

## Livermore Set to Market Area to Filmmakers

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce Film Commission is planning a marketing trip to Hollywood to promote this area as the perfect location for filmmakers, from feature films to commercials.

Director Dale Kaye, Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty will lead the team.

A brand new brochure that showcases what's attractive about the Valley will be handed out.

Kaye commented, "The brochure really shows the diversity of locations. It also provides information that this area has the ability to offer a great deal of cooperation. Red tape kills budgets."

There are letters from both Kamena and Haggerty talking about the advan-tages of filming in the area. They also point out that they are willing to work with production crews to make the experience easy.

Haggerty writes, "I know enough about your business to believe that unraveling the red tape is a service that will help to bring your production in on time and on budget. I offer my assistance to help you accomplish this goal in every way.

Kamena notes, "Where else can you find a Hindu Temple, rodeo grounds, vineyards, two national labs and the largest power plant fueled by wind in the world, all within a few miles of each other.

While in the southland, the plan is to host a reception for production heads, the people who decide where a film will be shot. Livermore Valley wines will be served.

Kaye undertook a similar campaign for Jacksonville, Florida and for the State of Florida. She will be using the contacts she developed in Florida to promote Livermore.

Watching movies or commercials being made can be both fun and entertaining for local residents. However, there are greater benefits. Filmmaking provides a huge economic impact. The production crew stays in hotels, eats in local restaurants and hires both local businesses and crew members. "They use almost any kind of business imagin-able," said Kaye. "The ripple effect is tremendous. They spend a lot of money'

The brochure lists a variety of busi-nesses that might be of interest to a filming crew ranging from hardware stores to automotive rentals, janitorial services, payroll services, event planning,

and art supplies. Kaye noted that the Jacksonville area benefits to the tune of about \$50 mil-

lion each year from filming in the area. The other aspect of having films made locally is that it is good public relations; it brings in a lot of press. Kaye said that the area has been used as a location primarily for commercials.

"There are five or six location managers who call us constantly. Mainly they are big car commercials and other companies with big budgets, such as IBM and Cisco." The films may be used in-house or aired on television.

One of the more popular locations is the Altamont Pass with its windmills, added Kaye. There is a winding road that cars such as Dodge, Ford and Nissan can be seen driving along in various commercials.

At least one television pilot was filmed by Warner Bros. in Livermore. The location of "Background" was the Springfield Inn. Kaye explained, "Background is another name for extras who want to be actors. The primary concept of the program is that they are willing to play any role from hamburgers to clowns. They don't live in fancy houses like real actors.

The city itself has gotten into the filming business. Last Saturday morning, cameras and production crews were hard at work in downtown Livermore. Kaye in partnership with the City of Livermore's Redevelopment Agency and support from the people at Livermore Downtown Inc., is producing a professional commercial to be aired during the PGA Tour on the Golf Channel. The commercial will tout this area as a tourist destination.

## **Pleasanton** Officials **Lobby Feds**

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio were in Washington, DC last week seeking federal funding for several local and regional projects. They had appointments with the offices of Congressmen McNerney and Stark, and Senators Feinstein and Boxer.

Projects include the Alviso Adobe Community Park, Vineyard Avenue improvements, and communication equipment.

"These projects are significant for our community and the Tri-Valley," said Mayor Hosterman. "We communicated our needs directly with our elected officials and their staff so they could better understand how their support can make a tremendous difference.

The two met in person with Congressmen Jerry McNerney and Pete Stark and staff, with Senator Barbara Boxer and her staff, as well as staff from Senator Dianne Feinstein's office, to present a request for Fiscal Year 2008 appropriations.

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, the delegation requested \$625,000 for the Alviso Adobe **Community Park Restoration** and Interpretation project. When complete, the Alviso Adobe



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Valley Opera's production of "The Mikado" opened last weekend. For a review of the performance, see page 8.

## \$800,000 from Pipeline Will Fund Ranger Headquarters at Sycamore Grove

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Board of Directors on Wednesday approved a pipeline easement in Sycamore Grove Park for

Denton House. Barry said the funds would pay to provide the foundation, electrical upgrades, and other changes needed to transform the house into a ranger station at the entrance to Sy-

credited fellow board member Steve Goodman and district counsel Mike Kyle with negotiating the fee for the easement.

The Board voted 4-0 to approve the easement. Director Maryalice Faltings was attend-

## **City Council Gives Greenlight to El** Charro Negotiations

The Livermore City Council gave the go-ahead for city staff to negotiate development agreements with property owners within the El Charro Specific Plan area.

The 250 acre area is located east of El Charro Road and west of the Las Positas Golf Course.

The agreements would include responsibility of the prop-erty owners for off-site infrastructure improvements in exchange for guaranteed development conditions. The property owners are Roger Johnson Properties represented by Hybernia Group, Crosswinds Church, El Charro Vista, LLC, and Children's Hospital represented by Terrill Company.

Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, the extension of Jack London Boulevard to El Charro Road, water, sewer, storm drainage and flood control facilities. The projected cost is \$62.5 million.

The property owners would pay for the infrastructure through land secured financing. The development agreements would also include a sales tax incentives program. Under the program, the city would offer sales tax reim-bursement for each property owner. In order to qualify, the parcels must generate \$1 million in sales tax revenue each year. The development is anticipated to produce in excess of that amount.

similar incentive program. In this case, tax revenues generated have exceeded predictions. The auto dealers are expected to be able to pay off the infrastructure cost, fronted by the city, before

the 20 year deadline. The development agreement would include permitted uses of the property as well as density or intensity of use, maximum height and size of buildings, and duration of the agreement. The council vote was unani-

mous. There appeared to be a reluctance on the part of the coun-cil to move forward. There was a long pause following Mayor Marshall Kamena's request for a motion.

**Councilmember Tom Reitter** offered the motion for approval. He commented that the negotiations provide the information that members of the public were looking for with regard to development plans in the area.

Concerns raised by the public include potential violation of the Scenic Corridor ordinance, the sales tax incentive program, impacts on the Livermore Airport and on the Las Positas Golf Course. Resident Kathy Chase said she had no problem with the development along the freeway. It will generate a lot of revenue for the city. Her concern was the extension of Jack London Blvd. She believes it will encroach on the airport's departure area. Her fear was the road would lead to fu-(See EL CHARRO, page 3)

Community Park would interpret three distinct periods of culture and history. Site improvements will include a new interpretive adobe wall, lighted walkways, a small amphitheater and group gathering space, gardens, and interpretive signage and displays. All improvements will be com-(See LOBBY, page 3)

the Chevron Pipeline Company. In exchange, Chevron has agreed to pay the park district \$800,000.

While any use of the funds is still to be approved by the board, LARPD General Manager Tim Barry stated that we want to use it in the park.

The project at the top of the list would be refurbishment of the

camore Grove Park.

The house has been donated to the district by Jacquie Courtwright-Williams. She is also paying to move it to the park. Barry said the house is up on blocks. They are waiting for the ground to dry before moving

Board member Scott Kamena

ing a conference. The easement allows the com-pany to install a pipeline that will connect with an existing pipeline that has run under the park since 1965. The new pipeline will be installed by the use of horizontal directional drilling,

(See PIPELINE, page 4)

The auto mall development along Las Positas Road has a

## Staples Ranch Plans Focus **Of Hearing**

A neighborhood meeting will be held on Wed., March 21 to take comments on the develop-ment plans for the 124-acre Staples Ranch

The property is located south of I-580 along the eastern edge of Pleasanton.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. It will be held in the city council chambers.

The property belongs to Alameda County. The county has an application into the city to approve an agreement that would allow construction of a senior housing facility by Continuing Life Communities and an auto mall by Hendrick Automotive Group.

Hendrick is currently located in Pleasanton on Rose Avenue. However, it wants to move its auto dealerships, including Lexus, Acura, BMW, Mini, Infiniti and Volvo to a new and larger auto mall site. The plan is to develop the 36 acres adjacent to the 580-El Charro interchange.

Livermore is planning a large upscale outlet mall across the road.

Continuing Life Communities wants to build a 690-unit senior care facility on the western edge of the site. The complex would include apartments for independent living, assisted/personal care units and a skilled nursing center with 24-hour nursing care and treatment.

The main issue is the Stoneridge Road extension. Currently, Pleasanton is conducting a study to determine traffic patterns in the city with and without the extension. Residents of

Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, saw his first piece of legislation pass the House of Representatives on a 368 to 59 vote. Some 138 Republicans joined 230 Democrats in voting for the bill. Two Democrats and four Republicans abstained on the vote, which was held March 8.

The bill is HR 700, the Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007. McNerney's district neighbor,

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Alamo, signed on as one of two co-sponsors. McNerney represents the 11th Congressional District, which includes Pleasanton. Tauscher's 10th Congressional District includes Livermore.

Tauscher congratulated McNerney on passage of the bill during a conference call with reporters. "It was a pleasure to work with Jerry to achieve this," said Tauscher. She commented that McNerney's bill was the second written by a freshman legislator that the House passed during this session, which convened in January.

McNerney said that he anticipates passage by the Senate, in light of the overwhelmingly non-partisan vote in the House. The White House Office of Management and Budget is on record as saying that the bill was unnecessary because of other funding sources. However, McNerney said that because of the bipartisan support, he thinks the administration will go for it. "I'm look-ing forward to working with the president on it," he said.

Although other money al-ready is available now under the Clean Water Act, those funds have come to be used for maintenance purposes, said McNerney.

The new bill would be used to aid cities, counties and water districts in developing new sources of water.

McNerney's bill would make \$125 million in grants available each year to local agencies. They would have to match the grant on a 50/50 basis. "For a small investment of federal funding, we will be able to spread water re-

sources," said McNerney. Tauscher said that the bill would help such things as water desalinization programs, water recycling, and aquifer storage programs. The EPA would administer the grant program, and judge applications by existing EPA standards.

Asked whether Zone 7 Water Agency, the wholesaler that serves Livermore and Pleasanton, could find funding for such (See BILL, page 3)

## Planetarium Brings the Stars Within Reach

#### **By Patricia Koning**

Identifying the constellations is no problem for third- and fifthgraders at Smith Elementary. Phase of the moon? Easy, because the students have already seen them up close and in clear focus.

School children all over Livermore are getting to experience the details of the galaxy without ever leaving the classroom, thanks to a new portable digital planetarium. Last week the District held a dedication ceremony and gave some lucky adults a chance to take a tour.

'This is what true education is," said Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller. "When you can bring a tool into the schools and generate so much excitement."

The District purchased the planetarium in December and

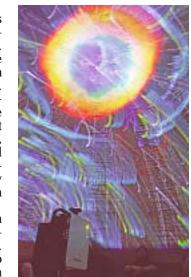


Photo - Doug Jorgensen The planetarium projects such images as this nebula.

had the first show at Sunset Elementary in January. There was so much interest that the school kept the planetarium open for two nights to allow some 500 children to experience it.

Smith Elementary Science Specialists Jo Lucas and Roya Hosseini have used the planetarium with their third and fifth grade students.

"After using the planetarium, I had children tell me they finally recognized the big dipper in the night sky," said Lucas. "They now tell me what phase the moon is. After viewing it clearly in the planetarium they can recognize the concepts in real life.

Miller first learned about the planetarium when the District borrowed one from San Joaquin County. Everyone agreed it

(See PLANETARIUM, page 3)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

One young rider negotiated the slalom course last Saturday at Junction Avenue School. The Livermore Police Department Citizen's Academy Alumni Association (LPDCAAA) and Livermore Police Department sponsored the kid's bicycle safety rodeo. The event included safety education.



#### By Anne Homan

#### Sunol Glen and Mountain House

Inman, Green, Summit, Harris, Townsend, Highland, Vista, Mocho, May, Midway, Arroyo Valle, Murray, Tesla, Rosedale, Vallecitos, La Costa, Sheridan do any of those names ring a bell? Once upon a time, they used to ring a school bell, at least. These are the names of one-room schools, each the lone school in a rural school district, that were once scattered across Alameda County. The only two survivors are at opposite ends of the county—Sunol Glen and Mountain House.

The Sunol Glen Elementary School District was established about 1885. Julius L. Weilbye designed a two-story frame structure that was in use a year later in the town of Sunol near the Southern Pacific train depot. A photo in Connie DeGrange's book, A *Place Called Sunol*, shows about 30 students and a teacher in front of the two-room school at recess. Since 1926 all the students living in five other outlying school districts abandoned by then, have attended here; the Sunol Glen Unified School District covers 84 square miles.

In 1925 Sunol Glen decided to build a new fireproof school on Main Street. Bids went out in July for the building designed by H. W. Weeks. The school, its stucco currently painted a light pink, consists of two main rooms, a classroom and an auditorium with a raised stage and six beautiful old chandeliers. Since 1982 the Sunol Repertory Theater has used the auditorium to perform a yearly melodrama for the school and the town. Another smaller room with a fireplace fronted with blue and brown tiles was planned as a community meeting room. Today, it is the office of superintendent/principal Diane Everett. However, Diane points out that the school itself still serves as a hub for the community, offering a meeting place for organizations, including Scouts and 4-H.

Through the years, smaller outbuildings including a cafeteria and music room were added, and in 2000 a major building project resulted in a quad created by mission-style classrooms, a library, a science lab and a computer room, with the main school building on the south side. Today about 200 students attend kindergarten through eighth grade. The ten classes offered include individual grades plus three combined groupings of first and second grade, second and third grade, and fifth and sixth grade. Class sizes through third grade average 20, and 25 for the

chairs for community gatherings. C.C. Ekenberg of Tracy was the architect.

In 2007 Mountain House School has 41 students and three classes: kindergarten through second, third and fourth, and fifth through eighth. The first named classes are in the main building, one in the original classroom and the other in what was the auditorium. The older students' classroom is in a portable at the back of the school. The school district covers about 30 square miles in a ranching/farming area. It, like Sunol Glen, has open enrollment, and about one-fifth of the students are transfers. Dolores Kuhn is the administrative assistant who runs the three-teacher school for Alameda County. She is a former Mountain House School student; her children at-tended the school, and her grand-hildren as well. She was that children as well. She says that this is not an unusual situation. The school web site boasts of this "small school that provides a BIG education." The school also serves as a meeting place for a parents' club and 4H. After graduation from eighth grade, students can choose between attending high schools in Livermore or Tracy.

(Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

FOOTHILL, MOHR CELEBRATE CULTURE: Students at Foothill High School in Pleasanton are hosting a week of special activities to celebrate the 18th annual Multicultural Week from March 12 through 16. Activities during the week included a cultural fashion show (pictured) with students displaying traditional clothing from their cultures. Other events include displays and demosntrations of cultures, a cultural food fair, and a schoolwide assembly featuring student performances of a variety of cultural backgrounds.

Mohr Elementary School is also holding its Annual Multicultural/ Heritage Event this week. The theme is "Celebrations." Around the World at Mohr takes place in the Mohr multipurpose room March 15 during school hours. Parent and staff volunteers will have educational booths to demonstrate an important celebration in over twenty countries including China, India, Bangladesh, Korea, Mexico, Brazil, Sweden, Germany, Spain, Zambia, Ghana, The Philippines, Japan, Taiwan, Indonesia, Italy, Ireland, Russia Federation, Turkey, and the USA. On Friday, March 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., children from all grades and cultural heritages will perform international dances in "Mohr Celebrates The World" in the multipurpose room. After the performance, volunteers will serve food from around the world.

## Volunteers Sought for Humane Society Program

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Valley Humane Society is currently seeking volunteers to help with a Hope Hospice program.

Hope Hospice and Valley Humane Society have recently entered into an agreement where Valley Humane Society will help Hope Hospice provide quality end-of-life care for patients in their homes by providing assistance for the family pet. Pet owner's understand that an animal's unconditional love can be soothing in times of stress.

VHS/Hospice volunteers will visit patients in their homes and walk dogs, scoop cat boxes or perform other pet-related services a terminally patient may not be able to provide. This allows the animal to remain in the home to provide comfort and solace during a difficult time.

Valley Humane Society is also seeking volunteers to foster a patient's pet upon their passing, allowing VHS the time to third Saturday of every month at locate a new home for the ani-

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please contact Valley Humane Society at 426-8656. New volunteer orientations are held the

VHS from 10AM until 11AM. Background checks will be performed on all new volunteers to this program.

Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton,







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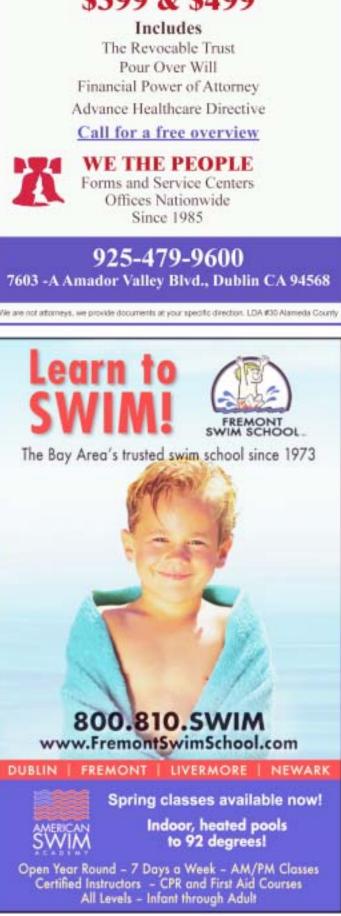
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Sunol Glen has open enrollment, and about 70 per cent of the students are transfers from larger districts, mainly Fremont and Pleasanton. The school web site proclaims "a public school with a private school atmo-sphere." The school district has struggled to maintain its special status. In the 1980s the Pleasanton School District proposed annexation, but with the help of Bill Lockyer and others, Sunol not only kept its own district, but also became a unified school district, which means that some day it may add a high school. After graduation from eighth grade, most students continue their education at a Pleasanton high school.

Mountain House Elementary School District remains closer to its original roots. Class was first held in the Mountain House Inn; proprietor Simon Zimmerman hirêd schoolteacher Isabella White in 1860. Her pay included room and board. A year later, Zimmerman moved an old saloon building from Mohr's Landing and revamped it into a oneroom school about 2 1/2 miles north of his establishment, closer to Byron. A new school was erected in 1873 on property nearby donated by Andrew Haag. In 1924 the current Mountain House School with its stucco exterior was built across the road from Haag's property on Moun-tain House Road. As with Sunol Glen's design, the interior had two rooms: a classroom and an auditorium. The auditorium was equipped with more than 50



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#### **EL CHARRO** (continued from page one)

ture development in the area.

City engineer Cheri Sheets pointed out that the land south of the extension is projected to become part of the chain of lakes when quarrying has been completed. Other land belongs to the city and is to be used as part of a flood control program.

Also concerned about the impact on the airport was Brett Wayne. He said that noise measurements were inadequate and predicted future complaints from those who occupy the development along the freeway. He suggested that the city require

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the area have told the council they do not want the road extended. They say that traffic would leave the congested freeway and travel through their neighborhood.

The Staples Ranch proposal currently provides for emergency vehicle access to Stoneridge Road from the east.

There have also been some concerns raised about building senior housing so close to the Livermore Airport.

#### Meeting to Focus **On Adolescent** Drinking, Drug Use

The Pleasanton Unified School District is co-sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting about adolescent drinking, drug, and tobacco use in the community. It will be held Thurs., March 29

from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Ralph Can-tor, Coordinator of Safe & Drug-Free Schools Program for the Alameda County Office of Education. Local experts, youth, and Pleasanton residents will discuss these issues, how they affect everyone and what the community can do.

The meeting will be held in the Amador Valley High School library, 1155 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. For further information, please contact Amador Valley Adult and Community Education at (925) 426-4290.

#### **PLANETARIUM** (continued from page one)

would be a great education tool. However, the cost was prohibi-

tive at \$25,000 for the dome and computer equipment. Bringing the planetarium into the schools wound up becoming a community-wide effort between the District, local business community, and Teaching Opportunities for Partners in Science S) nrogram

soundproofing structures in excess of federal standards.

Wayne also pointed out that land belonging to the city was purchased using aviation grants. He suggested that the airport should be reimbursed if the land is converted to other uses, such as the road extension.

The tax incentive program was a concern of both John Stein and Don Miller. Miller said there were few details on the program. However, it appeared to be a city subsidy to pay for infrastructure that should be paid for by the developers.

Stein also raised concerns about the impact on the Scenic Corridor. He stated it appears that the architecture was considered more important than the Scenic Corridor. He urged the council to protect the Scenic Corridor.

Another speaker who was concerned about the corridor was Bob Baltzer. "My pet peeve is with the amendment of the gen-

## BILL

(continued from page one) projects as demineralization of its well water, Tauscher said it could. The Bay Delta Water Conservation Plan, in which Zone 7 participates as a state water contractor, could also find funding under McNerney's bill, Tauscher added.

McNerney wrote in a press re-lease, "The constant threat of drought in western states along with the reality of global warming emphasizes why the Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007 is so important. We must begin to investigate alternative water sources now, so we can make strides toward ensuring we have the water that we need in the future.

On a separate bill, Tauscher said in a press release that she is glad to vote for passage of HR 720, the reauthorization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The bill authorizes \$14 billion over the next four years for the fund. Tauscher was an original co-sponsor of the legislation. In the past eight years, she has been the lead Democratic sponsor of legislation to reauthorize the fund.

Reauthorization was stalled since 1994 when Republicans

The constellation script not

only shows the students the ma-

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man, Chinese, Hindu, Inuit, and

Navajo cultures interpreted the

this project," says Duneja. "I have

a deep interest in astronomy be-

"I feel honored to be a part of

eral plan for the Children's Hospital property," Baltzer told the council. He referred to the fact that Crosswinds Church, which had planned to build on one site, is being moved to the Children's Hospital land. The building would protrude 15 feet into the view angle designed to protect the Scenic Corridor. "I will oppose it as vigorously as I can,' stated Baltzer.

A general plan amendment to the Scenic Corridor would be required in order for the church to build on the site.

While not brought up during the council hearing, the Indepen-dent has received letters from those questioning the impact on the city's golf course. They have said they believe the golf course will be of lower quality.

The Design Review Committee (DRC) will be discussing the El Charro Specific Plan at its meeting tonight, March 15. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

took control of Congress, said Tauscher. The legislation "clearly promotes the environment, the economy and the health of all Americans." Tauscher stated that she was glad to "have been a part of a Democratic push to finally reauthorize the \$14 billion.

The United States "faces a clean water crisis estimated by EPA at \$300 billion to \$500 billion over the next 20 years. The EPA has warned that failing to overcome this gap will erase the water quality gains made over the past 35 years under the Clean Water Act," Tauscher said.

The revolving fund "provides low-interest loans to local communities for construction of wastewater treatment facilities and other water pollution abatement projects, " said Tauscher.

Created in 1987, it has been the "primary source of federal funding for clean water funding. The fund is enormously popular with state and local governments across the country," she said. Democrats beat back a Republican effort on the floor to eliminate prevailing wage protections for construction projects funded with the money, added Tauscher.

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pleted in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Treat*ment for Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes.

The City's request for the Vineyard Avenue Improvement project was \$1,200,000. The improvement is designed to mitigate the impact of increased traf-fic resulting from residential and commercial growth in the Vine-yard corridor. The project in-cludes wider medians, bike lanes, increased landscaping and repav-ing of the street with sound attenuating asphalt. Councilmember Cook-Kallio and city staff represented the city on this project since the Mayor

recuses herself from discussions about the Vineyard corridor as her residence is proximate to the proposed improvement area.

Additionally, Hosterman and Cook-Kallio articulated a request for funding support for the East Bay Regional (Interoperable) Radio Communi-Regional cations System. Earlier in 2007, a delegation

of elected officials form the Tri-Valley cities – Pleasanton was unable to participate - sought assistance for this project; city officials want to reinforce the importance of creating a two-county network between Alameda and Contra Costa that would enable first responders,

public works units and other government units to communicate with one another during critical incidents.

The cost to develop the network is over \$60 million; nearly \$9 million in federal and state grants has been secured. An ad-ditional \$12.5 million has been committed. The remaining \$47 million falls to the participating agencies to finance.

"Securing funding for these projects is vital," said Councilmember Cook-Kallio. 'By traveling in person to meet with our elected officials, we were able to have a good discussion about how the funding will make a real difference.

## **Dyer Road Residents Want Seat At Negotiations**

dents has not given up on fighting against the proposed creation of a 62-acre reservoir near their homes. However, they are becoming frustrated with the

The state Department of Wabution

According to the residents, the reservoir would include a 60foot-by-60-foot pumping station made of concrete, a tall, wire fence, and 24-hour lighting, putting adverse light and noise effects on the neighbors' property, especially at night. These would adversely affect their property values.

It is not a Zone 7 project. That agency has not been involved in the issue.

Residents near the site were surprised when work began on the reservoir project in August. Since then, it has been put on hold because of problems with ground sliding, said Lauralee Ragsdale, a resident whose house is near the road.

A month ago, the group hired attorney William Thompson of Livermore. He is a specialist in real estate values. Thompson said that he needs to get up to speed on the case, but he is not having any success in contacting the state about the situation.

General's office have not been returned.

Thompson said he looked at a web site about the case, but did not learn about any new developments. Several calls during two days by the Independent to the attorney general's office in Oakland to learn more about DWR's position were not returned. A call to the DWR official in change of the South Bay Aqueduct project, which would bring water into the reservoir, also was not returned.

According to a web site, the DWR and Waste Management, which owns the site, went to a mediator in December. They are required to report back to the court in late April about progress. Thompson said he would like to represent the residents at those talks. He said that his clients deserve compensation, too, if there is a successful condemnation

proceeding. The mediation grew from a condemnation suit filed by DWR against Waste Management. The site is part of land that Waste Management agreed to dedicate in perpetuity as habitat mitigation for species it displaced in expanding the Altamont landfill. The intention was also to use it as a buffer between Dyer Road residents and the landfill.

Although Dyer Road residents don't like the fact that habitat would be taken, and would like to stop that, the taking is permissible in condemnation proceedings, said Thompson. If the Dyer Road residents can't stop the reservoir creation, they would like to be compensated for the future harm they say would come to their property values.

Lauralee Ragsdale's husband Alan, said, "We feel we should be having a voice to discuss (the condemnation)." Waste Manage-ment doesn't have as much at stake in the negotiations as the residents do. The firm (Waste Management) wasn't using the land anyway, and will receive some money for the taking. How-ever, the neighbors think they will see lower property values, and have to put up with the in-trusion as long as they live there.'



SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1934

His calls to the Attorney Next week Portola Elementary School students will experience the planetarium. It will visit several other Livermore schools before the end of the school year,

# A group of Dyer Road resi-

situation.

ter Resources (DWR) wants to build the reservoir at the south end of Dyer Road. It would take water from a pipeline being in-stalled by Zone 7 Water Agency from the water treatment plant it is building at the road's north end, and store it for later distri-

Sandia National Laboratories provided the bulk of the money, with a \$20,000 donation. General Electric and community member Prabha Duneja each contributed \$5,000. The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) donated \$5.000 for ongoing maintenance.

The planetarium, a 10- by 16foot dome-shape tent that com-fortably fits 20 adults, is made by Digitalis, a Washington-based company. The magic is contained in a computer connected to a projector that displays images of the night sky across the inside of the dome.

The system runs on Stellarium, an open source planetarium program. Because the software is open source, it is free but also requires a high-level of programming knowledge to use, something the District has access

to through the TOPS scientists. The TOPS program places retired scientists and engineers in schools to work in partnership with science teachers. Currently the District has TOPS scientists in 12 of its schools.

Bob Law and Mike Robles, both retired from GE, have devoted countless hours to writing scripts to take teachers and students on specific journeys through the galaxy. There are scripts to examine the phases of the moon, learn about constellations, view distant galaxies, and zoom across our galaxy to view the planets from different perspectives.

Law and Robles, along with other TOPS scientists, are currently working on new scripts aligned to the state content standards. They are also training teachers on using the planetarium.



cause in the Hindu culture mic bodies are closely connected with human bodies. I hope this will help educate children of many generations.'

talis, http:// see www.digitaliseducation.com. For more information on Stellarium, see www.stellarium.org/

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## **EDITORIALS** Worthy Partnership Undermined

Tri-Valley Haven has decided to end its partnership with the federally funded HOPE (Homeless Outreach for People Empowerment) program, effective April 30, because of the feds' reporting requirements.

Under the partnership, the shelter is required to provide detailed personal information about its clients to a national database designed to track the utilization of services by the homeless. The database, known as the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS). is accessible to agencies and individuals. HMIS could jeopardize the confidentiality of victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking, placing them at risk of being discovered by their abusers, according to Ann King, Haven executive director.

HOPE consists of a mobile clinic that provides medical, mental and social services to the Valley's homeless population. The Haven has partnered with it for five years. It's a "terrific program," Ann King said.

The Haven and other victim services agencies lobbied to be exempted from HMIS. Failing that, the people at the Haven felt they had no alternative but to terminate the partnership with HOPE. "Our commitment to our clients cannot be superseded by anything, not even program funding," said King. The Haven will continue in its work, but poorer without its mobile partner.

We're unable to understand why the feds' won't grant the requested exemption from HMIS. Here seems to be a classic case of red tape limiting access to an enormously worthy service.

#### Juanita Haugen

Pleasanton education leader Juanita Haugen — who died of cancer at age 69 last week — began her long career as a school board member in 1979, when she was elected to the Amador High board.

The voters elected her to the Pleasanton Unified board when they approved unification in 1988. Haugen continued to serve until her death, actively participating in the board's discussions right up to the end.

Her board colleague Pat Kernan called her "the mother of all school board members.'

Juanita Haugen was a school leader at all levels – local, state and national. She was president of the California School Boards Association in 1997 and was the only school trustee chosen to serve on the National Assessment of Educational Progress during the Clinton Administration. Meanwhile, she never lost sight of the students. "She fought for every kid across the board," Kernan said.

Juanita Haugen spoke and worked for the highest ideals of civic education and public service. She set a high benchmark for school trustees.

#### I-580 Lobbying Pays Off

An all-out lobbying effort by Valley public officials paid off before the California Transportation Commission (CTC) two weeks ago with the approval of funding for three important projects in the Interstate 580 corridor.

CTC authorized \$68 million to complete the Isabel Avenue/State Route 84 interchange on I-580, with groundbreaking in 2008 and completion by the summer of 2009. Also funded were eastbound and westbound carpool lanes, which received \$72.2 million and \$103 million respectively. This work is to be underway by 2012.

Lobbying for the funding were Livermore Mayor

## Iron Horse Trail to Follow Temporary Route

A temporary route to lead people to the Iron Horse Trail was approved last week by the Pleasanton City Council.

The vote was unanimous. The council selected the option supported by staff that uses sidewalks, rather than the route recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The approved temporary route starts at the BART station, goes onto Owens Drive, Stoneridge Drive to Santa Rita Road where it connects to a finished segment of the trail

The commission favored providing access to the arroyo at one point in the route. The route selected has a one time cost of \$1500 for signs. The commission route would have required funding to modify trail gates at a cost of \$7500 and annual maintenance cost of \$2600.

The council preferred to spend any funds available on a permanent route for the Iron Horse Trail.

The council asked that the route they selected not be designated as a trail segment. Signage should indicate where people using the segment could access the finished portions of the trail.

The trail begins in Concord and currently ends at the Dublin-Pleasanton BART station. The proposed route for the Iron House Trail in the city goes from the BART Station through Pleasanton following an old railroad alignment. East Bay Regional Park District has a license agreement with Alameda County to use the alignment as a trail. The City of Pleasanton will partner with the park district.

The segment of the Iron Horse Trail in Pleasanton that has been completed travel between Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue. An additional segment between Mohr Avenue and Busch Road is expected to be completed in early 2007.

Jim Townsend of the East Bay Regional Park District related some of the history of the trial that has been expanded from a 600 foot segment to almost 28 miles. The City of Dublin is in the process of redoing a portion of the trail in its city.

One of the issues in building the permanent trail in Pleasanton is mid-block crossings over busy streets. "It is a challenge. However, the issue has been successfully addressed on other portions of the trail," he said.

Townsend pointed out that there is "significant" funding for these types of projects both from the state and federal government. He anticipated completion of a

permanent trail was 3 to 7 years out, depending on funding. "However," he declared, "sometimes money falls out of the sky.

Bill Rose, a representative of Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Club, said that the temporary route would not be used by serious bicyclists. They would not ride on sidewalks. He also complained to the council about the lack of bicycle lanes in the city. "Pleasanton is not considered a bicycle friendly town. It is difficult for a cyclists to get through Pleasan-ton," according to Rose.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan, a cyclist, agreed with Rose that serious riders would not use sidewalks. However, the temporary route will be available for walkers and less serious bicyclists. He added that it is important to look at adding bicycle lanes in the city. Other councilmembers agreed with comments about the lack of bicycle lanes. The council directed staff to look at providing more of them.

Jim Wolfe, director of Parks and Community Services, pointed out that the best way to get through the Hacienda Business Park is to use sidewalks on an interim basis.

Cindy Councilmember McGovern stated, "I am totally excited we're moving forward on something. I hope we can move up the seven year completion of a permanent trail.

#### **ACE TRAIN**

In another matter related to transportation, resident Jack Dove urge residents to write to Alameda County representatives urging the county to work with the city on the location of a permanent ACE station.

The county and the city have been discussing the potential locations for an ACE station. They include the current station at the fairgrounds and a potential station on the Bernal property. Dove supports retaining the current location.

One of the issues related to an ACE station is the future of the abandoned railroad corridor through downtown Pleasanton. The county has been reluctant to let the city acquire the corridor until the ACE site has become permanent. Pleasanton wants to use the corridor for downtown parking.

Dove asked people to write to Supervisor Scott Haggerty and members of the Pleasanton City Council urging them to come to an agreement, through, "more or better dialog, binding arbitration, or whatever it takes.'

## Jury Upholds County Zoning Decision In Christian School Case

An eight-member jury found in favor of Alameda Čounty in a Christian school's suit against alleged religious discrimination in a zoning matter.

The jury's verdict in federal court in San Francisco on March 2 in effect said that the plaintiff, Redwood Christian School, failed to prove that the county discriminated against it, said Rachael Meny, one of two attorneys hired by the county to defend the case.

Redwood Christian School alleged that when the county de-nied it a permit to build 122,000 square feet of buildings on a site south of Interstate 580 near Palomares Canyon Road, it imposed a substantial burden on their religious exercise. The school was referring to verbiage in the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), which became law in 2000.

Meny and the lead attorney, John Keker, made the argument that the school's application was rejected solely on the basis of having a use that was too intense for the property in a rural area. The record of planning commis-sion meetings showed that the

school was unwilling to compromise by reducing the number of students from 650, Meny told the Independent.

The school insisted that it had to have both its senior high school and its middle school together on the same campus, as it has had on its San Lorenzo campus. The school officials said that the older students have a role in teaching the younger students. This was a part of the exercise of religious freedom, said Meny.

An official of the school said that he could not comment on the verdict. Instead he referred a reporter to Derek Gaubatz in the Washington, D.C. office of the Becket Foundation, which argued the case for the school. The foundation specializes in religious liberty cases.

Calls to Gaubatz during two days prior to the Independent's deadline were not returned. In a statement on the foundation's web site, Gaubatz said, "We lost round one, but it's only round one. We will go the distance for this school and its students. We're confident that once Redwood's whole story is heard, we will prevail."

## Stony Ridge/Crooked Vine Wineries Have New Owner

Dale Vaughn-Bowen and her father Clyde Vaughn have sold Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge wineries in Livermore to Rick and Pam Corbett.

The Corbetts have run a variety of businesses in Livermore since 1971.

Vaughn-Bowen said she decided to sell the wineries because, "I am very anxious to spend more time with my family, travel, and become a doting grandmother. The six years I have spent running Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge have been very rewarding, but I could not give them the attention they need and still do the other things I want to do with my life.'

I hope that we can do her professional legacy justice when it comes to the quality of her product and the awards Dale has brought home.

Towards that end, the Corbetts will retain Vaughn-Bowen's entire staff and maintain the same hours and policies in the tasting room. Vaughn-Bowen herself will also stay on a part-time basis to establish continuity and help with the special events. "I'll be Vice President of Fun," she joked. The onsite Trio Restaurant

will also stay the same.

sponsible for all operations. His 160 acre Del Arroyo Vineyards off Greenville Road have been the primary source for Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge grapes since 2002, an arrangement

which will continue. The new ownership plans a general facelift and little else. "We' ll clean up the property, spruce up some of the buildings and maybe add a new structure behind the tasting room," said Corbett

Vaughn-Bowen has had some health problems in recent years, particularly a battle with breast cancer. "The outlook for my health right now is very solid," she said. "Sometimes a cancer scare will force you to readjust priorities, and that kind of thinking was a contributor toward our decision to sell."

The Corbett Family has owned Livermore Travel since 1971 and Del Arroyo Vineyards since 1995. Rick Corbett is also an olive grower and was active in the establishment of the South Livermore Plan in the mid-to-late 1990s. Both families plan to host a "Changing of the Guard" event at the winery on April 22 for Crooked Vine and Stony Ridge wine club members and invited guests

Other planned activities include a cigar and wine weekend on March 31 and April 1, and the annual open house for the gen-

tablishing Crooked Vine and re-habilitating Stony Ridge, and following her will be a tough act.

Marshall Kamena, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, State Senator Don Perata, and CTC Commissioner Jim Ghielmetti. It was an impressive statewide campaign.

The Valley corridor of I-580 is rated the second worst freeway bottleneck in the Bay Area. That won't really change until suburban sprawl is curtailed. However, the three projects will bring relief. They are needed. To the coalition of local leaders who made it happen, Good work!

## **Tauscher Bill Aims at** Changing the Course in Iraq

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, along with her colleague Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash), introduced "The Change the Course in Iraq Act." The bill recognizes that the U.S. military mission in Iraq has changed dramatically from when President Bush first sought Congressional authorization. As such, it terminates the existing authority on the use of force in Iraq. It requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan for phased redeployment of U.S. forces. Furthermore, it requires the President to appoint a highlevel Coordinator for Iraq Stabilization to step up regional co-operation in the stability efforts.

The bill forces the Iraqi government to take on a greater role in stabilizing Iraq. It conditions further funding for Iraqi security and reconstruction, beginning in 2008, on the President certifying that the Iraqis have met specific benchmarks recommended by the Iraq Study Group.

"Almost five years ago we authorized the President to use force in Iraq for a myriad of reasons many of which are outdated or have been proven to be pa-tently false," said Rep. Ellen Tauscher. "American Troops were not sent to Iraq to fight a civil war. They must be brought home sooner and safer.'

#### PIPELINE (continued from page one)

which meets the goal of installing a pipeline deep into the ground but does not disturb the surface or roots along the pipeline route.

Preserving the unique natural landscape at Sycamore Grove Park was a priority for the Board. In addition to demanding that the least invasive of the current drilling methods be used, the pact includes a broad range of environmental protections that also address Chevron's liability," according to Barry.

Chevron had considered dig-

ging a trench to put in the pipeline. However, when the park district raised concerns about the impact on the park, Chevron came up with a different method that involves drilling and then pulling the pipe through the tun-

The Tri-Valley Conservancy has a conservation easement over the project area in Sycamore Grove Park and must review and approve the easement plans. Pending all approvals, the pipeline project is expected to commence in July.



Rick Corbett commented, "Dale has done a great job es- Rick Corbett plans to be at the winery every day and will be re-

## Air District Cancels Site 300 Open Air Explosion Permit

Permits that would have allowed the Livermore Livermore National Laboratory to increase its open air explosions at Site 300 annually by 8-fold have been cancelled by the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District.

Citizens and groups chal-lenging the permit received the news by phone from the air district; no formal statement has yet been released.

The permits that were revoked mark the first attempts by Livermore Lab to obtain county permission for open-air detonations at Site 300. The Air Pollution Control District has only been in existence for 15 years. During this time, Site 300 openair explosions were conducted without permits because the blasts were at a lesser volume and yield. Livermore Lab is also and yield. Elvermore Lab is also applying to the Calif. State Dept. of Toxics to increase Site 300's waste storage from 3,300 gallons to 5,500 gallons. Site 300, Livermore Lab's

high explosive testing range, was granted permits in November 2006 to detonate up to 8,000

#### **Pleasanton Council Meetings** To Be Aired on the Web

Future Pleasanton City Council meetings will be webcast on City's website at the www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

The Council meetings can be viewed in real time as they take place and will then the available for post-meeting viewing begin-ning the following day. Pleasan-ton City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in thể City Council Chamber at 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

"This technology provides broader public access to our meet-ings and will help keep our citizens informed," said Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho. "The Internet is becoming a highly effective way to reach our residents and gives them the opportunity to access the information they want, when they want it.

Users can access the live

pounds of high explosives annu-ally and 350 pounds daily. Ac-cording to activists, the Lab's permit application was silent about the exact contents of the

explosions. Site 300 covers 11 square miles, and is located on Corral Hollow Road, just off I-580 in the Altamont Hills between Livermore and Tracy. Local businesses and community members demanded that the air district conduct public hearings, disclose more information about the blasts, and look carefully at the health and environmental impacts that could result from the explosions. Tracy business owner Bob

Sarvey formally appealed the permits. The district notified the parties last Wednesday that the Lab would have to reapply if it wanted to obtain permits for these large explosions. "I filed the appeal because I could see the Livermore Lab wanted to fast track these permits without informing the community about the risks involved in the project," said Bob Sarvey, a longtime Tracy resident and business

broadcasts by visiting the City's website and then, through the Community Calendar, follow the links to the City Council meeting agenda. Those who miss the live broadcast, or don't want to watch it in its entirety, can access the meeting's proceedings the following day by going to the City's website and searching the archives of City Council meetings, or by going directly to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/government/search/cc-archive.html By clicking on a particular agenda item, viewers can opt to watch only the portions of the meeting

that interest them. "We are very excited to offer live webcasting of our City Council meetings," said City Clerk Karen Diaz. "By making public meetings more accessible, we are able to better serve our community.

owner. Sarvey and his family live on Corral Hollow Road. "The big winner today is the

environment in and around Site 300," declared Tri-Valley CAREs' Staff Attorney, Loulena Miles. "I am gratified that the air district heeded our plea.

Site 300 is on the federal Environmental Protection Agency's 'Superfund" list of most contaminated locations in the country.

Site 300 is also on Homeland Security's "short list" of sites being considered to host a bio-lab, known as the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility, where bioweapon agents will be stud-ied on animals in a maximum containment laboratory the size of 5 Wal-Mart stores. In the coming months, Homeland Security will decide whether to study the Tracy site as one of the "finalist" candidates for the massive biolab

## **Unique Business Park Gains Council Approval**

A unique complex of small office buildings was approved by the Livermore City Council on Monday.

The vote was unanimous. Lorraine Dietrich was absent.

Mayor Marshall Kamena stated, "I'm very impressed with the proposal. I think it will be a positive addition to the city."

What makes the project unique is that it caters to small businesses. The 23.14 acre site just off of North Canyons Parkway, opposite Costco, features 16 lots developed into one-story and two-story office buildings. Rather than leasing, businesses will be able to purchase the individual lots.

Mike Parker, owner of the developer ExTerra Realty Partners, LLC, pointed out that the local demand for office space is driven by small business owners. "The ability for these businesses to purchase the site is not offered anywhere else in Northern California." Parker said that the model has worked well in South-ern California.

The project complies with Scenic Corridor requirements. In addition, providing smaller lots has reduced the amount of grading required. The buildings are stepped down and serve as re-taining walls. Parker com-mented, "This allows the buildings to blend more naturally into the surroundings.

In the center of the site, there will be a courtyard containing two bocce ball courts, a fountain, and benches.

**Councilmember Tom Reitter** stated, "It's nice to have a project where the hills are actually higher than the buildings.

**OTHERACTIONS** 

The council approved raises for both the city manager and city attorney.

City Manager Linda Barton's base salary will go from \$196,253 to \$208,028 per year, a 6 percent increase. In addition, she will receive an increase in her automobile allowance from \$400 to \$500 per month. Barton uses her own car for city business. This is the first adjustment in the car allowance since Barton began work-

ing for the city in 2001. Barton also received a special merit pay award of \$9812 based on her performance review. The city council recently reviewed Barton's performance and noted areas in which the city manager met the criteria for a special merit pay award. These include: continuing downtown revitalization, developing the El Charro Specific Plan and regional shop-ping opportunities, preserving open space in North Livermore, developing a long term infrastructure maintenance and rehabilitation strategy, and continuing neighborhood preservation activities.

City Attorney John Pomidor also received a pay increase and special merit pay award. Pomidor received a 7 percent pay increase going from \$168,489 to \$180,283 per year. His special merit pay award was \$6739.

## SHORT NOTES



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Junction Avenue Middle School staff, celebrated the life of a teacher, Janet Montes, who died in August 2006. The celebration took place on Friday, March 9th, her birthday. At her funeral one of the teachers remembered her by wearing a boa that Janet had given her. Janet had told her that every woman should have a boa. Friday, March 9th, was officially declared Janet Montes Memorial Boa Day. Math teacher Linda Brown and other staff members came to school wearing boas in her honor.

#### **Birds Program**

All About Birds is the topic of a Sun., March 18 program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) ranger staff. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 9 a.m. at the Watmore Read entrance to Sy-

the Wetmore Road entrance to Sy camore Grove Park. The program will begin with a "sit spot" exercise designed to gain new insights into bird behavior. Then participants will hit the trail, exploring various habitats attractive to a variety of bird species. Cancelled if raining. Advanced reserva-tions required by calling (925)960-2400. This program will last approximately 2 hours. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking

fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs.

#### Science Bowl

Las Positas College (LPC) is hosting the second annual regional Middle School Science Bowl competition. The science bowl is a great way to generate

enthusiasm for science in young people. On Saturday, March 17, some 20 middle school teams will converge on the Livermore campus to answer ques-tions such as, "Laser is an acronym for what?" (Answer: Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.) This event is one of 2 regional competitions in the Bay Area.

Participating teams hail from Fallon Middle School (Dublin); Quarry Lane (Dublin); Livermore Valley Charter School (Livermore); Queen of All Saints (Concord); Emerson Jr. High (Davis); William Hopkins Jr. High (Fremont); Hercules Middle School (Hercules); Challenger (Newark); Canterbury School (Richmond); Chinese Christian Schools (San Leandro); Franklin Middle School (Vallejo); and Doris-Eaton (Walnut Creek).

Students and coaches will spend the morning in round robin elimination matches, with final rounds leading to a grapes and wines are produced by ivermore Valley Wine Growers and Vintners. The next Quest for Excellence semi-

nar will be held on Thursday, March 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Liver-more. The featured speaker is Roy Thornton – CSU Fresno, speaking on the topic of "Wine Yeasts genetics, physiology, and breeding," Thornton holds a Ph.D. in Applied Microbiology; he taught for more than 20 years, and was a Senior Research Microbiologist with E & J Gallo Winery.

The session will have a fee of \$10.00 to help cover the cost of materials. Please RSVP by March 19th to the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Asso-ciation at (925) 447-WINE (9463).

#### **DECA Students Winners**

Thirty students from Livermore High School traveled to Orange County for the DECA State Career Develop-ment Conference. Students competed in any of thirty business career related areas, with nearly a thousand in atten-

areas, with hearly a mousand in atten-dance. Bringing home awards were: Gillian Floren, first place in Fashion Merchan-dising Promotion Plan (10 page pa-per); Amanda Boulton, second place in Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan (10 page paper): Scott Relfour, third Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan (10 page paper); Scott Balfour, third place in Entrepreneurship Participat-ing (10 page paper) and third in Hos-pitality Team Decision Making Event; Justen Seymour, third place in Hospi-tality Team Decision Making Event; Katey Nelson, Gold Award, Chapter Awards Project (100 page scrapbook of LHS Activities); Chelsea Smith, Gold Award, Chapter Awards Project (100 page scrapbook of LHS Activities); and Denise Merlin, Outstanding Advi-sor Award.

and Denise Merlin, Outstanding Advi-sor Award. Top 8 Medals: Aaron Brynildson, Hospitality Management Team Deci-sion Making; Blake Balfour, Hospital-ity Management Team Decision Mak-ing; Melanie Johnsen, Fashion Mer-chandising Promotion Plan. Luston ng; Melane Jonnsen, Fashion Mer-chandising Promotion Plan; Justen Seymour, Entrepreneurship Participat-ing; Brittany Shiraki, Hospitality Re-search Report; Shelby Schock, Hospi-tality Research Report; Lacey Dent, Hospitality Research Report; and Retail

Texas. She had an older sister and brother. Monique was an energetic, insightful, positive, passionate woman. gram. She had a never-ending desire to learn about and serve the Lord. She ap-proached whatever she did with the

desire to make a difference. She is survived by her children, Cameron and Camille and her husband of 20 years, David.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 a.m. on March 17 at Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### **Richard M. Deck**

Livermore native Richard Marion Raymond "Huff" Deck died March 11, 2007 in Livermore.

He was born January 23, 1917, the son of James and Florence (Callaghan) Deck. He attended St. Michael's Parochial School and graduated from Livermore High in 1935. He attended the University of Portland on a football scholarship and graduated in 1940 with a BA in business. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and flew PBYs in the Pacific Theater earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He began his work career as a hand on local ranches and magnesite mines. He retired from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Richard enjoyed spending his time with family and friends, cattle ranching, hunting, and playing golf.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine Mulqueeney Deck

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Merchandising Series Bridget Kline, Entrepreneurship Written Event . A dozen of the students qualified to attend the International Career De-

to attend the International Career De-velopment Conference in Orlando, Florida. They are all raising the funds to attend that conference this April 27 - May 2, 2007. They are in need of donations to cover the costs of this cross-country trip. Any tax-deductible donations can be sent to Livermore High School, attention DECA. Make checks out to Tri Valley R.O.P.

#### Spring Tours

There will be a tour of Forest Home Farms every Thursday in March at 1 p.m. The tour is of the property and includes a visit to the Tractor Museum that houses over 30 restored antique tractors. There is an exhibit of horse

drawn farm equipment as well. Tours are also available for groups by appointment. The fee is \$3 per person. For more information, call 973-3281.

Forest Home Farms is San Ramon's 16-acre historic site. For information, call 973-3200. The Farm is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon

#### Talk on Hinduism

A talk by Prabha Duneja at the Pleasanton Library will discuss "The Concept of God in Hinduism."

The program will be presented by Fusion Pleasanton on Thurs., March 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. Duneja will explain how Hindus

Duneja will explain how Hindus view what they call Pure Consciousness and describe the place of Hindu beliefs in Western society. "It goes beyond the realm of a specific religion or faiths," said Duneja, a Pleasanton resident and Bhagavad-Geeta scholar. She was born in India and spent her childhood in a small town of Punjab. She graduated from the Sanskrit Uni-

She graduated from the Sanskrit Uni-versity of Kurukshetra as a teacher of English and music. During her career, she developed an increased interest in the study of comparative religion, phi-losophy, homeopathy, astrology and mysticism. She is the founder/president of the

Geeta Society and also an active mem-ber of the Tri-Valley Interfaith Council and Women's Federation for World Peace, USA. The program is sponsored by the East Bay Marathi Mandal and the Pleas-

anton Library. It is funded in part by a California State Library Grant through the California Cultural Crossroads Pro-

For more information, call Penny Johnson, adult programs librarian, at 931-3405, or Varsha Upadhye, East Bay Marathi Mandal, at 339-8090. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

#### Science on Saturday

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory "Science on Saturday" March 17 lecture highlights carbon dating

dating. Bruce Bucholz, LLNL scientist, and Bret States, Granada High School teacher, will present a talk entitled, "Accelerator Mass Spectrometry: How AMS Works in Biology and Health Care."

Care." A technology borne out of arche-ologists' desire to obtain a faster method for dating ancient artifacts has also spawned exciting applications in bio-medical science. Carbon dating tech-niques refined at LLNL's Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (CAMS) are being used to address research questions as diverse as "how old is the DNA in our brains?" to "how long do chemicals remain in our bod-ies?" This lecture will highlight the AMS technology is used to provide insights into challenging problems in biomedicine

Two sessions are offered, 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton Seat-ing is on a first-come, first-served basis. Ing is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no pre-registration. There is no admission charge. Directions, maps and a complete list of lectures are available at http://education.llnl.gov/ sos/. Science on Saturday is presented by LLNL's Science and Technology

#### **OBITUARIES Thomas Elton Kane**

Services were held in Santa Cruz on March 10, 2007, for Thomas Elton Kane who passed away peacefully at his Santa Cruz home on March 3, 2007 at the age of 59 following a short battle with cancer. His beloved family was at his bedside. Mr. Kane was born in Mississippi. He served his country as a sergeant in US Air Force during the Viet Nam War, earning rifle marksmanship decorations.

Kane was an electrical engineer with special emphasis in microwave hardware. His career spanned over 40 years as an engineer. He earned recognition in "Who's Who, had numerous published papers, and holds numerous patents for his inventions in the semiconductor and microwave field.

An avid runner, he received many awards at Blackford High school including state and local competitions. He will be forever remembered, and missed, for his dedication to his children and all of their athletic and performing activities.

He is survived by his five loving children, Lei-Lani Mae Kane Haynes of Scotts Valley, Elaina J-Nell Kane of Sacramento, Oliver Michael-Thomas Kane of Livermore, Kaleena Louise France- Kane of Yankton, South Dakota, Kalen Georgedean-Ross Kane of Soquel, and his wife of 35 years, Cathy Kane of Santa Cruz. He also leaves 5 grandchildren, Ryan Haynes, Jaxson Haynes, Gracie Haynes, Čarter Haynes, Piper Kane, his son-in-law Marc Haynes, as well as many friends and extended family.

A prayer service was held at Hol

member and proud servant of Valley Christian Center in Dublin.

He is survived by his wife Hazel. children Bartlett (Jean) of Kingston, TN; Michael (Bo) of Westminster, CO; Jennifer Myers of Richfield, MN; Eric (Michelle) of Richfield, MN and grandson, Jonathan Mayo. He is also survived by stepchildren, Randy (Patty) of Volcano, Fred (Kim) of Yorba Linda, Jan (Peter) Lynch of Battle Ground, WA, eleven step-grandchildren, and three step great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 11 at Valley Christian Center in Dublin. A private interment will be held in Jackson, CA.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

#### Rev. John J. Dollard

Rev. John J. Dollard went home to be with the Lord on March 5, 2007 in Livermore. He was born January 1, 1919 in San Mateo.

He was the son of the late John J. Dollard of County Kilkenny, Ireland and Marjorie McGinley, County Donegal, Ireland. He was ordained a Catholic priest June 16, 1945 at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco. He was the founder and first pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Livermore. In the early days of St. Charles, while waiting for a church building, Fr. Dollard said Mass at Granada High School and the Vine Theater. He was often in his parishioners' homes, saying Mass and sharing a meal, because he believed the laity was the church. After he retired, he was still actively teaching. He loved to travel and play golf. He loved Livermore and lived here for nearly 45 years. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Patrick and Marian Dollard, a nephew, Eric Dollard, a niece and her husband Dave and Susann Penry, and a great nephew, Daniel Penry. His sister Mary Florentia B.V.M. preceded him in death. He also leaves behind many friends, who will miss him greatly. In honor of Fr. Dollard's request, there will be no services. He will be interned in St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

daughters-in-law George and Emilda Morris of Dublin and Michael and Laurel McMahon of Dublin, stepchildren, Terrance McMahon of San Jose and Patricia Long of Santa Clara, brother Paul Steven Doescher of Vernon Hills, IL, and grandchildren, Thomas, Brandon, Cole, Caede, and Jessica. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Michael McMahon.

A memorial service was held March 9 in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

#### Gladys A. Nehring

Gladys A. Nehring died March 6, 2007 in Livermore. She was 87.

The native of Chicago, IL had lived in Pleasanton for the last 14 years. She worked as a secretary. In Pleasanton she belonged to Trinity Lutheran Church. Her hobbies included reading and crafts.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edward Nehring. She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Richards, grandchildren, Kathy and Chris Morano, Jenni and Steve Fineberg, and Rob and Belinda Richards, and great grandchildren, Jordan, Casey and Faith Richards, Tyler and Joshua Morano, and Jacob and Elizabeth Fineberg.

A private service is planned. Burial will be in Chicago, IL. Arrangements by Graham-Hitch

Mortuary.

#### Mark Evan Fulford

Livermore, Jose Salaiz Jr. and wife, Anna of Salinas; Robert Salaiz of Livermore, Armando Salaiz and wife Debbie of Tracy, Alfredo Salaiz of San Leandro and Carolina Rymundo and husband Alfredo of Livermore, sister Guadalupe Martinez of Texas, brother Jose Saenz of Oklahoma, fifteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Jose Salaiz Sr.

winner in the afternoon, following

The Livermore Heritage Guild will host the talk on Wed., March 21, 7 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 So.

Kay Speaks will lead listeners down a trail of intrigue as she shares her

family story about the 76-year-old

murder of her Chinese great uncle's wife. Learn of the family's time at

Angel Island and their struggles during

the Chinese Exclusion Era. Come early for cookies and chat.

For more information, call 449-9927.

Young children ages two to six are

invited to spend some time with the Spring Bunny at a special "Breakfast with the Bunny" event slated for Satur-day, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00

a.m. The event is sponsored by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park

District (LARPD) and takes place at the Robert Livermore Community Center

at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. Youngsters will engage in "make and take" spring-themed crafts, visits with the Spring Bunny and photos with their furry friend for \$2, followed by a "hop-along-trail" to breakfast, where they will enjoy coreal fruit grandla

a "hop-along-trail" to breakrast, where they will enjoy cereal, fruit, granola bars, juice and special treats. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the event must

be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$6 for children. For more information, please call (925)

Tri Valley Conservancy and Liver-more Valley Wine Growers Associa-tion will be hosting a Quest for Excel-

lence Quality Wine Growing Educa-tional Series. The purpose of this series is to assure the highest quality of wine

373-5700.

Wine Yeasts

Meet Easter Bunny

lunch. The day begins at 8 a.m.

**History Talk** 

Livermore Ave.

in 1985 and a son, Luis Salaiz in 1980. Visitation is Wed., March 21 at 4 p.m. with rosary at 7 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Services will be at the same location at 11 a.m. Thurs., March 22. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

Zelma L. Hill (Depue) Zelma L. Hill (Depue) died March 9, 2007 at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton. She was 85. Mrs. Hill was born in Oakland in 1923 and was a long time resident. She has been a Tri-Valley resident since

1951. She was an active member of the Millsmont Cultural Society and Horseless Carriage Club. Zelma was a career woman for most of her adult life, owning and managing several businesses. She has been retired for the past 25 years and enjoyed traveling, gardening, and spending time with her husband, friends, relatives and very "special" cat, Tia. She is survived by her husband of

19 years, Donald Hill of Pleasanton; children, Ronald Michael Depue and his wife, Shane, of Napa; Paul Depue

Cross Catholic Church (126 High Street) followed by military honors,

Tom requested that remembrances be made to a scholarship fund for his Grandchildren, Patelco, 375 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95065 or to a favorite charity.

#### Raymond F. Fagundes

Raymond F. Fagundes went peace-fully to fish God's waters and garage sales at God's houses on March 4, 2007 following a long battle with illness. He was 65. Throughout his illness, Raymond never lost his sense of humor.

Raymond was born May 5, 1941, a third generation Livermore resident. He attended May School. Fifth Street School and Livermore High School. He worked at Ace High Liquors for many years until he became an Oakland Scavenger Teamsters Local 70 employee. Raymond worked for the garbage company until he retired to his country ranch where he loved to relax and watch the rabbits and other animals. He enjoyed collecting VHS videos, cooking, tinkering on odds and ends, fishing, and was the garage sale king of Livermore.

He is survived by his son, Timothy Fagundes and his wife Kelly, daughter Cindy Michell and her husband Frank, grandchildren, Justin, Shane and Ashley. He is also survived by his dear friend and companion Pat Rochin.  $A\,memorial\,service\,was\,held\,March$ 

9 in Livermore. Arrangements by Callaghan Mor-

#### Paul Eugene Mayo

tuary.

Paul Eugene Mayo died March 5, 2007. He was 71.

He was born in Anoka, Minnesota on February 8, 1936. He was a veteran of the US Air Force and was an active

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#### Dorothy Joanne McMahon

Dorothy Joanne McMahon passed away in Pleasanton on March 5, 2007. She was 75

She had lived in Dublin for three years, moving to the city from the Sunnyvale area where she had lived for over 30 years. Dorothy worked as an elementary teacher for the San Jose Unified School District for over 25 years, retiring in 1985. She loved spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed traveling and her almost daily trips to the shopping mall. She is survived by her sons and

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Mark Evan Fulford of Livermore passed away on March 4, 2007. He was born in Compton, CA on August 16, 1959.

He lived in Torrence for thirtyseven years where he attended Torrence High. He enjoyed surfing, camping and playing in a band. He worked at Garrett/Allied Signal as a machinist for 18 years. In 1996, he moved his family to Livermore. He worked at NUMMI for ten years as a mainte-nance mechanic. Mark's hobbies included racing motorcyles with his son and daughter. He also loved playing guitar and writing music.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Gloria Fulford, daughter Megan Fulford, son Robert Fulford, sister Anita Fountain, brother-in-law Jeff Winsell and nephew Andrew Fountain.

A memorial service was held March 12 in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

#### Carolina M. Salaiz

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Carolina M. Salaiz died February 15. 2007 in Livermore. She was 85.

She was born in Mexico and raised in El Paso, Texas. She was a member of St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Havward for over 40 years and was very active in various church pro-grams. She was proud of being fluent in two languages. Carolina's main priority in life was taking care of her

She is survived by her children Irma Robles and husband George of

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and his wife, Rosanne of Tracy, four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sat., March 17 at the Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. A reception will follow in the church hall.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Monique LeRay Cauthen Monique LeRay Cauthen died March 8, 2007 at the age of 44. She was the daughter of Frank and Dorothy Williams of Fort Worth,

and his brother Arthur Deck. He is survived by daughters Diane Dugan (Terrence) of Sacramento, Jayme Debussey (Robert) of San Juan Capistrano, and Jacquelyn Wylie (James) of Napa, seven grandchildren

and eight great grandchildren. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday, March 19 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tues., March 20 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Donations may be made to a char

ity of choice.





family. She will be missed by all.

## SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton Seahawk Hailey DeGolia set a new American Record as a member of the University of Arizona 200 Medley Relay at the NCAA Championships last week. Her 50 Back time of 24.2 helped set the record. In addition, she placed 7th in the 200 IM (1:58.30), 6th in the 100 Fly (52.60), and 2nd in the 100 Back (52.66).

#### Under-16s Advance

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Black under-16 boys Al Caffodio soccer team advanced to the round of 16 of Association Cup play by going 2-0-1 in pool play over the weekend at Sacramento.

Great team defense played through out the pool play led by Phil Vieback, Patrick Yee, Austin Richwood, Eric Burnett. Only one goal was allowed. Goal keeper Stephen LaCommare was solid through out the pool

play. Strong midfield play led by Jered Lui, Brandon Lee, John Leach, Mason Ridgeway, Edmond Hare, Noel Moldvai, and Nayam Karavadra helped to control the midfield for most of the games. Ballistic defeated the Santa Rosa NW

Oaks Clash 2-0 on Saturday. Chris Lee started the scoring with nice shot down the middle and past the goal keeper. Nathan Roberts rounded out the scoring off a cross by Lui, 16 yards out from the left side. Sacramento OLG Atlas White lost to Ballistic on Sunday morning 2.0. Roberts

Ballistic on Sunday morning, 2-0. Roberts scored with a feed from Julio Gomez in the first half. Justin Dorsey punched in and scored from the left side of the goal off the shot by Nayam Karavadra, after a fine pass by Lee. Ballistics tied the Mt. Diablo Diablos on

Sunday afternoon, 1-1. A hard fought game. Mason Ridgway tied the scoring from with a free kick, 20 yards out in the first half.

#### Foothill Freshman

Foothill High School Falcons freshman team took on Berkeley. On the mound Sean Mannion and Michael Slifer scattered six hits over 7 innings for the 3 – 2 win. Will Anderson and Sean Mannion led the offense, both going 2-3 at the plate. Anderson con-nected for a triple and single, and scored two runs while Mannion delivered with a double and single and two RBIs and single and two RBIs. Austin Mann slapped a single and scored the 3rd run when Elias Khoury hit a single to right in the 5th

inning. Defense also keyed a key role in the win. In the 2nd inning catcher Andrew Brazil took on charging Berkeley runner trying to steal from 3rd for an out at the plate. Then in the 4th inning second baseman Matt Owen charged a soft grounder throwing to Brazil at the plate taking away what would have been a sure run, and in the top of the 7th Brandon DeFazio fielded a tricky hop at deep short followed by a strong throw to 1st to get the last out of the game with runners on 2nd and 3rd.

The Foothill Freshman squad improved their record to 3 – 0.

#### California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy com-peted in the Byers Sacramento Invitational hosted by Byers Sacramento Gymnastics in Sacramento, March 9-11. RESULTS (by event):

Katie Kinser - 3rd place (9.275); Keri Mack - 9th place (8.725) ALL AROUND - Keri Mack - 4th place (35.3).

#### Pony Baseball

The Livermore Indians won a close game against the Pleasanton Yankees in Pony Mustang Division Opening Day action. The Indians scored 9 runs on 13 hits with Alex Cupps (1B, 1B, 2B, 3B), Drew Webber (1B), Drew Delay (1D, 111, 112), Drew Deber (1B), Ryan Ruley (1B, 1B, 1B), James Dayton (1B, 3B), Kameron Johnson (1B), and Carson Paynter (1B, 1B) delivered at the plate. Kameron Johnson, Drew Webber and Ryan Ruley shared the pitching duties holding the Yankees to 4 hits. Klei (1B), Mercado (1B, 1B), Hahn (1B) and Godi (1B) hit for the Yankees.

The Indians were up 9-6 when the Yan-kees came to bat in the bottom of the 6th. The Yankees scored two runs on three hits to come within one run run of tying the game with only 1 out and runners on second and third. The game ended on a line drive to James Dayton at short who caught the runner off third to end the game with his solo double play. It was a heart stopping 9-8 opening day win for the Indians.

#### Livermore Smoke

Livermore Smoke Girls Softball results

Middle School Black Division AMS.net, Inc. The Mob 5, Santa Rita Chevron Black Attack 1. The game was scoreless until the top of the last inning when Leslie Carlson scored, and also had two strong singles. Natasha Storti played some outstanding defense in the outfield coming up with an awesome catch in the fourth, and Korrina Botelho pitched a gem in the loss striking out six wile not allowing an earned run

AMS.net, Inc. The Mob 8, All Star Sports Sneaky Cleats 4. Brent Bowen Photography Purple Mafia 5, Santa Rita Chevron Black Attack 5. For the Purple Mafia, outstanding pitching by Jordan Hansen, a three-hit, two-RBI performance by Taylor Morton, and sharp defense by Kayla Block helped the Purple Mafia kept the Black Attack in check. The Black Attack got off to a slow start but finished strong. Leslie Carlson came in and struck out four and threw two scoreless innings, Cathy Carter was on base twice to lead the offense. Samantha Caravas laid down a nice bunt with two outs, and scored with some aggressive base running to tie the game as time ran out.

Middle School Red Division Meredith Real Estate Brokers Orange Crush 7, Cindi Greci Vipers 6. For the Orange Crush, Megan Thompson hit a double and pitched two very Inompson hit a double and pitched two very strong shutout innings, Shannon Osterberg caught a fly ball for an out and played solid at second base, and Elyse Telford, hit a single and pitched a strong inning. Little Rascals Learning Center Demoli-tion 13, Groth Brothers Chevrolet Force 6.

With strong performances from both teams, standouts for Demolition were pitcher Rachel Tabaracci three strikeouts, catcher Brandy Guillen with a strong performance including a tag out at home plate, and Sam Driver with two RBIs. The score was close at the beginning, but the Force couldn't keep up with the Demolition. The Force started the season shorthanded due to early season-ending inju-ries to Sarah Nickerson, and catcher Renee Dobson who broke her thumb early in the first opening day practice game.

Olson Construction Gold Rush 13, Bill Howard Floor Company Crossfire 9. The Gold Rush scored 10 runs in the first two innings and never looked back on the opening day game for both teams. Cassidy Van Trease was the winning Gold Rush pitcher, Jessica Olson doubled, and Marissa Stevenson had two RBIs. The Crossfire came back from a 10-3 deficit and made things interesting. Deanna Moreno reached base twice and scored both times for the Crossfire, Carolyn Fletcher had a RBI double, and Kandee Valdez singled, scored a run and made two great plays at second base.

Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 10, AP Concrete The Lady Yanks 7. For the Blue Ice, Nicole MacDougall showed her fantastic pitching, Carina Novell led the offense with great pitching and hitting, and Maddy Pruneda had two strong hits. The game was called early due to darkness. Michelle Soule pitched very well for the Lady Yanks. Victoria Mercado had excellent at bats, hitting a long fly ball that was caught. Taylor Vasquez play great defense and threw the ball from third to first to get two outs.

Sneaky Cleats 14 e Faltings

after being hit by a pitch and scored a run. Hired Guns Fastpitch Academy Hired Guns 8, Groth Brothers Bad News Babes 7. For the Hired Guns, Sophie Hartley had a double and a RBI, Ashley Breyer pitched a strong inning and struck out a batter. Solid defense the last inning held the Bad News Babes scoreless to preserve the win.

Earth Safety Dynamics Black Smoke 10, Hired Guns Fastpitch Academy Hired Guns 4. Erica Serrano was the power of the Black Smoke team, going three-for-three with a double and a single, Adriana Correa pitched four innings, striking out 10 batters, and also went two-for-three, and Britney Meyer had two singles in two at-bats. For the Hired Cures, Unnucle Romett had a double & two Guns, Hannah Bennett had a double & two RBIs, Rachel LaRont had a fantastic pitching performance with six strikeouts in four in-nings, and Lexie Rohrbacker picked off a runner at third with the bases loaded to end the top of the fifth.

Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Light-ning 10, Groth Brothers Bad News Babes 3. For the Blue Lightning, Paige Walker pitched a strong inning and had a solid base hit, Isabel Verlarde did a good job pitching with a strikeout to end the end the first inning, and Corrina Dias pitched a shutout inning and scored two runs.

Hired Guns Fastpitch Academy Hired Guns 8, Groth Brothers Bad News Babes 7. For the Hired Guns, Sophie Hartley had a double and a RBI, and Ashley Breyer pitched a strong inning and struck out a batter. Solid team defense the last inning held the Bad News Babes scoreless to preserve the win. **10-Under Red Division** The Oaks

Group, Smith Barney Royal Dames 6, Diablo Dental Services Warriors 5. Top players on the Royal Dames were Veronica Hadsel, Sierra Hoggatt, and Jessica Johnston. The Warriors fought hard with great hitting from Hannah Mata and Adeline Call, both reaching base three times and went two-for-two. Isabella Fernandez helped defensively pitching two

remandez helped derensively pitching two solid innings, striking out one batter. Crawford Family Thillerz 10, Line-X Lucky Charms 5. The Lucky Charms were led by Shalena Anderson who had four strikeouts, Irais Ortiz, who had a single with a RBI, and Alyssa Gonzalez who played great defonce with the cache of the game on a defense with the catch of the game on a scorching line drive.

scorching line drive. William Thompson Pink Panthers 7, Hertz Rental Equipment Lightning 3. For the Pink Panthers, Jessica Pestana and Stephanie Rucker each pitched two innings, and Victoria Gavordjan had three RBIs. Lightning girls played a great game with Sadie Serdahl's hitting and defense, Megan Sanchez had an awesome game catching, and Stephanie Marshall pitched great along with some great defense. defense

Faltings Racing Team Jumpstart 10, John L. Sullivan Toyota Wildcats 8. The Wildcats had a 6-4 lead, while Jumpstart scored six more runs and took the lead 10-6 which they held on to. Wildcats Greta Kohlmmoshad a hit a double in the outfield bringing in two runs, Rachel Bryant made a great stop at first base, and Rachel Danielson

agreats top at its base, and Racher Danielson played great at catcher. The Oaks Group, Smith Barney Royal Dames 9, Faltings Racing Team Jumpstart 5. Top Players for the Royal Dames Danielle Dufek, Kelsey Livingston, and Julie Maruskin.

Diablo Dental Services Warriors 13, Hertz Equipment Rental Lightning 13. The Warriors and Lightning fought to a tie over five tough innings. Standouts for the Warriors were Madeline Glaviano, going three-for-four and drove in five runs, and scored the tying run in the bottom of the fifth, Hannah Finster went two-for-three and a walk, and Chelsea Bantley made several outstanding plays. A very close game with lots of action on both sides. For the Lightning, Sarah Dane had two great hits, Linsey Steininger's pitch-

nad two great mis, Linkey Steininger Spitch-ing was awesome as well as two base hits, and Taylor Lobb played great defense. Line-X Lucky Charms 6, Groth Brothers Chevrolet Hurricanes 5. The Lucky Charms were led offensively by Cassie Conrad with a nice base hit, while late in the game shortstop Jordan Volponi scooped up a hard hit ball and relayed it to Taylor Lange at first

base to preserve the win. Abramson & Thaete MVPs 16, John L. Sullivan Toyota Wildcats 15. A close game, the Wildcats pulled ahead in the third inning 15-7. During the bottom of the fourth the MVPs bats came alive, as Liz Taylor, Corinne

M VPS bats came alive, as Liz I aylor, Corinne Heinstein and Jenna Thompson all had RBIs. Crawford Family Thrillerz 10, William Thompson Pink Panthers 9. For the Thrillerz, Amber Granato had the game-winning single, Kayleigh LaGrutta had two singles and two RBIs, and Riley Taylor had two singles. For the Pink Panthers, Jennifer Chaidez made two nut outs at third hase Havley Rundle had two put outs at third base. Havley Rundle had two RBIs, and Morgan Dillard pitched two innings, assisted on an out at home and a base hit

Tire Center Tornados 7. The Lil Yank's played great defense & offense throughout the game. Sara Smith showed her talent on the itcher's mound during the first inning, llexis Pereida made two putouts at third base in the second inning, and Mariah Dias hit the ball well. The top Tornado players were Te'a Stephenson, Olivia Schormann, and Maggie McIntyre.

KKIQ Pink Panthers vs. The Crawford Family Crush (score unavailable). For the Pink Panthers, outstanding defense from Tyarra Lynch, great hitting from Julia Gra-ham, and excellent pitching from Elise Williams.

Brian J. Emrich, DDS KoolKatz 0, Pacific Dental Care Cheetah Girls 0. In their factor Dental Gare Checkan Ghiso. In their first official game of the season, the KoolKatz played like champions. The outstanding KoolKats were Lexi Carzoli, Megan Halliwell, and Tori Nicolo.

Brian J. Emrich, DDS KookKatz 0, White Lightning 0. The KoolKatz were at the outstanding KoolKatz players were disting. Outstanding KoolKatz players were Jessica Bonfiglio, Kendall Korhummel, and Chloe McGlynn

McGlynn. **T-Ball** Brent Bowen Photography Dan-delions vs. CaDealerDirect.com Tiger Cubs. Coaches' selections - Tiara Birdsong, Marissa Carpenter, Rebecca Anderson (TC). Groth Brothers Rockstars vs. Les Schwab Tire Center Blue Angels. Coaches' selections -Lauren Wirth, Lindy Girardelli, Shelby Williams (R); Jordan Goodwin, Courthey Haves Seman Hurt (BA). Croth Brothers Winiams (R); Jordan Godowin, Courney Hayes, Serena Hutt (BA). Groth Brothers Rockstars vs. Around The Bay Pest Control Crushers. Coaches' selections - Laila Elmashni, Kaitlin Krakoski, Taylor Stamps (R). Austin Precision, Inc. Bubble Gum Girls vs. John L. Sullivan Toyota Fireballs. Coaches selections - Peyton Fields, Ashley Cole, Sarah Sanchez (BBG); Amber Thomas, Cassidy Bates, Jessica Zogaric (F). Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls vs. Les Austin Precision Bubble Guin Gins Vs. Les Schwab Tire Center Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Caitlyn Quartaroli, Kate Hottinger, Audrey Castro (BBG); Haylee Kramar, Sierra Marshall, Lauren Martin (BA). CaDealerDirect.com Tiger Cubs vs. John L. Sullivan Toyota Fireballs. Coaches' selec-tione. Sierra Deane Lindeau/Biline Meeren tions - Sierra Deane, Lindsey Philips, Megan Mossinger (TC).

#### East Ave. Wrestling

The East Avenue wrestling team brought home 11 medals last weekend at the Annual Castro Valley Wrestling tournament. The team advanced eight wrestlers to the finals claiming six gold medals. Sixth graders Mac Morgan (107-lbs), Scott Chapeta (111), Niguel Pilkington (121) and Vonte String (145) led the team winning titles in their weight class.

Seventh -graders Brandon Disbrow (92) and Cris Buendia (183) took home the gold medal in their weight class. Eighth-graders Mark MacManus (100) and Scott Crowder (118) took second place. Lorenzo Buendia (151) took third place and John Wilker (129) and Baharam Sherwani (143) brought home fourth place medals. Brandon Disbrow had the fastest pin for the team (17 seconds) against his opponent in the semi-finals.

#### Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results from last week inlcude the following" T-Ball: Dodgers: Matteo Crivello, Jacob

Moen, Jared Rittenmeyer. Farm Division: Royals: Chase Bertoldo, Trevor Chapman, Conner Livingston; Mar-lins: Bradley Archer, Mason Arnold, Colin

**A Division:** Orioles 19, Devil Rays 4: The Orioles Justin Hill had 4 at bat, 1 triple, 1 double and 2 singles and defesively caught a pop up at short stop, Lucas O'Brien 4 at bat, 3 singles, 3 runs batted in, Logan Koch, 4 at bat with 3 runs. Nathan Barney, Zachariah Griffin Bateson (3 Hits, 1 RBI) - Devil Rays. Phillies 9, Mets 5: The Phillies jumped

to an early lead with big hits from Tyler Gonzales and Jared Paul. They were able to hold on to their lead with a great defensive effort led by Bobby Canteline. The Mets rallied with a big hit by Davis De Fina driving in 2 runs. Andrew Barrett and Gerardo Cabassa added to the Mets hit parade with singles in the 4th and 5th. Andrew also showed his defensive skills by catching a fly ball. Top Players: Tyler Gonzales, Jarad Paul and Bobby Canteline - Phillies: Davis De Fina, Andrew Barrett, and Gerardo Cabassa Mets

2 awesome plays at 1st base. Indians James Mahler up at bat and a passed ball scoring Dru Merrill with the only run of the game. 2nd baseman Devin McMahon made a quick retrieve, getting the out at 1st . Indians pitcher Brandon Hunt stepped in to close the game. Top Players: Mat Puls, Brandon Hunt, Dru Merrill- Indians; Chris Wilson David Pinon, Pooja Patel, - White Sox Giants 7, Yankees 6: Giants won a hard

fought contest over the Yankees. The Yan-kees staged a furious rally in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> only to fall short by one run. Jack Sawyer was the winning pitcher and also led the Giants in hitting with 2 hits and 1 RBL Jedidiah Lipp scored twice for the Giants. Jackson Mancieri pitched three solid innings for the Yankees. The top hitters for the Yankees were Sean Amaral with 2 base hits and Hunter Lewis with a double.

**Junior 80s Division:** A's 8, Cardinals 3: The A's defeated the Cardinals is a game In A's dereated the Cardinals is a game dominated by power pitching and hot bats on the opening day of the Livermore American Little League. Starting pitcher Brandon Arata and closing pitcher Steven Monaghan pitched with accuracy, holding the Cardinals to 3 runs. The Cardinals pitchers, Eric Bolin, Ouisney White and Justin Davie den pitched Quincy White and Justin Davis also pitched impressively holding off the A's until a 6th inning rally. Danny Walsh was the stand out batter for the A's with a triple and a double. Top Players: Brandon Arata (3.1 IP, 2 ER, 4K), Steven Monaghan (2.2 IP, 1 ER, 3K), Danny Walsh (1 3B, 1 2B, 3 RBI).

#### Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League scores and highlights for opening day: U-10Mini Rec: Precisioun Auto Repair

Mustangs vs. Fernando's Mexican Restau-rant Dalmations: Pitcher Emma Furr threw to catcher Brianna Sobrero for a game ending put-out at home. Top players Mustangs: Isabelle Skinner, Kellie Solon, Emma Furr, Periores Cathurat

Brianna Sobrero. Tucker Assoc's Real Estate Services Mad Dogs vs. Friends of PGSL Dynamite: Carmen Dogsvs. Friends of PGSL Dynamite: Carmen Lopez went 2 for 2 scoring Holly Gouveia. Run scoring power hits by Olivia Verbeck and Holly Gouveia made for an exciting opening game. Mad Dogs Key Players: Carmen Lopez, Olivia Verbeck, Whitney Mazoitti, Holly Gouveia. ASR: The Sunroom Company Da Bomb vs. Association Management Solutions Starlights: Great nitching by sisters Casey

vs. Association Management Solutions Starlights: Great pitching by sisters Casey and Chelsea Eddy, runs scored by Cassie Sherman and Camryn Fuller. Da Bomb Key Players: Cassie Sherman, Camryn Fuller, Casey Eddy, Chelsea Eddy U-9 Micro Rec: Axial Industries All Stars vs. Friends of PGSL Blue Jays: Great hitting by Kate McGarrity, quality pitching and fielding by Danica Zierau. All Stars' Key Players: Danica Zierau. All Stars' Key Players: Danica Zierau. Melissa Lopez; Blue Jay's Key Players: Kaitlyn McGarrity, Tamilyn Kwong. Gene's Fine Foods Funkee Monkees vs. AW, Inc. Power Puppies: Teamwork by Olivia McGee and Hannah Schott for a game ending put-out at third. Great hitting by Taylor Noval. Maddie Simmons to Kelly Jeffries put-out at first to save an inning.

Jeffries put-out at first to save an inning. Funkes pur-out at first to save an minig. Funkee Monkees Key Players: Olivia McGee, Hannah Schott, Taylor Noval; Power Pup-pies Key Players: Allie Sanchez, Maddie Simmons, Kelly Jeffries. U-6 T-Ball: Wild Stallions' Key Players: Ellen Ebbers, great fielding, Jessica

Stubbs, great running, Hailey Christian,

#### Foothill Freshmen

Foothill High School freshmen pitchers Will Anderson and Troy Sales demonstrated ball control allowing no Castro Valley hitters to reach base on a walk, while striking out 6 in A 13 to 1 win. Castro Valley's only run

came late in the game and was unearned. The Falcons sent 15 batters to the plate in the 3rd inning racking up 9 runs and putting the game out of reach. Will Anderson led the offense with 3 hits, 3 RBIs and 1 run, while Matt Owen and Michael Theofanopoulos Rate Owen and Michael Theorem Theorem Share Chao, Elias Khoury, Brandon DeFazio and Reece Yamada).

#### Youth Lacrosse

The Livermore Phantom Lacrosse C team played two games this weekend at Granada High School. Goalie Steven Martinez stopped 20 shots in the first game vs Fair Oaks. Brandon Class scored the first goal for the Phantom as attackers Evan Martin, and Collin Rigby played solid all day. Zachary Swinford scored 4 goals all on assists from

#### 3 from Livermore In Program to Train For Olympics

Three Livermore girls were selected to the CYSA-North (California Youth Soccer Association) ODP (Olympic Development Program) State pool this past Sunday.

Racquel Hamblen and Breanna Rittmann from the U13-Div.1 Livermore Shock team, and Shelby Cota from the U12-Div. 1 Mustang (Danville) Blast were among 58 of the top players in their age group invited from Northern California to try-out for the State ODP pool team.

After two consecutive weekends of try-outs in Morgan Hill and Ripon, a pool of 30 players was selected. Hamblen, Rittmann, and Cota were selected and will travel to Colorado this spring for training and possible selection to the Region IV ODP Pool.

Region IV consists of the following state associations: Alaska, Arizona, California North, California South, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

LIVERMORE YOUTH FOOTBall & CHEEFLEADING ages: FOOTBall 7-14 CHeerLeadING 5-14

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Barnett; Rockies: Joshua Murray, Andrew Scull, Garon Michaelis

Eme, Lazarus McAtee, Ethan Shang and Nick Volponi all assisted to an outstanding opening game for the Orioles. With a victory win against the Devil Rays. The Devil Rays gave a valient effort for their first game of the season with Nat Redditt who had 3 hits and 2 runs driven in and Griffith Bateson with 3 hits and 1 run and Adam Lebish with 2 hits and 1 run. Top Players: Justin Hill (4 4B, 6 RBI), Lucas O'Brien (4 3B, 3 RBI), Logan Koch (4 4B, 3RBI) - Orioles; Adam Lebish (2 Hits, 1 RBI), Nat Redditt (3 Hits, 2 RBI),

LEVEL 7: Age Group: middle VAULT -Jenny Yang - 6th place (8.8); Melissa Parker (8.575); Emma Rigl (8.325) BARS - Emma Rigl - 2nd place (9.25); Jenny Yang - 4th place (8.875); Melissa Parker (8.475) BEAM -Emma Rigl - 5th place (8.425); Jenny Yang 6th place (9.4); Melissa Parker (9.15) Emma Rigl - 5th place (8.425); Jenny Yang - 6th place (8.4); Melissa Parker (8.15) FLOOR - Jenny Yang - 2nd place (9.15); Emma Rigl - 6th place (9.0); Melissa Parker (8.75) ALL AROUND - Jenny Yang - 4th place (35.225); Emma Rigl - 6th place (35.0); Melissa Parker - 8th place (33.95); Age Group: older VAULT - Erin Gray - 3rd place (9.15); Megan Ouyang - 5th place (9.0); Briana Gray - 6th place (8.775); Brianna Jessup - 7th place (8.75) BARS - Megan Ouyang - 3rd place (8.95); Briana Gray - 5th place (8.65); Erin Gray - 7th place (8.425); Brianna Jessup - 8th place (8.375) BEAM -Erin Gray - 6th place (8.425); Briana Gray (8.05); Brianna Jessup (7.95); Megan Ouyang Erin Gray - 6th place (8.425); Briana Gray (8.05); Brianna Jessup (7.95); Megan Ouyang (7.0) FLOOR - Erin Gray - 1st place (9.225); Megan Ouyang - 2nd place (8.975); Brianna Jessup - 4th place (8.85); Briana Gray - 5th place (8.525); ALL AROUND - Erin Gray - 2nd place (35.225); Briana Gray - 5th place (34.025); Megan Ouyang and Brianna Jessup - T6th place (33.925)

LEVEL 8: Age Group: younger VAULT - Stephanie Stamates (8.75); Alexa Hernandez (8.6); Jordan Garza (8.4) BARS - Alexa Hernandez - 5th place (9.2); Stephanie Stamates (8.9); Jordan Garza (8.75) BEAM Alexa (9.75); Alexandra (8.75) Alexandra (8.75) - Alexa Hernandez - 3rd place (8.875); Stephanie Stamates (8.775); Jordan Garza (8.75) FLOOR - Alexa Hernandez - 5th place (8.75) FLOOR - Alexa Hernandez - 5th place (9.325); Stephanie Stamates (9.1); Jordan Garza (9.025) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 6th place (36.0); Stephanie Stamates (35.525); Jordan Garza (34.925); Age Group: older VAULT - Patricia Aubel (8.35); Mandy Bakker (8.175) BARS -Patricia Aubel - 5th place (9.025); Mandy Bakker (8.375) BEAM - Patricia Aubel - 3rd Jace (9.075); Mandy Bakker (8.1) FLOOP place (9.075); Mandy Bakker (8.1) FLOOR - Mandy Bakker (8.55); Patricia Aubel (7.85) ALL AROUND - Patricia Aubel (34.3) Mandy Bakker (33.2)

LEVEL 9: VAULT - Katie Kinser - 2nd place (9.125); Keri Mack - 8th place (8.825) BARS - Keri Mack - 2nd place (8.9) BEAM - Keri Mack - T2nd place (8.85) FLOOR -

Diablo Dental Services Hot Flaming Red Sox 1. Olson Construction Gold Rush 13, Meredith Real Estate Orange Crush 4. For the Gold Rush, Samantha Waddle had two singles and two RBI, pitcher Cassidy Van Trease was unscored on the mound, and Megan Daniel snagged a line drive and doubled off the runner at second hear. For the doubled off the runner at second base. For the Orange Crush, Danielle Hamilton did a wonderful job catching and at bat. Alisha Reposa also did a great job playing first base and getting on base. Shannon Osterberg showed some alert fielding for the early in the morning, as well as taking base on a dropped third strike.

Maryalice Faltings Sneaky Cleats 13, Bill Howard Floor Company Crossfire 1. The Crossfire ran into great pitching against the Sneaky Cleats. Erica Smith went two-fortwo and assisted on a double play, Brooke Lari had the only other Crossfire hit and played great at catcher, and Lauren Boultier walked and scored the only Crossfire run on an overthrow

A.P. Concrete Lady Yanks 10, Diablo Dental Services Flaming Hot Red Sox 8. This was a real nail biter that came down to the last inning. KC Pereida made her pitching debut and held the opposition to two lowscoring innings, Morgan Emmett played left field and did an outstanding job backing up shortstop and throwing a runner out at third base. The Lady Yanks scored the winning run in the bottom of the fourth inning on a steal of home plate by Icacia Pereida.

Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 19, Groth Brothers Chevrolet Force 7. For the Blue Ice, Danielle Paulazzo made a fantastic play in right field, Kaylynn Richards scooped up a ball at second with a great throw to first, and Jennifer Lackey had three RBIs.

**10-Under Black Division** Earth Safety Dynamics Black Smoke 12, Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Lightning 5. For the Blue Lightning, Kayla Fitzgerald had a double and two RBI's along with good fielding, Leah Taulton had a solid hit with an RBI and a spectacular catch at first base, and Kristin Paulazzo caught five solid innings

Groth Brothers Hurricanes 7, Abramson & Thaete, LLP Atty at Law MVP's 6. Top players for Hurricanes Skylar Bria with 2 hits and 2 stolen bases, Courtney Ganguet with 2 hits and 2 RBI's, Taylor Cole who pitched A strikeouts and Isabella Pearson with the game winning RBI. For the MVP's top players were Shelby Stunkel with an RBI, Liz Taylor with an RBI and Taylor Lewis who

pitched 3 strikeouts. Groth Brothers Hurricanes 6, Lucky Charms 7, Top players for the Hurricanes were Anna Murphy with 2 hits, 4 SB, 1 RBI, Katelyn Serpa 2 hits, 4 SB, Skylar Bria pitched 5 strikeouts.

8-Under Denise Rupport Wildcats 6, KKIQ Pink Panthers 6. Jaime Wittmer pitched a wonderful game with great control and Jaime Zogaric and Taylor Stephenson played

Jaime Zogaricanu Laytor Stephenson project great defense. Denise Rupport Wildcats 9, Brent Bowen Photography Gold Rush 9. Kellie Hughes, Chloe Rodriguez, and Meghan McDonagh all combined to pitch a strong game, and made several key defensive nlays down the an combined to pict a storing game, and made several key defensive plays down the stretch. For the Pink Panthers, a double play was made by Megan McCandless, three hits by Angelina Medeiros, and excellent pitch-ing by Margia Kilder.

ing by Maggie Kilday. John J. Sullivan Toyota Lil MVPs vs. Pacific Dental Care Cheetah Girls (score unavailable). Both teams had some impres-sive plays and hits. The Cheetah Girls were led by Lauren Bueno (pitching), Katelyn Roze (two put outs), and Ashley Morton (Double Play). For the Lil MVPs, Veronica Valenti (put out), Margaux Eibel, and Danielle Kolling todod out Kolling stood out. White Lightning vs. Les Schwab Tire

Center Tornados (score unavailable). Top Tornado Players were Sarah Passannante, Madison Jackson, and Kirsten Hall. A.P. Concrete Lil Yanks 9, Les Schwab

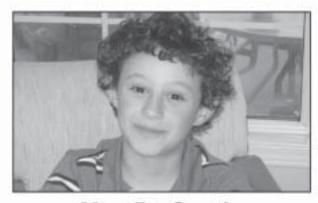
AA Division: Cardinals 6, Reds 5: Cardinals and Reds played the first American League Double A game of the season on Saturday March 10th. The Cardinals won with a 6 to 5 score in a very tight game. Standout players for the Reds included Armando Fagliano who pitched, catched, and had 2 hits. Ryan Silvas and Truman Griffeath also played well at both pitching and hitting with 2 hits each.

AAA Division: A's 6, Rangers 3: The A's combined solid pitching and awesome batting to beat the Rangers 6 - 3 in a very exciting Opening Day game! Austin Gallo-way was strong at bat and pitching for the Rangers, as was Jake Foscalina and Garrett Torres. Josh Revay, Logan Casey, and Trevor Signature all outstanding pitchers for the A's. The Rangers were leading the game 3 -1 until the 5th inning, when Jesse Robles from the A's hit a double with the bases loaded, to tie up the game 3 - 3. Ihe 7th inning, Josh Revay, Travis Adams, and Trevor Escover each scored a run to end the game 6 - 3. Josh Revay (2 R, 1 1B, 2 IP, 5 K), Logan <sup>1</sup>Casey (11B, 1 R, 2 IP, 4 K), Trevor Escover (1 2B, 1 R, 3 IP, 7 K) - A's-Jake Foscalina (1 1B, 2 R, 3 IP, 5K), Austin Galloway (1 1B, 1 R, 1 IP, 3 K), Jacob Torres (1 1B, 0 P, 2 IB, 4 K), Descent R, 2 IP, 4 K) – Rangers Majors: Indians 1, White Sox 0: Fierce,

major league pitching on opening day. Indi-ans, Mat Puls, 13 strike outs and White Sox Chris Wilson, 14 strike outs hild while Sox to 0-0 into the 5th inning. Indians catcher Matt Stoebe had a beautiful 3rd base bunt along with an excellent throw to 2nd to stop a stolen base. Indians Brandon Robello with a base hit. White Sox Pooja Patel hitting 2 for 2 and 2 stolen bases. David Pinon with



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"General Meeting Announcement"

2007 16U Summer Team

Tigers Baseball announces their general meeting to present

plans for their 2007 summer baseball season. Early registrations

will be taken for their "open clinics" sessions to be held for

players of league age 15 and 16, born on or between

May 1, 1990 and April 30, 1992.

Who: Any player age 15 - 16 years old, born on or

Where: Pleasanton Tennis Complex - Club House

5801 Valley Avenue

Pleasanton, CA 94566

between May 1, 1990 and April 30, 1992

When: Wednesday, April 4, 2007 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Tigers Baseball is a select baseball training program affiliated with Pleasanton/Livermore Pony baseball working in cooperation with well known professional trainers from The Total Player Center in Pleasanton. Tigers Basebell provides an opportunity for dedicated young players. to develop and learn baseball from some of the finest baseball instructors in our area.





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## **MORE SPORTS NOTES**

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Kyle Zendarski (who also scored once). The Ryle Zendarski (who also scored once). The middies were led by Parker Wood, Taylor Class, Mike Herlihy, Grant Lewis, and Mike Landreath. Eric Wurster played outstanding defense along with David Marshall, Zach Chapman, and Sean Vanlandingham.

#### **Another Perfecto**

Greg Kwasniak rolled his 34th perfect game during Classic League action at Granada Bowl. Greg had a 242 and a 239 along with his 300 game to complete a 781 series. In that same league, Gene Bruihl started with a 226 game and kept improving with games of 245 and 258 for a 729 series. In the Re-Max Executive Cheyenne League, Gene rolled a 279, 248 and 221 for a 748 series.

Carl Rogers rolling in the Eagles Reno-vation Match Point league started with a 278 game and finished with a 248 and 206 for a 732 series. Daniel Repose of the Lab League bowled a 278, 237 and a 211 for a 727 series. Scott Cooper added another 700 award to his collection while bowling in the Valley Fam-ily & Friends League with games of 258, 239 and 228 for a 725 set. Tony Jaramillo used a 259 high game to complete his 717 series in the Account Neutron & Air Strollors in the 4 Seasons Heating & Air Strollers. Darin Smith had back-to-back 248 games

before settling for a 204 and a 700 series. Maria Lockridge continued a hot hand when she rolled a 280 game in the Classic Singles. Mary Anne Herne upped her 140 average with a 221 game and a 578 series, while Peggy Gibson of the Kings & Queens turned in a 202 game turned in a 202 game. Casey Albert led all Youth Bowlers with

a 670 Series in the Generation Gap while Mikey Pendleton blasted a 254 game to finish off a 634 series, Patrick Garcia had a 232 game and Jeremy Rosenberg a 224 and a 202. Michael Schaffer rolled a 222 game in the Friday Family Affair.

Alma Rollins improved her Prime Time Senior average when she turned in a 639 series that included a 212, 213 and a 214, a true stepladder series. Other Senior Standouts were Shirley DiGirolamo improving her 147 average with a 212 game and Rich Baguio rolled a 246 game and John Waite rolled a 245

#### Livermore Youth Football

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is currently looking for football coaches at all levels for the 2007 season. Livermore Youth Football is a part of the Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference, and is an elite travel team with players ranging in age from 7-14. Those interested in coaching please inquire at Mossaday@comcast.net.

#### **Dons Win Two**

The Amador Valley High Lady Dons JV Softball Team came away with another victory beating the Liberty Lions. In a decisive win at home, Amador Valley walked away with a 12-0 victory as the "ten run rule" was put into play. Haley Douglas, Jessica Pipitone and

Janine Kalepp all had hits in the first inning, bringing in five runs, and setting the course bringing in rive runs, and setting the course for the rest of the game. Two more runs were scored in the second inning with hits by Emma McGuiness, Haley Douglas, and Carli Kachel's RBI. Rayna McMullen showed some great base running reaching first on a dropped third strike.

This coring continued in the third in-ning. Beth Aselage got on base laying down a great bunt, and Rayna McMullen's three RBI double to the outfield, scored all three runs for the inning. In the fourth inning the Lady Dons scored two more runs, with help from McGuiness' sacrifice fly RBI. We saw

from McGuiness' sacrifice fly RBI. We saw some great defensive plays in the fifth to keep the Liberty team scoreless, including Jessica Pipitone's (playing shortstop) great catch and throw to first. The game ended in the fifth with the Mercy Rule. Macy Masijlo's pitching proved to be too much for Liberty. She pitched a shutout with 10 strikeouts and no walks. Macy's fine pitching, and some solid defensive plays by the team, allowed for only 4 hits by the Liberty Lions. The Amador Valley High Lady Dons.JV

The Amador Valley High Lady Dons JV Softball Team next traveled to Dublin on Thursday to take on the Gaels on their home field. The Dons defeated them without much difficulty by the score of 13-3. The Lady Dons quickly got on the

scoreboard in the first inning against the Dublin Gaels as Macy Masajlo hit a double and was promptly batted in by Carli Kachel who followed with a double of her own. Emma McGuiness drove Kachel in with an RBI single. Amador Valley never looked back after the first inning as the offense was solid through out the game. Kachel finished the day with two doubles and three runs batted in. Rayna McMullen also added two RBI's. Masajlo and McGuiness also chipped in with two runs batted in of their own. Masajlo finished the day with two other base hits and two RBI's while McGuiness added a double later in the game Amanda Sisneros (single and one RBI) Jessica Pipitone (two singles and a RBI), Shelby Barraza, and Haley Douglas (two singles) also joined the hit parade. Nicole Sisneros reached first on a fielder's choice while Beth Aselage had a sacrifice hit to help the cause by driving in a run. Douglas pitched six innings (ten run rule invoked after the bottom of the sixth inning) striking out 12 batters, walking two, and allowing one hit while giving up three unearned runs.

with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading). Registration will be held March 15th from 6-8 pm at Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. Information at website www.eteamz.com/lyfc or call 925-454-1421 (evenings)

#### Track and Field Sign ups

Athenian Athletics is accepting applica-tions for youth athletes between the ages of 7-17 for the upcoming track and field season. Athletes 18 and older are also invited to join the club and train during our adult sessions. Practices are held year round and are

scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays. For practice time and location, please visit www.athenianathletics.com or call Coach Rik Richardson (Home) 1-925-862-0855 or (ColUM 1-925-862-0855 or (Cell) 1-925-518-9356.

#### Benefit Golf Tourney

Livermore High Baseball will hostits 1st annual Benefit Golf Tournament at Poppy

Ridge Golf Course on Fri., March 16. Scramble format is at 1 p.m. The \$150 fee includes golf with cart, lunch, range balls, winner, clubhouse credit and door prizes. For information, call Coach Dave Perotti at 586-

#### Bay to Breakers

Registration for the 96th annual one-and-Registration for the 96th annual one-and-only internationally-known footrace, ING Bay to Breakers 12K, is underway. Come Sunday, May 20, 2007, runners and specta-tors will embark on a weekend full of athleticism, musical events, food and fun! To register visit www.ingbaytobreakers.com. For the first time, in 2007, all registered participants will receive a specially created

participants will receive a specially created timing chip, the first in a series of five collectible chips leading up to the 100th anniversary of the race, which will automati-cally collect data from each runner as they compete along the course. These results will be processed and distributed at the conclusion be processed and distributed at the conclusion of the race. The chips will be worn on the shoes of each participant. Their official time will be determined as they cross the Start Line where they begin their "personal" race. Each version of the five chip collectible series will commemorate a well-known visual icon from along the racecourse

In addition, all registered runners will be able to obtain their finishing time on a bib sticker at the end of the race and have the opportunity to print out an official finisher's certificate online.

#### Special Olympics

Amador Valley High School will be the site for the Special Olympics Regional com-petitions in Basketball, Track & Field, and Volleyball.

The basketball event will be taking place at Amador (and Pleasanton Middle School) on the weekend of March 31 and April 1. Last year the Pleasanton community provided over 300 volunteers for this weekend.

The track and volleyball events will be at Amador Valley on Saturday, May 5. Volun teers are needed that day as well.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to please contact Kent Young, Volun-teer Coordinator, (925) 413-0378 or zenkent@comcast.net.

#### **Golf Tourney Tickets**

The Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship Tournament will be held at The Course at Wente Vineyards from March 29 – April 1. This tournament showcases the PGA

Nationwide Tour featuring "up and coming golf stars.

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) and Pleasanton Schools Education Enrichment Foundation (PSEE) will be partnering with the school organizations to sell tickets to this tournament. The tickets are \$30.00 each and will allow the ticket holder to access the grounds for all 4 days of the tournament! This event will also feature food and wine, art and performances from the local community, and more!

Please contact Nancy Bronzini, PPIE ambassador nbronzini@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or (925) 846-3520, or contact the PPIE office at (925) 846-5620 or mail@ppie.org, to purchase your tickets.

#### GolfTournament

The Dublin High School athletic pro-

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

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Transportation Fair, Friday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Representatives from Wheels, Pleasanton Paratransit Service, ACE Train, BART, County Connection, Alameda County Transit Improvement Authority, and the Pleas-anton Police Department will be on hand to provide the latest transit information and options. Refreshments, music and door prizes. No charge to attend the fair. For more information, please call (925) 931-5365.

The Political Book Group will meet Tuesday March 27 from 7-9 pm in the Board Room of the Livermore Public Library. The book under discussion will be "Unequal Protection" by Thom Hartman, about the invention and use by corporations of the legal fiction that corporations are persons under the law. Everyone is welcome.

California Retired Teachers Association Tri-Valley Division #85 will hold a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 11:15AM, at The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Hall (IBEW), 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Nuclear physicist, Jay Davis, will discuss current issues facing LLNL . The cost is \$11. Guests are welcome. For information call 925-373-8254.

Join the Girl Scouts, ice cream sundae social to introduce girls to scouting. The event will be held in Livermore on March 31. No experience is necessary. Training avialble free of cost. Meetings are once or twice a month; annual membership fee is \$10. For additional information, contact Shelly at 243-1046 or Join@crestablanca.com.

Shut Up and Sing, a film starring the Dixie Chicks, will be shown on Sat., March 31 at 7 p.m. in honor of International Women's Month, at The IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet starts at 6:30 PM. This event is open to the public, free or \$2.00 donation, refreshments served, wheelchair accessible, and convenient parking. A short, optional discussion follows the film. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Wildflower Walk, Sat., March 17, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mt. Wanda, John Muir National Historic Site. Free. Terrain is steep. Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Bring water. Rain or unsafe conditions cancels the event. Meet the ranger at the CalTrans Park and Ride, corner of Alhambra Ave., and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Information, 228-8860.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., March 17, 40 miles tour of all things Irish, meet 9:30 a.m. at Shannon Center, Dublin, Brian Boerman, 846-4994.

Sun., March 18, 53 miles Morgan Territory route, meet 9 a.m. at shopping center, corner of Treat Blvd. and Bancroft Rd., Gary Lusso, 324-4842. Wed., March 21, 38 miles with 25-mile option, San Ramon, Livermore Pleasanton, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park in San Ramon, 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. ABC 7 Listens, Mon., March 26, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Dublin City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin. New reporter Laura Anthony and some of the station's news managers will be on hand to take input on stories ideas, news coverage, etc. Space is limited. RSVP to abc7listens@kgo-tv.copm or call the Public Affairs Department at 415-954-7702.

Livermore Valley Education Foundation Scholarships, LVEF will be awarding two \$5,000 scholarships this spring. Na-tional Security Technologies has provided the funding to support two graduating seniors going on to four year degree programs in either engineering or science. Applicants must be currently attending a high school in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The scholarships will be awarded based primarily on merit, rather than financial need. Applications are due April 4, 2007 and are available at the career centers at both high schools or from our web site at www.lvef.org

**Domestic Violence Support Group**, meets at the Tri-Valley Haven for Women in Livermore every Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Survivors will be able to address issues of abuse in relationships. There will be a fee of \$40 for every eight weeks, or based on a sliding scale. For information and registra-tion, contact Elizabeth at 449-5845, ext. 109.

**Gardening Basics**, Bay Friendly work-shop, Sat., March 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Free, however registration is required. To register or for details, go to www.BayFriendly.org or call 510-444-7645.

Excellence in Education Awards, Pleasanton PTA and Pleasanton Unified School District, sponsored by Steven M. Chew, DDS. The community is encouraged to nominate a special teacher, administrator or staff of the PUSD for the award. Applications are available at each school site and at www.pleasantonpta.org. Nominations must be received by March 23, 2007. Honorees will be celebrated at a public ceremony on June 6, 2007. For more information, contact Kim Chew, 462-4891.

Mad Hatter's Tea, Assistance League® of Amador Valley, April 28, noon to 4 p.m. Tea and sandwiches, and spring fashion show presented by Chico's. The afternoon's activities include a hat contest, raffle, and the sale of lucky teacups. Shrine Event Center in Livermore. It will benefit Assistance League of Amador Valley's many philanthropic

projects, including Operation School Bell® Ninety percent of all net proceeds go toward philanthropic projects. For further information contact Annette at 925-462-5275 or Rickie at 925-846-3922 or email alamadorvalley@yahoo.com. Additional information is available on the web at www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org. Free tax preparation assistance, Feb.

1 to April 14 at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Rincon Library on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trained volunteers from AARP will be available to answer questions and help prepare state and federal tax forms. For more information, contact Rosemary Dukelow, 373-5500 ext. 5514. RELIGION

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Topic for March 1 is "Movin' On Up -UUCIL in the 70s," Eric Meter speaking. Information 447-8747.

Catholic Community of Pleasanton, bereavement support ministry meetings on March 22; and April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Ston-eridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome. Questions? Please call Kim at 735-3741.

**Solutions** meets Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. at Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Ave, Livermore. The new series called, "It's Not My Fault!," is currently being held. For more information call Greg Brown at 925-447-4333

www.trivalleychurch.org. Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective, Mondays at 7 p.m. St. Clare's Church. The Sessions are: March 21: Your Money or Your Life: The Place of Money in Modern Life. March 28: Broader Impacts of Our Everyday Food Choices. Each participant will need a journal and a copy of the book Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective. Copies of the book are available at Towne Center Books on Main Street in Pleasanton. All are welcome, regardless of faith. Classes are free and meet at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. in Pleasanton. Call the church office at

Conference : Unlock the secrets to quality couple and family relationships, including parenting techniques, at this unique learning experience. First Presbyterian Church 2020 Fifth Street Livermore. March 31, 8 a.m. to noon. \$39 per person (\$59 after March 1). www.kivaspirit.org for registration and information. Kiva Counseling Group (925) 485-9370

Workshop on Breathing and Stress Reduction, Patrick D. Goonan and Yvonne Konneker March 25, 2007 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore, Tot Green Room Livermore. To sign

send an email message to thecoach@meaningful-life.us uucil\_workshops@yahoo.comwith the work shop and location in the message. Send advance payment of \$35 via PayPal on the Services page of http://www.meaningfullife.us \$40 at the door. For more information, see the Events page at http://www.meaningfullife.us

Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Liv-ermore, has recently hired a new pastor. The church has been without a pastor for two years. Holy Cross recently hired Pastor John Bost, from Chicago. He started with the church on Feb 1st. Sunday Services are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Service at 7 p.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840

United Christian Church, 1886 College Ave., worship, 10:30am on Sundays New adult study group continues March 20, 27, April 3, 7-8:30pm: Who is Jesus, Anyway? Take a look at what we know about Jesus through the lens of the gospels, tradi-tion, film, and literature. Who do YOU say he is, anyway? All are welcome. Spring Equinox Drumming Circle, 7:00 pm, Wed. March 21, an evening of drumming and meditation to welcome Spring.For information call 925-449-6820.

Jewish Death and Mourning Rituals from a Secular Perspective, 7 p.m. Friday, March 23, Livermore. Dan Mandel of Mandel Funeral Services will be the special guest for the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' shabbes gathering. He will discuss Jewish death and mourning rituals for Secular Humanistic Jews and how traditional religious rituals can be adapted for use by Cultural Jews. The evening begins with a Secular kabbalat shabbat (greeting the sabbath) and a potluck dinner. Non-traditional and dual-culture families are welcome. For reservations and directions call (925) 485-1049. Bring a dish for 8 to

Tri-Valley Unity Church hosts guest speaker Rev. Jewell McCrary Sunday, Mar. 18th, on the topic "A Taste of Heaven in 2007." All are welcome. The church meets at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. Ongoing classes and groups. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-

2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com The Catholic Communities of St. Charles and St. Michael's in Livermore begin a new Bible Study session on Monday, March 19th at 7:30 pm in the Pope John XXIII room at St. Charles, 1315 Lomitas Ave. The topic of this session is "Amazing Grace!" Those attending will explore Paul's letters to the Romans. All are welcome. Cost of materials is \$10. For questions or to reserve materials contact: Julie Gallagher at upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549.

## 'Copenhagen' Performance in Danville

#### by Sue Steinberg

Crackling dialogue and rapid-fire volleys of ideas, sci-entific facts and theories, personal attacks and rebuttals are electrifying audiences in Dan-ville Role-Players' production of Michael Frayn's "Copenhagen."

Based on the controversial meeting of physicists Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg in 1943, the play shows the reversal of their original master and acolyte roles: Bohr is living in Denmark under German occupation and endangered by his Jewish blood, while Heisenberg has emerged as the ranking scientist of Hitler's Nazi regime.

Their encounter is actually a series of different retellings of that meeting, filtered through old memories and re-constructions, in an attempt to answer questions that still haunt their

insider's reminiscences of all the great names and milestones in 20th Century physics, both the scientific facts and the personal anecdotes - an absolutely fascinating compilation.

Opening night audience members including nuclear physicists and "ordinary citizens" were all equally enthralled by the lively intellectual and emotional exchanges with Bohr's wife Margarethe acting as both moderator and mediator.

Valley Livermore Shakespeare's Richard Aiello takes the commanding lead role of Niels Bohr, with an unbelievable mastery of both the scientific facts and the emotional variables intertwined in his life. He looks the part and has obviously bought into this complex man

As Heisenberg, Stephen Rexrode's mind is a stormy sea

of self- justifications, defensive

maneuvers, nostalgia and defi-

ance crashing against the righ-teous rock of the Bohrs' judg-

Demands on both actors and

listeners are intense, but im-

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Neither dry dialectic nor ca-

viscerally and mentally.

Capturing the essence of the stillvital debate over scientific moral responsibility, the dialogue leaves an indelible impression on every hearer. Each has experienced something akin to Jacob's wrestling with the angel, and no one emerges untouched by the encounter.

## Vocalist to Perform with Livermore Amador Symphony

The third Livermore-Amador Vocal Performance. As a recital Symphony concert of the 2006-07 season will be performed on Saturday, March 24.

The program begins at 8 pm was a featured soloist with the

artist, she has given concerts in several cities across the United States and abroad. Recently, she

Such a rare thought-provoking evening of theater should be a must-see for the Valley community. Final performances are Friday and Saturday March 16 and 17, at 8 PM in Danville's Town Hall, at 201 Front Street adjacent to the Village Theater. For Reservations call 925-820-1278

(925) 462-4802 for information or to register. Couples And Family Relationships

#### Football Coaches

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is currently looking for football coaches at all levels for the 2007 season. Livermore Youth Football is a part of the Dieble Vellay Youth Football Conference Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference. and is an elite travel team with players ranging in age from 7-14. Anyone interested in coaching please go to Mossaday@comcast.net for information.

#### Football/Cheer

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for more than 30 years. The league teaches the fundamentals of both football and cheer that are needed to make the transition into high school. The league works with the local high schools to ensure participants are learning the fundamentals needed. LYF&C's emphasizes proper technique and fundamentals, responsibility, ac-countability, and being a good person and teammate

All coaches are CPR and First Aid certified as well as NYSCA certified. They are required to attend coaching clinics each year to strengthen their knowledge of the game

Football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVYFC). The league consists of 16 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In the past 5 years LYF&C has sent at least 2 teams to the playoffs each year, with one team reaching the championship 4 con-secutive years. The cheer squads consistently place in regional as well as national cheer competitions. There are 5 levels to tryout for grams will benefit for the Dublin High School Golf Tournament to be held April 20 at the Sunol Golf Course.

Tee time, shot gun scramble, is at 1 p.m., no host cocktails and silent auction 6 to 6:30, and dinner, live auction, raffle and awards

6:30 p.m. The \$175 fee includes golf, cart, box lunch, buffet dinner, and contest package. For information, contact Sandy Yee at 833-3300 ext. 5217 changyeesandy@dublin.k12.ca.us.

#### GolfTournament

The Livermore High Baseball Team is having a fund-raiser golf tournament on March 16th at Poppy Ridge Golf Course at 1:00. The cost is \$150 and it is a scramble format. Fee includes: range balls, cart, lunch, dinner with auction, clubhouse credit, door prizes. All the money benefits the baseball program at LHS.

For more information, please call Coach David Perotti at 925-606-4812 x2438 or go to www.eteamz.com/LHSCowboysBaseball and click on the golf tournament link. Sponsorship opportunities are also available

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history to this day. Was Heisenberg trying to build an atomic bomb for Hitler? Did he fail because of basic calculation errors? Or was it a subtle subconscious refusal to develop such a monstrous WMD?

Reviled after WW II by Allied scientists (including many former colleagues) as a Nazi accomplice, he relates bitterly how the "blood- stained" hands of those who built the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs refused to shake his "innocent" ones.

The script reads like an

#### Amador Junior Selected for Music for All

ment.

vivid life.

John Palowitch, a junior at Amador Valley High School, has been selected by Music for All to perform in one of the nation's finest honor ensembles, the 2007 Jazz Band of America. Palowitch was selected amongst hundreds of applicants from across the nation for membership in this prestigious honors ensemble. John is the son of Marilyn and Carl Palowitch. His band directors are Jon Grantham and Mark Aubel.

The inaugural Jazz Band of America will perform in concert on the evening Friday, March 16, 8 p.m., at Clowes Memorial Hall located on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, IN. The Jazz Band of America is a 20-piece national ensemble that will be the opening act for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. Marsalis will perform a Duke Ellington piece with the Jazz Band of America.

"To be selected for this unique opportunity is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these students," says Scott McCormick, Bands of America President and CEO. "The 2007 Jazz Band of America members will be ambassadors of America's bands and of their states and communities.'

The Jazz Band of America is part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 15-17, 2007, in Indianapolis.



at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L Streets, Livermore

Conducting will be: Arthur Barnes. Tiffany Cromartie, soprano, will be the featured soloist.

The program will be Symphony No. 2 in C Major by Carl Maria von Weber, *Fantasia* on "Greensleeves" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *Knoxville*: Summer of 1915 by Samuel Barber, with soprano soloist Tiffany Cromartie, The Grenadiers (music for brass choir) by Richard Arnell, and Grand Canyon Suite by Ferde Grofe

Tiffany Cromartie made her professional opera debut after graduating from Southern Methodist University with a degree in

San Francisco Symphony Chorus. Cromartie was a winner of the National Opera Assocaitio Competition and named Singer of the Year. She has also appeared in musical theater roles.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors. Students high school age and younger are admitted free of charge. For tickets, call (925) 373-6824. After March 9 tickets will be available at Cooleykatz Toys, 1959 Second St., Livermore, (925) 245-1035; and at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 846-8826.

For additional information, see www.livamsymph.org, or phone (925) 373-6824.



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#### By Sue Steinberg

First, a confession: I'm a Gilbert and Sullivan snob. To paraphrase their comic character Poo-Bah, "I can't help it! I was born sneering..." (at pedestrian G and S productions).

But producer Kathleen Breedweld's sparkling version of "The Mikado" for Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) won me over completely. At the finale I was on my feet, cheering along with the rest of the enthusiastic opening night audience.

It all began with Maestro Alexander Katsman's skillful conducting of the Overture, which highlights so many favorite melodies from sentimental to sprightly. The magic took hold as the curtains parted on Jean-Francois Revon's dreamy old fairy-tale Japan set.

Framed by blossoming trees in romantic pink and rose, (courtesy of Scenic Designer Heike Seefeldt), a perfect oriental central arch opened to the far horizon, revealing a small distant temple. That semicircle of sky provided a highly-effective backdrop for changing moods and dramatic tableaux as subtly illuminated by Lighting Designer Carol Hovey.

Another strong element of the production's perfection was the exquisite costuming, coordinated by Marianna Ford. Muted pastels in authentic fabric designs provided the loveliest visual ensembles in LVO history, with professionally-crafted Japanese period wigs and headdresses literally adding the crowning touch! Once the singing began, the

clearly-articulated opening chorus was a tribute to conductor Katzman's success as a vocal coach. It is never easy to render W. S. Gilberts witty and intricate chorus lyrics so intelligibly.

Moving a chorus smoothly within a limited area presents a great staging challenge, but artistic Director Steve Shearer accomplished miracles in that regard. Especially impressive was the coordination of frequent bows and fan flourishes, so unnatural to American singers, and often poorly rehearsed and executed.

Above all, "The Mikado" demands exceptional singing, acting, AND mugging from all of its many principals. Each character has a very specific personality that must come across to the audience. A tall order for any company, but one accomplished admirably by LVO's cast.

Jonathan Smucker as romantic lead Nanki-Poo, disguised Crown Prince of Japan, was a rare find. A young man whose pale slim face radiated romantic longing and puppy-dog earnestness from his first entrance, he possesses a ringing sweet lyric tenor perfectly suited to his ardent

melodies. At the same time, he can achieve the slightly sappy expressions of most love-addled G and S heroes.

His heroine, the aptly adorable Yum-Yum, sung by LVO Kirsta Wigle, showed her spunk as a winsome schoolgirl about to be married to her doltish guardian Ko-Ko, but madly in love with Nanki-Poo. Her generous warm soprano filled the hall and earned prolong accolades, especially after her Act II solo.

Another highlight was the famous trio "Three Little Maids from School," sung with her two high spirited sisters, the comically-named Pitti-Sing (Amy Bouchard) and Peep-Bo (Hannah Nicole Bochenek). Their lovely harmony combined with shy stage business also won wild audience approval.

All the male principals were superbly matched to their characters in vocal and acting ability. The silly-titled Pish-Tush neatly embodies the fussy petty bureaucrat anxious to offend no one as he relates the remarkable story of Ko-Ko's elevation from "cheap tailor" to the exalted rank of Lord High Executioner.

That comical protagonist is wonderfully realized by Robert Sholty, with chuckle-provoking bluff and bluster, and a rich baritone delivery of some of the show's funniest songs. His famous "I've Got a Little List" describes public nuisances "whose loss would be a distinct gain to society," including such timely topical additions as "steroidal athletes", "shameless paparazzi", and politicians with "compromising morals" – much to the audience's delight.

Chief nobleman and stage zany is Pooh-Bah, whose very title captures his haughty nature, as does his imposing physical stature and over-the-top costume. Resembling a rubber-faced Jonathan Winters, Michael Strelo-Smith mugs, minces, and makes the most of all his delicious lines. A personal favorite is the explanation for his enormous family pride: "I can trace my ancestry back to a protoplasmal primordial atomic globule" of "pre-Adamite ancestry"

Adamite ancestry." Huffing that he is not in the habit of saying 'Howdeedo' to anybody under the rank of stockbroker," he lists all the great officers of state whose jobs (and salaries) he has absorbed, from Lord of the Treasury, Chief Justice, and Commander-in-Chief to the Archbishop of Titti-Pu, Groom of the Back Stairs, and Master of the Buckhounds. Plus a few timely titles inserted for laughs, such as Secretary of Homeland Security and "Keeper of the Colonel's Seven Secret Spices.

sesses a ringing sweet lyric tenor perfectly suited to his ardent No G and S show would be complete without an ample con-

tralto spinster pining for a hopeless love, the butt of many rude jokes. In "Mikado," the formidable femme is Katisha, an elderly court lady trying to trap Nanki-Poo into marriage. She enters the scene like the Wicked Witch of the West, garish in red and black satin brandishing long curved red fingernail claws at the terrified villagers, and demanding her "prey," masquerading in Titipu as a second trombone.

Screeching like a evil harridan Shauna Shoptaw throws herself into the role's histrionics with great gusto. To compensate for all the mockery she must endure, she later sings two of the show's most hauntingly plaintive ballads, lamenting her miserable loneliness with affecting tenderness.

The final character – the Mikado himself – is played as a kind of buffoonish deus-ex-machina by Paul Sinasohn. Another unique LVO find, he is a big man made even more massive by his costume, imposing head-dress, and enormously authoritative fan. (Kudos for learning to handle it!) Using his wonderfully mobile features to maximum comic effect, he threw his magnificent basso into the recital of fiendish punishments he's created for society's sinners.

Whole families could be heard laughing at his proposed sentencing of rebellious teenagers, to be "yanked from the mall to sit in the hall with nothing to do." Another crowd-pleaser was his smug summary of life's injustices: "Virtue is triumphant only in theatrical productions."

And, despite the complicated "How-dee-doos" of the plot, this <u>IS</u> a theatrical production, so virtue is happily triumphant. Nanki-Poo finally marries Yum-Yum and reclaims his rank as Heir Apparent, while the hapless KoKo is paired off with Katisha (despite her confession of being "just a teensy weensy bit bloodthirsty.")

As the Mikado grandly proclaims in his own muddled way, "Nothing could possibly be more satisfactory," a very good description of LVO's triumphant realization of this endearing classic.

Its popularity has already attracted near-sellout shows, so anyone still without a reservation should call the Box Office at 925-960-9210 or visit the website at www.livermorevalleyopera.com immediately. The two final performances will be held Saturday, March 17 at 8 PM and Sunday March 18, at 2 PM at the Livermore High School Theater, cor-ner of East Avenue and Maple Street. Dr. Philip Manwell, the noted music performer and pro-fessor, will offer an introductory lecture one hour before each performance.



Russ Marcel (from left) plays Serge, Tom Darter portrays Marc, and Bryant Hoex appears as Yvan in Shakespeare Associates' production of "art."

'art' is also the collaborative

effort of artists who have worked

with Tromovitch on various Tri-

Valley productions. Local actors

Bryant Hoex of Pleasanton, and Russ Marcel and Tom Darter of

Livermore work with props de-

signer Peta Grimes of Livermore

and with San Francisco scenic

designer Mary Albert, Santa

Clara costume designer Joanne Martin (appreciated by local au-

diences for her Shakespeare in

the Vinevards costumes), and

Orinda-based lighting designer

Rob Evans. 'art' draws these art-

ists into commute traffic in or-

This production will be the

first full-length play produced on the new stage at the Bothwell

and the first production of the

newly re- structured company.

Shakespeare's Associates also

produces the summer Livermore

der to work together.

## 'art' Celebrates Art of Friendship

Shakespeare's Associates, Inc., opens it inaugural season at the newly created "West End Theater" at the Bothwell Arts Center Friday, March 23rd.

Yasmina Reza's comedy "art," winner of the Evening Standard Award, Olivier Award, and Tony Award, celebrates the art of friendship and, in Livermore, the spirit of collaboration.

The six-performance run will be accompanied by a juried visual art exhibit entitled "Is that art? An Exhibition" hosted by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. In addition, a collaboration with the winemakers at Blacksmith Square, Retzlaff Winery and John Christopher Cellars, will bring together winemaking artists and theater artists for a gathering with audience members after the Sunday matinee on March 25th.

"Art is a dialogue," says artistic director Lisa A. Tromovitch. "Getting wine makers, visual artists, actors and designers together with audience members to share a series of artistic experiences, and then creating an opportunity to talk together about it – that's what art should do for a community. It should bring us together, even to share opposing opinions on the definition of art. I expect a lively dialogue. Of course the show is an amazing comedy, but not everyone will be willing to laugh off an expensive all-white painting." Shakespeare Festival at Retzlaff Winery.

'art' plays at the Bothwell Arts Center located at 8th and G Streets in Livermore. Performances will be March 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and April 1, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 general admission, \$20 for seniors 65 and over, full- time teachers, and military ID, and \$15 for students 18 and under. Tickets are available on the web

www.ShakespearesAssociates.org or by calling 1-800-838-3006. The house will open 30 minutes prior to the performance to enjoy concessions and the art exhibit. All audience members attending first weekend performances will be invited to a complimentary wine tasting at Blacksmith Square on Sunday, March 25th.

#### Wildlife Paintings Featured in Show

Kathleen Hill, an artist who paints animals, will be showing a selection of her wildlife paintings at John Christopher Cellars tasting room. The paintings will hang for the months of March and April.

Known primarily for her pet portraits, these paintings, all original oils, depict birds and animals found in the our beautiful Valley. Kathleen goes out and explores with her camera, capturing whatever wildlife she is fortunate to see and then goes back to the studio to compose an appropriate background for the reference photos.

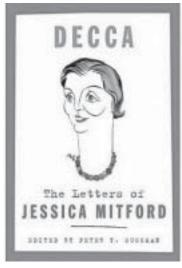
John Christopher Cellars is located in the new Blacksmith Square at 25 South Livermore Avenue. Thurs-Fri: 12-5 pm Sat-Sun: 12:30-5:30 pm 925/ 456-WINE (9463).

## 'City of Angels' on Las Positas Stage

Las Positas College presents the Tony Award winning musical, *City of Angels* for eight performances, from March 23 - April 7. Gelbart, especially known for his writing for television's *MASH* and Broadway's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.* The music is by Cy Coleman,

The sophisticated, jazzy and humorous show is really two shows in one. One is the story of a 1940s author trying to adapt his detective novel to the screen; the other is the enactment of that film noir screenplay. The show is filled with exciting vocal and instrumental jazz, literate comedy and clever staging. It won 1990 Tony Awards for Best Musical and for Best Book, Music and Lyrics.

The show's book is by Larry



#### Program on Jessica Mitford

The C-SPAN Book Bus will be at the Pleasanton Library to interview Peter Sussman and offer tours of the Book Bus to the public from 1 - 3pm on Sunday March 18.

Sussman will be presentting a program at the library from 2 to 3 p.m. with the topic, "Decca: The Letters of Jessica Mitford." Towne Center Books will sell Decca at the event. For presale information, call 846-8826 The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405. Gelbart, especially known for his writing for television's *MASH* and Broadway's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.* The music is by Cy Coleman, composer of *Sweet Charity, The Will Rogers Follies* and *On the Twentieth Century.* The lyrics are by David Zippel, lyricist for the films *Mulan* and *Hercules* and Broadway's recent *The Woman in White.* 

The author and his alter-ego detective are played by James Koponen and Nathan Hawkins. Their respective long-suffering wife and secretary are Jessica Betando and Corrie Borris. Tim Ackerman plays the producer who always gets his way and Kathi Hileman is the femme fatale, Alaura Kingsley. Other lead roles are played by Pam Aquilar, Barry Bailey and Brian Dauglash.

The jazz octet which executes composer Coleman's intricate jazz rhythms and harmonies are Lauren Bateman, Seal Cullen, Woody Peifer, Jody Praklet, Kelly Ruiz, Darren Ruocco, Jessica Rushing and Mike Stark.

Other cast members include Kyle Burgess, Rich Cook, Kyrie Hart, Doug Holt, Juan Martinez, James Mickle, Jeffrey Pickens, Scott Robinson, Kish Singh and Sam Tillis.

Performances at the Las Positas College Theater are on March 23, 24, 30, 31 and April 6 and 7 at 8:00 p.m. and April 1 and 7 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$14.00 general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. They may be purchased at the Las Positas College Bookstore and at Fine Fretted Friends music store in downtown Livermore. For advance reservations, call (925) 424-1812 and for show information, call (925) 424-1166.

The Las Positas production is produced and directed by Ken Ross, with vocal music direction by Jim Heiner, Orchestral Music Direction by Cindy Brown Rosefield, Choreography is by Faith Blevins and Set Design by Jeremy Hamm.

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#### 'Romantic Russia' Program Planned By Concert Band The Pleasanton Community

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band pressents its annual spring concert Sunday, March 18.

This year's theme is Romantic Russia. The Band will play Rimsky-Korsakov's *Clarinet Concerto* plus work by other noteworthy composers including Borodin, Kabalevsky, and Tchaikovsky.

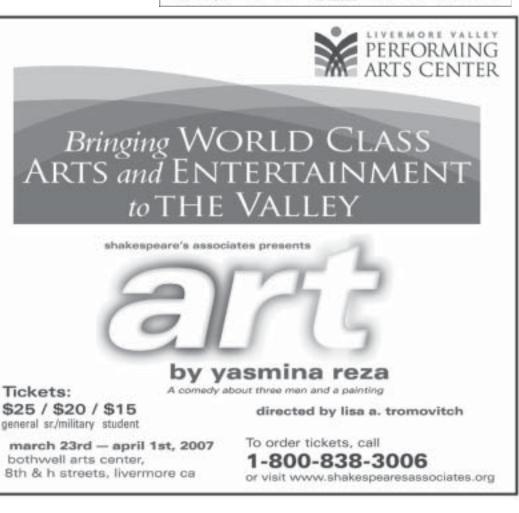
The concert will start at 2 p.m. It will be held at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, California. The concert is free, though donations are appreciated. The Amador Theater doors will open at 1:40 p.m.

For more information call 925-846-5897 or go to the Band website at www.pleasantonband.org.



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## "High School Musical!" Debuts in Livermore



3 Fox Drive, a Tennessee-based band, is making Asbury United Methodist Church one of its Northern California stops on their March tour. The performance of bluegrass music will be Thurs., March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. The church is located at 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$12 for children and seniors. Tickets may be purchased by calling 925-447-1950 ext. 0 or in the office.

#### Saturday Salon Set March 17

4th Street Studio presents its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday March 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore.

Karen Hogan, salon founder, said, "This month's salon is a James Joyce stream of consciousness kind of event. Everyone is a featured writer; everyone has up to 10 minutes to share their work.

The public is welcome to par-ticipate or to just come and listen.

For more information, contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100 or by email at 4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net.

#### Film Looks at Homeless War Veterans

Las Positas College's Journalism Club will screen a documentary about homeless war veterans called "When I Came Home." The film will be shown on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. After the film a panel will discuss the film and this increasingly prevalent problem.

The film highlights challenges veterans face upon return to the U.S., including mental illness, alcoholism, drug abuse, homelessness, no benefits from Veteran's Affairs, no health insurance, and the inability to obtain/ maintain employment as they attempt to reintegrate into mainstream society.

The film points out that problems veterans face, in turn, affect society by way of more homeless people on the streets.

Along with discussion of the film, the panel will address how we as a society can help rectify the situation. What can be done locally? Nationally? At the government level? How can we make sure soldiers receive the necessary support upon return to the states? There will be a question and answer portion for the audience as well. For more information, contact Journalism Club President Andre Kim at 925-424-1240.

#### **By Patricia Koning**

For its 9<sup>th</sup> annual musical pro-duction, Christensen Middle School chose a thoroughly modern show, "High School Musical!" The show, which is based on the Disney Channel's movie of the same name, was just released as a stage version last year.

We chose this show for its upbeat and positive message, that you can be anything you want, and there is no need to fit in to only one slot," says Rhonda Burrell, a Christensen parent and the show's producer. "The show's music and the popularity with the younger crowd also was a fac-

The story of "High School Musical!" is reminiscent of another popular musical set in high school: "Grease." While on vacation, Troy, a jock, and brainy Gabriella meet at a karaoke contest. Inspired by their vacation performance, both Troy and Gabriella decide to audition for the school musical.

Everyone, it seems, wants to prevent Troy and Gabriella from following through on their plans. Their friends are against it and the ruling school drama stars, Sharpay and Ryan, have made it clear that everyone had better stay out of their way.

The cast of the show are fans of the Disney movie, and this makes the performance all the more fun. At a preview show at Altamont Creek Elementary School, nearly all the students in

the audience said they'd seen the movie at least once.

"I've seen the Disney version, so it was really cool to try out for these roles," says Brinda Dixit, who plays the role of Sharpay. "I

love playing a villain." Playing Sharpay's rival Gabriella Montez is Kelly Madden, one of Dixit's close friends in real life. The two say it was sometimes hard being so mean to each other in rehearsals.

"It's so great to portray some-one you are not," says Tyler Campbell who plays another villain, Ryan. "I love stepping into this role.'

For the students playing the thespians, the challenge was singing badly and dressing tacky to fulfill their roles.

"In the show we sing badly and it is really funny, but it's also embarrassing at the same time," says Jessica Hallum, who plays the role of Cathy. "We're the over-the-top drama girls and we have to act like we think we are the best."

Show dates are March 23, 24, 30, and 31 at 7 p.m. at the Liver-more High School Performing Arts Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for orchestra level and \$5 for balcony level and are available at Country Charm (1601 Railroad Ave.) or by calling Kathy Pehrson at 925-443-1931. Tickets may be available at the door 30 minutes prior to the show.

The cast and backstage crew is comprised of more than 80



Photo - Doug Jorgensen Cast members perform one of the show-stopping numbers from "High School Musical.'

sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. The production is organized and run by the Parent-Teacher Association and about 40 parent volunteers. CMS alumni Ñicole Madera, Jenna Heise, and Danielle Hubbard, all former cast members, have also returned to

help. For the first time the show has a professional director, Dawn Monique Williams. She holds an M.A. în drama from San Francisco State University and a B.A. in theatre arts from California State University East Bay (CSUEB).

Burrell found Williams through CSUEB's drama department. This is Williams' first time directing middle school students; she typically works with professional and aspiring adult actors.

Adding another professional touch is choreographer Tasha Trujillo, who is a 49ers cheerleader and host of the KRON TV Show "Latin Eyes." Trujillo came to the show through a personal friendship with co-director Julia Meredith, a Christensen parent. The cast of High School Mu-

sical! is:

The Jocks: Austin Andrade (Troy Bolton), Christopher Messenger (Chad Danforth), Gabriel Pasillas (Zeke Baylor), Steven McCloud (Jason), and Wesley Ostrowski (other jock).

The Thespians: Brinda Dixit (Sharpay Evans), Tyler Campbell (Ryan Evans), Arianna Barr (Jamie), Colleen Madden (Susan ), Jessica Hallum (Cathy), Katie Pehrson (Amanda), Emily Perry (Cyndra ), Samantha Cushman and Stacy Amador (Performance Art Kids).

The Brainiacs: Kelly Madden (Gabriella Montez), Lauren Ballou (Taylor McKessie), Zoe Tranter (Martha Cox), Jacqui Frazer, Megan Combs, Annette Ramos, Rachel Pegler, and Tricia Bowles (Kratnoff).

The Skaters: Sammy DeSilva (Ripper), Kelyn Hauk (Mongo), Michaela Molina and Brittney Martinez (Other Skater Girls).

Other Students: Breonna Burrell (Kelsi Neilson), Jennifer Meredith (Jackie Scott).

Cheerleaders: Wildcat Ashlynn Brown, Stella Messenger, Kyleigh Self, Brittany Machado, Martha Quinonez, Courtney Lemmon, Araina Hanson, Evelyn Garcia, Briana Herrera, and Crystal Combs.

The Adults: Jessica Hallum (Karaoke MC), Debbie Hallett (Ms. Darbus), Steven McCloud (Coach Bolton), Stella Messenger (Ms. Tenny), Courtney Lemmon (Moderator).

#### & ENT ART Ε RTAINMEN

- **Make Time for Music concerts** to be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 20 at Granada High School and March 21 at Livermore High School. These events showcase the talents of middle and high school musicians. Sug-gested donation is \$5 per adult. All proceeds go to Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) and are used to support LVJUSD music programs. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Contact vschellenberger@sbcglobal.net for more information.
- more information. Pleasanton Art League/Livermore Art Association, meeting March 19, 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Bldg., 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Guest artist is Gil Dellinger, pastel and acrylic. Public is welcome. There is no admis-
- 26th annual Melodrama, Sunol Repertory Theatre will present "Taming the Wild, Wild West in a Dress, and the Wild, Wild West in a Bress, and the Wild west in the Vilia the Silia " or.....Let's Give the Villain the Slip," adapted from a play by Billy St. John and directed by Klay Kunkel. Perfor-mances are March 16, 17, 23, 30 & 31 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Sunol Glen School at 11601 Main St. in Sunol. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be ordered on line at www.sunol.net by calling (925) 862-0664 for further information. Tickets can be purchased at Elliston Vineyards & Little Valley Winery tasting room on Saturdays and Sundays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning February 10. So hiss and boo and have a laugh
- with the whole family. Sixth Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts **Festival**, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) and City of Pleasanton Civic Arts invite the p lic to free

artist Jim Steinke, PhD during the afternoon hours. Registrations that include event workshops, readings and other selected activities will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until March 24, 2007. Registration forms may be downloaded from the PCAC website at the PCAC website at www.pleasantonarts.org or by con-tacting Michelle Russo at (925) 931-5350 or mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Killer Laughs Comedy Competition, Tommy T's Comedy and Steakhouse, 5104 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; info 227-1800. Each show will feature a special guest

comedian after the competition. Pre-sented by Laugh-A-Lot Productions Presents. Dates for preliminary rounds: semi finals: March 20, 27; finals: April 3 featuring nine comics. All shows start 8 p.m.; doors open 6 p.m. \$7 cover plus two item mini-mum. For More Information Call 264-4413 or e-mail john@laughalotproductions.com. Valley Concert Chorale auditions, by

- appointment, for experienced singers interested in singing with the chorus on Monday, March 19 in Livermore. The Chorale is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary, from folk to jazz. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challeng-ing music, call 925-462-4205 to
- schedule an appointment. **The Mikado** by Gilbert and Sullivan, March 17, 18. Presented by Livermore Valley Opera. At 8:00 p.m. in the Livermore Performing Arts Cen-ter, 600 Maple Street, Livermore.

adult. To purchase tickets, call (925) 866-4003 and leave a message, or send email to tickets@valleyconcertchorale.org.

The Tri-Valley Branch of California Writers Club welcomes members and guests to meetings on the third Saturday of the month. On Saturday, March 17, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm, novelist and Pulitzer Prize nominee Jana McBurney-Lin will talk about her book, My Half of the Sky. Charlotte Cook from Komenar Publishing will also speak. Luncheon held at Girasole Grille, 3180 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. \$18 member/\$25 nonmember. Reservations necessary. Contact Fred Norman Fnorman300@aol.com for more information.

Authors and Arts Program Series, March 18, 2 p.m. author Frances Mayes, "Under the Tuscan Sun." Livermore Library, 1188 So. Liver-more Ave. Free admission (tickets

 Infer Ave. Free aumission (uckets) required). Friends of the Livermore Library. Information, 373-5505.
History Talk, Wed., March 21, 7:30 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Early Livermore Valley Families (1850-1900) pre-contod by Dick Finn S2 suggested sented by Dick Finn. \$2 suggested donation. Light refreshments. Livermore Heritage Guild program.

Early Music Series, Las Positas Col-lege Library, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, Musica Pacifica's "Alla Destication of the series of the seri Rustica" concert will feature the music of Spain, Ireland and Scotland, as well as rustic pieces by other favorite Baroque composers. Tickets for the general public are \$40 for the threeconcert series or \$15 per individual concert, \$12 for the series for stu-dents and \$5 per individual concert. Checks should be made payable to the Las Positas College Foundation and mailed to: Early Music Concerts, Attn: Marilyn Marquis, Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Orders received after the Monday prior to the concerts will be held at the door. **Michael Chabon**, March 31, 8:00 p.m.

www.civicartstickets.org. Information: 931-5361 Artist Day, March 24, Forest Home

- Farms, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local artists, writers and photograhers invited to create work on site Participants should bring supplies, a chair and lunch, and dress appropri-ately for the weather. Fee \$5 residents, \$6 nonresidents. Information, 973-3281.
- Jewish rock band Dan Nichols & **E18hteen** performs Saturday, March 17 at 6:30 pm. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. The concert is open to anyone interested in hearing spiritually in-spired, high quality rock music. Advance ticket prices for reserved seat-ing are \$36. Prices for general admis-sion tickets for adults are \$18 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the door; for teens \$16 advance and \$18

at the door; and for seniors and youth (ages 3-12) \$10 advance and \$12 at the door. All advance tickets must be purchased by February 19 and re-served ticket sales end March 9. Tick-ets can be purchased online at www.bethemek.org/dan\_nichols or at the Beth Emek office at 3400 Nevada Street in Pleasanton Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday from 9AM to 2PM. For more information, call Congregation Beth Emek at 925-931-1055 or e-mail

programs@bethemek.org. Aging Artfully, by Bay Area author Amy Gorman features 12 Profiles of Visual & Performing Women Artists ages 85-105. The author will be at Worthington Gallery West in Pleasanton for a a free presentation and book signing on Thurs., March 15 at 7 p.m. Refreshments. Limited space, so call ahead 485-1183. 739 J. Main St., Pleasanton.



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open activities on Saturday, March 31, 2007. The Festival will be held at the CarrAmerica Conference Center at 4400 Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton. Non-registered visitors to the Festival may attend the Visual Arts Exhibit presented by the Pleasanton Art League and other regional artists from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. They are invited to visit Literary Row from 12:30-2 pm and meet, talk and mingle with talented local authors. In addition, they may enjoy music played by guitar, mandolin and mandocello

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www.livermorevalleyopera.com. Valley Concert Chorale, "Three Tab-leaus of Fauré:" the "Requiem," "Messe Basse," and "Cantique de Jean Racine," will be the program on Scturdey and Sundey March 17 of 8 Saturday and Sunday, March 17 at 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L Streets, Livermore & March 18 3 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton. Tickets \$20 adults and \$17 seniors. Students 18 and under are free when accompanied by an

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ORDERTO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. VG07313907 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA** 5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jonathon & Stephanie Stubbles filed a petition with this court

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3a. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearng on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the

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## Wall of Hope at Livermore Post Office

The northern California portion of the Wall of Hope, an exhibit of the Wall of Hope Breast Cancer Survivors' Project®, will be at the U. S. Postal Service, at 220 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, on Friday, March 16, 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Satur-day, March 17, 2007, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"We are excited to be partnering with the Wall of Hope breast cancer organization to help raise funds for this terrible disease. The exhibit will also serve to inspire and educate our customers," says Livermore Post-master Jerry Phillips.

In concert with the event, the U. S. Postal Service will feature its Breast Cancer Research Stamp, a 45-cent, first-class postage stamp that raises funds for breast cancer research. Pink silk roses and handmade crystal ribbons and other boutique items, will be offered for donations by the Wall of Hope. Volunteer hostesses will greet the public at the exhibit, hand out information about cancer, cancer and environmental toxins, and share cancer experi-ences with the public. The founder and president of the Project, Marilyn Axelrod Burch, will be amongst the volunteers on-site for the two-day event.

'We look forward to showing the Wall of Hope in Livermore



PET OF THE WEEK

My name is Dawn. I'm a 2-3 year old Australian Cattledog mix. My "safe" life began on January 7 when VHS picked me up from a shelter with my 8 puppies and put us in a wonderful foster home. As of March 3, all my pups found new homes and now I'm looking for my own place too. I am cautious of new people and don't know many worldly ways, but I'm very loving once I get to know you. I was a wonderful mom, I am interested in things, and TV is something else. I do dearly love my foster parents and know someone out there is just as nice as they have been. For more information, call Valley Humane Society at (925) 426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

for the first time, and we are committed to educating and supporting the community in regards to environmental toxins and cancer," says Ms. Burch. The Wall of Hope will also have tickets available at the post office for the screening on Friday night, March 23, of Al Gore's movie, "An Inconvenient Truth." The screening will be held in Danville at a private residence. A donation of \$20 a ticket is asked to benefit the organization. The two-hour program will feature a short talk by Ms. Burch about cancer and the environment, and a discussion following the film. Tickets will be available in the post of-

fice lobby both days. The Wall of Hope is launching its national Mile of Sur-

vival<sup>®</sup> effort, and will be taking names of survivors located in other states who may want to add their pictures to the exhibit or act as Event Coordinators in their own towns to help collect pic-tures for the mile-long display for Washington D.C. The exhibition of the Mile of Survival is projected to take place in the nation's capital sometime in the next two to three years. Each state needs to contribute 750 pictures which will be a 100-foot section of the mile-long exhibit. When complete, the Mile of Survival will be carrying more than

37,500 portraits. For further information, con-tact the Wall of Hope at 925.736.7100 or visit www.wallofhope.org.

## **Police to Present 'Gang Awareness' Workshop**

Are gangs a problem in Liver-more? California has more gangrelated problems than any other state in the nation-with an estimated 300,000 members belonging to more than 6,100 gangs. Nationally, half of all gang-violence victims are innocent bystanders caught in the crossfire. The Livermore Police Department (LPD) attributes increased local gang activity to about 250 documented gang members and associates belonging to three major gangs in two categories.

On Wednesday, March 21, 2007, a free presentation entitled "Gang Awareness" will be offered by the Livermore Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore

#### Hart Student **Wins County Spelling Bee**

Three of the top four Alameda County school spelling bee winners are from the Tri-Valley.

Finishing first was Neethi Bangalore, a 6th grader from Hart Middle School in Pleasanton. Second place went to Fifth grader Akshayraj Aitha from Fallon Elementary School in Dublin. In third was Alexis Hager, 4th grade, Crocker Highlands Elementary in Oakland, and fourth place went to Nathan Weinstein, a sixth grader from Christensen Middle School in Livermore.

The two top finishers, from Dublin and Pleasanton, will represent Alameda County at the state competition on May 19 at Sonoma State.

Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD). It is scheduled to run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 444 East Avenue in Livermore. Additional parking is available on the Loyola Street side of the park.

The seminar will be conducted by members of the Livermore Police Department. They will discuss the warning signs of gang association, school policies regarding gangs, and how to re-port gang activity. There will be opportunities for questions and answers after the presentation.

The seminar is one of a series presented by the Livermore Police Department and sponsored by the CPAAA and LARPD. A subsequent presentation on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. will explore the topic of "Traffic Issues in Livermore." The CPAAA is an organization of members from the community who have graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. For more information, please visit www.livermorepolice.org.

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