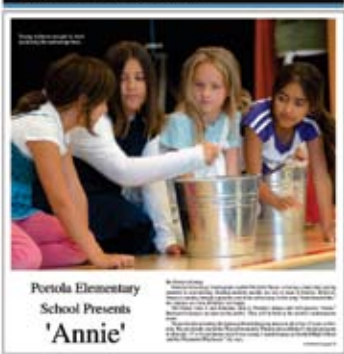


Art, Community, & Education



Don't Miss It! The Independent now has a second section.

Section II is filled with information about arts, entertainment and special events. There are education features, as well as the arts and entertainment and bulletin board listings.



Celebrity spellers will take to the stage during all four performances of the Broadway show, "Spelling Bee." The musical will be at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore this weekend. For more details, see page 4 in Section II.

Speakers Spell Out Dimensions Of Human Trafficking

Girls from 11 to 17 years old are bought and sold in Oakland, and in Thailand, among many places in the world. The Mission Outreach club at Amador Valley High School wants to be sure that people know about the practice, so they can work toward ending the scandal.

The club has been in existence for about a year. It wants to make a difference in the world, according to the students who formed the group. They settled on child prostitution as a topic they think should have more focus, so they invited two speakers to an informal outdoor dinner at Amador on May 22.

One of the speakers was Rachel Gobel, a Livermore resident, who brought a movie titled "SOLD" to the Amador multipurpose room. It's one of those films that socially conscious groups make, and then bring around to colleges, churches and other places to get people interested in their cause. Like most such movie makers, the SOLD Project would like to receive wider distribution.

Gobel said that she became involved more than a year ago in the production of the movie, along with Rachel Sparks, a Midwesterner whose father founded Heartland Truly Moving Pictures. The nonprofit has an annual film festival in Indianapolis. It provides recognition to uplifting films that communicate heart-felt values.

Gobel met Sparks, and helped create "SOLD," after she had visited India and South Africa. She was studying sex trafficking as part of her master's thesis work in Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena.

The two hit on the idea of the movie in order to illustrate the sexual trafficking problem. It was filmed in Thailand, where "sex tourism" is a part of the overall tourism industry. It generates an estimated 3 percent of total tourism revenue.

Estimates vary about how many girls are in prostitution in Thailand. Gobel said that she

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Big Crowd Opposes Power Line

By Ron McNicoll

A meeting about a proposed controversial power line route through South Livermore wine country, past Ruby Hill in Pleasanton, and through Sunol drew 190 people, nearly all of whom indicated opposition to the proposal.

At one point at the May 27 meeting in Livermore, an audience speaker said that he doubted that "anyone in the audience cared about" the formalities of discussing the EIR and the future of green power from Lassen County.

The audience member got right to the point, and asked,

"How many here don't want them to go through the scenic Livermore Valley?" Virtually everyone in the room raised a hand.

The power lines would enable development of solar and wind power in three northern California counties. The power would be distributed via 600 miles of transmission lines to five public power-operating cities, none of which are in the Valley.

The project is being proposed by the Transmission Association of Northern California (TANC), a joint powers agreement among 15 public power agencies in northern California. It has a project partner in the Western Area

Power Association (WAPA), which is a federal agency.

Five of the TANC members, including the closest one to the Valley, the City of Santa Clara, will pay for the project, and use the power. TANC hopes to begin construction in 2011 or 2012 and finish by 2014 or 2015. The lines' capacity would be about 500 or 600 megawatts.

TANC officials said that with a state requirement by 2020 to have 33 percent of the power grid delivering green energy, it is important to build the project.

Few people in the public had heard about the proposal until Tri-Valley Conservancy got wind

of it early in May. As a result, the May 27 was scheduled. TANC extended the public comment period to July 30. The previous extended deadline was to May 30.

Several audience members said that the goal of the power lines to stimulate green power production is matched up against another aspect of green, the aesthetics of view-sheds, something that is very important to rural dwellers and the wineries that populate South Livermore.

Any adverse impact on aesthetics in wine country and other places along the route would have

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Pleasanton Schools Look Ahead After Measure G

The Pleasanton Measure G parcel tax was failing to receive the necessary two-thirds vote Tuesday night. Only 60.3 percent votes were in favor of the measure, with 34 of 42 precincts reporting.

The results were incomplete at The Independent's deadline. There were 7,924 votes in favor and 5,209 opposed. If it were to finish in a defeat for Measure G, the school district still has "an amazing community. The majority of the individuals voted in favor of Measure G," said school

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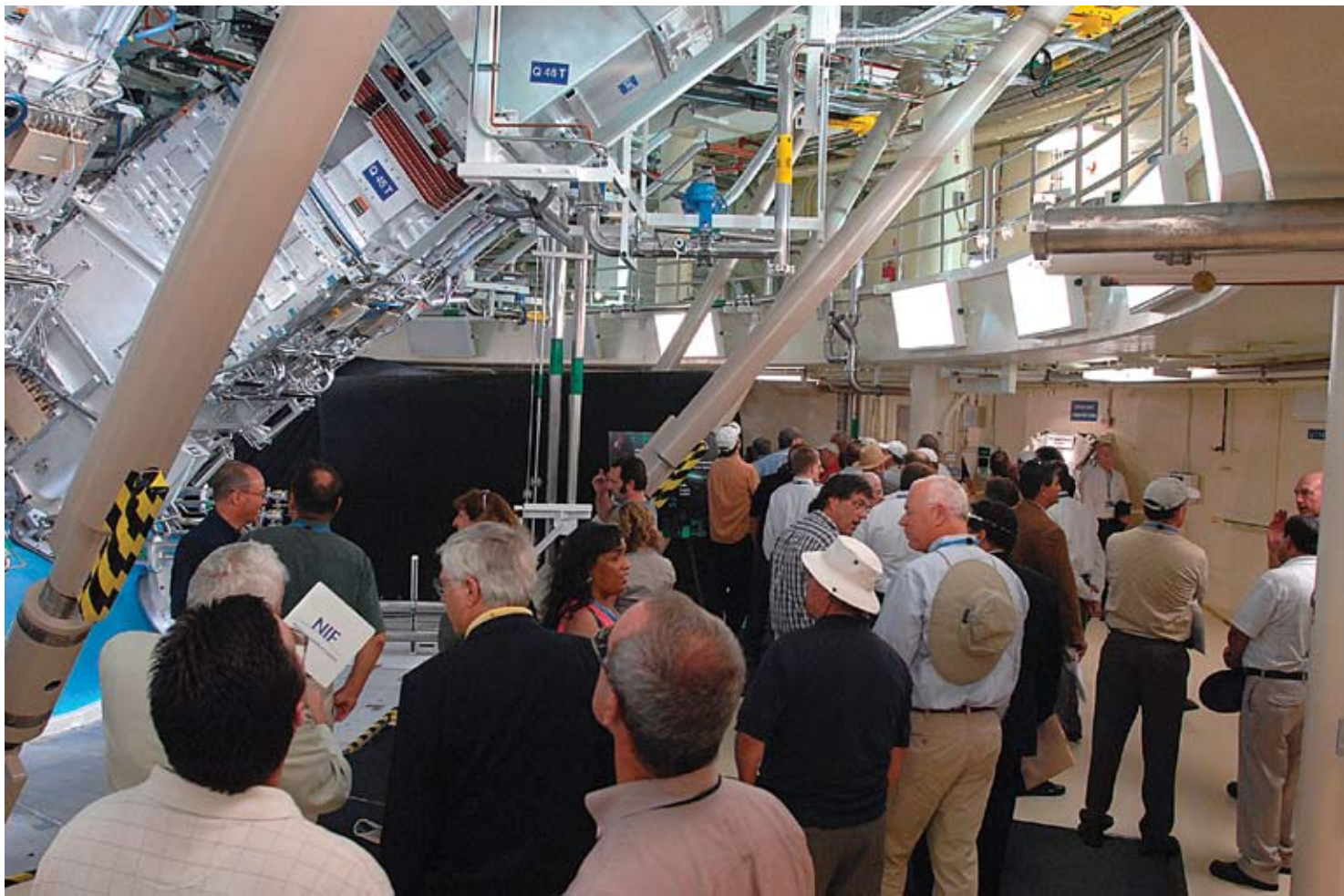


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

People attending the NIF dedication were able to tour the facility. In the photo, they wait for a look at the target chamber.

NIF Touted as Tool to Deal with Variety of Issues

Dedication ceremonies were held last Friday for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's National Ignition Facility (NIF), fulfilling a dream that began 50 years ago

According to various speakers, data that will come out of the facility will contribute to national security, energy security, the economic health of the nation and California, and provide a stimulation for intellectual innovation.

NIF's 192 giant lasers are housed in a ten-story building the

size of three football fields. NIF will be able to create conditions and allow for a wide range of experiments never before possible on earth.

In the realm of national security, NIF will serve as a key component of the National Nuclear Security Administration's Stockpile Stewardship Program to ensure the safety and reliability of the nation's nuclear deterrent without the need for nuclear testing. NIF also offers the possibility of groundbreaking scientific discoveries in planetary science

and astrophysics. A large majority of these experiments will be unclassified.

NIF's third mission is energy independence. NIF is scheduled to begin ignition experiments in 2010 that will focus its lasers on a very tiny target filled with isotopes of hydrogen in an effort to further the goal of fusion energy. To achieve the dream, first there must be ignition. The heat and pressures created by NIF's lasers will force the hydrogen nuclei to collide and produce a controlled fusion reaction, or ignition, simi-

lar to that found in the sun.

Lab Director George Miller stated, "The Laboratory has a long history of solving some of the nation's greatest scientific challenges. From national security and continuing terrorist threats to breakthroughs in advanced medical technologies, this laboratory has consistently made dramatic scientific contributions that directly benefit the American people. Very shortly we will engage in what many believe to be this nation's greatest challenge

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Charter High School Seems Headed for OK from State

By Ron McNicoll

The Livermore Valley Charter School appears headed for approval of its application to create a new high school in the city.

The Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS), which is a division of the state Department of Education, gave its approval in March. The matter goes for final approval to the

state board of education, which will meet July 8 and 9.

The creation of the high school was denied by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District board. The Alameda County School Board also rejected it, on a 5-2 vote. The issue then went to the ACCS, whose staff researched the three dis-

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Focus on Biological Resources Conservation in East County

The first of two community meetings on the East Alameda County Conservation Strategy - "A Blueprint for Biological Resources Conservation" will be held on June 11. The public will learn the purpose and benefits of having a conservation strategy for biological resources in East Alameda County. The presentation will include who is involved, what has been accomplished to date, and a summary of the work to come. This is an opportunity for the general public to comment on species and habitat conservation planning issues and learn about future opportunities to

participate or become involved. The meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Regional Meeting Room at Dublin City Hall, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin.

Attendees will learn how the East Alameda County Conservation Strategy (EACCS) will facilitate regional conservation of special-status wildlife and plant species and streamline permitting for future development and infrastructure projects. Currently, project mitigation is completed on a case-by-case basis resulting in piecemeal conservation that is

(See CONSERVATION, page 6)



Golfer tees off on one of the scenic holes.

Callippe Golf Course Ranked Among Best

Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton is on Golfweek Magazine's list of the Best Municipal Golf Courses in the nation for 2008-2009. The list is compiled by a nationwide team of more than 475 evaluators who rate the courses on the basis of 10 strict standards including

routing, conditioning, variety and memorability of holes. The result is an average of scores, which then dictates a course's overall ranking.

"This is a very prestigious honor for Callippe Preserve Golf Course, to be considered one of the top 50 municipal courses in

the nation out of more than 8,000 courses. This well-kept secret of local golfers is now out of the bag to the larger golf world," according to course General Manager Mike Ash.

This marks the first time that the course has been included on the elite list, which also boasts

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Say hello to Ben and Jerry, two sherbert-colored kittens that are as sweet as ice cream. They spend their days playing, sleeping and eating. Like most sweet treats, two are always better than one! To visit with Ben and Jerry, come to Valley Humane Society's Kitty City at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tues-Sat from 11AM to 5PM. Visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656 for info. Wiggle Waggle Dog Wash is June 6 from Noon to 4PM. Bring your pooch down to VHS for a run through the rinse cycle!



Rachel Nelson, with Rocky, acts as an ambassador for the Livermore Rodeo.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Rodeo Queen Title Fulfills Lifelong Dream

Rachel Nelson is the 2009 Livermore Rodeo Queen. She commented on her selection, "I'm so unbelievably stoked to represent the "World's Fastest Rodeo."

The Livermore native had always dreamed of becoming the rodeo queen. She recalls that at age 4 and 5 she rode in the annual Livermore Rodeo Parade. "My bio read, future Rodeo Queen." Previous titles bestowed upon Nelson include Livermore Junior Rodeo Queen and Rowell Ranch Rodeo Queen.

To become queen, a contestant undergoes a rigorous competition that includes a written test, a speech, personal interview and riding pattern. The test requires knowledge of horses, rodeo, history of the local event and information about the Stockmen's Rodeo Association board of directors. "It takes a lot of work and preparation," Nelson explained.

She has been riding for many years. "Every chance I get, I'm in the saddle," Nelson says. Her favorite horse is named Rocky. He is a roan quarterhorse. Nelson will be riding him at the 2009 Livermore Rodeo.

Nelson is currently training two young horses. She hopes one day to own her own and manage her own barn where she can train horses. One of the young horses

is the offspring of Roo-Star, considered a quarterhorse super horse. "I hope to do lots of reining with him in the future," explained Nelson. Some of that reining could involve team roping appearances with her mother.

To prepare to manage her own barn, the 19-year-old is a business management student at Las Positas College. She plans to transfer to Cal State East Bay to finish her degree.

As the 2009 Rodeo Queen, Nelson travels the state and attends local events to advertise the Livermore Rodeo and promote the sport of rodeo. She has traveled from Bakersfield to Redding already and will be on the rode this summer. She says of rodeo, "It's a great sport. It teaches both young and old important morals and values; that you need to work hard for what you want to accomplish."

Her favorite rodeo event is bull riding. She said she did catch one episode of Dancing with the Stars in which bull rider Ty Murray competed. "His efforts encouraged more people to watch the sport," said Nelson.

Over the years she has competed in Junior Rodeos, barrel races, Gymkhanas, and was a member of FFA and 4-H. She likes best to compete in barrel

racing.

Nelson doesn't just focus on riding and rodeo, she also likes wakeboarding and snowboarding. She is a counselor each summer at camp for kids. On Sundays she can be found at Cedar Grove Church, or at a rodeo. She lives with her family, four horses, and six dogs. She has two brothers and a sister, none of them is interested in riding.

Nelson urges people to attend the rodeo and see all the action. "We have an absolutely awesome Rodeo. Put Saturday June 13th and Sunday June 14th on your calendar Livermore Rodeo is an event you won't want to miss."

Career and Resume Workshop Set

A Career & Resume Workshop will be held June 6 in Pleasanton.

Volunteers, including human resources professionals, will be on hand at St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton from 8 a.m. to noon to help people: Write or polish a resume, Sell themselves - Interview Skills & Your Personal 'Elevator Pitch', Post a Resume & Network On-Line, Search On-Line Job Sites & Fill Out Applications, Apply for Assistance - Help Completing Forms for Unemployment, AFDC, WIC, etc. and more.

The services will be provided free of charge. Those who are able are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food to share. Food will be available for those who need help feeding their families now, and extras will go to the food pantry in Livermore.

The church is located at 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. For

Top Honors in Science Competition For Area Students, Teacher

Two senior sweepstakes winners of the 2009 Tri-Valley Science & Engineering Fair (TVSEF) sponsored by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in March attended the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2009 (Intel ISEF), held May 10-15, in Reno.

In addition, two junior sweepstakes winners competed at the 58th annual California State Science Fair held May 18-19, in Los Angeles.

Harikrishna Rallapalli, an 11th grade student from Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton, picked up multiple awards for his project entitled, "Fast Low-Cost Bisphenol-A (BPA) Detector." His awards included: a tuition scholarship valued at \$150,000 from Drexel University; a special award of \$25,000 from Agilent Technologies; and a \$1,000 cash award and third place in the physics category.

Also competing at the Intel ISEF was Vicki Hsieh, a 12th grade student from San Ramon's California High School who will major in biochemistry at UC Berkeley in the fall.

The annual Intel ISEF, now in its 60th year, is the world's largest pre-college celebration of science. Students compete for scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific field trips, and the grand prize - a \$50,000 college scholarship. This year's event drew more than 1,500 students from 56 countries with

more than 1,200 projects (students have the option of working in teams).

At the California State Science Fair, Carina Salcedo, an eighth-grade student from the Livermore Valley Charter School in Livermore won third place in the applied mechanics and structures category for her project, "Feeding My Flock."

Sumana Rallapalli, an eighth-grade student from Pleasanton Middle School, Pleasanton, won honorable mention in the materials science category for her project, "Tribo-Light AM: Continuous Triboluminescence and Radio Emission from a Safe, Portable, Low-Cost Generator." Sumana is the sister of Harikrishna Rallapalli who competed at the Intel Fair.

In addition, Susan Johnston, a teacher from the Livermore Valley Charter School in Livermore, was selected as the California State Science Fair Teacher of

the Year.

This year, the California State Science Fair, geared for sixth-through eighth-grade students, hosted 965 participants from 374 schools throughout the State, who competed for awards totaling over \$50,000.

Nadine Horner, TVSEF director said: "I am very proud of all four students and am especially happy about the well-deserved recognition given to teacher Sue Johnston. Sue personifies the level of passion that our science teachers have in preparing their students for the TVSEF."

The students that compete at our regional level are judged by the best scientists in their fields from the Lawrence Livermore Lab and other science organizations in the Bay Area. When our students go on to compete on a worldwide or state level they are well prepared for the challenge."

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National Drowning Prevention Month

The month of May marked the kick-off of a year-long national campaign for drowning prevention. Historically, cases of toddler drownings begin to rise in May and continue to increase as temperatures climb and doors are left open to let in cooling breezes, and family activities move outdoors.

But organizations like the National Drowning Prevention Alliance (NDPA) want parents to know that drownings, especially those of young children, don't just happen in warm weather. They warn that drownings take place every month of every year, but also believe that **drowning IS preventable**. The NDPA supports the concept of "layers of protection" including barriers around pools and swim lessons, year-round.

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1-4 in California.*

American Swim Academy has developed their Aqua Babies program for children 6 months to 3 years of age, specifically to teach parent and child water safety. These parent-participation classes are structured around realistic expectations for children and their stages of development, teaching safety holds and restricting initial swimming and submersion time to encourage critical water comfort skills.

No child is ever drown-proof, but a fun introduction to water safety, taught by certified instructors, will build beginning water skills that lead to a life-long love of swimming and a healthy, active lifestyle. Call today to schedule a free trial class.

* Statistics from the Drowning Prevention Foundation

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Police to Crackdown On Commercial Vehicle Violations

The Livermore Police Department has identified commercial vehicle violations as one of the key traffic issues affecting traffic safety in the community. While commercial vehicle enforcement occurs all year long, the department will increase the focus on these violations and public education pertaining to commercial vehicle operations during the month of June.

Common commercial vehicle violations include driving off the truck routes, bypassing the California Highway Patrol inspection scales, transporting uncovered loads of rubbish or rock and transporting overweight loads. Officers who are specially trained to identify commercial vehicle violations will be conducting mobile enforcements throughout the month. In addition, a multi-agency truck inspection check point will be conducted.

The Department will provide in-house training to increase officers' awareness of commercial vehicle violations. The Department will also be providing information to the public about truck routes, sharing the road with large trucks and other commercial vehicle related issues. Local businesses who have demonstrated safe and legal operation of commercial vehicles will be recognized.

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thus far, one that confronts not only the nation but all of mankind -- energy independence. I have no doubt that as in the past, this laboratory will again rise to the occasion and put forth a solution that exceeds expectations."

California Sen. Dianne Feinstein and local Congressional Reps. Ellen Tauscher (Livermore), Jerry McNerney (Pleasanton), Zoe Lofgren (San Jose) and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger were among the special guests at the ceremony. They were joined by UC President Mark Yudof, LANS Board of Governors Chairman Norm Pattiz, DOE Undersecretary of Science Steve Koonin and NNSA Administrator Tom D'Agostino.

Inside the Lab, the completion of NIF was celebrated with accolades and hope for the future. Outside the Lab gates, Tri-Valley CAREs representatives questioned the value of NIF. Marylia Kelley, executive director of Tri-Valley CAREs said there are weapons applications, plutonium use, technical problems and other key facts that the Lab is not talking about. There are a myriad of still-unresolved technical problems that make NIF "ignition" dubious at best.

Several speakers at the dedication ceremonies commented that it was fitting that NIF is located in California. The laser was invented in the state. John Nuckolls conducted fusion work that laid

the groundwork for NIF.

Ed Moses, who heads the NIF program, said, "The day is a celebration of the fantastic community of communities that understood what grand challenges were and were willing to take them on to make great things happen. We are taking on one of the grand challenges in trying to bring the sun to earth, so we can use it. I think we can."

He said 3000 separate entities worked on NIF, ranging from large corporations to small businesses with special expertise. Forty nine of the 50 states are represented. "It has taken an incredibly unique collection and collaboration of talent not found anywhere else on earth." He stated, "I have unbridled belief that we will be able to do everything we promised."

Representing UC at the ceremony was UC President Mark Yudof. He saw NIF as providing greater opportunities for students, staff and post-docs to participate in non-classified experiments. They will be able to take part in many of the first experiments.

Tom D'Agostino, head of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), which oversees the Lab, called it, "A great day for science and national security. I anticipate many new discoveries and opportunities."

D'Agostino added, "We are on the cusp of ignition. Something that has the potential to change the world."

Steve Koonin, under secretary

for science at the Department of Energy, said, "NIF will boldly expand technical limits of science while providing energy and nuclear security. Researchers will be able to understand the properties of matter under extreme conditions that they have not been able to do in the laboratory. It will be the centerpiece of new research efforts in high energy density science."

Koonin continued, "The present energy situation makes the possibilities of NIF more tantalizing. Addressing ignition is a crucial milestone. It is not guaranteed. However, the design of NIF is a cause for optimism."

McNerney said the real heroes of the day were the scientists, engineers, technicians and administrators who have worked tirelessly to achieve the dream. He called it an effort on the scope of what sent Apollo missions to the moon. He added there is both high risk and high reward with the potential to change how we produce and use energy. "I hope it will inspire a new generation of students to strive to conduct research that will benefit all of mankind."

Lofgren noted it had been a 12 year journey from the groundbreaking to the dedication of NIF. She and others have had to rescue funding year after year. She pointed out that just building NIF has provided new technologies in the field of optics and glass making. "It reminds me of the space program. NIF is exciting a new

generation. NIF will spin off discoveries no one has thought of."

Lofgren continued, "I know fusion exist. The question is whether we can produce it here on earth. Ignition will be a game changer. It will help to solve economic, energy and climate problems. When we achieve ignition, all that's left will be the engineering."

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger stated, "This laser system is an incredible success not just for California, but for our country and our world. NIF has the potential to revolutionize our energy system -- teaching us a new way to harness the energy of the sun to power our cars and homes. California was the home of the first working laser, so it is no surprise that the Golden State has now produced the world's largest and most powerful one."

California's economy will continue to benefit from the investments in NIF, he added. The laser system supports 1,000 high-tech science and technology jobs in California and products from more than 800 California vendors have been purchased to build it. By next year, NIF will have spent more than \$2 billion in the state, putting money into our economy when we need it most.

Tauscher, who has represented the 10th Congressional District during the construction of NIF, is leaving to become under secretary of state for missile defense. "I tell people I represent the smartest people in the world.

It's no small coincidence that you've elected me seven times," she quipped.

"At one point this project almost didn't happen. We made adjustments and made it happen. It will be a tool unlike anything the world has even seen. It will take consistent funding. I am proud to have stood with you and for you."

Feinstein stated, "Just as Silicon Valley is part of the great genius of California, the laboratories are part of the great genius of UC. The state's strength rests in this kind of innovation. There is the ability to take a mission 12 years in the making and transfer it into something that could be record breaking and help with the problem of global warming. The possibility that fusion-fission can be used to create carbon free energy is a unique, unique concept. That is our dream. That is our quest. I really think the state is facing a 'holy cow' game changer. There is the potential to change the world as we know it today. We are foolish if we don't take advantage of your talent to get there. I hope it really works."

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Jeff Atherton, program director for target experiment systems, said how quickly research proceeds would be dictated by funding. "If it is funded aggressively, I expect within ten years, we could build a prototype power plant," Atherton said.



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EDITORIAL

A Good Deal

In 1984 environmentalists and the citizenry at large waged a ferocious year-long struggle to stop a proposed basalt mine on Apperson Ridge.

Apperson Ridge is a landmark, the centerpiece among several peaks just south of San Antonio Reservoir in Sunol. The viewshed -- readily visible from Vallecitos Road -- is stunning.

The original quarry plan called for removing the top third of the ridge and unleashing an all-day stream of trucks carrying the mined material to construction sites throughout the region.

The quarry was approved, but it was a compromise, with strong mitigations. Foremost among them, Oliver de Silva, Inc., the company that holds the mining permit, was required to fund projects to restore to the area wildlife such as tule elk and peregrine falcons.

After the approval of the mining permit, de Silva let it sit, unable to meet the start-up costs. As the years rolled by, no quarry materialized. Though no mining was taking place, de Silva uncomplainingly put up funds for the wildlife projects. Peregrine falcons returned to Sunol thanks in part to de Silva's contributions.

It now appears that a quarry on Apperson Ridge won't occur for at least another 20 years. De Silva and two East Bay conservation organizations have joined in an agreement that commits de Silva to deferring the mining until the nearby existing Sunol Valley quarry is depleted or until year 2030, whichever comes later.

De Silva will run the existing quarry, which will serve as the processing site for Apperson Ridge if and when that mining begins. A conveyor system will be installed as a quieter alternative to a truck haul road.

The agreement requires replacement of habitat at ratios of 3-1 and 4-1, with minimum parcels of 600 acres. In addition, de Silva will contribute some \$3 million toward the Alameda Creek steelhead trout restoration.

The steelhead project is the work of the Alameda Creek Alliance, which is one of the parties to the agreement. Also involved is the Center for Biological Diversity, whose conservation director, Peter Galvin, remarked, "This agreement is a good deal for wildlife and a boon for conservation and restoration projects in the area for the next half century."

Good deal, indeed. De Silva and the conservationists are lifting the "win-win" concept to a new level.

CHARTER

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puted issues, and recommended to the commission, which passed it unanimously.

Next, the high school application will go to the state board of education, which provides staff for the ACCS. Approval is expected there, because of the ACCS vote.

Bill Batchelor, president of the charter school board, said that the ACCS staff accepted the school's explanations of the three issues. One was the failure to disclose a specific site.

The charter school had been negotiating for a site near Robertson Park. However, it didn't look like a financial agreement could be reached. Also, neighbors protested the use in a neighborhood with relatively little access, without having to travel past homes.

The charter school board gave up on that site, and will be satisfied that the school district will find a home for it at either Granada or Livermore high schools in the short term. Under state law, the district must offer its facilities to the charter school.

In the long term, the charter

Special Ceremonies To Honor Moorefield

On Saturday, June 6, Foothill High School, the Pleasanton Unified School District, and the community of Pleasanton will honor Foothill band teacher

Bob Moorefield who is retiring after 41 years of teaching, 36 of those at Foothill. The event will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at the school's football stadium and will include an alumni performance of Stars and Stripes Forever, with musicians and colorguard from all eras joining together. Hundreds of former students, friends, and families are expected to attend.

"Moof" (as he is known by his students) started a band at Foothill High when it opened in 1972. The band numbered 17 students and gave just one performance during the year, but with a lot of recruitment, there were 56 members the following year. The band program and the number of students participating has continued to grow, and the program now includes marching, symphonic and concert bands, wind ensemble, two jazz bands, percussion, color guard, and choir classes, with about 400 students enrolled in the various programs.

Thousands of trophies are on display in the band room and around the school. Under Moore-

school, which is operated by the Livermore Charter Learning Corp., would acquire its own site.

The high school would not open until the fall of 2010. There would be only a freshman class at that time. Formal name of the school is the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School.

Another objection to the high school was its alleged lack of diversity in the student population of the charter elementary school. Batchelor said that the school does have diversity, with its most diverse class being kindergarten, at 30 percent of total student population.

Finances were the final objection. The school would start in the red. That's normal for any school in the fall, said Batchelor. The state sends its money after school starts. Meanwhile, schools use a Title V implementation grant to cover expenses. "The ACCS doesn't see it as a problem," said Batchelor.

field's leadership, the Foothill Marching Band has appeared in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade five times, played in Super Bowl XIX, and set a world's record by performing from Paris to London for 5 hours, 21 minutes, aboard the Euro Star Express on the first day of the Chunnel crossing. The Jazz Ensemble has played in Europe and at the Monterey Jazz Festival.

Foothill High School is located at 4375 Foothill Road in Pleasanton, 925-461-6600. Information about the retirement event is available at event.pingg.com/Moorf.

LARPD to Look at 'Out of the Box' Changes

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making plans to conduct a study that will consider future changes in how the district operates.

The board directed staff last week to begin research into finding expertise to look at potential changes that could involve the city and the school district. General Manager Tim Barry declared, "I really like the idea of a study."

Director Scott Kamena first raised the issue at a previous meeting. Last week, he said he had two major goals.

The first is to involve other

Initiatives Would Bring Change to Retirees

Two initiatives now being circulated could change the financial landscape for California retirees -- one subtly, the other dramatically. The question of the moment is whether they will gather enough signatures to become ballot measures.

One of the measures is a proposed constitutional amendment that would affect exclusively University of California retirees. It would create a board with wide membership -- legislators, a union member, faculty, a retiree -- to oversee UC retirement plan operations. Until now, the retirement plan has been the sole responsibility of the UC Regents.

The initiative was submitted by leaders of the University of California branch of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which is generally critical of UC management. The initiative must have 694,354 signatures by June

8 to qualify for the ballot.

Whether changing the composition of the governing board is likely to strengthen or weaken the retirement plan is a matter of debate. Aside from valuing its constitutional independence, the University proudly points to a retirement fund that has been so successfully managed that neither employees nor the state has had to make contributions since 1990.

This has been a luxury for UC employees who literally were building a sound retirement program without having to pay for it. The long period of financial security has come to an end with the declining economy, however. The pension fund has slipped below full funding, and to prevent further decay the University has sought to restore employee contributions as well as its own. Although many employees understand that contributions will

be needed to put their eventual pensions on a firm footing, some including union leadership have generally objected to what they see as an effective cut in take-home pay.

The second initiative is far more dramatic. It seeks to add to the taxes paid by all California retirees who make more than \$40,000 from pensions, social security and the calculated value of their health plans. It adds a one-time tax on Californians who retire outside the state if they make more than \$50,000 by the same calculation.

The measure was authored by Southern California accountant Paul McCauley, whose primary aim was to reduce the burden of public employee pensions on the public. He considers public employees a "privileged class" who are "riding roughshod over taxpayers." He expanded the taxed group to all retirees in order to

avoid threatened court challenges based on discrimination.

To qualify for the ballot, the initiative has to have 433,971 signatures by October 15.

An initiative that McCauley submitted last Fall was stronger and simpler. It aimed to amend the state constitution to authorize local and state governments to slash existing public pension payments if needed to afford essential public services like police, fire, public health and education. That initiative, if successful, appeared to some to be headed for legal trouble as violating contract provisions of the U.S. constitution. So he submitted the tax increase initiative in its place, reasoning that state tax codes are rarely overturned in court. However, he still thinks the constitutional amendment would be a good idea.

UC Strongly Opposed to Bill to End Autonomy

The University of California has reacted strongly to a bill that proposes to end its autonomy under the state constitution.

The bill was introduced in the Assembly and Senate last week. If approved by a two-thirds vote of members of the Assembly and Senate, it would then lead to a statewide referendum that can be passed by a simple majority.

The University has been autonomous since a second constitutional convention designated it a public trust in 1879. Constitutional delegates had plenty of criticism for the University, but they voted for its independence because they mistrusted the legislature even more. "The university shall be entirely free of all political or sectarian influence," the constitution read. Today, the UC Board of Regents makes policy and is responsible for daily operations, although the legislature influences it through the power of the purse. This is in contrast to most other public universities, which legislatures can control directly through statute and regulation.

The latest legislative effort to take more direct control was prompted by UC's "arrogance and autocratic attitude," according to Leland Yee, a Democratic state senator from San Francisco who is frequently critical of the University. In particular, Lee and legislative co-sponsors criticized recent salaries of more than \$400,000 for the chancel-

lors at Davis and San Francisco campuses.

"At a time when the University has raised student fees and is considering cutting the pay of its lowest-paid workers, it is simply wrong to be giving the two new chancellors more gold-plated benefits," said Brian Nestande, a Republican assemblyman from Palm Desert and one of the co-sponsors. "If students have to tighten their belts, then everyone in the UC system must also tighten theirs."

Criticism is nothing new to the University, which prides itself on being open to debate and dissent, but a threat to its autonomy is another matter entirely. In response to the legislation, the University fired back aggressively.

It called the measure "absurd" and a "non-starter." It pointed out that people everywhere have come to mock California as badly governed because of the "\$25 billion hole in the state budget and the political paralysis that chronically plagues Sacramento."

The University, by contrast, "has managed its resources prudently in a tough environment. It has been able to preserve its world class status -- a thrumming engine of educational opportunity, scientific advance and economic stimulus."

It pointed out that UC has a AA1/AA credit rating while "the state budget has fallen off a cliff."

Pleasanton Schools Make Lose \$1.2 Million More to State

By Ron McNicoll

Things got a little worse when it comes to school revenue. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his plan to make up for \$3 billion more in revenue shortfall in the coming year's budget.

The governor on May 29 proposed cuts in education funding that will drop another \$1.2 million from the revenue that the Pleasanton school district normally would have expected.

The cut wasn't quite as bad as the district's earlier estimate concerning what would happen, said assistant superintendent Luz Cazares. At that time, about \$2.1 million in cuts were in the district's crystal ball. However, that was an approximate estimate, based on what was known or estimated then.

Board president Chris Grant put the \$2.1 million into his projection of a net loss in revenue of \$18.7 million annually for every future year in which the state economy remains poor, which may be the next three or four years.

Grant made the estimate at the board's meeting May 26. Now that the governor has spoken, that \$18.7 million estimate can go down to about \$17.5 million, Cazares told the Independent.

That's not much of a silver lining for a picture in which trustees were told by Superintendent John Casey that the district might have to give up its practice of a

balanced budget in 2009-10. It's possible to balance it. However, the effort would come from \$8.1 million in one-time money. That would leave the district in a separate spot in the following year, said Casey. As a result, the district may have to make more cuts in next year's budget in order to have enough to meet the challenge in the following year.

In any case, it's likely there will be more staff cuts, said Casey. There is still an opportunity to cut more teachers and support staff early this month. An administrative judge extended the normal May 15 layoff deadline to early June, after the fate of the Measure G parcel tax is known. The vote was held June 2.

Also, if the state's 2009-10 budget is passed before Aug. 15, that might serve as a deadline for more layoffs. State law is believed to make that possible. However, it has not been tested in court, said Casey.

Trustees expressed hope at the board meeting May 16 that Measure G would pass, so that core items such as class size reduction, counselors, reading specialists and other things could be saved. More than 120 full time equivalents could be saved out of the 243 that the board authorized several months ago.

One audience member offered the board some ideas about saving money. Sandra Piderit said that the district could look into having students bring slates and

styluses for writing at school, as the children in "Little House on the Prairie" did. It would save money.

Also, skipping the watering of play fields would kill the grass. Then it wouldn't have to be mowed, a savings in two categories there. Further, since many older folks didn't have air conditioning in their schools, that could be shut off. In the winter, the temperature could be set at 65 degrees, and kids could wear sweaters.

Trustee Jim Ott, who teaches English literature part-time at Las Positas College, told Piderit that her suggestions reminded him of Jonathan Swift's brand of satire.

Piderit said that she didn't intend to be facetious. She said that it's just good to brainstorm, and not reject any ideas right out of the box.

Trustee Valerie Arkin noted that parents already pay for their children's paper and other such materials. However, she backed the idea of brainstorming, and encouraged residents to come to the board with ideas "outside the box."

RETIREES HONORED

The board also honored the district's retirees, whom Casey called the Class of 2009, as they lined up for a group picture with the board. They included teachers, administrators, and support staff.

Retirees this year are Eileen Albrigo, Ronald Blanton, Janet Blom, Deborah Campson, Janice Castagnini, Gail Crawford, Janna

Dean, Sibylle Douglas, Kathleen Hachman, Eric Hoff, and Kenneth Jones.

Also retiring are Susan Lyon, Barbara Manson, Bob Moorefield, Bill Radulovich, Paul Rinetti, Gayle Staehle, Vivian Straight, Anne Warner, and Sherry Williams.

VALEDICTORIANS, HAUGEN WINNERS FETED

The board also honored valedictorians and salutatorians. They are Seunguk (Uggie) Lee, valedictorian, and Michael Chen, salutatorian, from Amador Valley High School.

From Foothill High school, the valedictorians are Swetha Akella, Asher Bantock, Jonathan Hwang, and Jenny Mei.

The annual Juanita Haugen Civic Engagement Award winners were also feted at the meeting. The award is named after the late trustee Juanita Haugen, who served on the board for nearly 30 years. She worked hard with former trustee Kris Weaver to put the community of character program into the schools.

The awards go to students who step up and distinguish themselves in community service and service to school.

This year the winners are Kelley Dillard, Hart Middle School; Tiffany Chung, Harvest Park; Alex and Katie Sborov, Pleasanton Middle School; Shelby Margolin, Amador Valley High School; Kristen Leite and Shana Cloonan, Foothill High School; and Jonathan Young, Village High School.

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board president Chris Grant.

Grant said the district has "some difficult decisions ahead. We have great schools and are starting from a position of strength. We are one of the top 10 performing districts in the state."

Asked whether the board might go for another measure in November, Grant said, "We will listen to all parents, community leaders and teachers and students. If the community indicates a desire to work hard, and bring back programs, there could be another (measure). I can't imagine this community will settle for schools that are not outstanding," said Grant.

The measure was put on the ballot with the intention of raising \$4.5 million annually in each of four years. It was intended as a

local-control offset to the declining support for education in the state's budget crisis.

The tax would have cost every parcel owner \$233 for each of the four years. The board is free to seek a parcel tax again, at whatever amount it might determine.

The Pleasanton parcel tax would have allowed the district to hire back some 123 full-time equivalents (FTEs) out of 243 who were laid off.

The board told the public the money would be used to protect key elements of quality education. They include retention of class size reduction at a 20-to-1 ratio, keep reading and math support programs, and retain a full complement of counselors, keep elementary school music programs, and other programs.

POWER

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an undesirable economic impact, said many of the more than 30 people who spoke before a panel of four TANC representatives. TANC was a co-sponsor of the meeting with the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC).

The conservancy is extremely concerned, because the proposed pathway cuts through 55 properties on which it holds easements for ranching, farming, endangered species and open space.

Earl Ault, owner of Cedar Mountain Winery, said that the effect on him personally is not as important as what his customers think of how the power lines look.

Carl Lisle, of Deer Ridge Vineyard, said the power-line pathway would put a tower 1000 feet from his front door. "We want to know if this diminishes property values. If you can't answer that, you will be in litigation forever," he said.

Bill Roth said that he is not near the proposed path, but it would affect him economically. "Livermore spent money to enrich downtown. I've lost 50 percent of my home value because of housing prices (going down). With this, I will lose more," he said. Roth suggested going farther south, through the hills beyond wine country.

Tom Murphy, environmental consultant for TANC, responded to Roth that his study will be looking at a southerly route, "or somewhere else that is not in the Livermore Valley." He said, "It's unusual," but the alternative route will be sent out for public review before a draft EIR is returned to TANC.

The circulation of the draft EIR will be the only other time that the public will have a chance to comment.

Showing a willingness to cooperate with residents' concerns about potential taking of right-of-way land, TANC operations manager Patrick Mealy answered an audience question by saying that TANC has the power of eminent domain, "However, we'd like to negotiate."

Several audience members said that the proposal was using obsolete technology. Consolidating the TANC lines with the existing PG&E lines, and using 21st century technology could avoid marring land. Using the current PG&E right of way, which has been in wine country for decades, is the direction to go, argued several speakers.

John Toepfen said that Europeans are sending direct current, instead of alternating current, through lines for long distances. "You are working with obsolete technology. It's Hetch Hetchy in 1923. I don't see a vision of the future here," he said. Another speaker said, "Direct current really works. Let's not build 1950's technology."

Livermore resident Bob Baltzer urged cooperation with PG&E to consolidate the entire California power grid. "It already is covered with obsolete, unused lines. This is adding another eyesore line. It clearly should not be built."

Baltzer's point tied in with one cited in a previous issue of the Independent by Chris Gray, chief of staff for supervisor Scott Haggerty. Haggerty sent TANC a letter on May 21 calling for a statewide plan for the power grid. Then there would be a concerted way to weed out powerlines that are not being used, and replace them with new technology. There would be little, if any, need to adopt new routes.

Haggerty's letter also expressed his "strong opposition" to the current TANC route through the Valley. Haggerty pointed out the

Valley's many open space policies were created after deep and wide-ranging deliberations.

Also in county government, county community Development Agency director Chris Bazar told the audience he has sent a 14-page letter to TANC raising many issues they should consider, because the county has policies that bear on the TANC proposal.

Chief among them were a policy that calls for no growth-inducing infrastructure to be built in east county.

"The proposed project certainly appears to be in excess of that needed for any permissible development in Alameda County, and in fact, designed to permit growth in jurisdictions well outside the county boundaries, both in the energy industry and in the general building industry."

Bazar added that the lines could also have growth-inducing effects inside the county. "On this basis, the project would be unavoidably inconsistent with this policy," wrote Bazar.

Another issue TANC must address is the county's open space preservation policy, including protection of "sensitive viewshed and preservation of biological resources."

The lines would also be in the scenic corridors of virtually all of the major roads in east County, including Interstate 580 and Highway 84.

Another county policy calls for undergrounding of power lines wherever feasible.

At the meeting, one of the TANC representatives, John Forman said that the project proponents are looking at undergrounding "pieces of it." However, it's difficult to underground heavy power lines, because they need special cooling to avoid serious heat build-up, he said.

One audience member said that 250 kilovolt lines have been built to San Francisco over 20 miles. Forman said that the idea will be studied, but added that the biggest lines planned, at 500 kilovolts, must be cooled by gas. This hasn't been done anywhere, except maybe in distances of feet, not miles, he said.

Speakers also criticized TANC for poor notice about the project. They didn't hear about it until the first comment period extension. One Sunol resident said a neighbor told him about it, because he has property at the northern end of the line.

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Elected officials spoke up at the meeting. Livermore vice mayor John Marchand said that the South Livermore plan was adopted in 1993 "to restore the heritage of our wine area." There should be a different alignment, or it should go underground. He said he doesn't oppose the line itself, but the way it is proposed would degrade the area.

Livermore councilmember Jeff Williams added that it's important for the EIR to include a study of the economic impact on Livermore. "Agriculture is an important part of our economy." He also pointed out, "It is common to see towers that are not used" in the area.

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) director Ayn Wieskamp of Livermore said that the proposed lines would go through her entire ward, from Livermore over to Fremont. It would cross through Brushy Peak, Sunol Regional Wilderness, and the Ohlone and Mission Peak parks.

"We do not want to see lines. I've lived here since 1962. We invested in solar energy (at her home) last year. Don't hurt my park and don't hurt my city," said Wieskamp.

Several other speakers mentioned solar as the way to go for the TANC cities, rather than a power line.

Livermore planner Steve Riley said that Livermore wants to be a destination point. We are concerned about the project. "We believe there will be significant environmental impacts," he said. The city will be writing a letter to TANC about it.

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recorders' office and the county administrator's office near the end of February. Receipts came back from the offices of all of the parties involved, apparently signed by secretaries in the offices.

The notices told about the 12 scoping meetings to be held in the Central Valley and Santa Clara. None was scheduled in the Valley.

Bazar, the county development director, told the Independent that his department was aware of the project, and someone from his department did go to a meeting. However, he said that the "scoping process" is "very early in the life of a project." Bazar said that it was up to TANC to let the public know about the project.

Despite the county administrator's office being notified, and the county planners knowing enough to go to a scoping meeting in March or April, Haggerty's office didn't hear about the project until after talking to someone early in May. That person had heard about it from TVC executive director Sharon Burnham, said Gray.

In Livermore, city manager Linda Barton was away and not available for comment. Associate planner Christine Rodriguez said that the planning department wasn't aware of the powerlines, until "around the first week in May," after being notified by the city manager's office.

In Pleasanton, director of Community Development Brian Dolan said his department was "notified a couple of months ago." A planner attended a scoping session meeting in Santa Clara. A planner also went to a small meeting on May 20 set up by TVC, which led to the May 27 meeting.

Dolan will draft a letter on the EIR scoping, with "some of the same concerns as the county, Livermore and the conservancy."

It includes, but is not limited to, visual impacts, sensitive species habitat, health impacts, and the socio-economic impact of the potential degradation of the wine country, which we share in part with Livermore."

OTHER ACTION ON TANC
The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors postponed a vote on a letter in opposition of the TANC project after director Scott Kamena said he would not vote for the letter as written. There were only three directors in attendance at last week's session. A unanimous vote would have been required to approve the letter.

Kamena said, "It is important

to look at the greater impact of the project on society, not just Livermore." He suggested there might be an economic benefit to the district if the power lines were to go through the parks.

David Furst urged the board to vote "yes" on a letter to express its opposition to the plan as currently written and requesting consideration of different options for routing.

Beth Wilson wanted a stronger letter. She stepped back from that request, suggesting the letter be sent as written, then have the board hold discussions on potential further action.

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SHORT NOTES

Nature Programs

Evening Blooms and Tea will be the theme of a Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger on Sat., June 6. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 6:30 p.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Most people have never seen the soaproot flower. These beautiful, delicate flowers only open as the day cools to evening. These strange bulb plants are overlooked most of the year, but in late spring they send up a spike that looks like asparagus and grows to be three or four feet tall. Join us to behold this wonder and learn about the many ways the soaproot plant was used by California Indians. A refreshing coyote mint tea will be provided. We will be walking about 3 or 4 miles, and we will make it back to the parking lot as the sun is setting.

Bike Right! is the program to be presented Sat., June 7. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 11 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Are your children safe when riding their bikes? Do you know the correct way to fit their helmets, ensuring they have necessary head protection? Are you aware of the laws pertaining to children riding bicycles in California? Bring your family out for a ride in Sycamore Grove Park today, and stop by the bike safety area. There will be instructions on how to conduct bike safety inspections, trained technicians doing helmet adjustments, information on bike-related state laws (which also apply in parklands and on trails), bike trail maps, and more. This event will last 2 hours.

There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Summer Camp at LPC

A unique Summer Camp will be offered at Las Positas College (LPC). Middle Schoolers are invited to Las Positas College to take part in the "No Ordinary Summer Camp" experience June 15-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day.

Campers will have fun learning Fencing, practicing yoga, boosting confidence, self-esteem and learning about wellness. This is an exclusive, small, college-like experience at Las Positas College with many LPC faculty and staff serving as instructors.

To register, call (925) 424-1467. The fee for the two week, half-day camp is \$249, plus \$20 equipment rental fee and approximately \$15 for the purchase of fencing gloves. Participant waiver forms are required to be signed on the first day of class. Enrollment is limited to 40 students, ages 11 to 13, or entering grades 6 through 8.

Community Education is offering many other classes this summer for kids and adults. Learn Japanese, Russian, or even Turkish. Join writing workshops for teens and adults, learn Basic Dog Grooming and Pet First Aid, and don't forget a CPR and First Aid class to protect your family. Visit [www.laspositascollege.edu](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/community) to view classes and register online.

For registration information please call (925) 424-1554 or go online at www.laspositascollege.edu. Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

YMCA Summer Events

The Tri-Valley YMCA is offering a number of programs this summer to meet the needs of children and teens for recreation, friendship, and learning. These programs include Summer Day Camp, Fun & Fitness Camp, Summer of Service Camp, and a Pacific Northwest College Tour.

Summer Day Camp is moving to a new venue this summer, St. Elizabeth Seton Activity Center, 4001 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton, just off Santa Rita Road. Day Camp will run for nine weeks from June 15th through August 14th, Monday through Friday, 9 to 4. For no extra charge, day care is available from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. at the same location. Day Camp is open to ages K through high school. Each week includes a theme, a swim outing, and a field trip. Campers are divided into age groups. High school students join as CILTS (Campers in Leadership Training). CILTS get to both enjoy camp activities but also receive training as counselors by guiding the children, interacting with adults, and sharing in responsibility for camp activities. Parents may register their children for any combination of weeks. The cost is \$214 a week (\$129 for CILTS). Financial aid is available. Summer day camp offers kids an opportunity to play,

learn and make new friends in a fun and friendly environment.

Fun and Fitness Camp offers youth ages 8 -13 a week of learning to live an active and healthy lifestyle. There will be nine weeks offered throughout the summer. Fitness is the goal through exercise and good nutrition. A three week commitment is recommended to achieve optimum results. This specialty camp features a variety of exercises and activities including dodge ball, obstacle courses, nutrition, and team-based activities. The cost is \$149 a week and the daily schedule is 9 a.m. to noon.

Summer of Service Camp is a program targeted for middle and high school students and its main theme is volunteerism. The goal is to instill in the participants the value of giving back to the community. The 40 Assets are the guiding values taught in this 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. camp. Students will travel locally and around the East Bay to engage in service projects. Ask not what others can do for you but what you can do for others...and in a spirit of joy and gratitude. The weekly cost is \$199. High school age camp meets the weeks of June 15 and June 22, July 20 and July 27. Middle school age camp meets the weeks of July 6 and July 13.

Pacific Northwest College Tour, July 27 - August 1, consists of a tour of ten college campuses including Chico State, the U. of Oregon and the U. of Washington. The \$1095 cost includes transportation, accommodations, workshops, chaperones and Space Needle admission. An Independent College Counselor will lead this tour of northwest colleges. This is a unique opportunity for high school students to learn the nuts and bolts of applying to college while experiencing ten college campuses.

For more information about all of these summer programs and to register, please call the Tri-Valley YMCA at 925-475-6108, or log on to www.trivalleyymca.org.

Cast for Kids

The CAST (Catch A Special Thrill) for Kids program is scheduled for June 13th 2009 at Lake Del Valle. Cast for Kids is a national program that uses local volunteers to take handicapped kids out for a day of fishing.

The major sponsors of this program are: California Department of Water Resources, California State Parks, California Department of Fish & Game, US Fish & Wildlife Service, East Bay Regional Parks, California Department of Boating & Waterways, Easter Seals and many other local volunteers.

The Cast for Kids website is at www.castforkids.org

Aviators in Hollywood

Forest Home Farms is hosting a talk in its Historic Lecture Series on Sat., June 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. "Aviators in Early Hollywood."

Present is Shawna Kelly, the author of the Arcadia Press title Aviators in Early Hollywood and an avid volunteer at Forest Home Farms.

They were the country's first action heroes and performed with classic stars such as Oliver Hardy, Charlie Chaplin, Harry Houdini, and legendary director Cecil B. DeMille.

Kelly is great-granddaughter of aviator actor "Daredevil" DeLay. She will cover the behind-the-scenes thrills, aviator code of loyalty, barnstorming, flying animal mascots and aerial romance. A book signing follows this multimedia program.

This presentation will be held in the Forest Home Farms Tractor Barn. To register for this event, please call 925-973-3200 or register online for Activity #63044 at www.sanramonrecguide.com. Cost is \$10.00 for all ages.

Forest Home Farms is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., just south of Pine Valley Road in San Ramon. Call 925-973-3284 for more info.

Teen Reading Program

Teens entering grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the Livermore Public Library's Teen Summer Reading program, "Express Yourself @ Your Library," to be held from June 12 to August 15. Participating teens are invited to read for pleasure, discuss books online, win prizes, and attend special events. A grand prize drawing will be held at the end of the program.

Beginning June 12, teens can sign up to participate in the Teen Summer Reading program at any Livermore Public Library location. Participants will receive a "How to Play" flyer and an email invitation to

login to BookSprouts, an online book discussion interface, which they can access from their home computer or from a library computer. Upon logging into BookSprouts, teens can discuss books and post recommendations as part of the "Express Yourself @ Your Library" program.

In addition to the summer reading program, teens are invited to become a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) for the children's summer reading game, "Be Creative @ Your Library."

For more information about Library summer reading programs for all ages, teen volunteer opportunities, or teen events, please visit the Library website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us, or call Sandy at 925-373-5500 ext. 5583.

Immunization Clinic

Axis Community Health has scheduled its free spring immunization clinic for children on June 6, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only located at 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Saturday Immunization clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations.

Immunization appointments are also available at (925) 462-1755.

Cooking Classes

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Classes and Programs Summer 2009 Brochure has a wide range of culinary classes for cooks and those who want to be one.

Bride-to-be Cooking Class, for those ages 21 and older. Students will learn everything from roasting vegetables to entertaining with cocktails and appetizers. This class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays from June 1 to June 15. The fee is \$72, plus a \$15 material fee.

Recession Meals, for ages 14 and older. This class will demonstrate using the slow cooker with less expensive cuts of meat along with great cost-cutting meal preparation techniques. This class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays from June 3 to June 10. The cost is \$37, with a \$12 material fee.

Fresh salsa with fruits and vegetables, and try the easy technique for jams, jellies and curds with Jams, Jellies, Curds and Salsas. This class, for ages 14 and older, will be offered from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 23. The cost is \$27, with a \$6 material fee.

Dorm Room Cooking for ages 16 and older will feature easy ways to whip up appetizers, soups, main courses and desserts using a microwave and grill. Two sessions of this class will be offered: from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, and Monday, July 13. The cost is \$27 for either class, with a \$5 material fee.

Fun with Your Food Processor, for ages 14 and older. Learn to make nut butter, pizza dough, pie crusts, fruit tarts, cobbler and more. Two sessions of this class will be offered: from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, and Tuesday, July 14. Cost is \$27 with a \$6 material fee.

Summer Fruit Pies, Tarts and Cobblers. Learn to make pies and tarts with fresh fruit and vegetables available from a local farmers' market. This class is for ages 14 and older and will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. Cost is \$27 with a \$6 material fee.

Farmers' Market Dinner. Participants will learn how to prepare a meal using seasonal produce. Two sessions are offered: from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 30, and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. Cost is \$37 with a \$10 material fee. Students are asked to bring their own knife, cutting board and apron.

Delectable Desserts, a demonstration class that includes working with chocolate. The class will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 25. Cost is \$32 with a \$5 material fee.

Crostini, a demonstration class that includes three unique varieties of this Italian appetizer. Learn to pair contrasting ingredients and textures, and become more familiar with ideas for future recipes. The class will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1. Cost is \$29 with a \$5 material fee.

Kids French Cooking Camps for ages 6 to 13. This weeklong cooking camp will teach students a different recipe each day that will make a complete French dinner. 3 to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 15 to 19. Cost is \$161 with a \$25 material fee.

Busy Bee Cooking Camp for ages 4 to 5. Each class will feature a different cooking technique while teaching nutrition and using kitchen utensils and appliances safely. Each participant will receive a cookbook. 9 to 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, June 15 to 19. Cost is \$161 with a \$25 material fee.

All classes will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. For more information or to register, call 925-373-5700 or visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Medical Center Award

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) Education Recognition Certificate for a quality diabetes self-management education program was recently awarded to San Ramon Regional Medical Center's Diabetes Management Program. ADA believes that the San Ramon Regional Medical Center program offers high-quality education that is an essential component of effective diabetes treatment.

The ADA's Education Recognition Certificate assures that educational program meet the National Standards

for Diabetes Self-management Education Programs. These standards were developed and tested under the auspices of the National Diabetes Advisory Board in 1983 and were revised by the diabetes community in 1994 and 2000.

Programs apply for recognition voluntarily. Program that achieve recognition status have a staff of knowledgeable health professionals who can provide participants with comprehensive information about diabetes management. The process gives professionals a nation standard by which to measure the quality of services they provide, and assures the consumer that he or she will likely receive high-quality service. Education Recognition status is verified by an official certificate from ADA and awarded for three years.

Barbara Reis, Registered Dietician and Certified Diabetes Educator, counsels patients at the Diabetes Management Program at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. For information, call 925.275.6018 or visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

San Ramon Regional Medical Center is located at 6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

Wine Release Event

Mitchell Katz Winery will host a wine release event on Sat., June 10 from noon to 5 p.m.

Wines to be introduced are 2007 Sangiovese - Crackerbox Vineyard and 2007 Zinfandel, Paso Robles.

There is a \$20 fee that includes live music, barrel sampling chilli cook-off contest, logo wine stem glass, and various varietal tasting.

Mitchell Katz Winery is located at 1188 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. No reservations are required. For information, call 931-0744 or visit www.mitchellkatzwinery.com.

CONSERVATION

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more time consuming, expensive and less effective at preserving and connecting the open space and natural communities found in East Alameda County. A regional conservation strategy will facilitate the connection of open space and habitat in the upper Alameda Creek watershed with adjacent natural areas and watersheds in Contra Costa, San Joaquin, and Santa Clara Counties.

Regulatory agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, and Regional Water Quality Control Board are participating in developing the Conservation Strategy.

Relay for Life Volunteers Sought

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's flagship annual fundraiser. Relays take place all over the country. For the eighth consecutive year, Livermore will have its own Relay. Last year over \$224,000 was raised at the Livermore event for cancer research. However, it's much more than just a fundraiser - it's an amazing bonding experience.

A very important part of this event is celebrating cancer survivors and remembering those who have lost their battle with cancer.

Skateboard Tour Making Stop at Stoneridge

Zumiez Inc. is holding the 9th annual Zumiez Couch Tour. The Zumiez Couch Tour 2009 drops in for the third of its 12 stops at Stoneridge Shopping Center in Pleasanton, on June 6th. This year's Bay-area stop features a pro skateboarding demonstration by the Almost team including Rodney Mullen, Daewon Song, Greg Lutka, Chris Haslam, Cooper Wilt, Lewis Marnell, Torey Pudwill and Justin Schulte. The tour also offers free live music performances by The Bled and Kandi Coded.

The day's events begin with the 3rd annual Zumiez Best Foot Forward Am Contest presented by Monster Energy, which will give up-and-coming skaters a

"The Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fish and Game applaud the efforts in the development of a locally driven conservation strategy for eastern Alameda County," said Cay Goude, Assistant Field Supervisor from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. "The Service and DFG will continue to participate in this collaborative process which will reduce uncertainty and improve timing of project implementation as well as better conserve species within the County."

In addition to regulatory agencies, a diverse group of stakeholders are participating in de-

veloping the strategy, including Alameda County Community Development Agency, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency, Alameda County Waste Management Authority, Alameda County Conservation Partnership, East Bay Regional Parks District, the Cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton, Zone 7 Water Agency, landowners, developers, and environmental and conservation groups.

For additional information regarding the Conservation Strategy, please contact Mary Lim, EACCS Coordinator, at 925-454-5036 or visit the website at www.eastalco-conservation.org.

are welcome.

Additional volunteers are needed on Friday, June 26 with setup, Saturday, June 27 with many different jobs and Sunday morning with the take down of the event. Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Jacky Poulsen at (925) 455-0542.

For questions, please contact Pamela Vivion-Brooks at 784-3321 or email pamela@pipecaminc.com. Information or register can be found at the website www.LivermoreRelayForLife.com

Skateboarding, Matador by Jack Link's, and Chipotle Mexican Grill. The events also feature skate team autograph signings, an interactive festival area, and all things happy.

The Zumiez Couch Tour 2009 (www.zumiezcouchtour.com) Schedule on June 6th: 12:00-1:00pm Zumiez Best Foot Forward Local Qualifier...20 spots up for grabs; 1:00-2:00pm Zumiez Best Foot Forward Am Contest presented by Monster Energy; 2:00-3:00pm Almost Skate Team Demo; 3:00-3:30pm Zumiez Best Foot Forward Final Heat; 3:30-5:30pm Almost Skate Team Autographs; and 4:00-4:30pm Kandi Coded Featuring Jamie Lynn.

All tour stops are free and include prizes & giveaways from Zumiez Couch Tour 2009 promotional partners Monster Energy, the official energy drink of Zumiez Couch Tour, New Era, Skullcandy, Vestal, Transworld

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SPORTS NOTES



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The Livermore High School girls softball team defeated Freedom High School by a score of 2-0 to win the Division 1 Championship of the CIF North Coast Section. Kaitlyn Taylor's two-run homer and strong pitching by Jessica Varady led the way to the win. Varady held Freedom to three hits. Pictured is some of the action at home plate during the title game.

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks turned in many memorable performances at the Tiger Aquatics Memorial Day Long Course Age Group Open Swim Meet May 22 - 24 in Stockton. Many new cuts and records were achieved: Pacific Record times (PRT), Far Western (FW) times, Junior Olympic (JO) times, and lifetime-best times.

From the Novice swim group Resha Panda established an A time, 50 breast and best times in 100 free/50 breast/50 fly. Isabella Chin achieved an A time, 50 breast.

The Junior and Pre-Junior group were busy making their own memories. Emily Saccullo made JO and FW in the same 200 breast race. Emma Kauffeld and Meg MacGregor were outstanding in their first long course 400 free and Meg completed her IMX Challenge. Analise Chinn had outstanding fly races. Best times were accomplished by Michael Martin and Rishab Nair. Adrien Rooney won a first long course JO time, 50 free. Robert Shi, Morgan McGrath, Alex Gilchrist, Maya Gilchrist, RJ Scott, and Kyle Oslund had excellent swims throughout the swim meet.

The Pre-Senior group brought home numerous memorable swims from the Tiger meet. New Team Records were achieved by Rachel Knowles, 100 fly/400 free 11-12 girls long course. Rachel also established a new PRT, 100 free. New FW times include the following: Rachel Knowles, 100 breast; Cate MacGregor, 100/200 free; Emily Saccullo, 200 breast; and Nick Johnston, 50 free/100 back. New JO times were turned in by many: Chloe Bantock, 100 free/50 breast/100 breast/50 fly/100 fly; Eva Chung, 50 free/100 free; Cate MacGregor, 50 fly/100 fly; Lillian Sun, 800 free/50 fly/50 back; and Kevin McLaughlin, 400 free.

The following swimmers earned 100%

lifetime-best times: Moriah Simonds, Bridget Booe, Emily Saccullo, Nick Johnston, and Caleb Wang. Other great swims were completed by Katie Woods, Jon Ong, Maxime Rooney, and Bernadine Martin. Additional lifetime-best times include Maggie Kauffeld, 9/10; Brian Lee, 7/9; and Alex Wang, 5/7.

Youth Soccer

The Livermore Gold Crew 95 U13 played two long standing rivals this weekend, shutting out both teams with decisive and hard won victories!

On Saturday morning, May 30th, Crew 95 played the Bay Oaks Bombers, shutting them out with a score of 3-0. Jessica Hopkins scored the first goal of the game, with a decisive kick past the opposing team's goalie. Regan Smithers used her excellent soccer skills to score the last two goals of the game, assisted in one of those goals with a precision pass from Danica Egelston.

The Crew took on the Pleasanton Rage on Sunday, May 31st, beating them 2-0. During the first half both teams battled for the advantage, going into half time without a score. During the second half, the Crew stepped up their game, with Jessica Hopkins scoring the first goal of the half on a powerful corner kick by Mireya Magana. Jessica Hopkins also scored the second Crew goal, with a beautiful kick from across the field that dropped the ball into the corner of the Rage net. The Crew worked together to shut out the Rage, with goalie Brielle Preece stopping every Rage shot on goal.

The Crew delivered a stellar performance during the Tracy Orange Bowl Tournament, held over the Memorial Day weekend. The Crew won every game, allowing the opposing teams to score only two goals against them for the entire tournament.

The first game, held on Saturday morning, May 23, 2009, was against Ajax United, was won 2-1. The first goal of the game was scored by Danica Egelston on a beautiful pass from Many Crabb. Egelston trapped the ball, then shot it into the goal for the score. The second goal of the game came during the last two minutes. Jessica Hopkins powered her way to the goal to clinch the win.

In the afternoon, Crew played Rage Academy Impact, beating them 2-1. In the first 5 minutes of the first half, Jessica Hopkins scored the first goal of the game on a penalty give, sending the ball soaring over the defenders to sail just past the goalie's hands and hit the net. During the second half of the game, Marissa Scheld scored the second goal in a crowd of players, shooting the ball in for the point.

On Sunday, May 24th, the Crew played San Jose Thunder, beating them 1-0. The only goal for the game was scored during the 1st minute of the second half by Katie Lortie, who, with an assist by Mireya Magana, dribbled past several defenders and punched the ball into the goal.

The Crew played Manteca Futbol Arsenal for the Championship on Monday, May 25th, beating them 3-0. Jessica Hopkins scored the first goal of the game, ably assisted by Callie Chayrez. Katie Lortie scored goal #2 on a beautiful pass across the field by Danica Egelston. Goal #3 was scored when Marissa Scheld headed the ball into the net on a perfectly placed corner kick by Mandy Crabb.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League highlights:

Minor Upper Division: E Squared Automotive 4, Four Star Erectors 2: Great diving catch by E Squared Automotive's

Carly Robertson. Strong pitching by Dani Hammer. Excellent 1st base play by Ryan Harding. Four Star Erectors' Courtney Gonzaga hit a triple to knock Kyra Sexton in. Good base running by Siena Moca. Seven strike outs by pitcher Katey Moore. Top players: E Squared Automotive - Dani Hammer, Ryan Harding, Carly Robertson; Four Star Erectors - Courtney Gonzaga, Siena Moca, Katey Moore

Major Rec Division: Machi Construction & Development Inc. 5, California Car Sounds, Inc. 4: The 3rd round of the Major Rec Playoffs pitted the last two unbeaten teams - Machi Construction & Development Inc. and California Car Sounds, Inc. Machi Construction & Development Inc. took an early 2 run lead in the bottom of the 1st inning. California Car Sounds, Inc. tied it up in the 3rd with a 2-strike 2-out 2-run double by Melanie Herbert. Machi Construction & Development Inc. scored 2 more in the bottom of the 4th to take a 4 to 2 lead. California Car Sounds, Inc. scored once more in the top of the 5th, and then tied it up in the top of the 6th with a 2-out single by Carrigan James. Machi Construction & Development Inc. scored in the bottom of the 6th to win it. For Machi Construction & Development Inc., Cassidy Butler pitched all six innings, striking out 13. She was excellent throughout the game getting out of bases loaded jams in the 4th and 5th innings. Megan Akacos walked twice and scored 2 runs. Erica Norton, also had a quite a night, with 1 single, 2 runs scored and 1 RBI. For California Car Sounds, Inc., Shelby Sarin and Jazzy Perez pitched well keeping the high powered Machi Construction & Development Inc. offense to just 5 runs. Melanie Herbert was 2 for 2 with 3 RBIs. Alexis Faria made a nice play at third to throw out a Machi Construction & Development Inc. runner at the plate. Jillian Quintanal blocked the plate and tagged out the Machi Construction & Development Inc. runner to save a run. It was an exciting game as both teams fought for the win. Top players: Machi Construction & Development Inc. - Megan Akacos, Cassidy Butler, Erica Norton; California Car Sounds, Inc. - Melanie Herbert, Carrigan James, Jillian Quintanal

Granada Little League

Granada Little League highlights:
Minor AAA - Angels 9, Yankees 7. Top Hitters Angels - Luke Hottinger - 2 x 1B, 2B, 1 Run scored, 4 RBI; Andrew Walker - 3 x 1B, 3 Runs scored; Jack Walker - 3B, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI; Brandon Zaunbrecher - 3B, 1 run scored, 1 RBI; Garrett West - 2B, 1 run scored, 1 RBI. Yankees - Jordan Mello - 2B, 2 RBI; Weston Nale - 3B, 1 run scored; Troy Forward - 1B, 2 runs scored. Top Pitchers: Angels: Andrew Walker - 3IP, 2R, 3H, 3K. Yankees: Jordan Mello - 3IP, 3R, 6H. Tough defense by Chris Machi of the Angels, who made a running catch in centerfield for an out and also made a double play in the 3rd inning.

Giants 7, Rays 6. Top Hitters Giants - Joseph Massoud 1B, 1 RBI, 1 run scored; Josh Lewczyk 2B, 1 RBI; Devon Shortridge 1B, 2 RBI. Rays - Jason Frost 2 1B, 1 run scored; Morgan Kelly 2B, 1 RBI; Joseph Murphy 3B, 1 run scored. Top Pitchers: Giants - Jordan Buranis 2IP, 2H, 0R, 3K; Rays - Connor Swadener 2IP, 1H, 0R, 3K. The Rays and Giants both displayed strong defense. The Rays managed to log hits in every inning while the Giants took advantage of base on balls to outscore the Rays by one run.

Minor A - Rays (Offense) R.J. Mata, Caleb Hachler, Thomas Kello (Defense) Zachary Stewart, Cameron McGee, Peyton Peterson; Padres (Offense) Thomas Stevenson, Joshua Colloom, Kyle Correia (Defense) Trevor White, Londen Billings, Jordan Colloom.

Red Sox (Offense) Elijah Beedles, Logan Finch, Nicholas Gregovich (Defense) Trevor Kerby, Ryan Lortie, Colton Morlan; Giants (Offense) Ian Rasmussen, Josiah Knight, Jordan Muller (Defense) Jarrett Jorgenson. (continued on page 8)

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The Livemore Gold Crew 95 U13 delivered a stellar performance during the Tracy Orange Bowl Tournament, held over the Memorial Day weekend. The Crew won every game for the title. For more details, see the start of Sports Notes on page 7.

Gabriel Parrish, Noah Van Atta. Red Sox (Offense) Wyatt Moseley, Cole Niermeyer, Anthony Thomas (Defense) Justin Watson, Noah Wiesner, Elijah Beedles; Padres (Offense) Benjamin Knuth, Logan Greenough, Sawyer Demarest (Defense) Angel Becerra, Christopher Irwin, Ethan Payne.

Farm - Red Sox; Luke Moylan, Kevin Plant, Max Silveira Padres - Kyle Rodgers, Conner Campbell, Katherin Linney.

Yankees (Offense) Derek Martinez, Brent Young, Douglas Wynne (Defense) Colton Trudeau, Shlok Bansal, Dominic Shepherd. Giants (Offense) Paimon Boulart, Chris Schonholtz, Spencer Morais (Defense) Ty Stewart, Ethan Hames, Xavier Hernandez.

Padres (Offense) Aiden Lewis, Seth Lundin, Vijay Memula (Defense) Gavin Carreira, Kyle Rodgers, Ben O'Connor; White Sox (Offense) Aidan Ackerman, Alec Faith, J. T. Kelly (Defense) Pascale Badders, Matthew Kronmal, Ty Bothwell-Mitlitsky. Incredible plays; Incredible Sportsmanship; Incredible Game!

Padres (Offense) Aiden Lewis, Catherine Linney, Carson Tracey (Defense) Luke Shepard, Jack Hansen, Conner Campbell; Yankees (Offense) Ethan Clark, Max Higgins, Colton Trudeau (Defense) Dominic Shepherd, Ben Wiesner, Douglas Wynne.

Giants (Offense) Ethan James, Nathan Woolsey, Spencer Morais (Defense) Xavier Hernandez, Jaxen McLaren, Paimon Goulart. Devil Rays (Offense) Henry Kath, Caleb Chance, Mason Eastman (Defense) Skyler Ferguson-Rosa, Noah Vengley, Donovan Holmes.

T-Ball - Angels (Offense) Sam Germain, Yash Hammond, Connor Perkins; (Defense) Brandon Pilon, Brandon Shah, Nayeli Tia. White Sox (Offense) Jake Addison, Eduardo Angelos, Aidan Buenostro; (Defense) Dominic Salt, Ozzy Cervantez, Jared Dipalto.

A's (Offense) Michael Mal, Christian Silva, Michael Anolin (Defense) Jaxson Mosby, Nicholas Gladen, Andrew Berg. Rays (Offense) Josh Henninger, Joey Keller, Jackson Newkirk (Defense) Kyle Drobick, Austin Melendez, Ben Sears.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League highlights:

T-Ball: The Pirates played an awesome game against the Orioles. Today's star Pirates were Koston, Ethan, Jakob, Max, Giovanni, Jacob, Sam, Aidan, Trent, Alex, Dominick, John, and Dillon. The sun did not stop these boys from playing a fierce game.

Royals Vs. Giants: In the season finale, the Royals battled a feisty Giants squad. As was the case the entire season, the Royals were led offensively by Zachary Medina and Kyle Johnson, both pelting all parts of the field with rockets. Aiden Hornett, Michael Bliss and Charlie Brown displayed some nifty base running, churning up the dust as they raced around diamond.

A Division: Devil Rays 3, Red Sox 17; Rays and Red Sox played an excellent game with great defense. Rays players Arnave Patel and Paul Curbelo had great hits to get themselves on base for James Wilcox who hit a two RBI double in the 6th inning. Red Sox player Mike Bryson hit a 3rd inning grand slam! Evan Capurro's hot bat led with three hits for the Reds and Carson Neo added to the lead in the 4th inning with several RBI's.

Top players Devil Rays: Paul Curbelo, Arnave Patel, James Wilcox; top players Red Sox: Mike Bryson, Evan Capurro, Carson Neo.

Yankees 14, Mets 8: The Yankees had an outstanding game with top offense and defense from Cole Gibson, Jake Kehn, and Trent Crisp. The Mets Grant Peterson ripped 2 singles, a double, and a triple. Alexander Clarke was unstoppable with 2 singles for a RBI. Alex caught a pop fly and fielded an out while playing shortstop. And Andrew Lent made 2 great offensive plays and hit 2 singles for an RBI. Great Game!

Yankees 21, Braves 23: For the Braves Aidan Taylor and Alex Frazier hit 4/4 while Jackson Brown had 5 RBIs. For the Yankees Brandon Bruns had 4 RBIs. Gabe Pinon and Brandon Paulson hit 5/5. Yankees were ahead going into the 6th inning, but the Braves rallied with 5 runs for the win. Top players Yankees: Gabe Pinon, Jake Kehn, Brandon Paulson; top players Braves: Jackson Brown, Parker Hughes, Alex Frazier.

Orioles vs. Phillies: Saturday's game on May 30 decided who will go to the play offs. Orioles top players-Cameron Meier was 2 for 2 with 2 RBIs and Cole Gereb was 3 for 2 and Jacob Moen was 3 for 3 with RBIs. Phillies top players-Jeremy Davis with a strong double in the 3rd with 2 RBIs. Noah Britto with a double in the 3rd with RBIs and Xavier Pelican with a double in the 5th with 2 RBIs which gave us the tying and winning runs bringing the score to 8-7 Phillies. The game was a nail biter the whole way thru. There was also great defense by Jayden Hurskin at first base and Cameron also had a super catch at third base.

AA Division: White Sox 1, Cardinals 0: Stellar pitching by Nicholas Monica and Kaine Montez helped the Sox gain another shut out. But the Cardinals were at the top of their game too, with Cole Meyers catching a pop fly in right field and Christopher Kilday catching a pop fly at short stop. Carter Fischer hit 2 singles, but could not get around. A hard homerun in the last inning by Julian Chavira clinched the win for the Sox.

Cardinals 5, Reds 2: Cardinals standouts: Griffin Bateson for pitching; Aaron Epstein and Robby Twisten for hitting; Reds standouts: Morgan Vonderach - triple; Conner Johnston - RBI's; Jonathan Song - great clutch hit in 6th inning; Great fielding and pitching by Luke Foscalina. Rockies 7, Pirates 3: In the last game of the year, the Pirates scored first with two runs in the first inning. The Rockies came back to go ahead 3-2, but a Pirates over-the-fence homer tied it at 3-3. The Rockies used good hitting and base running to score 4 runs in the final innings to secure the victory. Top players Rockies: Andrew Scull for outstanding defense, Grant Hrdlicka for a great catch in right field, and Zach Hrdlicka for solid hitting. Top players Pirates: Kevin Lee for great pitching, a single, double, and great stealing all season; Noah for great hitting including his 3rd homer of the year, and Cameron Priest for great pitching, defense, and an RBI single.

Cubs 12, Tigers 3: Top players: Cubs - Jordan Esling, Wes Williams and Roy Cartwright; Tiger - Grant Murphy, Carson King and Austin Toland. For the Cubs, Jordan Esling did a great job all season reminding the team to be ready each inning; he hit a 2 RBI double bringing home Rory Cartwright and DeVonte Hawkins. Wes Williams pitched 2 solid innings resulting in 3 strike outs, caught a pop fly hit to 3rd by Ryan Carlson for an out in the 1st inning, and had an RBI double bringing home Hunter Burke.

Rory Cartwright doubled in the bottom on the 2nd inning and an RBI single bringing home Ryan McDonnell at the bottom of the 5th. He also stole 2nd base putting the Cubs in scoring position. Tigers' Grant Murphy doubled to left field and was eventually brought home for the Tigers 1st run. Carson King demonstrated a solid pitching performance resulting in the Tigers 1st scoreless inning, tripled to centerfield; Austin Toland caught a pop fly at first.

Pirates 7, Reds 2: Pirates: Ryan Mitchell - Had a single and a double with a RBI and then another single, played great defense and pitched well; Kevin Lee - Had 2 singles and has stolen the most bases this season; Ryan Durrant - Had a double with inches away from a home run also played great defense at first base. Reds: Gerardo Cabassa - doubled and tripled; Jared Hubert singled to drive in a run; Cassidy Herberth played great closing pitching.

AAA Division: Mariners 13, Angels 12: awesome pitching of Nate Redditt for the Angels and awesome pitching as well for the Mariners, Jared Heise. It was a close game with great offensive and defensive plays by both sides. The Mariners pulled ahead in their final at bat in the 12th inning of this teeth-clenching tie-breaker continuation game, with a score of Mariners 13 to the Angels 12.

Angels 5, Mariners 2: The Angels came back in the second game of the same day with the Mariners. The Angels' featured player of this game was Bryce Disbrow who pitched a phenomenal 5 innings. He came back each inning to throw strikes and was aggressive in his defensive plays at home plate. He led the Angels to victory against the Mariners with a score of Angels 5 to Mariners 2.

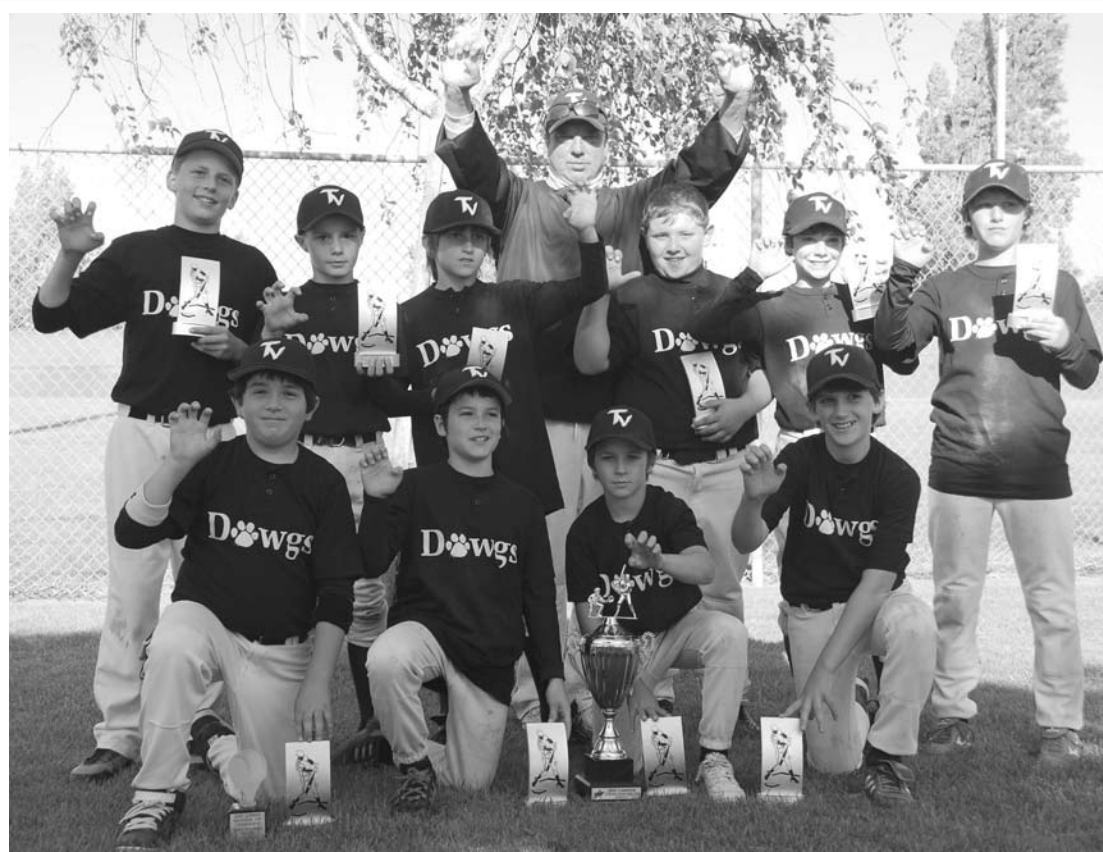
Angels 2, Athletics 7: The Angels had awesome pitching for 4 1/2 innings from CJ Malki. Carter Dickson helped his team by hitting 2 for 2. The Athletics Logan Cole had a spectacular game striking out 7 out of 7 batters with 40 pitches. Logan smashed a single and a triple for 3 RBI's. Daniel Nunez hit roped a double and a single for a RBI. Gabe Rudy hit a single to advance the runners.

Athletics 17, Giants 10: The Giants Bobby Wood had an All Star defensive game. Ryan Grevohl had good pitching. And Austin Hosmer hit a single for an RBI. The Athletics Kyle Archer walked twice and hit to advance runners. Joseph Dominguez ripped a double and walked. Will Mohler's bat belted a out of the park HOME RUN, a single and a walk for 2 RBI's.

Mariners 6, Padres 7: It was a hard fought game with back and forth scoring. Great defensive plays on both sides. Padres pitching and defense kept the pressure on the Mariners throughout the game. Mariners tried to pull out a fantastic finish in the 6th inning but fell short and Padres won a good one in their final game of the season.

Majors: Giants 5, Red Sox 4: The Red Sox made a great effort in the last of the sixth to almost overcome a 5 - 2 deficit, but the Giants were able to hold on for the victory. The Giants Sean Stavert pitched a masterful game striking out 9 batters and giving up only 2 runs. He was helped out by Connor Jones going 2 for 2 with RBI and a single and a stolen base by Jake Peterson. For the Red Sox, a double by Jesse Robles, a clutch single by Nick Penrod, and a great day on the mound for Kyle Constable, were the keys to the game for the Sox.

Giants 2, White Sox 1: In a great pitch-



The Tri-Valley Dawgs won the Ultimate Memorial Day 2009 Tournament - 10 Select defeating the Santa Clara Titans 7-6 at Twin Creeks in Sunnyvale on Monday, May 25. Team members pictured are Dante Albanese, Logan Caton, James Cowick, Chase Godi, Garrett Howell, Trevor Ibanez, Josh Moroney, Bradley Norton, Nick Perez and Brandon Zerio. The team is managed by Michael "Buzz" Ceman.

ing duel, the Giants were able to hold back the White Sox thanks to fine pitching by Daniel Cavalieri, who also had 3 hits, great defense and a single by Aaron Arndt, and an RBI single by Aaron Jennings. Top players for the Whites Sox were Ben Parker with a crushing single down the 3rd base line, Logan Gruidd with a single and a run scored, and Collin Shetron with some strong pitching and a double in the 6th inning to keep the Whites Sox in the game.

A's 1, Indians 0: The game was very close with great pitching from both sides but John Christman pitched a shutout for 5 innings. Joshua Revay had a no hitter up to 4th inning until Tito Quihuis ripped out a homer in center field for the only run of the game. A's top players: John Christman, Tito Quihuis, Kenny Williams; Indians top players: Joshua Revay, Jordan Davidson, Bailey Wirth.

JR 80 House Division: The LALL Jr 80's Giants remained in first place with a win over their cross-town rival, the L.N.L. Padres, with a 7-2 victory. The Padres jumped out to a 2-1 lead through the 3rd inning by scoring runs on consecutive errors in the second inning off Giants starter J.T. Mahler. Other than that inning, Mahler held the Padres to four hits while striking out six. The Giants hit parade was mostly carried out by the first four in their line-up. Javonn Williams and Trevor Escover each banged out two hits and scored two runs while the player of the day, Elijah Leon, went three-for-three, scored three runs and swiped three bags. Kyle Christopher also added a double off the wall in left-center. Michael "shut-em-down" Brown got his usual save, this time with flair, by striking out all six batters he faced, three of them on three pitches. Brown also had two hits and an RBI on the day.

JR 90s Division: LALL Jr 90s Red Sox (away) 5, TVLL Jr 90s 4: After eight innings, the Red Sox edged TVLL 5 to 4. Noah Robbins held TVLL in check for the last six innings of the game, hurling eight strikeouts. Helping the Red Sox defense was a great catch by Trevor Houghton at short, saving a base hit in the second. Alex Kohn hit well with a double in the second inning and a two-RBI single in the third. Trevor Houghton had the go-ahead RBI with a well-placed bunt in the eighth inning.

LALL Jr 90s Red Sox (home) 5, TVLL Jr 90s 1: The Red Sox had another great all-around game, beating TVLL 5 to 1. Kyle Walbridge had a nice outing on the mound, pitching four solid innings. Walbridge helped offensively with a bunt RBI in the third inning. Chris DiPeso got the offense rolling with an RBI single in the first inning. DiPeso also helped defensively in the first inning, saving a base hit by throwing out a runner at first on a ground ball to right field. Devin McMahon also helped defensively, saving a base hit with a nice running catch from second base in the third inning.

LALL A's 19, San Ramon Hammers 4: This is by far the A's best offensive game of the season! Everyone was hitting the ball all over the field. The A's pitching was stellar as well led by starter William Stewart, the A's managed to scatter 4 runs over 5 innings and keep the Hammers offense off balance all game. Will Stewart also had a double, and a triple at the plate as well as a couple of RBI's. Dhru Merrill had a double and a triple and drove in 2. Sean Followill continues his great season going 3-3 with 4 RBIs and he also closed out the game on the mound for the A's with a terrific pick off of a runner at third base to end the game. Again another great win for this team as they continue to prepare for the upcoming Tournament of Champions. The A's have yet to lose with only 6 games remaining in the regular season! Go A's!

LALL Jr 90s Red Sox (away) 3, LALL Jr 90s A's 0: Noah Robbins pitched 5 1/3 shutout innings with nine strikeouts to help the Red Sox beat their division rival A's. Robbins also hit a double in the first to get the Red Sox offense going. Defense was also a factor for the Red Sox victory. David Pinon played heads up third base, throwing out a runner attempting to score on a ground ball in the third inning.

Livermore National LL
Livermore National Little League highlights:

T-Ball: A's vs. Cardinals: The A's offense came out swinging against the Cardinals. A pop-fly was caught by Aidan Montalvo in the 2nd inning. All players didn't seem to be effected by the 15 day sting. Top A Players: Landon Ratinho, Michael McDavid, Xavier Lortie, Charlie Latkowski.

A Division: Rockies vs. Cubs: Cubs, Nick Donaldson, Cory Houck and Brandon Martin had an outstanding game each with a multiple hit game. Rockies - The best game of the year: Joey Stangl had a awesome catch at third base in addition to 2 great base hits into outfield. Nathan Bruan was a hitting star, with his best hit of the season and getting on base each time at bat. Austin Shaddob had a great throw from Right Center Field to hold the base runner to third base. He also had two hits to the outfield. Kyle Winkler had his first hit to the grass and Jimmy Rodriguez had his best defensive game with a great out at second base.

AAA Division: Giants 6, Padres 3: Padres Spencer Kramm pitched the entire game retiring the Giants in order for 3 shut out innings. In the 2nd inning Giants Miguel Loza hit the game winning RBI single and his hustling in the outfield kept Padres runners from taking extra bases. Padres Connor Burke had two solid hits in the game. Giants John Takemura hit a sharp RBI single in the 3rd, played great defense at third base and at catcher tagged a Padres runner in front of home plate preventing a run.

Giants 3, Dodgers 2: The Dodgers vs. Giants rivalry heated up just like their counterparts in the MLB. It was a pitching duel as each team struggled to put runners on base. A solid single by Victor Ordonia helped get the Dodgers on the scoreboard first. Giants Jake Gutierrez went 2 for 2, stole second and third, then scored the first Giants run in 2nd inning to tie the game. The Giants scored another run in the 3rd to take the lead 2-1. Dodgers pitcher Kyle Helsel had 5 strikeouts in 4 innings; hit a single in top of the 6th for an RBI to tie the game 2-2. Giants Grant Lowenstein went 2 for 3 with 2 RBIs including a walk-off double with 2 outs in the bottom of the 6th to win the game.

Foothill Little League

Foothill Little League results:

Majors: A's 4, White Sox 3: Another Nail biter performance between the White Sox and the A's. Both teams scored early and remained the same until the top of the fifth when the Sox rallied back. Although Sox player JP Pasteur crossed the plate it just was not quite enough to prevent the walk off win for the A's at the top of the sixth. Final Score 3 to 4 A's. Top Offensive Players: Dylan Frades: Single and two steals, Morgan Johnston: Single to first, JP Pasteur: 2 Doubles and 1 Single. Jake Davidson: 2 Singles; Top Defensive Players: Dylan Frades, Morgan Johnston.

A Division: Mets vs. Muckdogs: It was a great night for baseball as the Mets took on the Muckdogs. To start the night off, pitcher Nicholas Borg caught a hard hit for the innings first out. As the game progressed so did the Mets. Jackson Berg had three solid hits to the outfield. One of those was a double that drove home two fellow Mets. Berg also had a great game behind the plate as catcher. He took the heat for several innings. Joshua Robinson teamed up with Liam Tierney and Brett Davis for several double plays throughout the game. Davis also pitched 3 consecutive strike outs. To end the game, R'Mani Bernstein hit one deep to the outfield leaving the stands on their feet. Top Offensive Player: Jackson Berg; Top Defensive Player: Joshua Robinson. Bees vs. Riverdogs: The Bee's rallied

in the first inning, lasting only three minutes long for the Riverdogs. A great play by Sawyer Skerl and Sam Miller to get the first two hitters out right away. The last out was a double play finished off by Jack Kes-selring and Sawyer Skerl. In the following innings strong plays were made by Maxwell Stubbs, Alex Horn, and Sam Miller. The first pitcher up was Michael Floreckz, throwing heat the whole inning. Cory West and Cole Flashberger made a double play that saved the fifth inning. The last pitcher up was the almost famous Sawyer Skerl, who smoked heat the entire remainder of the game, with three strike outs and the rest ducking for cover. Game All Stars: Sawyer Skerl, Sam Miller, Maxwell Stubbs.

T-ball: Bats vs. Rivercats: A close match left for fun, amusement, and laughs led by the Tball Bat's. The power hitters of the day were led by Caden Mendes, Hayden Kesselring, Jackson Oglin, and Kyle Wallace-our very own Hit A Thon winner! Riley Doster, Nicholas High, and Nathan Misquita all had big hits that led the crowd in roaring cheers. The play of the day was made by Hudson Skerl, hitting one to the fences and running home complete with summersault and all! The next big hit by Hudson almost took the pitchers head off. Sam Miller and Tyler Dishman had great catches and hits all around. All Star Players: Caden Mendes, Hudson Skerl and Jackson Oglin.

Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League highlights:

AAA Division: Cubs 6, Cardinals 11: The Cards pulled out another important win against a tough Cubs squad, but not without plenty of drama. The Cards jumped out to a quick start with 4 runs in the 1st inning, followed by 2 more through the 5th inning. The Cubs scored 6 runs through the 5th inning leaving the score knotted up at 6-6 going into the 6th and final inning. The Cards had the first shot in the 6th inning. With 2 outs and 2 men on base (Miles Huntsman and Karthik Suresh), Jose Cassetti came up and crushed a 2 run triple, eventually scoring himself on a passed ball for the little league home run. The Cards scored an additional 2 runs in the inning after a single from Nick McGuire, a walk from Miles Huntsman and another triple from Clayton Sewall. With the Cardinals up 11-6 going into the bottom half of the 6th inning, Eli Klopatek came in throwing heat to close out the game and the Cubs in 4 batters for the win. Tremendous overall pitching effort once again from starter Ethan Boun.

Majors: Cubs 9, Dodgers 4: The Dodgers jump started the game with a two run home run for a quick lead over the Cubs 2-0. Zach Cavros performed well on the mound for the Cubs striking out four of the Dodgers by the end of the second inning while the



Pleasanton's 10B Phantom traveling softball team scored a tournament win in Livemore over the Memorial Day weekend. Hosted by the Livemore Smoke, the Memorial Day Summer Kickoff Tournament culminated with a Phantom championship victory over Valley Magic, from Oakdale, California. Phantom star pitchers, winning all six games were Nalani Scates, Jillian Pluschkell and Danielle Williams. The entire team also produced at the plate with 85 runs scored while giving up only 9 runs to tournament opponents. The Pleasanton based team will play 6 more summer tournaments en route to the ASA Western Nationals in Oregon in late July.

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and a walk by Garrett Wrenn who eventually stole home. The Dodgers scored two more runs on back-to-back home runs. JP Johnson fielded back to back bombs to center field to make quick work of the top of the fourth inning. Then the Cubs broke open the game at the bottom of the fourth with a base hit by Garrett Wrenn, a walk by Peter Balas, an RBI by Jeffrey Klei and a three-run home run by RJ Perkins. Perkins then took the mound at the top of the fifth and struck out three of the Dodgers right in a row. Ryan Sweeney got a base hit in the fifth, followed by a double and RBI by Jacob Felix. Zach Cavros stepped up and hit another double and RBI along with JP Johnson with a base hit and an RBI.

Hopyard Golf Scramble

The Hopyard Golf Scramble will be held June 29 at the Castlewood Country Club Hill Course.

The shotgun start is at high noon. The fee is \$150. Funds raised benefit the Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center.

Lunch will be provided by McNamara's Steakhouse. Dinner will be served immediately following play at the Hopyard Alehouse.

For tickets or information, call 373-4567.

Football Skills

Granada Football Skill Camp: Non-contact football camp conducted by Granada Head Coach, Tim Silva. This camp is open to all incoming 3rd-8th graders. June 15th through June 19th from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Cost is \$100. Go online to granadafootball.com to print out an registration form. Register by mail: Granada Skills Camp, c/o Tim Silva, 400 Wall St., Livermore, 94550 Questions: Please call (925)667-6132

Foundation Golf Tournament

The 25th Annual Valley Care Foundation Golf Tournament is set for June 5 at The Course at Wente Vineyards.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The shotgun start is at 11 a.m. A dinner and awards ceremony will be held starting at 5:15 p.m.

Tickets for golf and dinner are \$550, dinner only \$70. Funds benefit the emergency room expansion at Valley Care Medical Center. For tickets or information, call 373-4567.

Open Water Swim Group

A new open water swim group is starting up this season at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton. Membership in this nonprofit group is open to all qualified individuals.

We will have day and evening swim times. The lake temperature can reach upwards of 75 degrees during the warmest months. If interested, or to sign up, you can check our website at shadowcliffs.com. For further information you can contact Al DeGraw at (510) 414-7928 or John Bower at (925) 294-9050.

Football and Golf

The Granada Football Golf Tournament will be held Fri., June 26 at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Granada High's football program is currently 200 players strong. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place, as well as longest drive & closest to the pin. Raffle prizes will be awarded at the dinner. Fee is \$115 per golfer, includes range balls, green fees, and full BBQ dinner; \$25 per person for dinner only.

Putting contest is at 12:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Go to www.granadafootball.com/articles/announcements.htm to download form.

Spirit Run

Registration is now open for the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's 16th annual Spirit Run in downtown Pleasanton on Sunday, June 21.

The Father's Day tradition annually draws more than 1,200 runners to participate in either a 10K or 5K run as well as a kid's race.

The 10K run will start at 8 a.m. on Main Street followed by the 5K run at 8:30. The courses wind through Pleasanton neighborhoods, the Alameda County Fairgrounds and on trails along the scenic Arroyo del Valle.

Proceeds go to support the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's scholarship program. In the last ten years, more than \$280,000 has been raised for scholarships that are awarded after an application and interview process to deserving Pleasanton graduates who need financial help to attend college.

In 2008, 24 students from the four Pleasanton high schools received scholarships.

To register, please go online to www.spiritrun.com. For information about the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, please see www.pleasantonrotary.org.

Hats Off America

The 15th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Run or Walk will be held on Saturday, June 6 beginning at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine. Entry fee is \$35 per person. There is no entry fee for volunteers.

All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt and lunch.

Hats Off America is a non-profit organization that raises awareness of and money

for the families of soldiers who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

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

Bicycle Criterium

The International Christian Cycling Club will host its 18th annual bicycle criterium race in the Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton on Sat., June 6.

Racers must have racing licenses, which they can purchase the day of the race in addition to race fees. New to the Dash for Cash this year is a 30-minute handcycle race. Registration is at 7 p.m. Registration is available on line at SportsBaseOnline.com.

The course is 9 mile, clockwise, flat, fast, four right hand turns on pavement.

The Pleasanton based club holds weekly rides Saturday morning leaving from the parking lot from Meadowlark Dairy at 9 a.m. Rides are approximately 35 to 70 miles with a different route each week. For information, contact Tania Smith at 462-2626.

Drive for the Cure

Golfers will tee off on Friday, July 24 at Wente Vineyards' The Course for the 4th Annual Drive for the Cure to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

The golf tournament, which is presented by Chevron and sponsored by Tri-Valley Bank and Valentine Capital Asset Management, has raised more than \$600,000 for JDRF since its inception in 2006.

"Drive for the Cure is an incredible event. My family participates, as well as being beneficiaries," says Claire Wolfe, a Drive for the Cure committee member and parent of a child with juvenile diabetes.

"I have three family members with type 1 diabetes. What this day means to us is the gathering of friends, family and sponsors, who have become very close over the last few years, to play golf, party and raise a heck of a lot of money toward a cure. We always leave the day overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone involved, and the amazing job that Active Charity does to make this day so very warm and wonderful."

Active Charity, a local group formed by Chico state alumni interested in giving back and helping others, organizes the annual fundraiser.

In addition to the golf tournament, the day's festivities will include a ladies luncheon, dinner, live music and a live auction featuring vacations, wine packages, mountain getaways and more.

For more information or to register, visit www.curetype1.org/drivefortheure.

Wrestling Club

The Guardian Knights wrestling club is a non-profit organization that was formed in March of 2009 to promote the sport of wrestling in the Tri-Valley.

Members will be taught commitment, physical fitness, discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork and respect while developing each individual to become successful at higher levels of competition. The Guardian Knights are a member of the BAWA (Bay Area Wrestling Association) and train in the styles of Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco. The Knights currently have members from Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon who have competed in many prestigious wrestling tournaments such as the Greco state Championships, Association Duels and West Coast Nationals.

A couple of early season accomplishments by Guardian Knight wrestlers are Kevin Coburn winning the California Greco state championships and placing sixth at the Junior State at 91lbs, Joey Wolfson taking home the championship at the West Coast Nationals as well as a sixth place finish at Frosh/Soph State, Brian Engdahl placing fourth at Greco State and fifth at Freestyle State. Eighth grader Shaquille Dangerfield was an All Tournament wrestler at the West Coast Nationals and placed fifth at the California Greco State Championships in the scholboy division.

Upcoming tournaments for the Knights are the MDWA championships and Kids State that is being held in Fresno.

The Guardian Knights practice 2 days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Granada High School in Livermore from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. If you are interested in joining the Guardian Knights, please contact coaches Ken Coburn at coburn3@comcast.net or Erik Engdahl at consult.erik@comcast.net.

Table Tennis Tournament

There will be a Table Tennis Tournament on Sat., June 20, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Tri-Valley Table Tennis Club, 5001 Case Ave., Pleasanton, in the Pleasanton Middle School Gym.

The tournament is being organized by the Taiwanese & Chinese American Athletic Tournament of San Francisco Bay Area and sponsored by the Tri-Valley Table Tennis Club Corporation.

Walk-in or mail registration is at the Chinese Cultural Center, 1269 Forgewood Ave., Sunnyvale, www.tcaat.org (408) 747-0394; email trivalleytte@yahoo.com, information at (925) 200-8078.

Registration fees are Single Events \$16.00, Additional Single events: \$12 each; 12 and under Singles \$12, additional singles event \$10; Double registrations \$24; Team registration \$40, Junior Team registration \$30; Chinese School Team registrations \$40.

The registration deadline is June 8. Walk

in registrations is at Tri-Valley Table Tennis Club before June 6, at 11 p.m.

Chicks with Sticks

Chicks with Sticks Golf Tournament will benefit Shepherd's Gate. The event will be held at the Poppy Ridge Golf Course on Tuesday, July 14.

The Chicks with Sticks Golf Tournament is a 4-person shotgun scramble. It begins at 1:00 pm. The day will include putting, chipping and longest drive contests, networking reception with other women who own or run a business, great raffle basket prizes, golf goodie bags, box lunch, buffet dinner and a chance to meet and also hear powerful testimonies from some of the residents in the Shepherd's Gate program.

Each year, over 650 battered and homeless women and children come to Shepherd's Gate for a vital lifeline. Many of these women and their children have experienced severe abuse, extreme poverty, and addictions. They come to Shepherd's Gate, sometimes with just the clothes on their backs, seeking a fresh start.

Hook and Ladder Run

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will host the 1st annual Hook and Ladder Run at Wente Vineyards on Sun., June 7. Participants have the choice of a 5K run/walk, a 10K run, and a kids one-mile fun run.

The foundation supports injured and fallen firefighters, burn foundation and local charities in the Tri-Valley.

The 5K is a run/walk that is on 50 percent paved and 50 percent dirt road and is stroller friendly. The 10K is 90 percent dirt road and 10 percent paved. Strollers are not allowed in the 10K. Both runs travel through Sycamore Grove Park and are very flat with one hill in the 10K. The one mile kids run, for ages 12 and under, will take place at Wente Vineyards at about 9:15 a.m. No dogs, please.

Fee is \$30 for either the 5K or 10K pre-registered prior to June 3 and \$35 after and on race day; the kids run is \$10 preregistered and \$15 after June 3.

Awards will be presented in each age group. Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase.

Registration and check-in starts at 6:30 a.m. at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. The race begins at 8 a.m.

Send checks to "On Your Mark", PO Box 1199, Arnold, CA 95223, make checks payable to: Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation. Additional information and registration is on-line at www.onyour-

markevents.com.

Baseball Summer Camp

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting two summer camps on June 22-26. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. The 5-12 year old camp costs \$150 and runs from 9:00-12:00 everyday. If you sign up before June 15th (post marked), pay only \$110. The 13-18 year old camp costs \$100 and is from 12:30-2:30 on June 24-26. This camp is only \$75 if postmarked by June 15th. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 586-2811 or lvbinfo@yahoo.com or check website www.etcamz.com/lvb

\$4000 for Little League

Bill Aboumrad, owner of Legacy Real Estate & Associates, announced that he and the real estate agents in the Legacy Livermore and Fremont residential real estate brokerages -- along with Granada Little League -- raised \$ 4,000 for the league by selling raffle tickets for the June 23 game between the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants.

The Tuesday night game will be played at the Oakland Coliseum. Aboumrad, the current president of the Little League's board of directors, donated an 18-seat centerfield luxury box with three VIP parking passes. He, his Legacy associates, and Granada Board members sold 200 tickets at \$20 each in the raffle. The winner of the A's Skybox was Chris Mohammed, a Livermore resident. She is a member of the Livermore Valley Rotary Club along with Aboumrad. Ms. Mohammed purchased her ticket at the Rotary meeting, and on the night her ticket was drawn, she was celebrating a "special" birthday.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Little League for field maintenance and construction of a new restroom facility. Last year Aboumrad led the effort to completely overhaul the fields with new dirt and better irrigation at the Granada complex, which has four diamonds. This year's project was to build a restroom facility.

"One of the biggest complaints we would receive was a lack of restroom facilities at our fields," explains Aboumrad. "Many members of the Granada Little League community stepped up to the plate to make this happen. I cannot thank the families of Granada enough for the time, labor, and materials they donated to this project."

Granada Little League is located behind Mendenhall Junior High School between Mendenhall and Emma C. Smith Elementary School. Legacy Real Estate & Associates is located at 1686 Second Street in Livermore.

OBITUARIES

M. Alison Council

Alison (Goodman) Council passed away peacefully at her home in Ripon on May 28, 2009 at the age of 47 after a lengthy battle with metastatic breast cancer. Alison was born in Walnut Creek, California on July 27, 1961 to Alex and Ola Mae Goodman. She was raised in Livermore and graduated from Granada High School in Livermore in 1979 where she served as Head Cheerleader. While in Livermore she participated in the Miss Livermore pageant, where she was named Miss Congeniality, which is no surprise to anyone who knew her.

She graduated from San Jose State University in 1983, where she majored in Marketing. Alison loved music and was the only non-music major to be accepted as a member of the San Jose State University Choraliers, a prestigious choir that performed all over the world. She also performed as a member of the San Francisco Symphony choir, as well as the Clay Pipers, a musical dance group. She married her husband Warren in 1986 and they moved to Ripon in 1994, where she immersed herself in the community and her children's activities.

While she was experienced in marketing and promotions, Alison found her true passion when she began working with special needs high school students as a special education instructional aide at Beyer High School in Modesto. She exposed her students to all aspects of life, taking them to Giants games and teaching them how to recycle.

Alison became a tireless advocate and fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society, leading teams in the annual Ripon Relay for Life. At the 2008 Relay for Life event, she was the keynote speaker at the luminary ceremony, sharing her amazing story of the various "angels" in her life. Also in 2008, Alison started a campaign to "Paint the Town Purple", an effort involving downtown merchants and shopkeepers to show their support for finding a cure for cancer. This campaign continued in 2009 in Alison's honor.

Alison was an active member of Calvary Reformed Church in Ripon, where she directed the children's choir and participated in the hand bell choir and the Praise Team.

Alison is survived by her husband of 23 years, Warren Council, her children Lauren and Brian, her mother, Ola Mae Goodman of Ripon, her brother Steve Goodman of Livermore, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Her father, Alex Goodman, preceded her in death.

A public visitation will be held on Thursday, June 4 from 5 - 7 PM at Deegan Ripon Memorial Chapel, 111 S. Palm Ave., Ripon. A Memorial service will be held on Friday, June 5 at 10:30 AM at Calvary Reformed Church, 741 W. Second St., Ripon, followed by a reception hosted by church members. A private graveside service will be held beforehand.

In lieu of flowers donations in

Alison Council's memory may be made to: UCSF Foundation (work of Dr. Melisko), Carol Franc Buck Breast Care Center, UCSF Box 45339, San Francisco, CA 94143-0339.

Janet Lynn Macur

Livermore resident Janet Lynn Macur died of breast cancer on May 26, 2009, after a courageous eight year battle. Her positive outlook and sunny disposition were an inspiration to all who were fortunate to know her. She was born August 25, 1947.

Janet enjoyed reading, traveling, and gardening, but most of all, she enjoyed her family.

She is survived by her husband Randy, daughter Amy (Bret), son Mark (Alison), grandchildren Ben and Gracie Dupuis and Andrew and Lilah Macur; parents Mike and Edna Whitfield; siblings Jo Ann Dankwardt (Gary), Bob Whitfield (Jennifer), Bonnie Sensibaugh, and Bill Whitfield; parents-in-law Ted and Elma Macur; brothers-in-law Roger Macur (Sherrill), Michael Macur (Lynn), sister-in-law Mary Ann Tremelling, and nine nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her nephew Scott Dankwardt.

A memorial service was held May 30th in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568-3151.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Christopher Alan Headley

Christopher Headley was born on December 25, 1960 in Hayward, CA and passed away on May 20, 2009 in Livermore at the age of 48. Christopher, a lifetime resident of Livermore, played Little League baseball as a child and attended Livermore High School. He worked for AC Transit for 11 years and at Berkeley Farms as a Journeyman HD mechanic for five years. Christopher was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed fishing Salmon, Tuna, Trout, and Halibut. Christopher also served in the United States Marine Corp as a sergeant in the 3rd Battalion: Platoon 3036.

Christopher was preceded in death by his mother June Headley in 2008 and brother Brian Headley in 1997. He is survived by his wife Daisy Headley whom he married in 2007. Christopher is also survived by his two children Nino and Martin (Joanne) as well as a sister and a brother, and one grandchild Jomar, and numerous other relatives.

A Chapel Blessing Service was held May 30 in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Charlie R. Murphy

Charlie R. Murphy died May 20, 2009. He was born Sept. 5, 1952.

Charlie will be most remembered for his musical inspiration to many. His creative abilities and love of music were monumental as was love for family and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by wife Lynn, loving son of Rex

(deceased) and June Murphy. Brothers; Jeff, Coach (deceased), Joe (wife-Dona). Sisters Christine Freeman (deceased), Mary Simmons, Katey Nelson Stepson Jake and Simon (wife -Allison); Nephews; Jason, Anthony, Matt, Michael and John. Nieces; Jenny, Annie, Amy, Mindy and Trissa. Grandchildren; Abbey, Eden and Jubilee. Many cousins and relatives in the area.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Augustine's church, in Pleasanton, Thursday June 4, 2009 at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Arrangements by Graham Hitch Mortuary.

Catherine Hackenberg

Catherine Hackenberg passed away on May 25, 2009. Catharine was born in N.Y.C. on Sept 18, 1928 and grew up in Oakland. In her twenties she moved back to N.Y.C where she met her husband, Louis Hackenberg whom she was married to for over 50 years. They both moved to Livermore in 1965 with their two daughters.

With her deep faith, she lived a life of serving her church and community. Catherine volunteered her time at Cedar Grove Church, Valley Care Thrift store, collected food for banks and knitted baby blankets for Shepherd's Gate.

Catherine loved to play dominos, knit, and have lunch parties with her "just for fun" ladies group, travel with the senior group and spend time with her family.

She is survived by her two daughters Margaret and Dorothea, sister, Margaret Paulus, nephews, nieces, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, cousin and many dear friends.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 5 at 1 pm at Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 Collage Ave with reception to follow.

Donations can be made to Shepherd's Gate in Livermore in her honor.

Virginia Helen Johnson

Virginia Helen Johnson, age 89, passed away May 14, 2009 at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek following an extended illness.

Virginia was born December 13, 1919 in Ludington, Michigan. She was the eldest of two daughters born to Arthur and Helen Michaud. Virginia married Aubrey Johnson and together they raised 6 boys. She saw the world as an Air Force wife for 23 years and settled in Livermore in 1966. For fifteen years she worked as a receptionist at the Livermore V.A. before retiring in August 1981.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Aubrey, her sister, Frances Larsen, brother-in-law Laverne (Red) Larsen, granddaughter, Kathryn Johnson and by her great granddaughter, Tessa Dewherst.

Virginia will be greatly missed by her 6 sons, Aubrey of Livermore, CA, James (Victoria) of Sumerduck, VA, Jerrold (Edith) of Tracy, CA, Jac (Susan) of Bethel, OH, Joseph (Patricia) of Sparks, NV and Jeffery (Barbara)

of Tracy, CA., brother-in-law, Warren (Alice) Abrahamson of Ludington, MI. She is also survived by her 14 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, 4 nephews, 2 nieces and many friends all of whom were very dear to her.

Graveside service was held on June 2, 2009 at the Pere Marquette Cemetery in Ludington, Michigan.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

George Villar Apostol Sr.

George Villar Apostol Sr., a loving husband, father and grandfather born Feb. 17, 1953, in the Philippines to the late Jovencio and Gloria Apostol. He passed away on Tuesday May 26, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 34 years Helen Apostol, three sons Jonathan, George Jr. Jesse, three grandchildren Hayden, Diego, Alexa and eleven brothers and sisters.

He was known as a hardworking man with a unique sense of humor who loved to work on cars for his friends and family. He will be greatly missed by all.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated May 30, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Livermore, with committal to follow at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, 3885 East Ave. Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Gloria Villar Apostol

Gloria Villar Apostol, a longtime resident of Livermore, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2009. A strong and dedicated woman, she lived a wonderful 80 years.

Gloria was born June 6, 1928, and raised in the Philippines, where she met her future husband, Jovencio Apostol Sr. Together they had 11 children before moving to the U.S. where they had their last child. She is survived by 7 daughters: Rose Chaffee, Emma Apostol, Wilma Apostol, Diana Apostol, Adela Wallace, Margarie Gustafson, and Glorietta Toledo; and 4 sons: Romeo Apostol, Rodolfo Apostol, Jovencio Apostol Jr., and Leo Apostol. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren along with 10 great-grandchildren and many, many members of her extended family and longtime friends. She will be joining her husband of many years, Jovencio Apostol Sr. along with her son, George Apostol, who will help guide her safely to heaven.

Gloria loved cooking for her traditional Filipino family and always offered a hot plate to any visitor who came to her ever-welcoming home. She was a mother to many and cared deeply for her family, she spent her life watching her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren succeed in all aspects of life. Always a dreamer of winning it big, Gloria thoroughly enjoyed trips to Reno with her family and the thrill of the slot machines. She will forever be remembered.

Funeral services were held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Livermore. Burial followed at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Livermore.

Robert Wellman Batz

Robert (Bob) Wellman Batz was born on April 22, 1945 in Sebastapol, CA as Lee David Turpel, then, was adopted by Wellman Ford Batz and Dorothy Louise Batz (Stromberg) and was named Robert Wellman Batz.

Robert went home to be with the Lord on April 23, 2009 after battling heart disease and diabetes, he had just turned 64 years old.

Robert graduated from Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, CA and earned degrees in Business and Criminology from University of California, Berkeley. He grew up in Walnut Creek and Danville, CA. He had also resided in Dublin, Livermore and Stockton, CA; Reno, NV; and Medford and Ashland, OR.

Robert enjoyed being involved in his community, he was associated with the following organizations: Rotary Club/Livermore, YMCA/Livermore, Wilderness Camp for the deaf, and Continuing Care for Children, Inc.

Robert used to manage the Carpets and Colors store when it was in Livermore years ago. Robert served his country as a United States Marine from 1963-1967.

Robert is survived by his family: Daughters/grandchildren: Cynthia Lindsay (Batz) married to Tony Lindsay with daughter Sara Lindsay of Livermore, CA; Lisa Batz and son Lamario Batz of Medford, OR; Catherine Batz of Central Point, OR; sisters, Jean (Antonia) Chavez of Sonoma, CA; Carolyn Chofre' of Alameda, CA; brother, David Turpel of Santa Rosa, CA, the mothers to Robert's daughters, Kristine Batz of Livermore, CA and Sheila Batz of Central Point, OR, and wife, Paula Frey of Oregon.

Robert loved a good laugh, especially from telling great jokes. We will miss him so much.

To honor Robert's wishes, a private family memorial service will take place.

James R. Payton

Jim was born on April 11, 1947 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and moved to California at the age of 10.

Jim passed away peacefully on Friday afternoon May 22 2009, with his loving wife at his side.

He was an avid fisherman and loved the great outdoors. Jim truly loved life.

He was a good handyman and could fix just about anything, he also served at U.S. Army as Military Police.

Jim will be sadly missed by his wife Cindy Payton, as they were married 23 years. He will be missed by his pet cat Punkin

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has heard the figure of 100,000 or hundreds of thousand more. Information on the world wide web puts the figure as high as 2.8 million for all sex workers there, with 2 million women and 800,000 girls under 18.

MOVIE SHOWS EFFECTS OF 'SEX TOURISM'

As shown in the movie, "sex tourism" in Thailand involves poor families bringing their young daughters to pimps and brothels, in exchange for money. As the movie shows, they are set up as "dates" with middle-aged European and American men.

The film focuses on a girl named Cat. Her mother had been a prostitute, but she did not want her daughter to be in that life. "The family shows all the red flags, the mother was a prostitute, the family is poor," said Gobel.

Cat and her mother are very happy at the end of the movie when they are able to obtain a scholarship from an organization so that Cat can attend school. Elementary school tuition in Thailand is more than \$300 per year. Many families can't afford it. In the poorer regions of Thailand, families earn \$3000 a year, but that's an average.

Gobel has been taking the movie on a 25-city tour of the United States. She and Sparks are at the state of "The SOLD Project," which aims to form an organization that can do something about world trafficking. Gobel is looking for more volunteers, and a grant writer. The group's web

page is at www.soldproject.org.

HIGH-PROFIT PROSTITUTION REPLACES DRUGS

The other speaker at Amador was Patanisha Williams of MISSEY (Motivating, Inspiring, Supporting and Serving Sexually Exploited Youth). Williams told the crowd about how the organization helps exploited girls in Oakland between 11 and 17 get out of the prostitution in which they are trapped.

Williams talked about the cynical actions behind the problem. Oakland pimps have set up child prostitution rings, because they prefer it to the drug trade. They don't have to worry about obtaining drugs in bulk, packaging them, selling them, and risk being killed by rival gangs.

The pimps target girls in group homes and foster homes, because they know there are from unstable home lives. They approach them, win them over with promises of "love" and "independence." They turn the girls out on the street for prostitution, or use internet web sites to set up appointments, which has been a better way to evade arrest. In some instances, pimps rape the girls.

The girls don't leave pimps because they think they really do love them, since they buy them clothes and other things. Williams called it a form of Stockholm Syndrome, in which kidnapped or abused people identify with their captors. The girls

also have a mind-set that discourages resistance, because many of them were abused by parents when they were younger.

PLEASANTON CHURCH SHOWS INTEREST

MISSEY has been working with the SOLD Project, through Gobel. Williams said she spoke to members at a Pleasanton church in January and February, because of contacts that Gobel has there.

MISSEY has a coordinator and two others on staff, thanks to a grant obtained by county supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker, whose district includes part of Oakland. MISSEY was able to follow and help about 100 cases last year. The organization's web page is missey.org.

Julia Stansbery, who helped coordinate the event for the Mission Outreach club, said that about 50 people were present. She gave credit to coworkers, and said that the club hopes to make the dinner an annual event.

GOLF

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Torrey Pines course in La Jolla, host of Tiger Woods' dramatic U.S. Open victory last summer, and San Francisco's Harding Park, which will host the President's Cup this fall. Callippe Preserve Golf Course, which opened in November 2005, is also one of the newer courses on the distinguished list, where some of the courses have long and established histories dating back as far as the 1920s.

First Cancer Walk Declared a Success

The First Annual Walk to raise awareness of colorectal cancer, held on Saturday, May 16, was a success, according to walk organizers. The more than 100 participants enjoyed a beautiful day for the 5K walk that began and ended at ValleyCare's LifeStyleRx. Gastroenterologist Christopher Entwisle, MD made a brief presentation prior to the start of the walk. More than \$5000 was raised to benefit colorectal cancer awareness and education here in the Tri-Valley.

Designed by Brian Costello of JMP Golf Design Group, Inc., Callippe Golf Course was developed as part of a cooperative effort to create an 18-hole golf course, hiking and equestrian trails, endangered species habitat, wetland establishment, and dedicated grazing land. The course site is a protected habitat for the federally endangered Callippe Silverspot Butterfly and the California Tiger Salamander, and the federally threatened Califor-

nia Red Legged Frog.

There are five sets of tees on this par 72, with the black tees playing at 6,748. The blue tees measure at 6,409, then the white tees at 6,024 yards, the gold tees at 5,560, and the red at 4,788 yards. Players on this course will get a preview of the demanding approach to the 10th hole when making their way to the number one green. Varieties of terrain are spread throughout the course as the front nine is routed through the valley and the back nine sits on a higher elevation with the Happy Valley Creek winding throughout.

of the population is screened.

ValleyCare Health System is committed to raising public awareness regarding early detection of colorectal cancer and would like to thank the sponsors, participants and volunteers who helped make the First Annual Colon Cancer Walk a success.

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How Much House Can You Afford?

By Cher Wollard
As housing prices have fallen, more buyers are entering the real estate market. So far this scramble has not driven up prices.

In fact, the Housing Affordability Index, which tracks how many households can afford the median-priced home, is at an all-time high for the state, the county and the Bay Area, according to the California Association of Realtors.

Statistics for the First-Time Homebuyers Affordability Index tracking the ability of first-time buyers to purchase entry-level homes are equally encouraging.

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C.A.R. began tracking affordability in 1988, when the median single-family home in California cost \$150,000. Bay Area prices were significantly more expensive, of course, with the median being \$212,863.

Median means half of the homes on the market were priced at or above that price, and half below.

While those housing prices seem low to us today, average monthly payments represented a larger proportion of an average household's income than the current median price of approximately \$280,000 for the state and \$402,000 for the Bay Area.

And interest rates were much steeper in those days - 9 percent vs. about 5.25 percent for conventional, 30-year fixed mortgages.

For that reason, the affordability index 21 years ago was 23 percent for the state and a paltry 14 percent for the region. The statistics as recently as early 2008 were nearly as bleak.

Today, many more families can afford to purchase a median-priced home: Current rates are 54 percent for California and 44 percent for the Bay Area.

The affordability index for first-time homebuyers was inaugurated in 2003, when the numbers were 46 percent for California and 39 percent for the Bay Area. As of the first quarter of 2009, those statistics jumped to an astonishing 69 percent for the state and 62 percent for the Bay Area.

That means approximately two-thirds of potential first-time homebuyers can afford to purchase an entry-level house or condo.

If you are in the market to purchase a home, how much house can you afford?
That depends on a number of factors, including:

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- How much debt do you have? Lenders like to see a low debt-to-income ratio. That means, the amount of money you have to pay monthly credit cards, auto loans, child support and other debts plus the mortgage, taxes, insurance and MI compared with your income. To find this number - called a "back-end ratio" - add your currently monthly debt payments to the new housing costs, and divide that number by your income. Or use the helpful calculators on a site such as www.credit.com/calculators/dti/

- Most lenders use gross income before taxes, and generally want to see a ratio of no more than 36 percent, although some may accept ratios as high as 55 percent. FHA and VA loans calculate debt-to-income ratios using net effective income.

- How much income do you have? Lenders also look at the ratio of potential housing payment to income. This is known as the "front-end ratio." That ratio should be no more than 33 percent, with many lenders insisting on no more than 28 percent.

- How stable is your income? If you haven't been on the job at least year, you may have challenges obtaining a mortgage. Some lenders will approve a loan if the job switch is within the same field.

- How clean are your credit reports? The best mortgage rates are reserved for those with the strongest credit histories.

- Do you have "reserves" - money in a rainy-day fund in case you get sick or the roof needs repairs?

Of course, the best way to know for certain how much you can afford to spend on a home is to consult a loan specialist. Your Realtor can refer you to a reputable banker or mortgage broker.

One thing is certain, prospects for homeownership in the Bay Area have never looked so good.

Consumer Confidence Jumps
Consumers' attitudes about the national economy and their own personal financial situations rose sharply in April, to its highest level in eight months.

The national Consumer Confidence index soared 14 points in just 30 days.

That's crucial for future home buying and selling behavior, according to the Realty Times, because when people are worried about their economic futures, they stay on the sidelines.

Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's research center, said the latest numbers show that consumers are much optimistic about everything from jobs to their own finances than they have been for most of this recession.

Housing Sales Up
Sales of single family homes, condos, townhomes and cooperatives jumped nearly three percent in April - with the biggest gains at the lower-priced segments, according to the National Association of Realtors' monthly home sale report.

In the West, sales increased by three and a half percent.

In California, new home starts increased 21 percent in April over March - the most dramatic jump since last October.

Bob Rivinius, head of the California Building Industry Association, said "month to month increases (in sales) indicate that builders are (finally) clearing out their inventories and starting to build again."

If you have questions about real estate you would like to see addressed in this space, please send them to cherw@windermere.com
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Advances in Technology Boost Hydrogen Powered Cars

Sandia National Laboratories co-hosted the Hydrogen Road Tour in Livermore last week. Sandia's hydrogen program manager, Jay Keller, asserts that recent advances in hydrogen technology are real and significant.

"Sandia has been at the forefront of significant technical improvements in hydrogen that have been made over the past several years," said Keller, who oversees a hydrogen research portfolio that includes programs in hydrogen delivery, storage, production, and safety, codes and standards.

As far as commercialization of fuel cell vehicles is concerned, Keller said the automobile manufacturers themselves are best-positioned to determine their marketability. And the industry's position is clear.

According to Bloomberg News, Toyota said earlier this year that it will be selling fuel-cell cars by 2015, and Bloomer also reported that Hyundai Motor Co. and Daimler AG both

have plans for selling hydrogen vehicles to retail customers.

"If you listen to those directly responsible for the selling of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles to the consumer, it seems clear that commercialization and marketability of these vehicles is moving a lot faster than we anticipated," said Keller.

According to the California Fuel Cell Partnership, the hydrogen research community has consistently met or exceeded the DOE Hydrogen Program's ambitious goals for energy efficiency, vehicle range, system durability, and reduced costs. Sandia, says Keller, has been involved in several key advances.

"Through our Safety, Codes, and Standards work, we've been instrumental in the National Fire Protection Association's rewriting of the model codes that local municipalities need in order to put hydrogen in commercial applications," said Keller. "This is not insignificant, as those agencies now have formal, written safety codes that allow them to

work hydrogen into their commercial infrastructure."

In addition, Sandia's work on a hydrogen internal combustion engine - considered a transition strategy designed to pave the way toward fuel cell vehicles - is supported by both Ford and BMW. "It's very near-term," says Keller.

Longer-term, said Keller, the DOE's Metal Hydride Center of Excellence (MHCoe), which is led by Sandia, continues to make progress finding a suitable new material that can soak up and concentrate hydrogen into a small volume, release the hydrogen when needed, and then repeat this cycle over and over for vehicular applications.

As the lead organization for the MHCoe effort, Sandia coordinates the work of some 18 organizations engaged in several promising areas of research. Sandia is also contributing to materials development work and helping direct research by refining materials theory.

Volunteers Sought to Plant Hedgerow

Volunteers are needed to participate in the upcoming Streamside Hedgerow planting days at the Sunol AgPark. Planting days are organized through the Hands-on-Conservation Program and the Alameda County Conservation Partnership. In addition to planting, there will be a farm tour to explore the surroundings.

The Sunol AgPark, located at the Sunol Water Temple, is an organic farm that is run by a non-profit organization Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE) (www.sagecenter.org). The farm is located adjacent to the Arroyo de la Laguna.

Volunteers are needed to assist with establishing a hedgerow by spreading mulch and planting native plants. A hedgerow is a farm border including native plants that creates additional, valuable habitat for beneficial native species such as insects, pollinators and birds.

Please visit our website at www.acrcd.org and click on Youth Education, Hands-on-Conservation for more details. RSVPs are required. Contact Leslie Koenig at 925-371-0154 ext 115 or leslie.koenig@acrcd.org for more information!

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City of Livermore Launches Food Drive

In recognition of Hunger Awareness Day on June 4, 2009, the City of Livermore is holding a Canned Food Drive from June 1 - 12, 2009.

City Manager Linda Barton said, "The timing couldn't be better as donations to food pantries typically drop during the summer months. We are pleased to do our part in helping to address the increased needs of our community, and encourage citizens to participate."

The City is partnering with local agencies to collect the much needed non-perishable supplies including: canned hams, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, rice, beans, flour, sugar, pasta, coffee, tea, cake/cornbread/muffin mixes, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, canned fruit, canned soup, stew, chili, tuna, salmon, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, jelly, jam, peanut butter, cooking oil, hygienic items, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, etc.

Donation locations are City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Ave., 8

am - 5 pm; Police Department, 1110 S. Livermore Ave., 8 am - 5 pm; Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., operating hours; and Las Positas Golf Course, 917 Clubhouse Drive, operating hours.

For questions about the Canned Food Drive, please call Frances Reisner at 925-960-4580.

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Portola Elementary School Presents 'Annie'

By Patricia Koning

Portola Elementary fourth-grade teacher Michelle Nunes is having a hard time getting students to stop smiling. Smiling students usually are not an issue at Portola. However, Nunes is running through a practice run of the school play. In the song "Hard Knock Life," the orphans are most definitely not happy.

On Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, Portola's drama club will present "Annie." Both performances are open to the public. They will be held in the school's multipurpose room.

Nunes has been leading the drama club and directing plays for all of her 11 years at Portola. She previously started the Tracy Community Theater and a children's theater program in that city. "I've loved theater since I was young. I acted in plays at Foothill High School and the Pleasanton Playhouse," she says.

Tryouts for Annie were held in the fall. Every child interested in participating is given a part.

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Lauren Cairel (left) as Annie comforts one of the younger orphans.

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Nunes explains that all parts in the play are important. "For example without the maids and butlers in Annie, three whole scenes would not work," she says. "I do this because participating in a dramatic performance builds the students' self-esteem. Many discover talents they never realized they had."

Many students became interested in Portola's drama program after seeing performances, such as fifth-grader Jessica Perez, who plays the role of Grace Farrell. As is Mr. "Daddy" Warbucks assistant, she selects Annie to spend the Christmas holidays in his home.

"Singing makes me feel happy," says Jessica.

Fourth-grader Alejandro Buenrostro comes to the performance with a bit of theatrical experience—two years ago he was in "Jack in the Beanstalk." He plays Rooster, Ms. Hannigan's brother, who tries to pose as Annie's father to collect a reward offered by Daddy Warbucks. "I really like my character because he's so silly," he says.

Fifth-grader Lauren Cairel finds her role of Annie easy because she's playing a kid her own age. In the original script, Annie is 11

years old. "I'm excited but nervous," says Lauren. "I'm still getting used to the idea of singing all alone in front of an audience."

Sophia Cuadra, another fifth grader, finds her role of Ms. Hannigan challenging because she's playing an adult—and a mean one at that. "It's hard to be so mean to my fiends in the play," she says. "But of all the roles I've played, this is my favorite."

Performances are at 7 p.m. each night.

The school is located at 2451 Portola Ave., Livermore, 606-4743.



Pictured are Sara Stoebe (as Martha) and Mark Jordan (as George).

'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe?' Opens in Pleasanton

The next Studio Theatre production for Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is the 1963 Tony Award winner for Best Play, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe?"

Performances are weekends, June 5 to June 28. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

The Broadway production was considered a shattering and memorable experience and proclaimed Edward Albee as a major American playwright. Albee's "marriage play" takes place in the living room of George (Mark Jordan) and Martha (Sara Stoebe), in which the playwright explores the destruction of the American dream.

In the play, George and Martha invite a new professor and his wife to their home after a party. Martha is the daughter of the president of the university where George is an associate history professor. Martha and George continue drinking and play the games they know so well, engaging in relentless, scathing verbal and sometimes physical abuse in front of Nick (Matt Davis) and Honey (Lydia Bruno). The younger couple is simultaneously fascinated and embarrassed. They stay even though the abuse turns periodically towards them as well.

The play is directed by Susan Hovey and produced by Carol Hovey.

Performances are at the Tri-Valley Rep Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton.

Tickets are \$25 for adults (18-60), \$22 for seniors (60+), \$20 for juniors (under 18), and \$19 each for groups purchasing 20 or more tickets. Tickets may be purchased on our website at www.trivalleyrep.com or by phone at 925-462 2121.

The play contains strong adult language and adult content.

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Dublin to Host Ice Cream Social

The public is invited to come celebrate summer the old fashioned way on Sat., June 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be ice cream, live music, contests, games and crafts on the shady grounds of the of the Dublin Heritage Center, 6600 Donlon Way.

Visitors of all ages can play old fashioned games like hoops and marbles with the Dublin 4-H Club, make old-fashioned toys and help make the ice cream with a hand churn. Tour the historic buildings and of course, enjoy ice cream with fresh summer fruit.

A \$5 fee covers ice cream, crafts, games, museum and contests. Visitors are invited to explore the three acre park that includes the 1856 Murray School House, the 1859 Old St. Raymond's Church and a Pioneer Cemetery and the museum exhibits.

Bonsai, Orchids, Cactus Among Plants at Collectors Exhibit

The new Valley Bonsai Society of Livermore will hold its first show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 6 and 7, at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

The bonsai exhibit will be held in conjunction with a Carnivorous Plant Show, Cactus and Succulents, an Orchid Show and a Koi Show. In addition to the exhibits, there will be lectures, demos, vendors and educational exhibits.

The Valley Bonsai Society was founded in February, 2008 by Charles Harder.

The organization was established from his desire to create a group of local east bay bonsai enthusiasts who could learn together and encourage the continuation and education of the art and passion of bonsai.

The goal is to encourage and equip each other as we share our common interest and enjoyment of Bonsai and to encourage others to explore this art form.

Meetings are the third Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore.

Membership is not required. However, someone wishing to visit the club for a while is asked to consider supporting the society by paying annual dues of \$30 a year (\$40 for couples) or \$5 a meeting.

Please contact the membership chair, Bob Wyckoff at: california_bonsai@yahoo.com or founder, Charles Harder at: bonsainut@comcast.net

On Saturday, at the show, Sam Adina will present a dem-



onstration. He is the Sensei for the Modesto Bonsai Club and conducts Bonsai training and design for Blue Oak Nursery in Modesto.



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The Tony Award winning production will be at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore on June 6 and 7 for four performances.

This tuneful, offbeat and at times heartwarming show offers audience members the opportunity to become part of the action as on-stage spellers! Four Celebrity Spellers will also be appearing in their first Broadway performance - KKIQ disc jockey Faith Alpher on June 6 at 3:00pm, KFOG disc jockey Rosalie Howarth on June 6 at 8:00pm, Winemaker Karl Wente on June 7 at 7:00pm, and the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee winner and Danville resident Evan O'Dorney on Sunday at the 2:00pm performance.

Evan worked systematically through Webster's unabridged dictionary for two years prior to his win in 2007. The most stressful round of the nationals was just before he advanced to the finals; he was given the word "corinne" which is of unknown origin. Once he achieved his goal of reaching the final rounds (because his concerto would be played on ABC), Evan was not concerned about what place he got - he just had fun spelling. He had studied the winning word "serrefine" many times and knew that he had won as soon as he heard the word. Since winning the Bee, Evan has switched his focus to mathematical olympiads. In 2008, he traveled to Madrid with a team of six high school students representing the United States and won a silver medal (top 150) at the International Mathematical Olympiad. He hopes one day to earn a gold medal.

Performances are 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on June 6 and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on June 7. Information or tickets at www.bankheadtheater.org, or 373-6800.

Artists to 'Paint the Town'

Pleasanton's Museum on Main presents the 1st Annual "Paint the Town" from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, June 6 on the front lawn of the museum, 603 Main Street, near the Arch.

"Paint the Town" is an opportunity for artists of all ages and talent levels.

Paintings and pictures by participants from middle school students to adults will be on display for a silent auction from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Winning bidders of the silent auction will be announced at 6 p.m.

A live auction of other selected works will be at 6 p.m. Proceeds of both auctions benefit the Museum On Main. Artists will receive 20 percent of the value of artwork selling at \$100 or above.

Kindergarteners to 2nd graders will gather on the museum lawn from 9 to 11 a.m. to create and draw their favorite scenes of Pleasanton using many types of artist's media. The creations will be framed and

displayed in the Museum Gallery Walkway.

Third through 6th graders will gather on the museum lawn from 1 to 3 p.m. to help paint quilt squares to make a Pleasanton Heritage Quilt with scenes of the Amador Livermore Valley.

Middle School and high school students and adults can participate in the Plein Air event. Beginning at 9 a.m. artists will bring their supplies to the Museum on Main and receive informational packets and box lunches. Then the artists will go out to paint their views of the area. They will bring their completed "wet" painting by 3 p.m. to the museum.

There will be refreshments at the reception and a no-host wine & beer bar also.

All Art becomes the property of the Museum on Main, a 501C3 non-profit organization. Twelve art pieces may be chosen for the 2010 museum calendar. 462-2766 or education@museumonmain.org

See Scenes from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Production

Preview scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be performed at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 11. There is no charge for this event.

Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch and actors from Shakespeare's Associates present scenes and discuss themes from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Love incites madness and fairy juice confuses four young lovers fleeing a tyrannical father and an unjust law. All four find themselves in an enchanted forest where fairies and sprites intervene in human affairs, and the boundaries between reality and imagination blur. Hilarity, love, magic and music merge in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies.

The complete play will be performed at Livermore's Concannon Vineyard, July 9 to August 9.

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

Tuesday Tunes Are Back



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For more information, go to www.livermoredowntown.com or call 925.373.1795.

Tuesday Tunes are back in downtown Livermore. Livermore Downtown Inc. will bring free, live music to the Flagpole Plaza each and every Tuesday through October 13th.

Concerts begin at 5 p.m.

Bands to perform on the following schedule: June 9, Free Sound; June 16, Mud Daddy; June 23, Wallin and Baretta; June 30, Papa's Garage; July 7, Next Level; July 14, Of Shape and Sound; July 21, Joe Grape and His Bunch; July 28, Silent Partner;



The CoolTones open series.

Friday Concerts in the Park Begin

The 2009 Concerts in the Park series begins on June 5 and runs through September 4 on Fridays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets in Pleasanton. The free concerts are presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and sponsored by local businesses. Please, no plastic tarps or rocks to hold down blankets.

June 5 - The CoolTones - The CoolTones is a 17-piece big band plus vocalist made up of Tri-Valley and other East Bay musicians. They perform big band and swing classics as well as more contemporary tunes.

June 12 - The Corvairs - This group of fifty-somethings still have more than just a few 50's and 60's tunes up their air-cooled sleeves. From doo-wop oldies to psychedelic funk, The Corvairs rev up the evening with a massive dose of good old high-octane rock and roll.

June 19 - The Hurricanes - The Hurricane band is from the Tri-Valley and has been playing music in the East Bay for the past 16 years. The force of Hurricane is driven by a five-piece band that combines both male and female vocals. The result is a collage of sound reflecting the best in blues, classic and contemporary rock.

June 26 - The Crisis - The music ranges from acoustic and classic rock to honkey tonk, and Southern rock to blues and Motown.

July 3 - Burton & Company - "Burton & Company" returns with their unique style of jazzy rhythm and blues.

July 10 - Rock Explosion - The groups plays rock hits from bands you know and love, AC/DC, Van Halen, Journey, Led Zepplin, Foreigner, Aerosmith, Montrose, Lynrd Skynrd, Boston and more.

July 17 - Komodojazz - Jazz band members Jesse Mesia, Micki Singer, Mike Parykaza, Brian Cork perform.

July 24 - La Ventana - La Ventana's sound is a cross between Salsa, Rock, Gypsy Rock & Soul, mixed together in a unique way.

July 31 - Houserockers - The Houserockers bring rock and soul classics from the 60's to the 90's to life.

August 7 - The Cocktail Monkeys - The Cocktail Monkeys perform song favorites.

August 14 - Finding Stella - It's the classic rock and pop spirit of the 70's and 80's and throws in a newer, warmer rock quality.

August 21 - Magic Moments - The band is dedicated to the legends, sounds and memories of the live performance of Rock and Roll.

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After 45 years, the result is a greenbelt of parks, vineyards and open spaces encircling the Livermore-Amador Valley with urban growth boundaries in Livermore and Pleasanton and a long-term planning campaign underway to revitalize the area's agricultural heritage.

Hand in glove with the campaigns to save threatened lands out beyond the city limits, *The Independent* has promoted redevelopment of the downtowns, with the idea of centering future growth in the city cores, with a "transit-oriented" focus and substantial affordable housing.

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When the independence of our community hospital was threatened by a merger with John Muir of Walnut Creek, *The Independent* spearheaded a successful fight to keep the facility under local control.

The Independent devotes considerable space in every edition to news of the local arts scene, which is enjoying a renaissance.

Hand in glove with that, we've given all-out support to the rejuvenation of the Livermore Valley Wine Country. We've done more than merely report on it. Partnering with winery leaders in the early days of the rebirth, we launched an annual magazine celebrating the Harvest Wine Festival. It continues, serving as the September event's official publication, growing larger every year.

The magazine, meanwhile, has taken on a life of its own, spotlighting a different aspect of the Valley's cultural life — for example, Art & Entertainment, Giving and The West.

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A Standing Ovation for the Pacific Chamber Symphony

By Nancy O'Connell

Cheers and whistles erupted after the closing chords of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5 in C Minor*, just as you might hear at the Concord Pavilion. These cheers were not for a contemporary band whose members gyrate and belt out their songs, but for a beloved work which premiered over 200 years ago in 1808. Still being performed today in concert halls all over the world, the Pacific Chamber Symphony brought it to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore on Thursday, May 28th.

The theater was about 3/4 filled with classical music devotees. The program began with Mozart's *Overture to the Magic Flute, K.620*. In his opening remarks, Maestro Lawrence Kohl said that in his short 35 years of life, Mozart composed 620 works. This opera was completed just three months before his early death. For the opening dramatic chords, Kohl used big, sweeping hand motions and used only his expressive hands to lead the entire concert. He had no baton to rely on, as most conductors do. It reminded this reviewer of the technique of the famous Leopold Stokowski, who never used a baton.

Kohl's whole body moved to the beat. In the quiet passages in the fugue which followed the opening chords, he almost crouched down on the podium. The configuration of the orchestra was unusual. All the brass – 2 French horns, 2 trumpets, and 3 trombones – were in the back to the left of the conductor rather than directly in back as is more commonly seen. The winds and the bassoons were in the center behind the string players. Lifting melodies and transparent textures, as in most of Mozart's music, reveal every note to the listener. There is no room for mistakes in his compositions, because any error would be heard throughout the hall. Near the close of the *Overture* the big chords return, and all of the strings used a series of down bows for greater emphasis. When the fugue is heard again, it hints at the lighthearted humor that is found throughout the *Magic Flute*.

Frederick Delius lived from 1862 to 1934. Paralyzed in 1926, he lived in blindness from then on, dictating his final works. Although of German heritage, he was born in England, and has been

called an English Impressionist. Maestro Kohl introduced *A Song Before Sunrise* by telling the audience that this piece describes the mystical time when the birds begin to sing and everything is viewed in a half light. Rich, lush melodies were heard. Nina Flyer, the principal cellist played a short, evocative theme, which was answered by the concertmaster, Roy Malan. Their dialogue was later repeated with a variation. The ending was unusual. There was no long cadential pattern as in the earlier classical period, no feeling of finality. It just drew to a close.

MUSIC REVIEW

Olivia Glass was the featured cello soloist in this evening's concert. A local artist, she has garnered many awards while living in Livermore and was the first cellist for her four years with the Livermore High School orchestra. Now attending UC Davis and studying to be a veterinarian, she still finds time for her cello, and plays in the Davis Symphony Orchestra. Last year she won the Livermore Rotary Club Music Scholarship, and this award enabled her to be the featured soloist tonight. In the *Hungarian Rhapsody for Cello and Orchestra, Op. 68* by David Popper, she played brilliantly. After a brief orchestral introduction, the cellist entered in her lowest register and quickly encompassed her entire range with difficult double stops and running passages which led up the highest notes in thumb position on her A string. She had almost a cadenza-like passage after her first entrance and later, she had another long unaccompanied solo. Melodies and rhythms of Hungarian folk songs were heard. Popper, an incredible cellist himself, may have been inspired by Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodies and wrote much of this in 2/4 meter. Olivia surmounted all of her technical challenges with ease. There were difficult patterns, while rapidly crossing all four strings, contrasting with a slow, mournful melody. She had double stops (chords) in thumb position up in the stratosphere near the bridge. Then a dance-like passage emerged, leading to a fiery conclusion.

For the first time that night many people stood to honor her performance. Flowers were presented, cheers were heard, and she took two curtain calls. A feeling of great pride in one of our local talented youths swept through the

theater. Olivia Glass accepted the accolades with grace. Afterwards, her head no longer in the clouds, the personable young woman told me she had to drive back that very night to UC Davis for a class the next morning.

After the intermission, Maestro Kohl told the audience that this is his orchestra's 20th season, and explained that it gives many concerts for the schools. He turned to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and said he felt "it opens a window into our souls." The very familiar opening chords were heard, followed by clean entrances from all of the players. The long sustained passages had uniform bowing. The strings sounded delicate and subdued in a pianissimo section which contrasted with the French horns when they had a solo passage. The horns were a little uneven in some of their entrances. Laura Reynolds played a beautiful oboe solo, and the timpanist, Stan Muney, kept the rhythm exactly with the conductor's beat.

The famous cello sectional introduction in the second movement was clean, and every note was in tune. As the movement became more difficult, the three 'celli played every note precisely. Different sections were featured, and the bassoons were excellent in a short solo part with the 'celli pizzicato (plucked) accompaniment. Musicians are always told, "Keep one eye on the music and the other one on the conductor." All of the players in this ensemble closely watched Maestro Kohl's directions from the podium.

Kohl led in an exciting interpretation of the last movement. One of the younger violinists, Jory Fankuchen, almost danced in his seat and twice he half rose out of it in the thrill of playing a dramatic section. He played with an exuberance which was infectious. To watch his joy as he performed in this professional ensemble was heartwarming. This is one of the reasons it's so important to have live performances. There's something electrifying when one is fortunate enough to see and hear the performers, rather than listening to a recording. The accelerando at the *Allegro's* conclusion was thrilling to hear, and the audience responded to the dramatic finale with cheers, loud clapping, whistling, and a standing ovation. It was a spontaneous and well deserved response to twenty years of bringing engaging concerts to the suburbs.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Students at Altamont Creek Elementary School in Livermore displayed a variety of techniques in the "Pie in the Face" event last week. Students were challenged to read a certain number of books during the school year as part of the accelerated reading program. If they met the challenge, the top readers would be able to "pie" the principal, Beverly Tom.



Lara Marriott

Lara Marriott Captures Honors in Songwriting Contest

Lara Marriott of Pleasanton has been named a monthly winner in the Song of the Year songwriting contest.

Her song, "Beneath the Cross," was chosen as the best for the month of March in the Gospel/Christian category of the international competition. Her work will compete with the other monthly winners for the honor of being "Song of the Year".

The contest supports VH-1's Save the Music Foundation. The judges are some of the biggest names in music including many Grammy Award winners.

Marriott and her family moved to Pleasanton with her family earlier this year when her husband, Brian, became worship director at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church. She sings in the worship band at the Centerpointe contemporary service on Sundays.

"This song came out of a time of wanting to connect with God in a deeper way," she said. "I was in awe of all of the grace He has shown towards me even when I didn't deserve it."

She is planning to release her first album in the fall and hopes it will encourage others in their faith and everyday life.

Earlier in her life, she travelled widely with the high school vocal ensemble during her senior year and then toured with the World

Vision Youth as the Canadian representative. Each of the 50 participants represented their home country. Later, she went to Calcutta, India as the guest artist for Mission of Mercy's Singing Christmas tree.

She grew up in the church as the daughter of a worship leader and then married a worship director. She and Brian have two children, Josh and Hannah.

For more information about Lara, please see www.laramarriott.com. For more information about Centerpointe, see the website at www.centerpointechurch.info.

Concannon, Fenestra Wines Earn 'Best' Awards

The Alameda County Fair proudly announces this year's top awards for the Best of the Bay Wine Competition & Zin Challenge, which took place last week, at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Best of Bay White Wine: Concannon Vineyard, 2008 Sauvignon Blanc Reserve, Livermore Valley

Best of Bay Red Wine: Fenestra Winery, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, Livermore Valley, Thatcher Bay Vineyard

Best of Zin Challenge: Macchia Winery, 2007 Luxurious Zinfandel, Lodi

This year marked an increase in wine competition entries – 308 wines were judged from 87 wineries by three panels of judges.

A total of 16 Gold medals were awarded to wineries who entered the Best of the Bay Wine Competition, which is open to all commercially bonded wineries located in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Solano counties.

The Zin Challenge, now in its third year, is a unique "competition within a competition." Celebrating one of California's most popular red wines, the Zin Challenge attracted 144 entries from 74 wineries, resulting in the awarding of 17 Gold medals. The Zin Challenge is open to all commercially bonded wineries within the United State producing red Zinfandel.

The public is invited to mingle with the winemakers and taste some of the gold medal wines at the upcoming Best of the Bay Wine Competition & Zin Chal-

lenge Awards Reception & Wine Tasting Event, slated for Wednesday, July 15, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm., at the Alameda County Fair Wine Garden. Tickets for this special wine tasting event are \$60 per couple, which includes Preferred VIP Parking and Fair Admission for two adults. This event will most likely sell out so reserve your ticket now at 925-426-7678 or send an email to wine@alamedacounty-fair.com

All wines entered into both competitions will be displayed in the Wine Garden throughout the Alameda County Fair, which is open to the public July 1 - 19 (Fair is closed both Mondays).

For more information about the Alameda County Fairgrounds, the annual Fair, and the 2009 Fair Concert Series, please visit <http://www.alamedacountyfair.com> or call 925-426-7600.

Local wineries winning awards: Blanc de Blancs, silver Elliston Vineyards, California Sparkling Wine; Chardonnay \$18 and under: bronze, Bent Creek Winery, 2007 Chardonnay Silver Coast; silver, Concannon Vineyard Central Coast, selected vineyard; 2007 Chardonnay Central Coast; White proprietary blends: bronze, Charles R Vineyards, 2008 Chardonnay Livermore Valley; bronze, 2007 Chardonnay Livermore Valley; gold, Deer Ridge Vineyards, 2007 Chardonnay California, Livermore Valley; silver, Las Positas Vineyards, 2007 Chardonnay, California Livermore Valley; Sauvignon Blanc/Fume Blanc: gold, Concannon Vineyard, 2008 Sauvignon Blanc Livermore Valley; silver, Concannon Vineyard, 2008 Sauvignon Blanc Central Coast; Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio: Concannon Vineyard, 2008 Pinot Grigio Central Coast; White Riesling: bronze, Fenestra Winery, 2008 White Riesling Arroyo Seco; Rhonestyle Whites (Viognier, Marsanne): silver, Crooked Vine, 207 Viognier; other white varietals: bronze, Fenestra Winery, 2008 Verhelho Lodi;

Generic Rose: bronze, Concannon Vineyard, 2008 Righteously Rose Central Coast; Cabernet Sauvignon, \$18 and under: bronze, Concannon Vineyard, 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Central Coast, selected vineyard and 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Central Coast; Italian-style reds: silver, Fenestra, 2005 Barbera Livermore Valley; other red varietals: silver, Fenestra, 20065 Touriga Lodi; red proprietary blends, bronze, Fenestra, Red Table California; Cabernet Sauvignon, \$18.01 and above: silver, Concannon Vineyard, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Livermore Valley; gold, Fenestra, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Livermore Valley, gold, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Livermore Valley; bronze, Garre, 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Livermore Valley; silver, McGrail Vineyards, 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Livermore Valley Reserve; silver, Wood Family Vineyards, 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Livermore Valley;

Merlot - \$18 and under: silver, Concannon Vineyard, 2007 Merlot Central Coast; Merlot, \$18.01 and above: silver, Concannon Vineyard, 2005 Merlot Livermore Valley, silver, Ruby Hill Winery, 2006 Merlot California Monterey Reserve; other Bordeaux varietals: gold, Fenestra, 2006 Cabernet Franc Livermore Valley; Syrah: bronze, Bent Creek Wines, 2005 Syrah Livermore Valley; silver, Concannon Vineyard, 2006 Syrah Livermore Valley; silver, Garre, 2005 Syrah Livermore Valley; bronze, Hidden Creek, 2006 Syrah Livermore Valley; Petite Sirah: silver, Concannon Vineyard, 2006 Captain Joe's Livermore Valley Reserve; bronze, Concannon Vineyard, 2006 Nina's Cuvee Livermore Valley Reserve; bronze, Concannon Vineyard, 2007 Petite Sirah Livermore Valley; gold, Fenestra, 2006 Petite Sirah Livermore Valley; silver, Mitchell Katz, 2006 Petite Sirah Livermore Valley;

Misc. dessert wines, silver, Fenestra, 2008 Sweet Viognier Contra Costa County; silver, Fenestra, 2003 Port Lodi; Zinfandel \$18.01-\$28: bronze, Bent Creek Wines, 2006 Zinfandel Livermore Valley; bronze, Charles R Vineyards, 2007 Zinfandel Livermore Valley; gold, Wood Family Vineyards, 2006 Zinfandel Livermore Valley California; Zinfandel \$28.01 and above: gold, Darcie Kent Vineyards, 2007 Zinfandel Livermore Valley; silver, Red Feather Winery, 2006 Zinfandel Amador County; bronze, Wood Family Vineyards, 2006 Zinfandel, Livermore Valley Old Vine.

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ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Contest - Amateur photographers can win cash prizes in Alameda County CattleWomen's "He Oughta Beef in Pictures" Father's Day photo contest. Winning photo will be published in The Independent. Contest entries, which can be black and white or color, are to show shy father deserves beef on Father's Day. Photos must be 3" x 5" or larger. An optional 25 words or less description of the photo may also be submitted. Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to enter the contest. Official entry forms may be obtained at the website, www.alamedacountycattlewomen.com, or by calling 455-5755. Entries must be post-marked by Fri., June 12, 2009. All entries will be displayed on the Alameda County CattleWomen website.

2009 Summer Theatre Camp. ActSmART Children's Theater summer production is Pirates of Penzance, a Gilbert and Sullivan musical. Set designs are by Andrea Bechert from Chicago, who in collaboration with the producer Deborah McQueen, will be building a ship that opens up and rotates into various scenic elements. Bothwell Arts Center. For more information go to www.SmARTSunlimited or call 245-0283.

Works by photographic artists on display at Windermere Welcome Home for the next two months. Participating in the show are Natalia Matthews Aasen, Bill Hackett, Dennis Vied, Julie Wright and Walter Davies. Reception with the artists on Thurs., June 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited. There is no admission charge. 1790 First St., downtown Livermore. Viewing will be during regular business hours. For more information, call 447-9159.

Opera in the Ballpark, Sat., June 5, AT&T Park, San Francisco. The Livermore Valley Opera main group will meet on the platform at the Pleasanton station; 5:12 p.m. train leaves; 6:30 p.m. admission to the ballpark; 8:00 p.m. showtime. Italian opera, good friends, red wine, and roasted peanuts. Jose Maria Condemi, who directed the LVO production of The Marriage of Figaro, is directing the performance of Tosca for San Francisco Opera on June 5th and a live simulcast of this opera is scheduled. Admission is free and you need only to register online with SF Opera if you wish to attend. This event is free and open to the public, but register early for reserved seats. Contact: Teri Tith at TeriTith@gmail.com or 925-447-0536.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony, works by Russian composers with trombonist Jeff Bowlsby and soprano Olga Chernisheva. 2 p.m. June 7, Leshler Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$18 regular, \$15 seniors, \$12 students. 943-7469, www.lesherartscenter.org.

Retzlaff Winery will feature local artist Sherri Kelcourse's recent oil paintings. She describes her work as a blending of realism and abstraction where color takes flight. The paintings will be on display through June. 25 So. Livermore Ave. at Blacksmith Square. Open W-F from 4-6 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 12-4:30 p.m.

Miramont Symphony Release Party, Sat., June 6th from 6-9pm on the Patio at Tesla Vintners in Livermore. Symphony is a newer grape, introduced in 1981. This grape was bred by a Prof at Davis. It is a cross of Muscat and Grenache Gris. This wine is softly sweet with a peachy aroma and great fruity flavor. Michael, winemaker from Miramont Estate Vineyards will be on hand to sign bottles and chat with about the whole winemaking process. Live Music by the Singing Winemaker and Loren Olk. Tesla Vintners also features wines from The Singing Winemaker and Marr Cellars. 606-9463, patty@teslavintners.com. 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

Rodrigue Molyneux Winery will be hosting a Wineaux Wine Club Tuscan Garden Party June 6th, 2009 from 12:30-6:00. Wine club members will be able to taste the Primitivo, Cabera, and Cabernet 05 & 06 while strolling the newly planted flower, vegetable and native California Gardens. Each tasting will be paired with different cheeses. Wine Club members will also be able to pick up there wine and purchase our estate grown olive oil. Guests of wine clubs members are invited to attend for \$5.00 pp. The tasting room will be open for all. 3053 Marina Avenue, Livermore. www.rodriquemolyneux.com.

Pianos N' Strings, music teaching studio in Dublin is forming blues and rock n roll workshops for adults and teens. Groups will get together for two hours once a week for 8 weeks starting June 15. Bring instruments and practice amp to the sessions; keyboards, drums and a sound system will be provided. The last session will be a live performance. Registration, call Phil at 556-4446 or go to www.pianosnstrings.com/blues or /rockon.

Concerts in the Park, Pleasanton Downtown Association. The concerts are at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and

Neal Streets. Concerts are 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Cooltones, June 5; Corvairs, June 12. Hurricane, July 19. The Crisis, June 26. Burton and Company, July 3. Rock Explosion, July 10. Komodojazz, July 17. La Ventana, July 24. The Houserockers, July 31. The Cocktail Monkeys, August 7. Finding Stella, August 14. Magic Moments, August 21. D-Lucca, August 28. Public Eye, Sept. 4. For more information, visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Wente Vineyards 2009 concert series: June 18, Heart, July 2, B-52's; July 16, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons; July 23, Kathy Griffin; July 29, Steve Miller Band; August 3, Gretchen Wilson; August 13, Diana Krall; August 19, Elvis Costello; and August 31, Sheryl Crow. Wente Vineyards Box Office at (925) 456-2424, or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets range in price from \$79 to \$309 per person, depending on the show and the dining option selected. Wente Vineyards is located at 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Concert gates open at 6:00 p.m., and all shows start at 8:15 p.m.

Great Performances: A free series of classic films hosted by Candace Klaschus, Professor of Media Studies at Las Positas College. She presents a talk about each film prior to the viewing. Program begins at 7 p.m. June 4, Sullivan's Travels. Free and open to all. No registration is required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Livermore Art Association US Bank Show, June 3 to July 7, 2125 Second St., Livermore. Reception and awards Wed., June 10, 3 to 5 p.m. Judged show. Public may view the show during regular banking hours.

Diablo Theatre Company, (formerly Diablo Light Opera Company), presents "Hello Dolly," Dennis Lickteig directs cast of 32. 8 p.m. June 5, 6, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27; 2 p.m. June 14, 21, 27, 28. \$29-\$41, Leshler Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. 943-7469. www.lesherartscenter.org, www.dloc.org.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre (formerly Pleasanton Playhouse) Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. June 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. Ticket information 462-2121 or www.trivalleyrep.com.

Night at the Improv, June 6, 8 p.m. San Ramon's own Improv U Troupe and the newest graduates of Improv U for a fun

and interactive evening of improvisational comedy. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA. Cost: \$8. Information: www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, "Funniest Thing in Seven Consonants" (The Washington Post), Sponsored by Wells Fargo, Saturday, June 6, - 3 & 8 p.m., Sunday, June 7, - 2 & 7 p.m., Broadway and Tony Award winning new musical. Tickets \$75/\$65/\$45/\$35. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org

Paint the Town, June 6, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Museum on Main, Pleasanton, Open to all ages. Artists will paint views of the area. Art auction of works. Registration deadline for artists is May 30, 462-2766 or www.museumonmain.org.

Makaha Sons, Hawaiian music. June 7, 2 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com.

Scenes from A Midsummer's Night Dream, June 11, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Preview of the upcoming production by Shakespeare's Associates. No admission charge. Friends of the Livermore Library Arts and Authors series. www.ci.livermore.ca.us/library.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band concert, June 11, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Livermore Farmers Market, Fourth and J Streets, Livermore, CA. Free. Information: 925-846-5897 or www.pleasantonband.org.

Journey Unauthorized: A Live Rock Tribute to Journey, June 13, 8 p.m. Grand Theatre, 715 Central Ave., Tracy. Tickets 209-831-6858 or tickets.atthegrand.org.

Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, June 13th & 14th, 12:30-5:00 PM. Wine, food, & country music. BBQ sausage bites & sourdough bread will be served. Kids welcome. Bring in Livermore Rodeo Ticket for a free tasting. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore. 925-447-4280 www.rmwinery.com

Asleep at the Wheel, Saturday, June 13, 8 p.m., Western swing, boogie, and roots-music. Tickets \$55/\$40/\$35/\$30/\$12 students. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Total Request, Live, Danville Community Band, June 14, 3 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com.

Hairspray the Dance Musical, June 14, 2 p.m. Amador Dance XTreme. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

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History of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, June 18, an event in the Ed Kinney Lecture Series. Presented by Maxine Troust at 7:00 p.m. at the Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Cost: \$10 donation, \$5 for museum members. Reservations are recommended. For reservations call 925-462-2766. www.museumonmain.org.

Landscapes in Art: from Impressionism to the Present, program June 21, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Presented by March B. Freedman, artist and art historian. No admission charge. Friends of the Livermore Library Arts and Authors series. www.ci.livermore.ca.us/library.

Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, Wine Appreciation 101. June 27, 1:00PM- 3:00PM. Learn the basics of tasting wine and learn some wine trivia and facts. Tasting room manager will take visitors through step-by-step how to enjoy tasting wine. Space is limited. Come to the winery to purchase tickets. \$15.00 pp. Wine club members are free. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore. www.rmwinery.com, 447-4280

Rock and Country Fest, Cattlemen's Association Benefit. June 27, 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 925-373-6800, www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

12 Angry Jurors, Asbury Players Community Theater, June 26, 27, 28, 2009. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7 general admission. For addition ticket information and reservations, please call 455-1048. Tickets can be purchased at the door 20 minutes prior to curtain, however seating is limited for this production and reservations are suggested.

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Final Concert with Young People's Orchestra

Livermore resident, Annie Sandholtz, 18, will play her final concert with the Young People's Symphony Orchestra (YPSO) on June 7 in Oakland at the orchestra's Pops concert. The concert program will feature musical highlights from the 2008-09 season and popular classics, too, as the orchestra says good bye to 33 graduating seniors who are headed off to college.

The concert's musical offerings include Berlioz' Roman Carnival Overture, selections from Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphoses on a Theme of Carl Maria Von

Weber, selections from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, Gershwin's Cuban Overture, selections from John Williams' music from Star Wars, LeRoy Anderson's Home Stretch and Waltzing Cat, and Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever.

Annie, the orchestra's concert master, was a featured soloist as one of the orchestra's three concerto competition winners in concerts on February 7 and 8 in Moraga, where she played the first movement of Édouard Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole. Annie has been YPSO's concert master

for two years, which included a successful tour of Australia and New Zealand in the summer of 2008, and a performance in the famous Sydney Opera House.

Annie started playing violin when she was five. She grew up in Provo, Utah, taking violin lessons from Linda Duncan and later Lois Stout. Annie has been part of many youth orchestras, including Timpanogas Preparatory Orchestra and Timpanogas Chamber Orchestra. Annie's family moved to Livermore just before her junior

year in high school in 2007. She currently studies with Debora Wood Schwartz in Berkeley. Last year, Annie played in the Junior Bach Festival. Her favorite part of being a violinist is getting to know other people and playing music with them.

Annie is a senior at Livermore High School who enjoys academics and sports as well as music. After her graduation, she will return to Provo, Utah and enroll at Brigham Young University this fall.

Founded in Berkeley in 1935,

YPSO is the oldest youth orchestra in California and the second oldest in the nation. Celebrating his 20th Season as Music Director/Conductor, David Ramadanoff conducts 104 YPSO musicians who range in age from 12 to 19 and hail from 31 Bay Area cities in five counties.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 general, \$12 for students and senior citizens, in advance or at the door. For tickets and information, visit www.ypsomusic.net, call (510) 849-9776 or email ypsomusic@yahoo.com.

CSEA Celebrates by Giving Back

By Patricia Koning

Last month, members of the Livermore chapter of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) came together for their annual potluck. The event is about seeing old friends and celebrating the year, but it's also about giving back to the community. For the past 45 years, CSEA has awarded scholarships to deserving high school and college students.

CSEA represents clerical workers, librarians, educational aides, computer technicians, food service workers, custodians, and other positions that help schools run smoothly. As one CSEA representative explained at a rally last year, their membership ensures that students are safe, well-fed, comfortable, and accounted for.

Before the annual potluck, site representatives sold raffle tickets for a vacation basket. Terri Saenz, the principal's secretary at East Avenue Middle School, says this was a good year for donations. CSEA typically awards two \$500 scholarships, one for a graduating senior and one for a current college student, but this year the membership collected enough money to fund three scholarships.

To be eligible, students must have a parent in CSEA. Selection is based on scholastic achievement, good citizenship, and can include financial need. The 2009 winners are Jenna Heise, a Livermore High School graduating senior; Emily Shull, Granada High School graduating senior; and Rebekah Hart, a continuing education student.

Each year, the potluck has a theme and attendees are asked to bring a donation in keeping with the theme. Last year's theme was "favorite books", so attendees brought in copies of their favorite books that were donated to a shelter. For this year's "pajama party", attendees naturally were asked to bring in pajamas.

"We learned that the Pregnancy Resource Center has a desperate need for pajamas for baby boys and their mothers," says Saenz. "So we gave each grade level an age to buy for—infant, toddler, and so on. Everyone was welcome to bring adult sizes."

CSEA collected nearly 150 pairs of pajamas, which they delivered to the Livermore Pregnancy Resource Center last week. "A big



Members of CSEA show off the many items they have collected. Pictured, left to right, are Stephanie Waggoner, Connie Summers, Terri Saenz (principal's secretary), Jeanne Holzschuh, and Denise Alviljar

donation like this is really a blessing," says Tina Harrell, the center's director. "We are not government funded, so everything we have comes from the community and it goes back to the community."

The Pregnancy Resource Center, which will celebrate its third anniversary in July, runs a program called Earn While You Learn. Expectant mother, fathers, and other family members who will become primary caregivers attend a series of one-on-one sessions with a counselor to learn about pregnancy, childbirth, newborn care, baby myths, and infant development among other topics. For completing the sessions, participants earn "mommy and daddy dollars," which they can exchange at the baby boutique for clothing and gear.

The purpose, explains Harrell, is to give the parents-to-be a head start by educating them on how to

become a good parent and providing them with resources. The average age of a Pregnancy Resource Center's client is 15 to 17, but the Center serves parents of all ages. For more information, visit www.livermoreprc.org.

Even with the pending layoffs and cuts to education funding, Saenz says the mood at the CSEA potluck was not much different from previous years. "It's really a feel-good event," she explains. "You get to see friends you may only see once a year, because we are all so busy at our individual sites. There is also a table of retirees."

Still, she acknowledges, this has been a tough year. "It's very stressful. The work doesn't go away. We opted for a furlough to save jobs, but people are still being laid off and it could continue. It's still a scary time," adds Saenz.



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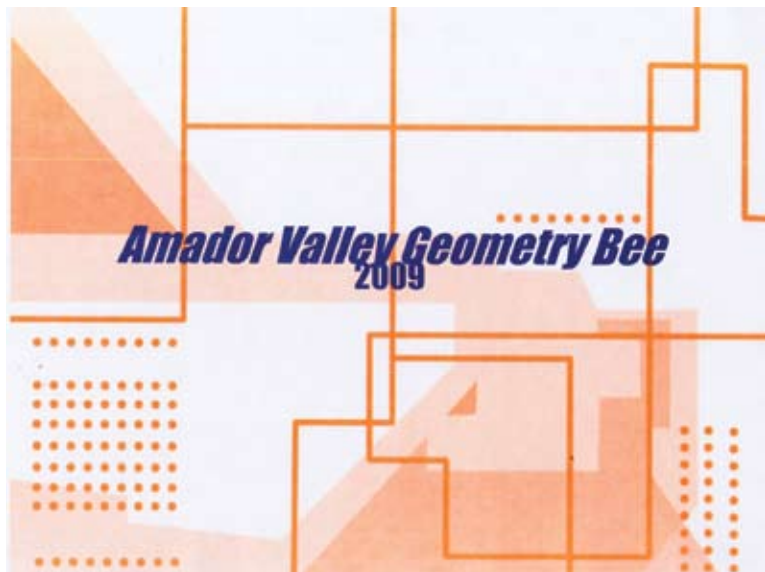
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The Buzz at Amador Is About Geometry Bee



By Ron McNicoll

Kavya Shivashankar won a nationally televised spelling bee recently by spelling the word "Iadicean," correctly. Eugene Chen of Pleasanton did quite well in a bee, too.

Eugene was the last student standing -- figuratively speaking, since he actually was sitting -- in the multipurpose room at Amador Valley High School on the evening of May 26. He had won the Amador math team's second annual Geometry Bee.

Unlike the old-fashioned spelling bees in countless elementary classrooms in the United States, the 21 top math students from middle and high schools did not stand, and did not leave if they failed on just one question.

These students were seated at long lunch tables, calculators at their sides. They looked up at geometry problems projected on a screen. In four rounds of 10 questions each, the 21 contestants soon became 15, then 10, and finally five, with trophies going to the top three.

First-rounders who finished behind Eugene, a 7th grader at Harvest Park Middle School, were Rahul Kulkarni, Amador Valley High School; Vaishali Mullapudi, Harvest Park; Chris Wen, Thomas Hart Middle School; and Derek Zakaria, Foothill High School.

Typical of the math questions was this one: "What is the maximum number of closed regions formed by seven lines on a plane?" As most Independent readers probably said to themselves, after a few seconds, the correct answer

is 15. The projector slide showed just how that is drawn. It certainly looked simple and logical.

One question on the screen drew a laugh from parents and students in the audience. It asked contestants to identify the developer of the coordinate system. Next to the question was a well-known picture of mathematician and philosopher Rene Descartes.

GETTING THE MATH JUICES COOKING

Kevin Kiyoi, an Amador math teacher who is advisor to the school's team, said that the bee is a competitive event along the lines of a sport. Just as students receive recognition for their sports performances, the Geometry Bee lets math students hear some audience applause at the end of each round when winners are announced. They also receive shiny trophies and plaques after all their effort.

Kiyoi said that the real driver behind the event is William Chen. He is an Amador junior who is president of the school's math team, which created the event, and supplied the judges. William was emcee at the bee. He is no relation to winner Eugene Chen.

William said that the bee reaches out to Foothill and the district's three middle schools to encourage teamwork in math. He carried the theme even further, noting that the math team uses the event to spot up-and-coming math students who might become good members. It's analogous to college coaches looking over the prospects headed for their teams.

The Amador math team already has racked up some impressive

work in competitions. It had a fifth place finish nationally in a 2008 Collaborative Problem-solving contest, sponsored by National Assessment and Testing.

The team won second place in northern California in April in a contest sponsored by mathleague.org. That finish sent the team to mathleague.org's national tournament in Kansas City. The team finished fifth, after only two weeks of preparation. Amador was the first California representative in that national tournament, which has many Midwestern entries.

SPELLING BEE WAS THE MODEL

William said that he hit on the idea of using a spelling bee as a model for a geometry contest because "it could be very open. A lot of people can watch it. You can see who moves to the next stage. It's kind of thrilling. You put on a lot of pressure to do well in a short time period."

Instead of everyone being given a different problem, as spellers get different words, each round of contestants completes the same problems.

In the bee last year, there was the traditional spelling bee format, with a contestant leaving if he or she missed a problem. The format was switched to rounds of 10 questions, because a sudden elimination didn't seem fair. Someone could go on to solve all other problems, and wind up in the final round, maybe even winning it, said William.

TOUCHING HEARTS THE WAY ARTS DO

The Amador math team tries to make the dynamic of the bee much like a math class, but "with friends to help each other excel," said William. "Formulas are not given to you, but are derived for you, by others on the team. All of the formulas we use have been discovered by others. However, there are new ways to solve problems," he said.

"We wanted to touch people's hearts the way that writing and music can. We try to show how beautiful math is," said William.

The team designed its own T-shirt showing a tetrahedron fractal, and a haiku that expresses sentiment about fractals. The haiku says, "Life is a fractal, intricately beautiful, infinitely rich."



Valley Humane Society, located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, will host three Wiggle Waggle Dog Washes this summer- June 6, August 8, and Sept. 5 from Noon to 4 p.m. Bring your pooch to VHS for a run through the wash and rinse cycle (but no spin- we promise!) All dog washes are free with donations greatly appreciated. Proceeds benefit the homeless pets at VHS. Dogs on leashes, please. For more information, visit the web site www.valleyhumane.org or call 925-426-8656.

Mini Civil War Presentation Planned in Pleasanton

A "Mini Civil War Presentation: The Camp Life of the Union Foot Soldier" will be held 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at the Museum on Main Street, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton.

There is no charge. Reservations are required. Call 925-462-2766 or email education@museumonmain.org.

Civil War soldier re-enactor Ernie Manzo, in full uniform, will talk in detail about the Union Foot Soldier daily life, while on the march and what it was like in camp. He will also describe the equipment a soldier used in war and what type of supplies a typical soldier needed to carry.

Come learn what it was like for these soldiers who were farmers in their early twenties who had to carry whatever they needed on their backs and march long distances in the pursuit of battle.

Milestones

Community

Education



Alison Burklund

Oregon State University will graduate one of its largest classes ever during the school's 140th commencement ceremony on June 13. Local residents

graduating include the following: Livermore: Miguel A. Castro Zamora, Master of Health Physics, Radiation Health Physics; Christopher L. Denton, Master of Science, Counseling; Claire C. Pierce, Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, Exercise and Sport Science; Pleasanton: Nicole A. Casey, Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Studies.

Leslie Grunewald of Livermore was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2009 semester at Quinnipiac Athenian School student

Alison Burklund of Livermore has been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. The Society invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. Chairman Claes Nobel commented, "On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Alison Burklund has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence. She is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

ValleyCare Scholarships Awarded

The ValleyCare Health System Auxiliary, which annually awards scholarships to area high school seniors planning to enter the health care field, recently named this year's winners. Four \$4,000 and three \$1,000 scholarships were presented to the winning students at the Auxiliary's annual Appreciation Luncheon on May 11.

Danielle Guptill and Sharon Dosanjh, both from Livermore High School, and Erika Hay from Foothill High received \$1,000 scholarships. Danielle and Erika plan to study nursing at Las Positas College. Sharon also plans to attend Las Positas College and would like to go into radiology.

Shire Beach of Granada High School was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship and plans to attend Stanford University, studying biology. Livermore High School senior Amanda Johnston will attend UC Davis, majoring in bio-med engineering and received

a \$4000 scholarship. The other two \$4000 winners were Marisa Fraticelli of Amador High School and Vicki Hsieh of California High School in San Ramon. Marisa would like to pursue a career in nursing and plans to attend San Diego State, and Vicki plans to study bio-chemistry at UC Berkeley.

Students awarded a scholarship from the ValleyCare Auxiliary receive funds on an annual basis.

In order to continue receiving the scholarship funds, students must maintain their eligibility by remaining full-time students studying course work leading to a career in the medical field. They must have continuous enrollment at the same college or university and maintain "C" or better grade point average.

The ValleyCare Auxiliary raises funds for these scholarships through sales at their gift shops and the Thrift Shop.

Eagle Project Helps at Croce



Chris Wiedemeier

The results of recent state ballot initiatives mean further cost cuts for local government. The Livermore School District will be facing tough budgetary decisions while trying to maintain its quality academic programs and school facilities like sports fields and playgrounds. Shari Johnston, principal of Leo R. Croce Elementary School, has encouraged the community to help her school however they can. "Getting funding for additional projects in our school is nearly impossible with all that is going on. I needed help and found that there were kids and adults that were willing to volunteer and excited to make a difference in the community," said Principal Johnston.

A volunteer who answered the call was Chris Wiedemeier, member of Boy Scout Troop 935, chartered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

"I wanted to do an Eagle Project that would help kids and found that the elementary school in my neighborhood had several projects available," said Chris Wiedemeier.

Chris organized, directed and completed an Eagle Scout Project to help rejuvenate the Leo R. Croce Elementary School playground facilities. Eighteen volunteers participated in the project that spanned three weeks and finished on May 16. Children's games such as hopscotch, foursquare and other games were painted onto the black top and ball court walls at the school playground.

Leo R. Croce elementary school children now have more choices in recess and sports activities thanks to these volunteers from the community.



Rebekka Hauert and Thomas Garberson

Hauert-Garberson

Rebekka Hauert and Thomas Garberson are engaged and plan to be married in Davis, Calif., on August 8, 2009.

Rebekka is the daughter of Richard and Susan Hauert of Fresno and a 2007 graduate of UC-Davis. She is currently enrolled at the Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

Tom is the son of Jeff and Carol Garberson of Livermore. He is a 2002 graduate of Livermore High School, a 2006 graduate of UC-Davis, and a 2009 graduate of the UC-Davis School of Law.

The couple will honeymoon in Ensenada, Mexico. After the honeymoon they will live in Davis.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

E-Waste day, Valley Christian Schools will host a free electronics recycling event on Sat., June 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the school. There is no limit on the number of items that can be recycled. The program benefits the VCS scholarship fund. The school is located at 7500 Inspiration Dr., Dublin. For further information, call 337-4158 or 785-8393 or FreeElectronicsRecycling@gmail.com.

Livermore Valley Charter School will hold public viewing for their 2009 Science Expo on Thursday, June 4th from 6pm-8pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at 543 Sonoma Ave.

Contest - Amateur photographers can win cash prizes in Alameda County CattleWomen's "He Oughta Beef in Pictures" Father's Day photo contest. Winning photo will be published in The Independent. Contest entries, which can be black and white or color, are to show shy father deserves beef on Father's Day. Photos must be 3" x 5" or larger. An optional 25 words or less description of the photo may also be submitted. Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to enter the contest. Official entry forms may be obtained at the website, www.alamedacountycattlewomen.com, or by calling 455-5755. Entries must be postmarked by Fri., June 12, 2009. All entries will be displayed on the Alameda County CattleWomen website.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. The speaker will be Lisa B. Lee on the topic "Canadian Research Techniques." Many ancestors entered the U.S. through Canada. Visitors are welcome, no charge. Map to the meeting site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/PLS-BethEmek.html> Marie Ross 925-447-1806

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meets on Thursday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Alisal School, multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. This month's speaker is Ed Laivo from Dave Wilson's Nursery. His topic will be summer pruning of fruit trees. Visitors are welcome. For questions, call Sally at 417-8809.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, is sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton on Wed., June 10, at 7 p.m. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Questions?? Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net.

Instructors sought for Fall session. Have fun and make some extra money by teaching or sharing a special talent at Livermore Adult Education. You need not be credentialed. Please call 925-606-4722 for more information

Rodeo dinner-dance, Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge 2117, Sat., June 13, 6 p.m. Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. Western tri-tip dinner (chicken available by advance request), dance to music by DJ Steve Edwards. Tickets and reservations, call the Elks Lodge at 455-8829 by June 10.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Charlie Chaplin Films and dinner in Fremont, June 7, 3:15 p.m., RSVP by June 5 to Marge, 828-5124. Chinese lunch in Livermore, June 11, 12:30 p.m., RSVP by June 8 to Athene, 846-0111. Fish fry in Dublin, June 12, 5 p.m., RSVP by June 10 to Hilda, 398-8808. Breakfast in Pleasanton, June 14, 11 a.m., RSVP by June 10 to Hilda, 398-8808. Lunch in Livermore, June 16, 11:30 a.m., RSVP to Roselyn by June 12 at 999-9936.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club, Meets 7 p.m. June 15 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Marylia Kelley of Tri-Valley CAREs will speak about Livermore Lab issues. Refreshments served. Public invited. www.trivalleydems.com

Computer Classes, The Livermore Public Library offers several free computer classes in June. Searching the Internet, Saturday, June 6, 10:15-12:15 pm. Introduction to Microsoft Word, Saturday, June 13, 10:15-12:15 pm. Google & Beyond, Saturday, June 20, 10:15-12:15 pm. Classes are held in Community

Room B and are first come, first served. Space is limited.

Brain Book Club, June selection is How We Decide by Jonah Lehrer, meeting Wednesday, June 17, 7-8:30 pm in the garden at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton. Everyone is welcome; book is available at the store, 925.846-8826.

Rockin' Rackfest 2009, Sat., June 20, Alameda County Fairgrounds, noon to 5 p.m. Day of good food and fun, artistic vendors, salon and spa pampering, games and entertainment. Sponsored by Save the Ta-Tas Foundation and Whole Foods of San Ramon. Raffle, wine and beer garden. Proceeds benefit breast cancer research. Information www.RockinRackfest2009.com.

Livermore High School, class of 1969, 40 year reunion, Sept. 19, 2009. Information call Terry (Durham) Wolcott, 447-6627, or Mary (Gomes) Straight, 447-5815.

Country-Western Barbecue, Pleasanton Senior VIP Club, Mon., June 22, Pleasanton Senior Center, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Live entertainment by South County Band playing classic country, line dancing, couples dancing, great food. \$8. Tickets at the VIP travel desk, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Information, 931-5370. Deadline to purchase tickets is June 18.

Pleasanton Senior VIP Club, trips: Fri., June 26, Flowers and wine - Plymouth-Clement includes flowers, wine tasting and lunch, \$71 members, \$73 nonmembers. July 8, Carmel & 17-mile drive, \$44 members, \$46 nonmembers. July 3-5, July 4th in Reno-Sparks, includes fireworks, casino package, etc. \$237 double, \$355 single, \$3 additional for nonmember. Information, Travel desk, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, 931-5370.

NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource & Support Group, meets June 16, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pathways To Wellness 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #116, Pleasanton. A support group for parents of children diagnosed with, or suspected of having, bipolar or other mood disorders. Contact: Suzi Gloriosio, (925) 443-1797, or e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

NAMI Tri-Valley Family Support Group, Livermore, meets June 8, 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. A support group for family/caregivers of adults with mental illness. Contact: Marsha McInnis, (925) 980-5331, or e-mail: marsha@nami-trivalley.org

NAMI Tri-Valley Family Support Group, Pleasanton, June 15, 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #116, Pleasanton. A support group for family/caregivers of adults with mental illness. Contact: Marsha McInnis, phone: 980-5331, or e-mail: marsha@nami-trivalley.org

San Ramon Valley Newcomers Club, luncheon June 18, 11:30 p.m. at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Spencer Christian, the TV personality, will be the guest speaker. Contact Paula at 735-6483.

Essential Tremor, East Bay Essential Tremor Support Group meets 10 a.m. to noon the third Saturday of each month in Blackhawk A&B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Those recently diagnosed with ET or wanting to learn more about the most common movement disorder, welcome to attend. Information, call 487-5706 or email galexplor@comcast.net.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help support group for people with difficulty discarding

unwanted possessions. Meetings in Room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton.

Livermore High School 1971-74 Reunion, Aug. 8, Rod and Gun Club in Livermore, no host bar, buffet dinner. Tickets \$45, couples \$85. Information Mike Lutz, 988-8655, Jeff Hannon, 209-243-2712; Phil Martin, 650-454-6218; Shauna Pope, 456-0576. email LHS71-74reunion@hotmail.com.

Tri-Valley Seniors: Need a ride to your medical appointment? Seniors who require door-to-door service are now eligible for a ride to their medical appointments. Volunteers use their personal vehicles to drive seniors to and from medical appointments. Seniors must be 60 and over, living in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton or Sunol, and unable to find a ride (relative, friend, bus, paratransit.) For a ride, or to volunteer, contact Jennifer Cullen at (925) 931-5387 or ja.cullen@yahoo.com. Funding for the Senior Transportation Program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority and Measure B Funds.

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical appointments. The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle and carry personal automobile liability insurance. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: ja.cullen@yahoo.com

Rabbit Adoption and Education, sponsored by Dublin Tri-Valley SPCA, House Rabbit Society, Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary, and Martinez Rabbit Rescue, held at the Dublin Tri-Valley SPCA, 4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin on the 1st Saturday of each month, 11am - 4pm. Meet abused or abandoned bunnies who are looking for new homes; get answers to all your rabbit care questions; find out if a rabbit is the right companion for you; bring your bunny in for a date; buy toys and treats for your critters; or just come play with the bunnies! For information, go to www.eastbayspca.org/events or contact Karen Johanson at kjohanson@menke.com or 510-727-1589.

RELIGION
Dealing with grief, support group for those who have lost a loved one. Sessions Thursdays to June 4, 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Preregistration is required. Space is limited. A \$15 donation is requested. Meetings open

to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Mary, 846-5377 with questions.

Trinity Baptist Church of Livermore is celebrating its 57th anniversary on Sunday, June 7th at 557 Olivina Avenue. Everyone is invited for 'picnic on the grounds', volleyball, a carnival with children's games and a chance to "dunk" the pastor Dr. Jim Meek.

Business Men's Fellowship, local chapter meets Sat., June 6, 8 a.m. at the Pleasanton Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Blvd., Pleasanton. Jim Crowley will be the guest speaker. Information by email at nsc@bm-fuse.com.

Community Invited to Help Out at Food Packing Event

Community members are invited to participate in a community food packing event on June 3, 4 and 5th. Volunteers will pack a specially designed food mix that will then be shipped to children in 60 countries in the developing world. The event is being sponsored through a partnership between CrossWinds Church in Dublin, and Minnesota based Feed My Starving Children (FMSC).

Packing sessions will take place at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin, at the following times Wednesday, May 3rd - 7 to 9 pm; Thursday, May 4th - 5 to 7pm and 7:30 to 9:30 pm; Friday, May 5 - 5 to 7pm and 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Volunteers can register by going to www.crosswindschurch.org and follow the FMSC link. Questions can be sent to www.fmsc@crosswindschurch.org. Additional information about FMSC is available at www.fmsc.org.

Concert to Provide Evening of Healing

"God's Embrace: An evening of healing through music and prayer for those affected by cancer," will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. All are welcome to attend. There is no charge.

Mary Ruth Cross and Ira Stein of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry invite anyone in the community who has been affected by cancer to experience God's tremendous healing and love through an evening of prayer, original music and connection with others who have been affected by cancer.

Participants are invited to share stories, sing and pray together. For more information, contact Mary Ruth Cross at (925) 895-4670 or jmscross@sbcglobal.net.

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