



The Vintage Brass Quintet will perform a Father's Day concert at the Pleasanton Library on June 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. The Vintage Brass Quintet is a group of local musicians who have enjoyed playing together more than ten years. Library programs are free and open to everyone. No registration required. The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is sponsoring the program: Call Penny Johnson at 925.931-3405 for information.

Variety of Events Over Dad's Day Weekend

Dad's day weekend offers a wide variety of activities from bronc-busting rodeo action to opera in the vineyards.

The 90th annual Livermore Rodeo will be held Sat. and Sun., June 14 and 15 at Robertson Park Stadium. The action begins at 2 p.m. each day.

The weekend begins with the annual parade in downtown Livermore. The annual event is Sat., June 14 starting at 10 a.m. The parade route is down Second Street.

Special guests in the parade and at the Rodeo both days is 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Horse Detachment, also known as the Black Horse Regiment. This is an active duty Army unit stationed at Fort Irwin, California. They are a horse mounted group who perform Cavalry skills. Their primary mission is to train thousands of Soldiers per year prior to deployment to foreign soil.

Gates open at Robertson Park Stadium at 10 a.m. The featured act is the Riata Ranch Cowboy

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Alameda County to Close \$72 Million Budget Shortfall

State and federal budget woes have cut Alameda County projected revenue to the point where the county has been forced to close a \$72 million funding gap in its budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1.

County Administrator Susan Muranishi said the necessary reductions of \$72 million in the proposed \$2.4 billion balanced budget could be offset by such methods as raising user fees, or using "one-time strategies."

Chris Gray, staff aide to Supervisor Scott Haggerty, explained that such one-time strategies usually involve borrowing from reserves, or selling surplus property. Department heads are also encouraged to put any leftover money from the current year budget into the next year's budget to help offset the revenue shortfall.

The hard-pressed budget is the 16th consecutive that has required stringent strategies to make it balance. The state first shorted counties and cities in 1992, when it pulled money from local government to make up for its shortfall after having to fund education.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty of Dublin said, "The good news is that community based organizations and programs we deal with at the county have not been cut. The bad news is that because of the state's inability to balance its budget, it will be on the backs of local government. We can't expand projects, either." He cited the Valley community health services non profit, AXIS, as an example of programs retained, but not expanded. AXIS will receive its normal budget, and a cost of living adjustment.

"We'll do what we can to deliver services in the Tri-Valley and the county," said Haggerty. He noted that Measure A, which helps fund Valley health projects

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Winner Not Decided In 15th AD Republican Race

With thousands of ballots remaining to be counted and reported in four counties that make up the 15th Assembly District, the Republican winner has not been decided. The race is between San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson and retired businessman Robert Rao of Livermore.

Wilson had a lead of 449 votes over Rao on election night. However, that shrank to 134 votes as of late Tuesday afternoon.

The unofficial tally on the Secretary of State's web page showed Wilson with 10,027 votes and Rao with 9893. However, not all provisional ballots

from election day or absentee ballots have been counted in the four counties making up the district.

While not all the ballots pertain to the 15th district, there apparently are enough not counted, as of the Independent's deadline on Tuesday, to make it unclear that Wilson could be considered the winner.

In fact, if history is any indication, the lead could switch hands producing a different final result. It happened twice in the same area in November 1996. Democratic Walnut Creek mayor Gail Murray was ahead on elec-

tion night in a contest for the same Assembly seat now being contended by Rao and Wilson. However, continued counting of provisional ballots made Republican Lynne Leach the winner.

Also in the Interstate 680 corridor in 1996, Republican Rep. Bill Baker of Danville led on election night, but lost eventually to Democratic Rep. Ellen Tauscher, who still holds the seat.

The key to determining the outcome will be thousands of votes still to be counted in Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento and San Joaquin counties, portions of which make up the

15th AD.

In Alameda County, an estimate 6500 provisional ballots remain to be counted. The elections department has not reported the number of absentee ballots, which are listed as "vote by mail" ballots, to the secretary of state's office, said a spokeswoman in the Sacramento office. Calls to the Alameda County elections department to learn more were not returned.

Most of the other ballots not counted yet are absentees, though a small percentage are provisionals.

Usually provisionals are used

by people who can't remember their precinct, but are able to vote. The ballot is counted after their residency is validated.

In Contra Costa, 24,775 ballots remained to be counted Tuesday night. There were 32,650 ballots to be counted in Sacramento County, and 9805 in San Joaquin County.

Trailing Wilson and Rao were Judy Lloyd with 7,778 votes and Livermore optometrist Scott Kamena at 6055 votes. Kamena finished first in Alameda County. However, its population is only 18 percent of the district. Contra

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Nile Godfrey with Sue, a fledgling hawk he rescued.

Saving Time and Baby Hawks at Classical Clocks and Antiques

By Patricia Koning

Birds are creatures of habit. Fly south for the winter, return home in the spring and nest in the same spot. Injured hawks seem to be making a habit of turning to Nile Godfrey and his Classical Clocks and Antiques store on Stanley Boulevard for respite.

About a year ago, Godfrey found an injured baby hawk in front of his store. He brought the bird inside and fed it some fruit. The bird, which the son of one of Godfrey's customers named Eddie, lived happily inside the shop, following the workers inside and outside.

When Godfrey brought Eddie to a veterinarian to be sure his injuries had healed, he learned that hawks are protected by State and Federal law. Eddie was turned over to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek for rehabilitation and eventually re-

leased to his natural habitat.

So when early last week another injured baby hawk appeared outside of Classical Clocks and Antiques, Godfrey knew just what to do. He brought the bird inside, named her Sue, gave her some fruit to eat, and called the California Department of Fish and Game.

"She's made friends with everyone who has come into the shop," said Godfrey.

Jessica Jacobsen of the Department of Fish and Game answered the call to help Sue. Last Friday she brought the bird to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum, where she will be cared for until she matures and then released into the wild.

"She's a healthy bird, but a fledgling so she's not old enough to live on her own yet," said Jacobsen.

Godfrey has observed hawks

nesting in the high rafters of the shopping center since he opened his store on Stanley eight years ago. This year a renovation project of the shopping center exterior almost came to a halt because of the hawks—due to their protected status, their nest could not be moved or disrupted.

Instead, the construction moved to the other end of the shopping center, near Trader Joe's. By the time that side is complete, the birds will likely have left their nest for the season. Finding nests in shopping centers and other urban areas is becoming more common, said Jacobsen.

"Hawks and birds are losing their normal nesting areas, so they are finding places to nest wherever they can," she added.

The Department of Fish and Game receives regular calls to

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Agencies, Lawmakers Respond To Water Conservation Need

With water conservation emerging as an important topic for the future of the state's growth and environment, officials are acting or considering actions to help conserve water in Livermore, the Tri-Valley and the state.

One such step is the announcement by California Water Service that it will begin implementing a sophisticated tier rate system. The system will reward conservation of water in the summer by imposing a higher fee at that time. To balance off the increase, there will be a lower fee in the winter, when consumers typically use less water.

Winter rates would go down about 3.55 percent, or \$1.11 on the monthly bill for typical residential customers. In summer, the average would see a monthly increase of 1.99 percent, or \$1.35, said Cal Water general manager John Freeman.

The retailer serves about 54,000 people in Livermore; the municipal water service sells to the remainder of the city's population.

Freeman said that the state PUC has encouraged this kind

of pricing to promote conservation by customers who have been consuming more than the average level. Freeman added that there would be a bigger water rate change when the PUC issues a decision on the firm's pending general rate case. That boost could happen around July 1, the date when the conservation rate schedule will go into effect.

The rate increase is not related to water conservation, but to Cal Water's growing cost. Cal Water applied to the PUC for the overall rate increase in July 2007. "We don't know the amount or timing of the 2007 general rate case decision. We will let our customers know as soon as we do," said Freeman.

With a second summer of drought statewide, as noted by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in an official declaration last week, Zone 7 has urged Valley water customers to voluntarily conserve water, as they did last summer.

It's especially important in the summer to save water, because it is the peak demand time for watering landscaping and filling

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Pleasanton to Look Closely At Plans for Senior Housing

Planning for the future of the Kottinger Place senior housing site in Pleasanton will move forward despite concerns expressed by the city council last week.

A task force has spent the last three years trying to come up with a plan for the site. Their concept plan calls for 150 units including two and three story buildings. Fifty units are currently located on the site. It is owned and operated by the city.

Concerns on the part of the council had to do with density, the height of buildings, and the affordability of the new units.

Staff convinced the council that some of their concerns would be answered through further study, including a pro forma financial analysis. The council asked for a variety of project sizes to be studied. They range from the task force's concept plan

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Survey Finds Strong Support For School Parcel Tax Renewal

By Patricia Koning

Four years ago, the passage of a \$3 million parcel tax revitalized the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, providing steady funding for crucial programs such as class size reduction, high school guidance counseling, libraries, foreign language, and music. A recent study conducted by Godbe Research indicates that a renewal of the parcel tax on the November ballot has widespread community support.

A total of 77% of voters surveyed indicated they were likely to vote yes on a 5-year renewal of the current parcel tax with an annual \$18 increase; 49% of those respondents said they were definite yes votes. The total support for a straight renewal with no inflation increase was lower, at 67%.

"This is really good news," said Bonnie Moss of Tramutola Company. "You've got a five point gain in the definite 'yes' vote over the survey results four years ago. I think you are in a

much better position to win this time."

Tramutola is an Oakland-based political consulting firm that the District employed for assistance with the successful 2004 parcel tax campaign. That measure, for \$120 per parcel, passed with 71.6% voter approval. A parcel tax must be approved by two-thirds (or 66.66%) of voters to pass.

The survey also tested different durations of the parcel tax renewal. A 7-year renewal received 69% support, 10 years received 67%, and a renewal that would never expire had the support of 49% of those surveyed.

The survey was conducted through telephone interviews from April 29 through May 1. A total of 500 people were surveyed. Out of that group, 300 are likely to vote in March or June of 2009. The margin of error was 4.4% for the overall sample, with a margin of 5.6% for likely March/June 2009 voters. There are 35,941 people in the District

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The historic Duarte Garage played host to cars that were around when the garage first began servicing cars. On Sunday June 8th antique race cars of another era made a stop in Livermore. The Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club sponsored an "Antique Race Car and Speedster" timed race from Santa Clara to Livermore by way of Mt. Hamilton. Livermore was the halfway point for the drivers lunch break and pit stop at the 1915 Duarte Garage on the old Lincoln Highway. This was the 39th annual 200 mile Endurance Run. Many of the drivers were decked out in period costumes. The streets in Livermore along Pine and L Streets were lined with approximately 50 pre-1927 race cars and 50 or so antique cars from 1940 or older. The cars were scheduled to return to Santa Clara by 3 pm for awards ceremonies. Asked what kind of mileage the cars got, the answer was "lousy." The photo was taken by Richard Finn.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Miss Maggie is a 9 year old tabby cat who loves a good nap. She is a bit of a lazy girl, preferring to hang out on the sofa to exercising (who can't relate to that?) She needs a quiet home where she can concentrate on her snoozing. To visit with Maggie in Kitty City, visit Valley Humane Society at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit the web site at www.valleyhumane.org or call 925.426.8656 for more details.

SHORT NOTES

Relay for Life Volunteers

The Livermore Relay For Life, scheduled for Saturday June 21, is looking for teen and adult volunteers to help with all aspects of this great event. This is a huge fund-raiser for American Cancer Society, and at the same time it's a real Livermore happening, with music, food, kids camp, contests, auctions, ceremonies and more.

The event starts at 9am and continues for 24 straight hours. It is held on the track at Livermore High School. Volunteers are needed throughout the event, but particularly on Friday June 20 from about 3-7pm to pick up supplies from storage, deliver them to the school, and help set up the event, and again on Sunday morning from 9am till about 1pm to tear down the event and deliver things back to storage.

Anyone who can help, or has questions, please contact Jacky at 925-455-0542. For additional information about the event see www.LivermoreRFL.com.

Nature Program

Where the Deer Are is the topic of a nature program offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District rangers staff on Sat., June 14. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 7 p.m. at the nature area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

The public is invited to join the deer at their favorite hangout, the Nature Area of Sycamore Grove. Participants will learn a little about these beautiful browsers and take a short walk (about one mile) in search of deer and other creatures of the evening.

A \$2 donation is requested to support the programs, along with a \$3 parking fee at Sycamore Grove and Veterans parks. For more information, call the LARPD Ranger Office at 925-960-2400.

Turn-in Medications

To help prevent groundwater contamination, a local business owner has sponsored a free prescription "take back" event in which residents can properly dispose of unwanted medications. Thomas Petty is coordinating this with a community blood drive so people can help the environment and patients in the Bay Area at the same time.

Petty, an Internet Consultant and search engine expert with WSI (www.wsisolutions.com), felt that he needed to do something about it. In a recent conversation with Rick Vasquez from Integrated Waste Control, a biohazardous waste disposal company in Hayward, he realized that combining a medicine take-back program with his bi-monthly community blood drives, would give people the opportunity to help the environment and help those in need at a double event.

At the drop-off point, The Teleosis Institute (www.teleosis.org) will be collecting all non-narcotic prescriptions, all-over-the-counter medications, vitamins, supplements, pet medications, and mercury thermometers. Everything will be cataloged, logged and taken to a proper bio-hazardous waste disposal facility, where it will be incinerated.

The "take back" will be held Friday, June 13, 1 to 7 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444

East Avenue, Livermore. There is no charge. To make an appointment for the blood drive, call 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543) or go to www.GiveLife.org and enter 94550, the zip code for Livermore.

History Talk

Barry Schrader is back in Livermore for a visit. He will be the guest speaker for the Livermore Heritage Guild's History Lecture series on Wed., June 18.

The topic will be about the "The Lincoln Highway - DeKalb, IL. to Livermore, CA."

Barry a longtime former Livermore returns for Rodeo Week, the Alameda County Fair and to present the June History Talk. Barry was a founding member of the Livermore Heritage Guild, as well as a member of Friends of the Vineyards, Rotary and on the Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board. He also worked for the Livermore Herald, Sandia Corp. and Lawrence Livermore National Lab.

The History Lecture will be at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Doors open at 7 pm, talk at 7:30 pm. Come early for refreshments and chitchat. A \$2 donation is suggested. For more information call 443-9740.

Tiger Salamander

The Conservation Partnership (Alameda County Resource Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service) is inviting ranchers and local residents to attend a workshop on California Tiger Salamanders.

The workshop will be held at the Martinielli Center, 3585 Greenville Road in Livermore by Pete Trenham, PhD on June 17, 8:00am - 12:30PM.

This is a great opportunity to learn about California Tiger Salamanders from an expert, in a non-regulatory setting.

The workshop will cover the biology and management of these salamanders and give participants a sense of why Alameda County's ranches and stock ponds are such good habitat. This is also a great workshop for those interested in repairing a stock pond, learning about conservation easements, or just learning more about some of the wildlife on a property.

The morning will start with a short talk by Pete Trenham and then a field trip to look at salamanders and a stock pond managed for cattle and salamanders. The field trip will give participants a chance for one-on-one questions with Trenham, a California Tiger Salamander expert, and Conservation Partnership staff.

Please RSVP by e-mailing or calling Peggy Kiefer at peggy.kiefer@acrdd.org or 925-371-0154, ext. 122. You can also register on our website www.acrdd.org.

Irrigation Strategies

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and the Tri-Valley Conservancy will host the next meeting of the Quest for Excellence Program on Tuesday, June 24. This will be an interactive panel discussion regarding *Irrigation Strategies & Fruit/Wine Quality* led by regional leaders in the wine industry. In conclusion, a break-

out session is available for one-on-one discussions with the panelist.

The purpose of the Quest for Excellence series is to assure the highest quality winegrapes and wines are produced by Livermore Valley winegrowers and vintners.

Registration is at 5:30 pm, followed by *Chardonnay: Guided Wine Tasting and Discussion*, led by Jim Denham from The Wine Steward.

Please RSVP by June 19th to the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association at (925) 447-WINE (9463). The session will have a participation fee of \$10.

OSHA Training Offered

Registration for Chabot-Las Positas Community College District's new OSHA Training Center courses is now available online at www.OSHA4you.com. Classes begin June 17. Initial offerings include the OSHA Trainer Course for General Industry and the OSHA Trainer Course for Construction.

To meet the critical need for OSHA training in the Northern California Region, these first classes are immediately followed in July by Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Construction and Occupational Safety and Health for General Industry.

Complete details about the OSHA Training Center's course offerings, class registration, and training locations can be found at www.OSHA4you.com, or contact the Training Center by telephone at (866) 936-OSHA.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is the only OSHA Training Institute Education Center in

northern California. The District's OSHA Training Center serves Region IX, which includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa.

For further information, please contact Julia Dozier at (866) 936-OSHA.

Donate Hair

Residents are invited to donate their hair to Locks of Love, a nonprofit charity that makes custom wigs for children who suffer from long-term medical hair loss.

Shear Creations, 949 Bluebell Dr., Livermore, will host a donation event on Mon., June 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hair must be 10 inches or longer, cannot be chemically damaged or bleached (died or permed hair okay); curly hair can be pulled straight to measure 10 inches; hair 7 to 10 inches can be donated. However, it will be sold by Locks of Love to offset the production costs.

Paige Miller is organizing this event. She can be reached at paigum@gmail.com.

Adult Education

Livermore Adult Education is looking for instructors for the fall in the following areas: Art classes - water soluble oils, charcoal, collage, colored pencil, abstract art; dance - jazz, hip-hop, country, ballroom; Tai-Chi, eBay buying and selling, digital movie making, art history.

Other ideas are welcome. Teachers need not have a credential. Please call 925-606-4722 for additional information.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Members of the Livermore Police Department took part last week in the law enforcement torch run in support of the Special Olympics. The torch ended up in Berkeley, where the games were held over the weekend.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

BART Extension EIR

A scoping meeting to take input on what should be studied in an environmental impact report regarding BART to Livermore will be held Wed., June 18.

The session will be from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

There are three alternatives that will be considered in the EIR: using the I-580 median to extend BART to Greenville Road, using the I-580 median to extend BART to Isabel Avenue and Stanley Blvd./Isabel; or following the I-580 median to El Charro Road then extending BART along El Charro to Stanley/Isabel intersection.

The EIR will determine the potential environmental impacts and trade-offs associated with the different routes. The goal is to narrow the range of feasible alternatives. The EIR would also allow BART to begin the process of protecting right-of-way for a future extension to Livermore.

For additional information, contact BART at 510-464-6151 or info@bartollivermore.org.

Congress At Your Corner

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced that the next installment of Congress at Your Corner will be held on Saturday, June 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Richert Lumber in Pleasanton.

Congress at Your Corner is part of an effort to reach out to residents of California's 11th District.

Throughout the year, Rep. McNerney will schedule public appearances as a part of the Congress at Your Corner program, at community hot spots like grocery stores and shopping centers. Rep. McNerney and his staff will be on hand to discuss issues on residents' minds, listen to their opinions, and aid them in finding solutions to any difficulties they may encounter in dealing with federal agencies.

Richert Lumber Co. is located at 5505 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

For more information about the Congress at Your Corner, contact Rep. McNerney's Pleasanton office at 925-737-0727.

School Board Election Workshop

Two members of the Livermore School Board of Trustees will also be elected in November. The Board of Trustees is the policy making body of the Livermore School District. Its responsibilities include hiring the superintendent, approving curriculum and the budget, and negotiating contracts with the bargaining units in the District. The five trustees serve staggered

four-year terms.

The District will hold an informational workshop to answer questions about being a board member as well as about the election process on June 17, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room at 685 E. Jack London Blvd. Topics will include the duties of trustees, meetings, time lines for candidates, and the California Fair Political Practices Commission rules.

For further information, please contact the Superintendent's office at 925-606-3281. Reservations are not needed but we can have plenty of handouts if you let us know you are coming.

Irrigation Problem

Due to a malfunction of the master irrigation valve at Summit Park, the turf is showing signs of stress and will be yellowing somewhat as a result. Staff members of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District have already fixed the problem, bringing irrigation back to normal operation. Visitors to Summit Park, located at 6332 Tioga Pass Court, may notice the results of the malfunction.

Parks staff will be aerating the turf and giving it a healthy dose of water in order to bring it back to a green color as fast as possible. The District is also looking at some long-term fixes to prevent this particular problem in the future. For more information, call the LARPD Maintenance Service Center at 925-960-2440.

Greening Information

Small businesses can now "green" their operations at no cost with the award-winning "Greening Advisor," an easy web-based tool developed by Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), one of the nations largest and most influential environmental organizations.

"The Greening Advisor is a free and easily accessible resource that points the way towards cost savings and environmental responsibility," said Frances Beinecke, president of NRDC.

The on-line resource, used successfully by American cultural icons including Major League Baseball (MLB), the GRAMMYS, National Basketball Association and other organizations, is available at www.nrdc.org/greeningadvisor.

For a business to "green" itself means it reviews its operations and supply chains to reduce environmental impacts. The NRDC Greening Advisor takes a localized approach to greening, enabling users to find nearby vendors for everything from organic produce to environmentally-friendly building products. It also helps businesses navigate their way through every conceivable aspect of the greening process.

Foundation Gives \$25,000 to Learning Center

The innovative student learning center at Las Positas College will be bolstered next year by a \$25,000 grant from the Las Positas College Foundation.

Foundation directors approved the \$25,000 grant in late May as part of a package of awards totaling \$46,060.

Jeff Manchester, who leads the foundation's grant review committee, stated, "The committee believes that the student learning center is one of the true gems on campus and is capable of making a significant impact on our students' academic success. As it serves all of the students, the Board was pleased to make this our largest grant to date."

The \$25,000 award follows the \$20,000 investment last December in the college's veterans' program. The entire grants program was bolstered significantly by gifts totaling \$100,000 at the foundation's annual Best of the Best fundraiser earlier in May.

"The generosity of the community and its recognition of the importance of Las Positas College was reflected in the very successful Best of the Best," said

Foundation CEO Ted Kaye.

The Integrated Learning Center offers students assistance from faculty members in a variety of disciplines. It was recognized last fall by the Campaign for College Opportunity as one of 15 programs across the state that represented best practices. Two other Las Positas programs were also singled out.

It's very popular among students with 3,420 signing in and spending more than 38,000 hours there in the spring semester of 2007.

Las Positas President DeRionne Pollard stated, "This faculty-driven initiative demonstrates the power of one-on-one instruction between student and teacher that is a hallmark of a quality community college."

"It's particularly significant when this instruction is applied in the foundational courses. This type of tutoring by faculty is a significant investment and this grant will ensure we can continue to offer this service while exploring ways to do so more efficiently and with additional funding sources," Pollard concluded.

Several dynamics lead to the success of the learning center. The first is a student-driven approach to learning where the faculty members work directly with students on a lab hour attached to a math, English or English as a Second Language course.

The second is the interdisciplinary learning that takes place in the center. Students are aware of a "hub" of academic activity going on around them and they can feel comfortable asking questions at any time.

Lastly, faculty members also are learning at the same time. They learn more about the other disciplines and can see different teaching techniques at work.

The other foundation spring grants are as follows: \$1,800 to the counseling department for interns; \$4,000 for an early music concert series; \$3,600 for sheet music; \$3,660 for computer information systems equipment and \$8,000 for stipends for speakers for the Campus Change Network.

For information about the Foundation, please contact CEO Ted Kaye at (925) 424-1010 or tkaye@laspositascollege.edu.



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EDITORIAL

Rodeo At 90

This is Rodeo Week in Livermore, with events every day from Wednesday on.

The schedule includes qualifying competition tomorrow followed by the rodeo itself Saturday and Sunday. This evening at 5, at the Robertson Park Rodeo Arena, there will be a family night, with \$1 hotdogs and drinks and opportunities to talk to the cowboys and cowgirls.

In its 90th year, the Livermore Rodeo is known by its motto, "World's Fastest Rodeo," which speaks to the speed with which the events are run (no long pauses in the action).

However, the Livermore Rodeo isn't just fast. Its overall quality is high and Livermore is a genuine major league sporting event. Year after year Livermore ranks as one of the best two-day rodeos in the country.

There's a reason why the Livermore Rodeo is such a quality rodeo. The event is sustained by the ranching way of life it celebrates, a way of life that continues to play a relevant role within the community, despite predictions of doom. Though few in the Livermore Valley can make a full-time living at ranching today, there's still a lot of activity going on, from livestock to horses. Livermore is fortunate to be a place where real cowboys and cowgirls still exist.

Livermore Rodeo, may you last another 90.

ELECTION

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Costa has 62 percent of the population, and San Joaquin and Sacramento counties split the remaining 20 percent.

San Ramon Valley school board member Joan Buchanan easily outdistanced her opponent, economist Ted Ford, 67 percent to 33 percent, to win the Democratic nomination in the 15th Assembly District.

In the nonpartisan eight-candidate race for three positions on the Zone 7 Water Agency the winners were former board member Sandy Figuers, former agency general manager Dale Myers, and one-term incumbent Dick Quigley.

In the Democratic race to succeed incumbent Democrat Don Perata in the 9th Senate District, which includes Livermore and Dublin, Assemblywoman Loni Hancock of Berkeley beat former Assemblywoman Wilma Chan of Oakland by 57 percent to 43 percent.

Hancock said she won because a majority of Democrats agreed with her stands on the issues. "I'm looking forward to serving people in the Tri-Valley area. They were generous with information, help and support. I enjoyed working with them," said Hancock. She singled out the Friends of Livermore endorsement as an example.

The 9th Senate District registration is overwhelmingly Democratic. Winning the nomination is considered by many to be tantamount to winning in November. Republican Claudia Bermudez had 14,597 votes to the 99,732 combined total votes for Chan and Hancock.

Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi won 84 percent of the vote against Jason Termaoto, a former aide to Rep. Pete Stark, in the heavily Democratic 18th Assembly District, which includes Pleasanton.

WILSON, RAO UP IN AIR ON RESULT

Wilson said early this week, "it looks well" for him in the ongoing vote tally. However, he doesn't know whether his lead will hold up.

He felt that his strong showing was based on his "reputation, not only in this community (San Ramon), but in others. People would talk to their friends and others. I had a record. I have been on the council for 10 years, and mayor for the past six years."

Assuming he is the victor in the Republican primary, Wilson said the November election "won't be tougher" than the primary. "I think a majority will look at the individual. I've been nonpartisan. I won not as a Republican, but as non-partisan, as a mayor. I expect help (not just from Republicans, but) from people who believe I'm the best person for the position."

Rao said that he was watching the continuing announcements of the results, which are on the secretary of state's web page. Asked if he thought he'd overtake Wilson, Rao said, "I don't know. Three years ago, I was running a business. This is all new to me."

Rao, a retired businessman who outspent each of the other three candidates, said that his polling had him ahead in the race by 6 percent one week before the election. However, he felt that several 11th hour hit pieces cut into that lead. He said the mailers unfairly portrayed his past. He

had little or no chance to respond to the accusations. Rao credited his organization for giving him a strong campaign.

Kamena sent a two-page e-mail letter to his supporters thanking them for their work, and giving his analysis of the election results. He observed that Wilson ran no better than third in three counties, but in populous Contra Costa he was first.

Kamena said that his own cable TV advertising campaign appeared to be ineffective. "I could have spent the money better on mail." Kamena said that Wilson didn't seem to have much activity on his behalf, with no TV advertising, few mailers, and no door-to-door grass-roots campaign, unlike Kamena's effort, with 100 volunteers.

Nevertheless, Kamena is a friend of Wilson, and has pledged to support him in the November election.

DEMOCRATS OPTIMISTIC ON NOVEMBER

Democrats in the 15th AD are buoyed concerning their November prospects by a slight advantage in voter registration, with 18,824 Democrats and 18,277 Republicans pit for a total of 49,244. Most of the remainder are non-partisan, with only 1,196 in the American Independent party and 268 in the Green party. However, the slight voter edge for Democrats might not be enough to underwrite a Democratic win. Professional analysts have said that more Democrats cross party lines in general elections than Republicans do. Further, Republican turnout in elections tends to be at least 2 or 3 percent higher.

Buchanan said that the rules of the past about turnout and party-line crossing may not apply this year, with the big surge of interest in Democratic candidates. "We are seeing a tremendous change. Democrats will vote this year. This is the last Republican seat in the Bay Area. Democrats will fight hard to win. Republicans will fight hard to defend it. I think it will be spirited," said Buchanan.

Although the Republican vote total in the 15th AD had the GOP aggregate "winning" with 52 percent to 48 percent for the Democrats, Buchanan said she thinks that will change in November. "This was the first time we had three elections in one year. The primary had probably the lowest turnout for a primary in the state. In November, we'll probably have the highest in history, with 80 percent predicted," she predicted.

VOTERS PICKED WATER PEOPLE FOR ZONE 7

Sandy Figuers, a geo-hydrologist who served 12 years on the Zone 7 board, ending in 2000, finished first in the Zone 7 race with 14,849 votes, or almost 26 percent of the vote in the unofficial tally on Tuesday. He did not seek endorsements, but he was endorsed by the Zone 7 employees organization, which also endorsed Quigley and Chris Moore, who finished fourth. Figuers declined to be interviewed.

Dale Myers, former Zone 7 general manager who retired from the agency last year, finished second, with a vote tally of 13,213, or almost 23 percent. In his analysis of the vote, he said that the voters apparently like having people who know about water, or have some field that's related to the delivery of the water busi-

Design Review, Planning Won't Be Combined - for Now

For the time being, the Livermore Design Review Committee and Planning Commission will remain as they are.

Currently, Design Review looks at architecture, landscape, and other design details. The Commission generally focuses on land use.

The decision to combine the two, placing all review functions under the Planning Commission, was delayed by the city council on Monday. The vote was 2 to 2. Marj Leider and Doug Horner, who served on both, were the "no" votes. The motion had been to combine the two, then work out the delays as to how the new entity would function.

Staff will assemble a subcommittee comprised of representatives of the Design Review Committee, Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Livermore Downtown, Inc. and the city council to take part in a workshop to discuss how a consolidation of the two review processes could be achieved.

Leider said that she opposed consolidating the two bodies now, because she wanted to see the details first.

Horner felt that the current set-up provided the best review process for the city. He was concerned that the detail of design review would be lost. He suggested rather than try to revamp

the process, the city could make the process function better. Members of each should receive better training as to what their charges are, stated Horner.

Both Leider and Horner wanted all buildings proposed in the downtown to go through design review. Currently, there is an only administrative review. The council earlier decided that guidelines were in place to assure well designed developments.

Councilmember Jeff Williams had proposed combining the two review bodies. He was serving on Design Review when elected to the council. Williams said that many of the changes suggested by Design Review had been overturned by the Planning Commission. "My feeling is that combining the functions would ul-

timately be more effective in making sure design recommendations are carried through," explained Williams.

The consolidation could also help speed up the review process by streamlining it.

Leider pointed out that in Pleasanton, the Planning Commission reviews both land use and design aspects of a project. There has been no decrease in the time for the review. Instead of covering a project in one meeting, it now takes two, said Leider.

City Senior Planner Scott Lee summarized how the two could be combined. The current eight members of Design Review would be appointed to the Planning Commission, which consists now of five members. Through attrition, the number of members on the consolidated commission

would be reduced to five by July 2014.

The council suggested that the final number should be seven.

Lee noted that under the proposed consolidation, requests for modifications or removal of historic structures would be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Committee. Design review of individual signs for existing development would be reviewed by staff.

Members of the public speaking at the hearing suggested that it may be difficult to find people with design expertise to serve on the Planning Commission, because it would take more of their time. As a result, that skill set could be missing in review of future projects, echoing Horner's concern that projects would not look as good.

WATER

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backyard swimming pools. Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig urged customers to reduce use by at least 10 percent. "If each home could save just 35 gallons a day, we could stretch our resources a bit further."

Such things as taking shorter showers and watering lawns less frequently can incrementally make a difference. The average family of three in the Valley uses about 350 to 450 gallons of water per day, depending on the time of year, weather conditions, and location.

Included in Zone 7's tips for water conservation are mulching around trees and plants, which can save 36 gallons, using a bucket instead of a hose to wash two cars can save 38 gallons, and watering a lawn before 7 a.m. can save 15 to 40 gallons.

Test your lawn before watering it. If lawn grass springs up under foot, the lawn doesn't need watering. A pool cover can cut 32 gallons of evaporation. Shortening showers by one to two minutes saves 22 gallons, as does a high-efficiency toilet. Full loads of laundry or dishes saves 18 gallons. Fixing leaky faucets and sprinklers can save 20 gallons.

City of Pleasanton officials have announced support for Zone 7's request for a voluntary 10% reduction in water. A comprehensive list of conservation tips and resources is available for residents and businesses on the City of Pleasanton website at ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/utility/water-conservation.html.

Below-average snowfall in the Sierra for two consecutive years has reduced the region's imported water supplies. The water supply has been further impacted by a court-ordered water pumping restriction that was mandated to preserve the fragile ecosystem of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta.

The average single-family home in Pleasanton uses an annual average of 440 gallons of water per day (gpd). Meeting this voluntary request would mean using 44 gallons of water less per day, a goal that can be achieved with little effort and minor changes.

The City of Pleasanton is also working with the other Tri-Val-

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buildings to just refurbishing the current units.

While the main focus is on Kottlinger Place, nearby Pleasanton Gardens senior housing and the portion of land where Regalia House now stands are part of the conversation. Pleasanton Gardens provides 40 low cost senior homes. It is owned and operated by a nonprofit organization. Regalia House is a small structure that was once used by the Pleasanton Women's Club for meetings. It is owned by the city.

Both Pleasanton Gardens and Kottlinger Place were built in the 1970s and are in need of upgrades and improvements. In addition, maintenance costs are projected to increase. The 90 units provide housing for low and very low income seniors, with rent charged on a percentage of income basis. Some residents pay as little as \$50 a month.

The proposed 150 unit development would make use of the Regalia House site. To replace Regalia House, a city room would be included in the proposed senior complex.

Pleasanton Gardens could play a role in financing whatever happens on Kottlinger Place.

Becky Dennis served on the task force and is also a member of the board that manages Pleasanton Gardens. She suggested Pleasanton Gardens could bring financial feasibility to the redevelopment of Kottlinger Place. The mortgage is paid off on Pleasanton Gardens. In addition, the contract with HUD expires soon. Without the HUD subsidy, Dennis said Pleasanton Gardens won't be able to provide the level of affordability it can now.

"Our property is a very valuable asset. We have the responsibility to manage it for the nonprofit in a way that it was created for. There are many ways the asset could be used to support low income senior housing," Dennis said that one possibility would be to use the asset to push for more affordable units within a new Kottlinger Place by creating an endowment to pay for them.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman was most concerned about retaining affordability. "I would like to have an understanding before

liver water retailers (the City of Livermore, Cal Water of Livermore, and the Dublin San Ramon Services District) to develop and implement additional regional approaches to water conservation.

Residents who observe malfunctioning irrigation systems or excessive water runoff across sidewalks and onto streets in Pleasanton can call (925) 931-5500 to report the situation.

STATE BILL WOULD PRODUCE WATER WASTERS

Also in water conservation news, a bill in the Legislature would require a cutback in per capita water use by as much as 20 percent in some water districts by 2020. An important aspect of the legislation concerns whether agencies that have worked hard at conserving water would be recognized, at least partially, for what they already have achieved.

That will be taken into consideration, said a Sacramento source who spoke as background. However, there are no specific details on that point yet in the bill. The source said that the bill is not targeted toward agencies that have been working hard on water conservation. Zone 7 has urged many voluntary conservation measures over the years, including such things as purchasing low-flow toilets and faucets.

The source doubted that a conservation-minded district such as Zone 7 should have anything to worry about, compared to many districts in the state that have made little or no effort. It's possible that 150 gallons per person would be the target.

Zone 7's estimate of about 350 to 450 gallons per household would seem to put it into the ballpark in regard to meeting the proposed standard. However, Duerig said, "It depends on how the law is put together. We are at about 150 (gallons) per capita

HOUSING

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we move forward that the new units would have the same type of affordability we now offer. Many seniors live on fixed incomes."

Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian said that one of the goals is to create a development that retains the current rent levels of 90 units. Above that number, units may not be as affordable. "It comes down to how much we receive in grants and loans and how much the city is able to put into the project," explained Bocian.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern did not like the density, or the tall buildings. One hundred and fifty units is extreme for me, McGovern declared. She felt the concept plan had too little green area and too much parking lot.

Several neighbors who spoke expressed similar concerns. John Weir noted, "This would be a significant change to the area, a clear change to the flavor of the neighborhood. We would be looking at big buildings, rather than parkland."

Christian Church Homes was selected by the city to direct the planning and predevelopment study. They would also conduct the financial pro forma analysis. Ken Jones, who represented the group, stated, "The goal is to serve the aspirations and values of the community. It is a question of whether the quality of living of seniors is improved by a more functional, safer place to live that provides better services."

Councilmember Matt Sullivan, commented, "I was a little surprised when I saw the pictures. It is a little larger and more dense than I had expected to see. He wanted to see only two story buildings and reduced density options." He also wondered what would happen to the Pleasanton Gardens site if it were sold. Would it be sold to a private developer, he asked.

He along with Councilmember Jerry Thorne said they didn't want to get locked into something without looking at all the options and hearing a little bit more from the community.

ness. Myers was listed on the ballot as a water resources manager.

Myers said that his ballot designation and his Zone 7 experience helped him to get elected. He said he also likes "to think that people have been paying attention over the last 10 years (about my) running Zone 7, and they were satisfied with what we did. I intend to provide the same kind of leadership as its needed."

Quigley, who finished third with 11,213 votes, or 19 percent of the total, said he won because the "community must have liked what I've done over the first four years. I received a congratulations from Scott Haggerty. He suggested it was a statement from the voters that they approved my work, and wanted more of it."

Asked whether incumbency helped him, Quigley said, "It didn't hurt. It could have helped. I didn't have signs, or a campaign. People said I was foolish. But, I don't owe anyone anything. That feels good. I want only to work for the community at large work in their behalf."

Quigley said that he made no public endorsements. However, when people asked him who to vote for, he said that he knew Moore from his earlier board service, and recommended him, but he did not know Figuers. Quigley said he is looking forward to working with Figuers and Myers.

Moore, who had 7170 votes, or 12 percent, was listed as a deputy police chief on the ballot, a position the Pleasanton resident holds in San Jose. He said that ballot designations in the water field helped to determine the winners. "I didn't see stories (in the two daily papers). Without extensive press coverage, people vote on ballot designation. You had Sandy, an engineer, Dick, an incumbent, and Dale, who ran the agency for years. I felt good about my campaign. Unfortunately, I didn't win. But I did meet a number of elected officials and others, and I got a lot out of that," said Moore.

BUDGET

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has been a very good thing for the county in funding health care services. Measure B, approved by voters for transportation improvements, also has helped move the county forward, while most other places have had to cut projects, said Haggerty.

"We closed a \$72 million gap, but frankly the state is about to hit us with another \$45 million in cuts," said Haggerty. It would be premature to say where the cuts might be, except that the general topics will be health care, social services and public protection, he said.

The first public hearing slated for the new budget will be at 11 a.m. June 16 at the Board of Supervisors chamber in Oakland. Supervisors are expected to approve a final budget by the end of June. However, they won't really know its finality until the governor signs the budget, which rarely occurs by June 30.

HAWK

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rescue injured and displaced wildlife. Jacobsen said her most exciting call was for an alligator loose in Fremont.

It's not surprising that hawks are seeking refuge in Godfrey's shop. Filled with numerous ticking antique clocks, the store has a very soothing atmosphere. "We restore clocks. We make them run again," he said. "About 95% of our work is on antique clocks, although we do have new grandfather clocks available."

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Foundation Has Raised \$1 Million for Charter School

The Choice for Children Education Foundation (CCEF) achieved a major milestone. It donated its one millionth dollar to the Livermore Charter Learning Corporation (LCLC), which operates LVCS.

CCEF is the non-profit foundation formed in 2005 dedicated to raising the essential funds necessary to provide the programs and learning environment for the children of the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS).

Saturday night, at a donor appreciation party at Movida Restaurant in Livermore, Ron Boeder, CCEF Board Chairman, presented a donation of \$152,000 raised by CCEF, which brings the cumulative total to the million dollar mark. Bill Batchelor, LCLC Board President, and Tara Aderman, LVCS Principal, accepted the donation on behalf of LVCS. State assembly member, Guy Houston, whose district includes Livermore, was an honored guest at the party.

"CCEF is dedicated to enhancing public education in Livermore through support of LVCS," said Boeder. "We sincerely thank the donors and all of the volunteers who have helped CCEF to reach this milestone."

"Private support for public schools is more important than ever with the erosion of public education funding in California," said CCEF Board President Karl Scheibner. "This is especially true for public Charter Schools, which receive even less public funding than other public schools. Charter schools do not receive local funding like measure 'D' and measure 'L' funding that regular public schools receive. Nobody understands this

better than LVCS parents, and they've stepped up to the plate with private donations accounting for over half the money raised by CCEF."

CCEF raises money through an annual fundraising drive, a golf tournament at Poppy Ridge, and a gala/auction, as well as through innovative programs, such as a weekly bingo program, GoodSearch, Escrip, and apparel sales. Most recently, CCEF began pursuing various national grants and corporate donations, and in addition to traditional fundraising, CCEF operates a before-and-after-school care program and has been involving local businesses in sponsoring various events.

According to Principal Aderman, "In addition to an amazing community of parents and family members willing to

contribute financially and to volunteer their time, a major part of what sets LVCS apart is a wonderful and caring staff—teachers who are motivated by the opportunity to be creative in their methodologies." She notes that the spirit of peer cooperation and support among the staff at LVCS is unmatched.

When the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District rejected the original petition for the LVCS, one of the reasons cited was that the school's financial plan relied too heavily on donations. At the time organizers of the school predicted that the parent community would meet the expectations, both in terms of fiscal contributions and volunteer time. Parents at the school are asked to donate \$1,000 per student each year as part of the annual fundraising drive.



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Pleasanton Schools Restore Tentative Cuts

Pleasanton school trustees put some programs back into the budget in the coming year. However, they won't make a final decision on the document until their meeting June 25.

Trustees voted 4-0, with Pat Kernan absent from the meeting June 3, to restore a total of \$725,000 in cuts that they tentatively made at an earlier meeting. Included on the list were

coaching stipends, at \$260,000, a special assessment teacher for library services at one-half of a position at \$840,000, and a half-time Spanish reading specialist at \$40,000.

Also restored was a half-time elementary school vice principal at \$59,200, some custodial and clerical help to be determined at \$100,000, and a full-time equivalent for middle school vice

principal at \$136,000. One full-time equivalent counselor costing \$90,000 will bring the Foothill and Amador Valley High school counseling ratios to 396 to 1. Trustees hope to bring that down in the future to 350 to 1, if more money can materialize from the state later this year.

The restoration of coaching stipends took an interesting journey. The board has wanted to

make cuts as far from the classroom as much as possible. Despite earlier pleas by coaches, the board kept them on the cut list. At the last meeting, one speaker made a strong pitch from his personal life for coaches as mentors, who help kids outside the classroom.

Trustees agreed at the meeting June 3 that coaches do give a valuable service beyond sports, and they restored the stipends. Trustee Steve Brozosky said, "Coaches are almost like counselors," in that they can work with young people one on one. "It's a different connection than in the classroom," said Brozosky.

Board members said they were happy with the governor's May revise of the budget showing more school revenue. It means they will have to cut \$2 million less than they previously figured. They can save reserve funds for a potentially tough scenario from the state next year.

After next year's budget, things are expected to improve concerning school aid, said Superintendent John Casey. The economy is expected to be better. Total enrollment in the state is expected to be lower, so there would be more money behind each pupil.

MAILBOX

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The Transition Douglas A. Burruss Livermore Employee at LLNL

I gave you my best years
 Countless hours of effort beyond what was cleared
 We held it together in the time of great tragedy
 We overcame attacks and moved towards national security
 With every great milestone, we shared it all together
 Building a future for our country, one nation under heaven
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 To the Labor Shop
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 Up to the director's office in building 111

We were a family of one, now separated by the transition
 Now as I walk down empty hallways, nothing but graveyards of offices for one square mile around I no longer hear their voices, just a ghost, a memory, a faint distant sound
 I have paid my respects to what was once so bold
 The transition was not the smooth change we expected
 It was nothing we were told
 It was however
 Confusion, pain and heartache
 Something dark, mind numbing and cold
 But even in the midst of such great loss,
 I have a new outlook from this position
 Love your family, friends and all creation
 But never again put your faith in what they call,
 The Transition

Thank You Scott Kamena Livermore

I would like to thank the people of Livermore and Pleasanton for your strong support for me in my bid for the State Assembly last week. The 15th Assembly District is made up of

four counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento and San Joaquin. While I didn't win the election, I got more support here than any other candidate received in any other county. It's a nice feeling knowing that the people who know me came out for me. But I needed stronger support in the other areas of the district and that didn't happen. So let me congratulate the victor in last week's election, Abram Wilson. He ran a good, clean campaign, and was elected for his service to his community and Contra Costa County. I will be there for him in November.

I also want to thank everyone who helped with my campaign. I really felt deeply honored each time someone supported me, whether it was by walking a precinct, making calls, or making a contribution. Everyone's time

and money is very valuable and I know you don't have to give it. So thank you. I feel compelled to mention, in particular, local residents Frank Brandes, Bob Staedel, Scott Walsh, Sblend Sblendorio, Nadine Horner, John Mahoney, the Antrims, Dr. Rob Brandes, Dr. Dave Gibson, Walter Stanley, and the Moncada family. Their efforts went beyond anything I could have anticipated.

I can't forget my mom and dad, Barbara and Marshall, who were there for me whenever they could be. I love you, Dad, and can't wait for you to get better and get back into action. Of course, most of all, I want to thank my wife, Jennifer, and my children, Audrey and Evan, for their patience and support through this time-intensive process. We are going to have a great Summer together!

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SPORTS NOTES

Jr. Olympics Volleyball

The Tri-Valley-based Club V.I.P. boys 16 and under volleyball team has earned a spot in the top "Open" division of the Junior Olympics to be held in Sandy, Utah July 3-6. Seeding has yet to be determined, but this places them within the top 36 Club teams in the United States.

Club V.I.P. is included in the ranks of high-level teams from Puerto Rico, Hawaii and southern California, as well as teams from throughout the country.

They will be participating in tournaments in Sacramento and Los Angeles in preparation for their run for the gold in Utah.

Coach Ron Smith, himself a former Junior Olympic and college standout, has coached these boys for the past three years. "I couldn't be more proud of them. They have worked hard and fought through much adversity to get to this point. They deserve it," he said.

Team members come from many area high schools including Dylan Amiot, A.J. Bicoy and Wesley Gong from Granada in Livermore; Justin Fung from Foothill in Pleasanton; John Buchenauer, Xander El-sayed and Kevin Smith from Amador in Pleasanton; Joshua Ho from Cal in San Ramon; Anthony Chao from Mission in Fremont; and Scott McMahon from El Molino in Forestville.

Boys try-outs for next season will take place August 9. For details see www.clubviponline.com or call Ron Smith at 510-421-1469.

Tumbling and Trampoline

Springtime Tumbling and Trampoline of Livermore competed at the Regional Championships in Phoenix, AZ. Team members brought home four gold medals. "I can't wait to see them perform at the Nationals," says Coach Wilson.

Tumbling: Maya Hauk, age 15+, level 6, 1st, score 54.5; Hailey Schnorr, 15+, level 9, 1st, 56.2 (qualifies for nationals); Bryce Wilson, 15-16, level 10, 2nd, 23.1.

Trampoline: Maya Hauk, age 15+, level 9, 6th, 49.0; Simon Browne, 15+, level 9, 5th, 45.9; Josh Browne, 11-12, level 10, 2nd, 52.5; Bryce Wilson, 15-16, level 10, 4th, 53.8; Hailey Schnorr, 15-16, level 10, 5th, 51.5.

Synchronized Trampoline: Josh Browne and Jake Jacobson, 11-12, level 10, 1st, 74; Bryce Wilson and Kevin Cornell, 15-16, level 10, 1st, 75.1.

Double Mini Trampoline: Maya Hauk, 15+, level 9, 4th, 59.5; Simon Browne, 15+, level 9, 5th, 59.8; Josh Browne, 11-12, level 10, 2nd, 52.5; Bryce Wilson, 15-16, level 10, 4th, 53.4; Hailey Schnorr, 15-16, level 10, 3rd, 62.0.

For more information, please contact us at 925-456-0110

Youth Soccer

The Livermore Fury 95 girls team completed its spring NorCal Premier Soccer season with a 10-1 record and a second place finish. During the championship round, the Fury defeated Sacred Heart (Patterson), MXG Fire (Milpitas), Gryphons Diamond (Belmont) and Delta Extreme (Antioch) before falling to Alliance Diamonds (Union City) in its final match. Against SHU, Allison Pierson, Amanda Fairclough and Sarah Wilkinson each scored goals while Kaitlyn Bulhoes and Alyssa Stevenson had assists in a 3-0 victory.

The Fury scored in the first minute against the MXG Fire when Rebekah Johnson dribbled in from the left side and crossed a ball which Elise Falgout ran down on the right side and fired a hard, high shot into the back of the net. Jenna Hatch led the Fury offense in the second half with several strong runs which finally paid off in the 61st minute when she drilled a shot that deflected off the Fire goalie, hit the top post and was knocked in by a hustling Kaitlyn Bulhoes before the goalie could recover. During the final ten minutes of the match, the Fire offense attacked well but Livermore held on 2-0 as Rylee Landreth made several nice plays, blocking a shot and clearing a ball a few yards in front of the goal. Midfielder Brittany Airbeck played a strong game as she controlled the ball and made several good passes to put Livermore on the attack.

In the next game against the Gryphons, the Fury again scored in the first minute when Morgan Brandt placed a short, high ball over the goalie for a 1-0 lead. Pierson, Falgout and Elise Codrill each scored first half goals and Skyler Kriz directed in an Amanda Fairclough corner to cap a 5-0 win. Erin Vinegarner and Sarah Wilkinson played well on offense with several strong rushes and shots on goal.

Livermore played its best offensive game in a 5-1 win over Delta Extreme. Pierson opened the scoring in the first minute by hitting the right post with a shot and then following up the rebound with a goal into the left corner. Minutes before halftime, Stevenson placed a left cross to the middle which Falgout directed in for a 2-0 lead. The Fury scored a minute into the second half when Hatch and Bulhoes executed a perfect give and go down the right side which resulted in a Hatch goal into the right corner. Eight minutes later, Stevenson set up Falgout again with a cross pass that Falgout just got by the goalie to make it 4-0. After the Extreme scored, the Fury completed its scoring when Codrill sent a high ball that went beyond the Delta goal.

In a hard-fought game against the Alliance, the Fury suffered its only loss. Despite several scoring opportunities and quality shots, the Alliance denied Livermore each time. The Alliance got a break-away goal in the 15th minute and a second goal in the 52nd minute despite outstanding play from Ben McCall and goalies Hatch and Kriz. The Fury also received excellent games from Fairclough, Airbeck and Brandt as Livermore attacked well throughout the game but the Alliance held on for a 2-0 win.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:
Majors - Cardinals 9 Diamondbacks 6.
Top Hitters: Cardinals: Ricky Reeves doubled driving in 3 RBI's and coming in to score a run himself. Zachary Botelho hit 2 perfect bunt singles making it round the bases with his amazing speed to score a run both times. Ryan Dearborn, Ricky Martinez, and Curtis Wigginton each hit singles. Diamondbacks: Logan Van Schaack hit 3 singles with 2 RBI's and 1 run scored; Jason Silva and Jacob Storti had 2 singles and each scored a run. Michael Duterte, Calvin Rasbold, Brian White, and Tanner Cortez all hit singles. Top Pitchers: Cardinals - Ryan Dearborn pitched 5 and 2/3rd innings allowing 9 hits, 5 runs, with 5 strike outs. Diamondbacks - Logan Van Schaack pitched 3 innings allowing 5 hits and 5 runs with 5 strike outs. It was a close game tied at 3 to 3 in the 3rd inning and again 5 to 5 in the 4th inning, then the Cardinals broke it open scoring 4 unearned runs in the 5th inning. The Diamondbacks kept battling and scored one last run in the 6th, but it wasn't enough and the Cardinals won this 1st game of the final round for the Granada Little League Playoffs in the Major Division.

Cardinals 5 Diamondbacks 4. The Cardinals defeated the D'backs to win the GLL playoffs. The Cardinals led 5-2 in the top of the fifth, but D'backs mounted a rally,

scoring runs in both of the last two frames, the D'backs twice got the tying run to second base. However, Cardinal pitcher Matt Hilgen stopped the D'backs when it mattered, and they left the bases loaded in the fifth and stranded two more in the sixth. Congratulations to both teams on fine seasons. Top hitters D'backs - Logan Van Schaack 2 singles, RBI, run scored; Devon Sturgill 2 singles, RBI; Jason Silva, single, double, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Ian Clutter 2 singles, run, RBI; Ryan Dearborn triple, single, run. Top Pitchers D'backs - JT Storti 4 2/3 IP, 3 K. Cardinals - Matt Hilgen 2 IP, 1 ER, 3 K.

Junior 80's Gold - Granada 10, San Ramon 3. In a battle of the top two District 57 Junior 80's Gold Teams, Granada came out victorious over visiting San Ramon 10-3. It was pitchers duel for three innings, with San Ramon striking first by pushing a run across the plate in the top of the 4th inning. Granada countered by having a big bottom of the 4th inning. Taylor Downey started the rally by getting a one out single. Then Ryan Flayer laid down a beautiful bunt up the first base line for a single. After the second out was made, Kevin Rogers roped a clutch shot up the middle to drive in two runs. Granada kept rolling with base hits coming from Daniel Whitney and Vince Fernandez. Then, with bases loaded and two outs, Sean Westphal came to the plate. On the 8th pitch of his at bat, Westphal teed off and drove the ball deep over the left center field fence for a grand slam home run. Granada staged a final rally in the bottom of the 6th inning, sending ten men to the plate and scoring four more runs. Top Hitters: Sean Westphal (2 for 3, 1 grand slam home run, 2 runs scored, 1 walk, 6 rbi's); Kevin Rogers (2 for 5, 2 runs scored, 2 rbi's); Daniel Whitney (2 for 3, 2 runs scored, 1 walk); Taylor Downey (2 for 3, 1 run scored, 1 sac bunt, 1 rbi); Mac Morgan (2 for 2, 1 run scored, 1 rbi); Ryan Flayer (1 for 1, 1 run scored); Top Pitchers: Sean Westphal (5 innings, 4 hits, 1 run, 1 walk, 8 strike outs), Justin Whitman (2 innings, 5 hits, 2 runs, 1 strike out).

Dublin 4, Granada 3. Granada's 18 game win streak came to an end in the first game of a doubleheader, with the host team Dublin putting up two runs in the bottom of the 6th inning to take the lead and the win. Granada scored one run in the 1st inning with back-to-back doubles from Matt Richards and Vince Fernandez. Dublin answered back by scoring two in the bottom of the 2nd inning. In the top of the 3rd, Richards led off with another double, Fernandez walked and Justin Whitman hit a single to load the bases. A Dublin error allowed Richards to score and Mac Morgan singled to push Fernandez across the plate. That was all Granada could muster and the inning ended with a Granada 3 - 2 lead. Things tightened down for both teams until the bottom of the 6th inning. With two outs, Granada committed two errors, allowing the tying and go-ahead runs to score. Granada staged a rally in the top of the 7th inning, but it ended with the bases loaded and a Granada loss. Top Hitters: Matt Richards 3 for 4, 2-2B, 2 runs scored; Mac Morgan 2 for 4, 1 rbi; Vince Fernandez 1 for 3, 1-2B, 1 run scored, 1 rbi; Justin Whitman 3 for 4. Top Pitchers: Vince Fernandez (4 innings, 1 hit, 2 runs, 5 walks, 3 strike outs), Daniel Whitney (2 innings, 2 hits, 2 runs, 1 walk, 1 strike out).

Granada 13, Dublin 11. In game two of the doubleheader, it looked as if host team Dublin was going to sweep the two game series from Granada, as they held a 9 - 4 lead after 5 innings. However, Granada's relentless attitudes and will to win came to the forefront, with the visiting team sending 13 batters to the plate and scoring 9 runs in the top of the 6th inning. The feisty Dublin team scored two more their last at bat, but fell short of the win. Top Hitters: Sean Westphal 2 for 3, 1-2B, 1-3B, 1 walk, 3 runs scored, 2 rbi's; Kevin Rogers 2 for 5, 1-2B, 1 run scored, 2 rbi's; Daniel Whitney 1 for 3, 1 walk, 2 runs scored, 2 rbi's; David Russell 1 for 3, 1 walk, 2 runs scored, 1 rbi; Taylor Downey 1 for 1, 1 rbi; Jordan Thraikill 1 for 3, 1 run scored, 1 rbi; Top Pitchers: Taylor Downey (3 1/3 innings, 9 hits, 8 runs, 2 strike outs), Kevin Rogers (3 2/3 innings, 6 hits, 3 runs, 1 walk).

Minor AAA - Diamond Backs 9, Cardinals 2. Top Hitters Diamond Backs - Matthew Ryan - 2B, 2RBI, 2 runs scored; Randall Young - 2B, 1RBI, Dominic Mingione - 2B, 2RBI. Top Hitters Cardinals - Gregory Moreland - 1B; Blake Lesky - 1B; McKenzie Frost - 1B. Top Pitchers Diamond Backs - Griffin Miller 2IP, 3H, 4K; Jason Campbell 2IP, 3K. Top Pitchers Cardinals - Gregory Moreland 4IP, 7H, 6R, 4K; Blake Lesky 2IP, 3H, 3R, 3K.

Cubs vs. Red Sox. Cubs: Offense: Trevor Bantley, Mark Silverthorn, Ryan Wright; Defense: Luke Morrisroe, Tyler Rodgers, Troy Wentworth. Red Sox: Offense: Chad Hemmings, JJ Morley and Faren Ranganian. Defense: Garrett Borba, Riley Teagel, Hector Salcedo.

D-backs vs Giants. Offense D-backs: Jackson Wysock, Tyler Young, Colton Casey. Giants: Matthew Reddick, Nolan Thompson, Marie Linney. Defense D-backs: Andrew Divita, Lucas Aminos, Daniel Granados. Giants: Mitchell Rocoereto, Cade Shortridge, Matthew Hayes.

Farm - Red Sox (Offense) Colby Gibbons, A.J. Phillips, Ethan James (Defense) Anthony Sisneros, Taylor Pine, Chase Griffin. Cardinals (Offense) Jeremy Dyson, Andrew Hayley, Gunnar Hollingshaus (Defense) Zachary Hollingshaus, Ethan Payne, George Zika. Thank you for a wonderful season. You guys ROCK!

A's (Offense) Harrison Meadows, Logan Fernandez, Zachary Stewart (Defense) Dylan Graham, Ryan James, Andrew James; Diamond Backs (Offense) Grant Borjon, Andrew Choumas, JT Kelly (Defense) Benjamin Knuth, Jason Wigginton, Londen Billings. Yankees (Offense) Peyton Peterson, Roberto Lacomini, Gabriel Parrish (Defense) Ryan Layton, RJ Mata, Connor Deflesner; Blue Jays (Offense) Logan Finch, Ty Bothwell-Mitlisky, Alexander Taylor (Defense) Jacob Gonzalez, Robert Sandoval, Jarrett Jorgenson.

Giants (Offense) Zack Stewart, Noah Van Atta, Nate Wilson (Defense) Luke Moylan, Ian Rasmussen, Dominic Shepherd; Cubs - (Offense) Justin Baer, Brandon Yocham, Kinaar Desai (Defense) Alec Faith, Pascalle Badders, Colby Newton.

Mariner's (Offense) Jesse Jo Garcia, Michael Gauch, Westley Gladen (Defense) Matt Kronmull, Jacob Morton, Michael Nowaczyk - Pirates (Offense) Nate Stone, Bradly Mitchell, Tommy Reeves (Defense) Adrian Ayala, Rudy Ayala, Josiah Knight.

T-Ball - A's (Offense) Jensen Roldan, Jacob Kilbane, Hayden Marshall (Defense) Daniel Becerra, Graciana Ratto, Gregory Short; Giants (Offense) Ryan Anderson, Aidan Demello, Jonathan Geyer (Defense) Matthew Gomes, Nicholas Melendez, Evan Moreau.

Cubs (Offense) Christian Neumann, Devin Shah, Ryan Van Bladel (Defense) Max Weasner, Ben Morrisroe, Cody Ward; Mariners (Offense) Caleb Chance, Connor Hardesty, Austin Overton (Defense) Nate Miskella, Jade Overton, Logan Dickey.

Pleasanton American LL
 The PALL Major Rangers captured the League Championship and the automatic

birth to the District 57 Tournament of Champions for the 4th year in a row. After completing the regular season with a 16-4 record, the Rangers entered the playoffs as the top seed.

In the semifinal game the Rangers jumped out to an early 3-1 lead in the 1st inning. Austin Piscotty singled and Jakob Wipfli walked. They would both score as JP Parisi and Andreas Papageorge reached on errors then singles by Daniel Rodriguez and John Gray would bring home Papageorge. The Rangers tacked on two more runs in the 2nd on back-to-back doubles from Piscotty and Ryan Anderson. Anderson would later score on an error. In the 3rd inning Matthew Martell tripled and scored on a Sean Burke single making the score 6-1. The Rangers put the game away in the 4th inning as they scored 5 runs on RBI singles from TJ Friedl, Piscotti and Anderson and RBI's from Rodriguez and Burke bringing the score to 11-2. Great pitching by Friedl (2 Inn, 2-H, 1-R, 3-K's), Piscotty (2-Inn, 0-R, 1-H, 8-K's), Anderson (1-Inn, 1-H, 0-R) and Wipfli (1-Inn, 1-R) along with great defense from Alex Codik and John Gray, who threw a runner out at the plate in the 1st to stop a potential Yankee rally. Top Hitters for the Rangers were Piscotty (3-3, 1-2B, 2-1B, 2-R, 1-RBI), Anderson (2-4, 1-2B, 1-1B, 2-RBI, 1-R), Wipfli (1-2, 2-R), Martell (1-2, 1-3B, 1-R) Rodriguez (1-3, 1-RBI, 1-R) and Burke (1-2, 2-RBI). After the win the Rangers would move on to face the Indians for the Championship.

In the Championship game the Rangers got off to a slow start as they found themselves trailing 0-2 entering the bottom half of the 2nd inning. That's when their bats got hot as they scored 3 runs. After consecutive walks to Papageorge, Rodriguez and Gray, they would all cross the plate on a Friedl sacrifice and a Piscotty double to bring the score to 3-2. The Rangers broke it open in the 3rd inning as JP Parisi led off with his 4th home run of the year, singles by Papageorge and Rodriguez would set the table for TJ Friedl as he hit his 2nd home run of the year, a 3-run shot, giving the Rangers a 7-2 lead. The Rangers would tack on four more runs in the 5th inning as Matthew Martell singled and was brought home by a Friedl triple. Austin Piscotty then launched his 6th home run of the year over the center field fence scoring Friedl. After an Anderson double, he would score on a single from Parisi bringing the score to 11-2. TJ Friedl not only had a great day at the plate but he pitched an excellent game going five strong innings and allowing two runs on three hits while striking out nine.

Top hitters Friedl (2-3, 1-HR, 1-3B, 2-R and 5-RBI), Piscotty (4-4, 3-2B, 1-HR, 1-R and 4-RBI) Anderson (3-4, 1-2B, 2-1B, 1-R, 1-RBI), Parisi (3-4, 1-HR, 2-1B, 1-R and 1-RBI), Rodriguez (1-3, 1-R), Papageorge (1-2, 2-R), Martell (1-2, 1-1B, 2-R) and Gray (1-R).

Single A: Redwings vs. Bees - The Redwings were swinging the bat and making the connections again on Saturday. Every player had a hit. Trevor, Jakob, Eric, James, Evan, Stator, Joey, Owen and Josh demonstrated solid hitting. Eric Shields fired one out past 2nd base and ended up with a double and 2 RBI's. Stator Rosenblum also had a double. Excellent pitching was performed by Stator, Trevor, Doster and Joey Nickel and Owen Camp. Owen also made some excellent defensive plays. He scooped up the ball while on the pitchers mound and threw for the out at first base. The next play he got the ball again and tagged the runner out on his way to first. For a third out he caught the ball on the fly! Trevor also tagged a runner out. Many excellent defensive plays were made including Stator to Trevor at first base and Josh to Joey at first base. The Bee's also had some solid defensive plays and got us out 1,2,3 in the last inning with all pop-up catches. Jakob Germann had some solid hits and scored two runs.

Livermore National LL
 Livermore National Little League Minor AA Giants qualified for the tournament of champions, defeating the D-Backs, 5 to 4. D-Backs jumped out to a 3 to 0 lead in the third inning. The Giants came back with four in the fourth. D-Backs again tied the score with one run in the fifth. The Giants placed the winning run in the final inning. D-backs top hitters: Jacob Jackson HR, 2B, 2RBI's, 1Run; Noah Lux 2B, 1Run; Aaron Andrews 2-1B's, 1RBI, 1Run; Kyle Tupper 2B, 1B, 1Run. Giants top hitters: Wesley Katz 2b, 2RBI's, 1Run; Matthew Kirby 2-1B's (one was the winning hit), 3RBI's; Bret Rasmussen 1B, 2Runs (one being the wining run). D-backs top pitchers: Griffin Miller 3IN, 2Hits, 4K's; Jason Campbell 2IN, 4Runs, 4Hits, 2K's; Jacob Jackson 3IN, 1Run, 1Hit, 4K's. Giants top pitchers: Connor McGee 3IN, 2Runs, 2Hits, 3K's; A.J. McMillan 2IN, 1Run, 4Hits, 2K's; Johnny Bailey 2IN, 1Run, 2Hits, 1K; Wesley Katz 1IN, 1Hit, 1K.

Foothill Little League
 Pleasanton Foothill Little League **Junior 80's Gold:** PNLL 3, PFLL 13; PFLL clinched the home field as they defeated PNLL for the third time this season. Robbie Wilson was on the mound for PFLL and held PNLL to 1 run. His backup defensively included Ben Case with a 4-5 double-play, Clint Mankins at 3B, and Alex Hamm in the outfield. PNLL put the pressure on in the 5th inning, but a strong Sean Stiles came in to close the game, holding PNLL to just 2 more runs. PFLL was strong offensively, scoring 2 runs in the first inning, 10 in the 3rd, and 1 in the 4th. Griff Gates, Richard Blach, Grant Soyka, and Ryan Genn all had significant hits with multiple RBIs. Top Offensive Players: Griff Gates, Richard Blach, Ryan Genn, Grant Soyka Top Defensive Players: Ben Case, Robbie Wilson, Alex Hamm, Clint Mankins.

Livermore Smoke
 Livermore Smoke 14-under travel team participated in the Modesto Summer Time Fling Tournament at Rainbow Fields in Modesto this past weekend.

Ceres Sizzle 15, Livermore Smoke 3. For the Smoke, Danielle Hamilton doubled,

and Katie Drascher and Tasha Storti also contributed to the Smoke offense with a RBI each.

Calaveras Sliders 9, Livermore Smoke 1. Cassidy Van Trease stood out on the mound for the Smoke, pitching four innings with three strike outs. Jessica Olsen went two-for-three and drove in the only Smoke run, and Jordan Hansen had a double to deep left field.

Calaveras Sliders 2, Livermore Smoke 1. In a closely contested game, Jordan Hansen went five innings without giving up an earned run. Jessica Olsen went two-for-three with a double, and Allyson Walker doubled to drive in the only Smoke run.

Baseball Clinic
 Summer All Skills Baseball Clinic, June 23-26 for players ages 9-14. Focus on offensive/defensive mechanics. With skills development techniques, this clinic will encourage each player to strive for the next competitive level of their game. For more information, call Coach Max Valencia (925) 639-9034 and go to www.col43s.net

Aloha Golf Classic
 The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to the Aloha Golf Classic to be held on Monday, July 21, at Blackhawk Country Club, Lakeside course. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and a putting contest from 9:30-10:45, and Shotgun start at 11 a.m.. This is a Scramble format.

Includes on-course food and beverages from El Nido Mexican Restaurant, Tower Grille, Black Diamond Brewery and more, 49er Gold Rush and Raiderette Cheerleaders, wine tasting by WineStyles, Hawaiian-themed music, and appetizers. There will be silent and live auctions and dinner.

Cost is \$195 per golfer; \$1,000 for foursome with tee sign. Dinner/auction tickets are \$50. Spouses and guests are welcome. Go to www.danvilleareachamber.com for more information or call chairman, Joe Buenavista of Bernstein Global Wealth Management at 415.217.8051.

Spirit Run
 Runners can register Sunday morning, June 15, and participate in the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's 15th annual Spirit Run in downtown Pleasanton.

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. Registration is in the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Main Street.

Race-day registration will be accepted Sunday starting at 7 a.m. 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.

Main Street will be closed to vehicles from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. Traffic also will be slowed by partial lane closures along the race courses. This will affect Valley Avenue, Paseo Santa Cruz, Del Valle Parkway, Division Street and St. Marys street between about 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

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.

This year, 24 students from the four Pleasanton high schools received scholarships. The Horizon and Village students have not received their awards and are not listed.

Recipients from Amador Valley include: Vessna Scheff, the Harry Plett Memorial Scholarship; Erik Brodnick; Jose Angeles; Brett Bowers; Kendra Knudsen; Nishoni Seoni; Amada Petros; Monika Talati and Chelsea Qiao-xi Wu, both Rotary Club of Pleasanton Service Above Self awards.

Recipients from Foothill include: Bessie Kim, the Roger Dabney Memorial Scholarship; Frances Bo, the Jean E. Mares Memorial Scholarship; Anthony DeBenedetti; Jamie Thurman; Kathleen Phi; Monique Reid; Amanda Lee Venema; Katelyn LaRussa; Saman Shah.

For race details, please go online to www.spiritrun.com.

Baseball Camps
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Juanita Haugen Award Winners Selected

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative handed out two awards at its annual luncheon Thursday, May 29. Long-time school volunteer Lori Rice was one recipient of the recently established Juanita Haugen Award, the other went to Diana and Howard Mendenhall for their volunteer work in Pleasanton and around the world. The awards were presented by Pleasanton Vice-Mayor Jerry Thorne.

The Haugen Civic Engagement Award, named in honor of Pleasanton Unified School District Board Member Juanita Haugen and co-founder of the Community of Character program, annually recognizes a citizen who displays sensitivity to relevant social issues and exhibits the kinds of behaviors the Collaborative advocates: Responsibility, Compassion, Self Discipline, Honesty, Respect and Integrity.

Rice has volunteered in Pleasanton schools for some 14 years - from preschool to elementary and from middle school to high school. She was actively involved in passing the school facilities bond measure and helped raised money for a teacher lacking funds for medical expenses. She also raised over \$250,000 for the athletic program at Amador High School as the first woman president of the Athletic Boosters Club. Rice also serves on the Board of Directors of the Valley Humane Society.

In nominating Rice for the Award, Dawn Barraza said, "Her enthusiasm is contagious and she is a role model for her family and friends."

The Mendenhalls have been active locally for almost 20 years. Diana has volunteered at ValleyCare Medical Center, serving as director of the gift shop. Both have given countless hours

to Friends of the Library and the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church. The Mendenhalls are also very active in Habitat for Humanity having made 5 trips to New Orleans to help rebuild after Hurricane Katrina.

They have also served on international Habitat for Humanity teams in Poland, Armenia, Ecuador, Romania and Mongolia. Indeed their son Mathew accepted the Haugen award because Dina and Howard were away volunteering with a Habitat for Humanity mission in Macedonia.

Mary Ellen Huey nominated the Mendenhalls for the award noting the couple have been caring for aging parents for over 15 years, "yet they always have time to assist in driving unrelated elderly residents in Pleasanton to medical appointments, deliver home cooked meals and perform home repairs and yard work."

Trainer and Mustang Finish 7th in Challenge

Beverly Vreeland of Livermore and her mustang, Diamond, took seventh place in the Mustang Challenge Saturday in Sacramento.

In the final competition, trainers showed the mustangs' many strengths - riding standing on the saddle while cracking a whip, riding bareback without a halter and herding cattle. Vreeland's mustang was auctioned for \$5,000 in an adoption following the event.

Corrine Elser of Burns, Ore., and her mustang, Dolly, took first place. Twenty-nine trainers competed in the "Mustang Chal-

lenge" at the Western State Horse Expo at Cal Expo in Sacramento Friday and Saturday.

BLM State Director Mike Pool said specially selected trainers from California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Idaho received the mustangs in March. They had 90 days to gentle and train the animals for the competition.

Judges evaluated each horse and trainer on a number of factors simulating trail and recreational riding situations and selected 10 finalists for the Saturday night competition.

The Mustang Challenge was

created by the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF), in partnership with the BLM to showcase the beauty, versatility and trainability of the American mustang through this training competition. The event gives the public a chance to see the results of wild horses becoming trained mounts and then adopt one of these treasured animals.

For adoption information, go to the website at www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov/adoption.htm or call 1-866-4MUSTANGS.

BULLETIN BOARD

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Ravenswood Historic Site, operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Ravenswood, is a restored Victorian country estate. The public is invited to join free tours noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month except December, with the last tour starting about 3:15 p.m. Also available on tour days are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Upcoming tour dates include June 10 and June 24. For more information, call 925-443-0238 or visit the LARPD Web site at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

NCHRA Tri-Valley Chapter Board Member, Thurs., June 19, 5:30-8 p.m. Topic: Summer Breeze. San Ramon Valley Conference Center, 3301 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon. Registrations accepted up to 72 hours prior to the program. After that, a \$10 late fee will be added to the registration fee and admittance is not guaranteed. Please call to check availability. Priority will be given to pre-registered attendees. To receive credit for a future event, cancellation must be received one week prior to program. NCHRA Members: \$25 / General: \$35; Registration Fee for Registrations within 72 Hours / Walk-Ins: NCHRA Members: \$35 / General: \$45 www.nchra.org/source/meetings

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, Wed., June 18, lunch in Hayward, 12:30 p.m. call Vee by June 16, 510-782-4189. Fri., June 20, happy hour in Pleasanton, 5 p.m. Call Lorraine or Kathy by June 19 at 846-5685. Sat. June 21, friendly bridge and dinner, Livermore, 1 p.m. Call Ruth at 447-5837 by June 19. Sun., June 22, birthday dinner in Pleasanton, 5 p.m., call Marge at 828-5121 by June 19.

Medical Chi Kung, branch of traditional Chinese medicine combines breath work, movement and sound. Workshop Thurs., June 19, 6 to 9 p.m. ValleyCare Medical Plaza, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 240, Pleasanton. For cancer patients, their families and friends. Free. To register, call 933-0107.

Treasure Trove Sale, June 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Raymond Church, Shannon and San Ramon Blvd., Dublin. Jewelry, antiques, collectibles, furniture, books, household items. Free admission. Plenty of parking. Proceeds will go to charity.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 4, 67 miles coastline and hills, meet 8:30 a.m. Half Moon Bay Community Center, Barb Hailey, 820-8006. Sat., June 14, 25 miles Contra Costa coffee tour, meet 9 a.m. at Heather Farms Park, Pete and Sharon Culshaw, 932-0790. Sun., June 15, 39 miles from San Ramon to Livermore and

back, meet 9 a.m., Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Mon., June 16, 25 miles Dublin loop, meet 6 p.m. Shannon Center, Gary Lusso, 324-4842. Wed., June 18, 45 miles up Mt. Diablo, meet 9 a.m. at San Ramon Community Center, Barb Hailey, 820-8006. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Full Moon Walk, Wed., June 18, John Muir National Historic Site, meet at CalTrans Park and Ride lot, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Bring water, binoculars, light jacket and flashlight. Wear good walking shoes, trail is steep. Free. Two mile gentle saunter. For reservations, call 228-8860.

Tri-Valley Holistic Moms Network, meets Monday, June 16 at 7PM to discuss Natural Home Remedies for Kids led by Dr. Anja Lindblad. Lindblad will also touch on naturopathic medicine in general. Meetings In My Nature, 4725 First Street, #270, Pleasanton. Please park in the lot facing Bernal. There is no charge for first time visitors or for Chapter members. For further information, please visit www.holisticomoms.org.

California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch offers writers of all genres and experience levels the opportunity to learn about their craft and share their work. The next meeting is on Saturday, June 21 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at Oasis Grille, 780 Main Street, Pleasanton. Alexander Technique teacher and movement expert Kay Hogan, M.Ed., will demonstrate an Alexander lesson and describe how better movement and alignment can relieve pain and increase efficiency. The meeting cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Anyone curious about the group is invited to attend with no obligation to join. Reservations are required. To make a reservation for June 21, contact Fred Norman at fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wednesday, June 18. For more information on the California Writers Club-Tri-Valley Branch, contact Kathy Urban at 925-296-0447 or kkurban@sbcglobal.net or go to www.trivalleywriters.com.

Livermore Relay For Life, scheduled for Saturday June 21, is looking for teen and adult volunteers to help with all aspects of this great event. This is a huge fund-raiser for American Cancer Society, and at the same time it's a real Livermore happening, with music, food, kids camp, contests, auctions, ceremonies and more. The event starts at 9am and continues for 24 straight hours. Help is needed Friday afternoon and early evening for setup, all day and evening Saturday, and Sunday morning. The event is held on the track at Livermore High School. If you can help, or have any questions, please contact Jacky at 925-455-0542. For additional information see www.LivermoreRFL.com.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild meets on Saturday, June 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Av-

enue, Pleasanton. Quilt teacher Joe Cunningham, often referred to as "Joe the Quilter," will entertain with his musical quilt show. "Elements of Chance," a design workshop, will take place the following day. The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, <http://amadordvalleyquilters.org>.

RELIGION
Marriage & Money Part II: Saturday, June 21, 10:00-4:30pm. Fee June 21. \$40/person before June 16, \$45 after that date. CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. To register, go to www.crosswindschurch.org

Women's Conference, Design 4 Living, June 27 and 28th, Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore. Christian comedian Chonda Pierce. The Design 4 Living Conference 2008 "Live Like It's Real" will also feature: Debbie Alsdorf, best selling Christian author and founder of Design 4 Living Ministries; Lysa Terkeurst, founder of the Proverbs 31 Ministry and radio show host, speaker and author; Jennifer Kennedy Dean, teacher, speaker and author on the subject of Prayer; Kelly Minter, author, songwriter, worship leader, speaker and musician. 16 Saturday Breakout Sessions to choose from. Tickets \$78.00 includes lunch on Saturday. Groups of 10 or more \$68.00 each. For all women 18 and up. Cornerstone Fellowship - 348 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore. 925-447-3465. Register at: <http://livermore.cornerstonewebsite.org/design4living>.

Grief support, meetings on the second and fourth 7:30 p.m. Thursdays starting June 12 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Meetings open to all, regardless of religious orientation. Please call Joan at 828-6864 with questions.

Vacation Bible School June 23 to June 27, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore (corner Fifth and "L" Streets). Try your hand (and foot) at rock climbing, build a house on the sand, pan for gold, build a boulder, make music with a "rockin' beat, carve your name in stone, see what's inside a rock, try making "cold-stone" ice cream. Venture into a week of Bible stories, amazing art projects, rocking songs, colossal games, scrumptious snacks, and fun-filled fellowship with children from preschool through high school. Contact Robyn Myli at 447-2078, extension 18 with questions. Registration forms available on the church website, www.fpc-livermore.org.

Tri-Valley Unity Church, "Spiritual but not Religious?" theme, www.trivalleyunity.com This Sunday's sermon topic by guest speaker Rev. Margaret Stortz, "Gifts of the Master." Service at 10 a.m. at the Radisson, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733.



Next Wednesday evening, June 18th, Bill and Marlene Rebello will host a welcome reception for the exchange students arriving from Pleasanton's Sister City, Tulancingo, Mexico. This is the 25th anniversary year of the Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City program. The local organization wants to give them a warm Pleasanton welcome to the students. For more information attending the event, please call Jorge Victoria, 925-462-6723 (President) or Pat Murray, 925-846-2673 (director, youth exchange).

OBITUARIES

George Anthony Michael

Livermore resident George Michael passed away peacefully in his home on Thursday, June 5, 2008.

George was born in Buffalo NY on February 16, 1926. He moved to Livermore in 1952 from San Francisco to be closer to his job at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab where he held the position of a Physicist for 39 years. Mr. Michael was world renowned for his contributions to the Salishan Conference and the Supercomputing Conference. He was known as the Father of Supercomputing. He was a mentor to many young students, who went on to become leaders in their respective fields.

Mr. Michael's passions in life were his family and the world of super computing. He was also a lifetime member of the N.R.A. and the Livermore Rod & Gun Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife Hayde who passed away on December 26, 1986. He is survived by his 8 children, Karen (Dennis Golcher) Tootle of Livermore, Phyllis (Dr. Les) Wong of Michigan, Christine (Ron) Scrivani of Oakland, Patrick Michael of Twain Harte, Michael (Michele) Michael of Livermore, Theresa (Mike) Guerrero of Walnut Creek, Martha (Ray) Gates of Sacramento, Captain Sarah (Ret. Lt. Col. Todd) Standard of Maryland. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. His dedication, passion and leadership will be greatly missed by all.

Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. on June 12, with Vigil service to follow at 7 p.m. at Callaghan Chapel 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore on June 13 at 11 a.m. Private inurnment will be at a later date.

Contributions to the ACM/IEEE Computer Society High Performance Computing (HPC) Ph.D. Fellowship Program fund may be sent to: ACM Attn: Stephen Sisler/HPC Fellowship 2 Penn Plaza, Suite 701 New York, NY 10121-0701. Checks should be made payable to ACM.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Geraldine Marie Wipfli

Geraldine Marie Wipfli passed away peacefully June 3rd 2008 after a long battle with cancer, she was 80.

She was born January 22, 1928 and grew up in Livermore where she attended St. Michael's school, and graduated from Livermore High and Chabot College. In her early years she worked at Concannon Vineyard, then later worked for the Pleasanton Unified District as a teachers aide for Special Education children. After retiring she enjoyed her part time job working summers at the Alameda County Fair. She enjoyed bus trips to Tahoe, day trips to Jackson, bowling, working in her yard, working with

Jeremy Stoner

Jeremy Stoner passed away suddenly on June 5, 2008 in Grangeville Idaho.

Jeremy was born in Hayward on November 28, 1972. Jeremy's passions were his family, friends, motorcycling, dirtbiking, scuba diving, fishing hunting, wood working. He loved going on camping trips to Eagle Lake and Pismo Beach. He worked at the Alameda County Water District for 11 years and was actively involved with employee rights in the Union.

Jeremy is survived by his wife Amiee, daughter Cassidy, his parents Chris and Ken Stoner Jr. of Castro Valley, grandfather Ken Stoner Sr. of San Leandro, brother Jason (Linda) Stoner of Newark, mother and father-in-law; Regis & Ken Lembach of Rocklin, sister-in-law Lara (Bill) Lembach, 3 nieces, 2 nephews, and closest friends of 10 yrs Jason Warren of Livermore and Teddy Brown of Fremont.

Funeral Mass celebrating her life was held June 10 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society or Hope Hospice at 6500 Dublin Blvd. Ste 100, Dublin, CA. 94568.

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In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Jeremy Stoner Memorial Fund c/o Wells Fargo Bank, K Street Livermore, 94550.



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Brandon Fischer swims the butterfly leg of the IM.

Granada's Fischer Heads For Olympic Swim Trials

Brandon Fischer, a senior at Granada High School, competed at NCS swimming championships on May 23 and 24th. There were 120 high schools in Northern California with swimmers in the meet.

Fischer came in 1st in the 200-yard individual medley with a 151.18. Fischer says, "It's an honor to represent Granada High at NCS, and realize that all my hard work is paying off." He also competed in the 100-yard breaststroke and took first place with a 55.31. "That's not only a best time for me," Brandon noted, "it's also a standing NCS breaststroke record that I broke, so that's pretty cool."

Both of these times are auto-

matic All-American times. At this point, Brandon is ranked 2nd in the United States in high school swimming in the 100-yard breaststroke and 3rd in the 200-yard IM.

Fischer is a year-round swimmer for the Pleasanton Seahawks. He has been swimming competitively for about seven years. He will be traveling with Coach Steve Morsilli at the end of June to Omaha, Nebraska to compete in the 200-meter breaststroke at Olympic Trials. He will also be going to the U.S. Open the end of July, and then off to the University of Wyoming, where he'll be majoring in art and swimming for the Wyoming Cowboys.



Pictured are (from left) Cassidy Kepp, Harrison Kepp, Molly Morrisroe, Luke Morrisroe

Students Contribute Towards Construction of New High School

Students at St. Michael's School in Livermore have been collecting coins for education.

Student Cassidy Kepp wants to attend the proposed Pope John Paul II High School. She heard that the committee needs money to build a road and bridge before any construction can start. She wanted to do something to help. Cassidy asked her friend Molly Morrisroe to assist her in fund-raising. The girls asked the students at their school to save change for three weeks for the

new high school. The first week was a success. Mountain Mikes Pizza of Livermore offered put a container for spare change on their counters in support of the St. Michael's fund-raiser.

Cassidy and Molly hope to present a big check to Bishop Allen Vigneron and the High School Committee before school lets out in June. If you have any questions about donating, please contact St. Michael's School at 44-1888.

Senior Sweepstakes Winners Do Well at International Fair

Two senior sweepstakes winners of the 2008 Tri-Valley Science & Engineering Fair (TVSEF) sponsored by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in March have gone on to win awards at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2008 (Intel ISEF). The Intel Fair was held in Atlanta, May 11-16. In addition, one junior sweepstakes winner competed successfully at the 57th annual California State Science Fair held May 19-20, in Los Angeles.

Harikrishna Rallapalli, a 10th grade student from Amador Valley High School, picked up multiple awards for his project entitled, "Low-Cost Total Internal Reflection Microscopy." His awards included: a \$1,000 cash award and third place in the physics category; a special award of \$1,500 from SPIE - International Society for Optical Engineering; and \$10,000 bestowed by the IEEE Foundation.

Dmitry Kislyuk, a 12th grade student from California High School, won a special award of \$500 from the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, for his project entitled, "Modeling Evolution: Exploring Computational Biology and Biomodeling." Kislyuk

has competed in the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair during all four years of high school. He has been accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

The annual Intel ISEF is the world's largest pre-college celebration of science. Now in its 59th year, 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 51 countries with more than 1,200 projects (students have the option of working in teams). This year, nearly 30 percent of the participants garnered awards.

Uzair Mohammad, an eighth-grade student from the Livermore Valley Charter School in Livermore, received an honorable mention in the junior division electronics and electromagnetics category at the California State Science Fair for his project, "Generation Nation: Generating Electricity with Everyday Motion."

This year the California State Science Fair, which is geared for sixth-through eighth-grade students, hosted 953 participants from 359 schools throughout the state, meeting in competition for awards totaling over \$50,000.

Eagle Project Boost Recycling Efforts at Pleasanton Middle School

"I've recycled cans and bottles at my home for as long as I can remember, so an ecologically-minded project seemed to fit me perfectly!" Those are the words of Foothill High School senior, Bryant Dante describing why he chose his Eagle Scout project. Bryant wanted to give back to his former middle school. Pleasanton Middle School vice principal, Jon Vranesh, jumped at the chance to encourage more recycling at the environmentally-conscious school.

The school has taken on the environmental challenge of going greener.

Bryant spent 3 months soliciting funds and was finally able to pay for the project from money donated by Pleasanton Garbage Services and Adobe Systems in San Jose, where his

mother works. He worked for four weekends, working with his father, buying materials and building the sturdy bins with his friends, fellow scouts, and other family members.

Pleasanton Middle School now displays all four bins for can and bottle collection in their outdoor lunch area next to the Food Scrapping bins. Their collection of plastic has increase 155% since January and Bryant's bins are filled to the top regularly.

"To me, becoming an Eagle Scout is the final step in a chapter of my life which has both taught me and helped me mature on my way to becoming a responsible young man. My mother and father's support were so important to me in completing this project and I was so happy to be able to donate it to my former Middle School."



Bryant Dante delivers one of four recycle bins with other Foothill seniors as PMS Vice Principal, Jon Vranesh and his mother look on.

Mendenhall Middle School Students Deconstruct the U.S. Constitution

By Patricia Koning

The school year may be winding down, but eighth graders at Mendenhall Middle School (MMS) found themselves in the hot seat last week as they defended, deconstructed, and opined about the U.S. Constitution. If it sounds like a congressional hearing, that's the idea—the *We the People* Congressional Hearings are intended to simulate that process while stimulating students' interest in the Constitution and legislative process and fostering teamwork and public speaking skills.

"This is the culmination of the study of the U.S. Constitution," said MMS teacher Kaarin Brown, who coordinated the program. "We actually study the Constitution in the late fall. I save this activity for May. Once the students have taken the STAR tests it is hard to get them back into the usual routine. This is definitely not the usual routine."

Each of the eighth grade core classes was divided into four groups of six to eight students. Each group developed a four-minute response to a different umbrella question: What is government?; What shaped the Founders' thinking about government?; What happened at the Philadelphia Convention? (focusing on the compromises); or How was the Constitution used to establish our government?

For the hearings, the students sat at tables across from judges, just as expert witnesses are seated when testifying before the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives. Serving as judges were Suzette Ferguson, a *We the People* coordinator; Carol Thorsness, a retired MMS teacher; Pauline Huben, a teacher on special assignment for the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Dennis Gerlt, a Pleasanton realtor; and

Patrick Ryan, a congressional staffer for U.S. Representative Ellen Tauscher.

Following the students' presentation, the judges spend six minutes asking them questions on their topic. Questions such as "if we were still governed under the Articles of Confederation, what would our government look like?" and "why didn't the Northwest Ordinance outlaw slavery in the south?" tested the students' knowledge and their presentation skills.

Once the question and answer session had ended, the students were scored by the judges and by Brown. The judges gave feedback on the performance. "I'm very impressed. You had great flow and you obviously know what you are talking about," said Gerlt in response to one group. "But you might want to look into the 10th amendment a little more."

Once the students received their feedback, there were audible sighs of relief, giddiness over questions answered well, and regret over places they stumbled. "It went better than I expected. I was a little nervous," said student Carolyn Murray. "We really learned how to work in groups. I have a new appreciation for how complex government is."

"I'm impressed with how well prepared they are, and with how seriously they are all taking it," said Thorsness. "You can tell it really means something to them."

The Congressional Hearings are a component of the *We the People* Constitutional education program designed by the Center for Civic Education (www.civiced.org) and funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education. "The whole program, supported by



Troop members delivered coats and jackets.

Girl Scouts Add Donations To One Warm Coat Drive

Earlier this year, St. Michael's Girl Scout Troop #34 and Brownie Troop #157 delivered over 250 coats, jackets and sweaters to the One Warm Coat collection center in Tracy. The donations filled three large vehicles. The Girl Scouts were met with great appreciation by those at the center. One mother was looking for a coat for her 5 year old daughter and met them in the parking lot with her request. The Girl Scouts got to see firsthand how much these donations are needed.

The One Warm Coat drive was coordinated by Junior Troop #34, which includes Jessica Paul, Rachel Danielsen, Stephanie Rucker, Isabella Orozco and Isabel Noriega. They invited other St. Michael's Girl Scout troops to participate. The 3rd grade Brownie Troop #157 joined in. The two troops got together, made posters for the

school, planned how long the drive would last, where the donations would be stored and coordinated delivery. Members of Troop #157 Brownies who participated include Courtney Zumwalt, Caycie Bruner, Maggie Sneed, Angelina DeSousa, Charlotte Miranda, Dana Angeles and Madisen Osborn. Both troops fulfilled requirements need to advance to their next level in scouting.

One Warm Coat is a national non-profit organization that assists in the donation of coats. One Warm Coat helps individuals, groups and companies across the country collect coats and deliver them to local agencies that distribute them free, to people in need. Their mission is to ensure that anyone who needs a coat has one. In 2007 their efforts collected over 300,000 coats in 49 states.

school. It really gives you a great foundation in how our government works," he says.

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Pictured are Morgan Peterson, Erika Dittmore, Rylie Fields, McKenzie Frost, Rachael DeLuca, Lainey Hubbard with Katie, one of the dogs at the shelter.

Local Girl Scout Troop Brings Comfort to Animal Shelter Cats

By Patricia Koning

Last week the nine members of Livermore Girl Scout Troop 30081 made a special trip to the East Bay SPCA in Dublin to complete a project that marks the culmination of their work for the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can achieve.

The girls delivered 18 handmade blankets that will be used as cat beds and sent home with adopted cats, so the animals take something familiar with them into their new surroundings. They also donated kitten food and formula, which was purchased with money they earned from Girl Scout cookie sales.

"The donations are very helpful," said Joelle Aguirre, the East Bay SPCA Humane Education Manager. "We go through a lot of bedding and since its kitten season, we have a big need for kitten supplies right now."

The girls started their project for the SPCA with a tour, where they learned about the needs of the shelter and decided how they wanted to contribute. Using money they had earned from cookie sales, they purchased fleece and made knot blankets.

The Girl Scouts have been working on their Bronze Award for the past two years. To earn the Bronze Award, an individual Girl Scout or troop must learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a project that makes a positive impact on her community. According to the Girl Scouts website, "working towards this award demonstrates her commitment to helping others, improving her community and the world, and becoming the best she can be."

In addition to helping the animals at the SPCA, the Girl Scouts organized a Halloween safety booth at Sunset Elementary School, stuffed over 200 Christmas stockings for the ValleyCare Medical Center Winter fundraiser, collected money for the Salvation Army by ringing the bell in front of Wal-Mart during the holiday season, collected toys for a local drive, and worked at Open Heart Kitchen.

"I think working on the Bronze Award really raised their awareness," says Troop Leader An Fields. "These girls have comfortable lives, so it was eye opening for them to make

Livermore Seniors Receive Teller Scholarships

Two Livermore high school students have won the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's prestigious Edward Teller Science Scholarship. This year's award winners are Saqib Mohammad of Livermore High School and Grant Zhu of Granada High School.

The awards, instituted in 2004 in honor of the late Dr. Teller, Lab co-founder, are given by the Laboratory to graduating seniors who excel in science studies. Each student will receive a \$1,500 scholarship toward his college education.

Mohammad was the lead programmer for the Livermore Robotics Team that took first place at the international Robofest competition. He hopes to study electrical and computer engineering at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

Zhu is passionate about science and took seven science courses in his four years of high schools. He also participated in the Tri-Valley Science & Engineering Fair in his junior year. He plans to attend UC Berkeley to study electrical engineering.

The awards were presented to the students by Lab managers at each of their high school's awards ceremonies in Livermore.

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National Charity League Celebrated 'Senior Presents'

National Charity League (NCL) Pleasanton Chapter celebrated the six years of community service on during ceremonies at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery with an event called "Senior Presents."

Twelve high school seniors and their mothers have contributed to local charities. Senior Presents is the recognition of the NCL class of 2008 Ticktocker (daughters) completing the chapter's six year program that includes a variety of cultural, educational and philanthropic opportunities in our community.

This class of mothers and daughters has volunteered over 5,000 hours of service to the Chapter and philanthropies such as Taylor Family Foundation-Camp Arroyo, Tri-Valley Haven, American Cancer Society, Special Olympics, and Open Heart Kitchen to name a few.

According to Pleasanton Chapter President Sandee McNeil, "The class of 2008 has led our Chapter in our Ticktocker

Service Awards."

Taylor Robertson, a Foothill High School senior, was the first recipient of the Yellow Rosebud Award, which requires a Ticktocker to complete 50 hours of service in combined Chapter philanthropies in addition to the required grade level philanthropy hours. Additionally, Taylor has received the Mission Bell Award.

Jillian Harvey, also a senior at Foothill is the President of the Ticktocker class of 2008. She received the Yellow Rose Bouquet Award for 100 volunteer hours in a single philanthropy. Jillian also received the Senior Service Award which is presented to the graduating Ticktocker with the highest number of cumulative philanthropic service hours earned during her years in NCL.

The event was a sentimental affair that included creative poetry and Pearls of Wisdom.

NCL is the original mother-daughter charity started in Los Angeles in 1925.

Sybase Honors Two with Scholarships

Tiffany Jansen and Utami Setiyadi are pursuing different higher education goals after leaving Las Positas College in Livermore. Their pursuits have been made easier because of Sybase Scholarships awarded through the Las Positas College Foundation.

Tiffany attended Foothill High School in Pleasanton and then moved on to earn an associate degree in liberal arts and science from Las Positas. She received a Sybase scholarship to help her as she transferred to UC Davis where she is a junior. She

plans to teach high school math.

Utami holds a bachelor's degree from Indonesia and moved to the United States in 2001. After working for four years, she decided to attend Las Positas to obtain an early childhood education credential and then pursue a bachelor's degree in human development.

She spent two years at Las Positas, earning a 4.0 grade-point-average, and then received a Sybase scholarship. When an agency evaluated her Indonesian degree, she discovered she could pursue a master of arts in education. She's in her first semester at San Francisco State University.

The married mother of two children, Utami is working two jobs while also caring for her family and pursuing the master's degree.

For both women the \$2,500 scholarship provided by the Foundation through Sybase's investment, has lessened the financial challenges.

"Overall, the scholarship eased my transfer by paying for some of the many costs that higher education brings. I am very thankful for this scholarship as it has helped me greatly," Tiffany wrote in an email.

Utami wrote, "The scholarship from Sybase helps me to pay my school's debts such as tuition, books and transportation. The scholarship also has helped me enormously to reach my goal as a professional educator. All in all, the Sybase Educational Excellence Scholarship has given me financial encouragement to continue my education."

This is the second year in a row Sybase has invested \$15,000 in the Las Positas College Foundation specifically for scholarships.

Nita White-Ivy, Sybase vice-president for human resources, wrote in an email, "We believe in supporting schools wherever Sybase has a major presence, in this case, it is located a few miles from our world headquarters. We want to be of help to schools in our community and prepare students to compete in the working world."

Five scholarships of \$1,000 are given to high school graduates planning to attend Las Positas and transfer to a four-year school.

Utami and Tiffany earned scholarships for Las Positas students transferring to four-year schools and planning to be teachers or involved in early childhood education.



Las Positas College awarded associates degrees to about 500 students during commencement on May 30. Others received certificates for completing specific programs of studies. Pictured is Missy Cervantez (center) with Nikki and Mandy Cervantez. Missy served as a member of the Associated Students Senate.

Pleasanton Awarding 1250 Diplomas

Pleasanton Unified School District is handing out diplomas to 1,250 graduating seniors at ceremonies held this week.

On Wednesday, June 11, seniors at Horizon High School participated in a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. in the Village High School multipurpose room (4645 Bernal Avenue). Also on June 11, at 7 p.m., seniors from Village High School graduated at a ceremony at the Amador Theater (1155 Santa Rita Road).

On Friday, June 13, Amador Valley and Foothill high schools will hold their graduation ceremonies at their respective school's football fields. Foothill seniors will graduate at 5:30 p.m., followed by Amador Valley's at 8 p.m.

The valedictorians and salutatorians from Amador Valley

and Foothill high schools were introduced to the PUSD Board of Trustees last week. For Amador Valley, Corrine Tu is the valedictorian, and Terri Wang is the salutatorian. For Foothill, the valedictorians are Alicia Lo, Anthony Monterosa, and Jennifer Ni, and the salutatorians are John Bang and Frances Bo.

The graduation venues at the football fields at Foothill and Amador Valley allow for additional tickets for seating. Standing room is also available. Families and friends of graduates are encouraged to carpool and arrive early to allow sufficient time for parking.

Amador Valley High School is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road. Foothill High School is at 4375 Foothill Road.



Three Scouts Earn Eagle Honors

Boy Scout Troop 939 hosted an "Eagle Court of Honor on June 1, 2008 at Rancho Los Mochos Boy Scout Ranch. Troop 939 is the second oldest Boy Scout Troop in the Bay area. The troop has only conferred the rank of Eagle Scout on 54 of its members in their 85 years.

The scouts being honored are Kevin Reece, Alexander McKernan and William Soules. The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor to be conferred on a Boy Scout. To earn this rank each scout had to earn at least 21 Merit Badges, 12 of which are "Eagle required" badges. Each Scout had to conduct an "Eagle Project" that benefited the community in some way. Additionally the boys had to raise money for their project; they could not use their own money to pay for any supplies needed for the project. They are not allowed to do the actual work but demonstrate their ability to lead other people. The project they conduct cannot be a "for profit" project.

Kevin Reece's project involved building three owl habitats, which benefited the East Bay Regional Parks District. He rounded up the supplies needed from several different sources and worked closely with the Parks district on a design. He then organized several work sessions

where the scouts in the troop came to build the owl boxes. They were then installed at the Shadow Cliffs Regional Park area.

Alexander McKernan projected benefited the First Presbyterian Church on 5th & K which is also the sponsoring organization for Troop 939. His project involved making a Utility Manual for the church. The project required teams of scouts going through the whole church identifying the location of all electrical outlets, switches and panels, all water valves and controls including the sprinkler systems, and all gas lines and valves. The information was then plotted on the church blue prints.

William Soules project benefited St Charles Borromeo Church. He organized more than sixty people to design and build a variety of props and backdrops for the Vacation Bible School. The props included life-sized characters, mountain scenery, gateways and fencing, signs, faux rocks and all sorts of other western ranch-themed elements, including hay bales, tack, and saddles. Furthermore the props and backdrops were taken by Cornerstone after the Bible School was over. All the elements were recycled by still other churches throughout the summer.

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New leadership for Firehouse Arts Center Campaign

At its Annual General Meeting on June 6, the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) elected new executive officers. John Loll will assume the role of President as of July 1, 2008. John is the Treasurer for Dodge and Cox, a financial firm in San Francisco.

Bill Butler, a Vice-President with Citi Private Bank, will become the Vice-President and Treasurer and Jaime Dowell, Owner of Studio 7 Fine Arts, was named Vice-President and Secretary. Other board members continuing their involvement are

Margene Rivara, Rudy Johnson, Beverly Hoey, Victoria Emmons, Jerry Pentin and Greg Reznick.

Outgoing President, Greg Reznick, who has moved to Berkeley, notes, "It has been a tremendous pleasure to serve the community as president of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation for the past three years. Seeing the Firehouse Arts Center project move from a concept to reality has been very rewarding. I know that the new executive officers and board members will continue to actively support this project and the arts in Pleasanton for many years to come."

Incoming President, John Loll, commented, "We are so thrilled to know that the Firehouse Arts Center will soon be under construction. We are appreciative of both the City of Pleasanton and the community's tremendous support for the project. The Firehouse Arts Center will be a wonderful addition to our downtown and our community. I look forward to the challenges of leading our organization into the future through completion of the Firehouse Arts Center and beyond."

For more information, contact Debbie Look at (925) 846-1007 or go to the website at www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org. The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) is a non-profit organization taking the lead role in fundraising for the completion of the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton and for ongoing arts activities in the local community. The Firehouse Arts Center will include a 240-seat theater, art galleries and classrooms.

EVENTS

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Girls. The group performs a show that includes choreography, dance, lighting and music.

Traditional rodeo events will provide an action packed afternoon. For ticket information, call 455-1550.

OPERA IN THE VINEYARD

Opera in the Vineyard offers another way to entertain Dad. The annual event will be held June 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Cedar Mountain Winery in Livermore.

Performers featured are principal singers from the opera's production of "Carmen" and the Las Positas Jazz Ensemble.

Those attending are invited to bring a picnic. Lawn and table seating are available on a first come, first served basis. The wines of Cedar Mountain Winery will be featured exclusively; other beverages and dessert will be for sale.

Ticket are \$30 tax deductible (includes one beverage or glass of wine): Available at the event, or in advance by calling LVO main office (925) 960-9210. Cedar Mountain is located at 7000 Tesla Road in Livermore, 373-6636.

POETRY READING

Pleasanton Poet Laureate Martha Meltzer will host award-winning poets Charlie Getter and Barry "Bear" Toffoli at the next Century House Poetry Reading on Sunday, June 15, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, Calif. Admission is \$5.

An open mic segment will follow the guest readings. Aspiring and accomplished poets of all ages will be invited to read a favorite or original poem of 40 lines or less.

Light refreshments will be served during intermission.

For more information, contact Michelle Russo at (925) 931-5350 or mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or visit www.civcartsliterary.org.

SPIRIT RUN

A more active way to spend Father's Day is offered in Pleasanton.

Runners can register Sunday morning, June 15, and participate in the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's 15th annual Spirit Run in downtown Pleasanton.

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. Registration is in the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Main Street.

Race-day registration will be accepted Sunday starting at 7 a.m. 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.

Main Street will be closed to vehicles from 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. Traffic also will be slowed by partial lane closures along the race courses. This will effect Valley Avenue, Paseo Santa Cruz, Del Valle Parkway, Division Street and St. Marys Street between about 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

For more details about the race, see Sports Notes.

WINERY EVENTS

Father's Day 'Rockin' in the Vines' BBQ, will be held Sunday, June 15, noon to 3 p.m. It will feature live music by the Blue Truth. There will be a BBQ Buffet including T Bones Spare Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Mesquite Grilled Tri Tip, Fire Grilled Corn on the Cob and more. Wine tasting and bocce ball available. Reservations are required. Cost is \$39.99 person; children 3-12, \$14.95; under 3 free. Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, 925-371-8200, www.garrewinery.com.

A Father's Day Picnic will be held at Retzlaff Vineyards, June 15, 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required. Bring a picnic. Plan to decorate your table and compete for the most sumptuous and the most colorful décor. Prizes for oldest Dad, Dad with most kids, etc. Listen and dance to live music. Cost is \$10.00 per adult to cover the cost of the live music. 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore, 447-8941.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



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

Thursday Night Music at The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards 6pm to 9pm, with performers changing weekly. 125th Anniversary Prix Fixe Dinner served nightly, \$125 per couple, \$62.50 per person, excluding tax, gratuity. The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For reservations call (925) 456-2400.

Rumours, Pleasanton Playhouse production, June 6-29, 8 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton, 462-2121. www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Garré Winery Vineyard Nights Live Music on the Patio, schedule: June 13: Blue House, live acoustic rock; Wine, beer, appetizers or dinner; restaurant open 6pm, music 7-10pm. \$15pp minimum. Indoor seating available. For more information contact Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, 925.371.8200. www.garrewinery.com.

Part II "Previewing Summer Shakespeare" 7-8:30 pm Monday, June 30. Presenters will focus on the upcoming Livermore Shakespeare Festival's summer productions of "Twelfth Night" and "The Compleat Works of WilmShksp (abridged)." Participants will meet directors, actors and designers, and enjoy previews of scenes from the plays. Presenters will be available after both sessions for discussion, questions and conversation. \$10 fee. To register, go to www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed, call (925) 424-1467. The classes will be held in the 2400 building - room 2470. Students should park in lot E. While pre-registration is helpful, students may register the night of the class. For more information about the shows go to or call 925-443-BARD (2273).

Tuesday Tunes, each Tuesday from June 3rd -Oct. 14th 6pm-9pm June-Sept., 5pm-8pm Sept. & Oct. Free live music at the Flag Pole Plaza & Livermore Plaza, Livermore Downtown, Inc. www.livermoredowntown.com.

Opera in the Vineyard, presented by the Livermore Valley Opera Guild on Father's Day June 15, Cedar Mountain Winery in Livermore. Benefit for Livermore Valley Opera. The event features principal singers from the opera's most recent production of Carmen and the Las Positas College Jazz Ensemble. A silent auction and a raffle will help raise funds for this local performing arts group. Bring a picnic. Lawn and table seating are available on a first come, first served basis. The wines of Cedar Mountain Winery will be featured exclusively; other beverages and dessert will be for sale. Ticket are \$30 tax deductible (includes one beverage or glass of wine): Available at the event, or in advance by calling LVO main office (925) 960-9210. Cedar Mountain is located at 7000 Tesla Road in Liver-

more, 373-6636. **Caroline Rhea**, stand-up comedian and actress, will be featured June 21, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. Tickets \$35. 973-ARTS www.sanramonperformingarts.com.

Performing Company Showcase, Tiffany's Dance Academy, June 20, 7 p.m. \$16/\$20/\$28/\$36. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.livermoreperformingarts.org, 373-6800.

Twinkle Star Showcases "Shine," Tiffany's Dance Academy, June 21 and 22, 10am/11:30am/1pm/2:30pm/4pm/5:30pm. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.livermoreperformingarts.org, 373-6800.

Danville Fine Arts Faire, June 21 and 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hartz Avenue, Downtown Danville. Features the art of 200 talented artisans, Italian street painting, Culinary Arts Corner, continuous entertainment, kids' activities, gourmet food, fine wines & microbrews. Hosted by the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Danville. Free Admission and free shuttle service on Sunday provided by Diablo Lodge. For more information contact (925) 837-4400 or visit the festival web site at www.mlaproductions.com.

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, "Pericles" Saturdays and Sundays, June 28-July 13, 7:30 p.m. Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave. Free admission. Pleasanton Civic Arts hosting.

Mitchell Katz Winery, new wine release event, Sat., June 21, noon to 5

p.m. New wines: '06 Merlot, Falling Star Vineyard; and '06 Petite Sirah, Falling Star Vineyard. Live music, heavy appetizers, keepsake glass, various varietal tasting. No reservation required. \$20 per person. 1188 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. www.mitchellkatzwinery.com.

Brigadoon, Diablo Light Opera Company kicks off 50th anniversary celebration with the Diablo Symphony performing Lerner and Loewe's first major musical. 7 p.m. June 28, 2 p.m. June 29 at Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$20-\$43. 943-7469. www.leshercenter.org, www.dloc.org.

Charity concert fund-raiser Sat., June 28 at Wente Vineyards. Partnership involving the Wente Family Estates and Freshwater Haven, a nonprofit human rights organization. Rock, folk, classical music, jazz and other genres. It will begin at 1 to 3 p.m. in the Tesla Room of the Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Special guest will be author and Tapesries of Hope director Michealeene Cristini Risley, who will speak at the event. Ticket donation levels are \$25, \$100 and \$500 to meet a fundraising goal of \$10,000. Proceeds from ticket sales go to the making of Tapesries of Hope, a human rights movie, whose partners include the United Nations. The money will be used to clear post production costs and ready the film for premiere at a film festival, as well as a high profile distribution deal. Tickets at <http://shop.rawpp.com>.

Children's Summer Art Workshop in Pleasanton

The Pleasanton Art League will present its fifth annual Children's Summer Art Workshop. This year's program will offer a two-day painting workshop for children 9 years and older at the Regalia House located at 4133 Grevelia Street in Pleasanton. It is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, July 9 and July 10, from 9am to noon. Cost for the two day workshop, which includes all materials, is \$45 per child.

During this two day workshop, painting from a still life, students will learn how to set up a painting and progress through the various steps to complete it. Using acrylic paints, they will learn traditional painting tech-

niques including underpainting, glazing, and scumbling. Additionally, they will learn how to mix colors and techniques to blend color in their paintings.

Flyers with registration forms can be picked up at the Pleasanton Library. Registration is also available by calling the instructor, Madelynn Ellis, at (925) 462-7964 or by emailing her at mellis@pacbell.net. Early registration is encouraged as this workshop will be limited to 20 students. Additional interested students will be placed on a wait list in case of cancellations. This workshop is made possible by a grant from the Alameda County Arts Commission.

'Rumours' Provides An Evening of Chuckles

By Janet Armantrout

Pleasanton Playhouse's latest offering, "Rumours," offers an evening of chuckles with some moments of out right hilarity as the play pokes fun at a variety of issues ranging from new age healing to infidelity.

The setting is the living room of a couple celebrating their 10th anniversary, who never appear on stage. The story focuses on four couples faced with dealing with a potential scandal involving a bullet shot through an earlobe and a missing wife. During the evening, the couples pass on rumors.

After arriving at the party, the first guests Ken Gorman (Ben Ortega) and Chris Gorman (Shannon Wicker-Mitchell), find their host bleeding from what appears to be an attempted suicide. Their first thought is to call a doctor; second and third

thoughts result follow as they decide it would be best if no one were to hear about what has happened, including the police.

Claire Ganz (Sarah D. Williams), Lenny Ganz (John Sellen), Cookie Cusack (Wendy Amador), Ernie Cusack (Brian Olkowski), Cassie Cooper (Xanadu Bruggers) and Glenn Cooper (Eric Inman) portray the other couples.

As they arrive on the scene it becomes apparent they are generally more concerned about issues that concern themselves, rather than in uncovering the truth of what has happened at the house. There is an effort to cover-up over fear that a scandal could threaten their careers. The circumstances force the guests to work with one another to keep up appearances.

Each has issues that come out during the evening. Chris is desperate for a cigarette. The Ganz's were involved in an auto acci-

dent on the way to the party; an accident that leads to further confusion later in the play. Cookie is a celebrity cook, whose husband Ernie is solicitous of her bad back. Although a brunette, there is a dumb blonde aspect to her responses to some statements. Cassie feels neglected by her husband, Glenn, who is running for the senate and she fears is involved in an affair. Cassie uses crystals to calm herself.

All have to deliver their lines in a rapid fire manner, which they do well. The similarities of the men's names add to the confusion. Ken, himself, provides some of the funnier moments with a hearing loss, due to an incident where he says a bottle of shaving cream exploded. He misunderstands comments and misses what's happening.

The cast also includes Nikki Grieci and Felix Perez Jr.

The show is directed by Carol Hovey and produced by JoAnn

Author to Visit Pleasanton Library

Catherine Ryan Hyde, author of "Pay it Forward" and "Chasing Windmills," will be at the Pleasanton Public Library on Monday, June 16, at 7 p.m.

Hyde is the author of 11 published and forthcoming books, including the story collection Earthquake Weather, and the novels Funerals for Horses, Pay it Forward, Electric God, and Walter's Purple Heart.

Pay It Forward was adapted into a major motion picture, chosen by the American Library Association for its Best Books for Young Adults list, and translated into more than 20 languages for distribution in over 30 countries. Electric God is also optioned for film and currently in development.

All programs are free and open to the public at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Pleasanton.

For more information please contact Teresa Parham at tparham@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or 925-931-3404.

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IRON MAN (PG-13) DLP					12:45	4:05	6:50	
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) DLP					12:10	3:15	6:30	
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Summer Day Camp Offered in Acting

LMA Productions and Screen Actor Training is adding a Summer Day Camp Acting program for kids.

Running from Monday June 23 to Friday June 27, the week long class is designed to develop the creative performance skills of kids ages 6-12. The intensive class will feature improvisation exercises, monologues, and scene work. The day camp follows on the heels of the Training program for Adults and Teens.

Instructor Rick Beeman is a veteran Hollywood and International Writer-Director. He will assist the students in creating their own original monologues and scene work. The students will not only receive acting training but also basic TV production and writing skills as well. "Being a working TV studio has real advantages for our students.

They get to experience a bit of Hollywood in the Bay Area." Said Beeman. "The key for teaching kids is to make sure they have fun. So we have designed the classes to be anything like work. Instead they are a blast."

The sessions will be videotaped utilizing LMA's state-of-the-art television production equipment. The performances will then be immediately reviewed on the big screen in the class. The direct feedback is designed to help the student identify and improve their performances. At the end of the 5-day class each actor will have their work showcased in an open house event for their friends, family, and associates to see their work on the big screen. Each student will graduate with a Demo Reel DVD of their work.

Beeman's goal with the stu-

dents is to not only give them top notch acting training, but also help them develop skills, which translate to other areas of their lives. "It's not just acting. It's self-confidence, the ability to think on your feet, self-awareness, and interacting with others. We try not to just develop actors here. We want to develop people

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There are few slots still available for the Screen Actor's Training's Kids Summer Day Camp program. but LMA expects those slots to fill up quickly. Information at tcoberg@LMAdigital.com.

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To the best Knowledge of Bottom Line Tax, Inc., with the last 3 years, Louis R. Forneris d/b/a Advanced Printer Service has used the following business name and address: Advanced Printer Service; 1666 Holmes St., Livermore, Ca 94550

The property to be transferred is located at 1666 Holmes St., Livermore, Ca 94550 and consists of approximately forty outdated toner cartridges, various printer parts, three drawer lateral file cabinet, and an HP Laser jet printer model 4000.

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Dated: May 29, 2008
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c/o The Bickerton Law Firm
By: Jeff Bickerton, Esq.
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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Charles P. Fracisco
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 13, 2008. Expires May 27, 2013.

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FILE NO. 411798
The following person (s) doing business as: Solution Transportation, 1929 Fiorio Circle, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Karen E. Sanchez
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FILE NO. 411412
The following person (s) doing business as: PRISM Investigations, 3909 Rockingham Drive, Pleasanton Ca 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

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FILE NO. 410669
The following person (s) doing business as: Scales Unlimited, 1043 Serpentine Lane, Unit A, Pleasanton Ca 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

Signature of Registrant: /s:/Dean Woodbridge
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The following person (s) doing business as: Livermore Valley Brokers, 4435 First St. #146, Livermore Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):

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How Seniors Can Save on Property Taxes

By Cher Wollard
As people age, they often find the houses they are living in do not suit their needs. Perhaps there are too many stairs, or the property is too large for them to maintain easily. Maybe the home is inconvenient to shopping or medical care providers. Or the person may simply want a less expensive home during retirement years.

The dilemma: If they move, they fear they will exchange their current low property taxes for higher rates. After all, Proposition 13 ties property tax rates to the sales price.

For example, a couple - we'll call them Jim and Julie - purchased a Livermore home in 1981 for \$180,000. Although that house is now worth over \$700,000, its current assessed value is only \$235,000, making their annual property tax payments approximately \$3,200. That is because the county tax assessor is only permitted to increase the assessed value on property by 2 percent per year, unless the property is added onto or resold.

If Jim and Julie were to sell their current house and purchase a smaller Livermore home for \$575,000, their property taxes would more than double to almost \$7,200 per year.

However, if either Jim or Julie is over 55, they may be able to keep their low property taxes even if they move.

Propositions 60 and 90 allow homeowners to transfer their Proposition 13 assessed valuation from the old home to the new home under certain conditions. Those are:

- They are replacing their primary residence with a new primary residence within a two-year timeframe
- The new home must be of equal or lesser value, with a few caveats
 - One homeowner must be age 55 or older
 - Both homes must be within the same county, or within any of the seven counties that accept Proposition 90: Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Ventura, Orange, Los Angeles and San Diego
 - None of the homeowners has transferred their assessed valuation in the past

Homeowners who buy their new homes before selling the old must purchase a house costing less than the sales price of their old homes.

Those who sell first and then buy, have a slight advantage: They can actually go up slightly on the purchase price of their new homes. If they buy within 365 days of closing on the sale of their old homes, they can go up 5 percent. If they wait to purchase until a year after having sold their first homes (but not more than two years), they may purchase a home costing up to 10 percent more than their old home.

This is a one-time benefit, but it can be enormously valuable. For Jim and Julie, it would make a difference of \$4,000 per year! Jim and Julie are smart. They are consulting a knowledgeable tax expert as well as a Realtor to help them make their decisions about this important move.

NOTES: As of Monday, there were 380 single family residences and 83 condominiums, duets and townhouses listed on the MLS. This is down about 10 percent from the high point of this year.

A total of 158 residential properties were pending. Interest rates on 30-year fixed rate mortgages are about 6.37 percent, jumbo conforming rates are at 6.5 percent, and jumbo rates are at 7.65 percent, all up slightly from last week. Cher Wollard is a local Realtor.

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"Bird Chatter" by Denise Miller.

Watercolor Lesson At Art Meeting

The Livermore Art Association (LAA) and Pleasanton Art League (PAL) meet Mon., June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Avenue, Livermore.

The meeting will feature an art demonstration by Denise Oyama Miller called "Pouring Techniques with Watercolor." Denise will demonstrate how to "pour paint" and use the flowing qualities of water and pigment to achieve special effects. She's been experimenting with this technique for over 15 years. Denise comments, "I love experimenting with different techniques in various mediums. When I discovered the pouring process, I was so excited with my first attempt that I have been trying lots of different ways of pouring ever since. My paintings improved, because this technique requires you to think about the elements of design during the planning process."

Denise worked in textiles for over 30 years and started painting in watercolors about 16 years ago. Once she retired in 2000, she devoted herself full time to art. Her work can be seen at Alexander's Fine Art in Pleasanton, Ohlone Arts in Fremont, and Gallery Concord in Concord, where she is a co-director of the gallery.

The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge. Parking is at the rear of the school. For more information visit www.livermoreartassociation.org.



Necklace by Michele Buckett

LAA to Host Trunk Show on June 20

The Livermore Art Association Gallery is hosting a special event called the "Jewelry Trunk Show and Other Wearable Art" on Fri., June 20.

The show focuses on local jewelry artists. It is open from 5:30-8:00 pm.

Diana Carey, Katie Kombush and Michele Buckett will exhibit their jewelry made of carved stones, seed beads, gemstones and crystals. Caryne Finlay-Mount will display wearable art such as scarves, hats and kimonos.

The Gallery is located in the historic Carnegie Building at 2155 Third Street, Livermore. The public is welcome to attend. Admission is free. The Gallery will provide refreshments. For more information call the Gallery 925-449-9927.

Performances at Libraries Part of Summer Reading Program

The Livermore Public Library's Rincon branch will be presenting a special performance by Spanish-born musician Juan Sánchez on June 18 as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library."

Juan Sánchez performs children's songs from around the world in their original languages as well as in English, with the audience singing and playing along. Sánchez has an extensive background in teaching. His family performances emphasize educational themes such as multicultural celebration, peace-building, respect and self-esteem.

Juan Sánchez will perform Wednesday, June 18 at the Livermore Public Library's Rincon branch, 725 Rincon Avenue. The free performance will begin at 2:30pm, and will take place outside the library, with the audience to be seated on tarps.

At the Civic Center Library, there will be a special performance by Japanese-American storyteller Megumi on June 18th as part of the library's Summer Reading Game, "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library."

Megumi grew up in Japan and California, emulating real-life and fictional heroes. Today she delights in sharing her favorite

Japanese folktales, amazing stories of heroes and heroines who discover their wit, strength & humor, and use them to overcome obstacles large & small.

Megumi will perform Wednesday, June 18th at the Livermore Public Library's Civic Center location, 1188 South Livermore Avenue. This free performance will begin at 10:30am, and will take place outside the library.

The Livermore Public Library's "Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library" Summer Reading Game is a free program for all young people and their families. Children earn a variety of prizes for reading books, as well as attending storytimes, crafts, and special events at Livermore's three library locations. Participation is free, and registration is not required to attend events.

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

The Summer Reading Game begins June 13, and ends August 16, 2008. Click on the Summer Reading Game link from the Livermore Public Library's web site <http://www.livermore.lib.ca.us> or call 373-5504 for more information.



Just in time for the 90th Livermore Rodeo, America's favorite cowboy comedy and western band, Riders In The Sky, comes to the Bankhead Theater for one performance only on Saturday, June 14th at 8pm. The group performs authentic renditions of old classic cowboy and western songs, as well as original works and comedic skits and songs. Beginning each performance with their trademark greeting, "Mighty fine and great big western 'Howdy,' all you buckaroos and buckarettes," the Riders pay tribute to the classic cowboy songs of the 1930s and 1940s, particularly the work of the Sons of the Pioneers, Roy Rogers, and Gene Autry. The June 14th appearance of Riders In The Sky is the last LVPAC Presents attraction of the 2007-08 season at the Bankhead Theater. The soon-to-be-announced 2008-09 season begins in September and will bring more than twenty nationally-recognized artists and ensembles to the Bankhead stage. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800, or visit the LVPAC website www.livermoreperformingarts.org

Concannon 'Best of White,' Bent Creek 'Best of Red' in Fair Wine Competition

The Alameda County Fair has given out the top awards for the Best of the Bay Wine Competition & Zin Challenge held May 19-20, at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Best of White Wine award went to Concannon Vineyard, 2007 Sauvignon Blanc Reserve; Best Red to Bent Creek Winery, 2006 Petite Sirah; Best of Challenge Zin went to Matrix Winery, 2005 Zinfandel, Mazzocco

This year marked an increase in wine competition entries - 280 wines were judged from 75 wineries by three panels of judges.

A total of 15 Gold medals were awarded to wineries who entered the Best of the Bay Wine Competition

2008 marks the second year for the Zin Challenge, a unique "competition within a competition." Celebrating one of California's most popular red wines, the Zin Challenge attracted 101 entries from 55 wineries. A total of 13 Gold medals were awarded in the Zin Challenge.

Both events were 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.

All wines entered into both competitions will be displayed in the Wine Garden throughout the Alameda County Fair, June 20 through July 6.

Local wineries winning gold medals were: Bent Creek 2006 Petite Sirah; Charles R Vineyards 2006 Zinfandel; Concannon Vineyard 2006 Zinfandel, 2004 Merlot, 2007 Sauvignon Blanc, 2005 Grenache, 2007 Rose; Crooked Vine 2004 Syrah; Garre Vineyard and Winery 2005 Syrah; and Wente Vineyards 2006 Chardonnay and 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon.

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Homeowner Near Arroyo Is Reassured About Herbicides

By Ron McNicoll

A Pleasanton homeowner, who was worried that herbicide spraying of the Arroyo Mocho behind his house might have temporarily hurt his dogs' health, appears to be reassured about the safety of spraying there.

Bill Fitzmaurice, who lives on Morgan Court, just east of Hopyard Road, took a tour of the arroyo area recently with officials from Zone 7, Alameda County, and an Independent reporter. Fitzmaurice was concerned that perhaps spraying a few weeks ago was responsible for symptoms that showed up in his puppy and his other dog. Fitzmaurice's dogs were not outside when spraying was going on.

Following the tour, and the explanation of the herbicide contents and the safety procedures that the county uses, Fitzmaurice said he was satisfied about the process.

Saul Ferdan, the county's weed and pest control supervisor, said that he checked with the herbicide's manufacturer, and read literature about studies on the material, which is a form of 2-4-D. He did not find any material about pets or humans being affected by the herbicide. During Ferdan's three years on his current job, he has never had a health complaint from a pet owner, or about any human effects from spraying.

Ferdan's predecessor in the job, Steve Jones, told the Independent that there may have been

some complaints about pets during his tenure, "but nothing that was substantiated. I always asked the person if they had taken animals to a veterinarian. Typically the answer would be 'no'.

Joe Seto, the Zone 7 official who oversees arroyo maintenance, said he was sorry if there were a link between the pets' illness and the spraying. Zone 7 maintains a list of people who call the agency and want to be notified 24 hours before spraying, so they can keep their pets indoors. People are welcome to call and have their names placed on the list.

The spraying is necessary to keep the weeds down, because local fire marshals don't want to see dry, tall grass in the summer. It's more expensive to mow them, and in some areas, impractical because it's tough to reach the grasses. Much of the grass is growing in the arroyo channel. Some of the tall, broadleaf grasses near Fitzmaurice's home are still there because the spraying sea-

son ended.

The county won't spray when the temperature is over about 75 degrees, because the spray is more likely to vaporize and spread on the wind. The wind conditions have to be lower than about 7 to 10 mph for spraying. However, the county will be able to come in and apply an aquatic herbicide directly into the water to curtail those weeds in the channel.

Spraying any herbicide is strictly controlled, said Ferdan. With the aquatic treatment, his crew will have to file reports with the regional water quality control board, taking measurements of it three times within 48 hours.

Ferdan noted that while government has to follow strict rules, anyone can go to a hardware store and buy 2-4-D without having to have a license to apply it. If there were any danger from poor application of herbicides, it apparently would lie with the privately used materials, said Ferdan.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Outrigger canoe races were held Saturday at Shadow Cliffs Park in Pleasanton.

Landowners Invited to Learn About Program

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service are hosting a second meeting to update rural landowners on the current status of this regional conservation planning effort. The meeting objectives are to provide an overview and status report of EACCS to date, to solicit input on the plan from rural landowners, and to address landowner questions, concerns, and interests. It will be held Wednesday, June 18, 6:00 - 9:00 pm at the Martinelli Event Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore. RSVP is encouraged the day before to Peggy.Kiefer@accrd.org or 925.371-0154 x 122.

The strategy will provide data, guidelines, and processes to effectively plan for conservation and implement conservation projects. Although the strategy will address general conservation goals across Eastern Alameda County, the focus will be on supporting conservation through "mitigation" required as compensation for infrastructure and development projects in the region.

The final EACCS strategy document will include: identified areas of the County that are suitable for voluntary mitigation or conservation for various species and habitats; mitigation ratios for various resource impacts; and standards for habitat restoration, management and monitoring

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