffer; 90's House: Stevie Denver, Josh Diaz, Scott Vargas; 90's House: Anthony Mazotti, Cameron Nguyen, Jonathan Rapley; Danville Giants: Travis Hull, Kendall Lansing, Jack Markager.

Majors: Brian Martinez pitched the Cardinals to a 2 to 1 victory over the Giants - Matthew Adao had 2 doubles to lead the offense and Henry Robbins was outstanding on the defense. Cameron Johnson and Luke Quesada combined to hold the Cardinals to 2 runs in what was a very well pitched contest. Derek Evans drove in the run with a hit to provide the scoring for the Giants.

Cardinals (1)-Cardinals (2): Diamondbacks (8)-Cardinals (11); Dodgers (12)-Giants (11); Dodgers (19)-Diamondbacks (9); A's (9)-Dodgers (17); Diamondbacks (4)-Giants (5); Dodgers (16)-Cardinals (2).

Top Players: Giants: Cameron Johnson, Luke Quesada, Derek Evans; Cardinals: Brian Martinez, Mathew Adao, Henry Robbins; Diamondbacks: Nima Jafarkhani, Joseph Inzerillo, Tim Leung; Dodgers: Zach Rosas, Roberts, Michael Ditzel, Henry Robbins; Dodgers: David Gomez, Tim Ragusa, Fotis Dimitropoulos; Giants: Frankie Perez, Craig Nunes, Cameron Johnson; Dodgers: Jordan Dowd, Sierra Levenson, Bobby Griffin; Diamondbacks: Nick Spodetto, Zach Rosas, Mitchell Licata; A's: Todd Littlefield, Erick Salgado, Ryan Rogers; Dodgers: Jose Gonzalez, Brandon Anderson; Fotis Dimitropoulos; Diamondbacks: Zach Rosas, Mitchell Licata, Jamal Patel; Giants: Craig Nunes, Kyle Schlomling, Blake Chandler; Dodgers: Bobby Griffin, Joshua Johnson, David Gomez; Cardinals: Henry Robbins, Jerrod Roberts, Brian Martinez.

AAA Division: The Cardinals and Giants battled back and forth for the win the entire game. For the Cardinals, Zach Patterson started the game with an out of the park home run, everyone was amazed! William Johnson had an incredible double and scored two RBI's and then Brennan Dillard had in the park HR that had everyone cheering! The Giants had Jacob Currie throwing strikes on the mound and Noah White was throwing heat too! Kyle Lee made some awesome catches in the outfield.

Scores: Cardinals (7)-Giants (8); Diamondbacks (7)-Dodgers (7); A's (10)-Cardinals (5); Cardinals (7)-Giants (6); Giants (11)-A's (0); Giants (0)-Dodgers (12).

Top Players: Cardinals: Zach Patterson, William Johnson, Brennan Dillard; Giants: Jacob Currie, Noah White, Kyle Lee; Diamondbacks: Chris Moussa, Seth Perkins, Trevor Dye; Dodgers: Wyatt Pennybacker, Hayden Goldstein, Nate Gooby; A's: Justin Pettit, Stone Remy, Darrell Staley; Cardinals: Frank Gomez, William Johnson, Missy Nunes; Cardinals: Frank Gomez, Brennan Dillard, Missy Nunes; Giants: Scott Newby, Brandon Salgado, Vincent Rizzo; Dodgers: Thomas Triantos, Donivan Winters, Nate Gooby; A's: Jacob Rakestraw, Darrell Staley, Michael Nelson; Giants: Tyler Zava, Brandon Salgado, Zach Marshall; Dodgers: CJ Lewandowski, Garrett McDonald, Jonathan Stale.

AA Division: The A's and the Padre's had a great game. All the players had great attitudes. Candace Rowe did an awesome job at the plate with a great hit rounding all the bases like a pro. Teddy Padilla was also on fire at the plate with a great hit. Good job A's. The Padre's pitcher Jacob Rogers did some awesome pitching and had a great catch in the outfield. Michael Moore was on fire at the plate with two great hits and Joseph Galindo had the strike out pitching power. Good job A's and Padres.

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Top Players: A's: Candace Rowe, Teddy Padilla, Maverick Moore; Padres: Jacob Rogers, Michael Moore, Joseph Galindo; Giants: Garrett Barker, Riley Miller, Noah Rakestraw; Rockies: Suede Canales, Arion Ford, Keaton Simon; Padres: Lester, Galindo, Tanner; Cardinals: Trevor Hamilton, Derion Hampton, Nick Ratinho; Cardinals: Jake Gutierrez, William Bretz, Nick Ratinho; Dodgers: Jacob Gooby, Ian Slominski, Griff Mowry; Giants: Reese Kerstetter, Nicolas Robles, Joel Cook; Padres: Joseph Galindo, Jacob Lester, Michael Moore; Giants: Javier Guerra, Nicholas Lloyd, Ethan Valdez; A's: Blake Lujan, Tedy Padilla, Candace Row; Rockies: Arion Ford, Andrew Messner, Suede Canales; Cardinals: Derion Hampton, Tanner Gomes, William Bretz; Cardinals: Dylanger Rucker, Nick Adiao, Andrew Williams; Giants: Rily Miller, Tyler Henderson, Reese Kerstetter.

A Division: Black Giants vs. Diamondbacks: It was an incredible day for baseball as the D's backs took to the field. Michael Friesen blasted a ball toward second and Jacob Lane hit him home, scoring two. Then the Giants, led by the dynamic duo of Darren O'Neill and Eric Valdez, hit their way onto the scoreboard. Xavier Arredondo answered back with a deep-hit ball for the D's Backs but Giants' star, Dylan Silva, made a diving catch to save his team.

Top Players: Black Giants: Darren O'Neill, Dylan Silva, Eric Valdez; Diamondbacks: Michael Friesen, Jacob Bane, Xavier Arredondo; Diamondbacks: Blake Burrell, Alex van der Veen, Xavier Arredondo; Rockies: Quinn Smallings, Russell Mendenhall, Travis Higgins; Dodgers: Gabriel Madrinich, Brandon Krinsky, Cody Voinis; Black Giants: Evan Nystrom, Justin Rasmussen, Antonio LaManna; Orange Giants: Joshua Goldstein, Jacob Peterson, Ryan Mitchell; Padres: Nick Benfield, Jack Wilson, Ian Humes; Black Giants: Dylan Silva, Casey Wilcox, Colby Smith; Rockies: Ethan Cox, Troy Casey, Kyle West; Padres: Blake Freeland, Ronnie Martinelli, Christopher Sanchez; Cardinals: Jaren Dietsch, Jack Altman, Rilye Altman.

T-Ball Division: Giants vs. Rockies: Another weeknight thriller at the LNLH ballyard as the Giants and Rockies played 3 very action packed innings under some very adverse weather conditions. Both teams played well and both made some very impressive defensive plays. This game marked the half way part of the season. The Rockies were led by Ryan Kelly, Colin Weise and Bennett Van der Veen. The Giants were led by the bats of Danny Salcido, Paul Buxton, and Brayden Nune.

Top Players: Giants: Danny Salcido, Paul Buxton, Brayden Nune; Rockies: Ryan Kelly, Colin Weise, Bennett Van der Veen; Padres: Nico Lamanna, Haley Craven, Noah Lignell; Diamondbacks: Brandon Sandovall, Owen Creamer, Gage Berg.

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League highlights:
T-Ball: Indians vs. Angels: The Indians were ready to play T-ball. They had some great defensive plays and a lot of spectacular hits. Riley Gunning was the grand-slam hitter of the game. He swings hard, fast, and with a lot of power. Dongkun Lee fielded like a pro, scrambling for the ball. Luke Neely had a solid hit down the center of the field. The Indians rallied and played well as a team.

Farm B: The Red Sox and Yankees bowled the crowd how to play baseball. Jake Borges started off the first inning by slamming one down the third base line, and Brady Scanlon subsequently shot one right past the pitcher. Alex Potts' glove was on fire as he caught a throw to tag out a Yankee at first.

The Yankees played another outstanding game on Saturday against the Red Sox. Jack Kroell rocked the game with his outstanding hits to the outfield. Best defensive player was Ehong Kuo for his great catches and powerful throws. Finally, Camden McFarlane displayed switch hitting skills.
Farm A: Indians vs. White Sox: The Indians played another great game on Thursday against the White Sox. Devin Pzyer brought his "lucky" bat and amazed the spectators with his high flies. James Krull dominated the field with great agility and quick throws to first base. Sean Duncan showed consistent, strong batting skills with his line drives up the middle ensuring his spot at first base.

Indians vs. Angels: The Indians showed great power out the field against the Angels Saturday evening. Player Gavin Smith stood out with his great fielding. Josh Oliver proved his worth at the bat with several nice hits including a double. Nathan Williams also brought in a double run and in the final inning made a nice double play with the help of Josh Oliver. It was another outstanding game for the Indians.

Minor AA: White Sox 16, Indians 4: The White Sox played a great game against the Indians. Jack Miller was the starting pitcher and offered lots of strike outs. The White Sox had some great defensive plays as well. Josh Torres was named game MVP for his outstanding double play and quick action on the field. Will Muat was honored for really hustling and making some great plays as well. Catcher Jake Simons was focused, recording 2 outs at home plate.

Angels 15, Athletics 7: The Angels dominated their game from the very beginning with Matthew Dickinson firing quick pitches that kept the A's from scoring until the fourth inning. Nick Brdar hit the first double of the game followed by Alex Crepeau and Matthew Dickinson. Joe Geasa also played a solid game with great catching and consistent base hits to bring the final score to 15-7.

White Sox 17, Athletics 13: The White Sox and Athletics shut down the Sports Park Thursday night with a great game. Jake Simons was named MVP for his outstanding plays and great pitching. Andrew Bonilla had a great game and an awesome showing on the mound as well. Jack Miller made some remarkable plays to help the White Sox push ahead and win the game.

White Sox 8, Rangers 9: The White Sox recorded their 2nd tough loss of the season against the Rangers. Both teams played really well and kept the spectators on the edge of their seats with a close game. Dylan Pottgieser was named game MVP for his outstanding plays and fine pitching, throwing lots of strikes. Cullen Carns was honored for hustling and making great plays. Will Muat had awesome at-bats with some great

hits. Jake Simons received the team's "rat" ball for being an aggressive player and thinking ahead of the game.
AAA Minors: Athletics 8, Red Sox 13: The A's were no match for the Red Sox who came out strong and hammered every pitch delivered by Rory Coles. There were some fine moments for the A's such as when Jake Molz popped a great fly ball along with a fast grounder, and his brother, Sam, stunned the fans with a fantastic double play. Outfielder and superman Christian Pricer unintentionally took a ball to the chest to stop a huge Red Sox pop fly.

Majors: White Sox 4, Indians 2: The White Sox had beaten every team in the Majors except the Indians, so they came into the game all fired up. On offense the drive of the game came from Max Molz who roped a triple and scored on a key single from Daniel Gibson. Alex Zwingle had 2 key doubles to the fence, with some timely singles during the game from Colin Laporte, Chase Henley and Donald Camello. On the mound the pitching pair of Chase Henley and Donald Camello were impressive. Chase pitched 3 innings and gave up no earned runs, while Donald started the game and only gave up 1 earned run. The keys to the game were some timely hits from all positions in the line up and key defensive head's up play all around.

White Sox 5, Red Sox 3: Having split the first 2 games with the Red Sox, the White Sox looked to take the series advantage. The White Sox opened the game with Donald Camello on the mound. Donald went 4 2/3 innings striking out 9 Red Sox and holding them to 3 runs. Alex Zwingle took over the rest of the game striking out 3 of the 4 batters he faced and gave up no earned runs. The defense was solid for all 6 innings. On offense Donald Camello and Max Molz both had key doubles. With the hit of the game being a key bunt from Brian Yann that moved the runners into scoring position, Will Pickett had a hard hit single that resulted in 2 RBIs which put the White Sox in the lead for good.

Junior Gold 90s: San Ramon 80's Gold 11, Pleasanton American Junior 80's Gold 3: Despite a 3-11 loss against San Ramon, Pleasanton American made some exciting plays. In the bottom of the 1st inning, a double play was made when Parker Brown caught a high fly to right field, and then threw to 1st baseman, Jack Hoffmann who relayed it to catcher, Ryan Mahoney who tagged the runner out. A snatch by shortstop, Mitch Worsley, to Jack Hoffmann on 1st ended the inning with two on bases. One run was scored in the 3rd inning as Christopher Kinney brought Justin Cruz home. This was made possible by a Parker Brown base hit. Pleasanton's final 2 runs were scored in the 4th inning. Justin Cruz had an amazing triple which brought Ryan Mahoney home. Barrett Fitzgerald's single brought Justin Cruz home.

Pitchers: Mark Slifer, Jack Hoffmann, Christopher Kinney and Justin Cruz. Catcher: Ryan Mahoney.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball game results:
T-Ball: Valentine Wealth Management Inc. vs. CMG Mortgage, Inc.: Top players: Valentine Wealth Management Inc.—Allison Casey, Rachel Lemmon, Emily Verbeck; CMG Mortgage, Inc.—Courtney Beaudin, Karyna Russo, Charlotte Whiting.

Micro Division: Erickson Financial Services vs. Borg Redwood Fence: Great fielding and hitting. Top players: Erickson Financial Services—Faryn Baldus, Devyn Baldus, Lily Fehrmann.

Erickson Financial Services vs. TSI: Top players: Erickson Financial Services—Jasmine Erickson, Tori Sanchez, Lexi Trucco; TSI—Abbie Cooper, Madison Hinsberg, and Jordann Klein.

Friends of PGSL vs. J.P. Builders: Sarah Baxter had some great pitches today, Savana Sadler had some great throws. Alyiah Baxter had some great plays. Alayna Withrow had an awesome hit today. Rida Laane had some great throws. Madeline Balsam had some great plays. Halle Uhl had a great hit. Top players: Friends of PGSL—Alyiah Baxter, Sarah Baxter, Alayna Withrow; J.P. Builders—Madeline Balsam, Rida Lasne, Halle Uhl.

Fritz's Landscaping Company vs. The Hopyard Alehouse & Grill: Top players: Fritz's Landscaping Company—Brenna Adams, Claire Fuller, Sidney Vaeth; The Hopyard Alehouse & Grill—Hannah Gossett, Morgan Harris, Holly Hudson.

Niki Ward Photography vs. All Star Sports: Great pitching by All Star Sports' Grace Jackson and Natalie Tarantino and Claire Armstrong for hitting. Niki Ward Photography's Samantha Lipsker, Rachel Taffe and Emily Hill all had awesome hits. Top players: Niki Ward Photography—Emily Hill, Samantha Lipsker, Rachel Taffe; All Star Sports—Claire Armstrong, Grace Jackson, Natalie Tarantino.

Friends of PGSL vs. Niki Ward Photography: Top players: Friends of PGSL—Sarah Sullivan, Kaitlyn Young, Kaitlyn Zabalos; Niki Ward Photography—Emily Hill, Samantha Lipsker, Alyssa Wu.

Mini Rec Division: All Sports vs. Pacific Dental Care: Beth Williams hit the first home run of the year. Top players: All Star Sports—Savannah Fried, McKenna Schaffer, Beth Williams; Pacific Dental Care—Chelsea Burke, Nikita Jain, Madeline Swalve.

E Squared Automotive Group vs. ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc.: Top players: E Squared Automotive Group—Isabella Mora, Lauren Schaefer, Olivia Verbeck; ACC Environmental Consultants, Inc.—Haley Beltran, Shreya Nagdev, Imani Wilson.

Pilates on Spring vs. Japoneseque: Top players: Pilates on Spring—Courtney Goldstein, Maeve Leininger, Julia Oltman; Japoneseque—Samantha Osterholt, Lucy Proudfoot, Cassie Sherman.

AMS vs. Clear Path Business Advisors: Good fielding game by Clear Path Business Advisors and good pitching by AMS. Top players: AMS—Charlotte Armstrong, Kelsey Miles, Alexis Simmons; Clear Path Business Advisors—Gina DiPiazza, Talia Florio.

Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation vs. E Squared Automotive Group: Top players: Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation—Claire Helmer, Juliet Lee, Hannah Myers; E Squared Automotive Group—Katelyn Antilla, Amanda Harding, Olivia Verbeck.

Axial All Stars vs. AMS: Top players: Axial All Stars—Gianna Barletta, Emily Carroll, Tatiana Costa; AMS—Brooke Machi, Kelsey Miles, Clarissa Punla.

Friends of PGSL vs. Friends of PGSL: Top players: HGSL—Haley Isaacs, Tess

Kenny, Bryanna Schreiber; Visitors—Emily Crimé, Samantha Dunlop, Miami Nyvrga.
Mini Upper Division: Titan PCB, Inc. 12, Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams Realty 9: Titan PCB, Inc.: Sophia Brown - excellent hitting, 2 singles, great play at 1st base, overall great fielding, Jillian Pluschke - Excellent pitching, Base hit, RBI. Rachel Usen - Excellent fielding. Three players thrown out while stealing, Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams Realty: Lauren Blach - double and single, 3RBIs. Darcy Kron - excellent throw from center to home for an out. Top players: Titan PCB, Inc.—Sophia Brown, Jillian Pluschke, Rachel Usen; Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams Realty—Lauren Blach, Jenna Crawford, Darcy Kron.

Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams Realty 14, BEMA Electronics 13: Top players: Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams Realty—Ashley Balestreri, Chelsea Eddy, Danielle Williams; BEMA Electronics—Madison Avery, Karen Diodio, Maddie McGarry.

BEMA Electronics vs. J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines: Top players: BEMA Electronics—Hannah Brown, Louisa DeBose, Celine Germain; J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines—Sydney Bump, Emily Meier, Madison Sobie.

Minor Rec Division: Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction 12, Res. Com Insulation, Inc. 1: Top players: Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction—Ariana Banda, Paige Jones, Anna Voit; Res. Com Insulation, Inc.—Moira Andrews, Janelle Taylor Betteencourt, Chloe Smith.

Canyon Chiropractic & Dr. Dees, DC 9, Tomarco Contractor Specialties 7: Top players: Canyon Chiropractic & Dr. Dees, DC—Emily Clay, Taylor Gloyne, Shelby Sarin; Tomarco Contractor Specialties—Merisa Camarena, Lisa Ghiringhell, Amber Toothman.

Tomarco Contractors Specialties 12, CPU TECH 7: For Tomarco Contractors Specialties, outstanding performance by catchers Jaclyn Long and Sky Horner; Alex Gray for hitting a double and her excellent play at 1st base. Top players: Tomarco Contractors Specialties—Alex Gray, Sky Horner, Jaclyn Long.

Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction 4, Belden Consulting Engineers 2: Top players: Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction—Katrinya Deluz, Meghan Fletcher, Katie Shigemoto; Belden Consulting Engineers—Coley, Coco, Rachel Miller.

Friends of PGSL 10, Hyatt Summerfield Suites 5: Top players: Hyatt Summerfield Suites—Amanda Arnold, Megan Ferguson, Danni Moyers; Friends of PGSL—Carrigan James, Jessica Medina, Megan Shevelson.

CPU TECH 7, Belden Consulting Engineers 5: Top players: CPU TECH—Nicole Costa, Nicole Pon, Emily Toms; Belden Consulting Engineers—Zoe Chapman, Nicole Chih, Emily Oakland.

Mini Upper Division: Coca Cola 6, David's Sunflower Seeds 4: Excellent catching by Ashley Lotozynski and Hannah Stok of Coca Cola with Hannah Menk providing 2 RBI's defensively. Excellent base running by Carley Robertson and defense by Sammy Spain of David's Sunflower Seeds. Johanna Grauer had 17K's pitching for David's Sunflower Seeds. Top players: David's Sunflower Seeds—Tori Larsen, Carley Robertson, Sammy Spain; Coca Cola—Ashley Lotozynski, Hannah Menk, Hannah Stok.

PABCO Gypsum 11, TPCSoftball.com 0: Top players: TPCSoftball.com—Ali Gonsman, Kourtney Gonzaga, Kassie Kochan; PABCO Gypsum—Jenni Beadle, Victoria Molina, Corinne Valdiv.

Major Rec Division: BSM Facility Service Group 12, J.M. O'Neill Inc. Planners/Builders 11: BSM Facility Service Group heading toward a shut out, but the AMS, Net, Inc. team rallied in the last inning for 3 runs. Top players: AMS, Net, Inc.—Lauren Bailey, Alyson Campiotti, Ciara Trujillo; Cardinal Jewelers—Kim McNally, Katie Richeaud, Christina Schuler.

Cardinal Jewelers 6, Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. 4: Top players: Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.—Julia Carvahal, Trevor Knopka, Briana Thomson; Cardinal Jewelers—Carlin Gray, Lauren McCarrroll, Megan Nusser.

Cardinal Jewelers 17, Winders Heating & Air 10: Top players: Winders Heating & Air—Stephanie Brennen, Carly Botelho, Sarah Paul; Cardinal Jewelers—Erika Ben, Rachel Brearley, Hayley Christensen.

Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League results:
Majors: Cubs 3, Giants 4: The Giants found themselves in a real dog fight with the Cubs. Hats off to the Cubs for a well played game and for taking advantage of the Giants errors when it mattered. The Giants showed guts and determination pulling the game out in the top of the sixth with some outstanding performances by some of the 12 year old leaders. Timely hits and some spot-on defensive plays in the later innings made the difference. The Zack Attach was on, he pitched five innings giving up only one earned run and going three for four at the plate. Brad Pluschke went three for four in the game along with one of the key hits in the sixth putting the winning run, Brad Seaton, in scoring position. It was then up to Chase

Torquemada who stepped into the box and delivered a shot to right scoring the go-a-head run. The key defensive play came in the fifth inning with two outs, a base hit to right had the Cub's runner streaking home from second with the go-a-head run. A rocket shot from Brandon Ruotolo to the cutoff Zack Lander who delivered a quick strike to the plate, where Akshay Bommireddi applied the tag. Conner Jackson came into the game in the sixth to finish it off by striking out two of the three batters he faced. The Giants improved their record to 11 - 0.

Giants 5, Cardinals 4: The Giants had to come from one run down in the fifth to gain their 12th victory against the scrappy Cardinals. Brad Pluschke continued to carry the hot stick going two for three and hitting his first jack of the year clearing the fence in right center field. This scored Brad Seaton who had reached base on a solid single and made the score three zip. The Cardinals mounted their attack in the fourth, taking a one run lead. Pluschke led off the bottom of the fifth with a base hit putting the tying run at first base and bringing up Chase Torquemada who walked putting the go-a-head run on the base paths. After two passed balls and some heads up base running Pluschke scored and Torquemada moved to third. It was now up to Akshay Bommireddi who came through with a hard hit single which brought in the go-a-head run making the score five to four Giants. The Cardinals went down in the sixth and Giants had their third come from behind victory of the year.

AAA Division: Giants 12, Rockies 3: After keeping the Rockies from scoring in the first inning, Giants starting pitcher Anthony Trucco drove the first pitch he saw into the outfield for a base hit. Jason Sarubin followed with a hit of his own. After a double steal, Mason Behl came up with runners on 2nd and 3rd. Behl doubled to center driving in both runners and would later score on a passed ball. Trucco walked the first 2 Rockies in the third inning. Matthew Heath came in to relieve and walked the next 2 batters, then TJ Myers came in and walked the next batter. Myers struck out the next batter, got the next one to ground into a fielders choice (a run would score), then second baseman Sarubin jumped up and snagged a hard line drive to end the inning with the score tied 3-3. Ryan Tucker led off the bottom of the third with a single. Trucco walked, Sarubin reached on an error, and Myers singled to tie in the lead run. Behl hit a tape measure shot over all four left fielders for a 2-run triple. Francis Dunne followed with a walk, Heath drove in Behl with a base hit, and Christian Ramirez drove in Dunne with a sacrifice fly to right field. After three innings, the Giants were up 8-3. Myers struck out 2 and being relieved just one hit in the fourth before being believed by Sarubin who walked one and struck out one to end the inning. Once again, Tucker led off an inning with a base hit and Trucco followed with a walk. Sarubin singled, and Behl came up with the bases loaded. He turned around to left handed and stung a line drive up the middle for a 2-run single. Dunne and Heath followed with RBI hits and the Giants extended their lead 12-3. Behl came in to close and shut the Rockies down 1, 2, 3 to end the game.

Pony Baseball:
Livermore A's 9 Pleasanton Tigers 0: Another solid team effort led the A's to a 9-0 win over the Pleasanton Tigers. The A's pitching, led by Luke Hernandez, Eamon Smith, Ray Funk and Tyler Langowits, continued to be strong and was backed up by outstanding defensive plays by Kade Gomes, Spencer Kramm and Trey Olsen. On offense, Max Desantis, Ryan Carlson, and PJ Kalcic provided great run support.

Pleasanton Mustang Cubs 6, Livermore Mustang A's 2: Solid pitching and an exceptional defensive effort helped the Cubs prevail in a game that was well played on both sides. Cubs' pitchers Max Gerslman, Nolan Burton, and Dustin Dukleth gave up just 6 hits combined, with only 1 walk and 11 strikeouts. Cubs' defense recorded 2 double plays: one in the 3rd and another in the 5th, and made only 2 errors. Offensively Parker Jameson and Dukleth led the way with 2 hits and 1 run each. Gerslman also had a hit, as did Max Moore who drove in 1 run in the process.

First Pitch:
Johnny Love, a JV baseball player for Granada High School, has been selected to throw the opening pitch for the Modesto Nuts (CO Rockies A league team) on Mother's Day, May 11, 1:00pm. The theme of the game is to honor Baseball Moms on Mother's Day. This will take place at the home park, John Thurman Field, 601 Neece Drive, in Modesto.

Lady Hustle:
The Lady Hustle Fastpitch 14U softball team, of Pleasanton, competed at the Fresno Force Classic Tournament April 26/27. On Saturday, Hustle won two out of three games, with wins over Seattle's Lady Sharks & San Diego Gold and a loss to Valencia's Synergy.

Within the field of 48 teams from all over the United States Lady Hustle earned a berth into the Gold Bracket consisting of the top seeds after Saturday pool play. Lady Hustle received strong pitching from Sami Schiller, Montana Berg and Katie Mannion with solid defensive play from Nicole Borchard, Bianca Devoto and Nu Nu Evans. Leading hitters were Bianca Devoto, Sami Schiller, and Alyssa Lanza.

Lady Hustle ran into a tough team in the Corona Angels from Southern California. The Corona Angels were ranked 3rd in the Nation last year. Hustle put up a tough fight but fell by a score of 5-2 against a powerful lineup. Sami Schiller had a long 2 run homer to account for Lady Hustle's 2 runs. Lady Hustle did load the bases in the final inning to bring the go ahead run to the plate before a final ground out to end the game. The

Corona Angels would roll off another 3 victories before falling in the championship game to So Cal's Lady Lakewood who was ranked 2nd in the nation last year.

Players Sought

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

Baseball Camps

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting three summer camps. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. There are two 6-12 year old camps that cost \$150 or \$130 if sign up before a certain date. The two dates are: June 23-27 and July 14-18. There is also a 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/lv.

Kicks Are for Kids

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

Bowling News

Youth Bowler, Ksenia Antonoff (15 yrs) of the Friday Family Affair League with a 146 average rolled her top game so far, a 233 for a 566 series.

Greg Kwasiak in the Kings & Queens had the first eleven leaving the 9-pin. Also in the same league, Todd Winer rolled 105 over series to include games of 247-234-236 and Scott Bauer rolled a 214-224-246 for a 684 series. Not far behind was Dave Cabral with a 192-242-233 for a 672 series. Mushy Machado of the Re/Max Cheyenne League rolled a 258-246-243 for a 747 series. Maria Lockridge scored a set of 207-256-254 ending with a 717 series. Tom Crane rolled a 254 for a 670 series.

In the Valley Friends & Family, Ron Sharp rolled a 234. In the Getaway Fours League, Doug Stiles turned in a 211-226-192 for a 629 series and Brick Montano, with an average of 165, rolled games of 220-175-225 for a 620 series. In the Modified Guys & Dolls League, Gabe Donohue put together a 701 that included a 286 game. Paul Cooper, in the Wednesday Wonders, exceeded his 150 average by 88 pins with a 238 game. Mike Arno rolled a 222 game. In the 4 Seasons Heating & Air City Strollers League, Chris Williams bowled a 279. In the Donna's Mixers Jim Foscalina had a nice 630 series including games of 223-186-221. In the same loop Rich Baguio recorded a 224 game. Paul Guerrero a 243 game and Steve Riddle a 212 game. Generation Gap bowler John Moore rolled a 279 game.

Back from a short leave of absence, in the Monday Primetimers, Senior bowler Chuck Webster rolled 70 pins over for a 487 series. In the same league Bill Duguid rolled a 203 game.

Youth Bowler Austin Stuber, in the Generation Gap, rolled 119 over series with games of 178-230-212 for a 620 series. In the same league Aedra Freeman exceeded her 143 average with a 225 game.

Pleasanton Girls 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 Thursday, May 8, at the Hyatt Summerfield Suites, 4545 Chabot Drive, Pleasanton. The meeting begins at 8:00pm. Voting will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2008.

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 instructions on how to register.

Baseball Camps

Matador Baseball Summer Camps, 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, go to www.granadabaseball.org.

Track and Field

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

Golf Classic

The 680 Commercial Idea Exchange will host the Second Annual 680 Commercial Golf Classic on Monday, May 19, 2008 at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. The proceeds from this annual golf tournament will benefit two local charities, the Discovery Counseling Center of the San Ramon Valley and Youth Homes, Inc.

To become an event sponsor, to make an auction donation or to purchase tickets, contact Dan Sanders, 925 367-5757 or email dsanders740@comcast.net.

Tournament check-in time starts at 10:30am, with a barbecue lunch at 11:30am followed by a shot gun start at 12:30pm; cocktails with live and silent auctions begin at 5:30pm.

Golf for Women

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

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

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

Football Skills Camp

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 instructed on offensive, defensive and the proper weight lifting techniques, throwing, catching and carrying the football, the proper footwork needed for each position on offense 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.

Pro-Amigos Golf Tourney

The Pro-Amigos Golf Tournament will be held Fri., May 30 at the Las Postas Golf Course, 917 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore. Format is 4 person scramble.

Check in at 11 a.m., shotgun start at 1 p.m., no host cocktails and dinner at 6 p.m. \$125 entry fee includes green fees, cart, beverages on course, and dinner. All proceeds will be donated to Pro-Amigos, a not for profit organization dedicated to providing humanitarian services to communities in or around Puerto Penasco, Mexico.

The tournament is limited to 72 players. Fourteen trophies and prizes will be awarded. Tournament organizers are currently looking for sponsors who would be recognized during the event ceremonies, in the tournament sponsorship materials, as well as posted on the website.

For more information on registering for the tournament or sponsorships, contact Antonio Garcia 413-1890 or Marc Williams 337-6209 or visit www.proamigos.org.

Memorial Golf Classic

In an effort to honor and recognize the first fallen Officer from the Dublin office, the 390 Squad Club is sponsoring the First Annual Officer John P. Miller Memorial Golf Classic. It will be held on Monday, June 16, 2008, 10 AM, at Sunol Valley Golf Club.

The tournament benefits the California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation, Northern California Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) and 390 Squad Club. Cost is \$125 per person, which includes lunch, golf, cart, tee prizes & dinner. Sponsorships start for as little as \$250.

The 3rd is invited to participate in the golf tournament & honor Officer John P. Miller for his service. Please contact the 390 Squad Club at 925-828-0466 for further information or to sign up no later than Friday, May 30, 2008.


Football and Cheer

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYFC) 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 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 cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading). Registration will be held May 22 from 6-8 pm @ Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. - web-site www.eteamz.com/lyfc or email lyfc@onebox.com/lyfc

Baseball Clinic

Summer All Skills Baseball Clinic, June 23-26 for players ages 9-14. Focus on offensive/defensive mechanics. With skills development techniques, this clinic will encourage each player to strive for the next competitive level of their game. For more information, call Coach Max Valencia (925) 639-9034 and go to www.col45s.net



Carden

Centerpointe Presbyterian Holding First Services at Its New Campus

Centerpointe Presbyterian Church occupies its new campus after spending five months "on the move" at temporary worship sites and nine years after God called the congregation from its former site. Centerpointe Presbyterian Church will celebrate its first public worship services at its new campus on Mother's Day, May 11.

Worship with a traditional influence will be at 9 a.m., followed by contemporary services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school and child-care will be offered at both hours with youth Bible study at the first service and youth worship at 10:30 a.m.

The church campus, designed to be a church within a park, is located at 3410 Cornerstone Court within the Ironwood subdivision developed by Ponderosa Homes. The church campus borders the Ironhorse Trail.

"We are thrilled to be worshipping on this Centerpointe campus; a holy space God has called us to," said Mike Barris, senior pastor. "This new campus will allow us to reach out and serve people throughout the Tri-Valley more effectively."

The church also is serving the community through a new preschool, Centerpointe Christian Preschool. The full-service preschool opens Monday, May 5 and

will share space with the children's Sunday school program.

Formerly known as Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, Centerpointe now has a campus centrally located to Pleasanton, east Dublin and west Livermore at the corner of Busch Road and Valley Avenue. It is the third permanent site for the congregation, the oldest continuous body of believers in the city of Pleasanton.

The original site was the historic church at 100 Neal Street that the Presbyterians occupied until 1977 when they moved to 4300 Mirador Drive. (The St. Mary and St. John Coptic Church now worships at the Mirador site and Lighthouse Baptist Church is at the Neal Street site.)

God provided the fellowship with a new site in 2001 and leaders developed a partnership with Ponderosa Homes on what was once known as the "pumpkin patch." Many parishioners have had children pick their pumpkins on what now is the new church campus.

Elders decided to change the church name to align it with the fresh call God has placed upon the congregation.

"Jesus is the center of our lives as believers," Barris said.

"The name Centerpointe reflects that reality as well as our call to go out into the world to serve and then return to our center at Jesus and God's word."

The campus features a unique worship center in a 6,000-square-foot stressed-membrane structure as well as meeting rooms. The fully landscaped campus also features a lighted turf area on the site of a future building.

The Sunday school rooms will be used during the week by the church's new preschool, Centerpointe Christian Preschool. Under the leadership of Director Didi Huckaby, it will open Monday with spaces for up to 121 children ranging in age from two years-nine months to pre-kindergarten.

It will offer a full-range of services from all-day care to half-day classes and every other day classes. All of the curriculum will be Bible-centered and is designed to grow the whole child—mind, body and spirit. The preschool also features a new playground sure to delight any youngster.

For further information, please contact the church office at 925-846-4436 or see www.centerpointechurch.info. For pre-school information, please call 925-461-3011 or see www.centerpointepreschool.org.

Celebrating Israel's 60th Birthday

"History Comes Alive" during the weekend of May 9-11 when Congregation Beth Emek, located at 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton, celebrates 60 years of Israeli independence.

Arnold Sternberg, a Sacramento lawyer, law professor, affordable housing advocate, and antique map collector, will display and discuss his unique collection of original and historic maps of Israel and Palestine on Sunday afternoon, May 11, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Mr. Sternberg will also share his personal experiences as a WWII U.S. veteran who enlisted in the *Haganah*, the Israel Defense Forces, and fought for Israel's independence in 1948.

Most of Sternberg's maps were created in the 17th century by cartographers who used information gathered during exploration by land and sea. In addition, these mapmakers utilized Biblical texts and Judeo-Christian writings. For example, the earliest maps of the world depicted a flat earth with Jerusalem at its center because of the city's significance to Christians, Jews and Muslims.

In addition to Sternberg's presentations, Beth Emek will also

host a special Friday night service, May 9, incorporating Israeli music, followed by Israeli desserts, wine and chocolate. The festivities continue on Saturday evening, May 10 with a special Middle Eastern dinner, followed by an Israeli trivia contest and Israeli dancing. On Sunday morning, an Israeli fair from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will precede Sternberg's presentation. The weekend festivities conclude Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. with an exciting Ethiopian-Israeli Hip-Hop concert by Café Shachor Chazak (Strong Black Coffee).

"Israel is a diverse, historic and exciting place with strong ties to the United States," says Charlotte Salomon, co-chair of Congregation Beth Emek's Israel @ 60 committee. "We invite the entire community to celebrate this important milestone with us." All events take place at Beth Emek, located at 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton, and run from May 9 through May 11.

Highlights include:
Friday, May 9, 8:00 p.m.: Rabbi Richard Winer leads a Shabbat service focused on Israel and incorporating Israeli music. The service will be followed by a festive *oneg* (refresh-

ments) featuring Israeli desserts, wine and chocolate.

Saturday, May 10, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.: Israel @ 60 Birthday Celebration Enjoy a Middle Eastern dinner with all the trimmings, followed by an Israeli trivia contest, Israeli dancing and other activities. Childcare available. \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids (free to Beth Emek members).

Sunday, May 11, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Mother's Day Israeli *Shuk* (market). Shop for Mom and Bubbe (grandmom) with gifts of Israeli jewelry, music, art, candles and other finery. Enjoy Israeli-themed children's arts and crafts, check out funky souvenirs from Israel and learn more about Israel today.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: History Comes Alive! Arnold Sternberg will display his unique collection of original and historic maps of Israel and Palestine during Ottoman and British rule and will share his experiences as a WWII U.S. veteran who enlisted in the *Haganah*, the Israel Defense Forces, and fought for Israel's independence in 1948. Light refreshments and childcare will be provided.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: Ethiopian-Israeli Teen Hip-Hop sensation *Café Shachor Chazak* (Strong Black Coffee) will knock your and your teens' socks off. The concert is free and open to the public.

"Israel @ 60" is presented by Congregation Beth Emek with additional support from the Tri-Valley/Tri-Cities Midrasa and the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay. All events take place at Beth Emek. For further information, visit www.bethemek.org or call 925-931-1055.

Amador Club Hosting Human Rights Conference

The Amnesty International Club at Amador Valley High School is hosting a Human Rights Conference for Bay Area Youth on Saturday, May 31 on the Amador campus. The conference will focus on human rights issues in Africa such as genocide, human trafficking, poverty, and AIDS.

The conference includes prominent human rights activists who will facilitate workshops

and strategy sessions to educate and inspire individuals to make a difference. Carl Wilkens will be featured as the keynote speaker. Wilkens was the last American civilian to remain in Rwanda as a humanitarian aid during the 1994 genocide.

The conference runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes lunch. Cost to attend is \$5. All proceeds will be donated to human rights organizations to support their

continued work around these powerful social issues. Attendees must register by May 20. Registration forms may be found at www.amadordons.com/amador/projects.html.

For more information, email the Amador Valley High School Amnesty Club at amador youth4hr@yahoo.com, or visit www.amadordons.com/amador/projects.html.

OBITUARIES

Lorraine F. Hansen

Pleasanton resident Lorraine F. Hansen died peacefully at her home on April 26, 2008. She was 93.

Lorraine was born in Oakland on August 2, 1914. She made her home in Alameda County all of her life, 59 years in Oakland raising a family, and enjoying the past 34 years in Pleasanton. She was the office manager of Teamsters Union Local 70 for 31 years. She loved spending time with her family and was as member of St. Augustine Catholic Church & YLI. She was also a volunteer at Providence Hospital in Oakland Valley Care Medical Center in Pleasanton.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband William Hansen. They were married for 67 years. She is survived by her son Tom (Patricia) Hansen of Pleasanton and daughter Judy (Donald) Farr of Pleasanton. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated May 3 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requesting donations be made in her memory to a charity of choice or to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568-3151.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Consuelo Tecson Begonia

Consuelo Tecson Begonia was born in the Philippines on April 26, 1914 and passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2008. She was 94 years old.

The Livermore resident loved to garden, dance and was an excellent seamstress. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore.

She is survived by her son, Danilo Begonia and her three grandchildren.

Services were held May 7 in Livermore. Burial followed at St. Michael's Cemetery, Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Deborah Yates-Sears

Deborah Lee Yates Sears died April 27, 2008 of respiratory failure in Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital in San Andreas. She was 56.

The native of Oregon was a long time resident of Railroad Flat, CA. Deborah enjoyed her garden and flower beds as well as her array of animals including a goat that rode her horse.

She is survived by her parents Carol Earle of Oakdale and Ray Eggleton of Sonora, children Gary Sears and Rochelle Sears both of Fremont, boy friend Chuck Hill of Railroad Flat, brothers Ed Eggleton and Jim Eggleton both of Oakdale, Rick Eggleton of Newbury, OR and a sister Shelley Eggleton of Oakdale, ten grandchildren and

one great grandchild.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on May 17 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

Jim Otto Timm Jr.

Jim Otto Timm Jr., a native of Napa and a 40 year resident of Livermore died April 26, 2008 at his home. He was 68.

He was born March 8, 1940. Timm was a general manager for various electronics companies; a member of the Masonic Lodge in Yountville, CA, and a professional tournament bass fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Patricia of Livermore, sons Ronald of Livermore and Mark (Michele) Timm of Bethel Island, a brother Robert (Darlene) Timm of Napa, two grandsons, Kyle and Tyler, and a nephew Justin.

At his request, no formal funeral services will be held. Inurnment will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Contributions in Mr. Timm's memory may be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Thomas Christopher Meier

Livermore resident Thomas Christopher Meier passed away on May 5, 2008 at UCSF Medical Center in San Francisco. He was born June 4, 1955 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Tom grew up in Milwaukee, attended University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, receiving a B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering, and then proceeded to earn a Master's degree in Material Science from Michigan Tech in a breakneck 18 months. In 1980, he moved to Livermore, first working at Kaiser Aluminum in Pleasanton, then finally settling at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in February 1986, where he contributed greatly to a variety of programs over the 20+ years he worked there. He had an astounding and diverse array of talents and interest that included conceptual and practical knowledge of carpentry, architecture, photography, and electronics. He was a member of the Tri-Valley Stargazers astronomy club, and was a musician who had a great love of music, frequenting concerts and festivals with his daughter and her friends in recent years. He and his family were avid campers and would frequent the Northern California coast, particularly Fort Bragg, during the summer to camp, hike, and take in the scenery.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie, and daughter, Darlene, of Livermore, his father, Thomas Sr., and sister, Mary, of Milwaukee, and his sister Judene, of Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Visitation is 5 to 9 p.m. with Trisagion at 7 p.m. on Thurs., May 8 at Callaghan Mortuary,

3833 East Ave., Livermore. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Fri., May 9 at The Greek Orthodox Church of the Resurrection, 20104 Center St., in Castro Valley. Burial will follow at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward, California.

Delvar DeReus

Delvar (Del) DeReus died April 27, 2008. Delvar died gently of old age. She was born July 28, 1913, in Aurora, UT, the oldest of 14 children including her twin sister Ardell Williams.

She and her husband John and two children moved to Oakland in 1944 and enjoyed traveling in California. Delvar and John moved to Dublin in 1964 and after retirement enjoyed the Dublin-San Ramon Seniors and great bus trips with them. They also enjoyed vacationing throughout the Western States, Canada and Hawaii. Delvar was a member of the LDS (Mormon) Church.

Delvar worked many years as a Beautician and also in the electrical/circuitry manufacturing, always finding time to be a fantastic mother and wife. She loved her houses and gardens and raised beautiful roses and rhododendrons. Delvar was preceded in death by her husband John in March 1995.

She is survived by her daughter Marge Gibson of Dublin; grandchildren Randall Miller, Cheryl Tacha, John Miller and Mike Miller; great-grandchildren Jennifer Miller, Michael Miller and Amanda Lee; granddaughter-in-law Deborah Miller; grandson-in-law David Tacha, a brother Calvin Shepherd of Malad, Idaho and sister Ramona Green of Dallas, TX.

She was laid to rest at Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland on April 30, 2008. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice of Dublin. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Jessie Jewel Spears

Jessie Jewel Spears died May 6, 2008. Her husband Jim was by her side.

She was born July 19, 1946. Jessie's passion in life was her art. She was the owner of Studio S, a local art studio for ten years. She was known to many as an amazing and talented artist. Jessie attended Cedar Grove Church in Livermore on a regular basis until her illness.

Jessie is survived by her husband of 39 years, Jim; their sons Brian and Dave, all of Livermore. She was preceded in death by her brother, Teddy Barnett.

No services are pending. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

BULLETIN BOARD

Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551. In care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included.

Livermore Legacy Tour, Sun., May 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seven historical homes will be open. Docents will provide information. Light lunch fare available. Livermore Heritage Guild fund-raising for the Livermore History Mobile. Tickets \$25-\$30. Information www.livermorehistory.com or call 577-4206. Fund-raising for the Livermore Heritage Guild history mobile.

NCHRA Tri-Valley Chapter, meeting May 14, 11:30 a.m. to noon registration, networking and lunch; program noon to 1 p.m. at Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Topic is Generators at Work: Managing and Motivating (1 CPE credit). Registration Fee: NCHRA Members: \$35 / General: \$55; fee within 72 Hours/Walk-Ins: NCHRA Members: \$60 / General: \$80. www.nchra.org/source/meetings

Hearing Loss Association of America, Tri-Valley Chapter, meets May 15, 7:30 p.m. at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. Speaker will be Caitlin Roberson, public relations manager for the Let Them Hear Foundation, a nonprofit devoted to convincing health insurance companies to cover the cost of cochlear implants, mostly in children. For more information phone or email Hiram Van Blarigan at 455-6591 or hvanblarigan@hotmail.com. The public is welcome.

Cultural Care Au Pair, wine and cheese tasting event for host families. Parents interested in finding out more about hosting an au pair invited to attend. May 17, 6:30-8 p.m. Little Valley Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Please rsvp to heidibrewer@sbcglobal.net.

The American Legion, Livermore Post 47, meets 7 p.m. May 12 at Veterans Memorial Building. Use the 5th St. handicap ramp. Discussion of Memorial Day, May 26, what the Post is expected to furnish at the three cemeteries in Livermore and participation on Memorial Day.

Bird walk, Sat., May 10, 8:30 a.m. two hour walk up Mt. Wanda at the John Muir National Historic Site. Over 100 species have been identified in the area. Meet at the Caltrans Park and Ride lot, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Bring water and binoculars (if have). Wear good walking shoes, trail is steep. If it rains heavily, walk is cancelled. For information, call 228-8860.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., May 10, 30 miles quick tour of the Sacramento Delta, meet 10 a.m. at the Isleton Chamber of Commerce. Randy Huey, 518-8439. Sun., May 11, 25 miles Contra Costa Canal Bike Path Tour, meet 9 a.m. at Starbucks on Concord Ave., Pete and Sharon Cutshaw, 932-0790. Wed., May 14, 30 miles Heather Farms to Martinez, meet 10 a.m. at baseball field, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Remember Thurs., May 15, is bike to work day. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Amador Mothers Club, meets Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 102, Pleasanton. Come hear Kelly McIntosh, the director of Shining Light Preschool, on the Creative Clues for Discipline: The 3 R's.

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

Women's Stock Investment Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month in Livermore. Club follows Better Investing's principles for studying stocks and investing for the long term while having fun. For more information please call Barbara at 484-1319 or Eleanor at 846-6911.

Livermore-Amador Valley Legal Professionals 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.

California Retired Teachers Association, Tri-Valley Division #95 will hold a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 11:15AM, at The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Hall (IBEW), 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Cort Smith, local musician, will provide background music. The cost is \$11. Guests are welcome. For information call 925-373-8254.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsoring a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main Street, Downtown Pleasanton, May 14, Wednesday, at 7 PM. Those gathered will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Please bring a votive candle in a paper cup so that candle wax is not dripped on the sidewalk. Vigils planned for the second Tuesday of the month as long as necessary. Questions? Call Cathie Norman at 462-7495 or E-mail Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com

Society of American Indians Scholarships, 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. puthoff@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 Genealogical Society meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. The speaker is Dick Finck. The topic is "Tri-Valley Civil War Veterans -What an Interesting Group They Were." Map to the meeting site: <http://www.l-ags.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.html>. Visitors welcome, no charge. Information: Marie Rose 925-447-1806.

Amador Valley Quilters meet on Saturday, May 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. This Saturday will be our annual Silent Auction. This event is a great opportunity for members to bring home some "gently used" or brand new tools, books or notions, or to rebuild your fabric stash. The Guild is a nonprofit, educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Any one interested in quilting may attend. For further information

about the Guild or upcoming events and speakers, please visit our website, www.amadorvalleyquilters.org.

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 Branch Library is located at 998 Bliebell 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.

Employment and disability rights for people with cancer, Thurs., May 15, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Valley Care 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.

RELIGION

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. May 11 is Pentecost Sunday, something red to worship to represent the fire of the Holy Spirit. Information 447-1950.

Celebrating Mary through the Glorious Mysteries, St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore will be doing the Contemplative Rosary of Bob Hurd on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. This musical based rosary of the Glorious Mysteries is a way of honoring Mary. Anyone in the community interested in joining us for praying the rosary is welcomed. For more information contact Julie at 925-447-4549 ex 114 or upcatholic@aol.com.

Issues of Conscience: Election Day Challenges, the topic for the 7:30 p.m. May 13, L.I.F.E. (Lessons In Faith Experience) series at St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., in Livermore. Lisa Fullam, DVM, ThD, an assistant professor of Moral Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley where she teaches classes in Fundamental Moral Theology and Sexual Ethics, will lead the program. A \$5.00 free will donation is appreciated. For more information contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com or 925-447-4549 ex 114.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, May 11 special Mother's Day service held at Old St. Raymond's church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin, 10 a.m. Message "The Love of the Invisible Woman" given by guest speaker Rev. Grace Nicodemus. Special musical ensemble performing. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733.

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Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



Eighth Grade Graduation Test

Until at least 1920, eighth graders in the Livermore Valley were required to take tests in order to graduate. For many students, this was end of their formal education—most did not continue on to high school. If they passed the exams, which were held on a series of days in May, they received a diploma. Today, in order to graduate from high school after passing a certain number of classes, students must also pass an exit exam consisting of a math test and an essay writing test. Students who took the following test in 1899 were held accountable in many fields of study. See how well you can do—sorry, the list did not come with answers! Because of the word limit for this column, I could not print all of the questions under the categories.

Spelling (50 words):

courteous, legacy, demagogue, stampede, orifice, jubilant, clavicle, conjugation, domicile, previous, delicious, sombrero

Grammar (10 questions):

1. Define connective pronoun and name five examples.
 2. The Roman General hastened to his waiting army. Classify parts of speech in the above sentence.
 3. Write a complex sentence. Write a compound sentence.
 4. Give principal parts of go, come, be, reply.
- #### Politeness and Moral Training (5 questions):
1. Illustrate or explain what this means: "Idleness is the mother of vice."
 2. Mention two distinct injuries resulting from your failure to keep a promise to anyone.
 3. Give a rule or illustration of good manners in traveling by rail.

Musical:

1. Define diatonic scale and chromatic scale.
2. How are intermediate tones indicated? What is a natural?
3. What is a triplet? What three properties must a musical tone have?

Arithmetic (10 questions):

1. A retail dealer buys books at \$1.50 each, less 33% and 10 percent. At what price per copy must he sell them to gain 25 percent?
2. At 50 cents per rod, what will it cost to fence a square field containing 10 acres?
3. Some men mowed 16¼ acres of grain in 7½ days. At the same rate, how many acres could they mow in 9¼ days?
4. What will it cost to plaster a hall 40 by 80 feet with a ten-foot ceiling at 25 cents per square yard, allowing 40 square yards for doors and windows?

Mental Arithmetic (10 questions):

1. If 7/12 of a piece of work can be done in one day, in what time can the work be done?
2. In what time at 6 per cent per annum will the interest of \$75 equal \$9?
3. How many cords of wood can 5 men cut in 8 days, if 10 men in 12 days cut 72 cords?

History (10 questions):

1. What events in our history took place on these dates: 1775, 1776, 1789, 1812, 1861?
2. Why did slavery flourish in the north and not the south?
3. What political question was temporarily settled by the Missouri Compromise?

Oral Reading:

Examiners are to select the reading from the course the pupils have pursued during the school year.

Composition:

Select from the following list the subject you like best and write a page or more: 1. Our present war, 2. Our new possessions, 3. City life and country life, 4. Select your own subject.

Penmanship:

Write the 10-line poem given.

Bookkeeping (5 questions):

1. Write a letter of introduction and recommendation.
2. Enter at least 8 items in proper form in Day Book, post in Ledger, balance and bring down the account.
3. Write a negotiable note payable 9 months after date with interest at 6 per cent.

Geography (10 questions):

1. Into what physical division is North America naturally divided?
 2. Why is the climate of Southern Europe warm?
 3. What causes trade winds?
- #### Drawings (5)
- #### Physiology (10 questions):
1. How many bones are in the human body? Name the bones of the arm and hand.
 2. Name three uses of the skin.
 3. Describe the brain.
- Before you saw this test, perhaps you did not think highly of an ancestor who had "only" finished the eighth grade. (Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

Guaranty Bank Hosting Friends and Family Day

Guaranty Bank recently opened its first banking center in Livermore. It is located at 1887 First Street. To celebrate the new 3,509 square foot banking center, Guaranty will host a Friends and Family Day on Thursday, May 17 where attendees will have the chance to meet and get autographs from Oakland Raiders line backer, Kirk Morrison, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Livermore community is invited to the celebration. Everyone will have a chance to win tickets to the first Oakland Raiders home game.

Festivities during Friends and Family Day on May 17 are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to meeting Morrison, attendees will also have a chance to get tickets to the Raiders first home game by opening a Guar-

anty Checking account, while supplies last. The entire community is invited and all attendees will receive a special gift from Guaranty.

Guaranty Checking provides free ATM's worldwide, no rebate forms and no minimum balance requirement, and credit for all non Guaranty Bank ATM usage fees is provided the same business day.

In addition to the Friends and Family Day, Guaranty will also host a special VIP reception at the banking center for Livermore Chamber of Commerce members and city officials, including Mayor Marshall Kamena, to recognize their commitment to the community. American Country Music Award winner Larry Gatlin will perform a private concert during the reception.

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Mother's Day Events on Calendar

Special activities are offered for Mother's Day. They include the following:

Pleasanton Rose Show

The Pleasanton Rose Show has moved to the library this year. It will be open to the public from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on May 10 and 11.

This is the 68th edition of the show, which was begun by Pleasanton First National Bank founder Harry Harding in the 1930s, and continued by his son Warren, before the Main Street bank was succeeded by another bank.

Although there are many rose shows conducted by serious hobbyists and their rose societies, this one is strictly for the casual backyard rose grower. There is judging in various categories, and prizes are awarded.

Growers will bring the roses to the library between 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the first day. Judging will follow until 12:30 p.m. The roses will be on display in the meeting room and also in the front lobby of the library.

Elliston Vineyards will offer wine tasting from 1-5pm. Elliston will offer a variety of 2 whites, 2 reds and possibly a champagne.

The Sunday portion of the show coincides with Mother's Day, so the show is a magnet event for some families to treat mom on her day. The show is free. However, donations are accepted to defray the cost.

Fenestra Winery on Vallecitos Road in Livermore is the first winery in the Livermore Valley to convert to solar energy for its entire operation.

Solar City, from Foster City, installed the 96 panels on the south side of Fenestra's roof during the week of April 7th. The system has passed all inspections by the City of Livermore and is waiting for certification by PG&E. If all goes well, Fenestras expected to be completely converted and running by the middle of May.

"We didn't have to change the electrical system at all," says

Battalion Cellars

Battalion Cellars will be celebrating moms, grandmas, aunts and best friends of children at the tasting room in Blacksmith Square during the Mother's Day weekend.

There will be live music on Sat., May 10. There will be extra special treats paired with all of the winery's bubbles. There will be a drawing to win one of two gift buckets filled.

Battalion Cellars is located at 21 So. Livermore Ave., #109 in downtown Livermore.

Mother's Day Event

Rodrigue Molyneux Winery in Livermore will host a Mother's Day Event on May 10th and 11th from 12:30 until 5:00 PM.

All grandmothers, mothers, & mothers-to-be are invited to come and enjoy complimentary punch made from the winery's Sangiovese and a dessert made with fresh strawberries. The event is limited to the first 100 mothers.

Information is available at 447-4280 or www.rodrieguemolyneux.com.

Mother's Day Stroll

Wente Vineyards will host a "Mother's Day Stroll" in honor of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11th. Families are invited to celebrate

their mothers on a wine country "stroll" around each of the Wente Family Estates properties, including Wente Vineyards' Estate Tasting Room and Vineyard Tasting Room. The Course and The Grill at Wente Vineyards, The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, Murrieta's Well and Tamás Estates.

Mothers will receive a carnation at each stop along the way, creating a bouquet by the end of the day. The Restaurant will be open for gourmet wine country brunch and dinner, reservations are recommended.

• Wente Vineyards, Estate Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore, (925) 456-2305: The Estate Winery Tasting Room is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Daily public winery tours begin at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

• Wente Vineyards, Vineyard Tasting Room, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore, (925) 456-2405: The Vineyard Tasting Room is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• The Course at Wente Vineyards, 5040 Arroyo Road, Livermore, (925) 456-2475: Tee times available beginning at 6:50 a.m.

• The Grill at Wente Vineyards, 5040 Arroyo Road, Livermore, (925) 456-2481: Open for breakfast until 11:00am daily and lunch after 11:00am. Please call for current hours of service.

• Murrieta's Well, 3005 Mines Rd., Livermore, (925) 456-2425: The tast-

ing room is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Tamás Estates, 5489 Tesla Rd., Livermore, (925) 456-2380: Tasting room open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Champagne Brunch

A Mother's Day Champagne Brunch will be held Sunday, May 11, at Carré Winery, in the Grand Pavilion.

The chefs make omelettes to order, the buffet is filled with brunch favorites and the champagne is free flowing. Reservations are required at \$36.95 per person, children 4-12 \$14.95, 3 and under are free.

Seatings are from 10am-2pm. Carré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. Please make reservations at 925.371.8200, or go to www.garrewinery.com.

Mother's Day Picnic

A Mother's Day Picnic will be held Retzlaff Vineyards, 1365 So. Livermore Ave. on Sun., May 11, 11:30 a.m. Reservations are Required. Bring a picnic lunch and the children. A hat contest with prizes will be held. Dancing will be to the music of: "Blue Truth."

Cost is \$10.00 per adult to cover the cost of the band. For information, call 447-8941.

Fenestra Winery Converts to Solar Energy

Fenestra's owner, Lanny Replogle. "We have four inverters to convert DC to AC power, and a separate unit to control the flow and monitor the usage. We can also monitor that online."

The projected return on investment is in 5 to 6 years, while the system is estimated to cover 75-85% of all the winery's energy usage. Solar City estimated the system would help Fenestra save 1,077,576 lbs of carbon dioxide (the leading cause of greenhouse gases), 3,458 lbs of nitrogen oxides (which creates smog), and 3,130 lbs. of sulfur dioxide (the cause of acid rain).

"They (the panels) really look neat," says co-owner, Fran Replogle. "They almost look like part of the roof! Some visitors haven't even noticed the panels upon their arrival to the winery and are surprised when they finally do see them."

The winery building has seen its share of technological changes since its construction in 1889. It first started as a winery, and was abandoned during the prohibition period in the 1920's. It was rented out as a winery again in 1941, until the Replogles leased the property in 1980 and restored it, adding a new

roof and constructing 3 new massive walls that had previously collapsed from neglect over the years. The newer, sturdier roof now holds the solar panels to the sun for the winery to shine proudly.

Fenestra Winery is located at 83 Vallecitos Rd in Livermore. The Tasting Room is open Fri (starting May 2nd), Sat & Sun, from noon to 5pm. Visit www.fenestrawinery.com or call 925-447-5246. Solar City is located at 393 Vintage Park Dr. Ste. #140 in Foster City, 94404. A Visit them at www.solarcity.com or 1-888-Sol-City.

SHORT NOTES

Job Hunting Programs

A series of three free Saturday programs will be offered at the Livermore Library during the month of May to assist the job seeker. They are:

• **Email for Job Seekers**, Saturday May 10, 10:15am - 12:15pm

In this hands-on class participants sign up for a free e-mail account; learn how to send and receive e-mail messages; respond to job ads by sending a resume as an e-mail or e-mail attachment and manage an e-mail account to keep a job search organized. Prerequisite: Ability to use a mouse.

• **Computer Skills for Job Seekers**, Saturday May 17, 10:15am - 12:15pm

Participants will learn about Internet job-seeking resources and strategies, learn to explore different styles of resumes and choose the best for the individual; and learn how to create a resume using Microsoft Word and e-mail it to prospective employers. Prerequisite: Participants should be able to use a mouse and must have a Web-based e-mail account.

These free events will be presented at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. No registration required. For further information, please contact Joyce Nevins at (925) 373-5500 extension 5577.

Special Museum Events

The Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society and the Museum on Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton, invite the public to attend special events from May 14 to 16 to celebrate "National and International Museum Month." Visitors are encouraged to dress in a historical costume of their choice.

Each year since 1977, International Museum Month has been celebrated all over the world as people recognize that museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, and of co-operation and peace among peoples.

Wednesday, May 14: 11:00 a.m., Gold Fever! talk by Marilyn Guida, curator; 1p.m. Alviso Community Park, talk by Julia Bussinger, executive director and Mark Lester, education director, Museum on Main Street; 2 p.m., talk on the Museum Archives by Marilyn Guida, curator; 3 p.m. Meet A Contemporary Gold Miner with Brian Benevides; 4 p.m. Interactive Educational Program, Mark Lester, education director.

Thursday, May 15, 11 a.m. Behind the Scenes, Sandi Thorne, ALVHS board member and collections volunteer; 1 p.m. Rancho Families talk, Heather Rizzoli, volunteer manager; 2

p.m. Interactive Educational Program, Mark Lester, education director; 3 p.m., Ohlone Indians of the Tri-Valley talk, Marilyn Guida, curator; 7 p.m. Threads of the Story: The Kuna Indian, Asian Indian, and Middle Eastern Textiles, History and Enchantment, Lecture; Claudia Hess, Lynewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton.

Friday, May 16, 11 a.m., Out of the Vault: Rarely Seen Artifacts, Sandi Thorne, ALVHS board member and collections volunteer; 12 Noon, Tea with the Museum Director, Julia Bussinger; 1 p.m. Victorian Language of Flowers, Heather Rizzoli, volunteer manager; 2 p.m. Ghost Stories, Rebecca Bruner, ALVHS board member; 3 p.m. C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution), Marissa Mancebo, Organizing President, Ariel Bradley Society of the National Society of C.A.R.; 4 p.m. Potluck for members, emcee, Chuck Deckert, ALVHS Board Member; coordinator, Kris Jarvis, accountant.

The events are sponsored by Gary E.D. Alt, The Hop Yard Alehouse & Grill, Jim and Jo Betty Allen, Jim Hoge and the Faber Family.

General admission to the museum is a \$2 per person requested donation. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Contact (925) 462-2766 or valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net. Visit www.museumonmain.org.

Heart to Heart Talk

San Ramon Regional Medical Center will present a free community educational program, A Heart-to-Heart Talk, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13. The program will be held in the Dougherty Station Community Center, Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon.

Cardiologist John Vu, M.D., will discuss heart health, risks and symptoms of heart disease, and advanced diagnostic and treatment options. He will answer questions about cholesterol, heart healthy diet and exercise, and when you should see a doctor about your heart.

The hospital is located at 6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Seating is limited. To register for the heart seminar, call 800.284.2878 or register online at www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Senior Safety

"Crime Prevention in Livermore" is a community education presentation offered by the Livermore Police Department in cooperation with the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Area Rec-

reation and Parks District (LARPD).

The next community education presentation will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue on Wednesday May 14 at 10:30 a.m. The presentation will be made by Crime Prevention Specialist Nikki Aguon who has extensive experience in crime prevention, has worked for the Livermore Police Department for 11 years and regularly teaches crime prevention courses.

Nikki will be discussing a variety of topics related to crime prevention with a focus on senior citizens. She will discuss how to make homes more secure and less likely targets for criminals. She will talk about senior safety when out in the community. Nikki will relate incidents that have occurred in Livermore and how our community members can aid the police department in preventing and reducing crime. The Neighborhood Watch program will also be discussed.

Although reservations are not required, signing up for the program at 373-5700 helps LARPD plan seating arrangements. Please ask for class #8032.

Kuna Indians

Claudia Hess, owner of Worthington Gallery West, will give a talk, "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.

Bioblitz

Save Mount Diablo will host a bioblitz Friday May 16, 4pm to Satur-

day May 17, 4pm at Mangini and Lime Ridge Open Space.

Save Mount Diablo invites scientist and the public to come out in an effort to count and catalogue all the species found on these properties. A BioBlitz brings together scientists, naturalists and volunteers to document wildlife present in our community. It's a unique opportunity to explore, discover, educate and investigate the tremendous amount of biodiversity that surrounds us in our local environment. This year's event also includes Children activities on Saturday May 17, from 10am - 3pm, and Guided hikes on May 17 from 10:30am - 12:30pm.

Event is open to the public on Saturday, May 17 from 10am -4pm. Registration is recommended. For information, contact Melissa Waver Mwaver@savemountdiablo.org; 925-947-3535.

May at the Library

"The Police Officer Is a Person in Your Neighborhood": Meet a real police officer, learn safety tips and hear what it is like to be a police officer in Livermore. This event will be held at the Springtown Branch Library on Saturday, May 10 at 11:00 AM. The Springtown Branch Library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive next to the duck pond in Springtown.

"Mothers and Fathers:" Moms and Dads share a day with their kids in family fun stories. This storytime will be at the Civic Center Library on Monday, May 12 at 7:00 PM. The Civic Center Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

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

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Cell Block 7 Jazz Band

Cell Block Seven Performs Classic Jazz Lineup

Cell Block Seven will bring their West Coast traditional jazz sound to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Fri., May 9.

The performance begins at 8 p.m.

Cell Block Seven is able to produce some very different sounds - from fast, exciting trios to smooth and mellow blues -- all in great low brass harmony. The music is in the tradition of Lu Waters, Turk Murphy and the Bay City Jazz Band of the 1950s in a classic jazz lineup led by two cornets.

Originally formed in 1981 as a Seven-piece outfit, Cell Block Seven became an 8-piece group some ten years later. The current lineup includes leader Bob Romans, cornet and double bell euphonium; Dan Talbert, trombone, double euphonium and vocals; Fred Spitzer, cornet, double bell euphonium, kazoo and vocals; Tom Downs, tuba; Pete Main, clarinet, sarrusophone and duck call; Bill Dendle, banjo; Daryl Hostick, piano; and Coleman Sholl, drums.

The concert is presented by Del Valle Fine Arts in association with the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

A sampling of songs the group performs at their concerts includes *Hambone Kelly*, *King of The Zulus*, *Alligator Hop*, *Big Bear Stomp*, *London Blues*, *Military Escort*, *Storyville Blues*, *The Mooch*, *Yerba Buena Strut* and more.

Tickets are \$21, \$26, \$31, and \$11 Students. They can be purchased at the ticket office in front of the theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org or call 373-6800.

Grammy Nominee Mixes and Matches Music Styles

Young piano sensation and 2007 Grammy Nominee for Best Contemporary Jazz Album Eldar Rubalcaba, Danilo Perez, Brad Djangirov, is one of the most formidable jazz musicians of his generation. He will play one performance at the Bankhead Theater on Fri., May 16 at 8 p.m.

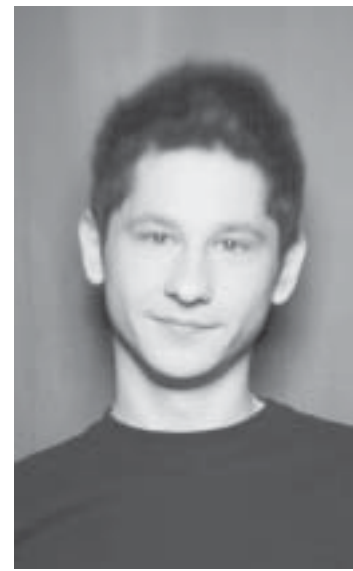
Performing with Eldar, will be Todd Strait on drums and Earl Travis on bass.

A performer of well-chosen jazz standards, Eldar at age 21 is also beginning to reveal his own emerging musical vision as a creative artist, with original compositions of complex structure and free-flowing expression.

Eldar accesses a wide range of references to tell his stories. He draws on the legends-Oscar Peterson, Art Tatum and Benny Green for orchestral swing and technique, McCoy Tyner, Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea and Kenny Kirkland for harmonic palette. His 21st century brew incorporates information from a broad range of late 20th century

sources. Among the pianists he cites as heroes are Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Danilo Perez, Brad Mehldau, Bill Charlap, Esbjorn Svensson, and Jason Moran. Composer-improvisors like Pat Metheny, Michael Brecker, and Kurt Rosenwinkel enter the mix; so does the jazz-hiphop synthesis of Roy Hargrove; the sophisticated pop of Radiohead, Bjork, Sting, Soulive and the Beatles; the classical pianists Evgeny Kissin and Arcadi Volodos.

"There's a very direct correlation between the way I approach the piano-the way my parents shaped my approach from a very young age-and the Russian school of music," he says. "It comes from a formal tradition of classical music and classical training. From day one, my mother taught me to form a perfect arch with my hand, as though there's an apple in there as you play. I was told how many inches I should sit away from the piano on the stool, the pressure points



Eldar

on the keys-all the little details that make it art."

Until now, Eldar has performed on the international festival, club, and concert circuits, while pursuing his education in

jazz harmony and improvisation with Kim Park and John Elliott. His family moved to San Diego in 2003. In Fall 2005, he matriculated at the University of Southern California, where he studied improvisation with pianist Shelly Berg.

Now a full-time musician, Eldar is happy with the trans-generational approach. "I'm not looking at labels," he says. "I've never heard music as one style or another-as bebop or swing, or the Romantic or 20th century period of classical music. It's more about whether music connects, whether it has a message. The message is the most important thing. I want to be a musician and I want to be an artist-not just a piano player."

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket office in front of the theater, by calling 925-373-6800, or go to the LVPAC website at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Cantabella Children's Chorus Schedules Spring Concert

Cantabella Children's Chorus perform the annual spring concert titled "Climbin' Up The Mountain, Children!" on Saturday May 17th.

The concert will be held at the Livermore High School Theater at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The theater is at 600 Maple St., Livermore. The 1 p.m. concert will feature both the training and the performing choirs and the 4 p.m. concert will feature the older performing choirs with

more sophisticated repertoire.

Cantabella is one of the eight children's choirs selected by CD audition nationwide to travel to Denver, Colorado for the Sing A Mile High (SAMH) Children's Choral Festival in June.

Among some new choral repertoire for the spring concert, they perform the world-premier of two selections (The Truth Is Great and Circles of Motion) composed by Bob Chilcott es-

pecially for the SAMH Festival.

Suggested donation for admission is \$10 for 5 yrs and older; \$5 for 4 and younger at the door.

Cantabella is a non-profit organization committed to developing within children and young people the love and experience of artistic, beautiful singing.

For more information please visit www.cantabella.org, or to inquire about auditions, please call 925-292-2663.

Concert Choral Performs 'Be At Peace with Song' Concert

The Valley Concert Chorale will perform its spring concert on Saturday, May 17, at 8:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton.

The church is located at 1225 Hopyard Road.

The performance titled, "Be at Peace with Song," will feature Schubert's graceful yet spirited Mass in G, accompanied by organ and professional soloists. The chorale will also perform Pteris Vasks' beautiful Dona Nobis Pacem.

"The title of this powerful work literally means 'peace on earth,'" explains John Emory Bush, the chorale's artistic director. "Its haunting melody of sustained notes and chords builds to a height of tension with the organ, then resolves to a prayer-like solitude leaving the listener with a sense of peace. It's really quite moving."

Also on the program are familiar spirituals with lively new arrangements, and English part songs.

Tickets are \$18 if purchased in advance, and \$20 at the door. Students age 18 and under are always free. Advance tickets may be ordered by calling (925) 866-4003, or by email to info@valleyconcertchorale.org. More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Teen Improv Tournament, Tommy T's Comedy House and Amador Valley High School are proud to announce the first ever Tri-Valley High School Improv. Tournament. Improvisation teams from Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon, Amador Valley and Foothill high schools will compete on Tuesday night, May 13th, at Tommy T's in Pleasanton - 5104 Hopyard Road. Doors open at 6pm and the show starts at 7:30. Tickets are just \$5 at the door. Call 925-227-1800 for more information or to reserve your tickets.

Las Positas College 30th Festival of the Arts, fine arts exhibit May 1-30 at three locations: Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St., Pleasanton; Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. (open during performances), Livermore; and SPCA Art Gallery, 4651 Gleason Dr., Dublin. Artists' reception and awards presentation on Wed., May 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater.

Playwrights' Theatre, Staged reading of "Welded," Eugene O'Neill's seldom produced play in which a successful playwright and his actress wife are challenged to remove the masks they have been wearing in marriage. Presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service. 3 p.m. May 18. Old Barn at Tao House, Danville. Tickets \$25, at 820-1818 or www.eugeneoneill.org.

Granada High School Choir, Wed., May 21, presents a pops concert featuring songs from Hairspray. 7 p.m. Granada High School Little Theater, 400 Wall Street, Livermore. Tickets are \$8 and available at the door or online at granadahigh.com. For more information, contact 606-4800.

Livermore High School Choir, Wed., May 29, presents a pops concert featuring songs from Hairspray. 7 p.m., Livermore High Theater, Maple Street, Livermore. Tickets are \$8 and available at the door. For more information, contact 606-4812.

Livermore Legacy Tour, Sun., May 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Seven historical homes will be open for self-guided tour. Docents will provide information. Light lunch fare available. Livermore Heritage Guild fund-raising for the Livermore History Mobile. Tickets \$25-\$30. Information www.livermorehistory.com or call 577-4206. Fund-raising for the Livermore Heritage Guild historymobile.

The Music Man, Livermore High School spring musical. Performances are May 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.

Celebrating Art Made Easy, 14th Annual Student Art Exhibit, Monday-Friday, May 5 to 9; Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Information 931-5340.

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

www.livermoreperformingarts.org.
Speech Performance Night, May 9, 8 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors/students. 414-1100.

Cell Block 7 Jazz Band, May 9, 8 p.m. Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center & Del Valle Fine Arts, Californian jazz band favoring the West Coast traditional jazz sound of Lu Waters, 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., Livermore. Tickets at box office, or 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Tribute to Judy Garland, May 10, 7 p.m. Blackhawk Chorus. \$14/\$24. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., downtown Livermore. Tickets at box office or 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.

Eldar (Pianist), a most formidable young jazz musician, May 16, 8pm, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets at theater box office, call 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Las Positas College Vocal Band Concert, May 16, 8 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors/students. 414-1100.

Big Breakfast in Concert in the West End, May 17, Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H St., Livermore. Tickets are available at Bankhead Theater box office, online at 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 Instrumental Jazz Concert, May 17, 2 p.m. 3000 Campus, Livermore. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors/students. 414-1100.

Valley Concert Chorale, May 17, 8 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton. Spring concert features Schubert's Mass in G, and other lighter works. To purchase tickets, call (925) 866-4003 and leave a message, or send email to tickets@valleyconcertchorale.org.

Livermore Valley Wine Auction, live gala auction dinner Sat., May 17, 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Lots being auctioned off include exotic travel, dining, shopping and one-of-a-kind gift packages. Space is limited. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Foundation at 447-WINE (9463).

Livermore Amador Symphony, performs with Las Positas College Choir, Saturday, May 17, 8:00, pm. Dr. Arthur P. Barnes, Music Director. Final concert of the season features the Las Positas College Chorus performing Song of Destiny, under the direction of James Heiner. A pre-concert talk by Philip Manwell of Las Positas College begins at 7 p.m. Program: Brahms: Academic Festival Overture; Brahms: Song of Destiny, Las Positas College Chorus; Brahms: Hungarian Dances Nos. 17-21; Dvorak: Czech Suite;

Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets, \$21-\$31 (students under 18, free) are available at livermoreperformingarts.org or by calling (925) 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Spencers Theatre of Illusion, May 18, 2 p.m. Magic for the entire family. \$11/\$24/\$28/\$31. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets, call 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

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Bay Area Storytelling Festival, May 17 and 18 in Kennedy Grove Regional Park, East Bay Regional Park District on San Pablo Dam Rd. near El Sobrante. Includes national storytellers, with featured teller Olga Loya. Kids concert, storytelling quilt with squares illustrating Middle East stories will be raffled. Hours: Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Single tickets \$13, entire festival \$70, for special rates, schedule, directions, go to www.bayareastorytelling.org.

Amador Valley High School spring symphony concert, May 19, 7 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.amadorband.org.

Las Positas College One Act Plays, Wed., May 21 at 12:30 p.m. and Fri., May 23 at 8 p.m. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Free admission. 414-1100.

Pleasanton Playhouse Broadway Chorus 2008 Spring Concert will be performed at the Amador Theater in Pleasanton on Friday, May 23 at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 24 at 8 pm, and Sunday, May 25 at 2 pm. 462-2121. www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Chanticleer, An orchestra of voices, May 23, 8 p.m. Chanticleer celebrates its 30th Season of vocal interpretations that range from Renaissance to jazz, gospel to new music. \$11/\$28/\$31/\$36/\$41. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Del Valle Fine Arts Concert, May 24,

Premiere Saxophone Quartet, Dale Wolford (soprano), Kevin Stewart (alto), David Henderson (tenor), and Aaron Lington (baritone), perform a diverse repertoire of music reflecting their varied experiences in classical music and jazz. 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

A Day in His Life Tribute to John Lennon, Saturday, May 31, 8:00 PM. Multimedia production will take you back to another time and another state of mind as world-famous actor/musician Tim Piper portrays rock icon John Lennon, traveling the remarkable journey that influenced the music and culture of a generation and created a "Revolution" that shook the world. All Tickets: \$25, \$30 \$35. Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. www.civictartickets.org or 931-3444.

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra, Eric Hansen, director. Concert Sun., May 18, 3 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 116 Montecito Ave., Oakland. Program: Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major; Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2 in G minor featuring Eunice Kim, winner of the Felix Kluner Concerto Competition. Admission free. Donations accepted. www.prometheussymphony.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. Performs 7/26 - 8/1. Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Blvd., Livermore. Also looking for singers and musicians of Russian music. Info: Wendy Wisely 424-1000 ext.2480 wwisely@laspositascollege.edu.

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Valley Dance Theatre presents

Réverence, a collection of classical and innovative ballet, on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The performances will be staged at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in Livermore, and will be accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Tickets are \$21, \$24 and \$29 for adults and \$6 for students 17 years and under. They may be purchased online at www.livermoreperformingarts.org/tickets, by phone at (925) 373-6800, or at the Bankhead Theater box office.

Sommerfest 2008, Saturday June 21, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., Livermore Valley Plaza, 2400 1st Street, Livermore. Dance to Karl Leiberz's Band and see the Alpentänzer Schuhplattler Bavarian folk dancers at the 23rd Annual Sommerfest. Entrance ticket includes sausages or hot dogs, potato salad, sauerkraut, dessert and a beverage; beer, wine or soft drink. Extra food and beverage can be purchased. All proceeds go to Livermore school's Arts Programs. Advance tickets only will be sold through June 17th at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore (373-6800, Mon-Sat, noon-6pm) or online www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Tickets: \$29 adults, \$8 under 12 years, free under 6 years. Entrance ticket is also the meal ticket. Everyone attending must have a ticket. For child tickets visit the ticket office in person or call (925) 373-6800.

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A Vibrant Evening of "Nuevo Tango"

By Nancy O'Connell

Del Valle Fine Arts brought an exciting ensemble from South America to the Bankhead Theater on April 26th. The Binelli-Ferman-Isaac Trio is composed of three talented individual performers who have come together to bring great music from their hemisphere to ours. They are musical ambassadors who have concertized widely as soloists in Europe and Asia, as well as in North America.

Years ago I met Villa-Lobos, the best known South American composer, when he conducted the Houston Symphony Orchestra. I had always admired his work for eight cellos, but on this occasion he was directing an entire program of his own compositions. He used only two words again and again with the orchestra musicians. Everything else was spoken in Portuguese to the associate concert master, who then translated his directions into English. His two English words were succinct and to the point. "Do better!"

It is difficult to imagine that the three perfectionists heard on Saturday night could have done any better. For western ears, the bandoneon was the most intriguing instrument. It is in the accordion family. However, it is much smaller and each side of it has buttons, each for a single tone. It is believed that early German settlers brought a small concertina to South America and that it later was modified and became the bandoneon.

The program opened with Astor Piazzolla's *Buenos Aires Hora Cero*. A dark, mysterious beginning in the bandoneon was joined by the piano in the low register, then the guitar. An exciting development with all three instruments followed. Great subtlety was possible in the pianissimo parts which one

doesn't associate with an accordion-type instrument, but we were in for an evening of musical surprises. Piazzolla's *Libertango* had both men tapping their feet in rhythm, and both of the first two numbers dropped to a whisper and then ended with a loud, startling chord.

Eduardo Isaac on the guitar and Daniel Binelli on the bandoneon were dressed in conservative black suits, but the pianist, Polly Ferman was dressed as a diva. Her long black gown was backless with straps of glittering sequins. A long slit up one side exposed not only a beautiful long leg, but her pedaling technique. These are the kinds of details one misses if the music is only heard on a CD, and not in a live performance!

The next two numbers were duets involving the bandoneon and guitar. Mariano Mores's *El Firulete* had very high notes in the bandoneon and when both instruments were together it was a very full sound. Mores is from Argentina and studied classical music in Spain. He is known, not only for his tango music, but for his film scores. The men both used their fingers to tap out rhythms on their instruments when the other one had a melody.

Astor Piazzolla's *Bordel 1900* was an exciting tango. The guitar had a small mike placed in front of it to augment its sound and make it more of an equal partner with the bandoneon. The sound carried easily throughout the hall. Without that mike, the guitar would not have carried more than a few rows.

Piazzolla's *Oblivion*, a piano solo, featured Polly Ferman playing in a romantic vein. She had a sensitive touch and her melodies sang out. Her musical score was opened out like a fan, so she had no awkward page turns.

Daniel Binelli is a composer

as well as a bandoneon player. His *Tango de los Cuadros* was a duet between the piano and his instrument. This duet had a playful side to it with surprising rhythms and with a great emphasis on the piano. Another work by Binelli, *Aubelo y Misterio*, was for the trio. There were difficult passages in the piano, dark and mysterious sounds with the melody often in the bandoneon or the guitar. A section of great excitement in the piano, then the other two joined in, and the hall was filled with syncopated rhythms and glorious sounds.

After the intermission Eduardo Isaac played a solo guitar number from memory. It contained some tricky passages. He is an obvious master of his instrument and has traveled extensively all over the world giving master classes and performing as soloist with various symphonies. Then he was joined by the pianist. They immediately launched into Piazzolla's *Novitango* with beautiful ensemble work. She watched him carefully, and the ending was like a painting - her hand was raised from the final chord just as his was.

Piazzolla's *Violentando* featured an emotionally moving melody followed by rhythmic excitement with heavy syncopation. Running notes in the piano and repeated sequences grew louder and louder until the fortissimo climax. Piazzolla in the 1950's was ridiculed by those who liked the traditional tango because his music is designed for listening rather than for dancing. He is responsible for bringing this new form of the tango into concert halls all over the world. When his *Triunfal* was performed by Binelli on his bandoneon, Binelli seemed totally immersed in the magic of the music. It was a complex work. As he improvised around some of the tango

rhythms, I thought I heard him humming, much as one would hear Glenn Gould hum in some of his piano performances of Bach.

In Piazzolla's *Verano Porteno* for the bandoneon and piano there were some very modern sonorities. Binelli half rose from his chair several times in the excitement of the driving rhythms. Piazzolla's *Adios Nonino* was for the trio. Again there were a modern series of chords and running passages in the piano encompassing the entire keyboard. She had some difficult octave work, and when the guitar entered to bring out his melody he used vibrato just as other string players do. The bandoneon had a long and soulful solo and again that humming sound was heard! All three joined in bringing the work to a sensitive and exciting close which featured a full glissando in the piano part ending with a grand flourish.

Many enthusiastic curtain calls led to an encore which featured all three musicians tossing off passages of great difficulty. It ended on a chord with the pianist bent completely over her keyboard as though bowing to the audience, bringing the entire evening to a dramatic conclusion.

Harmony and dissonance, counterpoint and improvisation. Some of the elements were borrowed from jazz, and others leaned heavily upon the heritage of the 17th and 18th centuries of Baroque music. The driving rhythmic pulse alone would have led to an exciting evening of intense listening pleasure. Combined with the technical proficiency of the three musicians, I believe the audience left feeling that there was much to learn about the music of South America and its infinite complexities.

Program Focuses on 'Adventures of a Desert Queen'

WomanLore presents "Adventures of a Desert Queen, A Lecture by Gertrude Bell on May 22 at the Pleasanton Library.

The performance by WomanLore begins at 7 p.m. WomanLore is a Chicago-based theatrical performance group that gives voice and life to women whose stories are considered too powerful to be forgotten. Actress Betsey Means will present a lecture by Gertrude Bell, *Adventures of a Desert Queen*.

Gertrude Bell (1868-1926) was a lone English woman in the male Muslim world of the Middle East; a famous author who wrote about the Arabs, an acknowledged archeologist, a courageous traveler who dined with china and crystal, dressed in extravagant clothes, rode on a camel and horse and penetrated dangerous regions of the Arabian desert.

Bell was the most powerful woman in the British Empire in the years after WWI. She was named to the high post of Oriental Secretary and achieved nothing less than a miracle by creating the modern state of Iraq. Gertrude was the winner of the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society; the honorary director of antiquities at the Baghdad Museum; and the recipient of a Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Gertrude Bell



The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue.

Teen Poets Invited to Enter Contest

"Livermore's Top Teen Poet" contest will be held on June 21. The Livermore Public Library, in cooperation with Livermore's Poet Laureate, Connie Post, will sponsor the event.

The contest will take place from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Community Room of the Livermore Public Library. Poetry submissions will be accepted from May 10 through June 7.

Submitted poems, which have been approved for content prior to the event, will be performed by the poet before an audience and four judges. Poetry will be judged based on content, performance, and the age of the poet. Teens, ages 12-14, will perform their poetry from 1:00-2:00 pm and teens, ages 15-17, will perform from 2:00-3:00 pm. Contest winners will be announced and receive prizes at the reception immediately following the readings.

Rules of the contest and entry forms can be found on TEEN SPACE of the library's website or on the back of all contest flyers. Poems may be submitted for approval at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center or the Rincon and Springtown branch libraries.

For further information, please call 925-373-5504 or visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us, or email Connie Post at connie@poetrypost.com.

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This illusion appears to show one of the members of the Spencers act standing on air.

Theatre of Illusion Brings Its Magic to the Bankhead Theater

Spencers Theatre of Illusion will bring the magic of illusion to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Sun., May 18.

The performance will be at 2 p.m. When the Spencers take the stage artistry and theatre converge; intellect and amazement collide; and impossibility and inspiration are inseparable.

By combining original theatrical elements with cutting-edge illusions, audience interaction, dramatic lighting, special effects, music, movement and stage magic, the Spencers have propelled the age-old art of magic into the 21st century, creating a magical concert for the eyes.

The Spencers are the only artists to be named Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year for six consecutive years. In January of 2003, they made sports history when they "vanished" the Stanley Cup for the National Hockey League as a kickoff to the NHL All-Star weekend. They then made the cup reappear, along with Hockey Hall of Fame legend Larry Robinson.

They work with some of the leading inventors, creators and builders in the industry to incorporate original never-before-seen illusions into their production. People levitate, walk through walls, vanish and reappear. In one illusion, the entire audience is asked to participate.

Tickets to the Livermore performance are \$24, \$28 and \$31. They are available at the Bankhead Theater ticket office, 2400 First St., downtown Livermore, on-line at www.livermoreperformingarts.org or by phone at 925-373-6800

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Free Movie Night at Pleasanton Library

The Pleasanton Library will offer a free after hours movie for teens and adults on Fri., May 16 from 7 to 9 p.m.

"Cry Baby," (PG-13, 85 minutes) was filmed in 1990.

The ultimate juvenile delinquent love story that proves kids knew how to be bad and look good before sex, drugs, and rock-n-roll. Set in Baltimore in 1954, Johnny Depp stars in this film that depicts the happiness of teen rebellion and the tragic pitfalls of early conformity. With a background of fast cars, gang wars, and sexual frustration, "Cry Baby" is filled with both original songs and unheralded music from this forgotten time as avant-garde director Waters satirizes the '50s movie genre.

Call Teresa Parham for more information (925) 931-3404.

Balinese Ensemble Performs at Library

Balinese Gamelan Ensemble Members of Gamelan Sekar Jaya, recognized as perhaps the finest gamelan ensemble in the world outside of Indonesia, performs at the Pleasanton Public Library on Saturday, May 17 beginning at 2:00 pm.

Gamelan, a rhythmic multi-layered music performed on a blend of unique indigenous instruments, is combined with Balinese dance rooted in both ancient and modern forms. This presentation is part of the library's ongoing Dance & Sing Around the World children's series celebrating the music and dance of the many cultures which make up the Pleasanton community.

These free programs are open to all ages. No registration is required. For information on these and other events, please visit the library website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library/programs-and-events.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton.

Little Valley Winery Finds a Home New Vino Venue on Greenville Road

by Harry Stoll

The White Rabbit label of Little Valley Winery has hopped over to Greenville Road and into a new tasting room at Red Feather Winery, approximately opposite Bent Creek. You'll see a unique-looking private residence. Drive past that to a small tidy building, Red Feather Winery tasting room (scheduled to open May 10) is on the north end of the building and Little Valley is the next door to the south.

That part of Greenville Road is home to seven tasting rooms: Bent Creek, Big White House, Charles R. Little Valley, McGrail, Red Feather and White Crane. If you're in good shape, or adventuresome, you could do a walking tour of the seven. Or you could limit yourself to walking between two of them, such as Little Valley and Red Feather. Now that's a reasonable trek.

Owners Bill Webster (also the winemaker) and Sandi Bohner will be pouring their ever-popular sparkling wines with the White Rabbit label, including almond and raspberry. Here are some other Little Valley wines: 2004 Tempranillo Dunningan Foothills. \$24; 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Livermore Valley. \$22; Multi Vintage Chardonnay California. \$16; Pure Decadence Port. \$24; and Multi Vintage White Zinfandel California. \$9.50.

The Tempranillo won a silver medal and best of its class at the 2007 State Fair. A glass of this dry, light wine and some Manchego cheese and you've arrived. This wine is a gift to us from Spain, where it's known as Rioja. Tempranillo should get a bigger play, being in the sangiovese class as far as drinkability is concerned. It goes well with any light repast, including grilled salmon.

Bill said he is making the wine now at their home in Little Valley. The plan is to do some custom crushes, with the grapes crushed at a local winery then brought to Little Valley's Greenville Road site for fermentation and aging.

Little Valley began by opening a tasting room on Main Street in Sunol in 2000. It was also a bistro serving light meals and espresso. On Saturday nights the blues blew in and comics and classical music and folk music on other hot acts on other hot nights. An area lifestyle Diabolo magazine named it "Best Hangout," in 2003. At Sunol, Sandi used the Tempranillo to make Sangria. She added apples, pears and plums along with club soda. It was a big seller. She took some to a gathering of winemakers, thinking they would look down their noses at it, but it ran and out and they wanted more.

When Tesla Vintners opened their collaborative tasting room in 2004, Bill and Sally saw that as opportunity to be in Livermore, which they figured was the heartbeat of the valley wine scene. They joined Big White House, Fenestra and Thomas Coyne. In the hurly-burly of the opening, with things perhaps not quite ready, Sandi remembers

pouring under the tents covering the carpools, alongside of Big White House owner/winemaker John Marion the Elder.

Little Valley left Tesla Vintners tasting room not too long ago. The original four are also all gone now. If there were any hard feelings about the departure, Sandi isn't saying so. When asked why they left, she said, "Our lease wasn't renewed." She remains pals with Tesla's feisty tasting room manager, Patty Cuellar. The two attended the evening festivities at Little Valley's next-door neighbor McGrail Vineyards at their Sept 12 opening, after Little Valley's afternoon opening.

After Tesla, Little Valley shared the Elliston tasting room in Sunol. Sandi looked very happy pouring alongside the Elliston pourers. When Elliston went up for sale recently, it was time to move again and they are delighted to be at Red Feather. Perhaps the hopping White Rabbit can settle down.

On May 10 you can enjoy the joint grand opening of Little Valley and Red Feather wineries neighboring tasting rooms. The site has a commanding view of the valley and catches the breeze that blows in off the bay. Sandi promises a sensational sunset. Both tasting rooms open at 12 noon and in the evening there will be two hands. The festivities will last until 9 p.m., when the sun is a fresh memory, still backlighting the hills and the curve of the sky is a honeydew melon.



Parsons Dance Company.

Contemporary Dance Troupe Performs in Livermore

The Parsons Dance Company comes to the Bankhead Theater for one performance only on Thursday May 8 at 8 p.m. as part of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents, the continuing series of well-known performers and ensembles from around the world.

Parsons Dance is an internationally celebrated contemporary dance company under the artistic direction of choreographer David Parsons. The company creates and performs contemporary American dance of extraordinary artistry that is both entertaining and enriching to diverse audiences.

The most prestigious theaters, festivals and presenters around the world engage Parsons

Dance, to tap its tremendous audience power. Among them: Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), Maison de la Danse (Lyon, France), Teatro La Fenice (Venice, Italy) and Teatro Municipal (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). In New York City, Parsons Dance has been featured at The Joyce Theater, City Center, New Victory Theater, Central Park Summerstage, Guggenheim Museum, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Parsons Dance has a company of ten full-time dancers and maintains a repertoire of more than 70 works choreographed by David Parsons, twenty of which feature originally commissioned scores by leading composers and musicians, including Dave Matthews, Michael Gordon and Milton Nascimento. Parsons Dance has collaborated with many other leading artists, including Julie Taymor, William Ivey Long, Annie Leibovitz, Donna Karan and Alex Katz.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the ticket office in front of the theater, by calling 925-373-6800, or visiting the LVPAC website at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Entries Sought for 2009 Livermore Literary Harvest Publication

4th Street Studio is accepting submissions for the 2009 edition of *Livermore Wine Country Literary Harvest*, an anthology of stories (fiction and creative non-fiction) and poems written and told by writers who have attended 4th Street Studio's Saturday Salons in Livermore, California.

Guidelines for submission are as follows:

Limited to those who have attended or will attend a Saturday Salon at 4th Street Studio between June 2007 and August 2008. There is no charge for attending salons or membership requirements. You just show up on the third Saturday of the month. Creative nonfiction or fiction up to 5000 words. You can submit up to two pieces that together do not exceed 5000 words. Poetry: three (3) poems (no restrictions on length). Writers may submit both poems and prose.

The book release party, which will include readings from the anthology, will be a part of WordWalk, which will take place in the Fall.

The 2009 edition of the anthology is the fourth anthology. Hogan, 4th Street Studio founder, believes that the community benefits from hearing the stories and poetry that come from within its own members. This anthology provides a source for regional writers to connect with the community in which they live.

Submissions must be sent electronically to the following: harvestanthology@pachell.net by June 15th, 2008. Publication decisions will be made by July 15, 2007 with notification no later than August 1st.

For more information, please contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100.



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Driveway Solutions Pave Way For Strawberry Sales

Strawberry sales at two Livermore roadside stands are underway, thanks in part to the city's discussion with the property owners at two separate locations.

Both locations are leased by Lee's Strawberries. One on South Livermore Avenue near Concannon Boulevard opened more than one year ago. This site was the center of controversy last year. The city said it had to shut down because the driveway constructed by the property owner, who did not seek a permit, failed to meet city standards for safety, said city transportation manager Mohammad Pournia.

The city negotiated with the property owner. It turned out that an agreement the city had with the owner concerning a second driveway contained ambiguous language, about whether that, too, would be permitted.

The city decided to make a deal that removes the ambiguous

language by agreement with the property owner, so that the city wouldn't have any legal vulnerability in the future. The city also promised to pave the existing driveway to upgrade it. The city will wait until a paving crew to be hired for summer street work can be put on the job, which probably would start in July.

Pournia estimated it will cost \$10,000, though it's hard to tell the exact price now.

The other strawberry stand location is on East Avenue, between Mines Road and Vasco Road. Staff asked the property owner how people would access the property. The reply was that barriers would be removed on an emergency vehicle access right of way.

"That's not a driveway, not a safe public entrance," said Pournia. The property owner switched the entrance to an existing driveway to his home.

Trout Hatchlings Spotted

Hundreds of young trout hatched last week in Stonybrook Creek in the Alameda Creek watershed, possibly the offspring of a historic pair of steelhead trout.

A steelhead pair dubbed "Bonnie and Clyde" were given a helping hand upstream in late February past barriers in lower Alameda Creek and radio tagged to monitor their movements. They swam together up Niles Canyon to Stonybrook Creek, where they were exhibiting spawning behavior in early March. On Monday hundreds of trout fry were observed in the creek reach where the steelhead pair likely spawned and are still holding.

"If the young trout are confirmed to be offspring of steelhead rather than resident rainbow trout, this will mark the first natural reproduction of steelhead trout in the Alameda Creek watershed since the mid-1960s," said Jeff Miller, Director of the Alameda Creek Alliance. "Res-

toration projects underway could allow steelhead and salmon to swim freely to spawning areas in Alameda Creek within a few years."

Trout eggs typically hatch within 30 to 45 days into what are known as alevins, tiny fragile fish that live off their attached yolk sacks. About 4 weeks later the young trout (known as fry) emerge from the gravels where they were spawned and begin to feed.

In 1999, a female steelhead named "Stella" was rescued at the BART weir and later swam into Stonybrook Creek, where she possibly spawned with resident rainbow trout. Stonybrook Creek has almost two miles of suitable habitat for spawning and rearing of trout and steelhead, but several road crossing culverts create migration problems in the lower creek. CalTrans has committed to replace a culvert at the bottom of Stonybrook Creek with a free span bridge.

ROBOTS

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game. Points are also taken away for knocking "people" off the table, falling off the table, or being touched by a team member outside of the safe zone.

The LHS Robotics Team constructed their robots from LEGOs, using LEGO Mindstorm NXT kits as the basis. "We used LEGOs because they are easy to build with and reconfigure," says Waltz. "Plus we had a lot of materials easily available."

The two Mindstorm NXT kits, one belonging to Waltz and the other to the LHS robotics program, were supplemented by Handrock's vast personal LEGO collection. The students added sensors and other electronics to complete the robots.

Some teams at Robofest 2008 worked with robots designed from hobby robotic kits similar to hobby radio controlled cars. The South Korean teams, who have corporate sponsors, used industrial robots.

In the competition, teams first took a short written test, to determine that the students had indeed built and programmed the robots themselves. Then they ran their robots through the mission twice. The final score was based on the combined total from both rounds, with time used as a tie-breaker.

The LHS Robotics Team won based on their consistent performance. In the first round, they scored 140 out of a possible 150 points with the next team earning 90 points. In the second round, they scored 130 points. While the second place finisher, the South Korean team Dae Goo Ji 2, earned a perfect score in that round, it still wasn't enough to best LHS' total score.

Waltz says he expected the team to do well, but was surprised they won, especially against the South Koreans. He's quick to point out that the students can take full credit for their outstanding performance. "I taught them the basics. They took it from there," he says. "I just stayed out of their way and kept them safe."

The four teammates each played a different role on the team. Mohammad, a self-described natural programmer, wrote most of the programming. Handrock was the "inventor" who came up with the basic design that Accornero and Hobson then refined.

Several distinct design and programming features of the LHS robots enabled them to dominate at Robofest. Key to their success was how the robots collected the tennis balls; while other teams' robots simply swept up the balls, often losing them before returning to the safe zone, the LHS robots used wheels to pull the balls into the robot and deposit them in a basket at the back.

Mohammed also programmed the robots so they could handle multiple scenarios during the competition. After knocking over

the Kleenex boxes, the LHS robots made another sweep to make sure they were all out of the way, thus ensuring they received the maximum points for that task.

"It's easy to make a robot that will complete a basic task. But it is a challenge to make it smart enough to know when there is a problem," says Mohammed.

The four students each received a \$2,000 scholarship to LTU for their first place finish in the senior division. While they've already been accepted into prestigious universities, Mohammed says the scholarship is good leverage for winning other awards.

"My recommendation is that if in four years they are still really interested in robotics, contact the LTU professor who runs the competition," says Waltz. "They can always use the scholarship for graduate school."

Waltz, an LHS alumni, has a masters in mechanical engineering (ME) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and worked as an ME before joining the LHS staff. He still does contract engineering work in the summer.

This fall Accornero will attend U.C. Davis, Handrock will attend Valparaiso University in Indiana, Hobson will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and Mohammed will attend UCLA.

Currently, the robotics class is designing sports robots to play soccer. Waltz and the LHS Robotics Team may enter the RoboGames (http://robogames.net) in San Francisco this June. For more information on Robofest, visit www.robofest.net/. Select "game competition" to view a video of the LHS robots in action.

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