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Memorial Day Weekend Activities Set

The Memorial Day Weekend is a time to remember those who served this country in the military. It is also a time to gather with family and friends. Many special events are planned for the weekend.

SPECIAL CEREMONIES:

Livermore Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7265 will host Memorial Day ceremonies at three Livermore cemeteries on Mon., May 26.

Each ceremony will last approximately 30 minutes. The first one will begin at 10 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery, 1240 No. Livermore Ave. At 11 a.m., the second ceremony will take place at St. Michael's Cemetery, 3885 East Ave. The final ceremony will be at 11:30 a.m. at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 3873 East Ave.

Attending the ceremonies will be American Gold Star Mothers, Blue Star family members, Rev. Bill Nebo of the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, Father Ray Saca of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Livermore, Children of the American Revolution, Travis Air Force Base Color Guard, Livermore Police Department Color Guard, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Livermore Scout Troop 924, and the VFW firing squad.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

In Pleasanton, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and American Legion Post 327 will conduct a Memorial Day Service on Mon., May 26 at 11 a.m. It will take place at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery, 5700 Block, Sunol

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Bagpipe bands were among the participants in last weekend's Scottish Games in Livermore. Other traditional events, such as highland dancing were part of the festivities. In addition, history re-enactment groups entertained visitors.

Delta Conservation Planning Underway

A comprehensive conservation plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is underway in an effort to both recover endangered fish species and address water-supply reliability for the state. More than 2.3 million residents in the Livermore-Amador Valley, the Fremont area and Santa Clara County are affected.

Last week California Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation kicked off the environmental review process for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDGP) with a series of statewide public scoping meetings.

Zone 7 Water Agency, the water wholesaler for Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Dougherty Valley, relies on the Delta to convey about 80 percent of its water supply. It is among East and South Bay water agencies serving 2.3 million people receiving State Water Project

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Council Votes to Oppose Prop. 98

The Pleasanton City Council voted to oppose Proposition 98 and support for Proposition 99. Both are eminent domain initiatives on the June 3 ballot.

The vote was unanimous. The discussion of the propositions had not been scheduled. However, the council was unanimous in placing the discussion as an emergency item on the agenda. A four-fifths vote was required.

There are no more council meetings scheduled between now and the election.

The decision followed a re-

quest by residents of Vineyard Villa mobile home park for the council to take a stand in opposition to Proposition 98. In addition to those who spoke, residents wearing red shirts were in the audience to demonstrate their support of the request.

Carol Perkins noted that backers of Proposition 98 are spending millions under the guise of reforming eminent domain. Hidden deep in the initiative is the elimination of rent control in California. That impacts mobile home residents and all renters. "We are okay until

we move, then the sky is the limit when it comes to rents." Perkins refers to a provision in the initiative that would not allow a rent increase until current residents moved out of a dwelling. It would also make it more difficult for mobile home owners to sell their units.

Sharon Ward predicted that passage of Proposition 98 would create more homeless people in Pleasanton. Seniors on social security, young people starting out, and those living on low or fixed incomes would not be able to afford the higher rents.

The council asked City Attorney Michael Roush to comment on the issue. He stated that 98 changes the procedures for the use of eminent domain. It prohibits condemnation of private property if the land were then turned over to a private developer. It also eliminates rent control provisions. In Pleasanton, the city's agreements with mobile home owners include rent control provisions.

Another aspect of the proposition would impact local land use planning. A city could not approve a development or

project that financially impacts a neighbor. For example, if a development were turned down because of its impacts on the neighbors, the owner could claim that the benefit of his land was transferred to the neighbors devaluing his land or representing a reverse taking. The city would have to compensate the landowner who made that claim.

The alternative supported by the council was Proposition 99. Roush described it as an attempt to change some of the objections to the use of eminent domain. (See PROPOSITION, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The twins are (from left) Robert Nilsen, Christopher Nilsen, Madeline Pruneda, Catherine Pruneda, Danielle Delledera, Rebekah Delledera, Renee Lind, Taylor Lind, Sarah Bachleda, and Emily Bachleda.

St. Michael's Bids Farewell to Ten Twins

By Patricia Koning

Twins represent only about 3% of the babies born in the United States. However, at St. Michael's Catholic School, it's a different story. In the fall of 1999, five sets of twins started kindergarten together in a class of just 38 students. This June, the twins and their 28 other classmates will graduate eighth grade.

"We were very excited when they started school here," says St. Michael's principal Sister Emmanuel. "It's been a real treat."

Twins have an unusual existence. With shared genetics and experiences from birth, it's a sibling bond unlike any other. For the

twins attending St. Michael's, the experience is even more intense because the school only has one class per grade level. That means the twins shared every single class until sixth grade, when some were assigned different math classes.

"I've tried to calculate the odds of five sets of twins landing in the same class," says Joseph Nilsen, father of Robert and Christopher. "I'm a physicist and I can tell you it's a pretty complicated problem. The answer is much greater than a million to one."

There are definite advantages to being a twin at St. Michael's.

Got a problem with homework? Your twin might know the answer. Miss a day of school? If your twin was there, he or she can catch you up.

"You always have someone to play with or eat lunch with," says Robert Nilsen.

But with that closeness comes some disadvantages. "You can never keep secrets. Your twin goes everywhere you go and knows every single thing that happened to you all day long," says Rane Lind.

Catherine Pruneda adds, "Sometimes you get sick of your twin, but you love them all the

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Questions Answered on Financing Plans for Theater

The Livermore City Council will consider a report on the proposed financing for a regional theater in downtown Livermore at a special meeting tonight, Thurs., May 22.

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce hosted a meeting Monday to hear some of the details of the finance plan.

There were questions raised at the Chamber meeting about who would back a letter of credit, how theaters in other cities worked, and what happens if the projected housing were not built in the downtown redevelopment area. What impact would that have on

the projected increase in the tax concern? There was also a concern about the rising cost of construction materials and whether the projected cost of construction took that into consideration.

Len Alexander, executive director of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC), also provided information on the potential benefits of a regional theater. LVPAC is the developer of the theater, which is estimated to have between 1900 and 2000 seats.

Alexander said that (See THEATER, page 4)

Fat Cells Established During Teenage Years

The number of fat cells in a human's body, whether lean or obese, is established during the teenage years. Changes in fat mass in adulthood can be attributed mainly to changes in fat cell volume, not an increase in the actual number of fat cells.

These results could help re-

searchers develop new pharmaceuticals to battle obesity as well as the accompanying diseases such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

A new study by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientist Bruce Buchholz - along

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Pleasanton Schools Look At Stronger Effort to End Bias

A stronger effort to promote various kinds of diversity in the Pleasanton school district is being advocated by school board member Chris Grant and a district committee.

Grant and the district's global orientation committee spoke up at the two most recent board meetings with recommendations about how the district could launch a strong effort to make people of all backgrounds feel more welcome, and educate students and teachers about diversity in life.

During a board discussion of the district's goals at the meeting May 13, Grant said that he felt one of the announced goals could be made stronger and more

specific in its language to get the point across that even unconscious bias among district teachers and staff has to be held in check.

The global orientation committee's proposed language talks about continuing work to "address equity to ensure that students and staff of all backgrounds feel comfortable, welcome and successful in the organization." Grant suggested that could be changed to "develop and train faculty and teachers on the techniques to foster broad-based inclusion and manage unconscious bias."

Grants added, "Even in the best organizations, there is a need (See BIAS, page 4)

Friendship Center to Suspend Operations

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors voted to suspend operation of the Friendship Center of July 1, 2008. The current director of the Friendship Center will be retained for another year to lead a community effort to resume a senior and adult day care service in the Livermore area on a long-term basis.

The unanimous vote of the board came after a last ditch effort to save the program was deemed too costly.

The final day of service will be June 18, with the lease ending June 30.

The Friendship Center, an

adult day care program for those 50 and older, provides socialization, recreation and stimulation in a safe, supervised, state-licensed environment while giving respite to families. The program has a capacity of 27 participants per day, but has recently been getting an average of only 13 participants most days because of uncertainty about the program's future.

The Center has shared Sonoma School with the Livermore Valley Charter School. The school district allowed the program to use the site rent free.

The school plans to expand (See FRIENDSHIP, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore Farmers' Market moved to its summer location at Carnegie Park last week bringing shoppers out looking for fresh produce.

Sandia Honors Young Women For Excellence in Math and Science

By Patricia Koning

Last week, Sandia National Laboratories paid tribute to 20 high school girls from Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, Tracy, and Manteca for their excellence in math and science. The girls were chosen by the math and science teachers at their schools.

The goal of the event is to both recognize the girls for their academic achievements and encourage them to pursue careers in math and science. In attendance were Paul Hommert, Sandia/California Vice President; Pat Smith, director of California site operations; and Corey Knapp, director of national security engineering.

In his remarks, Hommert noted that math and science are difficult fields. "Sometimes you'll fail. However, I am confident that if you take on challenges in math and science, it will give you great confidence and will help you succeed down the road," he said.

Each awardee is paired with a Sandia hostess who works in the field of math or science. The (See SANDIA, page 6)

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PET OF THE WEEK

Joey Ramone is everything his name implies- a true rock star! He's only about a year old and a bit of a wild man; he's very smart and curious, a bit of a risk taker. He would do best as an only cat in a house where he can live the rockstar life. To party with Ramone, visit Valley Humane Society at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org, or call 925.426.8656. The Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash is Saturday, June 7th from Noon to 4PM- bring your pooch to VHS for a run through the rinse cycle.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Energy Tax Credits

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) applauded the House Ways and Means Committee for passing legislation that will extend Investment and Production Tax Credits. These tax credits have led to the growing use and production of renewable energy like wind, solar and geothermal. McNerney was one of the sponsors of the measure.

The legislation, H.R. 6049, The Energy and Tax Extenders Act of 2008, passed the Ways and Means Committee today by a vote of 25-12.

Specifically, as it relates to the renewable energy tax credits, the bill will: extend the investment tax credit (ITC) for solar energy by six years; extend the production tax credit (PTC) for energy derived from biomass, geothermal, hydro-power, landfill gas and solid waste for three years; and extend the production tax credit (PTC) for energy derived from wind for one year.

Pedestrian, Bicycle Plan Workshop

The City of Pleasanton will hold a workshop to take public input on a proposed pedestrian and bicycle master plan.

It will be held Thurs., May 22 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Pleasanton has received a grant from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority to prepare the master plan. The plan will identify and prioritize areas where improvement in the bicycle and pedestrian network are most needed and would provide the most benefit.

The workshop is led by Tim Bustos of Fehr & Peers, a consulting firm hired to prepare the master plan.

For further information, contact Janis Stephen of the city's public works department at 931-5671.

Water Conservation Urged

With other East Bay water agencies declaring water usage restrictions, the Zone 7 Water Agency is reiterating its call for residents and businesses to conserve water this year.

Zone 7 General Manager Jill Duerig suggests area residents cut usage by 10 percent.

Zone 7 has enough stored groundwater and other reserve supplies to meet projected demands during 2008. However, the agency is urging conservation because dry weather conditions may persist. In addition, court ordered water supply reductions related to pumping from the Delta are likely to carry forward into future years.

The court ruling has resulted in Zone 7's losing

10,000 acre feet of State Water Project Water, roughly enough to serve 20,000 households for a full year. The loss is on top of approximately 25,000 acre feet of water that is being cut from state deliveries due to this year's dry weather. Zone 7 has had to dip further into existing reserve storage than it would otherwise have had to do to meet the demand in a dry year.

An average family of three uses about 350 to 450 gallons of water per day irrigating landscape. Zone 7 has conservation tips and other information on such things as drought tolerant landscaping and rebates for water saving appliances on its website, www.zone7water.com.

Congress at Your Corner

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) will host his Congress at Your Corner event in Dublin on May 31. It will be held at the Bagel Street Cafe, 4101 Dublin Blvd. from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Congress at Your Corner is designed to allow constituents to meet and discuss issues with Rep. McNerney in the places where they already shop and recreate.

Teens and Grad Night

The Pleasanton Police Department will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. on June 2 to discuss teen drinking and driving issues. The session will be held in the Amador Valley High School multipurpose room. The Pack Foundation film, "Grad Night," will be shown.

The meeting is open to all parents and guardians of Foothill, Amador Valley and Village High School students.

A key objective of the presentation is to educate parents and guardians as to the dangers teens will be facing this June during graduation celebrations.

For any questions regarding this event, contact the Pleasanton Police Department Traffic Unit Supervisor, Sergeant Michael Collins, at 931-5186.

Correction

In a story in the Independent it stated Fenestra Winery was the first winery to install solar energy. That is incorrect. Eagle Ridge Vineyard converted to solar energy more than two years ago. In addition to a substantial decrease in the cost of power, the "landing pad" bank of panels has intrigued many a visitor at our tasting room since it opened Aug. 2007. We would appreciate the correction to the "first solar converted winery" story in order to acknowledge our substantial investment in "wineries going green."

FAT CELLS

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with colleagues from the Karolinska Institute in Sweden; Humboldt University Berlin, Foundation of Research and Technology in Greece; Karolinska University Hospital; and Stockholm University - applied radioactive carbon-14 to DNA to discover that the number of fat cells stays constant in adulthood in lean and obese individuals, even after marked weight loss, indicating that the number of fat cells is set during childhood and adolescence.

Carbon dating is typically used in archaeology and paleontology to date the age of artifacts. However, in this application, which appeared in the May 4 early online edition of the journal Nature, the scientists used the pulse of radiocarbon to analyze fat cell turnover in humans.

Approximately 10 percent of fat cells are renewed annually at all adult ages and levels of body mass index. Neither fat cell death nor its generation rate is altered in early onset obesity, suggesting a tight regulation of the number of fat cells in obese adults.

"Fat cells change in size but no one had ever measured fat cell turnover," Buchholz said. "An increase in cell size means it can hold more mass."

Obesity is increasing in epidemic proportions in most countries and poses a public health

problem by enhancing the risks for cardiovascular diseases and metabolic disorders such as type 2 diabetes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the prevalence of overweight and obesity has increased sharply for both adults and children since the 1970s. Data from two National Health and Nutrition Examination surveys show that among adults aged 20-74 years the prevalence of obesity increased from 15 percent (in the 1976-80 survey) to 32.9 percent (in the 2003-04 survey).

The two surveys also show increases in overweight children and teens. For children aged 2-5 years, the prevalence increased from 5 percent to 13.9 percent; for those aged 6-11 years, prevalence increased from 6.5 percent to 18.8 percent; and for those aged 12-19 years, prevalence increased from 5 percent to 17.4 percent.

In the Nature study, the team first found that there was a direct correlation between the measures of fat mass measured from body mass index (BMI) and fat cell volume in subcutaneous fat, which represents about 80 percent of all fat, and visceral fat.

In a study of 687 adults, the researchers found that number of fat cells increases in childhood and adolescence, but levels off and remains constant in adult-

hood. The group looked at whether the number of fat cells changes under extreme conditions such as drastic weight loss by radical reduction in caloric intake, such as through bariatric surgery. The treatment resulted in a significant decrease in BMI and fat cell volume; however, it did not reduce the number of fat cells two years after the surgery. Similarly, significant weight gain (15-25 percent) over several months in non-obese adult men resulted in significant increase in body fat volume but no change in number. Subsequent weight loss back to baseline resulted in a decrease in fat cell volume but no change in the number of fat cells.

"If you are overweight and you lose weight, you still have the capacity to store lipids because you still have the same number of fat cells. That may be why it's so hard to keep the weight off," Buchholz said.

Overweight and obesity result from an energy imbalance - eating too many calories and not getting enough physical activity. Body weight is the result of genes, metabolism, behavior, environment, culture and socioeconomic status. "This work may give us new ideas of how to deal with the diseases that go along with obesity," Buchholz said.

DELTA

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water through the same Delta pumps that supply Southern California and farms in the Central Valley. A federal judge reduced pumping for 2008 while state and federal agencies work on a plan to protect endangered Delta smelt. Protections could be extended to other species that live or migrate through the Delta.

The BDCP is a collaborative effort among water agencies, environmental organizations and state and federal wildlife agencies to develop a more proactive, comprehensive approach to Delta sustainability. A joint Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) is being prepared by the state Department of Water Resources, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Among other things, the EIR/EIS will address water conveyance options, habitat restoration and management, and other ecological problems including invasive species and toxic pollutants.

"We are highly supportive of, and participants in, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan because we believe it is the best opportunity to establish a plan that can stabilize both water supplies and fish species in the Delta — the co-equal objectives of the process," said Zone 7 General Manager Jill Duerig. "Neither can afford to wait."

Duerig added that recent water supply cuts ordered by or under consideration by the courts impact Zone 7's ability to provide adequate long-term drought protection for its customers.

"Water conservation alone, even with measures Zone 7 is pursuing locally to enhance water supply, distribution and storage, will not provide long-term reliability if court ordered reduc-

tions in supply become permanent," she said.

Comments about the scope of the plan's EIR/EIS may be submitted by May 30 to Delores Brown, Chief, Office of Environmental Compliance, Department

of Water Resources, PO Box 942836, Sacramento, CA, 94236 or by email to BDCPcomments@water.ca.gov. For more information go to www.resources.ca.gov/bdcp/.

Pleasanton to Consider Railroad Quiet Zones

The Pleasanton City Council will take up the issue of establishing quiet zones on roads crossed by railroad tracks in the downtown. As of now, the discussion is scheduled for the June 17 meeting.

The council heard from three residents living near the tracks during meeting open to the public last Tuesday. All three said there had been a big increase in train traffic over the last few years. They are awakened every night by the trains blowing their whistles. In addition, they contend that so many trains create a safety hazard.

Resident John Felton told the council, "The area near the downtown is historic and unique. Creating quiet zones would make a nice place very much nicer. Trains produce an average of 107 decibels blowing their horns. That is a very, very loud noise, well in excess of the city's ordinance for any construction project noise. It happens repeatedly during the night."

Previously, the council had heard a report from city staff regarding the requirements of set-

ting up quiet zones.

The Federal Railroad Administration has adopted a train horn rule that provides local jurisdictions an opportunity to create quiet zones. A quiet zone is a railroad grade crossing at which trains are prohibited from sounding their horns.

To create a quiet zone, would require the city to install additional crossing protection at the city's expense. This involves building a four gate system, replacing the current two gate system. There are four at-grade crossings in Pleasanton that could be considered for quiet zones: Santa Rita Road, St. Mary Street, Rose Avenue, and West Angela Street. The estimated cost would be between \$1.6 million and \$2 million.

Even with the installation of the four gate system, there would still be horn blowing by the ACE trains as they approach the downtown station to alert rail passengers of the oncoming train. Passenger trains must, by law, sound their horns.

APPEALS

The council also considered

a request by City Manager Nelson Fialho to hold a special meeting for the council to deal with neighborhood appeals. Fialho noted that agendas are becoming impacted by the appeals. An appeal has to be heard within 30 days. Once filed it has to be placed on the agenda, resulting in something else being pushed off.

He was responding to the fact that two appeals that evening had taken up most of the council's meeting time. There have been similar situations at previous meetings.

The appeals are of disapprovals or approvals by the planning commission of such things as remodeling homes, adding accessory structures, etc.

Fialho said holding a special meeting just to hear the appeals would free up agendas for more policy discussions.

Matt Sullivan suggested that perhaps the council could begin its meetings at 6 p.m. to deal with such things as proclamations, with agenda items beginning at 7 p.m.

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EDITORIALS

Campus Hill Vineyard

Gala festivities took place at Las Positas Community College May 12 with the dedication of Campus Hill Vineyard.

The three-acre vineyard, covering the hills across the road from the campus, will be run by the college as part of its viticulture program. The program was established in 2004 to support the burgeoning Livermore Valley wine industry. The vineyard will be the cornerstone of the program — a living classroom.

Concannon Vineyard has committed itself to underwrite the operation of the vineyard for the next 15 years.

Could this be the start of an agricultural comeback in North Livermore? Campus Hill Vineyard is certain to grow. This vineyard, springing to life on the hillsides of North Livermore, will not only give the local wine industry a boost, but will also help settle the debate over whether crop growing is viable in North Livermore.

Presidential Scholar

Amador Valley High senior Corinne Tu has been named a Presidential Scholar. Established in 1964, the nationwide award recognizes seniors who've displayed excellence in academics, the arts and civic service.

Corrine, a native of Paris, has earned straight A's in high school and is Amador's valedictorian, as well as captain of the school dance team. She spends 10 hours a week doing volunteer work in the community.

Only 141 students nationwide and eight students statewide are recipients of this prestigious award. The Presidential Scholars will be honored at a ceremony at the White House in June.

Corrine Tu of Amador High, congratulations! You bring high honor to yourself, your family and your school.

PROPOSITION

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Agencies could not take a private home and turn the property over to a private developer. "The idea was to have real reform and address the major issue people are concerned about."

The proposition with the most votes, if they both were approved, would go into effect.

CAMPAIGN '98

The Livermore Police Officer's Association (LPOA), the first POA in the district to endorse in the race for State Assembly, has selected Scott Kamena.

"Having law enforcement on my side in this election means everything to me," said Kamena. "There is no greater responsibility the government has than to provide safety for the people, especially our children. I will fight on the side of public safety in the Assembly and make law enforcement a top priority."

Kamena has been endorsed by more public safety officials and organizations than any other candidate for Assembly, Republican or Democrat. Supporters include California Professional Firefighters, Alameda County Sheriff Charlie Plummer and Bill Eastman who formerly served as Police Chief of Pleasanton and President of the California Police Chief's Association.

The California Small Business Association officially endorsed Scott Kamena for State Assembly, citing Kamena's business experience and commitment to economic growth.

Assemblywoman and State Senate candidate Loni Hancock has received the sole endorsement of Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America.

"I am truly honored to have

Councilmember Jerry Thorne commented, "I have opposed Proposition 98 since it was drafted. This thing is really awful. It's much worse than Michael made it sound. It removes the ability of cities to make land use decisions."

the endorsement of Dolores Huerta," said Hancock. "Her leadership with the United Farm Workers and her determination to stand up for worker rights has made her an icon in the progressive community."

In 1962, Huerta joined with Cesar Chavez to co-found the organization that is now known as the United Farm Workers of America (UFW). Among her many accomplishments, Huerta is credited with leading the UFW's national grape boycott that resulted in the entire California table grape industry signing a collective bargaining agreement, the first of its kind in the nation.

The Contra Costa Chapter of the California Republican Assembly had endorsed Robert Rao for Assembly in the 15th district. Although Rao won the "straw vote" taken, CRA bylaws do not permit a local CRA chapter to formally endorse except at the district endorsement meeting held earlier in the year.

"We appreciate the wonderful work of the California Republican Assembly and would love to have their formal endorsement," said Rao Spokesman Mike Caporusso, "however, no candidate was endorsed at the Spring meeting, and that's the official vote, so we respect that."

FRIENDSHIP

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and needs the three classrooms occupied by the Friendship Center. That means the Friendship Center will have to move.

A meeting held last Wednesday prior to the LARPD board's session resulted in an offer that could allow the center to remain at Sonoma School for three years. However, the LARPD board felt the offer was too expensive. In addition, the extension would not provide a permanent solution.

Present for the meeting were representatives of the charter school, the school district, city and park district.

In exchange for keeping the center at the school, LARPD was asked to forgive a \$75,000 loan it made to the charter school; loan the charter school \$140,000 for site improvements to allow additional portables to be brought in; pay \$25,000 to install the portables; pay the \$27,000 per year rent on the portables; and

continue to pay the \$17,000 per year rent for the current portables.

The \$140,000 loan would be paid back.

The school district agreed not to increase the rent for the charter school. Currently the rent is 11 cents per square foot; the planned increase was to 34 cents per square foot starting next year.

For its part, the city of Livermore would help market the Friendship Center.

LARPD staff members looked into other options as well, such as the cost of portable units, using park district-owned facilities, public-private partnerships, other school district facilities, commercial and nonprofit space, churches and other government facilities to house the Friendship Center while long-term options were explored. These options were too expensive to accommodate the service on a short-term basis.

One option that did appear promising was placing portables

The Pleasanton school district has released its legal research addressing whether school trustee Pat Kernan is a legal city resident.

Some Pleasanton parents claim that Kernan is not a legal resident, and therefore should be removed as a school trustee.

Harold Freiman, the school district's attorney, concluded in a letter to the district May 14th that Kernan meets "a majority of the criteria" for the legal requirements for residency. "We are aware of no evidence of an intent for him to change his residence."

Kernan sold his Pleasanton house in 2006, and bought a home in Camino, which is in the Sierra foothills east of Sacramento. He has an apartment in Pleasanton where he said he resides. He also uses it as a home office for his legal practice, which he says is mostly in the Bay Area. However, he is listed on his web page as having an office in Camino, and also listed on the board of the El Dorado Commu-

THEATER

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Thursday's council meeting is the culmination of eight months of shared work between the city staff and LVPAC to develop a viable financial plan. He explained that there are two questions that are being considered. One is how to pay for the regional theater. "We think we've figured how to do it. The next question is do we really want the theater." A financial study concludes that there would be an \$811 million positive impact on the city over 30 years.

Alexander commented, "This is about the future of the community, not tomorrow or next year, but 20, 30, 40 to 50 years. The question is how does Livermore continue to be competitive with other cities. One way is to have a facility to complement the Bankhead Theater known for the finest, and sometimes even better, entertainment that can be found outside of San Francisco."

Consultant Bob Gamble of Public Finance Management went through the finance plan. He described it as a partnership between the City of Livermore and LVPAC.

The capital cost of constructing the theater is estimated at \$79.3 million. Bonds would be used to finance the construction. A letter of credit from a major bank would back the bonds.

LVPAC would be responsible for raising the funds to pay off its share of the debt. At the same time, LVPAC would be raising money to operate the theaters. LVPAC would be providing the city with a \$45 million subsidy (net present value) covering construction, operating and interest costs. The city's share would come from tax increment funds collected through 2040, with the net present value of \$65 million. Tax increments are additional property tax revenues generated by redevelopment activities in the downtown redevelopment area, which can only be spent within the redevelopment area. In the early years, LVPAC would pay the bulk of the debt service. Over time, the majority of the responsibility would shift to the city.

Gamble noted that there would be no use of general fund revenues. The city's name would not be on the debt, nor would the city be obligated to pay the bond debt if tax increment funds were

nity Foundation in the foothills.

Julie Testa and other district parents say that Kernan's residence is in Camino. He shouldn't be allowed to sit on the school board, to which he was first appointed in 1996. They are especially concerned that the board has been discussing going to the ballot with a parcel tax. They don't like the fact that he would be voting on Pleasanton property owners' having to pay the tax when he himself would not pay taxes.

The school district's attorney, Harold Freiman, reported in a letter to the district May 14 that he talked to Kernan and conducted legal research based on his answers. Freiman said that Kernan maintains a rental address in the district. His Pleasanton address is on his driver's license. His car is registered to that address. That DMV registration "evinces his intent to remain in Pleasanton," said Freiman.

Kernan claims a property tax

exemption on his Camino property. However, his DMV listing in Pleasanton "rebuts any presumption of residency in El Dorado (County)," said Freiman. Kernan also has voted in Pleasanton elections, which supports the contention that he physically resides in Pleasanton, "and has the intent to remain here," Freiman wrote.

Freiman also noted that Kernan was excused from Jury duty in El Dorado County because of his Pleasanton address. The address is not on his business card or letterhead, because Pleasanton ordinance prohibits advertising a residential office address. Kernan conducts 90 percent of his legal business in Pleasanton, and is a member of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

Kernan has stayed in Camino since hip replacement surgery last month, only because his apartment building does not have an elevator, said Freiman.

Kernan also has a property in Colorado Springs, but had been spending more than one-half of his time in Pleasanton, before the surgery.

For these reasons, Freiman finds that Kernan is a legal Pleasanton resident.

Testa said in a responding statement that the fact Kernan was excused from jury duty in El Dorado County shows that the county apparently considers it to be his legal residence. She cited Kernan's earlier Sacramento law practice in a firm, and his current one-person business listed in Camino, and noted that the Pleasanton practice has "only a home-based business license."

Testa said that she has been in touch with the Alameda County district attorney's office about looking into the validity of his residency. According to Freiman's statement, anyone wishing to remove an elected official from office should contact the state attorney general's office.

not available in a particular year. LVPAC would be required to set aside a substantial amount of funds to cover the differential if tax increment funds were not available.

The regional theater would not use up the entire tax increment available to the redevelopment agency. Through 2040, there would be \$51 million (nominal dollars) for other projects in the redevelopment area. (Net present value not available.)

Gamble suggested that the project should be viewed as an investment by the city. He also pointed out that the projected tax increment increase does not take into consideration the property tax growth in the city outside the redevelopment area as a result of the regional theater being located there.

As for the increase in the price of steel and concrete, Gamble said that was factored into the projected cost of construction. "We are urging a decision be made quickly because of the on-going construction cost escalation."

Alexander pointed out that the Bankhead Theater was built on time and on cost providing a track record of success for LVPAC.

Don Tishman, who has worked in most large cities as a developer for the past 45 to 50 years, offered several observations. In the last 15 years, he has seen a rebirth of downtowns. The population in downtowns has increased by 18 percent. He noted that large theaters have been built in many cities, generating a positive financial impact. There are 5800 performing arts theaters in the United States, with only 62 in California.

The city has prepared its own projections of the estimated tax increment increase. Estimates have become more conservative each time because of the downturn in the housing market. The estimate includes the construction of 2000 housing units in the downtown. It was pointed out that the city is required to check in at 1400 units and consider the impacts of the housing before proceeding with additional homes.

Alexander commented that the tax increment is based on planned housing and commercial development. There is no easy

way to figure out the impact if the city were not to build out the residential portion of the downtown specific plan. Other things could be built in place of housing.

One of the issues the council will look at is what other projects tax increment funds may be needed for. These include a new parking garage, Livermore Village infrastructure, assembly of land for a hotel, additional parking improvements and a potential Railroad Avenue/First Street realignment. Other projects include Second Street streetscape enhancement, completion of the First St. streetscape to P Street, and the attraction of destination retail to complement the retail and restaurant activities already taking place in the area. The parking garage, two catalyst projects and the boutique hotel are all included in the financing plan proposed by LVPAC, Alexander explained. There are still funds for other city priorities, he noted.

He said that it is difficult to compare how theaters function in other cities with how one might work in Livermore. Each city is unique. However, he added, that theaters mentioned at the Monday meeting have all been successful. They don't make money, LVPAC would be responsible for raising funds to cover any shortfall in operating revenue for the regional theater. At no time would the city be asked to come up with money for its general fund.

In considering the population from which a theater could draw, Alexander noted that edge cities, such as Livermore would pull

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to focus on this and make sure that staff members are continuing to train and retrain in understanding the issues associated with bias."

Grant said that it's important to acknowledge that there is unconscious bias, whether it's about gender, ethnic background, or disabilities. "It just exists," said Grant. He pointed out that the specifics of his language offers a "different nuance than a statement about continuing to work to address equity."

The board did not vote on the proposed goals, but will look at them again May 27, and might adopt them at their meeting June 3.

BROAD SCOPE ON DIVERSITY

Grant's statements were along the lines of recommendations from two global orientation committee members, which were presented to the board at its meeting April 22.

At that meeting, Foothill High School principal John Dwyer and Harvest Park middle school vice principal Lauren Kelly said that the district should expand its commitment to tolerance by recognizing sexual orientation, physical appearance, race, religion and ethnicity as part of the definition of diversity.

The panel came up with three recommended goals. One is to provide staff development to help overcome stereotypes, and teach how language, culture "and diversity play out in the acquisition of knowledge." Another goal is to hire a more diverse staff, so it reflects the community at large. A third is to promote a supportive environment for cultural diversity.

The global orientation panel believes that just having multicultural fairs at schools, as the district does now, doesn't do enough to promote acceptance of others. Multicultural student committees at the schools should be created. The committees should focus on year-round stu-

dent education at each site.

The district also should take one of its six character education traits — compassion — and put a statement under it which would say "accepting of others' race, religion and ethnicity."

At the April 22, Grant stated, "It's good to emphasize the value of understanding each other. It's one thing to have policy statements. It's another thing to have actions embedded in the everyday culture." Grant said that role models are important, too, for example, hiring female science teachers to provide a model for female science students.

Kelly told the board that Superintendent John Casey has authorized a project in which students will produce six videos that coordinate the community of character values with the values of accepting others. The videos would be available in the next school year, for use at all secondary schools.

STUDENT RECOGNITION UNDERScores DIVERSITY
The district illustrated its point concerning diversity at the meeting May 13 by honoring seven African American students, who were recognized with awards from the Alliance of African American Educators. The students are Keri Butler (arts), Carmell Dennis (spiritual consciousness), Chukwuekema Elendu (improved GPA), Alysse Joyner and Shannon Parker (academic excellence), and Titus Norton and Shatika Rembert (citizenship and civic involvement).

The board also gave recognition to the Best Buddies Club at Foothill High School. A student leader in the club, Druthi Ghanta, and the adviser, Gail Myers, said that the club lends a hand to disabled students and plans activities such as movies and bowling nights.

Casey stated that the club fits in with the district's efforts to make all students feel welcome at school.

MAILBOX

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Iron Horse Trail Greg Visscher Pleasanton

It is exciting to finally see the arrival of the Iron Horse Trail to Pleasanton. Trails not only keep us fit, they also add to the financial value of our homes and increase our quality of life.

However, in seeing the our implementation of the Iron Horse Trail I can't help but feel that the city of Pleasanton has really missed the mark. Our modest single mile fragment is an isolated island, totally disconnected from the rest of the trail. This Iron Horse Trail fragment is supposedly linked to the rest of the contiguous Iron Horse trail by traversing along the busy streets of Pleasanton. Getting to the new segment from the BART station, you would have a hard time distinguishing our "trail" from a normal everyday sidewalk. This "trail of streets," many sections of which don't even have bike lanes, leaves the BART station southeast on city streets for about 1.5 miles along Owens and Santa Rita, past Walmart and ValleyCare Hospital. In its current implementation, our Iron Horse Trail is doomed to become a series of lone orphans connected by busy surface streets. I find it highly unlikely that we will ever find a sensible way to safely cross the Stanley Blvd. "freeway."

If you look at the rest of the Iron Horse, you'll notice it is about connected communities. It links cities by using long stretches of canal trails or old railroad right-of-ways. It connects cities in a borderless and contiguous way for almost the entirety of its 24.5 miles. It begins in Concord near Highway 4, running south through Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Alamo, Danville, San Ramon and Danville. The trail follows a greenbelt through many residential areas, passing by major business parks and delivering kids safely to the many schools it stitches together. Right before reaching the Dublin BART station, it follows along the Alamo Canal which crosses under 580 and continues into Pleasanton at the 680/580 interchange.

It is precisely these canals, called arroyos, which provide us with the obvious solution as to how to link both Pleasanton and Livermore to the rest of the Iron Horse Trail. Developing these arroyos into usable trails would maintain the spirit of the Iron Horse. They create a network of trails that could bring you to the doorstep of almost every major destination in Pleasanton. They come within a few of blocks of

our downtown, the fairgrounds, the Sports Park, and just about every school in Pleasanton. They even come to within a block of our newly developed trail fragment off Santa Rita and would make it useful. However, instead we continue to be mired in finding solutions to mid-street crossings for a flawed initiation to the Iron Horse trail that can make the claim it is historically accurate because it is located on land that was part of the original Southern Pacific right-of-way.

To the east, Pleasanton residents would not only gain access to the planned Livermore outlet mall but also to the several miles of existing Livermore bike trails. As part of their development, it is my understanding Livermore plans to extend their trails along the Arroyo Mocho right up to the Pleasanton city limits. Traveling to the west, residents could use these same trails to walk, bike or run safely to Club Sport uninterrupted and unimpeded. With the potential addition of the Alamo Canal Extension, both Pleasanton and Livermore would connect seamlessly to the rest of the Iron Horse ecosystem. Developing the trails along the canals almost guarantees the regional and state funding necessary for the Alamo Canal Extension.

The arroyos already have existing safe underpasses with pedestrian gate accesses. However these trails currently lie fallow as dangerous gravel roads unusable by all but the occasional intrepid hiker. Without question, developing these trails will increase the property values for all residents in Pleasanton and Livermore. An arroyo-based trail system in Pleasanton would become a first class addition for all to use and enjoy.

Let's not let Pleasanton continue to be the "weakest link" among communities that are part of the Iron Horse family. We owe it to our neighbors.

Shadow Cliffs Gary Smith Pleasanton

A few years ago, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) planned a major expansion of the water slides at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park that was to be called California Splash. The expanded water slides were projected to draw over 200,000 users each year. Initially, this expansion was approved, in spite of widespread opposition from nearby residents. Work was started on the expansion and then abandoned by the Developer, leaving some partially completed buildings and partially graded roads.

EBRPD is now taking comments and suggestions from the public about future uses of the expansion site. A group of concerned local residents came together and formed the Friends of Shadow Cliffs organization as a magnet for gathering suggestions from the community and then being able to organize and communicate those suggestions to EBRPD.

The Friends of Shadow Cliffs have launched a website as a vehicle for the community to contact them with comments and suggestions about the Shadow Cliffs expansion site. Members of the group are also offering guided tours of Shadow Cliffs, with a focus on the expansion area. Links for suggestions, current recommendations, and information on tours are available on www.FriendsOfShadowCliffs.com.

Vote for Kamena Diane Staedel Livermore

I am a teacher at Las Positas College, and am retired from teaching in the Livermore School District after 31 years. I teach Physical Education to Special Education students, as well as aerobics, kick-boxing, and weight training.

I have been looking for an elected official I can believe in, who is going to fight for public education in Sacramento. I have found my man. Dr. Scott Kamena will be our champion in Sacramento for public education. He was born and raised in Livermore, went to public schools up through, and including, the University of California, Berkeley. His mother was a teacher in the Livermore Public School System. His two young children will be going to the same public schools he went to.

He has long been an advocate for our youth, as he has twice been elected to the LARPD Board, and serves on the Tri-Valley YMCA Board. He believes in local control of education, by the locally elected Board, and the parents of students who attend our school. Every educator, every parent, every citizen who values our public education system should be supporting Dr. Scott Kamena for State Assembly.

Support Hancock Tom Reitter Former Livermore Councilmember

Loni Hancock is running for the state Senate this year. She has provided decades of service defending the environment, improving access to healthcare, getting funding for education, and she is trying to clean up campaign financing using successful programs from other states. She has held office as the first woman mayor of Berkeley and state office as a member of the Assembly since 2002.

Please join me in supporting Loni Hancock for State Senate in 2008.

Thank You Granada and Livermore HS Grad Night Committee

Granada and Livermore High Schools raised more than \$20,000 in their First Annual Safe & Sober Grad Night Golf Tournament fund-raiser on April 18th at Poppy Ridge Golf Course. This fund-raiser will help fund the two high schools all night Grad Night Parties in June keeping over 800 seniors "Safe and Sober." We would like to thank

all our golfers and the following major sponsors:

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Hancock Endorsed Pat and Clarence Hoenig Livermore

We would like to recommend Loni Hancock, candidate for the California State Senate in the June 3 primary. She has served Alameda and Contra Costa counties well in the State Assembly since 2002.

Recently Loni came to the Livermore Library to meet residents and to discuss issues important to Livermore and the Tri-Valley. Loni Hancock has a very pleasant and engaging personality with a genuine interest in listening to others.

We were impressed with her experience and understanding of a broad range of critical state and local issues. She has a proven record of sponsoring bipartisan legislation to help make California a better place to live and work.

Loni Hancock's outstanding record has earned her the respect and endorsements of a broad coalition in public safety, health care, education, labor, environment, and transportation. Many county supervisors, mayors and city councilmembers, school board officials and other civic leaders are also working for her election to the State Senate.

We ask you to please consider voting for Loni Hancock, State Senate, 9th District, on June 3, 2008.

Hard to Criticize Donald King Livermore

On April 4, the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Dr. King's son, Martin Luther King III spoke about this father's main concerns. They were three: poverty, racism and militarism.

Much is being said about racism as we wend our way through the many speeches of the Democratic aspirants to that party's selection of its presidential nominee. And, much more has been said about the hurting middle class, sometimes defined as families with incomes between

\$50,000 and \$100,000 per year. Poverty, you say? As for militarism, there seems to be an assumption out there that security lies in a bigger military establishment, armed with ever more technically sophisticated weapons, capable of ever more destructive power.

I protest. To me, Martin Luther King's worry about militarism was well placed. It is akin to President Eisenhower's oft-quoted warning about the growth of the "military-industrial complex."

The current war, as with all wars, elicits many expressions of thanks and praise for those in uniform who are putting their lives on the line. And, we honor the women whose sons and daughters are killed by giving them the special title of Gold Star Mother. It is hard to criticize militarism while at the same time honoring the people who have chosen to be a part of the military establishment. But, we must.

Oppose McCain Nancy Freedom Alameda County Tri-Valley Chapter National Organization for Women

As pro-choice voters, members of the ACTNOW Chapter of the National Organization for Women know where John McCain stands on the fundamental issues of freedom, privacy, and civil rights. He is clearly opposed to a woman's reproductive freedom and is not your choice for president if you value women's rights.

Senator McCain has: Voted anti-choice 125 out of 130 times in his congressional career. Consistently voted to restrict access to abortion care. Voted against measures to prevent unintended pregnancy. Voted for the global gag rule, which prohibits federally funded family-planning clinics from giving women full information about their reproductive-health options. Voted for and co-sponsored the Federal Abortion Ban. Voted to confirm the nominations of anti-choice Supreme Court Justices.

We feel strongly that women, who are the people actually becoming pregnant, should be able to choose from a full range of options, and not have legislators and judges, the majority of whom are not women, do their choosing for them.

Where League Stands
Barbara Hempill,
Director League of Women Voters
Livermore-Amador Valley
The League of Women Voters

California has taken the following positions on the two state propositions on the Primary Election Ballot.

NO on Proposition 98 — Deceptive Measure Would Abolish Rent Control and Harm Environmental Protection

Californians deserve protection from eminent domain abuse, but Proposition 98 is a radical proposal that goes too far. Its extreme provisions would eliminate rent control and other renter protection laws; that is why wealthy apartment and mobile home park owners have contributed most of the money to qualify Proposition 98 for the ballot. In addition, Proposition 98 contains language that would make it difficult to protect the environment and regulate land use, growth and development. This hidden agenda would threaten water quality, hurt the environment, and thwart regulations that protect our neighborhoods.

YES on Proposition 99 — Homeowners Protection Act

This measure is a real eminent domain reform measure that will protect homeowners, without the hidden agendas and adverse consequences of Proposition 98. Proposition 99 will prohibit the government from using eminent domain to take a home to transfer to another private party; it is supported by a broad coalition of homeowners, business, labor, cities, counties and environmentalists.

Vote with the League on June 3.

Redevelopment Rich Buckley Livermore

The ying and yang of philosophic opposites creates a picture of city redevelopment that is sometimes confusing depending on where one steps into the cycle of change and chooses to analyze things. Last night the City of Livermore bought back Livermore Village from an immobilized developer. While one can argue over the philosophy of government intervention in the free markets, the time to make that argument was about 30 years ago when the redevelopment agency was originally formed.

While many see last night's action of city council as a black hole of despair, as wasted capital, and massive errors, the reality in the cycle of change is usually far different. Instead, once again, creative redevelopment forces will emerge to fill the void

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Ask Kathleen

Kathleen Minser, Waste Reduction Specialist, offers advice about the 4Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle, rot (compost).

Q: We heard our family can make money and help the environment by participating in the Sixth Annual Citywide Garage Sale. Do you have details?

A: Yes! You can earn extra cash and give your clutter a new life cycle (in someone else's home) in a one-day event that offers participants:

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To sign up, call WM by June 9, 2008. Since WM does not collect unsold items after the event, participants may keep them or donate them to charity.

Email Ask Kathleen questions to AskKathleen@wm.com



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MAILBOX

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just as they eventually always do, and just as they did with the old Tubsville properties, now a new housing development of Signature Properties.

Unknown to the public (and probably the City) was a carefully controlled low profile marketing effort to market the entire project. Persistent rumors adrift from day-1 of the appointment of our designated developer indicated that the project owner was open to flip the project and move on. This was never a good sign. The persistence of the rumor kept matching every observation of failed progress all the way up to last night.

Reality is different and never quite what it seems. This void of despair will fill quickly with serious capital willing to commit to Livermore for the long run just as it has with two developers now on scene: Madden and Swenson. These two are not flip-and-go artists, rather they are long term players both with track records and expressed corporate philosophy that commit them long term.

In the ying and yang of progress our darkest moment may actually be our brightest for creative opportunity. The city's actual cost of all this can be looked at in a number of ways. Roughly the city is into the project for about \$15-million when you throw in about \$1.5-million for the opportunity cost of capital give or take a million. When you own both the power to zone property use, and the ownership of the property, you own the printing press to print your own money, and that is a good thing.

Election Education Betty Crosby Livermore

Dear Friends and Neighbors: With the overwhelming challenges facing all of us, especially in this year of huge challenges and worldwide chaos, never has the Serenity Prayer been more timely and meaningful: "Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, The courage to change the things I can, And the wisdom to know the difference."

All responsible citizens are well aware that how we vote in the elections this year will have a life-changing effect on the future of our country. The national elections are just the tip of the iceberg. That is more than enough to think about. But wait, there is more, a lot more, for which we must take our rightful responsibility. We must also make wise decisions to save California from the brink of disaster by making informed choices for better leadership of California in the forthcoming state elections.

Never have "We the People" had bigger and better opportunities to create a bright future for all of us. This is more than "just a state election." California is on the brink of disaster. So please take the time to get to know the candidates and what they stand for. Never have we needed stronger leaders. Who knows? As California goes, so could go the nation. Be proud that you have the power to vote! Use that power to best advantage with the courage to vote responsibly and vote wisely! The future of our country and our California is in our hands. "The best way to predict your future is to create it!"

Not The Answer Bob Smith Pleasanton

California is in a race for last

place. Being last place in per student spending is not where the Great State of California should be. California has the eighth largest economy in the world, yet funding for our schools is at an unacceptable level. Many of the 'elective' classes are gone. What happened to education being a basis of broadening our horizons? Driver training is gone. Could that be why more teenagers are involved in accidents than ever before? After school programs are gone. Could that be why our prisons are overcrowded? Teacher salaries are inexcusably low. Could that be why many are leaving the profession?

Investing in our children's education is an investment in our future and our children's future. We should be offering more educational choices for students, rather than fewer. Education will never be as expensive as ignorance. Since teachers have a tremendous influence on our children, shouldn't California teachers should be among the state's best paid professionals?

California roads are in a state of disrepair. Pot holes and uneven pavement cause damage to our vehicles. We would spend less money to repair the roads than we are spending to repair our vehicles. Many overpasses were built 30 or more years ago and were designed to carry the volume of traffic of that era. We need to repair and improve the roadways that we have.

There is talk of closing some of our state parks. It is impossible to lock up a park. The only changes would be that more weeds would grow, trash cans would not be emptied, and rest rooms would not be cleaned. California's budget crisis can be likened to a cancer. Every year it gets worse. There is a cure. Alameda County recently assessed each parcel \$5 for mosquito abatement. Via this assessment the county will raise over \$2 Million. This is a very fair and equitable solution. Property taxes in California need to be fair. It is totally unfair that identical houses on the same street are subject to such different tax liabilities, based solely on how long the current owner has owned the property. Proposition 13, which was passed by voters in 1978, has put a strangle hold on California government. Proposition 13 needs to be repealed. Each parcel should be assessed once every five years, thereby keeping tax revenues current. This would be fair and equitable. One can only imagine the dollars that this change would generate.

The population of California is over 36 Million people. Suppose there was a one time assessment of every person living in California of \$100. Everyone in the state benefits from the services provided by the infrastructure; therefore parents would need to pay for their children. That one time assessment would raise \$3.6 Billion. After three decades of handcuffed government, California has absolutely no idea how to plan for future growth or how to fund maintenance of the current infrastructure. We are constantly looking toward a new bond sale as means of raising additional revenue. Enough already! We need to stop passing the buck. Let's restore fiscal responsibility. Together we can solve California's budget problems and return California to the great state it once was.

SANDIA

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hope is that the Sandia women can mentor the high school students as they continue in their academic and professional careers.

Organizer Cathy Branda, a biosystems research postdoc at Sandia, highlighted how women are still disproportionately represented in engineering, physics, and math, despite increases in the number of women studying those fields in college. For example, women earn half of all undergraduate degrees in math but only 27% of the doctoral degrees. She referenced a Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) study that cited a dearth of role models and a lack of "critical mass" of women in academic departments as two reasons, among others, for the discrepancy.

"I have been asked why we honor only women, especially since at the high school level as many girls as boys are enrolled in science and math classes," she said. "The reason is to encourage our awardees to consider internships and careers in math, science, and engineering disciplines, in spite of the fact that the proportion of women involved in these fields will diminish considerably as the girls proceed along their academic paths."

Two young researchers at Sandia shared their personal experiences in arriving at their career paths. Donna Djordjevich told how she went from being a self-described theater geek to having one of the coolest jobs in the nuclear weapons complex—principal investigator for "Game



Jane Ann Lamph, a mechanical engineer at Sandia, talks with Diana George of Livermore High School.

Technology-Enhanced Simulation for Homeland Security," which is essential a video game to train first responders.

"One day I was a six-year-old who liked to play Super Mario but had no idea what I wanted to be. Now I have a career making video games for national security," she said. "Find your passion and look at it from an engineering and problem-solving perspective, and you'll find that sweet middle spot that is right for you."

Donna explained how her interests in art and video games influenced her decision to study computer science in college. Despite graduating from college in 2001, she was still one of only three women in her classes.

Nimisha Srivastava, a Sandia postdoc with a Ph.D. in chemical

engineering, spoke about her journey into the engineering profession. "When I started college as an engineering major, I didn't even really know what an engineer did. I had this old-school image of engineers building stuff," she said. "I was happy to know that most of the other students were as confused as I was."

She described how—through a series of internships—she graduated from college knowing she wanted to build small things. An interest in working with healthcare led to doctoral work on lab-on-a-chip applications, which in turn brought her to Sandia as a postdoctoral fellow in the Biosystems Research Department.

Livermore High School student Diana George, who was hon-

ored for her mathematics achievement, made an immediate connection with her hostess, Jane Ann Lamph, manager of Sandia's Engineering Design Services Group.

"We've been talking about the physics problem," said Diana. "I'm relieved to hear from Jane Ann that I don't have to love physics to become an engineer."

Diana said she has always liked math and science and enjoys taking things apart. "I think mechanical engineering is a place where I can expand my knowledge," she said. "I think an internship would open my eyes to what this profession is all about."

Science award winners: Alexa Danner, Granada High School; Neda Dastgheyb, Merrill F. West High School (Tracy); Aliya Deri, Amador High School; DonnaLyn Galiguys, Sierra High School (Manteca); Gurwinder Kaur, Manteca High School; Jenny Mei, Foothill High School; Caitlin Miller, Dublin High School; Stephanie Rebeiro, East Union High School (Manteca); Danielle Rond, Tracy High School; and Anne Sandholtz, Livermore High School.

Math award winners: Shire Beach, Granada; Melissa Bromley, Dublin; Jina Choi, Amador; Diana George, Livermore; Prerna Gupta, Foothill; Kristen Holtz, Tracy; Amy McFerran, Sierra; Lauren Mitchell, East Union; Tiffany Szeto, Manteca; and Diana Trang, Merrill F. West.

Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation Announces Winners

The Board of Directors of the Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation has announced that \$500,000 in scholarships have been awarded to graduates of Livermore high schools and Alameda County high school graduates attending St. Patrick's Seminary and University. "Mario would be thrilled, as am I," commented Gene Hale, board president and longtime friend and business associate of Pedrozzi.

The Foundation awards annual and multiple year scholarships of up to \$5000 per year to eligible students of all ages whose higher education goals may range from technical and

vocational certification to upper graduate degrees. Scholarships of up to \$10,000 per year are awarded to graduates attending St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park.

Applications will be available in January 2009 for the 2009-2010 academic year. Information can be found at www.pedrozzi.org.

Awards of \$6000 to those attending four year colleges: Amy Behnke, Karen Belak Megan Bell, Ashley Brooks, James Brown, Danielle Cowgill, Baljinnnyam Dashdorj, Nishani Dharmawardana, Kenneth Girardin, Olivia Glass, Tracey Greulich, Elyse Hallett, Ryan Heath, Christine Herman, Wei Jin, Amy Lemmon, Christina Peneda, Lauren

Peterson, Kelly Targett, Carissa Toyama, Catherine Urabe, Nicole Voelker, Carol Wilson, Andrea Young, Grant Zhu;

\$10,000 scholarships: Kristina Cox, Kathleen Defenbaugh, Keith Edwards, Brittany Jessick, Madeleine Klem, Steven Pangelinan, Steven Perry, Kristyn Revelli, Dara Stepanek, Huyen Tran, Greg Tupper-Eoff, Alyssa Unterreiner, and Li Zhou.

Winners of \$20,000 Marquis Scholarships: Holly Christensen, William Springer.

1, 2 and 2 year scholarships: Haley Ashcraft \$3000, Lindsey Boyle \$1500, Catherine Braun \$7500, Michael Friesen \$2 500, Brittany Markert \$2500, Margo Meskin \$3000, Brandon Olivo \$1500, Rebecca Paddock \$7500, Sabina Piras \$4500, Sarah Roth \$5000, Joshua Roth \$1500,

Kurtis Sherer \$3000, Anna Sievers \$2500, Andrew Slavec \$3000, Amanda Stapp \$4500, NiSun \$4500, Kristen Tompkins \$3000, James Torres \$3000, Marla Watson \$4500, Nicole Williams \$2500, Kelli Zenger \$4500.

Community college scholarships: \$2000: Kristen Beardsley, Garrett Clark, Lindsay Grob, Paige Godrich, Albert Harris, Lindsay Martin, John Nagel, Daniel Nilson, Jonathan Oliver, Angela Ramsey, Malika Roy, Adam Sack; \$1000: Elizabeth Favela, Katie Schmidt, Jennifer Sirinni, Emily Smyth, Sarah Turner.

Technical and vocational scholarships of \$5000: Taylor Disbrow, Travis Eppler, Kyle Godrich, Briana Olivo.

Graduate school scholarships of \$10,000: Nicole Sadler, Courtney Voegele, Timothy Weaver.

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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.

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 goGerber.org, P.O. Box 6919, Moraga, CA 94570. For more information contact Melinda Gerber at 925-768-3680.

Ohlone Wilderness Backpacking - Del Valle Regional Park: 9am, Friday, June 6 to 3pm, Sunday, June 8 #18739. Explore the Ohlone Wilderness and meet other backpackers on this strenuous 3-day, 20-mile trip. No experience necessary, but you must be in good physical condition and attend a pre-trip meeting 5/28 7-8pm. Food provided. Gear rental \$2. (13+yrs) Registration Required: 1-888-EBPARKS, ?option 2, 3 Fee: \$84 (non-res. \$94) www.ebparks.org.

Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women, meet 6 p.m. Thurs., May 29 at the Nordstrom Cafe in the Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton. Clara Rouse, a motivational speaker, will present a program entitled, "Secrets of Success." Cost is \$20 for dinner and program. Call Mona at 829-3505 by May 27 for reservations.

Community Sale hosted by Heritage Estates Retirement Community to benefit Relay for Life on Sunday, June 1st from 8:00 am - 3:00 p.m. Residents and employees have donated items to sell for their fund-raising effort for Relay for Life. The sale will be held at 900 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore, in the front parking lot of the buildings. Please call (925) 373-3636 with any questions. Barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase. All proceeds to be for Relay for Life.

Toastmasters - Livermore Lunch Bunch meets 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Monday's at the Robert Livermore Recreation Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Learn to develop communication and leadership skills in a supportive environment that fosters self-confidence and personal growth. For more information visit the Club's website at: www.livermoretoastmasters.org or contact Valerie Curcuro 925 606 6841 valerie@newbeginningsforyou.com.

Valley Spokenmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., May 24, 35 miles from Pleasanton Sports Park to Danville, Tassajara and Livermore, meet 10 a.m. at the park, Larry and Joan Roe, 846-0734. Sun., May 25, 30

miles Shannon Center south to Pleasanton and Sunol, meet 9 a.m. Dan Carhart, 656-2551. Wed., May 28, 40 miles Livermore section of the Cinderella, meet 9 a.m. at the Livermore Airport, Jennifer Burton, 455-8228. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

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 Lave, 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.

Sons In Retirement (SIR), Livermore Branch 121, meets Tues., July 1 at the Doubletree Club Hotel in Springtown at 11 a.m. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. with a guest speaker to follow. The meeting begins with a social hour and includes a luncheon, speaker and business meeting. There are no dues or membership fees; open to men retired from gainful occupation. Programs including golf, bowling, hiking, bridge, touring, travel and just socializing. For a reservation and introduction, call Bob Wood at 373-8064.

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.

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

Meditate at the Pleasanton Library with Marshall Zaslove, M.D. Thursday, May 29, 7pm, simple, effective techniques will be demonstrated. Meeting Room, 400

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

Society of American Indians Scholarships, Amelia McClure \$100-\$500 award. Applications available for Tri-Valley students of American Indian heritage. They must be picked up at the Livermore American Indian center, 298 Junction Ave., Livermore. mpthoff@livermore.k12.ca.us, Mary Puthoff, 606-3405. Deadline is Wed., May 28 to send in application to Society of American Indians, PO Box 2323, Livermore.

CA 94551. Applicants must document at least one-sixteenth American Indian and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

RELIGION
Tri-Valley Unity. "Spiritual but not Religious?" — A recent national survey found that 25% of all Americans say Yes to that question. Richard Southern will deliver a message on the topic, Sunday, May 25, 10 a.m. All are welcome. Tri-Valley Unity meets at the Radisson, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. (925) 829-2733.

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California Spirit Elite All-Star Cheer in Pleasanton, Senior Teal team took 2nd place at the World Spirit Federation's Cheerleading Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 12 and 13. The Senior Black team took 3rd and the Youth Team also had a strong showing in the largest bracket of the competition. Teams came from all over the country to participate in this event. CSE has recreation tumbling classes and competition cheerleading teams for girls and boys from ages 5 to 18

that come from all the Tri-Valley. Go to the website www.californiaspiritelite.com for more information

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Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



Muriel Doggett: Creativity Requires Courage

A watercolor of a pine tree hangs in our living room above the piano. It is a close-up—you can only see part of the tree and none of the surrounding landscape. It reminds me of my teenage years, when I would occasionally ride my bike over to a reservoir near our home in Baltimore, hide the bike behind a bush, and climb a large pine tree. Near the top, I would lounge on a large branch and observe the world around me, sort of meditating. Perhaps these adventures were in the back of my mind when my husband and I first saw the watercolor at a Livermore art show. I have heard that art appeals to us when it has a meaning for us. We bought the painting and have enjoyed living with it.

The watercolor is by Muriel Kazerman Doggett, who came to Livermore in 1962 when her husband, Jim, was hired by LLNL as a mechanical engineer. Muriel was born in 1932 in Los Angeles and met Jim when they were students at UC Berkeley. While Jim was in the army, they married in 1954 at Fort Hood, Texas. In Livermore Muriel became active in the Livermore Art Association and the Cultural Arts Council. Her friend, Margo Kirkewoog, said of her, "She was a perfectionist, she was driven. Her art was an absolute vocation; she was very serious about it—the opposite of me. I was having fun with it. She worked hard."

Muriel became a student of watercolorist Jade Fon and participated in his teaching sessions at Asilomar each year. One of her paintings was chosen as the best at one workshop and remains at Asilomar. Her painting of Yosemite Falls won the grand prize award at a Yosemite Renaissance art show and remains in a permanent collection at Yosemite. Another of her paintings, "Jury Duty," showing people waiting to be called for jury duty, won national honors and appeared in several books. This subject was unusual for her—she usually chose to paint the natural landscape. She was accepted as a member of the National Watercolor Society. In 1969 as a part of Livermore's centennial celebration, she helped to found the Festival of the Arts that was held in October for many years at various locations including the Barn. A juried show, it caused controversy at first with some local artists. She also taught watercolor classes in Livermore and Pleasanton. One of her former students remembered that Muriel said: "Creativity is based on having the courage to admit what your eyes really see and what your heart really feels."

Muriel had a wonderful sense of humor, and she would be the first to laugh at a reminder of the *Tri-Valley Herald and News* article of February 3, 1973: "Anybody Wanna Buy a Used Kid?" The Doggett's third child, Jim, was soon to have his fourteenth birthday. He had asked for a 10-speed bike to help with his paper route, and his parents gave him a hard time about his request, telling him that it was way too expensive, even though they intended to give him one. Jim said that a friend he knew who was an only child had a 10-speed; oh, if he were an only child, he could have anything he wanted. Muriel told him, "We might be able to help with that."

Later, Muriel stopped in at the newspaper office to place a classified ad to sell her son. Since, of course, this was a joke, she insisted that their phone number not be included in the ad. Unfortunately, the phone number was published with the ad on January 29. Soon the household was overwhelmed with phone calls. The police were called also, and Detective Gary Findley went to Junction Avenue School to discuss the ad with Jim, who was in class, unaware of the problem. The ad read: "14-year-old boy with paper route & rat. Needs room to roam. Would prefer to be only child. Best offer. 447-8876." After straightening out the misunderstanding, Jim rushed home for lunch. He stomped in the door with a serious face saying how embarrassed he was, but couldn't keep it up for long. Soon the whole family was laughing. Jim decided that the ad was the best birthday present ever. His father told me that their phone did not stop ringing for many days and that the event made headlines around the world. A London newspaper published a cartoon showing Jim sitting on a curb by a stack of newspapers and his old bike, holding up a rat by the tail.

The Doggetts' children—Bill, Valerie, Jim and Leslie—are all gifted musicians. Their mother and father could not read music or play an instrument. All four were very active in drama programs in the valley. Their parents played a strong supporting role in their endeavors, helping especially with painting back-drops. Muriel and Glynn Pence founded the Del Valle Dam Dog Club to teach obedience classes. The word "Dam" has now been deleted from the title, and the Del Valle Dog Club has the second largest all-breed show in the states each year.

In 1986 Muriel was told that her colon cancer had metastasized into her liver, and she was given less than a year to live. She chose an experimental treatment through UC San Francisco and beat the odds by living two more years. She died at age 55 in March 1988, a woman of courage to the end.

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

Discount Tickets Available for 143rd Highland Gathering and Games

This year marks the first time that patrons of the 143rd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, held over the Labor Day weekend in Pleasanton, can take advantage of advance ticket sale discounts over the internet.

By logging onto the Games website at www.caledonian.org, tickets can be purchased. Go to "Games" on the top bar to open the ticket manager. The ticket page also affords the opportunity to purchase advance tickets for the popular Grandstand Show that entertains thousands both days beginning at 4 p.m.

Produced by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, the Games are considered by many to be the largest in the world, offering a plethora of cultural and entertainment activities including seven stages of music and dance from traditional to Celtic Rock entertainers and bands.

Rousing bagpipe and drum music from traditional pipe bands, numbering over 30 from the U.S. and Canada, are joined by the U.S. Marine Band San Diego.

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Capturing the Class of 2020

By Patricia Koning

The class of 2020 has never known a president other than George W. Bush or that 911 was once only an emergency phone number, and probably doesn't remember when Pluto was a planet. By the time they graduate from high school, biofuels and hydrogen may have supplanted gas at filling stations.

Recently some 300 members of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's class of 2020, which today total nearly 1,000, gathered on the football field of Granada High School for a group photo. Little did these kids know, but many of them will stand on that same football field in about 17 years when they graduate from high school.

"It was fun, but it was hard to sit still and not talk to anyone," said Kayla Steinhorst, a kindergarten from Croce Elementary School.

The purpose of the gathering was to capture a snapshot of the Class of 2020 to use in their high school yearbooks. The District organized the event to commemorate their theme for the current school year: "VISION 2020."

Smith Elementary School principal Denise Nathanson and Joe Michell Elementary School principal Angela Ehrlich along with 42 kindergarten teachers from the District's ten elementary schools joined the students in the picture. Also present was school board president Tom McLaughlin, trustees Anne White and Bill Morrison, assistant superintendents Kelly Bowers and Mike Martinez, and

ecutive directors Yolanda Holmes, Cindy Alba, Mike Nagel, and Bob See. Superintendent Brenda Miller sat in the front, surrounded by the children.

About half of the 80 kindergartners from Rancho Elementary were there for the photograph. "The kids knew we were doing something at the high school and that it has to do with the future," said Rancho kindergarten teacher Sue Pierson. "They were pretty excited."

Another Rancho kindergarten teacher, Allison Gomes, stood behind her son, a Rancho kindergartener, in the picture. Both teachers saw several of their former students, who now attend Granada, on the campus.

"2020 vision represents a 'perfect' vision or 'visual acuity.' While we cannot see or predict the future, we certainly can shape it, and ensure the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's combined 995 individual members of the Class of 2020, representing ten different school sites, experience a wide range of opportunities, designed to ensure life-long success," explains Bowers. "We want the entire community to share in our vision of promise for this year's kindergarten class, the graduating Class of 2020."

The Livermore School District is not the only place paying attention to the Class of 2020. The Today show is producing a new series, "Class of 2020" that follows a class of kindergartners from the Los Angeles Unified School District through their high school graduation.



Superintendent Brenda Miller with two members of the Class of 2020.

The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) provided Class of 2020 t-shirts for all the kindergartners, teachers, and dignitaries to wear in the

photo. Photos of the Class of 2020 are also being taken at the individual school sites so that all students can participate.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival Offers Summer Acting Classes

Livermore Shakespeare Festival will offer summer acting classes for young people. No previous stage experience is necessary.

Budding actors will explore scenes from the Festival's summer production of Twelfth Night using the text, theatre games, improvisation and instruction in stage fighting techniques, while

finding the adventure, mischief, and humor in this popular comedy. Students will see that Shakespeare is enjoyable for all ages.

A two-week workshop is offered for high school students, running July 21-August 1; and two one-week youth classes for ages 8 to 13 running July 21-25 or July 28-August 1. Festival

education director Russell Marcel, an English and drama teacher at Bellarmine College Preparatory School, will teach the high school classes; youth classes will be instructed by members of the company. Tuition is \$185 for youth classes, \$250 for the high school class. All will meet at the Bothwell Arts Center,

Eight and H streets, Livermore. Enrolled students receive one free ticket to Twelfth Night, running July 10-August 2 at Conannon Vineyard, Livermore.

For more information and/or an enrollment form, go to www.LivermoreShakes.org; e-mail questions to Russ Marcel at education@shakespeareassociates.org.

OBITUARIES

Duane Dennis Bills

Duane Dennis Bills, 55, died unexpectedly in Galt, California on May 4, 2008. He was born October 24, 1952 in Oakland, CA.

Duane grew up in Hayward and Livermore. He was an avid horseman, and in his youth he lived on two ranches in Hayward. He enjoyed working with his Grandfather Rodney and friends roping and breaking horses.

In 1971 Duane began work as a truck driver and later became an independent driver for Four Winds, Mayflower and United Van Lines. During his time on the road Duane made many friends, his close friends included Nick & Annie Di Pietro, Mike Simonich and Paul Piasecki.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Betty (Eriksen) and LeRoy Bills and his ex-wife Leslie Bills. He is survived by his sisters, Kathleen (Ted) Glasgow of Galt, Rebecca (Gene) Neider of Folsom and brothers, Mike (Pam) of Tracy and Robert (fiancée, Judy Hedger) of Galt. He is also survived by eight nieces and nephews.

He will be truly missed by all of his family and friends. He will be interred at Memory Gardens in Livermore, California. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a memorial donation to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454 Alexandria, VA 22312.

Arrangements were made with Lodi Funeral Home.

Lillian M Martin

Livermore resident Lillian Martin went home to be with the Lord, peacefully on May 12, 2008. She was born in Shoal Lake, Manitoba, Canada, on June 6, 1912. She moved to California after marrying her husband in 1945.

Mrs. Martin is preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Walter H. Martin. She is survived by daughter Linda Pacheco, grandson Travis Pacheco both of Livermore, several nieces and nephews in California and numerous family members in Canada.

She was a person who, without a moments hesitation befriended everyone she met. She was a volunteer for the city of San Leandro, providing companionship and assistance for the elderly. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Mrs. Martin

was an executive secretary for Lucky Foods for 35 years, when she retired in 1986.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hope Hospice in Dublin, California. Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Joseph Wolfenberger

Joseph Wolfenberger died peacefully on May 16, 2008. He was 86.

Joe was born in Calexico, CA to Joseph and Ida Wolfenberger. In 1934, the family moved to Pleasanton. Joe graduated from Amador with the Class of 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October of 1942 and served three years. He participated in the activities at Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands. He remained there attached to the U.S. Navy Air Force. After returning home, he was employed by Pacific Coast Aggregates (later Lone Star Industries) as a crane operator, a job he held for 38 years, retiring in 1984.

He enjoyed retirement, taking many trips with friends. He was able to visit his father's and mother's childhood homes in Switzerland. He enjoyed his family, his garden and fishing at Lake Almanor.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Barbara, sons Joe, Steven and Alan and daughter Joani; daughters-in-law Betty, Georgia and Carrie and son-in-law Lou, nine grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews. He was

preceded in death by his twin sister, Ida and a brother Martin.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thurs., May 22 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Burial will be private at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

James "Jack" W. Maples

A former 35 year resident of Livermore, James W. Maples, passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2008, in Tracy, CA. Jack was born Jan. 12, 1919 in Ft. Worth, TX. He was 87

years old.

He was a drywall by trade, a member of the Carpenter's Union, and the San Joaquin River Club. He proudly served his country in the US Army. Jack loved working in his yard, painting and tending his roses. He also enjoyed playing cards, dominos and telling jokes to his friends and family.

He is preceded in death by his stepdaughter Hazel. He will be missed by his wife Shirley, son, Donald Maples of TX, stepchildren; Judy Jones of Tracy, Jeff Paseka of TN, Tim Paseka of Modesto, and Christine Exley of CO and several grandchildren.

Services were held with honors at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 3873 East Ave., Livermore

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SPORTS NOTES

Swim Scholarship

Kayleigh Foley, a four year varsity swimmer for Amador Valley High School has received a full scholarship at UC Davis. She is the daughter of Brian and Tammy Foley.

Norcal Champions

The athletes of Springtime Tumbling and Trampoline of Livermore, made an excellent showing at this year's Norcal Trampoline & Tumbling State Championships.

The meet, hosted by Powerhouse American in Rocklin, was attended by several gyms and independents from Northern California and Nevada. It was divided into four sessions by division (age group) and level of difficulty culminating with the highest levels of mastery 8, 9, 10 and Elite.

Results: Session 1, Trampoline: Hayden Brackett, 7-8, level 4, state champion; Robert Sutter, 9-10, level 5, 3rd; Josh Davison, 9-10, level 6, state champion. Double Mini: Hayden Brackett, 7-8, level 5, 2nd; Robert Sutter, 9-10, level 5, 2nd; Josh Davison, 9-10, level 6, 2nd.

Session 2: Trampoline: Marina Fontaine, 11-12, level 5, 4th; Michael Korhummel, 11-12, level 6, state champion. Power tumbling: Joshua Browne, 11-12, level 7, state champion

Session 3: Trampoline: Crysta Reese, 13-14, level 6, state champion; double mini: Crusta Reese, 13-14, level 6, state champion; Jackie Neuman, 15-over, level 8, 4th; Power tumbling: Jackie Neuman, 15-over, level 6, 2nd; Simon Browne, 15-over, level 6, state champion.

Session 4: Trampoline: Joshua Browne, 11-12, level 10, 2nd; Simon Browne, 15-over, level 9, state champion; Maya Hauk, 15-over, level 9, 2nd; Jackie Neuman, 15-over, level 9, 4th; Hailey Schnorr, 15-16, level 10, state champion; Bryce Wilson, 15-16, level 10, state champion; Double Mini: Joshua Browne, 11-12, level 10, 2nd; Simon Browne, 15-over, level 9, 2nd; Maya Hauk, 15-over, level 9, state champion; Hailey Schnorr, 15-16, level 10, state champion; Bryce Wilson, 15-16, level 10, state champion; Power tumbling: Hailey Schnorr, 15-16, level 10, state champion; Bryce Wilson, 15-16, level 10, state champion.

Springtime Tumbling and Trampoline located at 5715 Southfront Rd # D offers classes for all levels and ages. Call 925/456-0110 for more information.

Granada Hires Hoop Coaches

Granada High School announced the hiring of two new basketball coaches. Mike Wood will take over the boys program and John Radecke has been tabbed to run the girls program.

Radecke has been a part of Granada basketball for many years, most recently as the Head Junior Varsity Boys coach. Radecke also has extensive experience coaching girls basketball, including assistant at Moreau Catholic as an assistant. In all, Radecke has been coaching basketball for over 20 years.

According to Granada principal Chris VanSchaack, "We are incredibly fortunate to be able to get a coach the caliber of John Radecke to take over our girls program. Not only does Coach Radecke have extensive knowledge of the game, he's an excellent teacher and maintains high expectations of his players both on and off the court. We believe he's the perfect person to help Granada continue with our recent successes in girls basketball." The Lady Matadors have earned NCS Playoff berths each of the past four seasons.

Wood is known by many in the East Bay as a result of his successes as a player at Foothill High School and Cal State East Bay. Wood was a four-year college starter and left as the all-time scoring leader in school history. Wood began coaching and teaching upon graduation from college and has worked with the Amador Valley boys program the last two years. Coach Wood graduated East Bay with a degree in Kinesiology and currently teaches physical education in the Livermore school district.

Principal Van Schaack is excited about the passion and enthusiasm that Wood brings to the table. "Coach Wood is absolutely the right person for our program at this time. Not only is he committed to making his players better on the basketball court, he's also a big-time character guy. He's had the opportunity to play for two of the best coaches in the area in Coach Isaacs and Coach Biggs, and will no doubt bring a lot of his personality with him. He has a great career ahead of him as a varsity basketball coach and we're thrilled that he's beginning it with us."

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results:

A Division: Riverdogs vs. Redwings. Thursday May 14th had a brutal baseball game to be played between the Redwings and the Riverdogs, and play it did. Fortified by lukewarm Gatorade, Andrew had two base hits and Devin one. Sean pitched and had two K's. Anthony also pitched, and recorded a putout and an assist from the mound.

The Redwings and the Bees turned in some great plays in the field and played heads up baseball. Playing the first 4 innings holding a good spot for Trevor Doster as he made the play from two different pitchers. Austin Groninger had a great performance pitching and on one play scooped up the ball and threw to Trevor for the out at first. Next inning with Owen Camp pitching he got the ball and also threw to Trevor for another out at first base for the Redwings. Great pitching by Austin, Owen and Carter. T.

AA Division: Red Sox 9, Pirates 8: Top Offensive Players: Cliff Morant hit one single with 2 RBI's, Mitchell Lawrence hit one double, Joe Desmond, Will Mattingly, and Matthew Morosoli scored with home steals. Almost everyone tried to steal a base and succeeded. Top Defensive Players: Mitchell Lawrence as a reliever in the 4th top struck out three hitters closing the game. Matthew Morosoli and Tanner Cagnano demonstrated solid pitchings for three innings.

AAA Division: Nationals 6, Orioles 12: The 10-1 first place Orioles took their run scoring machine to meet the Nationals Monday night. Orioles beat the Nationals 12-6 on some big hits. Nick Martins single and double lead the way. Top Offensive Players: Nate Gipson, Arthur Hwang; Top Defensive Players: Nick Bush, Timmy Wu, Jimmy Ritter.

Red Sox 10, Tigers 6: The Red Sox defeated the Tigers 10-6 in an exciting and well played game. Luther Little led the Tigers hitting attack with two doubles, a single, one RBI and two runs scored. Other Tiger hitting stars were Troy Bachard who had two singles, one RBI and scored a run, Sammy Cabral had a double, one RBI and scored a run, and Nick Powers singled to lead off the RBI. Defensively the Tigers made a lot of great plays. Luther Little picked off a Red Sox runner at third base from his catcher position, Joshua Ott did a great job catching and Troy Bachard made several great defensive plays for the Tigers at various positions. Joshua Ott did not give up a hit or run and struck out two Red Sox batters in his two innings of pitching for the Tigers. Top Offensive Players: Luther Little, Troy Bachard, Sammy Cabral; Top Defensive Players: Troy Bachard, Luther Little, Joshua Ott.

Majors: Giants 3, Angels 5: The Angels beat the Giants 5-3 in an exciting weekend game. Matt Weir caught a high fly ball in right field in the 1st inning and Camden Murtagh ended the 3rd by catching a line drive at short stop. Kevin Vigallon pitched well to Jordan Ott at catch during the first 4 innings holding the Giants to only one run. Ivan Swalve took the pitchers mound in the 4th with Matt Winsby at catch. In the 5th inning, Winsby bunted a single and Ott had a base hit. Winsby and Ott both stole home bringing the score to tie 2-2. In the bottom of the 6th the Angels began hitting when Vigi started things off with a base hit. With the bases loaded Derek "D" Bamister hit a double for 3 RBIs bringing in Vigi, Stephen Chipman and Amir Patel and the Angels took the lead. Chipman was the closing pitcher holding the Giants at 3 for the final score Angels 5, Giants 3.

A's 1, Rangers 8: The A's lost their 2nd game of the season against the hard hitting Rangers. Justin Gibson, Josh Stevens and Ruben Mercado pitched well but it wasn't

enough to stop the Rangers. Josh Stevens went two for two at bat, Nick Soldati contributed with a single and Ruben Mercado had two singles. Justin Gibson made 3 outs, two fielded on the mound and one at 1st base. Chet Kozioi comes up with a big pop fly in center field and another out when he gets the one hop in center and throws out the runner at 2nd. Chris Cogshall fields the grounder at 3rd and throws out the batter at 1st.

Angels 6, A's 7: Max Sanderson held the Angels at bay and Josh Stevens and Collin Richardson closed out the game for the win. Ryan Gronlund had a hot glove with 4 plays at short, Chet Kozioi and Kenny Spivey made plays at 2nd. Ruben Mercado picks of the steal going to 2nd. Greg Miller and Josh Stevens go 2 for 2 at plate, Mihir Naik gets a well earned double.

A's 16, Mets 9: Josh Stevens, Collin Richardson, Kenny Spivey and Ruben Mercado teamed up on the mound to earn the win over the hard hitting Mets. Josh Stevens, Ryan Gronlund and Ruben Mercado all came up with pop flies in the infield. Ruben Mercado at short stop runs down a grounder over 2nd and throws the runner out at 1st. Both Max Sanderson and Ruben Mercado put the ball in play 4 out of 4 times at plate. Chris Cogshall goes 2 for 3 with a 2 RBI double. Collin Richardson also comes up with a 2 RBI double and Nick Soldati has a 1 RBI single.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results: Cardinals 6, Cubs 2: Ryan Dearborn pitched a complete game for the first place Cardinals. Dearborn Allowed 2 runs on 3 hits while striking out 14 Cubs in the process. The Cardinals got the scoring started in the fourth inning when Dearborn sent a first pitch curve ball deep over the left field fence for a 1-0 lead. Ricky Martinez would score in the 4th also from a Casey Solits Sacrifice Fly. The Cubs were able to tie the game in the 5th when Zak Blair reached base on an error. Next batter Anthony Dondero followed with a walk. That brought up Austin Sivret who drove a 1-1 pitch off the fence in center field to tie the game at 2 a piece. Neither team could score again until the 7th inning when the Cardinals scored 4 runs, all from walks, to win the game. The leading hitters for the Cardinals were Dearborn with the home run, and Matt Hilgen with a single and a run. Leading the way for the Cubs were Matty Proel (6 inn. pitched, 2 runs, 3 hits and 11 strikeouts), Proel, Blair and Sivret all had hits for the Cubs.

Majors - Diamondbacks 8, Cubs 6: Tanner Cortez threw a complete game and scored three runs for the Diamondbacks as they clinched a spot in the playoffs. The top of the order carried the day for both teams, as the D's backs first four went a combined 9 for 14 with 7 RBI and the Cubs' leadoff three scored 5 runs. Austin Sivret had 3 strong innings of relief for the Cubs. Defensively, centerfielder Brian White made 4 running catches for the D's backs. Top hitters D backs - Jason Silva 2 singles, double, RBI, 2 runs; D's Sox triple, single, 3 RBI, 1 run; Logan Van Schaack 2 singles, 3 RBI, Cubs - Austin Sivret single, double, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Nick Campiotti double, 2 runs; Tanner Sandy single, RBI. Top Pitchers D backs - Tanner Cortez 6 IP, 3 ER, 7 K. Cubs - Austin Sivret 3 1/3 IP, 1 run, 8 K.

Cardinals 7, A's 6: Top Hitters: Cardinals - Ricky Reeves and Matt Ontano both hit doubles while Michael Pierce, Zachary Botcho and Mark Santos hit singles. A's - Sebastian Martinez hit a home run over the fence in center field and Matt Carlo hit a triple. Michael Bohl, Dominic Carlson, Jacob Lutz, Matt Droege each hit one single. Top Pitchers: Cardinals Matt Hilgen 3 IP, 4H, 4R, 7K, Curtis Wigginton 2IP 1H, 1R, 4K. A's Jason Bohl 2IP, 3H, 3R, 2K, Llewelyn Slone 2IP, 2H, 2R, 1K. Michael Pierce hit a walk off single driving in the winning run.

Diamondbacks 8, Red Sox 0: Starting pitchers Logan Van Schaack and Brandon Jeffers were impressive as they hooked up in an old-fashioned duel. The Diamondbacks' Tanner Cortez set the defensive tone in the first inning with a diving stop of a Ryan Mathia shot up the middle. In the bottom of the fourth, the D's backs scored two unearned runs to break open the game. Top hitters D backs - Logan Van Schaack 5 IP, 0 runs, 8 K. Red Sox - Brandon Jeffers 4 1/3 IP, 0 earned runs, 7 K.

Minor AAA - A's 15, Diamondbacks 14: What a great game to watch. Each team was ahead a couple of times throughout the game but the A's pulled it off with the extra inn with a couple of key hits. A few of the A's top hitters were Conner Gibbons (3 singles, scored twice, 2 RBI's), Sean Haggerty (3 singles, scored, 3 RBI's), Adam Padilla (single, scored twice, 2 RBI's), Austin Harrison (single, double, scored), and Keven Zaia (double, scored); top hitters for the Diamondbacks were Jacob Jackson (2 HR's, single, scored three times), RBI Jason Campbell (triple, single, scored twice), and Matt Ryan (3 singles, scored twice). Top pitchers for the A's were Conner Gibbons, Joseph Carrillo and Austin Harrison. Top pitching for the Diamondbacks were Kyle Tupper, Jason Campbell, Randall Young, and Dominic Mingione.

Mariners 11, Diamondbacks 8: Top Pitchers - D Backs: Jake Jackson, 2 1/5, Jake Olofsson, 2 1/3, K. Mariners: Anthony Miller 2 1/3, K; Jared Baranis 2 1/4, K. Top Hitters: D Backs: Dominic Mingione 3B (off of errors), 1B; Matthew Ryan- 2B. Mariners: Jared Baranis- 1 in the park homerun, 3B, 1B; Max Wigginton- 1B. This was a nailbiter of a game. Tied 8-8 in the 4th inning and the Mariners pulled off three runs to win the game.

Minor A - Mariners: Offense- Andrew Lewis, Seth Davis, Tyler Thompson; Defense- Dillan Martinez, Bradley Bailey, Michael Thaeate, A's: Offense- Sam Miller, Vincent Dixon, Seth Street; Defense- Riley Van Trease, Alex Northrop, Lukas Owen. Diamondbacks (Offense): Jason Van Bladel; Lucas Aninos, Brian Mahoney; (Defense): Colton Casey, Dominic Giuliano; Caleb Nale, Red Sox (Offense): Hector Salcedo, Garrett Borba, Michael Silva; (Defense): JJ Morley; Joel Gauch; Chad Hennig. Cardinals vs. Cubs: Cardinals (offense) Dmitrij Boyd, Trevor Campbell, Cameron McGee (Defense) Joey Lestochi, Ben Dupuis, Nicolas LaRosa Cubs (offense) Mark Silverthorn, Reid Heffron, Zach McDonald (defense) Tyler Rodgers, Troy Wentworth, Weston Bradley.

Farm Giants (Offense) Derek Eijansantos, Jacob Eijansantos, Jordan Garcia (Defense) Chad Goldsberry, Joey Katen, Ryan Lortie, Red Sox (Offense) Colby Gibbons, Sebastian Lechner, Ethan James (Defense) Henry Kath, Taylor Pine, Jaxen McLaren, Yankees (Offense) Caleb Hachler, Peyton Peterson, Quinn Tudor (Defense) Ryan Layton, RJ Mata, Christopher Schonholtz; Athletics (Offense) Harrison Headows, Ryan James, Morgan Labrucherie (Defense) Grant Blockley, Elijah Beedles, Dylan Graham, Blue Jays (Offense) Jacob Gonzalez, Robert Sandoval, Noah Wiesner (Defense) Sydney Keshmry, Trevor Kerby, Wyatt Moseley; Pirates - (Offense) Tyler Hattori, Tommy Reeves, Adrian Ayala (Defense) Nathan Kamm, Jane Abele, Bradley Mitchell.

Cardinals (Offense) Zachary Macintire, Drew Marples, Chandler Orluck; (Defense) Ethan Lux, Cameron Stephenson, Justin Watson, Mets (Offense) Angel Becerra, Caleb



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Pleasanton National Little League Cubs took on the San Ramon Bandits. In the photo, one of the Cubs is tagged out trying to steal second base.

Hardesty, Jordan Muller; (Defense) Max Silveira, Joshua Collum, Greyson Hubbs, Cardinals (Offense) Jeremy Dyson, Andrew Hayley, Gunmar Hollingshaus; (Defense) Zachary Hollingshaus, Elhan Payne, George Zika -Yankees (Offense) Christopher Irwin, Gabriel Parrish, RJ Mata; (Defense) Connor Delfesus, Nicholas Hill, Ray Montes. **T-Ball - Red Sox (Offense)** Ryan Stear, Devine Stone, Colton Trudeau (Defense) Jeffrey Winter Jr., Douglas Wynne, Brent Young, A's (Offense) Daniel Becerra, Graciana Roldan, Gregory Short (Defense) Jensen Roldan, Hayden Marshall, Jack Kilbane; Cardinals (Offense) Yash Hammond, Jack Hansen, Christopher Olgardt (Defense) Ty Stewart, Ben Wiesner, Nathan Woolsey, Diamond Backs (Offense) Connor Campbell, Catherine Linney, Vijay Memula (Defense) Kaegan Nelson, Blake Stokes, Kyle Rodgers; Mariners (Offense) Mason Eastman, Jade Overton, Andy Hankins (Defense) Catherine Frost, Austin Overton, Donovan Holmes.

Gold Junior 80's: Granada 9, Manteqa Gold 1: Granada traveled this weekend to play Manteqa's Gold Team. Manteqa plays on a 90's field so, Granada had to make adjustments to the larger field. Without missing stride, they made those adjustments well. Anthony Olmo and Sean Westphal combined to throw a no-hitter against the host team in the first game of a doubleheader. Except for a few walks, they kept the Manteqa hitters off balance with good fastballs and off speed pitches. Top Hitters: Taylor Downey 3 for 4, 1 run scored, 2 RBI's; Daniel Whitney 3 for 4, 1-2B, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI's; Matt Richards 1 for 3, 3rb's; Anthony Olmo 4 walks, 3 runs scored. Top Pitchers: Anthony Olmo 4 IP, 1 run, 5 walks, 7 strikeouts; Sean Westphal 3 IP, 2 walks, 1 hit batsman, 3 strikeouts.

Granada 15, Manteqa Gold 3: Top Hitters: Kevin Rogers 1 for 3, 1-2B, 2 runs scored, 3rb's; Daniel Whitney 2 for 2, 1-3B, 1 run scored, 1rb; Nate Preece 1 for 2, 1-2B, 1 run scored, 2 RBI's; Vince Fernandez 1 for 3, 1 run scored, 2 RBI's; Matt Richards 1 for 3, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; David Russell 1 for 2, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Top Pitchers: Daniel Whitney 3 IP, 2 runs, 1 hit, 3 strikeouts; Taylor Downey 2 IP, 1 run, 1 hit, 1 walk, 3 strikeouts.

Granada 4, Pleasanton Foothill 3: The game started with a lead off back-to-back homers, Granada's Sean Westphal went opposite field, crushing the ball over the right-center field fence and then Vince Fernandez followed with a towering and deep homer over the right field fence. Top Hitters: Vince Fernandez 2 for 2, 1 HR, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Jordan Thralkill 1 for 2, 1-2B, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Kevin Rogers 1 for 3, 1 run scored.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results: **T-Ball:** Valentine Wealth Management Inc. vs. Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream: Top players: Valentine Wealth Management Inc.—Andrea Harding, Emily Sanchez, Mackenzie Wiedel; Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream—Francesca Cardoza, Madison Fingerut, Sophia Moore

Micro Division: Saavy Second vs. Niki Ward Photography or Saavy Second. Zoey Castillo had a nice hit to center, Carly Rose Rucopero hustled to base to outrun the ball, and Kiana Meagher made a great out at 3rd. For Niki Ward Photography, McKenna Harris made a nice out at home, Rachel Taffe had a wonderful play at 2nd, and Alyssa Wu showed great speed getting to the base. Top players: Saavy Second's—Zoey Castillo, Keana Meagher, Carly Rose Rucopero; Niki Ward Photography—McKenna Harris, Rachel Taffe, Alyssa Wu.

Saavy Second vs. Friends of PGSL: Top players: Saavy Second's—Sierra Bohnet, Espanarra Lotti, Brynne Starnon; Friends of PGSL—Aliyah Baxter, Emily Cabral, Sarah Van

All Star Sports vs. Fritz's Landscaping Company: Top players: All Star Sports—Haley Carr, Abigail Fried, Addison Mares; Fritz's Landscaping Company—Claire Fuller, Hayden Lahr, Lauren Slaton.

Saavy Second vs. Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance: Top players: Saavy Second's—Jordan Ciesielski, Inez Denoncourt, Allie Simon; Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance—Alyssa Crumrine, Raina Jastuja, Teira Moncada.

P Builders vs. Excel Realty & Mortgage: Top players: J.P. Builders—Michaela Cabral, Terra McHone, Halle Uhl; Excel Realty & Mortgage—Kate Inman, Kaitley Kalabolas, Avery Long.

Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance vs. The Hopyard Alehouse & Grill: Top players: Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance—Alyssa Crumrine, Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf, Emma Monsen; The Hopyard Alehouse & Grill—Bonnie Crawford, Lauren Melvin, Michaela Ritter.

Mini Rec Division: Assist Tel-Com vs. AMS: Great 1st base back up by Assist Tel-Com's Alexa Mcgee. Nice hit by Jessica Damota. Great outfielding by McKenna Moura. AMS's Kami Kodama made a great fly ball catch and Adrianna Lotti hit a double. Top players: Assist Tel-Com—Jessica Damota, Alexa McGee, McKenna Moura; AMS—Kami Kodama, Andrea Lopez, Adrianna Lotti.

Assist Tel-Com vs. Moonshot Girls: Hannah Friesen and Shelby Cabral of Moonshot Girls catch pop flies. Lanali

Scates of Assist Tel-Com catches a pop fly. Top players: Assist Tel-Com—Shelby Cabral, Hannah Friesen, Callan Jackman; Moonshot Girls—Jessica DaMota, Olivia Larsen, Alexa McGee.

E Squared Automotive Group vs. Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation: Great play at 1st by Assist Tel-Com's Brooke Christian and great pitching by Olivia Larsen. Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation's Hannah Myer made a nice pop fly catch. Top players: Assist Tel-Com—Brooke Christian, McKenzie Fox, Olivia Larsen; Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation—Irma Gutierrez, Hannah Myers, Lilly Ryan.

E Squared Automotive Group vs. Clear Path Business Advisors Top players: E Squared Automotive Group—Madelyn Anderson, Gabriela Mora, Jessica Schmidt; Clear Path Business Advisors—Gina DiPiazza, Caroline McMorro, Michelle Wood.

E Squared Automotive Group vs. Pleasanton GlassTop players: E Squared Automotive Group—Katelyn Antilla, Amanda Axial All Stars vs. Japonesque Top players: Axial All Stars—Rebecca Deckinger, Grace Nielsen, Megan Ritter; Japonesque—Shanee Hunsacker, Megan Kreider, Danica Zierau.

Pilates on Spring vs. Friends of PGSL: Final game of the season saw two teams battling it out. Maeve Leininger caught two fly balls; Raven Bell batted in three runners and Abigail Sage displayed excellent offensive and defensive playing. Top players: Pilates on Spring—Raven Bell, Maeve Leininger, Abigail Sage; Friends of PGSL—Margaret Cirves, Katie Reding, Danielle Sonobe.

Mini Upper Division: J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines 7, Titan PCB, Inc. 4; J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines: Jenna O'Neal, Meghan Pickett and Emily Myer excellent fielding and batting. Titan PCB, Inc.: Alyssa Bardakas with excellent fielding making 2 outs back to back. Haley Okumura had good fielding and batting. Sophia Brown made an unassisted double play, excellent fielding. Top players: J.Lohr Vineyards & Wines—Emily Myer, Jenna O'Neal, Meghan Pickett; Titan PCB, Inc.—Alyssa Bardakas, Sophia Brown, Haley Okumura.

Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams Realty 9, BEMA Electronics 7: There was some solid base hits by BEMA Electronics: Celine Germain, Monica Martinez, and Tamilyn Kwong. BEMA Electronics' fielding was excellent with plays from Jenyce, Hannah and Karen. Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams Realty had great hits with Lauren having a 3 RBI double, and Jenna and Megan each with a 2 RBI double. Top players: BEMA Electronics—Hannah Brown, Jenyce Dutcher, Monica Martinez; Kimberly Warren-Keller Williams Realty—Lauren Blach, Jenna Crawford, Megan Shackley.

BEMA Electronics: Great fielding by Maddy McGarry. Base hits by Jenyce Dutcher and Monica Martinez. Titan PCB, Inc.: RBI by Caroline Clark. Great batting and fielding by Karina Galvez, Karlee Schweitzer and Caroline Clark. Top players: BEMA Electronics—Jenyce Dutcher, Monica Martinez, Maddy McGarry; Titan PCB, Inc.—Caroline Clark, Karina Galvez, Karlee Schweitzer.

Minor Rec Division: Tomarco Contractor Specialties 8, West Masonry 7: Tomarco Contractor Specialties' Marissa Camarena's fantastic catch in the outfield; Alex Gray's double hit to centerfield, and Catcher Jaclyn Long's put out throw to 2nd base to end the game. West Masonry's Jennifer Zaballos' triple and 2 RBI's; Jordan Brown's double and excellent pitching by Kiley Stowell. Top players: Tomarco Contractor Specialties—Marissa Camarena, Alex Gray, Jaclyn Long; West Masonry—Jordan Brown, Kiley Stowell, Jennifer Zaballos.

ContraCosta County Public Auto Auction 8, Tomarco Contractor Specialties 8: The star of the game was Ashley Beyer who stepped to the plate in the bottom of the 5th inning and drove in the tying run. Top players: Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction—Ashley Beyer, Katrina Deluz, Emily Roskopf; Tomarco Contractor Specialties—Kenall Ciesielski, Alex Gray, Kathryn Kitayana.

ContraCosta County Public Auto Auction 15, Hyatt Summerfield Suites 2: Top players: Hyatt Summerfield Suites—Alexis Bianco, Megan Ferguson, Rachel Lanning;

Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction—Ariana Banda, Ashley Beyer, Paige Jones.

Minor Upper Division: David's Sunflower Seeds 5, PABCO Gypsum 2: David's Sunflower Seeds were anchored on defense by Sammi Spainat catcher and McKenzie Shields at 2nd base. The offense came from Kendall Morrissey with a 2 RBI single. PABCO Gypsum was anchored by the defensive efforts of Jenny Beadle at 1st and 3rd base as well as a solid game by Jennifer Ng. Top players: David's Sunflower Seeds—Kendall Morrissey, Carley Robertson, Sammi Spain; PABCO Gypsum—Jenny Beadle, Jennifer Ng.

PABCO Gypsum 9, TPCSoftball.com 6: Victoria Molina, Hannah Moreno, and Janelle Tanis led a potent PABCO Gypsum offensive attack to a 9-6 victory over TPCSoftball.com. Molina was on fire at the plate with her extra base hits. Kourtney Gonzaga added two hits for TPCSoftball.com as they tried matching first place PABCO Gypsum on the scoreboard. Top players: PABCO Gypsum—Victoria Molina, Reno Moreno, Janelle Tanis; TPCSoftball.com—Francesca Bartolomeucci, Kourtney Gonzaga, Madison Jefferies.

Major Rec Division: BSM Facility Service Group 8, Stainless Distributors 6: This was a very competitive game between two teams battling towards the championship game. Stainless Distributors jumped out to an early lead, only to see BSM Facility Service Group respond in kind. At the end of two innings, the game was tied 6-6. However, BSM Facility Service Group was able to get one run in each of the next two innings and the final score was 8-6 BSM Facility Service Group. Stainless Distributors were led by Cara Carlstrom who was 2-3 and played solid defense. Savannah Simmons who was 2-3 and played solid defense, and Holly Fehrmann who was 1-1 with two RBIs. BSM Facility Service Group were led by Cassidy Butler who was 2-3 with two RBIs and pitched 3 shutout innings. Lanie Boswell who was 1-2 with an RBI and Sarah Machado who sealed the game with heads up base running to score the winning run and shut down defense at catcher. Top players: BSM Facility Service Group—Lanie Boswell, Cassidy Butler, Sara Machado; Stainless Distributors—Cara Carlstrom, Holly Fehrmann, Savannah Simmons.

BSM Facility Service Group 12, Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance 6: Top players: BSM Facility Service Group—Holly Coles, Jenessa Ponco, Ashley Woodruff; Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance—Jonnelle Balducci, Lindsay Cole, Erica Norton. Sallman, Yang & Alameda 13, Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance 12: Sallman, Yang & Alameda was down 6 runs, and made 7 runs to win the game. Top players: Sallman, Yang & Alameda—Alicia Castelluccio, Allie Peterson, Madeline Quinn; Leslie Wolf-State Farm Insurance—Kaitlin Foley, Casey Jensen, Sabrina McGraw.

Sallman, Yang & Alameda 7, J.M. O'Neill, Inc. Planners/Builders 5: Top players: Sallman, Yang & Alameda—Elizabeth Broughton, Kyra Esmeyer, Madeline Quinn; J.M. O'Neill, Inc. Planners/Builders—Lauren Brown, Madison Hill, Brianna Molina.

Senior Division: Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. 11, A.P. Concrete 6: Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. came from behind to win. A.P. Concrete's Amber Smith did an outstanding job pitching. Monique Montabolo made an amazing catch in the outfield and Erica Smith got 3 RBI's. For Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. Amanda Zavattero had a great hit and lots of steals. Kelsey Butler slid into home to give her team another run. Christine Balestrieri played heads up fielding to get the out at 2nd base. Top players: Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.—Christine Balestrieri, Kelsy Butler, Amanda Zavattero; A.P. Concrete—Monique Montabolo, Amber Simon, Erica Smith.

Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. 9, AMS, Net, Inc. 8: Top players: AMS, Net, Inc.—Michele Benz, Rochelle Erickson, Ciara Trujillo; Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.—Julia Carvahal, Brittany Jones, Trevor Konopka.

Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch vs. Tenet Healthcare: Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch's Danielle Scott had great base running, Chelsi Bias great catching, injured Alyssa Santiago great scorekeeper. Tenet Healthcare's Megan Miller hit a Grand Slam! Leanna Geiger pitched 6 innings, gave up 5 runs, Cassie Martindale 2 hits and 2 runs. Top players: Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch—Chelsi Bias, Alyssa Santiago, Danielle Scott; Tenet Healthcare—Leanna Geiger, Cassie Martindale, Megan Miller.

Cardinal Jewelers 9, Les Schwab Tires 8: Each team raised the stakes by tying the game during a couple of innings. Christina Schuler scored big with a double. Once on base, she stole 3rd and scored at home. Megan Nusser pitched with another double. Top players: Cardinal Jewelers—Megan Nusser, Christina Schuler; Les Schwab Tires—Kelsey Anderson, Mykah Harden, Norissa Matison.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

T-Ball: Nationals vs. Rockies. Nationals MVPs: Wesley Edwards, Gretchen JKrenz, Michael Chen; Rockies MVPs: Tucker Vonderach, Jackson Stuart, Brandon Metz. Strong bats and swinging in the bases by Wesley Edwards, Gretchen Krenz and Michael Chen of the Nationals. Superb defense by Tucker Vonderach, Jackson Stuart and Brandon McDougall of the Rockies. Both teams demonstrated great fielding and hitting techniques, as well as, great team spirit!!!

Twins vs. Brewers: Twins MVPs: Matteo Crivello, James Wilcox and Joseph Bartoni; Brewers MVPs: Cassandra Matchett, Atlantis Simmons and Trulani Simmons.

Pirates vs. Giants: Strong appearances at the plate by Samuel Bush, Ainsley Gibbs, and Ben Neumayer. Pirates MVPs: Samuel Bush, Ainsley Gibbs, Ben Neumayer. Giants

MVPs: Peyton McKenzie, Jacob Kixmiller, Thomas Cowles

A Division: Mets 10, Yankees 20: Connor Livingston hit a double and two singles, caught two fly balls and tagged an out at first. Michael Honeycutt and Isaac Montes both hit two singles. Brandon Bruns and DeVonte Hawkins were both 3 for 3 with 1 RBI. Seth Buentello was 3 for 3 with 2 RBI. Mets MVPs: Connor Livingston, Michael Honeycutt, Isaac Montes. Yankees MVPs: Brandon Bruns, DeVonte Hawkins, Seth Buentello.

Devils Rays 12, Marlins 9: Devil Rays MVPs: Tanner Higgins, Nick Macedo, Nick Bouillere; Marlins MVPs: Connor Johnston, Christopher Kilday, Sean Rolanelli.

Mets 12, Blue Jays 20: Mets MVPs: Peyton Gibbs, Emory Larson, Ian Toland, Blue Jays MVPs: Justin Forsberg, Kate Marcel, Jordan Zambonin.

Red Sox 2, Phillies 15: Red Sox MVPs: Jared Michaels, Garon Michaels, Max Pils. Phillies MVPs: Rigo Zapien, Aaron Aguilair, Jay Robinson.

Yankees lost to the Nationals: Yankees MVPs: Drew Braudrick, Ian Partridge, and Carson King. Nationals MVPs: Morgan Vonderach, Brandon Williams, and Nicholas DeLisle.

Devil Rays 11, Marlins 7: Devil Rays MVPs: Laydon Paiso - 3 for 3, Avery Kempton - 2 for 3, Marlins MVPs: Dante Demayo - 2 doubles, 3 RBIs, Shane Cromwell - defense, Lucas Gordon - defense.

AA Division: Indians 3, White Sox 0: Timely hitting up and down the lineup triggered the Indians in a tight 3-0 win over the White Sox in recent LALL action. Nick Monica and Julian Chavira each had 2-out RBI singles in the first inning, while Morgan Neu added an important RBI hit in the 2nd inning to pace the Indians offense. The Indians' Michael Hallock made a game saving catch in left field when he snagged a deep fly ball off the bat of the White Sox Lucas O'Brien in the 4th inning with two runners on base. In addition to his bat, O'Brien played stellar defense throughout the game for the Sox. Andre Dawson and Basim Elmashni each had big hits to lead the White Sox offensively. Top White Sox players: Andrew Dawson (2B), Basim Elmashni (1B), Lucas O'Brien (Defense), Top Indians players: Morgan Neu (1B, RBI), Nick Monica (1B, R, RBI), Michael Hallock (Defense).

Rigers 4, Cubs 2: The Cubs' Ledbetter scored both runs, one in the bottom of the 1st and one in the bottom of the 4th. Top 3 Tigers: Tyler Gonzales (defense), Zachariah Eme (1B), Tristan Dillman-McDougal (RBI), Top 3 Cubs: Michael Ledbetter (2B, 2 runs), Eric Ark (defense), Christopher Powell (pitching).

Reds 0, Cardinals 1: The Cardinals scored the only run of the game on a hard hit ball by Justin Dalin that turned into a four bagger! The Reds were led by Tyler, Logan and Cameron and put up great pitching and defense performances. Cardinals MVPs: Austin Birdwell, Patrick Schwarz, Justin Dalin. Reds MVPs: Tyler McMahon, Logan Koch, Cameron Dixon.

Astros 2, Cardinals 6: The Cardinals pulled out the win in the seventh inning. Astros MVPs: Nathan Tabaracci played great defense all game! Jared Heise smacked a beautiful double! Jose Mariscal got a base hit that brought in the 2 game tying runs, in the bottom of the sixth! Cardinals MVPs: Alex Griffin hit a double in the 7th inning, giving the Cardinals the lead. Cody Skinner also got a base hit in the

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fourth inning. Nino Carmignani had an RBI single in the second inning and an RBI double in the fourth. Jed Lipp made a great catch in center field resulting in a double play in the fifth inning to end the game. Mariners Top Players: Ben Jacobson, Nino Carmignani, Jed Lipp

LALL 80s Athletics 10, Granada 80s Cardinals 2: This game was much closer than the final score would indicate. Nick Gaul, Jackson Mancieri and Matt Stoebe all pitched well for the A's holding the Cardinals to just 6 hits in the game. Sean Follwell played solid defense behind the plate and also had a great game offensively going 2-2, scoring 2 runs, and getting a RBI. The A's also hit 2 home runs the first coming in the 5th from Kyle Penrod and the 2nd coming in the 7th from Jonny Dalin. Jonny has been on fire at the plate and also had a big single in the first and drove in 4 runs for the game. Daniel Mangano also played well and scored 2. The A's are now 19-0 on the season. As MVPs: Jackson Mancieri, Matt Stoebe, Kyle Penrod

LALL 80s Cardinals 5, Whites 5: This was a terrific game the Nationals kept the A's off balance all night with great pitching. The A's also had a nice pitching performance by William Stewart and Jackson Mancieri the two combined for 11 strikeouts in 7 innings. The A's offense was triggered by an incredible day at the plate by Jonny Dalin. Jonny had 2 home runs in 2 at bats and drove in 3. Continuing his hot streak at the plate! Nick Gaul also had a nice game going 1-2 with a clutch 2 out RBI in the first. Drew Falabella, Chris Holzschuh, Matt Stoebe, Sean Follwell, and Zach Moore all chipped in with hits of their own. This was a tough win highlighted by the A's hallmarks all season pitching and defense. The A's are now 20-0 for the year with 5 games remaining they have a real shot at going undefeated this season. As MVPs: Jonny Dalin, William Stewart, Nick Gaul

LALL 80s Mariners 11, San Ramon Valley 80s Red Sox 10: Mariners' hitting, pitching, and defense came together to squeak by the Red Sox. Ben Jacobson hit a clutch double in the fifth inning to drive in two runs to put the Mariners back in the game. Jacobson also made a great running catch in the seventh inning to help stop a potential game tying Red Sox rally in the bottom of the seventh. Chris DiPese and Sara Marquez combined for 10 strikeouts out on the mound for the Mariners. DiPese picked off a runner at second to keep the Red Sox scoreless in the bottom of the third. Marquez singled for an RBI and scored a run in a six run rally in the top of the fifth. MVPs: Ben Jacobson, Chris DiPese, Sara Marquez

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

Juniors Division: The L.N.L.L.'s 80's House Team defeated San Ramon Hammers 11 to 5. Michael Geard had a great base hit and stole 2nd 3rd and home. Kevin Humes base hit for an RBI in the 1st and a double in the 4th. Cody West also doubled in the 2nd. There were numerous rbi's. Defense was hot with the highlights of Stevens high fly catch at 3rd saving runs and Reed's trick at 1st. It's all about watching the ball

Scores: San Ramon Hammers (5)-80's House (11); 80's House (0)-Granada Giants (5); PFL Cardinals (2)-90's House (11); LALL (12)-80's House (10); 90's House (2)-San Ramon Bandits (1); Tassajara Valley (9)-90's House (7); LALL (2)-80's House (3); 80's House (4)-LALL Mariners (8); Dublin Giants (10)-80's House (9); Top Players: San Ramon Hammers: Speery, Kakishita, Lee; 80's House: Steven Chappell, Kevin Humes, Michael George; 80's House: Austin Hummel, Matt Greeny, Reed Ozdinski; Granada Giants: Gan, Nardrossol, Bondoc; PFL Cardinals: Anthony Gio, Sean 90's House: Steve Bender, Josh Diaz, Austin Nelson; LALL: #10 Joe, #7 Jed, #9 Dippo; 80's House: Cody West, Bobby Lyons, Ben Alexander; 90's House: Stevie Bender, Christian Tudino, Scott Vargas, San Ramon Bandits: Hassfeldt, Kidko, Polansky; Tassajara Valley: Harrison, Leach, Torres; 90's House: Anthony Mazotti, Cameron Nguyen, Frank Robles; LALL 2 A's: Dalin, Stewart, Marcin; 80's House: Craig Woolson, Nat Geasas; Ben Alexander; 80's House: Austin Gomes, Michael George, Cody West; LALL Mariners: Woods, Devlin, Greg; Dublin Giants: Harrol, Tgro, Keller; 80's House: Steven Chappell, Craig Woolson, Reed Ozdinski;

Majors Division: Giants vs. Dodgers: Nothing like good baseball to get people fired up. J.J. sent a homer over the fence and played great on 1st. Pitcher Dowd had a nice job holding back the Giants. A big 2 run dbl from Bernacki got the D's rolling. G's Johnson had some hot pitching, hitting and fielding. Chandler made 5 outs at 1st including 2 roubles pulled out of the air. Quesada did a fine job as closer, doubled, singled, scored twice. Dodgers took a 10-0 deficit to a 14-12 finish and created tons of excitement in the process.

Scores: Giants (4)-Dodgers (12); Cardinals (4)-Dodgers (16); Diamondbacks (0)-Giants (10); A's (6)-Dodgers (9); Cardinals (5)-Dodgers (23); Top Players: Giants: Luke Quesada, Cameron Johnson, Blake Chandler; Dodgers: Joshua Johnson, Devin Bernacki, Jordan Dowd; Cardinals: Jerrod Roberts, Michael Ditzel, Robbie Quitorio; Dodgers: Sierra Levenson, Dalton Miller, Jordan Dowd; Diamondbacks: Mitchell Licata, Nick Sposeto, Tony Galindo; Giants: Kyle Scholming, Cameron Johnson, Cristian Palomo; A's: Kevin Hayes, Erick Salgado, Anirudh Bokka; Dodgers: David Gomez, Tim Ragusa, Brandon Anderson; Cardinals: Shane Silva, Michael Ditzel, Joshua Tudino; Dodgers: Dalton Miller, Bobby Griffin, Joshua Johnson;

AAA Division: Cardinals vs. Padres: The Cards and Padres had a great game Saturday! The Padres Barry Goldman set the tone of the game with a 2nd inning grand slam! Everyone was amazed. Jacob Currie helped the Padres out with precise pitching and great defense. Koll Waddle stepped up for the Padres and hit an amazing triple! The Cardinals battled back with Ryan Windsor throwing heat from the pitchers mound and Missy Nunes was stopping everything that came her way as catcher. William Johnson hit two doubles!

Scores: Cardinals (4)-Padres (11); Padres (5)-A's (3); A's (4)-Dodgers (15); Padres (4)-Giants (11); Top Players: Cardinals: William Johnson, Missy Nunes, Ryan Windsor; Padres: Jacob Currie, Koll Waddle, Barry Goldman; Padres: Josh Garza, Lance Rietveld, Scott Williams; A's: Ryan Barnes, Zack Kline, Jacob Rakestraw; A's: Josh Blaha, Zack Kline, Stone Remy; Dodgers: Hayden Goldstein, Jonathan Stalie, Donivan Winters; Padres: Noah White, Kyle Lee, Lance Rietveld; Giants: Tyler Silva, Raul Sandoval, Landon Finnegan;

AA Division: The Giants and the Dodgers played by AAA rules and they played a great game. Joel Cook got three strike outs in a row as pitcher for the Giants. He also did a great job fielding. Javier Guerra and Ethan Valdez batted great for the Giants. Tyler Ferrick pitched great for the Dodgers. He also batted well too. Richard Cheim had great hits and Austin Delisser played great 1st base. Both teams played great baseball.

Top Players: Giants: Joel Cook, Javier Guerra, Ethan Valdez; Dodgers: Richard Cheim, Austin Delisser; Padres: Tyler Henderson, Nicholas Lloyd, Jacob Licata; Cardinals: Jake Gutierrez, Derion Hampton, Magnum Resler-Miller;

A Division: Black Giants vs. Orange

Giants: Fans were seeing double as the Giants took on the Giants! The Orange Giants opened with a double from Marcus Robles, only to be followed by an amazing double-play from Black Giant Antonio LaManna. Then, double-trouble for the Orange Giants as twins Mason and Colby Smith took to the plate with matching set of blasts to the outfield, knocking in 2 runs, of course. The Orange Giants answered back with their own double-whammy: Joshua Goldstein and Ryan Myers hitting for power.

Top Players: Black Giants: Antonio LaManna, Mason Smith, Colby Smith; Orange Giants: Marcus Robles, Joshua Goldstein, Ryan Myers; Padres: Jared Person, Jarret Baucke, Caden Emry; Black Giants: Evan Nystrom, Grant Ikeda, Joshua White; Diamondbacks: Alexs van der Veen, Blake Burrell, Niles Moy; Orange Giants: Jonathan Mulrooney, Victor Samara, Gaston Sanchez; Dodgers: Justin Siegel, Nick Leggat, Kyle Winkler; Cardinals: Nolan Kitsuse, John Movan, Charles Fillippucci; Padres: Evan Puri, Nicholas Benefield, Ian Humes; Dodgers: Ben Leggat, David Woodbridge, Wyatt Calkins; Black Giants: Mason Smith, Matthew Kovacs, Todd Neizman, Rockies: Tommy Latkowski, Luke Helmuth-Bella, Mendenhall.

T-Ball Division: Once again, the Giants and the Cards played a game for the ages. Eric Ruluma and Josh Spencer came through for the Cards with their hitting show! Drew Dillon and Nolan Kelley showed up and put on a hitting clinic for the Giants. Ben Tiedemann pitched a great defense for the Cards that would put any big leaguer to shame. Grant Dufek came through for the Giants with all-star defense. Top Players: Giants: Drew Dillon, Grant Dufek, Nolan Kelly; Cardinals: Ben Tiedemann, Josh Spencer, Eric Ruluma.

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League results:

T-Ball: Yankees vs. Athletics: Yankees played an excellent game on Saturday against the Athletics. Cole Mattos gave a great boost to the game by his spectacular batting skills. Joshua Frans amazed everyone with his outstanding batting skills. Jaden Cardera demonstrated his excellent batting and in-field play skills.

Indians vs. Red Sox: Tyler Larson slammed the ball into the field. He is an awesome outfielder too. Matthew Hong quickly fielded the ball and made some spectacular plays. He is a great team player. Michael Rodriguez whizzes around the bases. The Indians were amazing. They hit like the pros and scrambled for the ball.

Farm B: Yankees vs. Athletics: The Yankees were hot against the A's on Saturday and it had nothing to do with the warm weather. Grant Hoffman made his bat sizzle with heat with his high balls to the outfield. First baseman Garret Riesenbach never let those A's see his sweat as he protected his base with determination. Nicholas Skinner set the field on fire with his great awesome catches and throws.

Farm A: White Sox vs. Yankees: The team played an excellent game all around. Gene Carns was right on top of his batting form with good drives that produced a double and trip. Andrew Millar's quiet fielding of second base earned was great to watch. Grant of course Dyllan Hazen is constantly raising the bar at bat and hammered out the very first home run from the White Sox this season.

White Sox vs. Athletics: A well-fought game, with two strong teams. The White Sox batting stayed solid; Jacob Schreiber nailed the ball repeatedly with drives to left field, earning doubles and singles, and Matthew Pappasore grabbed another home run. At the field, Kaelan Skipper at first base and elsewhere was solid, and Braxton Henley made a great diving catch.

Angels vs. Red Sox: It was a slow start on this hot day for the Angels but by the second inning the boys were able to rally together and really had a great game against the Red Sox. First up to catch a fly ball for the Angels was Mike Wilborn. Then, about half way through the game, it was Jack Nielsen's turn to catch a fly ball. Lucas Babati made a great fly ball catch at center field.

White Sox vs. Red Sox: This was a well-played game. Andrew Millar has become a firm and consistent batter (including a double this time) and is reliable in the field. Kaelan's fielding was excellent, his throwing arm in evidence with a hard throw to first from the outfield. Jacob Schreiber had some strong low drives and made a good hustle to first base.

Angels vs. Athletics: The Angels did a great job contending with the heat and played a solid game against the Athletics. Matthew Johnson fired a wicked throw to Noah Moreno who made an amazing catch at first base. Tyler Carlson had another successful day smashing the ball deep into the field.

Indians vs. Athletics: The Indians played a great game Tuesday night. Sam Zevanove came out strong delivering great hits with every pitch. Santino Stritvi was on fire with his outstanding fielding at 3rd base. Powerhouse Logan Still gave the A's a run for the money as they were unable to catch his hits out to the field.

White Sox vs. Yankees: There was no stopping the Indians on Saturday despite the heat. Josh Oliver was on fire with his line drives past second base and an amazing out at third. Kyle Walsh smoked the field with his strong fielding at the pitcher's mound. James Kröll left the Yankees in a pool of sweat as he had them chasing his hits out to center field.

Minor AA: Angels 8 vs. Rangers 1: David Kozuch rattled the Rangers with a massive triple in the first inning that set the stage for Angels dominance in the remainder of the game. Other great moments included catcher Joe Geasas' quick response that put a stop to a Ranger steal for home, and Ethan Williams who came out of nowhere with a big hit in the fifth to win the game for the Angels, 8-1.

White Sox 19 vs. Indians 7: The White Sox came to the ball park ready to play a great ball game and that they did. There were huge hits and great defensive plays as well. The White Sox are coming together as a team and having a lot of fun. Go White Sox!

White Sox 19 vs. Athletics 9: The White Sox had a great game. Andrew Bonilla pitched and held on 2 1/3 innings and was named MVP for his showing at the mound. Dylan Pottgesser was honored for hustling and John Flynn received the rat ball for being an aggressive player. Jake Simons had the game of his life with big hits, 2 great snags and beautiful pitching. Great game White Sox.

Minors AAA: Athletics 15 vs. Rangers 2: The A's performed strong in their game with the Rangers and piled up the runs on excellent batting and great fielding. Sam Molz started off the game with a triple on the first pitch. Justin Goodman made the day for the A's with his fabulous grand slam in the second, while Brett de Geus, Christian Pricer, and Jake Molz each delivered RBIs to win the game, 15-2.

Athletics 16 vs. Indians 8: The A's delivered an exciting game against the Indians under a blazing sun. Sam Molz and Logan Caton each popped huge doubles into the outfield. Steven Kluj made a phenomenal throw from the outfield to home that stopped an incoming Indian RBI. Great hitting by James Kozuch, Joseph Kwon, Jake Molz, and Christian Pricer helped load up the scoreboard for the A's victory.

Junior 80s Gold: Pleasanton 5, Foot-hill 6: Down by 6 runs, Pleasanton American scored their first run in the bottom of the 3rd inning, when a double by Jack Hoffmann brought runner Mark Slifer home. The runs continued in the 4th with a single by Kevin Faggiano and walk by Ryan Mahoney. Both runners advanced after a pitcher balk. A double by Chris Kinney brought Faggiano and Mahoney home. Eric Crispell had a rbi, bringing Kinney home.

Pleasanton American 9, Pleasanton Foot-hill 5: Lots of enthusiasm and runs scored in Game 2, despite the heat. In inning 1, Mark Slifer's base hit resulted in a run with Tyler Rains' rbi. A squeeze play bunt by Jack Hoffmann landed a run by Mark Slifer in inning 3. Eric Crispell's hit brought in Jack Hoffmann. 4 runs were scored in the 4th inning with the 's by Chris Kinney, Mitch Worsley (brought in 2) and Eric Crispell. Final 2 runs were scored in the 5th inning. Barrett Fitzgerald hit a double and later, was able to score on an overthrow. Kinney had the final rbi.

Youth Lacrosse

Capping off an undefeated season, the Pleasanton Girls Lacrosse Twister team was a favorite to win in the Northern California Lacrosse Tournament on Saturday, May 17, at Mace Ranch Park in Davis, but back to back games in 105 temperatures took its toll on the Twister.

The Twister began the tournament with a victory over the South Bay Crusaders with a score of 15-6. Cambi Cukar, Lindsey Kail and Mackenzie Schoen each scored hatricks (3 goals) in the game. Outstanding ground balls were hit by Cierra Kocik and Andrea Arden. Excellent defense was played by Madison Steele, Hannah Stapp, and Rebecca Dumanski. Goalie Molly Grozier had amazing saves.

Twister played Livermore immediately following the first game. Cukar passed from behind the net to Lynnea Flukery for the goal. McKalee Mooney scored on her infamous shoot. Flaherty scored again earning a hat trick. Down 4-7 at the half, Olivia Deutschan charged down the field and scored. Evan Murphy, Kirsten Jensen, and Brianna Nicholas beefed up the defense and stopped Livermore from scoring. Less than a minute left in the game, Tor Larsen raced down the field. She misses the shot, but Lauren Hall scooped it up and scored with less than 20 seconds left. The game was tied and went into overtime. Livermore scored in sudden death to win 10-9. Outstanding job was turned in by goalie Lexi Nicholas.

Pony Baseball

Pony Baseball results: Pleasanton Mustang Cubs 12, Fremont Mustang Pirates 11: Cubs came from behind in dramatic fashion to defeat the previously unbeaten Pirates in the bottom of 8th inning. With the bases loaded, 2 outs, and a count of 2-2, Dustin Dukleth crushed one deep into left-center field, driving in Sean Sullivan for the winning run. Sullivan also had a banner day, getting 2 clutch hits, scoring 2 runs, with 2 RBI's. Nolan Burton was a leader offensively today with 3 hits, 1 run, and 3 RBI's. Max Gershman had 2 hits and a pair of RBI's, and Marcel Taboada and Alvin Carroll each contributed key hits and runs. Reed Marques, Kohlon Clark, and Michael Yang showed patience at the plate and savy baserunning, and each converted walks into runs scored. Cubs defense was nearly flawless with just 1 error and providing great backup for pitchers Burton, Gershman, Marques, and Dukleth.

Pleasanton Girls Storm B

The Pleasanton Storm B team ended their season on Saturday with outstanding performances by all team members. In Petaluma they played the Lamorinda Storm and were down at half time 3-2. Sabrina Ehler had a save in goal and also scored a goal. Jackie Gilbert had 4 goals and Emily Barrett had 2 goals. Mallory Manzano had 4 saves and the team effort ended in a 7-5 victory. After a brief break to catch their breath, have a drink and wipe off the sweat they headed back on the field to face Ross Valley. Jennifer Gubner had an outstanding game and recorded 6 saves. Goals scored by Victoria Winter, Emily Barrett and Kell Wheatley. Ross Valley proved to be too much and the girls lost 8-3.

Track and Field

Results for the St. Michael/St. Charles athletes at the CYP track and field Diocese Meet.

8th Grade: Daniel Replogle (1st Long Jump 17' 10.75); Kyle Farnady (1st High Jump 5' 2"); Natalie Dimits (1st 1600 Meter 5:34.62); Shelby Leary (5th 1600 Meter 6:21.48); Monica Acton (1st Shotput 28' 2.50); Katie Gannon (4th Shotput 27' 0.50); Stephanie Beaulieu (1st High Jump 4' 9")

7th Grade: Michael Marcotte (2nd Long Jump 16' 1"); Matt Tyler (4th Long Jump 15' 8.50); 2nd High Jump 4' 11"); John Stepanek (2nd Softball Throw 168"); Skylar Burt (1st Shotput 29.50)

6th Grade: Jeremy Williams (1st High Jump 5' 2"); Kirsten Mork (3rd High Jump 4' 3"); 4th Long Jump 13' 10")

5th Grade: Theresa Jimena (2nd High Jump 3' 9"); Dana Anex (3rd 1600 Meter 6:08.2)

4th Grade: Malik Pruitt (1st 50 Meter 7.89); Megan McCandless (4th 800 Meter 3:00.82)

3rd Grade: Samantha Dukes (4th 200 Meter 34.23); Ben Sanchez (2nd 400 Meter 1:12.09)

Amador High Swimming

The Amador Valley High School Varsity swim team finished fifth in the EBAL league meet. However, the future is bright as three freshman recorded top 10 finishes and two of them made All-League with a top three finish.

Leading the way for the freshmen, and the team, was Andrew Seitz who took first in the 200 free and missed first in the 500 by less than a second setting for silver. Kyle Surber finished fifth in the 10 free and sixth in the 100 free and earned All-League honors swimming anchor on the 200 free relay team. Seitz, along with juniors Jake Bahls and Scott

Arellano were also on the third place 200 free relay team.

The third freshman was Tim McLaughlin who took eighth in the 500 free and 9th in the 200 IM.

Not to be overlooked was Tyler Pullen who finished second in the diving competition. Pullen missed finishing first by the incredibly small margin of 0.65 points.

Arellano had a pair of narrow misses for individual All-League honors, finishing fourth in the 50 free by 0.09 and fourth in the 100 free by .37.

The Amador Valley JV Girls finished fourth in the EBAL League meet with some great individual performances. Emily Pease posted the team's best finish of the day with a fifth in the 100 back. Sarah Turner took 9th in the same event and also had an 11th in the 100 IM. Michelle Schirle and Renee Miller went 9, 10 in the 500 free for the team's other top 10 finishes. **JV Boys:** For the second week in a row the Amador Valley JV boys had a close call. Last week they finished two points short of beating Foothill and this week they finished in fourth place in the EBAL League meet by 2.5 points to San Ramon Valley. Despite the disappointment, the team was proud of their results.

The team started out the meet on the right foot, winning the Medley Relay behind the strong swimming of Justin Sun, Trevor Landas, Sam Martin and Chris Johnston. The other two relay teams also swam well with the 200 free relay (Nick Wee, Martin, Joey Silva, Landas) taking third and the 400 free relay team of Matthew Sun, Johnston, Silva, and Justin Sun taking fourth.

On the individual side, Justin Sun had an impressive meet. He finished a scant .84 out of first in the 100 back, taking second and also had a third in the 100 IM. The backstroke was a particularly strong event for the Dons. They placed five of the top 13 swimmers with Johnston taking third, Mahir Kalra eighth, Matthew Sun 10 and Wee 13th.

Stefan Hall had a pair of fourth place finishes, the 500 free and the 100 breaststroke while Martin also had a top five finish, taking a third in the 50 fly.

Silva, Landas, Kalra, and James Cheney all had multiple top 10 finishes. Silva in the 500 free (8th) and the 100 free (10th), Landas in the breaststroke (6th) and IM (9th) and Cheney with ninth place finishes in the 200 and 500 freestyle races. In addition to his 8th in the backstroke, Kalra took 7th in the 100 free.

Wee also had a top ten finish taking 10th in the 50 fly.

Girls Varsity: With Catherine Breed and Kayleigh Foley leading the way with record setting performances, the Amador Valley girls closed a successful EBAL season with a fourth place finish in the league meet.

Breed set the tone early, shattering an EBAL record in the first individual event of the meet. Her 1:47:76 time in the 200 free was almost four seconds faster than the previous record. She went on to break the record in the 500 free, a record that had been set in 1992, posting a 4:51:21. Both times are Automatic All-American times.

After seeing the freshman Breed set league records, the senior was not to be out done. Foley went out in her first individual event, the 500 free, and not only won the event by over a second, but broke the league record by .32 seconds with a 2:57.79 time. Following that outstanding effort, Foley went out in the 100 free and broke a 22 year-old record, blazing to a 51.03 finish. Again, both times are All-American times.

The future is bright for the Dons as freshmen, Tory Houston, Natalie Wong, and Danielle Stidker posted impressive debuts in the league meet. Houston took a fourth in the 100 Breaststroke and a fifth in the 200 IM. Stidker took a 10th in the 100 back while Wong finished a couple of seconds behind Houston in the IM to grab a seventh, and also took a ninth in the 500 free. Wong led a pack of AV swimmers home in the 500 as Marie Schmidt and Casey Coughlin finished right behind.

Not to be outdone by the fantastic freshmen, the upper classes were also well represented. Schmidt grabbed an 8th in the 200 free with Coughlin coming in 11. Jenn Docto and Marina Allen went 9, 10 in the 500 free. Docto also grabbed a 10 in the 100 free.

The relay teams also posted good results, the 200 Medley relay (Breed, Houston, Allen, Foley) took third, the 200 free relay (Docto, Allen, Schmidt, Houston) took a fourth and, capping the meet with a nice showing, the 400 medley relay team (Breed, Docto, Schmidt and Foley) took second.

New Player Festival

Pleasanton Lacrosse Club (PLC) will host a New Player Festival on Sunday, June 1st from 1-3PM at Hart Middle School. It is open to new players, boys and girls, in 1st through 8th grade. Under the guidance of PLC coaches and local players, learn to pass, catch, shoot and field ground balls. Registration fee of \$39 includes a new stick and ball. Registration is now open at www.pleasantonlacrosse.com; click on "registration."

If players like the festival they can sign up for the PLC summer program which starts at the end of June.

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 sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 443-2742 or mailto:lvbinfo@yahoo.com or check website www.livteam.com/lvb.

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.

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.

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 413-1890 or Marc Williams 337-6209 or visit www.proamigos.org.

Memorial Golf Classic

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

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

The public is invited to participate in the golf tournament & honor Officer John P. Miller for his service. Please contact the 390 Squad Club at 928-828-0466 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 (DYVFC). 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 12 (cheerleading). Registration will be held May 22 from 6-8 pm @ Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. web-site www.eteamz.com/lyfc or email lyfc@onebox.com/lyfc

Correction

In the May 15 Independent, a caption under the photo of a lacrosse game provided incorrect scores. The Granada High School teams won all of the games with Granada at both the varsity and junior varsity level.

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

Women Golfers

Women golfers are to be the special guests of The Course At Wente Vineyards throughout the month of June, which has been designated nationally as "Women's Golf Month."

Women are to receive preferred rates for golf and merchandise all month, with a free instructional seminar just for women scheduled for Thursday, June 19, from 6-7 p.m., and a Women's Learn To Golf Program

designed for those who are new to the game and would enjoy learning how to play in a leisurely, relaxed atmosphere.

Some of the special June programs: Each Monday through Thursday in June, women receive \$25 off greens fees for tee times between noon and 5 p.m. Women receive 30 percent discount daily on merchandise in The Golf Shop; Friend Learns For Free program allows a woman to schedule a regular lesson with the Golf Professional Team and bring along a friend to learn at no extra charge; The Women's Learn To Golf Program begins Monday, June 23 and extends into July featuring five 90-minute instructional sessions, with golf clubs provided to those who don't have their own set. Each session is to begin at 6 p.m. Session dates are June 23, July 1, 7, 14 and 23. Registration is now available for the Women's Learn To Golf Program, which is \$99 per person.

For more details or to reserve a tee time, call The Course At Wente Vineyards at (925) 456-2475.

Hats Off America

The 11th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk will be held on Saturday, June 7. It begins at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt and lunch donated by El Balazo Restaurant. There is no entry fee for volunteers.

For information or to register or volunteer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or thebearhaterunner@yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.com. The site includes links to other organizations that support our troops. Hats Off America is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Bowling News

Your bowler Payton Giambrone rolled his highest series yet. Payton, with a current average of 190, rolled an awesome 808 series with games of 240, 289 and 279. In the Generation Gap League, youth bowler Travis Norwood rolled 172 over his average with games of 209, 206 and 204 for a 619 series.

Poetry Reading Set at Ravenswood

The Ravenswood Poetry Series continues at historic Ravenswood, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

Livermore Poet Laureate Connie Post will host the reading on Sun., June 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. Featured readers, F.D. Reeve and Jane Mead, will begin at 2 p.m. An open mic will take place after the featured guests and a short break. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5.00; free admission to students with ID

For more information, Contact Connie Post: Connie@Poetrypost.com

Reeve, poet and novelist, is the author of ten volumes of poetry, seven books of fiction, three books of literary criticism, twelve books of translation, four libretti, and countless uncollected essays, stories and reviews. He has received an Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and a Lit. D. from New England College. He's a member of the Board of Directors



Poets F. D. Reeve (left) and Jane Mead are the featured readers.

of "The New York Quarterly." His latest books are "The Return of the Blue Cat," "The Blue Cat Walks the Earth," and "The Toy Soldier." His translation of Andreyev's "A Story about Seven Who Were Hanged" came out this spring. He is visiting from the East Coast

Mead is the author of The Usable Field (Alice James, 2008), House of Poured-Out Waters (Illinois, 2001) and The Lord and the General Din of the World,

(Sarabande, 1996). Her poems appear regularly in literary journals such as Poetry, and American Poetry Review, and have been included in many anthologies. She is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, A Completion Grant from the Lannan Foundation, and a Whiting Writer's Award. For many years Poet-in-Residence at Wake Forest University, she now manages a vineyard in Northern California.

MEMORIAL DAY

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Bld. The theme will be POWs/MIAs.

The keynote speaker will be William R. Lowe, a World War II prisoner of war.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play. There will be several patriotic speeches, colorguards and a 21-gun salute presented by the Air Force ROTC, Berkeley.

For more information, call 580-6661.

OTHEREVENTS:

Heritage Guild Auction

Livermore Heritage Guild presents its 29th Annual Auction and Spaghetti Dinner on Sat., May 24 at the Old Duarte Garage.

The garage opens for preview items at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served starting at 6 p.m. (\$20 fee). The auction stages at 7 p.m. There is no charge to attend the auction.

Old Duarte Garage on the old Lincoln Highway, corner of L.St. & Portola Ave., Livermore. Times: 5 pm - Garage open for preview of items, 6 pm - Dinner Service begins (\$20 for dinner), 7 pm - Auction begins at 7 p.m. There is no charge to attend the auction.

Dinner tickets can be purchased in advance (seating limited) at the Carnegie Building, 3rd & K Streets, Livermore; open Wed. - Sun., 11:30 - 4:00.

The garage is located on the old Lincoln Highway, corner of L Street and Portola Avenue, Livermore. For information, call 449-9927.

Auction proceeds will benefit Duarte Garage Restoration Projects and History Mobile.

Wings of Freedom Tour

The Wings of Freedom Tour will land at the Livermore Municipal Airport May 25 to May 27.

Planes to be displayed as part of the Collings Foundation tour include the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine" Heavy Bomber, Consolidated B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft" Heavy Bomber, North American B-25 Mitchell "Tondelayo", Medium Bomber, and P-51C Fighter "Betty Jane."

Local citizens will have the opportunity to visit, explore, and learn more about these treasures of aviation history. The B-17 is one of only 9 in flying condition in the United States, the B-24J & Dual Control P-51C Mustang are the sole remaining example of their type flying in the World, and the B-25 is one of only a handful in flying condition.

Visitors are invited to explore the aircraft inside and out - \$12

donation for adults and \$6 donation for children under 12 is requested for access to up-close viewing and tours through the inside of the aircraft. Visitors may also experience the opportunity to actually take a 30-minute flight aboard these rare aircraft. Flight experiences are a tax-deductible donation. Flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are \$425 per person. Flights on the B-25 are \$400 for the front fuselage and \$325 for the waist gun section of the plane. P-51 flights are \$2200 for a 1/2 hour & \$3000 for a full hour. For reservations and information on flight experiences call 800-568-8924.

The Wings of Freedom Tour will arrive at Livermore Municipal Airport at noon on May 25 and will be on display until May 27 at 4 p.m. Hours of ground tours and display are: 12 Noon - 4 PM on Sunday, May 27; 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Monday & Tuesday May 26 & 26. The 30-minute flight experiences are normally scheduled before and after the ground tours.

Art in the Vineyard

Livermore Art Association's 36th Annual Art in the Vineyard will be held at the Wenté Vineyards Estate Winery on Sun., May 25.

The works of 40 multimedia artists will be displayed from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be live music, winetasting, and art demonstrations. Admission is free. Winetasting is \$15, which includes a keepsake glass. Food and refreshment are offered by Wenté and Strizzi's Restaurant for nominal fee.

Countless volunteer hours go into coordinating the artists, arranging displays, food, wine, music and publicity. For 26 years, Edmee Keele has been the anchor behind the event.

Keele, born in Panama, is an internationally shown and recognized artist herself, known for her strong use of color and shape in the monochromes that have made her career. She is represented by Arte Consult Gallery in Panama, Gallery 10 Ltd. in Washington D.C., and has shown as far abroad as Italy.

Keele took over the event from founder Margo Kirkewoog in 1986. This is the event's 36th year, and it has become a tradition for local and visiting arts lovers.

"It's my favorite way to start a beautiful day in the wine country," says Linda Ryan, founder and coordinator of ArtWalk and the manager of the Bothwell Arts Center. "I really appreciate all that Livermore Art Association

volunteers do for the community. Events like this and Art Under the Oaks aren't easy to produce."

Wenté Vineyards Estate Winery is located at 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. For more information, call 925-456-2305.

Let Freedom Song Concerts

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 patriotic 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 onto www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Art and Wind Festival

The San Ramon Art & Wind Festival is scheduled for Sunday and Monday May 25th & 26th in San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 10am to 5pm both days.

The festival will feature an early morning hot air balloon launch on May 26th at 6am.

Shop for handmade items at over 200 arts & crafts booths featuring a wide range of artwork including paintings, sculpture, woodwork, toys, hand painted clothing, stained glass, music, photography and more.

Kites are one of the main attractions of the event. There will be kite flying demonstrations by professionals from all over the country, free kite making workshops for youth, and lots of kites to buy.

There will be entertainment on three stages and an expanded interactive kids' activity area with wind crafts, Inflatable Bouncers and Slides, Face Painting, Rock-Climbing Wall, Train Ride and Petting Zoo.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

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

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

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

Del Valle Fine Arts Concert, May 24, Premiere Saxophone Quartet, Dale Wolford (soprano), Kevin Stewart (alto), David Henderson (tenor), and Aaron Lington (baritone), perform a diverse repertoire of music reflecting their varied experiences in classical music and jazz. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Ticket office open Monday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. 373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

39th Annual Pleasanton Art League show, May 30 to June 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Reception



Chanticleers

and awards will be Mon., June 2, 5 to 7 p.m. No admission charge.

A Day in His Life Tribute to John Lennon, Saturday, May 31, 8:00 PM. Tim Piper portrays rock icon John Lennon, traveling the remarkable journey that influenced the music and culture of a generation and created a "Revolution" that shook the world. All Tickets: \$25, \$30 \$35. Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents, Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. 931-3444 or www.civicartstickets.org.

Valley Dance Theatre presents Révérence, a collection of classical and innovative ballet, on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 1, at 2:00 p.m. The perfor-

mances will be staged at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in Livermore. Livermore-Amador Symphony will accompany. Tickets are \$21, \$24 and \$29 for adults and \$6 for students 17 and under. Tickets, by phone at (925) 373-6800, or at the Bankhead Theater box office, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Myths for Modern Times, Pleasanton artist Elaine Drew's paintings, illustrating a modern mythology, are on display at Brushes Fine Art Gallery May 24 through August 7. An artist's reception will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm May 31 at the gallery, 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd, in the San Ramon Dental Center, Gateway Center Mall. Elaine Drew works in the medieval painting techniques of egg tempera and gold leaf. Gallery hours: 10-6 Tues through Thurs and 9-2 Sat. Call 829-0994.

Bay Area Youth Harp Ensemble, Sun., May 25, 2 p.m. Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Group of young harpists, ages 10 to 19, who will perform a multi-cultural program of music from Greece, Turkey, Venezuela, and Mexico on the harp. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For further information about programs, please contact Joyce Nevins at (925) 373-5500 extension 5577.

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Livermore Amador Symphony Concert A Musical Celebration of Brahms

By Nancy O'Connell

The Livermore-Amador Symphony performed a musical tribute of the 175th anniversary of Johannes Brahms' birth at the Bankhead Theater on Saturday night, May 17th. The theater was two thirds filled with an enthusiastic audience. Philip Manwell's pre-concert talk an hour before the concert was stimulating. He told us, "It's a beautifully chosen program because it really captures the Romantic period very well. The Classical period brought musical forms to fruition, whereas the Romantic composers found these forms too rigid and confining. This became the age of tone poems, of painting a picture in music for the listener."

When Brahms, a shy and modest man, was offered an honorary doctorate from the University of Breslau, he almost turned it down, but friends and admirers persuaded him to accept. He then discovered that he was expected to compose a work in honor of the occasion. His "Academic Festival Overture," which opened the program, was the result. Instead of a solemn processional, which the university might have expected, he used themes from four student drinking songs, picturing the students celebrating the end of their school terms. The full orchestra ended with a fortissimo flourish and the clash of cymbals in the grand coda which was taken from the medieval song, "Let Us Therefore Rejoice," words which probably resonated with the many graduating seniors in our own Tri-Valley area.

Brahms' "Hungarian Dances, Nos. 17, 19, 20 and 21" followed. Originally for four hands, one piano, this was an immediate success. Later some of the dances were orchestrated by Brahms himself, but tonight's concert featured Dvorak's orchestration. Dvorak and Schumann both admired the music of Brahms, and Dvorak sought a wider audience for these dances with his arrangement. No longer were two people playing on one piano in the intimacy of a drawing room, but this adaptation made them accessible to the larger musical audience in a big concert hall.

These dances featured the gypsy style of music with syn-

copation in the melodies, and lots of ornamentation. (In syn-copation, the accent falls between the beats, shifting the rhythms heard.) The longing and pathos of the Hungarian gypsy is evident throughout. The cellos open with a lovely syncopated melody followed by a *vivace* section with the strings playing *spiccato*, an off the bow technique for staccato passages. Dvorak gave rich melodies to each section in turn, and the Livermore-Amador Symphony played with great feeling as the gypsy melodies filled the theater with glorious sound.

The Las Positas College Concert and Chamber Choirs, directed by the talented James Heiner, filed onstage and stood behind the orchestra. Brahms' "Schicksalslied" or "Song of Destiny" was heard, a sensitive portrayal of a poem by Holderlin. As soon as Brahms heard this poem, he literally began to compose music to accompany the words which moved him deeply. He had been out walking with friends when they realized he was no longer with them. Retracing their steps they found him seated on the beach, composing, lost in his musical world!

With this choral work Brahms created an operatic sequence of lightness and darkness. It began serenely with the music of the gods, with the opening words, "You walk above the light," but becomes darker after a dissonant chord leads into the struggles of mortal life. The chorus sings of man's suffering in the key of C Minor, and the rhythms change: eighth notes versus triplets depicts man's unrest. "We are fated to find no foothold, no rest. And suffering mortals, dwindle and fall." Despite the melancholy words, and the dirge heard in the instruments, the music returns to the themes heard in the beginning, and ends with a feeling of peace.

After the intermission, Jean King, the President of the Board of Directors for the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association, presented four awards to young graduating seniors. Due to other commitments, only one student was there to receive her honor. Olivia Glass is a cellist who has played for two years with the LAS, received her award from the symphony. She plans to major

in Biological Science and minor in Music at UC Davis. The other three students given awards were Matt Felver, Anthony Sangiacomo, and Madison Burgess.

Antonin Dvorak's "Suite for Orchestra, Opus 39" followed, and it was beautifully performed. The violins played the melody in the *Praeludium* with big full bows while the cellos and bassoons had almost a pedal point in the bass - a long, sustained note repeated pattern. The mood changed with the Polka which adhered to the minuet form of the classical period with its rapid dancing rhythms and short repeated sections followed by a trio of a contrasting mood. Here the cellos and basses had an entire section with pizzicato, or plucked strings, and then there was a return to the original theme - an ABA form.

In the *Romanze* the flute solo by Nathan Wong and the English horn solo by Larry George were beautifully executed. The orchestral suite ended with a *Furiant*, a Czech dance form. It had challenging parts for all the musicians and they played well. During the Romantic era, nationalism and a pride in one's cultural heritage arose, and Dvorak, one of the most traveled musicians of his time, felt great pride in his country.

The last work heard was the familiar "1812 Overture" by Tchaikovsky. It opened with all of the strings bowing in unison as the Largo depicted "Mother Russia" at peace, but soon a snare drum enters and the enemy, Napoleon's army invades. Tchaikovsky composed this in 1882 for a Russian Exhibition. His music is often programmatic, and the French national anthem is heard. One can almost picture the battles that ensue with the advancing French. Just when it looks as though Napoleon's army will prevail, the peaceful theme of the land itself is heard in the strings, and it is the land which defeats the invaders. The Russian winter drives out the French. While all the instruments join in a frenzy of scurrying 16th and 32nd notes, the roar of drums, the ringing of church bells and even the blasts of a cannon, hail the victorious Russians.

Arthur P. Barnes, the conductor throughout this concert, al-

ways gave very clear cues and made certain, even during the choral number, that "all eyes were upon him." Every orchestra member and every choral singer knew what this meant. The musician plays with one eye on his music, but constantly glances up at the conductor to follow his beat. It is amazing that Dr. Barnes has led this Livermore - Amador Symphony since 1964. The Tri-Valley area has been greatly enriched by his musical knowledge and expertise. Next year's concert season promises to be just as exciting. After the yearly fall Pops concert, on December 6th there will be a musical celebration honoring Mendelssohn at 200. Circle your calendars!

PCAC Honors Young Artists And Musicians

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council Annual Awards Banquet honoring YEA! winners and announcing the Art Supporter of the Year was held Wednesday at the Pleasanton Hotel (in the Victorian Room). The event began with an artists' reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7.

PCAC is the primary non-profit cultural and literary arts group in Pleasanton, and welcomes new members with a passion for the arts. The Council encourages and supports a variety of community arts groups and activities, especially those that offer cultural programs and opportunities for young people.

The evening includes the reception and dinner, followed by the awards presentations. The evening concluded with a variety of presentations by the winners, including original writing, visual arts, music, and dance.

This year's eight Youth Excellence Awards winners, all between the ages of 14 and 19, are: Visual Arts: Adrian Wong-1st place; Young Ji Cha-2nd place, Creative Writing: Ester Shchemelinin-1st place; Michaela Johnson Blanchard-2nd place; Edris Bermanian-2nd place; Dance: Elaine Yu-1st place; Music: Stephanie Ng-1st place; Curtis Kim-2nd place.

Library Recognizes Newcott-Caldebery Award Winners

Winners of the Livermore Public Library's 28th annual Newcott - Caldebery Awards were announced Thursday, April 17th at the awards ceremony at the Civic Center Library. The event was attended by over 200 children and their families. Awards were presented for each grade level (K-9) in both author and illustrator categories.

Kindergarten: Seven Kindergarteners created books for the contest. Kindergarten winners are: Vasudh Iyer, author of: *I Like Babies*; May Anne Tulagan, illustrator of: *My Family*.

First Grade: Eight first graders created books for the contest this year. The first grade winners are: Andrew Lau, author of *Where I Got Monkey*; Amanda Rose Ong, illustrator of *Baby Brother*.

Second Grade: Eleven second graders submitted books. The second grade winners are: Ryan Phillips for writing *The Great Elf*; Anthony Martinez for the pictures in *Bob Gets Dinner*.

Third Grade: Eighty-one third graders wrote and illustrated books for the contest. The third grade winners are: Owen Eli Carlson for the writing in *Fredy and the Aliens*; Clare Collyly for the pictures in *The Search for the Missing Falcon*.

Fourth Grade: Nine fourth graders entered books in the contest. The winners are: Emma Krisoivich for the writing *An Elephant for a Week*; Kenna DeMaya for the pictures in *Scruffy*.

Fifth Grade: Eleven fifth graders

completed books this year. Fifth grade winners are: Megan Kristovich, author of the book, *Melissa's Summer Job*; Lindsey Buchmann, for the pictures in her book, *An ABC Book of Chicken Breeds*.

Sixth Grade: Six sixth graders entered books for the contest. The sixth grade winners are: Aminta Dunn, the author of *The Purple Nail Polish Club*; Yasmeen Haider for the writing in her book, *1300, the Story of the Aniforms*; Sarah Aarstad for the illustrations in her book, *The Mystery of the Treasure Map*.

Seventh Grade: One seventh grader entered a book for the contest and the winner is: Kelly McDevitt for the writing in her book, *The Old Man and the Painted Bird*.

Eighth Grade: Three eighth graders entered books and the winners are: Kristen McDevitt for the writing in *Out of Ireland: the Journey in America*; Diana Gateno for the illustrations in her book, *The Grey Cancer*.

Ninth Grade: One ninth grader, Nicolette Mattorano, entered two books for this year's contest and won the author award for: *Unnatural* and the illustration award for: *Waking Up Lost*.

The Sonia Anderson Cordill Award, given for overall excellence by Writers Bloc judges, was presented to first grader, Novelyn Green Daugherty author and illustrator of *A Twisted Tale*. A one-time award, the Ernie Dust Award for Historical Fiction was awarded to Jaimeson Cortez for his book, *Out of the Trenches*. All 137 books written and illustrated by children and teens are available to be checked out at the Civic Center, Rincon or Springtown branch libraries in Livermore.

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Barbara Stanton will be the featured artists during the month of June at the Livermore Art Association Gallery. Stanton is known for her miniature oil paintings and pastel figure drawings. She will be demonstrating pastel portrait drawing on June 12 at 4:00. The LAA Gallery hours are 11:30-4:00 Wed-Sun, and also Thursday evenings until 8:00 during the Farmer's Market. Located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd St. Livermore. For more info call the Gallery 925-449-9927 or Barbara Stanton 925-373-9638. Pictured is Barbara Stanton holding one of her miniature works.

Fiesta Mexicana Theme of Ruby Hill Fund-raising Gala

The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee will hold its 11th annual charity event, Fiesta Mexicana, on Friday evening, June 6, at the Ruby Hill Community Center Pool.

This year's event will be a fun and festive Mexican fiesta featuring Margaritas, Mexican fare and dancing to the sounds of Garratt Wilkin and the Parrotheads.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the ValleyCare Medical Center Emergency Room Expansion project. "We are so pleased that the Ruby Hill Giving Thanks group is supporting ValleyCare Hospital again this year," declared Ken Mercer, vice president of the ValleyCare Foundation. They have been so generous with their support of the hospital and our patients. Helping children who because of circumstances beyond their control have difficulty getting health

care because of cost, Ruby Hill's contribution will help pay for services which probably would not have been available to them."

The Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee, a group of Pleasanton, Tri-Valley and East Bay residents, has devoted itself to throwing elegant galas to benefit charities helping children and families in the Tri-Valley. The grass roots organization of volunteers has donated over \$2,500,000 to worthy causes since its inception in 1997. "I'm pleased to be back for our 11th year," stated Donna Garrison, board president for the Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Committee. Garrison along with Debi Zentner, Naomi Adams and Marjorie Wallace were part of the group's inaugural event and founders group in 1997. "We've come a long way and it's fun to be back to our roots, with an

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The Committee is looking for additional sponsors to support this year's event. For more information about becoming a sponsor, please contact Donna

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by Harry Stoll

By late afternoon the line of parked cars along the long driveway ran nearly to Greenville Road during the grand opening of Little Valley and Red Feather wineries' tasting rooms. This was Red Feather's first day of business; Little Valley opened in April.

A band played along the southern edge of the gravelly parking lot as guests tasted the summery Red Feather unfiltered Chardonnay, its sturdy and tasty Cabernet Sauvignon and white Cabernet (with the look of a Rosé)—and Little Valley's Chardonnay and plain and Almond Champagne, Cabernet Sauvignon, White Zin and Pure Decadence filter—it-through-a-chunk-o'-chocolate Port, and an even-tempered Tempranillo—all poured by the gracious and friendly Elaine and Erlinda.

Bob and Bonnie, a married pair sat in a pair of chairs and faced the music. "I'm a computer nerd," he said and admired the acoustic steel lap guitar played by John Holland of the John Holland Band. Bonnie loved Little Valley's almond champagne.

Inside, the doors between the adjoining tasting rooms were wide open. Guests meandered freely between the two, tasting and buying wine and holding up and pondering the T-shirts. Sometimes distinct words could be heard, at other times the sound rose, bounced off the low ceiling and made its own music. A piece of art graced a corner of the Red Feather side. This mesh mannequin showed a woman who wasn't prepared to be portrayed because she only had her underwear on.

In the Red Feather barrel room, co-owner (with wife Connie) Dan Davis said all of the wines are from estate grown grapes. "I'm a construction guy," he said, but he knows plenty about wine and talked about neutral oak barrels

(meaning they have been used three or four times) and that oak chips or staves are used to get the oaky taste.

In the Little Valley tasting space, the top tier of a table stacked with goodies had strawberries and dried apricots that had been soaked so they swelled up and tasted swell. Something very cool was going on in the corner where sorbet made by Cold Stone was being served. One gave you the raspberry, the other was made from Little Valley Tempranillo. Savvy tasters held a glass of the source in one hand and the sorbet in the other, each reinforcing the other.

The vocabulary used by tasters to describe the wines was not very original but was heartfelt. "Awesome," was one adjective and awesome many of the wines were. Debbie, White Crane's tasting room manager, paired "awesome" with "opulent" to describe both the cabs. She was fresh from "laying the groundwork" in China. "If it moves they eat it," was her comment on the cuisine.

Stephanie Rebieje and Barbara Machen from the Big White House tasting room loved the Red Feather White Cab. A young man carrying a double large bottle roamed the parking lot pouring tastes of 2005 Red Feather Cabernet Sauvignon. Backslapping glad handing Rick Corbett, owner of Stony Ridge Winery, said, "I just came by to feed the horses," and saw all the commotion. He owns the sloping property across the way, the one with the weathered home-made "Del Arroyo Vineyards" sign and has grand plans.

The woman singer with the John Holland Band has an appropriately plaintive voice and played an acoustic guitar as the group let it all out with "Anywhere but Here." Then they got down and took off with "Summertime and the living is easy, your pa is rich and your ma is

good lookin'." Maybe George Gershwin didn't write it that way, but it's what he meant. The amped twang of the guitars, the bongos, the whole deal that this group brought to the parking lot launched the grand opening.

The westerling sun was a glowing metallic blur as it descended, looking for a landing place on the horizon. The wind whipped and hoodies and jackets came out of nowhere. Livermore folks know about the wind that comes off San Francisco Bay. It's pleasant and cooling but always brings a sweater. A fire-shaped light from burning briquettes in a grill mated with the azure catalogue color of the evening sky.

Charles R winemaker Randy Bartlett was there, schmoozing,

enjoying the wine and the food and the pretty women and bragging about his chardonnay and pinot noir. Many members of the local wine industry attended, but mostly it was a grand opening attended by many knowledgeable tasters and many more who have the ultimate taste of knowing what they like.

Little Valley co-owner (with Bill Webster) Sandi Bohner said 350 guests attended. She said Little Valley sold about 20 cases and Red Feather sold 20 cases of futures.

As the celebration wound down, bandleader John Holland gave thanks, to "... the good wine of Little Valley and Red Feather—the nice people attending—the long driveway."

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SHORT NOTES

Summer at Library

The Livermore Public Library's three locations will be offering a variety of programs this summer for all ages, including a total of nine storytimes each week.

On Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings, while infants, preschoolers and their parents enjoy an indoor program of stories, music & fingerplays, schoolagers will gather outside for their own fun event with stories, games & jokes. In the evening, Family Storytimes offer a diverse program for the whole family. Programs last approximately 45 minutes. Weekly storytimes occur as follows:

Mondays: Preschool & School age Storytimes, Civic Center Library 10:30am; Family Storytime, Springtown Branch 6:30pm

Tuesdays: Preschool & School age Storytimes, Rincon Branch 10:30am; Family Storytime, Civic Center Library 7:00pm

Thursdays: Preschool & School age Storytimes, Springtown Branch 10:30am; Family Storytime, Rincon Branch 6:30pm

Storytimes are part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library"—a free program in which children can earn prizes for reading books and attending storytimes, crafts, & special events. Participation is free, and registration is not required to attend events. The Summer Reading Game begins Friday, June 13 and ends Saturday, August 16.

Special events throughout the summer are scheduled to include magic shows, puppets, animals, and international music, performance, & stories.

The Civic Center Library is located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue. The Springtown Branch Library is at 998 Bluebell Drive, and the Rincon Branch Library is at 725 Rincon Avenue. Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's web site www.livermore.lib.ca.us or call 373-5504 for more information.

Dirt Day

Alden Lane's first "Dirt Day" will be held Sat., May 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents are invited to explore carnivorous plants, wiggly worms, spiders, beneficial bugs and plants that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Camp Arroyo, Bay Friendly Gardening, Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club, Alameda County Vector Control, Mosquito Abatement District, Bay Area Carnivorous Plant Society, and Our Water, Our World will be on hand to answer questions and provide interactive projects for kids.

Early bird tickets are \$10 per child until May 30 and day of show \$12 per child; family discounts of \$1 off with purchase or three or more until May 30. Tickets include a dirt cake with worms, a lizard fizz drink, bug mask, butterfly friendly plant, a veggie art project, a chance to play in the bed of dirt, story time with Miss Adventure at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., a ladybug release at 2:30 p.m. and more.

Bring five snails to release into the special snailtopia environment and be eligible to enter the great worm composting bin raffle.

Young artists are invited to enter the Save Our World interpretive artwork in an art show. The Dirt Day Art Gallery will be open from 10 to 4. All entries are due by May 28 at 4:15 p.m. and should include the name of the artist, name of school and age of the artist.

Alden Lane is located at the corner of Holmes and Alden Lane in Livermore. Parking is free. For additional information, call 447-0280 or go to www.aldenlane.com.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Motorcycle officers drove through an obstacle course as part of last weekend's Livermore Police Department open house.

Summer Day Camp

The Tri-Valley YMCA is hosting summer day camp for nine weeks beginning June 16 and ending August 15.

Day campers may sign-up for all nine weeks or any number of weeks. Camp will be held at the Village High School, 4645 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays (no camp Fri., July 4). Extended day care is available for no additional charge from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Day camp is open to grades K-12. High school students are encouraged to enroll as counselors in leadership training. Cost is \$229 per week for K-8 and \$129 for 9-12. However, lower costs are possible for families with financial challenges.

Camps provide fun along with activities such as sports, games, outdoor activities, creative art, music and special events. Brochures with registration forms are available at the Tri-Valley YMCA, 4725 First St., Suite 200, Pleasanton.

Altamont Creek

Altamont Creek students exceeded the school-wide goal of 21,000 AR (Accelerated Reader) points to earn 24,391 points. Principal Candice Flint-Torres promised to be slimed if the students met their goal. On Thursday, May 29 at 2:00 pm, she will brave the Pitchurst Machine again this year, only instead of water balloons falling on her, this year it will be balloons filled with slime. The two students in each grade with the most AR points as of May 16 will have the chance to slime the Principal.

On Friday, May 9th all Altamont Creek Second Graders celebrated Mother's Day in the MPR. The children served their mom's breakfast, recited a poem, sang a song and delivered hand made gifts to show the mom's how much they are loved.

Many classes have been busy planting in the newly designed garden.

Kindergarten classes planted seedlings and seeds of various kinds of vegetables. The garden has been redesigned and students have been enjoying a "lunch in the garden" on the new picnic tables, along with a new seating area. Teachers and volunteers spent a Saturday in April pulling weeds, and adding rock and bark.

During the week of April 21, the fourth graders took part in the Malakoff-Diggins immersion field trip. Students hiked each of the 3 days, slept in tents, and experienced the gold rush by visiting the diggings, panning for gold and spending the morning in the ghost town of North Bloomfield.

The Annual Hoe Down will be held on Wednesday, June 4. Each grade performs a square dance and students dress in western wear. This year, the PTA will provide a BBQ lunch for all the students following the hoe down.

Yard Sale

Good News Bears, a Livermore based non-profit, will be holding a yard sale as a spring fund-raiser on Sat., May 31 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The address of the sale is 1394 Carlton Place, near Concannon and Holmes, in Livermore.

There will be books, furniture, household items and more. Doll collectors will be able to browse through a collection of unique dolls. Donations of new or like new stuffed animals, from Beanie Baby size to 16" will be accepted, also. Money raised from the yard sale will go directly towards purchasing new teddy bears.

Good News Bears provides "stuffed love" to children, seniors, and anyone suffering from trauma, illness, or loneliness. Over 60 agencies such as hospitals, emergency services and shelters throughout the Bay Area are regular recipients of teddy bears and other stuffed animals. Besides making sure local agencies have stock on hand, the club responds to disasters and sends small stuffed animals around the world. To date, the club has donated over

58,000 stuffed animals.

For more information on the yard sale, or Good News Bears, please call (925)373-7982 or log on to www.goodnewsbears.org

Activity Hotlines

Keeping residents informed about events, activities and facilities is a priority for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. To help increase those efforts, the district has recently launched three new phone hotlines to help keep the public up-to-date.

Existing hotlines that have already been in use inform the public about field conditions, teen activities and special events. The new hotlines have information about pool updates at the Robert Livermore Community Center, senior activities and LARPD employment opportunities.

The LARPD Hotline number is 925-373-5702. Hotlines are available by pressing: "1" for Field Conditions; "2" for Teen Activities; "3" for Special Events; "4" for Pool Updates; "5" for Senior Activities; and "6" for Employment Opportunities.

Pool updates will be recorded weekly as needed, with employment updates to be made every month. The senior activities hotline will keep the public informed of any last-minute cancellations, changes or new offerings.

PPIE Student Grants

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation announced the latest round of PPIE Student Grants. Fifteen Pleasanton Unified School District students have been selected to receive funding for their Student Grant projects (see list below).

The PPIE Student Grant program, now in its eighteenth year, promotes positive learning experiences inside and outside the classroom, and supports co-curricular and extra curricular student activities and projects. General guidelines require each application to be student authored, to have a teacher sponsor and the site principal's approval. To better support student interests, two grant cycles are offered, the first in the fall semester and the second in the spring semester.

PPIE Foundation Student Grant Awards, 2007-2008, Cycle #2 went to the following:

Cricket Equipment, Abhiraj Chowdhury, Foothill High School, \$150, start up funding to provide equipment for a new Cricket club.

Garden Boxes, Stefan Hall, Amador Valley High School, \$100 for 2 garden boxes for the Amador Foods Department to grow fruits, herbs & vegetables.

Human Rights Conference - AVHS Amnesty Club, Amy Martin and Claire Wei, Amador Valley High School, \$250 each, funding to support facilitation expenses for Human Rights Conference for local youth.

Interactive White Board, Cheng Tian, Amador Valley High School, \$100 for interactive white board pilot program.

DECA International Career Development Conference, Shawn Chen, Kelly Fisher, Caroline Hsia, Sharon Jiang, Nina Saleh, Foothill High School, \$50 each for conference registration fees.

Foothill High Robotics Club 2008 Competition, Kevin Kim, Foothill High School, \$250 to support competition fees.

Destination Imagination State Competition, Karna Mendonca-Kamath, Fairlands Elementary School, Tyson Payne, Lydixsen Elementary School, \$125 each for competition fees.

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