



Highland dancing is one of the attractions at the annual games.

Scottish Games This Weekend In Livermore

This year marks the fifth annual Livermore Scottish Games, scheduled for May 17 and 18.

The Scottish Games are presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, in conjunction with the Tri-Valley Scotian League. The 2008 Honorary Chieftain will be Rae Patillo, chairman of Scotland's Birnam Highland Games, which is "twinned" with the Livermore Games.

New to the games this year will be pole vaulting. This isn't just any pole vaulting, either. Reigning Olympic gold medalist Tim Mack, along with other world-class athletes, will be pole

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The Raboli House is just one of the historic homes open during the Legacy Tour.

Legacy Tour Features Nine Historic Homes

Visitors can learn all about the history and people behind some of Livermore's historic homes during the first annual *Livermore Legacy Tour*, to be held Sunday, May 18. The homes will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for this self-guided tour.

The *Livermore Legacy Tour*, a historical home tour benefiting the Livermore Heritage Guild, will highlight several South Side homes of distinction. The historical significance of all of the homes will be shared on the tour by docents in addition to the information provided in the guidebook.

Garden-stops along the tour will offer complimentary wine and light refreshments. The

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Amador Civics Team Finishes High Nationally

Amador Valley High School's 29-member civics team placed fourth in the We the People national competition, its third consecutive finish in the contest's top four.

The school finished in second place in 2006 and 2007. Competing in Washington, D.C. on May 3 and 4, the team scored high in all three rounds of the competition. None of the team has carry-over members. Only Amador seniors compete on the team, unlike some schools in the national competition.

The Amador students met with their local Congressman, Pleasanton resident Jerry McNerney, and one of their U.S. Senators, Dianne Feinstein. There were also

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Disabled Adults Like Living On Their Own

By Ron McNicoll

A neat, well-landscaped four bedroom house in Pleasanton is home to three developmentally disabled men, thanks to a non-profit group with far-sighted vision.

The home, which played host last week to an open house for friends and family, is one of three in Pleasanton and three in Livermore that have been purchased with aid from the two cities. The cities have allocated available federal and state money for the purchase.

For example, the Pleasanton house had one-third public money applied to its \$785,000

price tag, said Tom Morelli, one of House Inc.'s founders. If and when the house were sold, one-third of the sale price would go back to the city for further use in housing projects.

House Inc. was begun in 1990 by parents and friends of developmentally disabled adults. It raises funds to acquire homes in neighborhoods. Residents are able to live their own lives in a regular social and physical setting, instead of having to live in an institution.

It is important that disabled people assert their full measure of independence, including their own place to live, because

some day their own parents won't be around to help them, said Morelli.

One benefit of the homes is the socialization that takes place. The housemates cook together, sometimes use the backyard barbecue area, and have a game room in the garage. Adam, who is 35 years old, is an active athlete who has competed in Special Olympics, and has a good eye for sinking pool balls on the table in the game room. His roommates Scott and Ken, have also participated in athletic events for disabled people.

The game room is a good example of local caring. The Ro-

tary North club is spending \$10,000 to help convert the garage into the game room, said Morelli. The club also built a ramp to the room, because one of the residents was having trouble with steps.

The roommates do their own cleaning, as much as they are able. Morelli estimated they complete about 30 percent of it. They pay a housecleaner to come in every other week to do the remainder. One living skill they have learned is budgeting. "They know that the more cleaning they can do, the less they have to pay the housecleaner. They'd rather keep the money for them-

selves," said Morelli.

Several of the residents at House Inc.'s six residences are working. Two are employed at a business operated by a non-profit that hires developmentally disabled people to do such things as assembling convention packets for businesses. Another has a job at the cinema complex in Dublin. Two work at Safeway. A support agency helps find them jobs.

Morelli is working on a project this week to expand the job opportunities for residents. He is meeting with people who will help put together a database

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Corn dogs were the meal of choice during the First Wednesday Party in downtown Pleasanton last Wednesday. The event is hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. The parties are held the first Wednesday of each month throughout the summer. Each has a different theme. Last Wednesday's theme was Cinco de Mayo. Pictured are Eva Bull and Ryan Bull.

Six 9th Senate Candidates Battle To Be on the November Ballot

There are four Republican candidates and two Democrats running in the June 3 primary for a chance to run in November for the California 15th Assembly District seat.

The seat is currently held by Republican Guy Houston, who is termed out of office.

One candidate from each party will be chosen to run in November. Republican candidates are Scott Kamena, Judy Lloyd, Robert Rao and Abram Wilson; Democrats running are Joan Buchanan and Ted Ford.

The 15th Assembly District takes in portions of Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, and San Joaquin Counties. It includes the cities and towns of Livermore, Walnut Creek, San Ramon, Danville, Oakley, Brentwood, Elk Grove, Galt, Stockton, Pleasanton, and Isleton. Previously, the district had a majority Republican registration. Now registered Democrats have a slight edge, 39.29 percent to 38.34 percent.

All of the candidates were asked the same questions. In the

story, they are divided by party affiliation with Republicans first. The candidates are then in alphabetical order.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES: SCOTT KAMENA

Republican Scott Kamena declares he is running for State Assembly for one simple reason. He wants his children to grow up in a state with limitless opportunities for success.

Kamena was born and raised in Livermore. After earning his undergraduate and doctorate de-

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Hillside Initiative Qualifies for Ballot

Save Pleasanton's Hills and Housing Cap Initiative Petition has enough signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Pleasanton City Clerk Karen Diaz confirmed that there are 4081 valid signatures; 3672 were required to qualify the measure.

The city council will discuss its options at the council's May 20 meeting. Among the options would be to adopt the initiative as written, ask for a report, or send it to the ballot.

According to supporters, the Save Pleasanton's Hills and Housing Cap Initiative fulfills the intent of the 1996 General Plan by protecting the scenic hills from development. It is designed to protect all Pleasanton ridgelines and hills with slopes greater than 25 percent, according to the initiative supporters. It also closes a loophole in the 29,000-unit housing cap voted in by the people of Pleas-

anton in 1996. Although Pleasanton has a housing cap, the City has been considering approving more housing units but not having them count against the cap.

At the same meeting, the Pleasanton City Council is scheduled to consider options for a hillside protection ordinance. At an April meeting, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman stated, "Preserving the hillsides has been a council priority."

Neither the initiative nor an ordinance would have any impact on the Oak Grove development, already approved by the council.

OAK GROVE REFERENDUM

Organizers of the Oak Grove referendum continue to gain support for an appeal of a judge's decision that nullified the referendum.

The San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club voted 13 to

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Livermore School Trustees Consider Spending One-Time Surplus Money

By Patricia Koning

While school districts across California anxiously wait for Governor's Schwarzenegger's May Revise, the update to his 2008/09 budget proposal first presented in January, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is considering how to spend up to \$2.7 million of surplus one-time money.

"I'm asking you (the board) to begin a discussion so we can see where your priorities are," said Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller. "We'll be asking you to take action on May 20, once we see what the May Revise looks like."

The trustees looked at a list of items totaling nearly \$270,000 that are funded with one-time money in the current year's budget. The list includes board mem-

ber conferences (\$5,000 each/\$25,000 total), high school athletics (\$50,000 each/\$100,000 total), middle school athletics (\$52,552 including sixth grade at Joe Michell), program improvement support at Marylin Avenue and Portola Elementary Schools (\$40,000 each/\$80,000 total), and supplemental math at Portola and Junction Avenue Elementary School (\$10,000 total).

The trustees agreed on continuing to fund program improvement support and supplemental math. "I think we'll see tremendous gains at Marylin and Portola this year," said trustee Kate Runyon.

There was disagreement over how much to set aside for board member conferences. Trustee Bill Morrison suggested the board

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Livermore Police Department Opens its Doors to the Public

By Patricia Koning

On Saturday, May 17, the Livermore Police Department (LPD) will hold its first open house in over five years. From 9 am to 3 pm, the public can tour the Livermore Police Department, watch demonstrations, and learn about the many programs operated by the LPD.

"This is an opportunity for the community to learn all about their local police force," says Livermore Police Officer Nicole Aguon.

There will be canine unit demonstrations at 10 am and 12:15 pm, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit demonstrations at 11:30 am and 1:45 pm, and motorcycle demonstrations at 10:45 am and 1 pm. Police Department tours will be available, on an as-needed basis, throughout the day.

The parking lot in front of the Police Department and surrounding lawn area will be filled with

information booths from various police units, including animal control, gangs, and crime analysis. Parents can take advantage of the fingerprinting booth to secure their children's identification in the event that their children ever goes missing.

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) Alumni Association will be working hard behind the scenes at the open house, setting up, staffing booths, serving food, and cleaning up at the end of the day. The CPA, a program of the Livermore Police Department, is offered twice a year.

The CPA meets weekly over a three-month period, with sessions taught by police officers with expertise in specific fields. Participants do a ride along with patrol, sit in on a dispatcher, watch and participate in SWAT demos, learn gun safety, and

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Officials taking part in the dedication of the vineyard at Las Positas College each planted a grapevine as part of the continuing development of the vineyard. Pictured on the far right is Las Positas College President DeRionne Pollard. For the story, see page 3.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Letisha is a dazzling Siamese mix with cream and tan markings. She is about 1 year old, and she can be shy at first but then she warms right up. She loves to be held and brushed, which makes her even more lovely! To visit with Letisha, come to Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Tri-Valley SOCKs (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures) held its third annual "Bras for the Cause" Breast Cancer Walk in Downtown Pleasanton, the Saturday night of Mother's Day Weekend, May 10. The event featured hundreds of women, mothers and daughters — and men — all sporting highly decorated bras, walking to raise money for breast cancer research.

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vaulting at the Games on Sunday, May 17, in a qualifying event for the Olympic trials, sanctioned by USA Track & Field. Other reigning champion athletes participating Sunday are from the United States along with other countries, including Korea, Tunisia, Mexico and Canada. Many of these athletes train with Livermore-based Tri-Valley Athletics, which uses a 40,000-square-foot training facility located in the Port of Stockton.

There will be 30 clan booths to help determine any potential Scottish heritage. Clans will be showing off their colors, history and hospitality.

This year, attendees can purchase Livermore Scottish Games beer glasses and return to the inflatable pub, which made its first appearance at the 2007 Games. The inflatable pub is similar to a bounce house for kids, but with a bar inside instead.

A wide variety of entertainment will be going on both days throughout the Scottish Games.

Musicians will play Scottish and Celtic music, and dancers will perform Highland and Country styles.

Plenty of action will be on display as well. Both men and women will compete in heavy athletics, including caber tossing and weights for distance. Living history groups will reenact battles using live steel, a Roman training camp, a blacksmith show and more. Games of shinty and rugby will be played and sheepdog trials will be held.

Children can get involved in the fun with a bounce house of their own, Scottish-themed activities, mini-caber tossing and more. All ages will get a chance to try their hand at archery.

The Games will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 at Robertson Park, 3200 Robertson Park Road, Livermore. Tickets sold at the gate the weekend of the Scottish Games will be \$15 for a one-day adult pass, \$20 for

Pleasanton Police Launch Click It or Ticket Campaign

The Pleasanton Police Department will be aggressively enforcing the State's occupant protection laws as part of California's 2008 *Click It or Ticket* mobilization, taking place May 12-June 1. The campaign relies on heavy enforcement and public education as a means to help California achieve the highest seat belt use rate in the nation. California currently has the nation's fourth highest seat belt use rate at 94.6 percent.

"We want to make sure that all drivers and passengers buckle up on every ride, day and night," said Pleasanton Police Traffic Sergeant Michael Collins. "Our officers will be on the lookout for those who are not buckled up and for teens and children not riding properly restrained. We will not accept excuses or give warnings. It's *Click It or Ticket*."

California has a primary seat belt law which requires that every passenger in the car, including the driver, is required to wear a seat belt at all times. If stopped and found to be in violation, law enforcement will issue citations without warning. Tickets for first seat belt violations range from \$80 to \$91 for adults and \$330 to \$401 for children under age 16, depending on the county. Additionally, children age 12 and under are required to ride

properly restrained in the back seat.

"We're doing well with nearly 95 percent buckling up, fourth highest in the nation," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). "That's 1.5 million more people protected from death and injury by using seatbelts since the Click It or Ticket campaign started in 2005. But we can do better yet. I urge everyone to always buckle up."

While the buckle up rate for adults has continued to climb in recent years, California's teen seat belt use rate lags behind the general population. In 2007,

'Ready or Not' Workshop Scheduled

Child Care Links will host a program entitled, "Ready or Not, Here We Come," aimed at preparing children for kindergarten.

There will be two workshops, one in Pleasanton on Wed., May 22, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tennis and Community Park, 5801 Valley Ave., and a second in Livermore on Thurs., May 22, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

There will be a discussion of academic, social, emotional and physical readiness factors to consider.

Registration is free. Those attending will receive kindergarten materials. Over \$100 worth of raffle prizes will be given away.

For more information, call Melissa Spann at 249-3917. These workshops are sponsored by the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton.

California's teen seat belt use rate was 88.9 percent, well below the state rate of 94.6 percent for the same year.

More than 280 law enforcement agencies statewide will be participating in this year's *Click It or Ticket* mobilization.

Funding for officer overtime to support California's *Click It or Ticket* campaign was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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showcased homes, all within walking distance, will also feature vintage cars parked out front to add to the historic atmosphere.

Homes open for the event are the following: Dan Duto Home, The Gables, Julius Jacobs Home, James G. Kelly Home, George Langan Home, Oscar Meyers Home, St. Paul's Hospital, Charles and Peter Raboli Home, Thomas Scott Home, and the Charles C. Wilder Home.

The tour will begin at the Carnegie Building in Livermore. All of the homes are within walking distance of the Carnegie Building. Proceeds will benefit the Livermore History Mobile, a traveling bus that educates local children on Livermore's unique history.

The Heritage Guild will also be offering a special cookbook for sale at the Carnegie Building. It will feature a collection of recipes donated by members, as well as recipes used by some of the founding families of the city.

Advance tickets for the Legacy Tour are available for \$26; tickets will be \$30 the day of the event. Tickets are available at the Livermore Heritage Guild website (www.livermorehistory.com) or by visiting the Livermore Heritage Guild at the Carnegie Building, 2155 Third Street in Livermore.

To preserve the homes' interiors, please - no pets, strollers or high-heels. All attendees (including children) must have a ticket.



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Ceremony Dedicates the Campus Hill Vineyard at Las Positas College

Donors, dignitaries and college officials formally dedicated Campus Hill Vineyard at Las Positas College on Monday. The ceremony celebrated the three-acre vineyard that has been made possible by in-kind and cash investments. Rabbi Rick Winer of Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton joined Father Ron Culmer from St. Clare's Episcopal Church to bless the vineyard that will be the cornerstone of the viticulture program at Las Positas. Participants in the ceremony also each planted a grapevine as part of the continuing development of the vineyard. Initial planting took place last summer. Dean Neal Ely, who oversees

the program, thanked the several businesses that have invested in the program through in-kind gifts or cash. The vineyard program will be underwritten for the next 15 years by Concannon Vineyard, one of the Livermore Valley's two oldest winery operations. Concannon celebrates its 125 year in 2008. David Kent, chief executive of The Wine Group, Concannon's parent company, said, "The Wine Group came here because we believe the Livermore Valley is an ideal place to make extraordinary wine. "To invest in the Las Positas program that supports all of the wineries and vineyards here is a

natural for us," Kent said. "My wife, Darcie, and I also make our home here in the Livermore Valley. We believe in supporting this great community." Darcie Kent is Vice President of the Livermore Winegrowers Association and has chaired the Foundation's annual auction benefiting local children's charities, now known as The Wine Auction Experience, for many years. Kent told the crowd attending the dedication that when his family moved to the Livermore Valley in 1996 there were just 12 wineries. Now, just 12 years later, there are more than 40. Joining Concannon Vineyard as major players in the vineyard are: Shea Properties, which do-

nated a portion of the land; Duarte Nursery, which donated the grapevines; and Horizon Irrigation, which donated the state-of-the-art irrigation system. Dean Ely said, "We wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the generous help, encouragement and support from a lot of others including our Advisory Board and the local wine industry. Their encouragement and guidance were crucial to getting the program started. Especially significant is the support we've received from the wine industry in the form of in-kind gifts that greatly reduced the costs of developing the vineyard, which is a stellar example of public-private partnership." Ted Kaye, foundation CEO, said, "The college is thrilled to have Concannon take a leadership role and provide the investment to operate this vineyard. We're delighted to have the Concannon name as part of this program and look forward to seeing

other individuals and businesses invest in the college and its students." The student speaker, Meredith Miles of Livermore, returned to Las Positas to pursue the wine program after earning a two-year degree toward a planned major in geology. She grew up in Livermore and was the first student to enroll and is one class from finishing her requirements. She currently is working at Fenestra Winery as the cellar worker and has finished her first full crush. She told the attendees how grateful she is to David Everett, the faculty instructor. The College launched its Viticulture and Winery Technology program in 2004 to support the burgeoning Livermore Valley wine industry. The Las Positas program emphasizes the application of viticulture and wine making theory for decision-making in actual production situations. The program prepares students for

direct entry in the wine industry upon completion of their course of study at Las Positas College; facilitates individuals currently employed in the wine industry to upgrade and update their skills and knowledge; and allows those with a general interest in wines, wine and food pairing, and viticulture and grapevines to take classes for enjoyment and further knowledge. There is a certificate and an associate in science degree available to provide students with the knowledge and skills essential for success. Students are able to pursue their studies in either of two tracks: Viticulture (grape growing) or Enology (wine making) by taking a series of production-oriented courses. In addition, a track is available for students interested in transferring to a four-year institution. The viticulture program is one of more than 70 different degree and certificate programs offered at Las Positas College.

SHORT NOTES

Olive Growers Workshop

Tri Valley Conservancy (TVC) will be hosting an Olive Growers Quality Alliance Educational Series. The next Olive Growers Quality Alliance workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Linda Sikorski, Senior Buyer for The Pasta Shop, San Francisco, speaks on the topic of "What works on the shelf." Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by May 23, 2008, by contacting TVC at 925-449-8706. Those who do not reply, cannot be guaranteed a tasting setup at the workshop. There is a \$10 fee to help cover cost of olive oil and meeting materials.

Range Camp Deadline

The application deadline for California Range Camp has been extended to May 23. This will be the last chance this year to participate in this week-long camp experience that immerses students ages 15-18 in topics related to the science and conservation of natural resources in California. The Alameda County Resource Conservation District is encouraging young people to attend the June 15th-20th camp, and is offering to reimburse the camp registration fee to the first three county students who attend and request it.

Contact Peggy Kiefer at 925-371-0154, ext. 122 for reimbursement process. The camp fee is \$350.00. This includes meals, lodging, recreation, emergency medical insurance at camp and transportation costs while at camp. The camp is put on by the California-Pacific section of the Society for Range Management.

Students learn plant identification, principles of livestock and wildlife management, forestry, fire ecology, hydrology and water quality, geology and soils, and management of stream and river habitats. Field activities include learning wildlife observation, navigation with GPS, forest management, and a tour of a working ranch. Sessions are taught by faculty from the University of California, staff from local, state and federal agencies, and other scientists and range management professionals.

The 24th annual Range Camp runs from June 15th-20th at the University of California's Elkus Youth Ranch just south of Half Moon Bay. The Society for Range Management will send the top two campers to a high school youth forum on rangeland science and management at its national conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico Feb 8-12, 2009.

Application forms and more information are available at www.casrm.org

Cosmic Dog Yoga

Downtown Livermore will once again be home to a yoga studio: Cosmic Dog Yoga.

Opening on May 17, the studio will offer yoga, meditation, ayurveda services and much more.

The studio will be the only yoga studio in the Tri-Valley, and most of the Bay Area, to offer childcare. Children can work on art projects and play in the

television-free playroom while their parents reenergize in a neighboring classroom. Childcare is available on a first come, first serve basis.

This cosmic studio is located in Downtown Livermore at 1923 Second Street. For more information about class schedules, workshops and rates, please visit www.cosmicdogyoga.com.

Bicycling Encouraged

A new marketing campaign advocating bicycling as a lifestyle is being unveiled throughout Alameda County. The "Get Rolling - Live, Ride, Stride" campaign is focused on raising awareness and promoting bicycling as an everyday mode of transportation. The campaign also advances cycling for Bike-to-Work Day, taking place on Thursday, May 15th.

Ads are prominently displayed on local billboards and bus shelters, on AC Transit and WHEELS buses, and in BART stations, featuring everyday people cycling for multiple purposes: commuting to work and school, shopping, for improved health, and just for fun. The campaign is supported by the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC), Kaiser Permanente, and cities throughout Alameda County. These ads can be found on ACTIA's website at www.actia2022.com.

Big Band Sounds

What's Up Big Band! performs Sun., May 18 at 2 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library.

The band plays the music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Harry James, Bunny Berigan and more!

This program is free and open to the public. It will take place in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room.

For more information call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

Bicycle Workshops

Cyclepath Pleasanton will host two hands-on bicycle workshops in May intended to give cyclists the skills they need to be safe on the road and improve in their sport. The proceeds from the clinics - scheduled for May 17 and 18 - will be donated entirely to the Breast Cancer Fund to support breast cancer research and outreach.

The first workshop, a Beginning Cycling Skills Clinic scheduled for May 17 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, is intended to help newer riders get more comfortable on their bikes, be properly equipped and learn to ride safely. Topics covered in the classroom portion of this workshop will include the importance of bike fit, proper clothing and gear, cycling safety and rules of the road. On-the-bike skills will include clipping in and out, shifting, stopping, straight line riding and some basic group riding dynamics. The workshop will also include a short ride where participants will practice skills that they have learned. This class will be led by Cyclepath experts and local racer Dr. Richard Asturius. The suggested donation for this workshop is \$35.

On Sunday, May 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the shop will host a second workshop geared toward intermediate cyclists looking to improve their skills

and gain confidence riding in a group. In this Intermediate Cycling Skills Clinic, local racers Richard Asturias and Xeno Rasmussen will teach participants how to ride faster and stronger without necessarily riding harder. The workshop will involve both classroom and on-the-road skills training focusing on intermediate cycling skills and positioning as well as group riding techniques including drafting, pacelining, cadence, cornering, climbing and descending. This class will also include a two-hour coached ride in which participants will practice skills they have learned. The suggested donation for this workshop is \$50.

Cyclepath owner Joel Davis is holding the clinics in honor of one of his team members currently battling breast cancer.

Both classes will be held at Cyclepath Pleasanton, 337-B Main Street (in the Bank of America building). Those interested in participating should register online at www.cyclepath.com. For more information call 925-485-3218.

May at the Library

"Play Ball:" at the Rincon Branch Library on Saturday, May 17 at 11:00 AM. Bring the whole team for fun sports stories presented in English and Spanish. The Rincon Branch Library is located at 725 Rincon Avenue in May Nissen Park and Swim Center.

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

Color Guard Champs

The Foothill High School Varsity Color Guard won the NCBA Championships on Sat., April 12th.

The team scored well above the others in their competition to take the top prize. They are coached by Jolie Henricks and Ron Frost, with Megan Dwyer.

The captains are Nicole Cogshall, Chelsea Newton and Melissa Miller; with Jessie Cheng, Evelyn Christmann, Kristin Easley, Melissa Horning, Michelle Leetch, Kristi LaDuca, Sarah Manley, Maria Mercurio, Taylor Robertson, Mandi Schultz, Meghan Whitbread, Emily Williams, Lynsey Williams.

Come to Life in Dublin

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

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

Keynote speaker is *Bay Area Backroads* host Doug McConnell. Entertainment includes Dana with his amazing dog Lacey and a Stagebridge Improvisational Production of "Antique Witty's."

This event includes food, fun and activities. For information check out the event flyer and newsletter at www.ci.dublin.ca.us or call (925) 556-4511.

OPEN HOUSE

(continued from page one) practice shooting at the firing range.

The CPA Alumni Association runs "citizen cops on patrol," a program in which pairs of members patrol shopping centers, downtown Livermore, and the parking garage on Railroad Avenue. "We can't arrest people, but we are an extra set of eyes," says Nancy Mulligan, a member of the CPA Alumni Association. "It helps people feel safe."

Alumni also support the LPD by driving officers to and from the airport and volunteering in SWAT and police training exercises. These activities enable officers to spend more time in their protective role.

Mulligan went through the CPA in the fall of 2003. "I wanted to know more about my community," she says. "It was very exciting. I recommend it to anyone who has the time."

The latest CPA class will graduate on May 17, after the open house. The LPD also operates a Youth Police Academy (YPA) for youth ages 14 to 18. Participants must live, attend

school (YPA), or work (CPA) in the City of Livermore and pass a limited background investigation. Adults must have no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions within the last three years. For more information, visit the LPD website at www.livermorepolice.org/.

The open house coincides

INITIATIVE

(continued from page one) 0 to provide an amicus brief pending a review by the chapter's legal committee.

The Oak Grove development would be built in the southeast hills of Pleasanton. It includes 52 custom homes and 496 acres of permanent open space.

Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled in March 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.

Referendum leader Kay Ayala

with National Police Week, which takes place from May 11-17. National Police Week, which was started by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, is a time to honor fallen officers. According to the Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS) website, every 57 hours a law enforcement officer gives up his or her life in the line of duty.

points out that there is no development plan. "We did carry the complete ordinance," she stated.

If endorsed by the Sierra Club legal committee, the brief would then go to the national Sierra Club committee and sent out to other chapters.

Ayala said she has received phone calls from other groups offering support such as Peoples Advocates, which offered to write an amicus brief.

There is a 60-day deadline following the court's decision to file the appeal. June 4 would mark 60 days. Ayala has filed a notice that she intends to appeal.

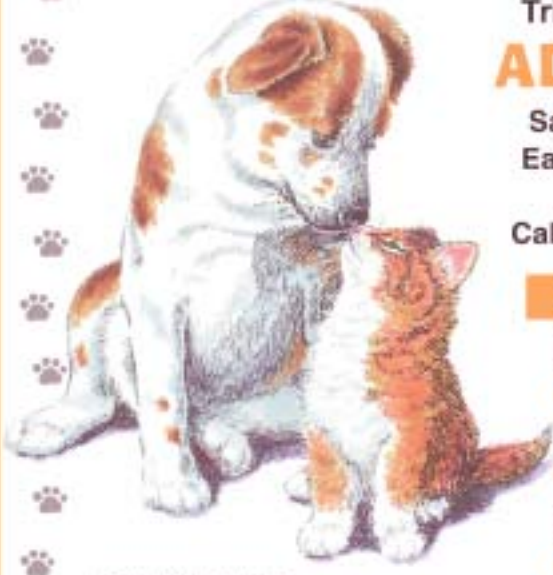
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EDITORIALS

15th Assembly Republic — SCOTT KAMENA

The 15th Assembly District seat currently occupied by Guy Houston (Republican) is up for grabs, with the incumbent termed out. Four candidates seek the Republican nomination: Scott Kamena, Judy Lloyd, Robert Rao and Abram Wilson.

We endorse Scott Kamena. Serving his second term on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors, Kamena has been a first-rate official, a problem-solver, not an ideologue, extremely responsive to his constituents. His LARPD experience has given him an in-depth education in meeting community needs on a bare bones budget.

Furthermore, as son of Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and as an activist in his own right, Scott Kamena is acutely attuned to land use issues. All the candidates say they support urban growth boundaries, but none are stronger on this issue than Scott Kamena, whose website features a pledge to preserve such limits.

15th Assembly Democrat — JOAN BUCHANAN

15th Assembly Democrats will choose between Joan Buchanan and Ted Ford. Buchanan has extensive experience in community issues, both as a citizen activist and as an elected official. Our endorsement goes to her.

She has served on the San Ramon School Board for 18 years and before that was an executive in the private sector, retiring from that job to raise her five children. As one of her proudest school board achievements, Buchanan cites the Dougherty Valley school mitigation plan, which involved getting developers to build new schools. With such a background in schools, Buchanan has made education reform one of her main Assembly issues. She favors higher salaries for teachers, asserting better pay is needed "if we are going to attract the best and brightest to teaching."

Buchanan favors universal health care. She's a supporter of urban growth boundaries and green technologies. She pledges to work hard and be "very visible" to her constituents. Joan Buchanan would give the Democrats a strong candidate in the November election.

9th Senate Democrat — LONI HANCOCK

Wilma Chan and Loni Hancock are competing for the Democratic vote in the 9th State Senate election. Because the district — which stretches from Richmond to Livermore — is overwhelmingly Democratic (60% to 13%), the winner of the Chan/Hancock race will essentially win the seat. The district is currently represented by Don Perata, who is termed out.

Although on most issues there's little difference between Chan and Hancock, a significant split exists on local land use, as illustrated by the Measure D versus Measure C county election in 2000. Hancock, then mayor of Berkeley, endorsed Measure D, which established the North Livermore urban growth boundary. Chan, a county supervisor at the time, supported Measure C, which would have opened the door to urbanization of North Livermore.

Hancock supports smart growth principles right down the line, from urban growth boundaries and transit-oriented housing development to providing recycled water for agriculture. On these kind of issues Loni Hancock would clearly be the stronger advocate for environmentalist interests over developer ones. We urge our readers to elect Loni Hancock.

So Livermore

A four-member robotics team from Livermore High has won the Robofest 2008 World Championships, besting 155 other teams.

Members are Drew Accornero, Daniel Handrock, Robert Hobson and Saqib Mohammad, all seniors. Their teacher/coach is Mike Waltz, who started the robotics program at the school three years ago.

Robofest 2008 took place in Michigan last month, with teams coming from South Korea, France and England, as well as the U.S.A. The Livermore robot featured a couple of programming and design innovations that enabled it to dominate the competition. Teacher Waltz gave full credit to the students. "I taught them the basics," he said. "They took it from there. I just stayed out of their way and kept them safe."

To the champions we say, Bravo! You're so beautifully Livermore!

SPENDING

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members lead by example and reduce that budget to \$2,500 each. Trustee Anne White disagreed, saying they should lead by example by attending conferences.

"I'm also asking that some of that money be set aside for advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal level," she explained. "Lifelong learning starts here. It's beyond belief that you would cut this."

At White's request, the trustees later discussed setting up a Board of Education Advocacy Account, which would be funded with \$600 from each trustee's conference budget. The money would be set aside for advocacy to be used by any trustee. The other trustees did not support the

idea and it did not come up for vote.

The trustees were generally in favor of continuing to fund high school and middle school athletics, but cautioned that such support would be year to year. "High school athletics are difficult to justify in this fiscal environment," said Runyon. "But it keeps a lot of students in school."

Another budget consideration is what to do with the nearly \$70,000 that was allocated for a Community Day School (CDS) that have would served middle school students who had been expelled or removed from traditional schools. Planning for the CDS stopped when a suitable location could not be found.

Trustee Bill Dunlop recom-

Livermore Residents to Pay More for Services

Livermore residents will be paying more for water, sewer, and trash collection services.

The Livermore City Council voted to raise fees for water and sewer service, and refuse collection. It held off on fee increases for city services such as planning permits.

The vote was unanimous. With only three councilmembers present, all votes had to be unanimous.

Councilmembers Marj Leider and Doug Horner were hesitant to increase the fees for city services an average of 40 percent. Horner wanted to see a comparison of similar fees in other cities. Leider asked if there were a way to phase-in the fee increases, noting that 40 percent is a pretty steep increase in these economic times.

The city has a policy of recovering the full cost of providing a service. There are some 490 fees.

John Mahoney of the Chamber of Commerce told the council, "Forty percent is a lot. Operating costs for businesses are increasing. Financing is difficult to obtain. People are looking at cutting costs, while maintaining quality. Raising the fees is a significant issue." He asked for a detailed analysis to justify the fee increases.

Resident Brett Wayne said he saw nothing about cutting the costs of providing services. The

city just automatically looked at increasing fees, he stated.

Resident Leslie Lemieux reminded the council there are a lot of families finding it difficult to make ends meet. She asked that those families be considered when deciding to raise water rates.

Residents using the city's water system will see an 8.5 percent average increase in their bills. The average increase is \$37.30 to \$39.70 per acre foot. Approximately 9000 households receive their water from the city. The rest of the city's residential water users connect to Cal Water.

There are different tiers to the fee, depending on the amount of water used. Rates at all levels would increase on a temporary basis if rationing were implemented. The one exception would be low income families. These families would remain at the low tier one rate.

The council asked what difference between what Cal Water and city water users pay. The average Cal Water bill is \$41.10; city users will pay \$52.10. The difference is that Cal Water is allowed to pump water from the underground storage area, while the city must purchase all of its water from Zone 7. The city's fee also includes a 14 percent replacement fee.

Zone 7 recently voted to raise the cost of water to retailers. Cal Water is also asking for a fee in-

Eminent Domain Measure Would Sink Rent Control

Propositions 98 and 99, the only state measures on the ballot in the June 3 primary election, share part of the same topic — property condemnation in eminent domain cases.

The two measures are a response to the Kelo decision of the U.S. Supreme Court a few years ago, which held that government could condemn property for the greater good of the community. The property could then be turned over to developers, who would generate more property tax and sales tax revenue for a city or county.

The decision generated a reaction across the United States, with legislatures rushing to pass laws against aspects of eminent domain. Proposition 90, on the ballot in California in 2006, was bankrolled by a New York property investor millionaire, and came close to passing.

Prop. 98 is sponsored by Howard Jarvis. It puts its focus on banning transfer of private property to other private property owners. Part of that vision is

to ban rent control, because the backers see putting limits on rent as a transfer of wealth or property from the landlords to the tenants. Apartment house owners and mobile home park owners groups are among the sponsors.

If there were a low-income housing need, there should be a means test, said Marko Mlikotin, a Sacramento-based spokesman for the Yes on 98 campaign.

The League of California Cities is opposed to Prop. 98 and came up with Prop. 99 to restrict the application of the effort against eminent domain. Prop. 99 would stop government from condemning owner occupied residences and conveying them to a "private person or business entity."

The Livermore city council voted 3-0, with Mayor Marshall Kamena and councilmen Jeff Williams absent, to endorse Prop. 99 and oppose Prop. 98. The councilmembers made little comment. However, vice mayor John Marchand, who has been sitting in for the mayor during

Friends of Livermore Endorse Hancock

The Friends of Livermore Committee (FOLC) is endorsing Loni Hancock for the State Senate District 9 seat currently held by Don Perata, who is termed out.

FOLC issued a press release explaining that it has not made endorsements for state partisan office in the past because it is a non-partisan group focusing on land use issues. However, Hancock's record and positions on land use issues are so strong that FOLC decided to support her.

The press release points out differences between Hancock and her opponent in the primary Wilma Chan. As Mayor of Berkeley, Hancock endorsed the 2000 Alameda County Measure D, which established the County Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in eastern Alameda County. Chan, who was then on the Board of Supervisors voted to support the opposing Measure C. If approved, Measure C could have resulted in the construction of 12,500 housing units in North Livermore, an area that FOLC is dedicated to preserving as open space.

Hancock's positions on land

use are clear, states the press release. She supports smart growth with defensible urban growth boundaries. Hancock favors transit oriented development and infill to meet housing needs. Local agriculture in and close to cities is important to Hancock. She sees it as a way to preserve the area's agricultural heritage while reducing the carbon footprint of food transportation. Specifically, the press release points out, Hancock supports the acquisition of recycled water for agriculture in the North Livermore Valley.

The press release concludes Hancock strongly opposes State Proposition 98. FOLC believes passage of Prop. 98 would wipe out all the land use gains that have been achieved in the Tri-Valley and would cripple efforts by cities, counties and the state to control their own destinies. It would demolish almost all planning and zoning ordinances designed to protect neighborhoods, residents or the environment. FOLC finds Proposition 99 to be a real and reasonable Eminent Domain reform, one that Hancock supports, as does FOLC.

crease. It proposed a 30 percent increase, but is now looking at a lower increase.

Councilmember John Marchand pointed out that the city did not increase water rates last year. Technically, that means the city is increasing fees just over 4 percent a year.

Sewer fees will go up \$2 a month.

There will be a 6.9 percent increase in garbage collection rates. The average homeowner will now pay \$9.52 per month instead of \$8.91 for trash collection and recycling. The rate increase covers the increase costs of operations as well as a portion of the loss the company realized from less refuse coming from construction sites. Much of the debris is recycled. Outside contractors are allowed to recycle and reuse construction and demolition debris.

Waste Management had asked for a 100 percent reimbursement of lost revenue. That is not allowed under the franchise agreement. However, some compensation is allowed.

Later in the meeting, the city council asked staff to prepare a report on the process for sending out a request for proposals for the contract for trash collection and recycling. The current contract with Waste Management ends June 30, 2009. It is estimated to take one to two years for a new operator to be in place, if there

were a decision to go in that direction.

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

A new contractor has been hired to maintain the city's two golf courses.

The city council voted to hire Livermore Golf Management Corporation to provide the maintenance.

Contracting out the maintenance was suggested as one way the city could save money on golf course operations.

There was a projected loss of \$490,000 at the Las Positas Golf Course and \$323,000 at the Springtown course in the next fiscal year. With the new contract, there is anticipated to be a \$138,000 surplus at Las Positas and the loss at Springtown drops to \$186,000.

City employees who had previously taken care of the golf courses will take jobs that are vacant in the public works department.

City Public Works Director Dan McIntyre noted that the operating deficit for the two courses exceeds \$1.2 million, mainly due to the decline in play. Play at Las Positas was down 27 percent. With marketing efforts and an enhanced course, the decline is now 15 percent. Play at Springtown is down 41 percent. There have been no efforts to market the Springtown course.

his medical treatments, noted that the city already has an ordinance similar to Prop. 99, in that it prohibits the conveying of owner-occupied residences to private parties.

The backers of Prop. 99 are worried that Prop. 98 is so broad that it would hurt planning, including water resources, said a Prop. 99 spokesperson in Sacramento.

A state association of water agencies is worried that Prop. 98 would discourage or prevent acquisition of water resources.

However, the big objections by many Prop. 99 sponsors is focused on the rent control aspect. "We receive 50 calls a day from mobile home owners, especially seniors, who are scared out of their mind," said the spokesperson, who asked not to be named. Some 85 percent of the financ-

ing for the Yes on 98 campaign is coming from apartment house owners and mobile home park owners, she said.

The Pleasanton city council has not taken a stand. City attorney Michael Roush conducted an analysis of Prop. 98 for the city council. Roush told the independent that it appears the language of Prop. 98 concerning diminished value of an owner's property could go either way.

The No on 98 spokesperson said that there were efforts last year to get a bill out of the Legislature to keep everyone happy. The bill would have covered not only owner occupied residences, as Prop. 99 does, but also open space and farms, too, as Prop. 98 does now. However, landlords wanted the bill expanded to include rent control. That was a deal-breaker.

New Housing Opens Its Doors to Special Groups

A grand opening was held Wednesday for the Carmen Avenue Apartments, 30 new permanently affordable homes for low income and homeless families.

Louis Chicoine, executive director of Allied Housing, stated, "With the development of Carmen Avenue Apartments, we are tackling two of society's biggest problems at one time by creating affordable and sustainable, green homes."

The new three-story building is the first of its kind in the Tri-Valley for its use of green building and universal design in affordable housing. The housing features solar panels, natural and recycled materials, energy-efficient heating, and drought tolerant landscaping. It received a GreenPoint rating of 107, making it the highest scoring multifamily building in the Bay Area since the rating program began.

Allied Housing and Affordable Housing Associations developed the complex using funds from the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, Alameda County, the Federal Home Loan Bank, and

the State of California.

Many of the new residents who moved into their homes were previously homeless.

One resident, Jo has MS and is a cancer survivor who uses a wheelchair. Her previous apartment was not handicap accessible. However, because her new apartment has disability access, she can come and go as she pleases and take a shower whenever she wants.

June, a single mother of four and a survivor of domestic violence, moved frequently, staying with family and friends. Her new apartment provides her with a safe and secure place for her children and herself.

Livermore also celebrated the grand opening of a new 8-unit townhouse development that includes two units available for purchase by persons with developmental disabilities. Savannah Terrace is located at 306 So. Livermore Avenue. This former brownfield site was developed through the private/public partnership between the City of Livermore and DHE Homes.

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in which the residents' abilities will be listed, so that employers would have better access to that information. Residents will be identified by number to keep the information confidential.

House Inc. could use a little help from community volunteers who can spare a couple of hours each month for the nutrition program, said Morelli. The volunteers would drive the residents twice monthly to Dream Dinners, a Pleasanton business. There the residents select food that they prepare on site for bringing back home for the freezer or fresh meals right away. The meal cost works out to about \$4 each.

The volunteers wouldn't do any cooking, but can help out with instructions for those who can't read, and also provide the transportation to and from Dream Dinners. The food preparation/nutrition phase of the program is ready for expansion, because several more parents want their adult children in the program. The lack of volunteers is the lone sticking point, said Morelli. Anyone interested may contact him at 925-963-6591.

The program needs money to keep it going. The big fund-raiser is an annual golf tournament. It raised \$59,000 last year at Las

CANDIDATES

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greens from UC Berkeley, he returned to Livermore to join his father, Mayor Marshall Kamena, in operating his Optometry practice.

He is serving a second term on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors.

In looking at the state budget, Kamena said that both the dot com and real estate booms brought in a lot of revenue. The state spent that money. Kamena said he supports a spending increase cap based on inflation and population growth. That would provide a predictable amount of money for various programs and departments. "When there is extra money, it could be saved for the future," he stated.

Kamena would also look at reforms that would reduce spending. These include such requirements as paying a prevailing wage for all public works. He said that the park district estimates that requirement adds 25 percent to the cost of a project. Another rule that he said needs reconsideration is the one that forbids school districts from contracting out functions staff has the ability to perform. For example, staff can serve meals. However, it is also a function that could be contracted out, possibly at a lower cost.

One idea he would like to have considered is a guarantee that funds for departments would not be cut if they stayed within their budgets. If money were left over, the departments could spend it. A department size would be cut if it over spent. Kamena estimated that could save up to 10 percent of the state budget.

He is not a fan of tax increases, calling them "a dirty word." However, Kamena said he is interested in pursuing fairness when it comes to paying taxes. For example, if someone buys a small sailboat, the price would include the sales tax. However, someone purchasing a luxury yacht could hire someone to sail it out of state for three months, then bring it back. The purchaser would not have to pay the sales tax.

"There are loopholes that aren't fair," said Kamena. "I would be willing to look at a more fair tax code."

Education is a primary focus of Kamena's campaign. Less money going to education is a relevant concern. The cost of living is much higher here. Paying a teacher \$30,000 won't get a California district the same person as a district in North Dakota.

While funding is the single most important thing, it isn't the only reason there are problems with the California educational system, according to Kamena.

He would like to see more control given to local districts on how money they receive is spent. Everything is so micro-managed, the system is broken, he declared. He would look at mandates such as the one that requires that new textbooks be purchased every three years. New textbooks aren't needed in every subject, such as algebra, that often. Another is the requirement that districts spend a certain amount on new teacher training. Not every district has a "ton of new teachers, yet are forced to spend the funds on training."

He would like to figure out a way to have more parents involved in their children's education. "It is something that should be identified as an issue, then we can go from there," according to Kamena.

"We're failing the kids when it comes to curriculum. There needs to be more training in life skills. The educational system needs to allow students the opportunity to take vocational training. Community colleges have done a good job of picking up the slack. However, many young people aren't aware of the options open to them. My goal is to make kids self-sufficient by the time they are 22," declared Kamena.

When it comes to the current foreclosure and housing crisis, Kamena said most of what could be done would be at the federal level. However, he does think there are things the state could consider. "I don't have a real problem with some type of bail out, as long as the pain of the solution is spread out."

For one, there should be stricter regulations when it comes to income rules and verification of income. Lenders should not rely on the expected appreciation of a home when approving a loan, he stated. He would also like to

see a more rigorous process to obtain a real estate license.

As an optometrist, he believes he provides a great deal of expertise in health care coverage. He would promote programs that emphasize wellness. The current system is set up to fix problems. There should be incentives to prevent problems.

He does not agree with the state assigning housing numbers to local jurisdictions.

Kamena said he supports urban growth boundaries. He came out earlier this year in opposition to San Ramon's effort to extend its sphere of influence to include the Tassajara Valley, the first step towards annexation. "It was a severe attempt to violate the urban growth boundary approved by voters," Kamena stated. On his website he has an urban limit line pledge designed to preserve and protect the urban growth boundaries.

To deal with traffic, over the long term, the state needs to diversify its economy and have people who are well trained in technology so they don't have to physically be at the office on a regular basis. Short term, Kamena supports a variety of options, including transit-oriented development (TOD), and HOV lane, a rail line that uses existing railway and stops at grade to BART, increasing use of the ports of Stockton and Sacramento so that we have fewer trucks on our highways for goods going inland. The reality is that simply widening highways only works for a little while, because more people will turn to their cars, said Kamena.

Kamena opposes the peripheral canal. He supports building more dams. He also supports having new developments prove they have sufficient water before they can be approved.

He has endorsed neither Proposition 98 or 99. However, he said he believes 99, "is pretty much right on. It addresses the real problems of eminent domain by providing greater reimbursement to property owners. It still would give cities the ability to undertake redevelopment and other needed projects," he explained. Kamena said Republicans are beginning to support Prop. 99, when they find that public works projects such as road construction and water infrastructure would be almost impossible under Prop. 98.

Asked what he would bring to the office that the other candidates might not, Kamena stated, "I feel like I recognize the real problems of society. We have been failing our kids. We have been doing so for two generations. Those folks now don't have to ability to take care of themselves. There is an ever decreasing percent of the population paying taxes, either because of disability, welfare or because they are in jail. We have to reverse that trend. Rather than just saying 'no' to immigration, 'no' to taxes and other proposed change, I would want to focus on things that will get us out of the situation."

For a list of Kamena's endorsements, go to www.scottkamena.com.

JUDY LLOYD

Judy Lloyd says she is running for the assembly because the state is "broken." She explained, "California used to be viewed as a market leader and a world leader in science and technology and research and development. When I arrived here, I was surprised at how broken the state is. Everyone is over-taxed. The legislature is unable to come up with solutions that make government more efficient."

Lloyd describes herself as the complete package. She says she brings knowledge and experience on three levels of government; philanthropy, business and family rearing. She points out that she is the only candidate running in Assembly District 15 that would bring both private sector experience and public service on the federal and state level. She served in President Reagan's Administration as an appointee to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Later, Lloyd served as Special Assistant to United States Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, then as Director of External Affairs/Special Projects for the Republican National Committee. In her RNC position, she was the liaison with state governments for the "Contract with America."

Currently, Lloyd co-owns Altamont Solutions, a Pleasan-

ton-based custom software company.

She served as a Gov. Schwarzenegger appointee as alternate member of the California Coastal Commission, and currently is on the Bay Area Boards of Directors of the California Women's Leadership Association and the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research.

"We need someone who understands things from the bigger perspective." She says that representing the 15th is a challenge. It encompasses four counties. There is a diverse economy. There is the Delta with its water issues. I've had people point out that the district is a microcosm of the State of California. "One of the reasons I am running is I feel I have a more world view on a lot of the issues facing the district."

Lloyd looks at the budget problems using her business background. One of the issues, she sees, is the rush to judgement on the part of the legislature, not looking at solutions, but declaring a need to raise taxes. "All that does is to take more money out of people's pockets when they can't afford it," Lloyd states. "The government has to start living within its means."

She would conduct a top to bottom evaluation of programs, looking at which ones are working, meeting the needs of the state. Those would be retained.

Reforms are needed in school funding that would offer more flexibility in spending at the local level. One idea proposed by Lloyd would be to free school districts from the mandates, allowing them to use funds where they are needed.

Lloyd also believes there is a need to hold everyone in the education system accountable. "We are not getting the results that are needed. I have always advocated that more math and science be taught. I see that as a way to the future, a way to promote science and math as career options."

"There is also a place for career technology programs. Not everyone is going to become an engineer or scientist. There is a need for programs, such as apprenticeships, to train students for careers," she stated.

Health care reform is one of the most challenging issues facing the state, according to Lloyd. The question is how to keep the quality of care and restore the doctor-patient relationship without bureaucracy getting in the way.

One way to help reduce the cost of health care is to curb frivolous lawsuits, Lloyd adds.

When it comes to traffic, Lloyd says that she is in a unique position. She spent four years taking BART and driving from Pleasanton to San Francisco along the most congested corridors. "This area needs to figure out how to obtain the transportation dollars it deserves by understanding how the federal government allocates dollars. We need to know how best to match the dollars spent. We are fighting Los

Angeles to get those transportation dollars," said Lloyd adding, the gas tax money has not been spent the way it was designed to be spent.

Lloyd supports extending BART to Livermore.

Lloyd recently spent time in the Delta talking to ag leaders about their concerns and ideas. "We've got to figure out a way to build more dams, to repair the levees, and to enhance the water delivery system," she declares. "It is a very complicated issue." She does not support building the peripheral canal.

She does support urban growth boundaries. "I am on record with LAFCO supporting urban limit lines. When looking at development, we need to evaluate as a package where new housing, traffic, and jobs go. We need to preserve open space and ag land," Lloyd declared.

The state should not allocate housing numbers. Development should be a local decision. "When the state comes in trying to do the job of local government, it ends up with mandates. All communities are different. You can't compare Livermore and Danville with Los Angeles and have a one size fits all mentality," according to Lloyd.

When it comes to Propositions 98 and 99, she supports 98. She says it protects small businesses and farms. Asked about the elimination of rent control if it were passed, Lloyd said that as it is written, the government can't set the price on how property owners sell or lease their land. It doesn't affect tenants or folks who are already there.

The state can't do much about the foreclosure problem. Lloyd states, "There is this urge every time there is a crisis to squeeze in new regulations. We can't just keep passing bills. Every time we end up breaking things more."

To help boost the economy, Lloyd supports tax credits for research and development. To help the economy to grow, the state needs to strengthen its education system to provide a highly trained work force.

Green technology is a good thing. "Green energy has great economic benefits. It would help us be energy independent. People are sick of paying at the pump. There are a lot of folks doing a lot to promote green technology."

An issue Lloyd raised was immigration. "We need to secure our borders to control immigration," she declared. She suggests calling in the National Guard to be more pro-active in securing the borders. The state should end welfare for those who came here illegally. Lloyd also says that the illegal sanctuary policy of some cities should be ended.

ROBERT RAO

Robert Rao is a Livermore area resident, living on Rao Ranch with his wife and two children on Mines Road.

He said he is running for the assembly, because there are too

few business people and entrepreneurs in California's legislature; too few hard-working citizens who have built businesses, created jobs, brought prosperity to their communities and, most importantly, have lived under the heavy regulatory and tax burdens emanating from Sacramento.

Over the past thirty years, Rao has founded and owned three Bay Area automotive dealerships. His first company, Saratoga Motors, was started in 1975. In 1989, he launched Corporate Motors. His companies moved over \$500,000 of inventory a day. By the time they were sold in 2005, Robert's companies grossed nearly \$200 million in sales annually and consisted of more than 250 employees.

"The budget is the be all, end all issue," Rao declared. "If we cannot control the budget, we cannot control the state." The state needs to institute financial controls using best accounting practices. The budget should be based on a cost of living increase and the population. He pointed out that the budget had increased by 44 percent over the past five years. The first legislation he would introduce would be one that caps the budget.

In addition to a budget cap, the state needs to stop using accounting gimmicks, moving revenues and expenses forward or backward to show a balanced budget. Rao wants more transparency as to how money is spent and how departments perform.

"All program data needs to be on-line. Constituents should be able to see audited results of performance. Very rarely are programs audited. There should be an analysis of a program and a rating of its performance. It should be possible to see where a program is ranked, how it met its goals, if it were cost effective, and whether it is redundant or antiquated," explained Rao. Such a website needs to be user friendly, he adds.

He opposes tax increases. "Sacramento is looking at adding taxes to a 6-pack of beer, iTunes, plastic and paper bags. All these taxes hit the middle class of California at a time when they can't afford it. Gas and grocery prices are rising. Now Democrats want the middle class to pay for the \$20 billion deficit."

Instead of raising taxes, he would cut programs and waste. He was specific about waste. He pointed out that there are 24,000 employees on state roles that do

not exist. They are kept there, because program managers don't want their budgets cut.

He continued, "The state spent money on vans to send to Southern California to help relieve congestion by transporting workers to the fields. There is a \$40 million incentive to hire P.E. teachers and \$75 million to educate illegal aliens."

While there is a hiring freeze in place, Rao said that 1400 people were hired last month. He would make sure the freeze is carried out.

He opposes cutting money for education. He said it doesn't make sense at a time when we are asking education to improve to be starting and stopping funding. He would eliminate laws that he believes tie the hands of local school boards and education officials. He would strengthen local control.

Rao would equalize school funding, so that students in Los Angeles don't receive more funding than a student in San Ramon or Livermore.

To alleviate traffic, Rao would build roads. He would make sure that Proposition 1B dollars are spent where they are supposed to be spent. "There are numerous attempts to derail that money," said Rao. He wants to extend BART to both Livermore and Brentwood. With the rising costs of gas, transportation opportunities are important. "There's no reason why we have to sit in stop-and-go traffic every workday. When our State had a \$12 billion surplus, legislators squandered that money, rather than spending it on infrastructure," Rao pointed out.

Water and the Delta are issues that need to be addressed. There is plenty of water, stated Rao. The problem is that it is going out under the Golden Gate Bridge. He supports more storage and a way to convey water where it is needed. When looking at water policy, the health of the Delta should be taken into account. The state needs to take a holistic approach.

When it comes to health care, Rao is opposed to a government mandated system. "Show me one government program that delivers service at an affordable cost," he stated. "We need to promote free market solutions and deregulate. The system needs a dose of competition. The state also needs to promote wellness, and to get medical records on line."

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Sailors Launches Campaign For Seat on BART Board

Friends of Linda Jeffery Sailors for BART are hosting a Kick-off Reception at Murrietta's Well, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore on Thursday, May 15th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The public is welcome to come, have some wine and meet the candidate. There will be a silent auction as well.

The event is being hosted by Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Mayor Janet Lockhart, Phil Wente, Mary Warren and Jan Batcheller.

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CANDIDATES

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Rao supports Proposition 98. It is a Howard Jarvis Tax Initiative, he pointed out. "Eminent domain is a tool. It has been abused. Cities and states can't be trusted with the tool. I want to take it away from them," Rao said. As to its impact on rent control, Rao said he doesn't believe in rent control, stating that it has been counterproductive in creating affordable housing.

He does support urban growth boundaries. It is important that they are respected, he stated.

As for foreclosures, Rao believes that all that can be done is being done right now. The government should be involved in making banks take care of foreclosed property. "If I had an asset, I would want it to be in top selling condition."

The first step that should be taken to stimulate the economy is to stop overregulating. It is costly and time consuming. In addition, regulations set up lawsuit abuse. People sue businesses, governments, each other, etc. It needs to stop," declared Rao.

Two ideas he opposes have been proposed by Democrats. One would be to curtail R&D incentives for businesses. "That is a mistake. R&D money is investment into the future. I will always support incentives," he stated. The other idea he opposes is one that prevents businesses from carrying losses forward.

To deal with immigration, Rao would seal the border and bring in more guards. He does support the guest worker program, provided the guests are paying taxes. They would be sent back if they committed a crime or didn't pay their taxes. Rao would remove the "baby magnet" policy that allows illegals to remain if a child were born in

the United States. Rao would also send a bill to the federal government for the costs of providing services each year for illegal aliens in California.

In closing, Rao mentions that he expects to have received donations from 200 residents of the district during the first two weeks in May. For additional information on endorsements, go to www.robertrao.com

ABRAM WILSON

Abram Wilson is a San Ramon resident. He was elected to the San Ramon City Council in 1999, appointed mayor in 2002 and then became the city's first elected mayor in 2003. He has run unopposed in the last two election campaigns.

Wilson served on both San Ramon's Arts Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission prior to running for city council. Wilson's background includes singing opera and serving in the military. He says of himself, "Arts are a passion. When we walk into a performance we are all one, no matter our political views." He is very proud of having received the 2005 National Music Educator Association State Legislator of the Year award, the first person who was not a state legislator to receive the award. He was recognized for helping to bring art and music into the schools.

His career experience includes working as Wells Fargo Bank's vice president, federal funds trader and at Bank of America, LLC as principal and senior account executive. He believes his career experience has provided him with an understanding of monetary policy that would be utilized in Sacramento.

He said he is running for the state assembly for the same reason he started in politics thirty years ago - children, who he sees as the state's future.

Wilson declares that common sense approaches, communication, and cooperation are the ingredients that are needed to make the state functional.

When it comes to the state's budget, Wilson declared, "We can't spend more than we have." He points out that San Ramon was running at a deficit when he took office. There is now a 50 percent reserve. "There is a need to look at programs and waste and to hold people accountable for their actions. We need to remind people in Sacramento, it's not their money. It belongs to the people who elected them."

Wilson stated that no one wants to touch the "third rail," topics so controversial they would jeopardize re-election efforts.

It comes down to common sense, he added. "The state has to live within its means. Lobbyists and special interest groups make that difficult." People have to be held accountable. He would make sure that his constituents are aware of any program that is not doing what it is designed to do or overspending.

He said currently departments and programs spend all of the money allocated to them out of concern that if they don't they will receive less money in the next budget. "I contend that if a program doesn't spend its entire budget, it has accomplished its goals and is doing a good job and should be rewarded."

Wilson is opposed to raising taxes. "I can't see any reason to do so. I would first look at waste and at all of the state programs."

He would not cut funding to education. "I told the governor you don't take a meat cleaver and cut school funding. When you open a school door, you are closing a prison. Certain things are sacred. These children are our future. We have to give them the tools to compete globally," Wilson stated. He would let school districts and teachers have more say on how to spend funds.

Testing is needed. However, teachers should not teach to the test. "Teaching is about giving the students the ability to dream and thirst for knowledge. That comes from teachers given tools so that they don't have to worry about discipline and safety."

He believes that parental involvement is a key to quality education. "Good education starts at home. Once you instill the desire to learn, you don't need to hire experts to provide programs to promote learning." Asked what happens in the cases where parents can't or won't become involved, Wilson said that the PTA would be part of the solution to motivate students.

Helping to solve traffic congestion is an area he has been involved with as mayor. He has worked with other mayors and county representatives to create a regional approach to gain federal funding. The result is that we have been able to obtain funds. Wilson pointed out, "I-580 is not just a Tri-Valley corridor, it is the main access to and from the Port of Oakland."

BART to Livermore would help San Ramon traffic. People in Sacramento forget that communities don't exist in a vacuum. There is a need to look at the big picture, to be aware of how traffic in one area impacts other areas.

Wilson supports the idea of having the Tassajara Valley within San Ramon's sphere of influence. He said that would prevent the county from approving development similar to what happened in Dougherty Valley. San Ramon voters approved an urban growth boundary in 2002. They will be voting on it again in 2010. "San Ramon does not plan to build anything in Tassajara Valley." However, he said that the land there will be controlled by landowners. They will dictate when and if there is a decision to develop. San Ramon would lead.

He said that planting vineyards in Tassajara Valley would be a good idea. "The Livermore Valley is known for its grapes. It would be nice to have this whole area compete with Napa."

Water is a major issue. He would go to the experts for ideas on how to deal with it, not those who are looking at making a buck. He is opposed to the peripheral canal. "Look at what it is going to do. The governor doesn't get it, how it would hurt the entire State of California," stated Wilson. He said the state should be working to strengthen levees.

Health care is an issue. Wilson commented, "I have gone through the health care system. I know what doesn't work. Insurance companies are practicing medicine. Costs are escalating. I don't like the one payer policy. Physicians, insurance companies and patients need to sit down and

come up something that works. I don't like the government getting involved," Wilson observed.

Immigration has an impact on social programs, emergency rooms and schools. Wilson likes bringing in guest workers, who then leave.

Wilson supports Proposition 99, noting that it was sponsored by the League of California Cities.

He laughed when asked about the state assigning housing numbers to cities. "I'm a mayor. It's ludicrous. As a former mayor and a businessman, I can go to Sacramento to try and make legislators understand the issues."

When it comes to stimulating the state's economy, Wilson said that first the state should not tax businesses to the point they leave the state. If taxes were lowered or restrained, small businesses could thrive and employee people," he observed.

As for the issue of foreclosures, Wilson believes that it would benefit banks or whoever has issued a loan to work out something to keep people in their homes, such things as sharing equity. Vacant houses benefit no one. It's not a matter of protecting the individual homeowner; it's protecting everyone's property values, according to Wilson.

As a member of the assembly, Wilson said he would make sure funds go where they are supposed to go. Gas tax money would be spent on transportation infrastructure; funding under Prop. 98 (the initiative approved by voters to guarantee school funding) would be protected. He wouldn't tackle every issue at once, but would work on areas of concern. He would focus on two programs a year and hold them accountable for their performance and spending.

Wilson does not have a website.

DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES:

JOAN BUCHANAN

Joan Buchanan has served for 18 years on the San Ramon School Board. Prior to that, she was the former director of commercial operations at Delta Dental. She left the private sector to raise her five children.

She says she is ready for a new challenge in her life. She believes her expertise in budgeting and organizational development provide her with the skills to deal with challenges facing the state.

"I bring a strong background in private sector finance and organization. I would bring 18 years of elected experience and an in-depth knowledge of schools to the job," said Buchanan. She sees as her strength the ability to collaborate and bring a focus to getting the job done. She sites as an example her work with Dougherty Valley developers on a master mitigation plan for schools. The developers paid over one billion dollars to build schools complete with landscaping. The mitigation included a monitoring plan. When it was found that the homes produced more students than other homes in the district, the developer expanded the schools, paying for everything.

To deal with the state's budget deficit, Buchanan would first go through the budget literally line-by-line. On the revenue side she would look at the source and how the money is being spent. For expenditures, she would look at ways to eliminate waste and redundancy. "We need to convince voters we are spending their money wisely, before we can ask to raise new sources of income," she declared.

One issue that has come up is the sales tax credit for yachts. "While closing it would not solve the state's budget problems, it is symbolic of where our values are placed. Most people don't think Sacramento can be trusted to spend money wisely. The loophole reinforces that view," Buchanan stated.

Schools and education are a strong area of expertise for Buchanan. Funding is definitely an issue. The state is currently 46th in the nation in spending on education. "That is not acceptable when the state is in need of a highly qualified work force." First, Buchanan would honor the Proposition 98 guarantee. She would then look at how to increase revenues to the point where there is a stable source of funding for education.

Some reforms are needed in the way education itself is provided. More training is needed for superintendents and principals. Buchanan would like to see the state adopt a policy of professional learning communities. Rather than testing students at the end of the year, assessments need to be conducted throughout the school year. If a student were not learning, then there is a need to provide the time and support to make sure he or she is learning. To do that teachers need more time to meet and share best practices. Currently, San Ramon allows three days. No company would limit training to three days a year, said Buchanan.

Teacher salaries are another problem. The range is from \$43,000 for beginning teachers to around \$80,000 after 25 years in the profession. Her son, who wants to be a teacher, makes \$100,000 in private industry. To become a teacher, he would have to take a 50 percent pay cut and after 25 years, would still not be making what he can today in private industry. "Salaries do impact the choices people make. If we are going to attract the best and brightest to teaching, we need to offer a middle class living," explained Buchanan. "It comes down to money and values. How much money should go to education and how do we want it spent."

While parental support is important, schools can't use the lack of support as an excuse for poor education. "We need to figure out how to deal with the problem," Buchanan contends.

Water is a huge issue facing California, with the Delta the main focus. Buchanan pointed out that the governor has appointed a blue ribbon panel with representation on all sides of the issue. The panel will be making a recommendation sometime this year on what should happen with the Delta. "It is a very complex issue. Any fix will be very expensive. I don't want to move forward in one area and find what is done doesn't fit with other areas," according to Buchanan. "It is important to protect the environment and to ensure, for Northern California, a clean, safe water supply."

As for urban growth boundaries, Buchanan states, "It is critical to respect them. They help to preserve the quality of life for all of us."

Buchanan does not support having the state assign housing numbers that cities are to build. Cities and counties sit down with developers and work out where it is appropriate to build and how many homes. It should be done at the local level.

Health care is another issue facing the state. Buchanan said the state should work towards universal care. At the same time, it is important to maintain the patient-provider relationship. Any program should focus on wellness, rather than cures. Even if universal care were not available in the future, Buchanan says it is important to make sure the current system works better. Those who have insurance should have that insurance work for them.

When it comes to the two eminent domain propositions on the ballot, Buchanan declared, "no" on 98, "yes" on 99.

The foreclosure problem can't really be solved at the state level other than taking a look at state lending institutions to ensure there are transparency and disclosure requirements. At the local level, banks should be required to maintain properties that have been foreclosed.

For traffic, Buchanan proposed no specific solutions, noting that something needs to be done. "When people spend time on the freeway, they are not with their families. There is more air pollution. BART to Livermore would be a good idea, sooner rather than later. There are concerns about the cost of extending the system. However, it will be that much more expensive twenty years from now."

To help boost the California economy, Buchanan believes that green technologies will play a huge part in making that happen. The state needs to provide incentives to develop green technologies that make sense. It will drive change nationwide. Already in the state, workers are being retrained.

Buchanan said she has heard that the cost of solar installations will drop. There will be no excuses for not making homes energy generators, rather than consumers.

She says of herself, "I am a community leader and an activist, I'm a mother. I have coached youth sports. The skills I have developed over the years are transferable to other tasks I take on. I read and do my homework. I am looking forward to going to Sacramento. I hope to be very visible within the district," she declared.

For Buchanan's endorsements, go to www.joanbuchanan.com.

TED FORD

Walnut Creek resident Ted Ford decided to run for the assembly seat, because he says none of the other candidates are speaking about the issues he thinks are important. "The state is in crisis. The legislature is dysfunctional. There is no center ground, no room for compromise. Any solutions that have been offered are unrealistic," according to Ford.

Following Peace Corps service in Africa, he spent seven years in Washington as a career diplomat. Subsequently he worked as banker, economic advisor and consultant for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, BankBoston Corp. and in development programs overseas. He believes his economic expertise would make him the best candidate to help deal with issues

facing the state.

"There needs to be a top to bottom fix of the budget process. The tax structure is irrational. We have one of the highest sales taxes, while property taxes are unusual because of Prop. 13. Where the real problem lies is corporate real estate sales. They are mainly completed through stock transfers, so the property is not revalued. More and more taxes are falling on the middle class homeowner," said Ford.

Because of the dot com boom, the state was able to paper over its problems. Now it faces a \$14 billion funding gap. No one wants to raise taxes, Ford said. Instead he favors cutting costs. Although he doesn't like tax increases, one possible source of emergency funds could be to increase the auto registration fee.

Ford would appoint a panel of elder statesmen to provide a specific set of recommendations as to how to solve the budget issues. He suggests Jerry Brown, Leon Panetta, Pete Wilson and Tom Campbell be among them. There could be a representative from either the UC or UCLA law schools.

He offers five recommendations on how to make the state function better. One would be to eliminate the two-thirds requirement to approve the budget. The second, would be to redistrict. A third would be to revamp the pension system for public sector employees, switching from a defined benefit system to a defined contribution system. His fourth recommendation would be to take a look at how corporations are taxed under Prop. 13. The final idea would be to extend term limits. It takes four years to learn how Sacramento works. Twelve years would be a better limit, according to Ford.

Education is very important. The university system is the driving engine of the state's economy. He opposes cutting any funding for education.

"Education has to be our number one priority. The state needs a highly trained workforce. And, there is economic value in good education. Cities who spend the most on education have the highest real estate values," he pointed out.

Ford described the one payer system as free health care for all comers. It is not a good idea. There would be a migration from all over the nation and even the world to have access to free treatment. There is a need to have a national health care system that treats everyone the same. "I believe we will have one in the next few years. Health care reform is not something for California to address," said Ford.

The market and bank regulators should work out the foreclosure mess. California's role would be to be tough on fraud. "I don't see a way of rescuing speculators," he stated.

Ford doesn't like having the state assign housing numbers to local jurisdictions. He declared, development should be decided at the local level.

He supports urban growth boundaries. "The idea that there is more open space and parkland is for the best."

He has not formed an opinion on Propositions 98 and 99. He adds there are good reasons sometimes for eminent domain to be used.

Traffic is a difficult issue, said Ford. There should be investment by the state and federal government on difficult corridors such as 580. Expanding BART could take pressure off of 580. "The highway and BART system are crucial to the regional economy. We must press for our fair share of State and federal dollars for infrastructure investment and maintenance," Ford stated.

Water is one of the biggest issues facing the state. Whoever is elected to represent the 15th district is representing the Delta. He does not think any more development should be allowed in the area. With 70 percent of the state's water coming from the Delta, there is an enormous risk for catastrophe if more development were allowed in such a fragile area.

He is opposed to a peripheral canal. He supports more surface storage, such as dams. Technology solutions would be good, such as desalination.

Nuclear energy would be a good idea. It produces hydrogen, which could be used to propel the cars of the future. "I think California can encourage green technologies without providing incentives," Ford stated. While solar energy is nice, neither it nor wind power will solve energy problems," according to Ford.

He says of himself, "I am not a professional politician. The problem with the political system today is that it is too controlled by money. I've got ideas. I have integrity. My motivation in running is to preserve a way of life I chose to live here to enjoy," declared Ford.

Ford believes, that although he has not raised a great deal of money, he has a chance to win. None of the candidates is well known throughout the district. "I think I have good ideas that people will respond to," he stated.

His website is at www.electedford.com.



By Anne Homan

Life of a Civil War Veteran

On February 26, 1864, nineteen-year-old George Washington Langan enlisted in Ohio in the United States infantry for three years. As a private, he participated in General William Tecumseh Sherman's unopposed march to the sea across the state of Georgia from Atlanta to Savannah, beginning in mid-November. Sherman's scorched earth policy permitted his 62,000 men virtually unlimited looting, foraging and burning on the journey. Bruce Catton said that the army's path was marked "Old Testament style, by a pillar of smoke by day and pillars of fire by night." On the first of February 1865, Sherman started north through the Carolinas, continuing his destruction, but met with considerable Confederate resistance on this campaign. At one battle in Bentonville, North Carolina, his forces suffered 1,646 casualties. When Sherman turned north from Savannah, Langan's rank was changed to a musician; probably he was playing with a band rather than as a field musician. In addition to musical chores, he was expected to help with the wounded. Such duties included carrying the wounded to hospitals, gathering wood for splints and even helping surgeons perform amputations. Langan was discharged at Augusta, Georgia, on February 26, 1867, almost two years after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Langan traveled north to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, home of his childhood near the New York border, and enrolled at the Mansfield State Normal School (teachers' college). He graduated in 1871, studied for the bar, and passed the test in December 1872. Coming to the west coast, he taught at public schools in Washington State, then in California while he pursued further law studies. In 1877 he was admitted to the bar of the California Supreme Court and began to practice law in Oakland. Three years later, he moved his practice to Livermore. He married Ella Mendenhall, daughter of Livermore's founder, William M. Mendenhall, on October 3, 1883. They had a substantial home built for them at the northwest corner of H and Sixth Streets; four graceful heritage pepper trees still mark the site along Sixth Street. Langan served as a director of the Livermore Library and guided the organization during its transition from a private enterprise to the Livermore Public Library in 1901. He also acted for several years as the town attorney. The nation-wide Grand Army of the Republic, the GAR, was organized in 1866 for Union veterans of the Civil War. Livermore's division of the group was called the Lou Morris Post, and Langan served as head, or commander, of that post and also later as commander of a similar group in Oakland.

In September 1903 while Langan and his family were attending an entertainment at the local Farmers' Union Theater, their home burned. They came home to discover the house and all its contents gone except for a sewing machine, a few chairs and some bedding. Luella Langan's mother, Mary, had died earlier in the year, and her father had moved into the Langan home. "A large number of relics and keepsakes which had been in the Langan and Mendenhall families for generations... were destroyed, according to the account in the *Herald*. Langan had become partners with his brother in a law firm in Oakland, and evidently, the family decided to have a clean start in a new place. By October 1, they had purchased a home on Fairmount Avenue in Oakland and by 1904 had sold their Livermore site to John A. Conrad. The 1910 census shows the family in Oakland along with William M. Mendenhall, then age 87.

Langan's brother died in 1909, and he went into partnership in a law firm with his brother-in-law, Asa V. Mendenhall. The *Oakland Enquirer* noted, "Langan & Mendenhall represent some of our largest and most prominent interests and appear in some of the most important cases coming into our courts." On May 1, 1910, while waiting for a train at Vallejo, Langan was hit by a passing train and thrown onto the tracks. The train sliced through his left leg just below the knee and the right one just above the ankle. In spite of the shock, he did not lose consciousness. Perhaps, as a result of his war service, he knew how to direct bystanders to take care of him. He was placed on a train and taken to Martinez, where he was operated on. Two of his first outings from home before the fitting of his prostheses were to vote in the primary election in August and to meet with his Oakland GAR friends. By September, he had learned to maneuver and walk on artificial wooden legs and resumed his law practice. His good recovery was undoubtedly due to his excellent physical condition and his slight figure. He was only 5 feet 7 inches, and according to the *Herald*, "while following a sedentary occupation, he was abstemious in his habits, and an exceedingly active man with a hobby for outdoor exercise." He sued Southern Pacific Railroad and settled out of court for \$25,000. He died in December 1925 of heart trouble and was survived by his wife and three children: Philip, Chester and Ursula.

The Livermore tax records show that John Conrad had rebuilt the burned-out Langan house by 1905. This coming Sunday, the Livermore Heritage Guild will hold a walking tour of historic homes that includes the Langan house, where I will be a tour guide in the morning. The tour begins at the Carnegie Library Building at 11:00; you can obtain details from the personnel at Carnegie at 449-9927 or on the Internet at livermorelegacytour@yahoo.com. Don't miss this wonderful chance to see the interiors of these venerable Livermore homes.

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

High School Athletic Earn Scholarships

By Paul Hirsch

At least 10 members of the class of 2008 from Livermore, Granada, Amador Valley and Foothill High Schools have earned college athletic scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year.

These student-athletes represent the pinnacle of excellence for the thousands of local youngsters who begin playing versions of baseball, basketball, soccer and other sports in pre-school and kindergarten. Several hundred young people at each local high school participate in high school athletics without ever receiving attention from college recruiters.

The 10 athletes selected to continue their athletic careers and receive financial assistance from colleges are:

Allie Maduell, Soccer, Foothill HS, Utah State; Brandon Fischer, Swimming, Granada HS, Wyoming; Kathleen Allen, Soccer, Granada HS, Rocky Mountain; Morgan Bowe, Soccer, Granada HS, Rocky Mountain; Chloe Pennisi, Soccer, Granada HS, UC Irvine; Kelly Head, Softball, Granada HS, Chico State; Peter Brook III, Football, Livermore HS, Assumption College; Kyle Souza, Golf, Livermore HS, Chico State; J.R. Graham, Baseball, Livermore HS, Santa Clara; and Jake Sylvester, Baseball,

Livermore HS, Pacific.

Allison Maduell plays for the Livermore Arsenal.

Peter Brook will play in the Northeast-10 Football Conference at Assumption.

Kyle Souza's high school honors include All-East Bay honors and EBAL All-League selection. He currently holds a 36.3 nine-hole average through ten high school matches.

The Independent is interested in recognizing any other local high school athletes who will receive athletic scholarships for next season. Please forward that information to The Independent at editmail@compuserve.com.

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 historymobile.

Free electronic recycling benefiting Granada High School grad night, Sat., May 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the teacher parking lot, 400 Wall St., Livermore. All computer and electronic equipment accepted; no freezers, A/Cs, batteries or anything with motor oil. Information contact Steve Ramona at EarthCare Recycling, 408-943-9943.

Spring Filing Spaghetti Feed, Saturday, May 17 from 5:30 to 7:30, Veteran's Memorial Hall, 522 South L Street in Livermore. Food and entertainment for the entire family. The menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce or vegetarian, salad, bread and dessert. There will be crafts and games for kids and a silent auction and drawings for the adults in the family. Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations are encouraged. They can be made by calling (925) 449-5845. The event is hosted by the Tri-Valley Haven Board of Directors. All proceeds will benefit the Haven's domestic violence, sexual assault and homeless programs.

Scrabble, Fund-raiser to benefit Camp Arroyo, Sunday, May 25, 2-6 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. \$35 minimum donation/person. Dollar for dollar matching on first \$5,000. Make checks payable to The Taylor Family Foundation and send to goCerber.org, P.O. Box 6919, Moraga, CA 94570. For more information contact Melinda Gerber at 925-766-3680.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group, meets Tues., May 27, 10 a.m. at Heritage Estates Retirement Community, second floor conference room, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Suzette Lake, a Bowenwork therapist, will speak about methods of relaxation and healing. Information: Lorene Stack, 447-6158, or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Blame It on Fidel, 2007 French film with subtitles, will be shown at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin on Sat., May 31, 7 p.m. What happens when a precocious nine year old girl finds her bourgeois life turned upside down as her parents become radical activists in the 70's? This event is open to the public, free/\$3.00 donations accepted, wheelchair accessible, and refreshments are provided. Meet & greet

begins at 6:30 PM, while a short discussion follows the film. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Plant the Seeds about ALS, Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 pm The Pleasanton Public Library presents an informational event. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's disease," is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Extra Hands for ALS is a national voluntary service charity assisting people with ALS. Come learn about the causes and effects of this terminal disease. People with ALS will share their inspirational stories. Volunteers will talk about their experiences. Free drawing and refreshments. 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more information please contact Teresa Parham: tparham@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or 925-931-3404.

Wildflower Walk, Sat., May 17, 9 a.m. at the John Muir National Historic Site. Meet at the CalTrans Park and Ride, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Bring water and binoculars (if available). Wear good walking shoes as the trail is steep. If rains heavily, the walk is cancelled. For more information, call 228-8860.

Livermore Library Board meets 7 p.m. Thurs., May 22 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., May 17, 28 miles anniversary ride, meet 10 a.m. at Heather Farm, Dan and Joan Johnson, Sun., May 18, 35 miles, Shannon Center to the first summit on Calaveras and back, meet 9:30 a.m., Barb Haley, 899-8676. Wed., May 21, 30 miles Shannon Park, Dublin Canyon and Five Canyons Pkwy, meet 9 a.m. Alaine Nadeau, 577-6586. When listed, please call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Barn Dance, Forest Home Farms is hosting a Barn Dance, May 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard, Professional caller, Bert Swerer, will lead square dancing and line dancing as we promenade around the floor in the tractor barn. Couples, singles, beginners and experienced square dancers are all welcome. Punch and light finger foods will be served. Cost is \$10 per person for San Ramon Residents and \$12 for Nonresidents; please preregister at one of the City of San Ramon community centers (activity #53700). For more information, call (925) 973-3284.

Bands in Benefit, Relay for Life team, The Weekend Warriors is hosting its second annual benefit show on Sat., May 24 at 5 p.m. featuring several local bands, Hear the Sirens, Us and the Brotherhood, Violet Club, Aegis, and one more band that has yet to be determined. The concert will be held at the Barn on Pacific Avenue in Livermore. Admission is \$10 and all ages are welcome. The

team is comprised of college and high school kids trying to make a difference.

Cultural Care An 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.

California Retired Teachers Association, Tri-Valley Division #85 will hold a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 11:15 a.m., 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.

Meditate at the Pleasanton Library with Marshall Zaslove, M.D. Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m., simple, effective techniques will be demonstrated. Meeting Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The programs are free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Reading volunteers needed, new group forming of Barton Reading Tutors to start training in fall. No experience is necessary. Training is free of charge. Volunteers will be matched with students who need help. All the materials and training will be provided to raise a student's reading and spelling up to grade level or above. There are currently over 80 volunteer tutors making a difference for over 135 Pleasanton students. An information meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, from 7-8 p.m., in room RSP #2, at Valley View School, 480 Adams Way, Pleasanton. For more information about the Barton Reading Program, please call Christina Clark at 925/426-4231 or 925/596-0292, or e-mail: christina.clark2@comcast.net

RELIGION
Celebrating Mary through the Glorious Mysteries, St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomas Ave., in Livermore will be doing the Contemplative Rosary of Bob Hurd on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 pm. 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.

Marriage & Money, interactive seminar. Part I: Wednesday, May 21, 6:30-8:30pm. Part II: Saturday, June 21, 10:00-4:30pm May 21 - \$20; June 21 - \$40/person before June 16, \$45 after. CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. To register, go to www.crosswindschurch.org

Tri-Valley United Church, The Beast in the Corner is the topic of the Sunday lesson this week, May 18, by Rev. Margaret Stortz, minister emerita of Oakland Center for Spiritual Living. Tri-Valley Unity meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin, at 10 a.m. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733.

Pleasanton Has Presidential Scholar

Congressman Jerry McNerney announced that Corinne Tu, a student at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, received the distinct honor of being named one of this year's 141 Presidential Scholars. Tu was one of just eight students in California to win the award, which is based on the student's academic excellence, artistic accomplishments, and civic contributions.

"It is my privilege to announce that Corinne Tu has earned this prestigious award. I am thrilled that Corinne is one of only eight Californians to become a Presidential Scholar because with her incredible academic achievement and her tremendous commitment to serving her community, Corinne truly deserves this recognition," said Jerry McNerney.

Tu, who was Miss Teen San Francisco 2007, will attend Harvard this fall. She regularly spends at least 10 hours a week volunteering in the Bay Area, doing community service and helping with public benefit activities. Tu was in Washington, D.C., last weekend with Amador Valley High School's "We the People" team.

"This is a very big honor," Tu

said when she learned of the award. "There are so many talented youths in the nation that have so much to contribute. I am honored to represent the next generation of youth in America."

Born in Paris, Corinne came to the United States when she was eight, with her father's National Interest Waiver in the category of International High-Tech Talent. Two years later, she won a district-wide Spelling Bee. After completing junior high in only one year, Corinne continued to have straight A's in high school and is currently valedictorian. With perfect scores of 5 on all 10 of her Advanced Placement exams before 12th grade, Corinne has received the honors of National AP Scholar, National Merit Scholar, as well as other national awards.

Based on intensive marketing research and her summer finance internship, Corinne has written several business papers meshing environmental protection with business operations, all winning 1st and 2nd place at state and regional competitions for three years in a row. Also captain of her school's dance team, Corinne has performed for the community and volunteers with low-income seniors. The International

Rotary Club honored her with the "Outstanding Student with Community Involvement and Academic Achievement" award.

Corinne Tu was simultaneously admitted at the end of March to Harvard College, Princeton University, Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, Washington University in St. Louis, Vanderbilt University and the University of California - Berkeley. In the future, she hopes to contribute to society in the fields of finance and government.

The Scholars will visit Washington, D.C., from June 21-24, 2008, to participate in a series of events that will culminate in a White House award ceremony.

Established by Executive Order in 1964, the Presidential Scholar award recognizes high school seniors who have displayed outstanding achievements in academics as well as artistic excellence. Each year the program invites more than 2,800 students to apply for recognition based on outstanding scores on the College Board SAT or ACT assessments. Applicants are further evaluated on the basis of school reports and transcripts, leadership activities, and contributions to family, school and community.

Hot Rods, Muscle & Antiques Cars In Show

Hats Off America Fifth Annual Hot Rod, Muscle and Antique Car Show will take place on the grass field at the corner of Bollinger Canyon Road and Camino Ramon, San Ramon, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18. No admission fee to the public. The show is open to all makes, models and years.

This is a family event and children are welcome. Sorry, no pets. Car display is \$25 for one day and \$40 for both days. Vendor fee is \$100 for one day and \$150 for both days.

There will be a large display of muscle cars, classics and hot rods, along with art exhibits, children's activities live bands, vendor booths, non-profit organization's booths, a beer and wine garden, and more.

Big Wave Dave and the Breakers, and Dave Land and the Downowners will provide music. Diane Layfield, mother of L/CPL Travis Layfield who was killed in action on April 6, 2004, will be a special guest. Mrs. Layfield has attended the three previous car shows. She will be displaying her late son's truck that is decorated with a patriotic tribute mural. She will also be bringing a motorcycle belonging to her son Tyler that he painted to honor his brother Travis.

The US Army from Camp Parks will provide a climbing wall and combat simulators. Back Yard Carnival will provide fun children's games. The San Ramon Fire District is bringing a fire truck for kids to climb on, and the San Ramon Police Department will have a vintage

1952 police car and the DARE car.

Non-profit organizations, civic groups and youth organizations are encouraged to participate. The event is also seeking corporate sponsors and volunteers.

Proceeds benefit Hats Off America, a nonprofit organization organized to provide financial support to the Gold Star Families of military personnel killed in the line of duty while serving the United States in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hats Off America was created by Sparky George to provide financial support to the families of military personnel killed in the line of duty while serving the United States in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For information, contact Sparky George (925) 855-1950, thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com or visit www.hatsoffamerica.us

Women Invited to Explore Non-Traditional Careers

Women who want to explore careers in non-traditional fields of automotive and welding technology can attend Las Positas College's Open House for Women in Technology, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 21 in the Building 800 Labs. The date coincides with the 76th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's solo non-stop transatlantic flight, and reflects the spirit of this pioneering women's rights advocate who told women, "You can do anything you decide to do."

At the open house, where men also are welcome, women can meet other tech savvy women,

hear success stories about women who pursued welding and automotive careers, learn about the auto and welding fields and related career opportunities, see lab demonstrations close up and get some hands-on experience; and tour Las Positas College labs and talk with program advisors.

Refreshments will be served. Las Positas College is one of eight California community colleges selected for the CalWomenTech Project, created through the Institute for Women in Trades, Technology & Sciences (IWTTTS), a national non-profit organization with funding

from the National Science Foundation. "The primary goal of the CalWomenTech Project is to increase the number of women enrolled and retained in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education," says Donna Milgram, executive director and founder of Alameda-based IWTTTS.

For more information about the programs and the May 21 Open House, visit www.laspositascollege.edu or contact Scott Miner, LPC Welding Technology Faculty, SMiner@laspositascollege.edu, 925-424-1134.

OBITUARIES

Barbara "Bobbie" Clarke

Barbara "Bobbie" Clarke was born on March 15, 1930, in Oakland, and passed away on May 10, 2008. Bobbie was the loving wife of Douglas "J" Clarke, Sr., who passed away on February 11, 2008. Doug and Bobbie enjoyed 58 years of marriage and, after a short time apart, are now reunited.

Bobbie was the mother of Roxanne Ferguson and Douglas "J" Clarke, Jr., and mother-in-law of Don Ferguson and Chris Clarke. She was the grandmother of Eric Ferguson, Jody Clarke, Peter Clarke, and Ashley Figueroa, and great-grandmother of Alana and Emily Ferguson and soon to be born, Bella Figueroa. She was the sister of Larry and Julie Gomez and loving sister-in-law of Eleanor Halbert.

Bobbie was a dedicated wife, mother and granny who enjoyed spending time with her family and gardening. She was a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church in Dublin.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 15 at 10 am at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 11555 Shannon Av., Dublin with the burial to follow at St. Michaels Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Tony (Antonio) Paradiso

Tony Paradiso, father, brother, grandfather, friend, loved by all who knew him, passed away after a tragic automobile accident in Manteca on Sunday, April 27, 2008. He was 86.

Tony was born to Pietro Paradiso and Maria Montesano in Tricarico, Italy on May 23, 1921. He immigrated to the United States (Oakland, California) at age 6 and attained for his family the American Dream.

He married Genevieve Cabral on August 25, 1940, and together they proudly raised seven children: Cory

Paradiso, Gerri Dows (Bob), Dorene Paradiso-Carroll (Pat), Gene Paradiso, Jeff Paradiso (Marcy), Debbie Carr (Don) and Mark Paradiso.

Tony's cherished brothers and sisters include: Antonette Nervo, Joseph Paradiso (deceased), Rosa Cataldo (deceased), Angelo Paradiso, Maria Paradiso, Angela Santa Lucia, Julia Santa Lucia and Nunziatina Santa Lucia. His grandchildren are Dean Labat (Karin), Dan Labat (Jennifer), Corine Fanene, Chase (Dawn) Wild, Monica Matthews (Tim), Guy Paradiso, Crystin Carr-Riley (Shaun), Anthony Paradiso, Aaron Paradiso, Alex Paradiso, David Paradiso, Daryl Paradiso, Daniel Paradiso (Amber) and Amber Carroll. He also enjoyed the company of his many great-grandchildren. His godsons Paul Paradiso and Todd Bolton were very dear to him, as were his many friends throughout the Bay Area and Manteca.

During his lifetime, Tony lived in Oakland, Vallejo, Alameda, Texas (U.S. Army), San Leandro, Twain Harte, Pleasanton, and he resided in Manteca for the past 24 years. Tony was a very hard-working man, spending 44 years in the grocery business, most of that time as owner of Peppe Foods in Oakland, and the final eight years working for Safeway in Sonora

before retiring.

Tony enjoyed large gatherings with family and friends, and he especially loved barbecues and picnics. At 86 years old, Tony led a very active life, planting flowers in his yard and cooking almost every day. He was still skating at age 80. He was very creative and built many of the things that could be found in his yard, including a hot tub on wheels and a waterfall. There was virtually nothing that Tony couldn't build, fix, or "get running."

A lover of nature, he would travel throughout the Bay Area and Central Valley, venturing almost daily to the San Leandro Marina or a Sacramento river park with his dear, best friend Lois Smith of Manteca, to feed hundreds of birds and squirrels and share with Lois a picnic-style lunch. These outings would often include an evening visit with family or friends.

A memorial service to celebrate Tony's life will be held on May 20, 2008, noon, at P.L. Fry & Son Funeral Home, 290 N. Union Road, Manteca, CA (209) 239-1242.

In lieu of flowers and because of his love of animals, the family suggests perhaps a donation in Tony's memory to the National Audubon Society, 765 University Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825.

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SPORTS NOTES

Athlete of the Year

Soccer player Kyle Satow was named Cal State University Monterey Bay's Male Athlete of the Year. Satow, from Livermore, was a two-year team captain on the soccer team and finished his collegiate career at or near the top of every statistical category in the CSUMB Soccer record books. He finishes his CSUMB career with the school record in goals with 27, game-winning goals with 9, points with 66 and shots, with 166.

He was selected to All-CAA First Team and was an All-CAA Second Team selection in 2006. He was also named to the 2007 Daktronics All Far West Region second team. Satow is majoring in Kinesiology and is maintaining a 3.45 Grade Point Average.

Youth Soccer

The Livermore Fury 95 U-12 girls team advanced to the Silver championship round by going undefeated in NorCal Premier Soccer League action. The Fury beat the Tracy Xtreme 7-0 as Elise Falgout and Amanda Fairclough scored two goals each and Jema Hatch added a goal and an assist. Emily Kalantar also scored for Livermore on a ball that she hooked just inside the right post from the left box. Brittany Ahbeck played a solid midfield to help set up several scoring chances and Ryley Landreth's hustle resulted in two Fury corner kicks.

Against Sacred Heart United, Fairclough scored early on a well-placed free kick. Rebekah Johnson made a nice one-on-one move to shake off a defender and shoot one into the left corner for a 2-0 lead in the 33rd minute. Despite controlling play, the Fury lead was cut to 1-0 on an SHU penalty kick in the 45th minute. Morgan Brandt and Alyssa Stevenson's strong defensive play limited SHU threat of the match as the Fury held on for the 2-1 win.

In a 7-0 victory versus Madera Red Star, the Fury offense, led by nice runs into Madera territory by Kaitlyn Bulhoes and Erin Wingamer, kept the pressure on Red Star throughout the first half. In the 29th minute, Johnson dribbled by her defender and crossed a ball deep into the box where Alison Pierson tapped into the corner for a 1-0 lead. Beth McCall ensured the Fury lead five minutes before halftime when she raced back to stop a Madera breakaway. Livermore scored the first of six second-half goals in the 39th minute when Ahbeck kicked a high ball that Johnson controlled in the middle box and moved around the goalie for an easy shot and a 2-0 lead. Six minutes later, Falgout drove the ball down the right side and crossed to McCall who set up Bulhoes with a short pass and shot for the Fury's third goal. Sarah Wilkinson drilled a penalty shot for a 4-0 lead and Brandt scored two goals when she stepped in front of short goal kicks and fielded the ball past the goalie each time. Skyler Kriz played a solid midfield game for the Fury and -br she helped limit Red Star to only a couple of advances into the Livermore box.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results: **T-Ball:** Pirates vs. Nationals: Pirates MVPs: Jakob Scott, Shane Grimes, Shannon Spiller; Nationals MVPs: Jacob Zayas, Jeremy Davis, Michael Bryson. Pirates and Nationals played an intense game in the spring heat. Jacob Zayas, Jeremy Davis, and Michael Bryson from the Nationals were aggressive in the outfield while Jakob Scott, Shane Grimes, and Shannon Spiller were power-hitting home runs.

Royals vs. Brewers: Top Royals: Joey Orlick, Jacob Blanchard, Alex Cirina; Top Brewers: Gabriel Tariff, Aidan Taylor, and Daniel Tolentino. Twins vs. Dodgers: Top Twins: Matteo Crivello, Zachary Medina, and Kevin Johnson; Top Dodgers: Wilson Schweigler, Adam Chapman and Nathan Frazier; Rockies vs. Athletics: Rockies MVPs: Michael Grant, Ben Waxman, Dalton Johnston; Athletics MVPs: Cole Retzer, Owen Dawson, Cole Gibson.

AA Division: Yankees 20, Red Sox 21; Yankee MVPs: Carson King, Colin Barnett, and Bryce Barsnick in a very exciting game. Carson batted 4 for 4 with three doubles. He also made several outstanding plays as short-stop. Colin really hustled in the outfield playing exceptional defense. Colin batted strong, obtaining many RBIs. Bryce got some awesome rips as well. He was quick in the outfield.

Blue Jays 25, Phillies 19: Blue Jays MVPs: Shane Clifton, Josh Peseo, Sean Brooks; Phillies MVPs: Aaron Aguilar, Emilio Lopez, Zack Ridenour.

Devil Rays 17, Nationals 8: Nationals MVPs: Jared Stanley caught a short pop fly; Logan Church hit a single to second, overthrew go hit to third and scored a run; Noah Klubb had his first double. Devlin Reyes MVPs: Scott Ragatz cracked the ball out to centerfield. Gerardo Cabassa had a triple play in the 3rd inning and Wes Williams a double play, also in the third inning.

Mets 15, Marlins 14: Mets Grant Hrdlicka caught a flyball, threw two outs to first and hit three singles including the game winning RBI. Jordan Flores and Riley Parkerson each hit three singles. Marlins Alex Fargatsch hit a double and tagged a runner for an out at third. Noah Pettit hit a triple. Mason Stuart and Sean Rolandelli teamed up for a double play. Mets MVPs: Grant Hrdlicka, Jordan Flores, Riley Parkerson; Marlins: Alex Fargatsch, Noah Pettit, Mason Stuart, Sean Rolandelli.

AA Division: Cardinals 1, Tigers 0: The Cardinals pitchers and defense helped make one run stand against the Tiger bats. Tyler, Ethan and John all played solid defense behind 5 no-hit innings of Tiger pitching. Bobby Woods provided the big hit to push across the lone run while Austin B., Justin and Austin H. pitched out of tight spots and made that one run stand up. Cardinals MVPs: Austin Birdwell, Austin Hosmer, Justin Dalin. Tigers MVPs: Tyler Gonzales, Ethan Shang, John Langerud.

Astros 0, Cubs 1: It was the bottom of the 6th inning with the game tied to zero with one out when Jake Ledbetter ripped a double to centerfield bringing the winning run home. The Astros' Jared Heise pitching held the Cubs to zero until the 3rd inning. Austin made a great catch and Miles Mcpeek was very effective. Gerry Roque had two doubles. Eric Pison made an aggressive diving catch to end the 3rd inning. Astros MVPs: Miles Mcpeek, Jared Heise, Austin Briez, Cubs MVPs: Gerry Roque, Eric Pison, Jake Ledbetter.

Astros 5, White Sox 3: The White Sox jumped out to a 1 run lead in the first inning. The Astros rallied in the 5th scoring all five runs. White Sox MVPs: Robbie Tweson 2 for 2, 2 stolen bases, 1 run; Samuel Ogundimu 2 for 2, 2 stolen bases, 1 run; Basim Elmashni 1 double, 1 stolen base, 1 run. Astros MVPs: Elijah Mangabay 2 great catches in OF; Chase Bartoldo - threw out runner at 2nd base from LF; Nathan Barabaci 2 2/3 innings pitched.

Cardinals 4, Reds 2: Cardinals MVPs: Brandon Julku, Griffin Bateson, Justin Dalin, Reds MVPs: Jacob Hule, Bobby Payne.

Daniel Crisp

AAA Division: Giants 12, Mariners 4: Great pitching by Jacob DeFrenchi and Nico Falabella along with timely hitting by Colin Shetron helped the Giants defeat a tough Mariners team. High point for the Mariners were a double and homerun by Ryan Holmes, and RBI singles by Cody King and Garrett Cordisco. Giants MVPs: Jacob DeFrenchi, Nico Falabella, Colin Shetron. Mariners MVPs: Ryan Holmes, Cody King, Garrett Cordisco.

Mariners 9, Diamondbacks 10: Mariners MVPs: Trevor Davidson - single, rbi; Ryan Holmes - great pitching; Demetrius Wagner - double, 2 runs scored. Diamondback MVPs: Logan Gruhl - great pitching and hitting; Steven Perry - great hitting and the scoring run; Tyler Perry - great catch in left field.

Juniors: Livermore 80s Athletics 16, San Ramon #3 1: Athletics MVPs: Chris Holzschuh, Jonny Dalin, Daniel Morgan Highlights: Chris Holzschuh continued his incredible season on the hill holding San Ramon to 2 hits over 4 innings. Chris also had a big day at the plate with a single, a double, 2 runs scored, and 3 RBIs he did it all on Saturday. Jonny Dalin had a big day offensively with 2 triples, 2 runs scored, and 2 RBIs. The As played solid defense highlighted by a couple of standout plays in the outfield by Daniel Morgan and Zach Moore. Matt Stoebe and Kyle Penrod anchored the infield. Sean Followill got his first start behind the plate and did a great job as well as providing a little punch for the offense with 2 RBIs.

Livermore 80s Mariners 16, Danville Braves 4: Mariners MVPs: Joe Wood, Brian Garcia, Greg Anderson, Josh McCall. The Mariners played great offense, defense, and had great pitching today as they beat the Danville Braves. Joe Wood pitched a complete game with 10 strikeouts. Wood also picked off a runner at first in the first inning and had a 2 RBI single in both the first and fourth innings. Brian Garcia had an RBI single in the second inning to put the Mariners ahead 3-0. Greg Anderson hit a three RBI triple to cap a six run rally in the third inning and an RBI single to cap a five run rally in the fourth. Josh McCall singled in each of his at bats and stole three bases.

LNLL 80s Nationals 10, LALL 80s Mariners 12: Mariners MVPs: Ben Jacobson, Michael Brown, Devin McMahon. The Mariners offense was started up with Ben Jacobson as lead-off hitter, reaching first base and eventually scoring in each of his at-bats with a walk and two singles. Michael Brown contributed to the Mariners defense by digging out a throw at first, saving an error in the third inning and throwing out a runner in the sixth inning as catcher. Devin McMahon helped out in offense and defense with an RBI triple in the first inning, a rally-stopping double play off a well-hit line drive at short in the fourth inning, and as closing pitcher with a strike-out in the seventh inning.

CYO Track and Field

St. Michael's/St. Charles CYO Track & Field Sectional Meet held May 3 results:

GIRLS 1600 Meters: 3rd Grade - Alana Jimena (6th, 07:15.10) 5th Grade - Dana Anex (4th, 06:16.51) Teresa Jimena (12th, 07:08.80) 8th Grade - Natalie Dimits (1st, 05:42.01), Shelby Leary (4th, 06:26.75); **BOYS 1600 Meters:** 3rd Grade - Matthew Stepanek (5th, 06:41.72) 5th Grade - Andrew Kettenhofen (8th, 06:21.68)

BOYS 400 Meters: 3rd Grade - Ben Sanchez (2nd, 01:14.72), Ryan Nunes (8th, 01:23.28) 7th Grade - Michael Marcotte (5th, 01:04.59) 8th Grade - Daniel Replogle (3rd, 00:56.32), Mitchell Acton (5th, 00:58.43)

BOYS 50 Meters: 3rd Grade - Marquis Pruitt (6th, 8.25) 4th Grade - Malik Pruitt (2nd, 8.03)

GIRLS 100 Meters: 4th Grade - Pamela White (5th, 15.95)

BOYS 100 Meters: 4th Grade - Malik Pruitt (6th, 15.43) 7th Grade - Joshua Knight (6th, 13.89)

GIRLS 800 Meters: 4th Grade - Megan McCandless (3rd, 03:08.65), Shasta Gork (7th, 03:20.34) 6th Grade - Kirsten Mork (5th, 02:50.46); **BOYS 800 Meters:** 7th Grade - Nicolas Trebes (5th, 02:51.10)

GIRLS 200 Meters: 3rd Grade - Samantha Dukes (3rd, 34.00); **BOYS 200 Meters:** 7th Grade - Lukas Haas (7th, 28.98), Michael Marcotte (9th, 29.83) 8th Grade - Mitchell Acton (4th, 26.05), Grant Salvo (3rd, 27.77)

GIRLS 4X100 RELAY: 4th Grade - Pamela White/Annika Landreth/Alexa Chavarria/Megan Fairbanks (6th, 01:05.16) 8th Grade - Katie Gannon/Shelby Leary/Natalie Dimits/Stephanie Beaulieu (5th, 01:00.35)

BOYS 4X100 RELAY: 3rd Grade - Ryan Nunes/Mitchell Moore/Marquis Pruitt/Ben Sanchez (3rd, 01:07.85) 4th Grade - Malik Pruitt/Andrew Mathers/Dustin Ullom/Justin Brandt (6th, 01:05.59) 7th Grade - Lucas Han/Michael Marcotte/Tyler Melgosa/Joshua Knight (3rd, 00:54.19), Evan Briggs/Cody Scribner/Justin Moore/Matt Tyler (5th, 00:54.10) 8th Grade - Kyle Farnady/Nathaniel Biehn/Daniel Replogle/Michael Acton (3rd, 00:52.51)

BOYS 4X400 RELAY: 5th Grade - Mitchell Moore/Matthew Stepanek/Tanner Souza/Ben Sanchez (6th, 5:58.08) 7th Grade - Cody Scribner/Emily Hawkins/Justin Moore/Tyler Melgosa (2nd, 4:55.55) 8th Grade - Joshua Knight/Mitchell Acton/Michael Marcotte/Daniel Replogle (2nd, 4:21.93)

GIRLS SPRINT MEDLEY: 4th Grade - Alexa Chavarria/Megan McCandless/Pamela White/Shasta Gork (4th, 2:38.31) 8th Grade - Shelby Leary/Katie Gannon/Natalie Dimits (3rd, 2:12.34)

BOYS SPRINT MEDLEY: 3rd Grade - Mitchell Moore/Peter Vance/Ben Sanchez/Zack Scribner (7th, 2:38.97) 7th Grade - Lucas Han/Tyler Melgosa/Michael Marcotte/Joshua Knight (4th, 2:11.42), Matt Tyler/Justin Moore/Nicolas Trebes/Cody Scribner (7th, 2:18.81)

GIRLS HIGH JUMP: 5th Grade - Theresa Jimena (2nd, 3:09.00) 6th Grade - Kirsten Mork (2nd, 4:02.00), Hannah Stepanek (10th, 03:06.00) 7th Grade - Sara Inokuchi (5th, 4:01.00) 8th Grade - Stephanie Beaulieu (1st, 4:08.00); **BOYS HIGH JUMP:** 5th Grade - Zachary Burnett (5th, 4:00.00) 6th Grade - Jeremy Williams (1st, 5:02.00) 7th Grade - Matt Tyler (2nd, 4:09.00), Evan Briggs (5th, 4:06.00), 8th Grade - Kyle Farnady (1st, 5:02.00)

GIRLS LONG JUMP: 6th Grade - Kirsten Mork (4th, 13:00.50) 7th Grade - Sara Inokuchi (8th, 11:11.75); **BOYS LONG JUMP:** 3rd Grade - Ben Sanchez (10th, 08:09.50) 7th Grade - Matt Tyler (2nd, 15:09.25), Michael Marcotte (3rd, 15:00.75) 8th Grade - Daniel Replogle (1st, 17:02.25)

GIRLS SOFTBALL THROW: 4th Grade - Pamela White (5th, 72:03.00); **BOYS SOFTBALL THROW:** 3rd Grade - Joshua Harlan (5th, 90.11), Peter Vance (8th, 84.07), Mitchell Moore (10th, 76.06) 4th Grade - Malik Pruitt (3rd, 115.03) 5th Grade - Marcus Acton (4th, 124.07), Austin Armstrong (9th, 88.09), Johnny Bagatelos (10th, 84.04) 7th Grade - John Stephaneck (2nd, 167.02), Cody Scribner (4th, 157.04) 8th - Grant Salk (8th, 110.03)

GIRLS SHOT PUT: 6th Grade - Francis Stafford (10th, 17:02.50) 7th Grade - Skylar Burt (1st, 28:08.00), Katie Gannon (4th, 26:03.00); **BOYS SHOT PUT:** 5th Grade -

Johnny Bagatelos (9th, 16:10.00), Austin Armstrong (10th, 14:03.00) 6th Grade - Jeffrey Beaulieu (10th, 18:00.00).

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results:

AA Division: Yankees 9, Angels 8: The Angels dominated the first 3 innings and were in the lead 8-3 at the bottom of the 3rd, where Noa Farrish hit big to score 2RBIs. Joseph Richardson pitched a no run 4th inning, and then Tyler User stepped up to pitch a no run 5th inning. A. J. Walford tagged 3 runners out at first base in the top of the 5th. The score was Angels 8 and Yankees 7 in the bottom of the 5th. Duncan McCarthy hit a pitch to make it safely to 1st, and stole home for the tie. Brandon Bealand also made it to 1st after a solid hit and stole 3rd before Joseph Richardson hit the ball into the outfield culminating in an RBI and the winning run for the Yankees. Top Offensive Players: Noa Farrish, Brandon Bealand, Andres Barrera; Top Defensive Players: A.J. Warford, Duncan McCarthy, Joseph Richardson.

Pirates 5, Yankees 11: Starting Yankees pitcher William Brendel showed great effort. Duncan McCarthy doubled and Joseph Richardson hit a triple, and was brought home by Noa Farrish, who also had a double in the 4th. Ty User caught a pop fly for an out and two line-drives for outs at first base, helping the Yankees to an 11-5 victory over the Pirates. Top Offensive Player: William Brendel; Top Defensive Player: Ty User.

Giants 8, Pirates 7: Cameron Ghodoucy had the only Giants hits as they benefited from several walks issued by pirates pitchers. Giants won a close battle 8-7. Overall, Giants played solid defense. Top defensive player: Ryan Wilson.

Farm: Storm vs. Bulls: Max Moeller was a standout at first base. With some help from Ian Crane as pitcher, the dynamic duo was able to record three consecutive outs on first. Offensively, the Bulls Tyler Stewart delivered a hard line drive. Liam Borg also had two powerful hits leaving the Bulls fans cheering for more.

A Division: Riverdogs vs. Redwings: Defense was the name of the game when the Riverdogs played the Redwings on Thursday. The Dogs turned a nifty double play when Sean at first caught a pop fly for one and threw to Anthony at second for two. Later in the game Sean, again playing first, turned an unassisted double play by catching another pop fly and tagging out the runner on first. On the mound, Devin pitched with great command and composure. At the plate Nick C., Nick B., and Anthony all had hits.

AAA Division: Tigers 10, Orioles 17: The first place 9-1 Orioles beat the Tigers, on key hits from Jack Connolly, Jakob Davidson, and Nick Martin. Connollys two triples, Davidsons 2 singles, 3 RBIs, and a 2-run 2 single was the difference. Top Defensive Players: Nick Bush, Arthur Hwang, Jimmy Rafter.

The Angels beat the Mets in the 6th inning comeback 7 to 6. With the Mets leading 3 zip in the 5th inning, Matt Winsly led the turnaround with the first Angels hit. Matt Weir then hit a single bringing in Camden Murtagh and Winsly only to score himself. Goals in the 6th the Mets scored 3 more runs. In the bottom of the 6th, the Angels made a comeback scoring 4 runs by Jordan Ott, Kevin "Vigi" Viggallon stealing home, Derek Banister who was walked home, and the finale by Winsly who stole home for the win.

Giants 14, Angels 5: Jordan Ott started things out in the 1st inning with a single. Kevin "Vigi" Viggallon then hit a single down right center for a triple. Ott rounded the bases to home for the 1st Angels score. Matt Winsly then singled bringing in Vigi and Jake Wilgus hit one over the fence for a 2 run home run, his second for the season bringing in Winsly. Matt Weir hit a double for 2 RBIs. Stephen Chipman then singled bringing in FBis. Paris singled again in the 3rd. Kyle Lawrence cracked one down the center and Ott scored. On defense, a play by Chipman to Weir at catch got a Giants runner out at home. Ivan Swalve and Chipman pitched no hit innings.

Rockies 11, Tigers 4: The Rockies earned their 2nd win of the season manufacturing 15 hits, playing solid team defense and combining that with strong pitching. Key hits were delivered by Ethan Lipsker, Dane Delaney, and Michael Walker. The pitching trio of Rob Hajjan, Brock Gustafson and Giovanni Caponigro were able to limit the hard hitting Tigers to just 4 runs.

Rockies 9, Red Sox 13: The Rockies fell just short of a win against the Red Sox Saturday playing them tough throughout the game. The game was either tied or within 1 run every inning through the 5th inning. Christian Castro continued his streak of hits and RBI games scoring Brock Gustafson in the first inning, Miles Santos, Robert Ota, and Tyler Reni helped lead a key rally in the 4th with solid RBI hits in the inning that closed with an inside the park home run by Brock Gustafson. On the defensive front, Conner Coeks caught a monster fly ball and Rob Hajjan had a couple wet gems including catching a screaming line drive while pitching and turning it into a nifty double play in the 5th inning. Offensive leaders included Tyler Reni with 2 RBI's, Miles Santos who went 3 for 3 with 2 RBI's and Brock Gustafson who went 3 for 3 with 3 RBI's.

Division: Jr 80's Gold: LNLL 0, PFL 1: Zach Hart pitched a complete game and held LNLL to just 2 hits and zero runs. His shut-out was aided by a double by Ryan Genn that scored on an RBI by Alex Hamm. Top Offensive Players: Ryan Genn, Alex Hamm, Richard Balch; Top Defensive Players: Zach Hart, Clint Mankins, Logan Finley.

PFL 6, PNLL 4: Robbie Wilson pitched 6 1/3 innings and held PNLL to 4 runs. Grant Soyka was closing pitcher. Helping the pitching effort was Louie Desprez in center field with a fly ball catch that he turned into a double play at first base. Offensively Clint Mankins hit a 3 RBI triple. Ben Case bunted for a hit and an RBI. Top Offensive Players: Clint Mankins, Ben Case. Top Defensive Players: Louie Desprez.

Bowling News

Senior Bowler, Harold Winn rolled 165 over his series with games of 181-188-186 for his best series to date of 555. Mark McCreary from the Mod. Guys & Dolls league missed 800 by 7 with games of 279-279-235 for a 793 Series.

In the Valley Friends & Family League on Monday, Sean Kyle rolled 118 with games of 194-242 & 195 for a 631. In the Getaway Fours League, Jeff Reptine rolled a 213-189-268 for a 670 series and Jeff Cote a high game of 253. Tuesday Lab League bowler Keith Coffee rolled a 224 game. In the Modified Guys & Dolls league, Jim Fern turned in a 276 game; Charles Riley a 266 game; Larry Clifton a 256; Glen Thompson a 254 game.

In the Strikes & Spares League, Adam Fuller bowled 192-266-258 for a 716 series. On the same night in the Kings and Queens League, Duane Moschetti rolled a 267and Gloria George has a high game of 245. In the Friday night Re/Max Cheyenne League, Bob Hicks rolled 132 pins over with games of 233-259-207 to end with a 699 series. Landon Lawson bowled a 720 series to include games of 220-224-276. Right behind is Mark Shiraki with 245-233-238 for a 716 series and David Markula throws 211-257-231 for a 699 series. Joe Delise in the same league rolled high game of 279. In the Early Years Reno Getaway bowler Charlie Butkiewicz rolled a 279 and ends the night with a 742 series. Dan Stuber in the Friday Family Affair league bowled a 257 game and Matt Gregory a 244 game. Bonnie Rodriguez rolled her highest series for the season left handed with a 509 which included a 201 game.

Senior Bowler, Dick Braden of the Monday Primetimers rolled a 599 series with games of 200-232-167; Norm Taasevigen a 226-190-188 for a 604 series. Jim Rochin of the Sirs & Sirettes League rolled a 232 game. In the Friday Primetimers, bowler Rich Baguio has a 202-194-202 for a 598 series and bowling in the same loop Lori Kaufman rolled a 206 game and Dick Harris a 204 game. Youth Bowler Rely Chin bowled a 220 and 266 game to help him to a 636 series.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:

Junior 80's: Granada Junior 80's Gold team had another awesome week of baseball winning all three games. They took control of both games of their double header this weekend against Danville. First game: Granada 11, Danville 1; Second game: Granada 7, Danville 2. Top Hitters for the games were: Nathan Preece-3-1B, 2B, 3 RBI's and 2 runs scored; Kevin Rogers-1B, 2B, 4 RBI's & 1 run scored; Jordan Thraill-1B & 2 runs scored. Pitching for Granada: Justin Whitman-6IP, 6 hits, 2 runs & 5 strikeouts; Ryan Faylor-2IP, 0 hits & 0 runs allowed, 3 strikeouts; Anthony Olmo-5IP, 3 hits, 1 run & 10 strikeouts. Top Hitters for Danville: Lonestar-1B; Hunt-2-1B & 1B; Maestre-1B & 2 runs scored. Pitching for Danville: Kelly-3IP, 4H, 5R, 4K; Grover-2IP, 3H, 4R, 2K; Lonestar, Vawter, Hunt, Maestre & A. Adams.

Junior 80's Gold: Granada 11, Dublin 2: Using excellent pitching and explosive hitting, Granada continued to play at a high level with the performance. Granada, with constant pressure on Dublin's defense, finally opened the flood gates in the 6th inning with a 6 run performance to put the game away. Nate Preece had the hot bat (4 for 4, 3 runs scored, 3 RBI's). Anthony Olmo (2 for 3, 1-2B, 1 run scored, 2 RBI's), Kevin Rogers (1 for 3, 1 rbi), Sean Westphal (1 for 4, 2 runs scored), Daniel Whintney (3 walks, 1 run scored) also contributed to the offense. Pitching wise, Anthony Olmo (5 2/3 innings, 2 runs, 2 hits, 3 walks, 13 strikeouts) had another excellent outing by keeping the Dublin bats at bay. Daniel Whintney (1 1/3 innings, 1 hit, 2 strikeouts) came in as the closer and slammed the door shut on the opposition to end the game.

Granada 9, Dublin 0: The combination of Granada's pitching, hitting and aef flawless defense to the mix, helped Granada post a shutout against Dublin in the first game of a doubleheader day. Sean Westphal pitched a dominant near perfect complete game (7 innings, 1 hit, 1 hit batsman, 13 strikeouts) to preserve the Granada shutout. Defensively, Granada only allowed two opponent base runners and neither of them went beyond second base. Top Hitters: Daniel Whintney 2 for 3, 1 run scored, 2 rbi's; Vince Fernandez 1 for 2, 1-2B, 1 run scored, 3 rbi's; Sean Westphal 1 for 2, 1-2B, 3 runs scored; Anthony Olmo 1 for 2, 1 rbi; Justin Whitman 1 for 3, 1 rbi

Granada 11, Dublin 1: In game two, once again, the story was Granada's defense. They executed all eleven defensive opportunities without an error. Daniel Whintney had a fine second game pitching as well as hitting. He shut down the Dublin bats in leading Granada on the mound (complete game, 5 innings, 1 run, 3 hits, 1 walk, 4 strikeouts). Top hitters: Daniel Whintney 3 for 3, 1-2B, 2 runs scored, 1 rbi; Taylor Downey 2 for 2, 2 runs scored; Justin Whitman 2 for 1, 2 runs scored, 1 rbi; Matt Richards 1 for 1, 2 runs scored, 2 rbi's; Kevin Rogers 1 for 2, 1 rbi; Ryan Flayler 1 for 2, 1 rbi.

Majors - Cardinals 10 Giants 0: Top Hitters: Cardinals - Ryan Dearborn hit 2 singles and scored 3 runs, Michael Pierce hit a double with 2 RBI's and scored a run, and Ricky Reeves hit a single and scored a run. Giants - Anthony Aguilar hit both a single and a double and Jake Collishaw hit a single. Top Pitchers: Cardinals - Casey Solits pitched 5 innings allowing only 4 hits and no runs while racking up 9 strike outs. Giants - Anthony Aguilar pitched 2 innings allowing no hits and no runs with 5 strike outs. The Cardinals jumped out to an early lead scoring 5 runs in the first inning. The Giants threatened in the 3rd inning when 2 base runners reached on walks and Tyler Offhill hit a ball to center, however the runs were averted due to a fabulous relay from Ian Clutter in center to the pitcher Casey Solits and then to the catcher Ryan Dearborn who tagged the lead runner out at home plate ending the inning. The Cardinals won the game in the 5th inning

after Ryan Dearborn singled and Casey Solits hit it deep to drive in Ryan for 10th run. The Cardinals are currently in 1st place and the Giants are in 2nd place in the Granada Major Division.

Giants 6, Diamondbacks 3: Giants top hitters: Matt Santos 2-1b, 1RBI, Jacob Mitchell 1-1b, 2-2b, 4RBI, Tyler Fitzgerald 1-1b, 1RBI, Adrian Driver 1RBI, Diamondbacks: Isaiah Mendez 1-2b, Logan Van Schaack 1-2b, 2RBI, Devon Sturgill 1-1b, Tanner Cortez 1-1b. Top Pitchers: Giants Tyler Offhill went 5 1/3 with 8K, Jacob Collishaw 2/3, 1K, Diamondbacks Jacob Storti 3 1/3, 2K, Devon Sturgill 1 2/3, 3K, Red Sox 10, A's 5. Top Hitters Red Sox - Derek Wilcox - 1B, HR, 2RBI, run scored; Kyle Tompkins - 1B, 2B, 4 RBI; Gino Belluomini - 1B, 2B, A's - Matt Droegge - 2B, 1B, 1 RBI, 1 run scored; Wes Harmon - 2B, BB, 1 run scored. Top Pitchers Red Sox - Lyndon Moreland - 3 1/2 innings, 1 hit, 7K, 5 runs. A's - Jacob Lutz - 2 innings, 2 hits, 2K, 2 runs. Both teams had a fast 1-2-3 1st inning. The Red Sox broke it open in the 2nd and 3rd inning jumping out to a 7-0 lead. The A's with a series of walks battled back to get within two, 7-5, but ultimately the Red Sox pulled away winning 10-5.

Giants 7, Red Sox 6: Top Hitters Giants - Brandon Self 3B, RBI, run scored; Anthony Aguilar 2-1B, 2 RBI's, run scored; Jacob Benavidez 1B, 2 runs scored. Red Sox - Jacob Trevithick 1B, RBI, 2 runs scored; Kyle Tompkins 1B, 2B, 2 RBI's, run scored; Grant Perry 1B, RBI, Top Pitchers Giants - Tyler Offhill 5 2/3IP, 6R, 10H, 7K; Red Sox - Lyndon Moreland 4IP, 4R, 3H, 10K.

Cubs 10, Red Sox 2: Top Hitters Cubs - Zac Blair 2-1B, 2 RBI's, run scored; Nick Campiotti 2-1B, 3 runs scored; Matty Proel 2B, RBI, 3 runs scored. Red Sox - Lyndon Moreland 2-1B, 2 RBI's; Aaron Stoen 1B, Top Pitchers - Austin Sivert 3IP, 2R, 1H, 5K; Red Sox - Brandon Jeffers 3 1/3IP, 4R, 4H, 9K.

Minor AAA Redsox 16, Mariners 12: Top Hitters - Red Sox Jackson Kennedy - 3B, 1B, 2 R, 5 RBI; Hunter Gonsalves - 2 1B, 2 RBI, 1R, 4 SB; Justin Walker - 2 R, 1 RBI, Top Pitchers - Chris Hind - 1 P, 3 R, 4H, 2K; Justin Walker - 2IP, 2H, 1R, 4K. A close game that was broken open in the bottom of the 4th inning by a big hit by Chris Hind of the Red Sox.

Red Sox 11, A's 5: Red Sox pitchers were led by Brist. Gonsalves and the closer was Justin Walker; A's pitchers were led by an awesome pitching performance for a 4 1/2 innings by Connor Gibbons, also pitching for the A's were Austin Harrison and Joseph Carrillo. Red Sox top hitters - Justin Walker (2 doubles, scored once), Garrett Voigtberger (double, single, scored once), Nick Despotakis (3 singles, scored twice) and Christopher Hinds (2 singles, scored twice); A's top hitters - Connor Gibbons (single, scored once), Sean Haggerty (single, scored once), Tanner Wright (single, scored once), and Keven Zais (single, scored once). It was a good game played by all!

Canals 9, Cubs 5: Top Hitters Cardinals - Jake Martinez - 2B, 1RBI, one run scored; Garrett Vest - 1B, 2B, one run; TJ O'Ferrall - 2B, 1RBI, 2 runs, Top Hitters Cubs - Devon Shortridge - 3B, 2 runs scored; Jason Whitney - 1B, 2B, 1RBI, 2 runs; Blake Richards - 1B, 3B, 1RBI, Top Pitchers Cardinals - Reagan Brunner 2IP, 2H, 2R, 2K; Blake Lesky 2IP, 1H, 3K, Cubs - Jason Whitney 3IP, 3H, 4R, 4K; Eric Martin 2IP, 1H, 2K.

Diamondbacks 13 - Cardinals 3: Top Pitchers: D'Backs- Griffin Miller - 3IP, 2K; Jake Olofson, 1.5 IP, 4K, Cardinals-Blake Lesky-3IP, 1K; Gregory Moreland-2IP, 1K. Top Hitters: Diamondbacks - Jake Jackson - 1B, 2B, 1RBI; Randall Young - 2.5C, Cardinals - Mckenzie Frost - 1S, Kyle Emrich - 3B. Diamondbacks knocked the Cardinals out of the first place spot.

Minor AA - Mariners 6, Red Sox 0: Top Hitters Mariners - Brad Cahill - 3B; Diego Ramirez - 2B, Red Sox - Harrison Kepp - 2 2B, Top Pitchers Mariners - Jack Walker 2IP, 0R, 0H, 5K; Red Sox - Dominic Bricker 2IP, 0R, 2H, 3K. A good match up between the Mariners and the Red Sox pitching. The Mariner's pitchers held the Red Sox hits at 2 and the Red Sox pitcher's struck out 11 batters.

Minor A - Cubs (Offense) Mark Silverthorn, Reid Heffron, Tyler Rodgers (Defense) Code Stearns, Troy Wentworth, Zach MacDonald vs. Diamondbacks (Offense) Dominic Giuliano, Jason Van Biadel, Ben Rooha (Defense) Colton CAssey, Brian Mahoney, Daniel Granados. Cardinals vs D-Backs: Offense Cards - Ben Dupuis, Drew Kujcic, Cameron McGee, D-backs - Ben Rooha, Colton Casey, Daniel Granados, DeFence Cards-Joey Lestochi, Claire Abele, Dmitrij Boyd, D-Backs Jason Van Biadel, Andrej Divita,

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home run, knocked in six runs and also had a double play while playing centerfield. Sara Novelli pitched five innings with six strikeouts and had two hits and a spectacular lead first slide at home. Corrina Dias reached base 12 out of 13 times with nine hits during the playoffs and played stellar first base. Carina Novelli pitched two innings and had a double, single and scored two runs, and Jennifer Lackey pitched impressive third base with six putouts.

B Under: Consolation bracket - second round: Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 9, Jason Wilkins Memorial Hot Chili Peppers 4. The Mavericks scored five runs early to hold off the Peppers. Mariah Dias, Chloe McGlynn and Elise Williams each had a hit for the Mavericks.

Consolation bracket quarterfinals: Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 9, Michael Epps Associates Warriors 8. In a nail biter the Mavericks continued their playoff run. Mikendra Kramer pitched the entire game and had eight strikeouts. Arianna McGlynn had a home run, and Mia Niklewicz scored a run.

A.P. Concrete Black Widows d. New United Motors, Inc. Lil' Yanks.

Consolation bracket semifinals: Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 8, AP Concrete Black Widows 4. Nicole Paulazzo and Mikendra Kramer scored two runs each to lead the Mavericks, while Victoria Little and Maggie Kilday each pitched five strikeouts.

Winners' bracket final: Sherman Roofing Shermanatorz d. Faltings Racing Team The Crew.

Consolation bracket finals: Faltings Racing Team The Crew 10, Interstate Concrete Pumping Mavericks 2. The Mavericks set their playoff run end in third place against The Crew. Shaylee Hubbs and Laura Duterte scored a run apiece for the Mavericks, while Peyton Woelk played outstanding defense.

Championship game: Sherman Roofing Shermanatorz d. Faltings Racing Team The Crew.

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League results: **T-Ball** Indians vs. Mariners: The Indians played an outstanding game. Thomas Babati started the game off with a spectacular hit to the outfield. Nolan Jetter played the infield like he owned it. Ryan Nielsen slammed the ball into the outfield and stole bases to make his way to home plate. All the players batted well, had great defensive skills, and ran hard around the bases.

Farm B Red Sox vs. White Sox: The Red Sox played great baseball. David Azuma looked sharp in field with an inspiring catch and throw to 1st. David Florio made the catch. John Morse hammered a couple of great hits.

Athletics vs. White Sox: The A's came into their own at the plate this game, producing many great hits all game long. Jackson Hager hit two fly balls to centerfield in the first and third innings. Joshua Molz was also on fire at the plate with strong at-bats all game long. He also had a stellar game at first base. Nate Stern had solid hits. There was also some of the most exciting base running all season when one of the A's runner got into and then out of a pickle between first and second. Meanwhile, Jackson Hager was able to sneak home unnoticed for a score.

Red Sox vs. Athletics: The Red Sox were again showing their baseball prowess bringing their big bats and hot gloves for a weekend war with the Athletics. Owen started the offensive show with a sharp hit to the middle. Joey Herz continued with a drive down the first base line. Jake Gebb also got several great hits but also showed his defensive skills coming close to landing a rare double play.

Minor AA White Sox 15, Rangers 5: The White Sox played an outstanding game. Max Miller showed his visiting grandmother what a great pitcher he is by throwing lots of strikes. Seth Girvan had some big hits to help drive in some runs and push the White Sox lead. Braeden Fitzgerald received the "bat boy - rat ball" award for his great sportsmanship and being there for his team.

Angels 4, Rangers 3: The Angels-Rangers played the shortest game on record as the first three innings were extremely efficient for both teams. Three up and three out - a testament to Tanner Strangmeyer's good pitching. Remarkable defensive plays were made by Nick Brdar in the second, recording all three outs in the second inning. David Kozuch and Gunnar Langenhorn each packed in doubles and brought in runners. In a last minute frenzy the Rangers nearly caught up and reminded the Angels to never drop their guard.

Angels 15, Athletics 1: The Angels came out strong against the A's and never let up. David Kozuch started off the landslide win with a powerful double in the first inning. Radley Rel and Andrew Liggett also popped doubles to bring in runners. The big event of the day, though, was the grand triple delivered by Joe Geasa in the fifth and last inning.

Minor AAA: Athletics 6 vs. Rangers 10: The A's struggled against the Rangers who dominated Saturday's game. Joseph Kwon and Sam Molz were the first to put some points on the board. Christian Pricer made a snow-cone catch of a Ranger pop fly. The A's managed to eek out a few more runs in the last inning thanks to Anthony Galli's double, but the Rangers had a better day and won 10-6.

Majors: White Sox 12 vs. Athletics 9: A good all around game for the White Sox. On defense some key heads up play kept the game close early. On the mound the pitching was strong from Chase Henley, Alex Zwinglie, Will Pickett and Max Molz. On offense the bats came alive. Leading the hit parade was Alex Zwinglie who had a Home run, Double and single and was only short a triple in hitting for the cycle. Donald Camello and Max Molz had key doubles. A good all around game for Dustin Lacy, Adam Williams, Matt Westcott, Colin Laporte, Daniel Gibson and Brian Yan.

Junior Gold 80's: Livermore National 2, Pleasanton American 6: Pleasanton American defeated Livermore National 6-2 in game 1 of their double header. 4 runs were scored by Pleasanton in the 5th inning. Kevin Faggiano got the inning into motion with a strong base hit, which sent Jordan Cain to 3rd. A base hit by Justin Cruz brought Jordan home. Chris Kinney's hit resulted in runs by Kevin Faggiano and Justin Cruz. Still in the 5th, Chris was alert and saw an opportunity to steal home, giving Pleasanton a 4-2 lead. The 5th run was scored in the 6th when Parker Bryan's line drive past 3rd brought Tyler Rains home after Tyler's base hit. The final run was scored in the 7th. What started off as a base hit by Kevin Faggiano ended in a score after a pitcher balk. Pitcher: Eric Crispell. Catchers: Jack Hoffman and Ryan Mahoney.

Livermore National 3, Pleasanton American 5: Game 2 for Pleasanton American resulted in another win against Livermore National. Both teams played well and were fun to watch. Pleasanton's first 2 runs were scored in the 1st inning when Justin Cruz brought 2 runners home from his hit. Chris Kinney scored run 3 in the 2nd inning. A beautiful bunt by Mitch Worsley, in the 4th inning brought runner Jordan Cain home. The 5th and final run was scored as the result of a hit by Parker Brown which sent Eric Crispell home.

Youth Lacrosse

The Pleasanton Girls Blizzards team ended their season victorious when they shutdown the Walnut Creek Warriors, 15-0

on Saturday. Haley Brodnick lead the team in goals with four drives into the net being made by Annellee Dutcher, Meghan Serrano, Maddie Aston, Nicole Moran and Jaime Rinetti scoring on a penalty shot in the last minutes of the game. Laureen Caldwell, once again, displayed her talent at goalie keeping the Warriors scoreless throughout the game. Ellen Casad, Sabrina Dolan and Kylee Udinski contributed to the strong defense picking up groundballs with superior passes being made by Annellee Stevenson and Rachel Barta.

Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League results: **AAA Division:** Diamondbacks 2, Giants 7: Excellent pitching by starters Anthony Trucco and Stephen Dougherty led to a scoreless tie after two innings. With 2 outs in the top of the third, Ryan Tucker singled, Trucco drove him in with a double, Jason Sarubin singled, then TJ Myers cleared the bases with a homerun to center field. The Giants added 3 more with 2 outs in the fifth on base hits by Trucco, Sarubin, Myers, and Francis Dunne. Giants pitchers Trucco, Matthew Heath, Myers, and Mason Behiel combined to give up just 4 hits and 6 walks, while striking out 10.

Livermore Mystics

The Livermore Mystics girls basketball team traveled to Modesto for what turned out to be a dramatic and drama filled tournament. The Varsity team shot the ball well from downtown with Ryan Raber, Gabby Barbalardo, Veronica Garza and Taylor Borba combining for 28 from the arc. Taylor Borba was on fire leading the team in scoring each game. Laura Linden was ferocious in the paint limiting the second shot opportunities of the opponents.

The 8th grade team came out firing this tournament. Scoring their most points in a tournament. The first game found Claudine Seriani (4 pts), McKenzie Hubert (8 pts) and Nicole McDougall (5 pts) leading the way for the 8th grade team. Cassidy Sherman had a tremendous tournament as the lone center for the Livermore 8th grade squad. The second game found Brittany Campiotti (11 pts), Alyse Kline (8 pts), Ashley Holmes (4 pts) heating up the court with some blazing drives to the hoop. Nicole McDougall was a beast in the paint and poured in 15 points. The next opponent played part rugby and part basketball fouling the Livermore team 32 times. The Livermore squad stayed focused and poured in 21 free throws. Ashley Holmes made them pay hitting ten from the line. Great offensive efforts by Alyse Kline (12 pts) and Brittany Campiotti (14 pts). The ladies stayed focus and won that wild game.

Not to be out done the 7th graders won third place in their bracket. Their third place game was sure to make the internet video landscape. With the opposing team coaches and fans attacking the referee's. The Livermore team stayed focused and Sierra Cassel hit two free throws to tie the win on Sunday. The offensive was lead by Tai Pelui, Sierra Cassel, Caitlin Barney and Sara Marquez. Chrissy Kearny, Elizabeth and Kalyie were physical and tenacious on defense. Tai Pelui hit a great shot for a buzzer beater on Saturday's game.

Lady Hustle

The Lady Hustle U14 Girls softball team of Pleasanton competed in a field of 22 teams at Arnaiz complex in Stockton May 3 and 4. Lady Hustle had wins Saturday over Concord's Crossfire 14-6 and San Lorenzo's Lady Wolfpack 12-2. Lady Hustle used a very balanced attack with solid hitting throughout the lineup capped by a home run from Alexis Martinez and two triples from Montana Berg and solid play from Lexi Seigel-Meyer and Lou Lou Lanza. Despite a loss to Napa Valley Express, LH headed into Sunday as a #1 seed.

On Sunday, Lady Hustle began with a victory over the Sacramento Monarchs, 8-1, followed with a solid win over Grapettes of Stockton 6-3. Sami Schiller and Montana Berg were winning pitchers and were supported with great play by Jess McKeehan, Nikki Stark, & Nu Nu Evans. In the semifinal game, Hustle rolled by South Valley Blitz of Hanford with a 6-2 victory. Katie Mannion was the winning pitcher and Nicole Borchard held the defense with flawless plays at 3rd base setting the stage for Championship game against the Concord Bears. In the Championship game, Lady Hustle played flawlessly defense and shut down the Bears fast slappers and powerful hitters with 17 error free plays capturing them a dominating 5-0 win. Lady Hustle kept the pressure on with 10 hits. Meanwhile, winning pitcher Sami Schiller lost a no hitter in the 7th inning and finished with a one hit and 3 strikeout.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results: **Micro Division:** Richard Lumber Co., Inc. vs. All Star Sports: Lucia Casteneda pitched and fielded a great game. Audrey Emmett, Fiona Mitchell, and Nikki Thornton all had big hits. Lindsay Dillon and Hannah Schott played stellar defense. Top players: Richard Lumber Co., Inc.—Lucia Casteneda, Audrey Emmett, Hannah Schott; All Star Sports—Hannah Johnson, Addyson Mapes, Fiona Mitchell.

Friends of PGSL vs. Erickson Financial Services: Samantha Buscheck had some great hits. Sarah Layer had some great plays. Kaylee Young had some great throws. Casey Cavros was a dynamite pitcher. Nicolette Trucco had two great hits. Devyn Baldus was a great defensive player. Top players: Friends of PGSL—Samantha Buscheck, Sarah Layer, Kaylee Young; Erickson Financial Services—Devyn Baldus, Casey Cavros, Nicolette Trucco.

Friends of PGSL vs. Borg Redwood Fence: Mackenzie Riddle was awesome at pitching. Emily Cabral was a great catcher for Mackie. Michelle Zekria had some great hits. Madison Burke had some awesome hits. Emily Johnson had some great defensive plays. Madelyn Rovira had some great throws. Top players: Friends of PGSL—Emily Cabral, Mackenzie Riddle, Michelle Zekria; Borg Redwood Fence—Madison Burke, Emily Johnson, Madelyn Rovira.

Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance vs. Richard Lumber Co., Inc.: Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance had excellent pitching by Stephanie Dunlop. Two outs at 3rd by Raina Jasuja. Solid base hit by Anika Nicolas. Hannah Schott pitched an excellent game for Richard Lumber Co., Inc. Great hitting by Lindsay Dillon. Ashley Johnson had some great plays on 3rd. Top players: Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance—Stephanie Dunlop, Raina Jasuja, Anika Nicolas; Richard Lumber Co., Inc.—Lindsay Dillon, Ashley Johnson, Hannah Schott.

Borg Redwood Fence vs. Excel Realty & Mortgage: Great pitching by Amy Asmusen, Nicole Riordan & Emily Johnson. Awesome hits from Nicki Witters and Madison Burke. Top players: Borg Redwood Fence—Julia Balestreri, Kristeen Greene, Rachel Petthey; Excel Realty & Mortgage—Jenna Brown, Kailey Kalabolas, Carlissa Nauroth.

Friends of PGSL vs. TSI: Top players: Friends of PGSL—Megan Colbacchini, Natasha Mihelcic, Ally Stowell; TSI—Sarah Costa, Madison Hinsberg, Jordann Klein.

Friends of PGSL vs. Erickson Financial Services: Top players: Friends of PGSL—Ashley Lopez, Hannah Thoe, Melissa Widas; Erickson Financial Services—Madelyn Crimi, Rachel Malmrose, Kylie Racer.

Mini Rec Division: Assist Tel-Com vs. Friends of PGSL: Home run by Assist Tel-



Photo - Doug Jordensen

Granada and Livermore High Schools battled each other in lacrosse game. In the photo, a Livermore defender tries to stop Granada from scoring. Granada men's varsity won 13 to 5; women's Livermore varsity was victorious 14 to 6; and the men's Granada jayvee defeated Livermore 6 to 4.

Com's Isabella Lopez to win the game! Great hit by Assist Tel Com's Olivia Larsen to bring in runs. Great pitching by Friends of PGSL's Katie Redding. Top players: Assist Tel-Com—Brooke Christian, Olivia Larsen, Isabella Lopez; Friends of PGSL—Lauren Hermes, Katie Redding, Lauren Rountree.

Friends of PGSL vs. AMS: Top players: Friends of PGSL—Allyson Camillucci, Michelle Cyr, Claire Wagner; AMS—Adriana Harris, Kami Codomo, Clarissa Punia.

Axial All Stars vs. Pilates on Spring: Top players: Axial All Stars—Kandyn Maher, Megan Rittler, Amanda Rogers; Pilates on Spring—Abigail Hester, Raven Maier Bell, Jasmin Ross.

Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation vs. Moonshot Girl: The Moonshot Girl team was led by Kameron Esmeyer, Sonora Andrews, and Taylor Martinielli. Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation was led by Charisa Shin, Olivia Smith and Claire Helmer. Top players: Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation—Claire Helmer, Charisa Shin, Olivia Smith; Moonshot Girl—Sonora Andrews, Kameron Esmeyer, Taylor Martinielli.

Friends of PGSL vs. E Squared Automotive Group: Madelyn Anderson and Allie Sanchez caught pop flies, Lauren Schaefer pitched great. Alyson Isaacs had a home run, and Carmen Lopez pitched great. Top players: Friends of PGSL—Alyson Isaacs, Carmen Lopez, Maya Nozaka; E Squared Automotive Group—Madelyn Anderson, Allie Sanchez, Lauren Schaefer.

Mini Uppar Division: J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines vs. Titan PCB, Inc. Top players: J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines—Samantha Howell, Emily Meier, Jessica O'Neal; Titan PCB, Inc.—Taylor Campbell, Karina Galvez, Mary Rockwood.

Minor Rec Division: CPU TECH 5, Res-Com Insulation, Inc. 4. Top players: Res-Com Insulation, Inc.—Tori Koth, Caitlyn Peal, Chloe Smith; CPU TECH—Sammy Coufal, Julie Eicher, Melanie Ruit 3Par, Inc. 8, Hyatt Summerfield Suites 7. Top players: Hyatt Summerfield Suites—Bailey Costello, Rachel Lanning, Mikki Moyers; 3Par, Inc.—Raquel Nino, Jenna Orozco.

Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction, Inc. 13, 3Par, Inc. 1. Top players: 3Par, Inc.—Rachel Bench, Jenna Orozco, Sara White; Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction, Inc.—Katrinya Deluz, Erin Overland, Katie Shigemoto.

Friends of PGSL 4, Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction, Inc. 1. The contest between two of the highest ranked teams in the league proved to be as exciting as anti-

ciated. Friends of PGSL continued their unbeaten string by winning 4-1. Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction, Inc. played hard, but came up short. Top players: Friends of PGSL—Jamie Altman, Jessica Medina, Melissa Muller; Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction, Inc.—Katrinya Deluz, Myranda Marzocco, Caitlyn Murray.

CPUTECH 12, West Masonry 2: Jazzmine Perez pitched two strong innings and slugged a homerun to lead CPU TECH over West Masonry. CPU TECH also received strong play from Natalie Wright and Sabrina Nguyen. West Masonry was led by the strong play of Maddy Franzella, Marlo Bourland, and Devon Bateau. Top players: CPU TECH—Sabrina Nguyen, Jazzmine Perez, Natalie Wright; West Masonry—Marlo Bourland, Devon Bateau, Maddy Franzella.

Minor Uppar Division: Coca-Cola 5, TPCSoftball.com 4. The Coca-Cola team scored two in the bottom of the first on a triple by Ashley Lototszynski followed by RBI hits from Marissa Riordan and Roni Stone. TPCSoftball.com pitcher Ali Gonzman held Coca-Cola scoreless for the next three innings. TPCSoftball.com scored in the top of the fifth as Sammi Salustri stole her way around to score. Coca-Cola answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning with a double by Roni Stone. Stone was brought in on a bunt single by Hannah Menk. Menk stole to third and was brought in on a bunt single by Brianna McGraw. McGraw stole home making the score 5-1. TPCSoftball.com came back in the top of the sixth with hits by Maddie Jefferies and Nadia Firoozman who were brought in by Ali Gonzman. Gonzman also scored on the play collecting three RBI's. Coca-Cola's Ashley Lototszynski racked up 12 Ks in the win. Top players: Coca-Cola—Brianna McGraw, Hannah Menk, Roni Stone; TPCSoftball.com—Ali Gonzman, Maddie Jefferies, Nadia Firoozman.

PABCO Gypsum 6, Coca-Cola 1. Top players: Coca-Cola—Erica Goldhawk, Brianna McGraw, Marissa Riordan; PABCO Gypsum—Meagan Brennan, Courtney Hennings, Danni Taylor.

David's Sunflower Seeds 4, PABCO Gypsum 3. Pitchers Madison Duval and Johanna Grauer combined to stifle the potent PABCO Gypsum offense attack and led David's Sunflower Seeds to a 4-3 victory over PABCO Gypsum. Johanna Grauer had 8 strikeouts and helped her own cause at the plate with two hits on the evening. Madison Duval had 4 strikeouts and also had two hits. Top players: PABCO Gypsum—Meagan Brennan, Janelle Tans, Danielle Taylor; David's Sunflower Seeds—Madison Duval, Johanna Grauer, Malory Masajlo.

TPCSoftball.com 5, David's Sunflower Seeds 3: Great pitching from Kassie Kochan and Ali Gonzman led the TPCSoftball.com team to a 5-3 victory over David's Sunflower Seeds. Courtney Gonzaga and Nikki Costello led the TPCSoftball.com offense. David's Sunflower Seeds was led by great pitching from Malory Masajlo who was supported defensively by Mackenzie Shields and Johanna Grauer. Top players: David's Sunflower Seeds—Johanna Grauer, Malory Masajlo, Mackenzie Shields; TPCSoftball.com—Nikki Costello, Courtney Gonzaga, Kassie Kochan.

Major Rec Division: Sallman, Yang & Alameda 16, Central Chevrolet 8: Madeline Quinn and Elizabeth Broughton pitched well. Alexandra Breed and Kelsey Matsune each caught pop flies. Kyra Esmeyer made two outs at short stop. Ashleigh Anderson and Kaitlin Gallagher pitched equally well for Central Chevrolet. Alexis Faria hit difficult, fast pitches. Top players: Sallman, Yang & Alameda—Alexandra Breed, Allie Peterson, Madeline Quinn; Central Chevrolet—Kaitlin Gallagher, Nina Razavi, Makayla Reitsma.

Senior Division: Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. 8, Yorkshire Roofing 7: After a very close game Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. came out on top with an 8 to 7 win. For Yorkshire Roofing, Britanni Marston had a wicked hit to center field for a triple. Angelica Sponburgh and Amanda Morris were both hitting and stealing. For the Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. team, Tina Nguyen did a phenomenal job fielding.

Cardinal Jewelers 8, Tenet Healthcare 3: Cardinal Jewelers' Mariah Gutierrez had a single and 2 RBI's, Megan Nusser had a

single and 2 RBI's, and Megan Piper had a single and an RBI. Top players: Cardinal Jewelers—Mariah Gutierrez, Megan Nusser, Megan Piper; Tenet Healthcare—Leanna Geiger, Kaitlyn Hubert.

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/lvb.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League: Voting will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2008, for PGSL's 2009 Executive Board of Directors. All adults 18 years of age and older who are associated with the League (i.e. player parents, coaches, board members) are eligible to vote. Ballots will be available on Saturday at the Pleasanton SportsPark next to the Snack Bar by GSB 6.

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 USATF Meets and AAU meets. Practices will be held on a voluntary/drop-in basis Monday through Friday. For club membership, practice times and locations, please visit www.athenianathletics.com or call Coach Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356.

Golf Clinic

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 Berkley at 9:30 a.m. Golf clinics will be offered between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. followed by lunch. After lunch a 9-hole golf tournament tees off at 1 p.m. A networking reception, awards, wine tasting and prizes follow the tournament, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$49 for breakfast, the seminar and clinics; and \$89 for the full day program. To register go to www.poppyridgegolf.com.

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 608-7299 or 667-6132.

Pro-Amigos Golf Tourney

The Pro-Amigos Golf Tournament will

be held Fri., May 30 at the Las Positas 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 415-1890 or Marc Williams 337-6209 or visit www.proamigos.org.

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

Football and cheer squads have been very 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 at Round Table Pizza, 1024 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore; 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.colt45s.net

Great Clips \$9.99 Haircut. Valid only at Lowes/Safeway Center, 4227 1st St, Livermore. Expires 6/18/08.

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Sax Quartet Ends Del Valle Concert Series

The final concert of the Del Valle Fine Arts 2007-2008 series in the Bankhead Theater features the Premiere Saxophone Quartet, artists in residence at the School of Music & Dance, San Jose State University.

Highlights of their program, Saturday, May 24th at 8:00 p. m., include: Prelude from Partita No. 3 by J.S. Bach, Six Studies in English Folksong by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Sr. Miro's Saxophone Suite (1995) by Jon Scoville.

Dale Wolford, soprano saxophone, has premiered many new works including the *Sonata for Saxophone & Piano* by Gunther Schuller. The Wolford/Rosenblum (piano) Duo has released two compact discs, including *Laughter and Tears—A Jewish Saga* (Centaur label). Wolford has performed and/or recorded with Philip Glass,

Bernadette Peters, Santa Cruz New Music Works, the San Francisco Saxophone Quartet and the Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra.

Kevin Stewart, alto saxophone, has performed with numerous symphonies and with Big Band Drummer J.C. Heard. Stewart has played with Chanticleer, the Temptations, the American Ballet Orchestra, the American Conservatory Theater, Penn & Teller, and at Carnegie Hall with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra with Michael Tilson Thomas. David Henderson, tenor saxophone, gave his Carnegie Recital Hall debut in 1980 as a winner of the East and West Artists competition. He has played regularly with the San Francisco Symphony and has performed with the BBC Symphony, St. Petersburg Philharmonic, Bolshoi Bal-

let Orchestra, and the San Francisco Opera and Ballet.

Aaron Lington, baritone saxophone, has performed with and/or composed for several well-known artists including Maynard Ferguson, the Count Basie Orchestra, Bo Diddley, Pete "El Conde" Rodriguez, and the Temptations. Lington has performed throughout the United States and Europe and gave a series of jazz concerts in the Czech Republic. He was recognized in the 55th Annual Downbeat Magazine's Critics Poll as a "Rising Star."

Tickets are \$29-\$24-\$19 and are available at the Bankhead Theater box office, 925-373-6800, 2400 First St. Livermore, Mon-Sat Noon-6pm or online at www.livermoreperformingarts.com. High school students are free and college students tickets are \$10 day of performance.

Big Breakfast on the Menu at Bothwell Center

Don't come to the Bothwell Arts Center expecting an order with a side of hash browns on Sat., May 17. Come expecting a night of groove rock from the talented local group, Big Breakfast. "Think Dave Matthews meets Jack Johnson," says bandleader, bassist and lead vocalist Michael Cerda.

This is the second in a series of concerts to benefit both the Rotary Music Scholarship Fund and the Bothwell Arts Center. The series is co-organized by Livermore Rotary, Michael Ferrucci of Fine Fretted Friends and Voyage-Air Guitar, Linda Ryan of the Bothwell Arts Center, Livermore Rotary, and Livermore Performing Arts Center. "The Rotary Club of Livermore is delighted to partner with LVPAC in an effort to raise funds for Music Scholarships," says 2007-2008 Livermore Rotary President, Jacquie Williams-Courtright. "Member Michael

Ferrucci saw benefit concerts as a wonderful way to help budding musicians on their way. His good idea has helped many local youngsters."

Under the direction of this year's Chairman, Clark Streeter, the Rotary club honored 15 middle-and-high school students with over \$6,000 worth of scholarships.

"We're lucky to have this kind of talent play here in Livermore," says Michael Ferrucci, owner of the guitar shop, Fine Fretted Friends, and a well-known guitar enthusiast and concert promoter. "You'd expect to drive to San Francisco to catch an act like this. Big Breakfast will satisfy your appetite for great music. Save room for dessert!"

Big Breakfast was formed by singer/songwriters Cerda and Eric Launder and released its first CD, "Over Easy," in 2002, with Robert Canchola on drums. Join-

ing the band in 2005 were Ben Dean on piano and Bob Knight on lead guitar and vocals. The band's second CD, "Live at the Shakey Hand," is a popular hit. Both CDs are available on iTunes and CDbaby. Big Breakfast musicians also form the core of a popular Bay Area Latin Jazz band, el Desayuno, and are looking forward to the chance to retake the stage in their original state. They put it a different way. "Looking forward to grooving this place!" says Cerda.

Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students under 18. Advance general admission tickets are available at Fine Fretted Friends, at 2181 First Street, Livermore and at the Bankhead Theater Ticket Office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, 373-6800, or go on line www.livermoreperformingarts.org until 2pm on May 17th. Student seats should be purchased through the Bankhead Theater.

Las Positas Offering Classes on Shakespeare

Livermore Shakespeare Festival's summer productions of "Twelfth Night" and "The Compleat Works of Wllm Shksp (abridged)" open in July at Cannon Vineyard, Livermore.

Prior to the opening of the productions, a two part class will be offered by a panel of experts on Shakespeare's life and times. "Previewing Summer Shakespeare" will be held at Las Positas College.

Part I is scheduled for 7-8:30 pm Tuesday, May 20. The Festival's producing artistic director, Lisa A. Tromovitch, will discuss these comedies, one a hit since the 16th century, the other a mischievous modern spoof. She'll be assisted by costume designer Jonathan Singer, discussing Shakespeare's settings and locales; and by Peggy Riley, company dramaturg, who will share insights into the playwright's life and Elizabethan culture.

In addition, local historian Gary Drummond will take participants back to the Victorian era in Livermore, when the picturesque home that serves as a backdrop for the Festival's outdoor productions was in the height of fashion.

Part II of "Previewing Summer Shakespeare" is scheduled for 7-8:30 pm Monday, June 30. Presenters will focus on the upcoming productions. Participants will meet directors, actors and

Senior Players Entertain Veterans

The Pleasanton Senior Players are entertaining the veterans at the Livermore Veterans Hospital on May 22nd, 2008 at 4:00 PM.

The Players have appeared at the Livermore Community Center, Dublin Senior Center and various retirement facilities. Everyone has a good time. The public is invited.

designers, and see previews of scenes from the plays.

Presenters will be available after both sessions for discussion, questions and conversation. This collaborative effort between the college and local arts organizations is hosted by Dean of Academic Services Philip Manwell and designed for accessibility. The cost is \$10 per class.

Look for these course listings in the Spring and Summer Community Education Bulletins. To register, go to www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed, call (925) 424-1467, or mail in the form in the bulletin. The classes will be held in the 2400 building - room 2470. Students should park in lot

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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 28, 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.

Bankhead Theater Tours, "behind the scenes" public tours of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's new Bankhead Theater, which last approximately 30 minutes, begins in the lobby of the theater. Tours will be conducted on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. No advance reservations are required. Upcoming tours are April 22 and May 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Downtown Livermore. Information 925-373-6800

Eldar (Pianist), a most formidable young jazz musician, May 16, 8pm, Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Ticket office open Monday through Saturday from noon to 6:00 p.m. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

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 Choral, 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 925-447-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. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Cantabella Children's Chorus spring concert titled "Climbin' Up The Mountain, Children!" on Sat., May 17 at the Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple St. at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. 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. Suggested donation for admission is \$10 for 5 years and older; \$5 for 4 and younger at the door. For more information please visit

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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.

Broadway Chorus, May 23, 24 at 8 p.m. and May 25 at 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets and information at 4 6 2 2 1 2 1. www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

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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. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Ticket office open Monday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Art in the Vineyard, Livermore Art Association's 36th annual event, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery on Sunday, May 25, from 11am-5pm.

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Sommerfest 2008 Saturday June 21, 6-10 p.m., Livermore Valley Plaza, 2400 1st Street, Livermore. Dance to Karl Leberz's Band and see the Alpenzänzer Schuhplattler Bavarian folk dancers at the 23rd Annual Sommerfest. Ticket includes sausages or hot dogs, potato salad, sauerkraut, strudel and a beer, wine or soft drink. Extra food and beverage can be purchased. All proceeds go to arts programs in Livermore schools. Advance tickets will be sold through June 17th at Bankhead Theater box office at a discount (\$29 adults, \$8 children 12 thru 6 yrs, kids free) 2400 1st Street, Livermore (925-373-6800, Mon-Sat, noon-6pm) or www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Tickets at event (cash only) are \$35-\$10-free. Entrance ticket is also the meal ticket. Advance tickets at first. Call or visit box office for children's tickets.

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 Khuner Concerto Competition. Admission free. Donations accepted. Information: 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, Perfos 7/26 - 8/1. Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Blvd., Livermore. Also looking for singers and musicians of Russian music. Info: Wendy M. Wisely (925)424-1000 ext 2480 wisely@laspositascollege.edu.

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Amador Music Students and Groups March to the Forefront

by Marilyn Palowitch

The Amador Valley High School Music Department and the Amador Friends of Music announced ensemble awards, spring concerts and students heading off to music schools.

In April at the PUSD Band Festival, the Amador Friends of Music (AFM) presented Joseph Bonfiglio, a local clarinet teacher, with the inaugural award for Outstanding Contribution to Music Education by a Community Member. In recognizing Bonfiglio, AFM stated, "The music programs on every campus in this district have benefited tremendously from the musical and personal guidance of your



Joseph Bonfiglio with the award.

talents and time." Bonfiglio's students are among the most numerous of any instructor at all-northern and all-state music conferences. In 2008, twenty of his students were selected for the Northern California Band Association honor bands, and 27 for the California Band Directors Association All-State honor bands. Bonfiglio was joined by his wife, Janet, and presented with a plaque and flowers in front of an admiring audience which included many of his students from across the district.

This spring, Amador Valley High School captured high marks in the CMEA (California Music Educator's Association) Area III

Band and Choir Festivals. The Symphonic Band earned Unanimous "Excellent" ratings and the Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble II and Wind Ensemble I all earned Unanimous "Superior" ratings, the highest rating possible. All four groups are directed by Mr. Jon Grantham. Under the direction of Mark Aubel, both the Women's Choir and Chamber Choir were awarded Unanimous "Superior" ratings.

The public is invited to hear these and more award-winning musical groups at the Amador spring concerts, featuring the farewell performances of the senior musicians. On May 19 at

7:00 pm at the Amador Theater, the first of three spring concerts will feature Amador's Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony. On May 20 at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Church (VCC), Grantham directs the 3rd Annual Collage Concert, featuring soloists, chamber groups, the wind ensembles and Jazz B. On May 22 at 7:30 pm, also at VCC, Aubel will direct Jazz A, the Amador Choirs and the Amador Orchestra in their year-end music celebration. A small admission is charged for the performances at VCC.

Directors Grantham and Aubel announced that the following class of 2008 Amador stu-

dents will pursue degrees in music: Brennan Duck, Diablo Valley College; Michelle Jones, The College of Music at the University of Colorado at Boulder; John Palowitch, the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami; Anthony Sanchez, Chabot College; Tony Sangiacomo, Cal State University Northridge. Josselyn O'Neill will attend Chapman University for vocal performance.

The Marching Band has been invited by the Lord Mayor of London to return as a featured American marching band in the London New Year's Day Parade, and will march on January 1, 2009 in London.

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The concert will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. It is hosted by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents.

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Tickets to *A Day in His Life* \$25, \$30, and \$35. They may be purchased online at www.civictickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available.

Wildflower, Art and Garden Show Slated

The Niles Main Street Association will host the 15th Annual Wildflower, Art, and Garden Show on Sunday, May 18th. This festival blends the beauty of the garden, the joy of springtime, and the creative works of local artists in an area known for early 1900s charm nestled against the East Bay foothills.

The garden tour is self-guided and offers visitors the experience of cottage gardens complete with vintage picket fences and the spectacle of heritage plants such as a wisteria that is over 100 years old. In addition to the Victorian and Arts and Crafts section, newer gardens are also a visual treat with some of them located on what was once The California Nursery property. This large area is populated by stately trees that were planted by the nursery in the early 1900's.

Artists and craftspeople will be sharing their creative efforts the day of the festival by displaying paintings, jewelry, found object sculptures, pottery, digital photos enhanced by hand drawings, and etch-a-sketch art. Numerous demonstrations will include the glass-blowing technique of lampworking, oil and watercolor painting, and jewelry making.

Along the sidewalks will be vendor displays, plant sales, and an Art Walk.

The Garden Tour is from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. Advanced tickets are available on the website www.niles.org or at the following businesses: Antique Treasures, Bite and Browse, Corrie Glass, Keith's Collectibles, and My Friends and I.

The remainder of the festival, which is located along Niles Boulevard in Fremont, is from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and is free. For more information call The Niles Main Street Association at 510/742-9868

Children's Film Fest This Weekend

The Danville International Children's Film Fest will be held May 16 to 18.

Films will screen at the Village Theater, 233 Front Street Danville. On Fri., May 16, "The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl" will be featured, preceded by a question and answer session with star Taylor Lautner at 7 p.m. A dessert reception will follow the movie.

Movies will begin screening at 10 a.m. on Sat., May 17. Troy Lautner will again conduct a question and answer session starting at 7 p.m. prior to the screening of "Cheaper by the Dozen 2."

On Sun., May 18, movies will begin at 10 a.m. The evening will conclude with an awards ceremony from 5 to 6 p.m. and a closing reception from 6 to 7 p.m.

For tickets and more information go to info@caindiefilmfest.org www.dicff.org or call. (925) 558-2797

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'Reverence' Offers Classical and Innovative Ballet Works

Valley Dance Theatre will present *Révérence*, collected works 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, Calif. and will be accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

"*Révérence* is a wonderful show for ballet lovers and also for the uninitiated, who aren't sure what a ballet production is all about," says Valley Dance Theatre founder Betsy Hausburg. "It features magnificent and diverse choreography, all to live music, both from the orchestra pit and onstage with the dancers. It's an exciting production that showcases the athleticism as well as the grace and beauty of ballet."

This spring's program includes:

- Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*, choreographed by Valley Dance Theatre's Margaret Kenrick, will be performed by dancers of all ages.

- *Cruel World's Pas de Deux*, danced to Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence*, will be performed by Michele Freitas and Patrick Rogan, adding to their repertoire of "dances for two."

- *Chicago Medley* is a modern/jazz dance in the "Bob Fosse" tradition, choreographed by Val-

ley Dance Theatre dancer, Amy Dykes.

- *Rose Adagio* from *Sleeping Beauty* is a study in ballet strength, precision, balance and endurance, performed by Amy Dykes in a new costume by award-winning designer Caryne Mount.

- Excerpts from Act II, *Swan Lake* showcase the original choreography by Lev Ivanov, which has been a staple in Valley Dance Theatre's repertoire for many years. Sixteen swans will grace this performance, with Sarah Marlett dancing the Swan Queen.

- *Conundrum* is a modern piece that was created by Company dancer Madison Burgess, who also scored the piano, choir and solo trumpet parts for the piece. Patrick Rogan is featured on trumpet.

- *Swan Lake's Grand Pas de Deux* from Act III, also known as *The Black Swan Pas de Deux* was showcased by Valley Dance Theatre for the first time 27 years ago. This spring, Madison Burgess performs the demanding role of Odile, the black swan.

- *Chaconne*, by Italian composer Tomaso Antonio Vitali, was choreographed by Valley Dance Theatre company dancer and instructor, Doug Johnson, and showcases several male dancers. The piece will be accompanied by two winners of the Livermore-



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Saturday Salon Unread Kind of Night

4th Street Studio invites writers to read and listeners to listen at its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday, May 17 at 7:30 PM at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore. Readers have up to ten minutes to read. Public is welcome.

This month's salon is *A Leave No Words Unread Kind of Night*: "... dismiss whatever insults your own soul, and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the

lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body..." - Walt Whitman.

Bring a nosh and something to drink to share.

Contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100 with questions.

4th Street studio is now accepting submissions for the 2009 Livermore Wine Country Literary Harvest, an anthology of writers who have attended or will attend a Saturday Salon between August 2007 and August 2008. Deadline for submissions is July 1, 2008.

Broadway Chorus Performs 'Let Freedom Sing' Concert

The Pleasanton Playhouse Broadway Chorus will perform a program entitled, "Let Freedom Sing," on May 23, 24 and 25 at the Amador Theater in Pleasanton.

Active duty service men and women will be admitted free to this Memorial weekend concert.

Memorial Weekend Concert! We are back at Amador Theater in Pleasanton to present "Let Freedom Sing".

Under the direction of Jenny Matteucci and Martie Muldoon, the Broadway Chorus and Children's Youth Chorus will present a cross section of patri-

otic songs from all over the country. Some of the selections are Randall Thompson's Testament of Freedom, This Land is Your Land, and medleys of favorite patriotic songs from George M. Cohan to Irving Berlin's "God Bless America."

The concert runs one weekend only, Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 25 at 2 p.m. The Amador Theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. For ticket information, please call the office at 925-462-2121 or log on www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Wine Train Excursion Rolls May 31

The Livermore Rotary Club's 10th annual Niles Canyon Wine Train excursion will be held May 31.

The train will leave the Sunol station at 6:30 p.m. and return around 8:30 p.m. Fare is \$20 for adults; groups of 10 or more are \$18 each; \$10 for those under 21. Wine and soda tickets are available at the station and on the train.

There will be comedy entertainment by the Gunfighters of the Old West and strolling musicians. The event benefits Rotary scholarships and community projects.

Tickets are available at the Travel Bug, 2269 Third St., Livermore. Contact Debbie Peck at (925) 447-4300.

The Sunol train station is at 6 Kilkare Road.

Amador Symphony's Youth Competition, Michele Lee on violin and Cory Chang on piano.

- *New Modern Work (untitled)* by Genoa Sperske, ballet and modern dance instructor with the Valley Dance Theatre, premieres as a new modern work for the spring show.

- The finale, *Slaughter on 10th Avenue*, is a well-known piece by composer Richard Rodgers that was originally choreographed by George Balanchine and performed by the Valley Dance Theatre eight years ago. Patrick Rogan, who originally performed the role at age 10, is partnered with Kindra Showers for this audience favorite.

Tickets to *Révérence* are \$21, \$24 and \$29 for adults and \$6 for students 17 years and under. They may be purchased online www.livermoreperformingarts.org/ tickets, by phone at (925) 373-6800, or at the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's

Bankhead Theater box office from 12 noon-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. The box office is open on performance days from 12 noon through the show's intermission.

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Supporters of the Friendship Center, an adult day care program, held a rally Tuesday morning in support of keeping the center open. A meeting of the school district, charter school and park district was scheduled for yesterday (Wed., May 14) to try to work out a way to allow the program to remain at Sonoma Ave. School until a new site could be found. The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board, which operates the center, was to meet Wednesday evening to decide the fate of the center. The Friendship Center and Livermore Valley Charter School are both located at the Sonoma site. The school needs the space to accommodate expansion plans. The lease for the Friendship Center expires June 30, 2008.

TEAM

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visits to the State Department and the Supreme Court hearing room.

School district public information officer Myla Grasso said, "We're thrilled that our students did such a wonderful job in representing the district and the state of California in the national competition. We appreciate the amount of time and effort they put into this, not only on school time, but their own time. It's a truly great accomplishment."

Grasso said that the team was comprised of students "from all walks of life. It's amazing to see such a diverse group of kids get together and work as a team."

The contest is centered on the U.S. Constitution and various aspects of democracy. This is

covered in a one-semester government class for seniors. The team members then spend another semester on their own time working on their presentations.

The team members were judged not only on their prepared remarks, but were also asked questions by judges to probe the depth of their knowledge, to ensure they knew what they were talking about, said Grasso.

The team's members are Vincent Buscarello, Joel Detweiler, Stoney Glover, William Grau, Margaret Haupt, Kristyn Hayashi, Genevieve Hoffman, Pooja Jael, Udani Kadurugamuwa, Teresa Machado, Erica Miranda, Sarah Moellering, Lanz Nalagan,

Joshua Pann, Shannon Parker, Jeysree Ramachandran, Devi Santhosh, Kevin Sasek, Alexander Schlick, Ryan Seams, Amaan Shaikh, Siddarth Somanathan, Yichuan Sun, Kristopher Tayyeb, Corinne Tu, Alan Wang, Terri Wang, Tony Wang and Curtis Wong. The team is coached by Brian Ladd.

Open House Extravaganza This Weekend

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced its fifth annual Open House Extravaganza, a two-day event in which more than 1,000 homes that are on sale through Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage will be open to the public.

Scheduled for May 17 and 18, the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Open House Extravaganza is the company's annual event designed to kick-off the busy spring and summer real estate season. This year, company executives say that although the festivities will be the same, the underlining message will be different.

"Our goal with the Open House Extravaganza has always been to bring buyers and sellers together and showcase the impressive portfolio of homes we currently are offering for sale," said Larry Klapow, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the San Francisco Bay Area. "This year there's an even greater incentive for home buyers to act now before this window of opportunity closes."

There are currently more than 288,000 properties on the market in Northern California.

The company anticipates that it will hold more than 1,000 homes open over the weekend of May 17 and 18. The majority of properties will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about the properties that will be open or to create a personal driving tour, including directions, contact your local Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office or visit www.CaliforniaMoves.com and conduct a search for an office nearest you by selecting "office search."

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