

Downtown Maintenance District Approved

The Livermore City Council will vote April 23 on establishing a Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) in the downtown.

Property owners in the proposed district voted in favor of the LMD. The votes were weighted based on property value. The preliminary outcome showed \$242,112 in favor versus \$124,941 opposed. In terms of ballots cast, the result was 236 opposed and 206 in favor.

City Manager Linda Barton commented, "There was some concern it might fail. However, I was optimistic that

people would value what was done in the downtown."

Six hundred ballots were sent out via registered mail.

Barton addressed one of the issues raised at public hearings, what some referred to as "stuffing the ballot box." This refers to developers who had signed agreements with the city that included a requirement they approve the LMD. About 30 percent of all the ballots cast fall in this category. The city itself controlled 2.7 percent of the ballots. Barton stated, "The actual vote showed 66.5% in favor of the LMD. That left a pretty

good margin for those who voted 'yes' outside any development agreement."

The city invested over \$20 million to upgrade the downtown. It is estimated that maintenance of landscaping and other amenities within the downtown will cost \$750,000 the first year. The city will contribute \$450,000. The maintenance cost is expected to increase to about \$1.25 million.

Mayor Marshall Kamena stated, "It's a wonderful day for Livermore. The intent of the vote was to ask whether property owners were willing to pay a fee to pay for more than a bare bones maintenance

and to keep the improvements in a condition that we can be proud of."

"I'm heartened that those who benefit from the beautiful, award winning downtown, supported the LMD," Kamena added. The improvements are reflected in the fact that sales are up. The asking price of property in the downtown is at an all time high, Kamena continued.

At Monday's city council meeting, the council continued to hear from people opposed to the LMD.

Carl Sark, speaking for the Livermore Masonic Building Association, ob-

jected to the assessment. He said the city had failed to think through maintenance costs when it decided to proceed with its plans for the downtown. "The so-called improvements have already cost millions in tax dollars," he declared. He added that if the entire city benefits, everyone should pay.

Similar comments were heard from Joseph Duarte, Jr.

Kamena said that the council heard from 4 or 5 people who were opposed. "The vote makes me think citizens are as proud of the new downtown as the council is."

Pleasanton To Consider Funding for Friendship Center

The Pleasanton City Council agreed to provide \$25,000 of the \$125,000 requested by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) for the Friendship Center planning.

Although Pleasanton did not provide the full grant requests the city council expressed strong interest in providing additional financial support in the future. They asked for a separate report with information on how both the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton might participate. They also wanted to know how many clients were served, if there is a waiting list, and are there concerns relative to the location of the program.

There was also a suggestion by one councilmember that the Pleasanton Senior Center be used to house the program.

The \$25,000 was part of the Community Development Block Grant for fiscal year 2007.

Steve Bocian, Assistant City Manager, said of the Friendship Center, "We don't have a good handle on the cost to plan or construct a building. It could be a very expensive project if a new building were required."

LARPD currently operates the adult day care program at Sonoma School in Livermore. It shares the facility with the Charter School, which is expanding and requires the use of the space occupied by the Friendship Center. The LARPD lease expires this June. However, both the school

(See CENTER, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Coach Kerry Karter demonstrates one of the throwing techniques used in sport.

Weekend Tourney To Show Off Ultimate Sport

Throwing a Frisbee around is more than a picnic game for the hard-working Ultimate team at Las Positas College.

The team doesn't use the Frisbee designation for its sport, because that belongs to the manufacturer of the plastic discs, which virtually everyone calls Frisbees. The sport is called Ultimate, because it elevates the recreation of throwing the disc to its highest level as a sport.

The LPC squad, comprised of 22 men, will be participating in a sectional tournament to be held April 14 and 15 at Independence Park in Livermore. The starting times haven't been announced yet. However, the officials will start showing up at 8 a.m. The

competition will go on all day, said Kerry Karter. He is both the top official in the Bay Area section of the collegiate level of the sport, and the coach of the team at Las Positas College.

Karter is optimistic about LPC advancing to the regional tournament, and hopes the club can make it to the nationals. The LPC team was the national champion last year in collegiate Division III.

They will be up against tough competition at the tournament from Stanford, UC Berkeley, both Division I competitors, and against other schools in northern California. Playing against quality competition just makes the LPC team better, said

Karter.

Players of the Ultimate sport will have plenty of chances to work up a sweat, according to Karter. There is so much running, that there are frequent substitutions for the seven players on the field.

Karter got into the sport at LPC as a player in 1981. He had played competitive major sports, and received an invitation to try out for the team from the coach then, Pat Pohl. Karter fell in love with the sport, because of its intense physical activity, and its combination of sports.

Karter took over the LPC coaching duties in 1987 from Pohl. The team won a national

(See ULTIMATE, page 2)

Six Apply to Be Airport Fixed Base Operator

Six candidates applying to be the one chosen to become fixed base operators (FBO) at the Livermore Airport. They will be screened by two committees, then passed along to the city council for final determination.

Airport manager Leander Hauri estimated that the recommendation would be sent to the council by late spring or early summer. Hauri said that none of the six applicants or their proposals can be named publicly while the discussions are in committee.

The proposals were submitted to the city by the March 19 deadline. There won't be any prior review by the city's airport commission.

Public works director Dan McIntyre said that the review process will be conducted by city staff. "We are following in the footsteps of the city council direction last June. This is an administrative matter," said McIntyre.

The public won't know about the recommended FBO until the Thursday before the city council meeting, when the meeting's agenda is released, said McIntyre. That upsets opponents of the FBO, who mainly are residents that say the FBO, by providing more services than currently offered by the city, will attract more jet plane traffic.

The FBO opponents agree

(See FBO, page 5)

Livermore Teachers Blame Lack of Respect For Workday Conflict

By Patricia Koning

The Livermore Education Association (LEA) and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District entered mediation on negotiations last Friday over the teacher workday. The two sides have been negotiating this issue since late last year and declared impasse in February.

LEA says the district is asking for more work without compensation. The District's position is that this is a clarification of duties already in practice.

The District's proposal calls for a seven-hour on-site workday, which includes a 30-minute

duty-free lunch. The proposal also outlines annual requirements for after-school meetings of no more than 10 faculty meetings lasting up to 1.25 hours each and no more than 25 one-hour meetings for department/grade level, curriculum, collaboration and articulation.

"The proposal that the District currently has posted on their website is not acceptable," said LEA President Keith-Pickering Walters. "They are asking for more work without additional compensation."

At a recent school board meet-

(See TEACHERS, page 4)



Granada teacher Alex Fisher talking with a student at La Argentina Escuela Comunitaria, an elementary school in Costa Rica.

Granada Teacher Alex Fisher Visits Costa Rica with Toyota Program

By Patricia Koning

Alex Fisher had always wanted to travel to Costa Rica. Last month, that wish came true through the Toyota International Teacher Program.

"The term 'once in a lifetime' is overused. However, this really was a once in a lifetime opportunity," he says.

Fisher, a world languages teacher at Granada High School, applied to the program last year after his aunt noticed that Costa Rica was one of the destinations. He says he took the application very seriously, but never imagined he'd be chosen.

A total of 20 teachers were chosen from hundreds of applications nationwide. Fisher was just

one of four teachers from California, and the only teacher from northern California.

The trip took place from March 8 through 20 and included visits to the National Biodiversity Institute (INBio), Costa Rica's National Museum, pre-Columbian archeological sites and the rainforest.

For Fisher, the high point was learning about education in Costa Rica. They visited a total of four schools: two elementary, an agricultural high school, and EARTH university.

Teachers in Costa Rica play a very central role in the lives of their students and are accorded a high status in society. Fisher says at each school they visited, the

students asked the visiting teachers for their autographs.

The goals of the program are to help educators expand their professional skills, increase cultural awareness, and enhance their understanding of environmental issues around the world. A secondary goal is that teachers put what they learn into practice to better their school and community.

One thing Fisher learned that he'll be using in his classroom is how to teach environmental education.

"One of the scientists in the rainforest made the analogy that the earth is like a big piece of fruit. The environment is the

(See COSTA RICA, page 2)

LAVTA Protest Governor's Plan To Erode Transit Money

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal to eliminate a regular channel of public transit funding is meeting with protests from transit agencies, including LAVTA.

The board of Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority (LAVTA) is on record with the Valley's representatives in Sacramento as opposing the governor's proposal, said LAVTA

general manager Barbara Duffy. The agency sent off letters two weeks ago after a board meeting.

Schwarzenegger wants to take \$1.1 billion from the revenue generated by the sales tax on gasoline sales, much of it in a spill-over fund. The fund is created, according to Proposition 42, when gasoline reaches a certain price. Transit agencies use it for their operational expenses.

However, Schwarzenegger wants to shift it to cover projected shortfalls in the general fund. His rationale is that it would still go to transportation uses. One such would be funding for school buses at \$627 million. Another would be to pay off certain state general fund bond debts at \$340 million. The remaining \$144 million would go to the Department of Developmental Services

for transportation of developmentally disabled people.

Critics say that the spill-over money needs to be protected for transit revenue, as was mentioned on Proposition 42. Schwarzenegger's shift doesn't create any new funding for either public transit, or for the school buses and developmentally disabled buses that he would fund

(See TRANSIT, page 4)

Student Says Dissent, Intelligence Also Belong In Community Of Character

By Ron McNicoll

Compassion was the runaway winner among essay themes written this spring by Foothill High School students based on the city's community of character traits.

However, when it came to the less represented theme of honesty,

Mitch Tombs, the fourth place winner in his senior class of 65 entrants, illustrated the virtue by being honest about his thoughts, and telling why the district should have different virtues than it has for its community of character.

"Why isn't intelligence a trait

that the Pleasanton Unified School District embraces? Why not independence, or ambition, or strength (literal and figurative?)," wrote Mitch. "Personally, I refuse to follow this 'school board' regime's policy of blind loyalty and thought decay," wrote Mitch.

He proposed other virtues for the community of character, including intelligence, wisdom, decisiveness, courage, and freedom.

Other essays may have been more conventional, but were also emotionally moving. For ex-

(See ESSAYS, page 4)



Work Begins on First Downtown Pleasanton Mural

The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) new Mural Program gets underway with a scene of old-time Pleasanton to be painted on the north face of Strizzi's Restaurant.

The restaurant is located on St. Mary Street at the corner of Main.

The city council approved the mural project by a unani-

mous vote at its April 3 meeting. The title of the work is, "Celebrate This Beautiful Valley." It is part of the Pleasanton Downtown Association's "Murals Program," designed to promote the placement of professionally painted murals on various exterior walls in the downtown. Gene Finch, owner of the building, offered the vacant wall that runs

parallel to St. Mary Street. Gary Winter, local artist and fourth generation resident of the Tri-Valley, will create an 18 by 54 foot pastoral vista incorporating numerous elements from Pleasanton's history.

Winter said he asked Gene what he would like to see on the building. His reply was "The race

(See MURAL, page 9)

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



LIVERMORE NAVAL AIR STATION

Exactly sixty-five years ago today, two Navy patrol bombers crashed in a heavy fog and 14 men died. The large amphibian planes of the PB5Y-5-A type were part of a squadron of five that left the Alameda Naval Air Station on an undisclosed flight. The first word of the accident came about 10 o'clock when Anna Nissen called the sheriff's office. Her husband, Graham, had noticed smoke on the Kate Conniff ranch just south of Patterson Pass Road in the Altamont hills and gone to investigate. When Deputy Sheriff Harold C. Hansen arrived on the scene, he found a plane with the entire crew of eight men dead, burned beyond recognition.

The second crash on the Jacob Reuss ranch off Tesla Road happened a little later that same morning: Christian Walstead, a nearby rancher, called it in at 11:14. Six men died in the second plane; only Earl Patrick, an aviation machinist's mate, survived when he was hurled through the fuselage and thrown clear of the burning wreckage. Both planes would have cleared the hills if they had been flying a little higher. Both crashes occurred about 8 a.m. It is possible that the pilots were looking for the new Livermore Naval Air Station.

Earlier in 1942, Livermore rancher W. Gatzmer Wagoner was disconcerted when he went out to check on his barley. "I hadn't any inkling that anybody was interested in the ranch, that Uncle Sam wanted it. The war had already started, but there was nothing said. I went up one morning, and I saw some men working out in the field. The field was already cropped to barley, being late December, early January. And here were these men mudding around in my grain." The U.S. government eventually bought 629 acres of Wagoner's ranch land for \$75,265 and built the Livermore Naval Air Station, sometimes called Wagoner Field, where Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is today.

The Navy had had an air base in Alameda since 1928, but when the Army assigned an air squadron to the Oakland area also, air traffic became too congested and the Navy decided to build a new base farther inland. More than 4,000 air cadets were given their pilot training here in Livermore during the war years.

A barracks was built for the WAVES—the women's reserve of the U.S. Navy—across from the station on land now occupied by Sandia. Connie Frydendal, who lived nearby, was recruited at the high school to work at the station from 1-9 p.m. One of his jobs for a 1½ hour slot was to sell Acme beer at 10¢ a bottle; he would sell about 40 cases every night. Now six foot two, even in high school Connie was already six feet tall. One of the sailors asked him one night why he was there: "Are you 4F?" Connie's quick reply: "No, fourteen."

At least seven other Navy fliers lost their lives in the local hills around Livermore during World War II. In one crash in September 1943, a pilot from the Livermore Naval Air Station managed to land his plane in a small space between two high mountain ridges near Mt. Hamilton. Unhurt, the pilot walked out and was able to pinpoint the location of the plane. The Navy sent 10 Seabees from Camp Parks to the area to recover the plane. Starting from Mines Road in the vicinity of Blackbird Valley, they had to build 5 ½ miles of road—grubbing out stumps, shoveling rocks, felling trees in steep terrain. After four days they brought the plane out piggy-back on a jeep. Its only damage was a flat tire.

On the afternoon of 30 August 1945, a local audience watched an exciting air show that "culminated with a simulated attack as Hellcats, Helldivers, Avengers, and Corsairs dived on the station." The station was deactivated in 1946, and control of the property went to Alameda County in 1948.

Four years later, the University of California Radiation Laboratory, forerunner of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, moved into the old navy barracks. The naval base infirmary became the administration building; Lab director Herbert York's office was in the x-ray room, and the rest of the staff worked in the former barracks and officers' quarters. Duane Sewell recalled the early years: "The scientific staff devoted a lot of its time to recruiting. It was not an easy task attracting talent to a laboratory housed in old wooden buildings with poor heating and no air conditioning, located near a town of not yet 5,000 situated in a small rural valley noted mainly for its wine, roses, cattle, and gravel." Bob Becker, head of security, remembered, "My second office was in a former navy shower room. The drain was still there. The floor slanted down toward this drain. If I wasn't careful and took my feet off the floor, my chair would roll down into the drain." Even after the addition of many modern buildings, some of the barracks are still in use today.

{Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.}

COSTA RICA

(continued from page one)
thin skin," he says. "The earth seems so massive that what we as individuals do shouldn't have a big impact, but when you think about it in those terms, you realize that every small thing matters."

Fisher also says that spending time in Central America was good for his own Spanish-language skills. He'll be starting a pen pal program between his students and Costa Rican students at one of the schools he visited.

The trip has inspired him to teach more about Central and South America in his classes. He says he learned a lot about Costa Rica, and laments the fact that Mexico and Spain tend to overshadow the rest of Latin America.

As part of the application process for the Toyota International Teachers Program, teachers prepared and submitted an in-depth impact plan detailing how they would benefit from the program. As part of the trip, teachers discussed their impact plans and

learned from one another. Fisher's original impact plan called for his English Language Development (ELD) students to make presentations on environmental topics to local community groups such as Rotary. Over the course of the 12-day trip, he made significant changes.

"I learned that this was not the best way for the students to apply what they had learned," he says. In his revised plan, his ELD students undertook a project to clean up the arroyo behind Granada, recycling as much as possible. To celebrate Earth Day, the students will make presentations about the project and what they accomplished. The creek cleanup began before spring break and should be finished the week of April 16.

Fisher began his career working in the business partners program for KQED. He'd thought about going into education, but was daunted by stories of low



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students at Arroyo Seco Elementary School in Livermore cheered as one egg was dropped. Three grades took part in the annual egg drop, with different criteria used for each. The idea was to build a container that would keep the egg from breaking when it was dropped from a specific height.

ULTIMATE

(continued from page one)

championship that year. The sport uses aspects of basketball, football and soccer, so an athlete has to be in top condition to play it. Karter said that if anyone thinks that Ultimate is an easy, laid-back sport that is only played at picnics, they should just come out to an LPC practice and run with him, he said.

The game is played on a regulation football field, which is 120 yards long, including the two end zones. Ultimate sets its end zones 25 yards out from the very ends of the field, leaving 70 yards in the middle for the playing action. The goal is for a player to score one point by throwing to a teammate, who will catch the disc in the end zone. First team to 15 points wins the match.

A thrower has to plant a pivot foot, much like in basketball, then get rid of the disc within 10 seconds. Defenders can block the shot, but can't make body contact with the offensive player, and must leave a small distance between them. On every play, the thrower is really a quarterback, tossing potentially to any of six receivers, said Karter.

The difference between Ultimate and football is that a good thrower can bend the course of the disc around players, and even

sail it upside down, which alters the trajectory by changing the aerodynamics of the toss.

The discs in commercial production got the name Frisbee from a bakery that stamped its name on its tin pie plates. Truck drivers sometimes took the empty plates they picked up from stores and sailed them around. After World War II, someone came up with the idea to make discs out of plastic. The game platter was born, said Karter. Their early name was Pluto Platters, a little reference to flying saucers, a popular topic of discussion in the United States in the late 1940s.

Disc golf is another sport based on the plastic platter. It's especially good for Ultimate players who want to keep throwing with skill, but may no longer be in shape for the running demands of ultimate, said Karter.

Alumni from the earlier LPC Ultimate teams show up once each year, on the day after Thanksgiving at a Livermore park, to play disc golf, just to reminisce and keep at disc sports. When Karter isn't busy coaching twice a week for the team, he teaches physical education at the Livermore Valley Charter School.

Garden Club Plant Sale Set

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club's annual plant sale will be held Sat., April 14 in the Amador Valley High School parking lot, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

Sale hours are 9 a.m. to noon. The 300 member club will offer plants grown by club members. They include a wide variety of perennials, shrubs, trees, vegetables and more. Most plants are in the \$1 to \$10 range. Expert gardeners will be available to provide advice and help with plant selection.

For more information, call Pat at 736-2793.

salaries and endless work.

The death of his father about five years ago gave him the motivation he needed to pursue his dream. He worked as an intern at Mendenhall Middle School while earning his teaching credential from the University of San Francisco. He moved to Granada at the start of the 2005/06 school year.

"I am so happy as a teacher. I get back so much more than I put in," he says. "And I earn more than I did working in public broadcasting."

THE PRUDENT HOME BUYER'S SEMINAR
First Time, Move-up & Second Home Buyers
April 19th, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Livermore Main Library, Conf. Rm. A
1188 So. Livermore Avenue
Credit Rpt & Refreshments \$15/person, \$25/couple
RSVP: Andrea.Dalgado@prurealty.com or Andrew@livermorevalleymortgage.com

PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR CHILD DROWN!
Swimming Pool Fences
Removable & See Through
All American Backyard Concepts
Call (925) 454-1755

35 Meritage Cm. #105 \$579,950
Livermore's Hidden Jewel
Ivy LoGerfo
Livermore's Specialist
925 998-5312
www.IvyLoGerfo.com * homes@ivyLoGerfo.com

Janice Pementel "Thanks Dad"
Cell (925) 997-1387 • Pg. (510) 440-6915
Specializing In Dead Stock Removal Large & Small

CARE FROM THE HEART AND THE HANDS
Sarah Cares has an experienced & compassionate staff that offers in-home care to best suit your needs
Companionship
Hourly & Live-in
Personal Care
Medication Monitoring
Meal Preparation
Errands & Transportation
Light Housekeeping
Dementia Care
Hospice Care
Individual personal service and pricing plans available.
Sarah Cares In home care services
1785 Barcelona Street
Livermore, CA 94550
(925) 371-8100
Licensed, Insured and Bonded

Learn to SWIM!
FREMONT SWIM SCHOOL
The Bay Area's trusted swim school since 1973
800.810.SWIM
www.FremontSwimSchool.com
DUBLIN | FREMONT | LIVERMORE | NEWARK
Spring classes available now!
Indoor, heated pools to 92 degrees!
Open Year Round - 7 Days a Week - AM/PM Classes
Certified Instructors - CPR and First Aid Courses
All Levels - Infant through Adult

REVOCABLE LIVING TRUSTS
\$399 & \$499
Includes
The Revocable Trust
Pour Over Will
Financial Power of Attorney
Advance Healthcare Directive
Call for a free overview
WE THE PEOPLE
Forms and Service Centers
Offices Nationwide
Since 1985
925-479-9600
7603 -A Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin CA 94568
We are not attorneys, we provide documents at your specific direction. LDA #30 Alameda County

If you've got The Fever, we've got The Cure!
The perfect remedy can be found at the most complete club in town.
oh yeah, we've got THE FEVER!
JOIN in April or May & Receive:
• A Free 1 Hour Massage
• A Free Personal Training Session
• A \$100 Gift Card to use at The Club \$225.00 Value!
• More fitness & group exercise classes
• More youth activities
• More outdoor fun
• More time to spend with your family
• More court sports
• More wellness
• More unexpected extras
• More time for you
• More support
livermore valley tennis club • 925/443-7700 • lvtc.com



1983 Second Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Direct: (925) 667-2100

Thank You for welcoming CENTURY 21 Mission-Bishop to Livermore & joining us in the celebration of our Grand Opening. It is our pleasure to bring to you the value and quality of CENTURY 21 Agents and we look forward to serving your Real Estate needs.

CENTURY 21 Mission-Bishop
"Agents of Change"



ANGELA ADAMS
REALTOR



KRISTIN AURE
REALTOR



WILL BATESON
REALTOR



LILLIAN COZART
REALTOR



BRIAN DAVIS
REALTOR



CRAIG EINSOHN
REALTOR



REBECCA EVANS
REALTOR



ARELYS FARNSWORTH
REALTOR



CAROLYN FORSBERG
REALTOR



RAY GILMORE
REALTOR



MARGARET HOWARD
BROKER ASSOCIATE



SUE KABALIN
REALTOR



ANNE MARTIN
REALTOR



CHRIS NEHER
REALTOR



JESSE SANCHEZ
REALTOR



DIANE SASS
REALTOR



TAMI SAXTON
REALTOR



PAUL SLICHTER
REALTOR



CHERI STEPHENS
REALTOR



TINA THOMPSON
REALTOR



DALE TURNER
BROKER ASSOCIATE



ERIN BLACK
TRANSACTION COORDINATOR



LISA MOREIRA
OFFICE MANAGER



SHARON WILLIAMS
BRANCH MANAGER



ALAN BISHOP
BROKER

Offices in Fremont, Pleasanton, & Now LIVERMORE

EDITORIAL

Too Many Appointees

The Pleasanton school board has decided to fill Juanita Haugen's seat by appointment, rather than by election. Haugen died last month. Her four-year term ends in November 2008.

Selecting her successor by appointment will save the cost of a special election, an estimated \$110,000-\$150,000. It will also provide for a full board to be in place this year. An election couldn't be held until November.

In addition, in opting for appointment, the board has public opinion overwhelmingly on its side. Of the phone calls and e-mails received from the citizenry, only 3 supported an election while 112 favored appointment.

This will be the third time in a year that the Pleasanton school board has filled a vacated seat by appointment. Kris Weaver is the only present trustee elected to the board. The last time a trustee was elected was in November 2003.

Given the cost of a special election and other factors, it's hard to argue for a special election. However, maybe it's time to recognize that cost as a necessary expense if the character of the school board as an elected body is to be preserved. In our opinion, the Pleasanton school board has too many appointees.

TEACHERS

(continued from page one)

ing, teachers voiced their feelings on the issue to the trustees and District administrators.

"We are not slave labor," said Kathleen Real-Gaucher, LEA vice president. "We deserve a reasonable, predictable workday that is comparable to other school districts. We don't deserve to be treated as if our time has no value."

Speaking as a union representative, Real-Gaucher explained that it is fiscally irresponsible for the District to think it can offer the same programs as neighboring school districts that receive significantly more state funding. She called the situation inherently unfair, saying it places the burden of the financial inequities between Livermore and other districts on the backs of the employees.

"The big picture is that we are in a state of crisis over teacher shortages in the United States, California and this District," said Caroline Harben, a Granada High School world languages teacher. "The goal should be to keep and

value our current teachers, not burn them out. Teachers, by profession, are generous but that shouldn't be taken for granted."

The mediator will continue holding joint meetings with both sides to work out an agreement, taking as much time as necessary. If an agreement cannot be reached, the mediator will certify the case to fact-finding.

LEA and the District have agreed to three years of school calendars, which the Livermore School Board recently approved. They have also reached tentative agreements on several other issues, including a 7% salary increase. LEA membership will not vote to ratify those issues until the workday matter is settled.

Arbitration on grievances that LEA filed last year over changes in scheduling at Granada and Livermore high schools has been suspended until workday issue negotiation is concluded. If LEA and the District reach an agreement on the teacher workday, the grievance issue may be settled as well.

ESSAYS

(continued from page one)

ample, sophomore Megan Barrett talks about her encounter with a San Francisco street person in writing about compassion. She joined others on a project that passed out bag lunches to poor people.

One dirt-caked man was grateful for the food, because he hadn't eaten in three days. Then he called Megan back. She listened to him talk about his life, without any judgments being passed. Megan learned that just listening to him talk, acknowledging him as a human being, was what he needed as much as food.

"Compassion cannot be explained in words or even on paper. It is an act that must be experienced and felt in one's heart," Megan wrote.

In another essay on compassion, Jessica Saldinger, who took third place among 160 freshmen, talked about an incident she experienced in second grade. She was in a race. She gave up a chance to win it, just to stop, when no one else would, to help a boy who had fallen, and was being ignored, and even stepped on, by other runners.

Jessica thought her mother, who watched the race, might be feeling bad because she blew her chances at being the winner. That didn't matter to her mother. "I saw you stop for the hurt boy when no one else did. You didn't follow the crowd. You gave up your chances of winning to help someone in need. I'm more proud of this than if you would have won 100 races," her mother said.

Kristina Finck, who finished third in a field of 353 sophomore contestants, wrote about honesty. When she was in the first grade, she had ridden "the short bus," which is the small bus ridden by students who are in special education classes. She recalled getting stares from other students when she got out of that bus ev-

ery day. It got to the point where special education kids would stay in at lunch time to avoid the taunts and the stares "from the other kids as if the circus came to the school itself."

So when discussion about special education came up among her friends years later in her current class, she wondered whether she should mention she was once in that situation, and knew what those kids may feel when taunted. Kristina decided to speak up, and was glad she did. "Honesty helps reveal the real you. Each time you demonstrate honesty, that mask will slowly fade away. Share your opinions, admit what you did, and show the world what you are really capable of. Be you," she wrote.

The contest is open to all Foothill students. There are cash prizes from \$20 to \$100 for the top five places in each class of students. They were honored last month at a recognition luncheon at Foothill.

This year, there were 690 contest entries. Seventy-three judges assembled for almost five hours one evening to read essays and grade them in an elimination process. All entries were read by three judges. Surviving essays kept receiving more perusal.

The contest was organized by parent coordinator Jean Gabbert, who worked closely with Foothill vice principal Lori Vella. Many of the judges were parents, none of whom could judge essays in their own children's classes. Most other judges were volunteers from the community who like to read and volunteer, said Gabbert.

Most of the grading was based on content, though there was some consideration of writing style and grammar. The students look to their English teachers for guidance on their work, and can earn several extra credit points from some of them.

Outlook for Arts in Livermore 'Fantastic'

"The outlook for Livermore is truly fantastic. It will be a destination for the arts."

That was the prediction made by Kevin Roberts during a hearing held last week to take input on Livermore's draft Cultural Arts Plan.

Roberts, Director of Economic Development and Redevelopment, pointed out that over the last 20 to 30 years nonprofit arts groups carried the ball. There were no city arts programs. "There's not much art in the city. That's one of the things we want to start changing," added Roberts.

He felt that one of the more controversial issues that could arise is a proposed fee on development. Currently, there is a 1 percent fee assessed on public buildings. In the new cultural plan, a 5 percent fee is proposed on all development than in 2009 automatically goes to 1 percent. Not all development would pay the fee, some developers would opt to provide artwork as part of the project. Of the in lieu funds received, ten percent goes to the city to cover its administration costs. Of the remaining 90 percent, 80 percent would be used for traditional public art, including capital projects such as renovating historic buildings or building an art gallery. The remaining 20 percent could be used for cultural arts programming, such as strengthening arts orga-

nizations.

The Livermore City Council will conduct a public hearing on April 23 to take additional public input.

City Councilmember John Marchand was in attendance at last week's hearing. He suggested that the city should push for a fee, not just on development, but work to approve a parcel tax to provide an ongoing source of funds.

Gloria Retzlaff Taylor, a member of the Commission for the Arts and an artist, pointed out that Livermore has been a very vibrant artist community for years. "It never dawned on anyone to go to the city for money."

One point raised by several speakers was that having the cultural arts plan in place would help to attract money through grants and foundations.

Walt Davies, a member of the Commission for the Arts, stated that when looking for grants, foundations aren't interested if there is no plan. With what we want to accomplish, the cultural plan is necessary.

Marchand agreed. "Foundations don't typically care if a group doesn't have enough money. What they are looking for is an opportunity to invest in a community, not just give money away."

There are four areas of focus in the draft cultural arts:

- In the first area, the unique

sense of place in Livermore would be promoted. It would include the creation of a core arts and cultural district.

- A second area of focus would be to ensure the visibility and vitality of cultural arts organizations, artists and arts educators.

- Third, the city should leverage the innate ability of arts engagement to create a sense of community and lifelong learn-

ing by supporting a diverse range of publicly accessible opportunities, with a special focus on youth.

- The fourth area would be to provide long-term, sustainable resources that enable the city to support the arts and culture community.

Copies of the draft plan are available at all Livermore libraries or on the city's website.

More Poets Contributing To Iraqi Anthology

The poetry anthology designed to speak directly to the people of Iraq has collected more than 250 poems from 185 poets, and will have a deadline extension to the end of May.

In October, there had been 55 contributors to the book. The original deadline had been set for Nov. 1. Pleasanton poet laureate Cynthia Bryant, who thought up the idea for the anthology, said the new deadline will allow poets to revise their work, if they wish.

New poems continue to come in. Poets from many states have contributed. Two on-line magazines in Britain said they will send poems. There was also interest in southern California, when Bryant went there to teach a poetry workshop.

Bryant has been interviewed about the project by Pacifica radio station KPFA in Berkeley. She said that she is still looking for the right publisher for the book. She needs one that will be able to allow free distribution in Iraq, since the book is intended to be a gift to the Iraqi people.

The idea that drives the book is that poets can tell Iraqis directly how they feel. Typically,

Iraqis receive information about the United States with government or press spin to it, in Iraq or the United States, Bryant said in an earlier interview.

All of the poems in the book will be in both English and Arabic. Bryant must also find translators.

Bryant's two-year term as poet laureate will expire May 31. Her last official act will be to sponsor an appearance by Jack Hirschman on June 3 at Century House in Pleasanton. Hirschman, who is San Francisco's poet laureate, knew many of the beat poets. Also on the bill will be Latif Harris, whom Bryant described as a "baby beat poet." Harris will be editing a special 50th anniversary issue of the magazine Beatitude, in a special tribute to the beats.

Bryant said that the recent poetry and prose festival sponsored by Pleasanton was a great success. There were 152 people taking part in the day-long workshop. People were delighted with the programs presented by long-time poet Al Young of Oakland, and novelist Michael Chabon of Berkeley. A large crowd turned out for the nighttime lecture by Chabon.

Livermore Council Votes For Higher Regional Fee

A regional transportation impact fee is being considered for increase.

On Monday, the Livermore City Council voted unanimously to support a fee that would provide 50 percent of the funding needed to finance transportation infrastructure. Staff had recommended a 30 percent of needed funding fee.

Staff suggested that a balance is needed between setting the fee rates high enough to generate enough revenue to complete transportation projects and not setting them so high as to overburden development to the detriment of city goals. If the fee were too high, it could slow development and potentially impact such goals as downtown revitalization and the development of the El Charro Specific Plan area.

The fee on a single family home is currently set at \$1888 per dwelling unit. A 30 percent fee would increase it to \$3266; a 50 percent fee would be set at \$5443 per dwelling unit.

The vote directs the city's del-

egate to the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, Councilmember Tom Reitter, to push for the higher fee. Reitter warned there are those on the transportation council who do not want to see any increase in the fee.

A unanimous vote of the committee is required to raise the fee.

The council consists of the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, and San Ramon, the town of Danville, and Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The first fee was imposed in 1997. Since then \$35 million has been collected. There is currently a \$1.2 billion shortfall to finance projects. To fund 100 percent of the costs would require a fee increase of about 550 percent.

Councilmember John Marchand made the motion to increase the fee to 50 percent. There would be a five year phase-in of the fee.

"If we had approved the maximum fee in the beginning we wouldn't be in the trouble we are today. The fee established in 1997 was woefully inadequate," said Marchand.

Livermore Tables Idea For Directional Signs

The Livermore City Council tabled a request by resident Don King to allow directional signs to houses of worship.

The vote was unanimous. Lorraine Dietrich was absent.

King has for sometime been advocating that the city amend its sign ordinance to permit directional signs to certain houses of worship.

He suggested that the signage would be limited to hard to find locations. Some worship centers that might be eligible for such a sign are the Shiva Vishnu Temple (Hindu) on Arrowhead Way, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic on Lomas, the Mormon Church on Hillcrest, Holy Cross Lutheran on Mocho Street, and Trinity Baptist on Olivina.

King said he hadn't had time to review the report completely. He also felt that with Easter weekend, that few members of the religious community had done so either. He asked that the matter be continued to allow more time for review.

Mayor Marshall Kamena stated, "I suggest we stop here. It looks to me that it is something you just can't do." He suggested that the item be tabled until such time that more information might be available. He volunteered to meet with representatives of religious organizations to let them know the city's position on directional signs.

Planner Steve Riley told the council that the city could not

restrict directional signs to pertain to one segment of the public. It would have to include service clubs as well. "If we open signage to one type of organization, we are obligated to open the opportunity to all types of non-commercial uses." In addition, the city would have no control of the message on the signs.

City Attorney John Pomidor said the city would only regulate time, place and manner of signs.

The issue of political signs was raised by Marc Roberts, Director of Community Development. He pointed out that since such signs would be considered noncommercial, those supporting a particular viewpoint or candidate could put up signs. Currently, political signs are restricted to the campaign season.

One member of the public, Thomas Jefferson, spoke against allowing directional signs. He said they are not necessary and could result in a proliferation of unsightly signs. He pointed out that people can obtain directions on the Internet to a given location.

King said of the report prepared by staff, "I take exception to the contention there is some legal reason you can't say a house of worship is no different than an Eagles Hall. There should be an opportunity for directional signs." He predicted that very few churches would take advantage of the idea.

Transportation Funding System Said to Need Reforming

The system used to finance transportation infrastructure needs to be reformed.

That was the opinion voiced by Steve Heminger, executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). He spoke at a briefing hosted by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. The goal was to provide information regarding transportation funding and projects to elected officials, city staff members and the press.

Also speaking were Dennis Fay, executive director of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA), Christine Monsen, executive director Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), and Bijan Sartipi, district 4 director of Caltrans.

Heminger commented, "We've got a system to finance infrastructure that is broken. The fuel tax has not been raised for

some time. An elaborate triage exercise is needed on the financing." He suggested that the best way to finance infrastructure is a user fee (fuel tax). There is a reluctance to increase it because there is no confidence the money would be spent in the manner intended, he added.

There is a committee currently trying to come up with a systematic approach to finance transportation infrastructure, Heminger continued. The committee is looking at the finance system and how the money is being spent. A report is due by the end of the year.

Also working on reform is a national policy group of which Haggerty is a member. He said the group is looking at how to raise more money and to make better use of the money available. For example, rather than conducting both a state and federal environmental review of

projects, there should be just one based on the most stringent requirements.

Questions raised by audience members included whether there is a way to measure the impact of projects, equity of development fees, and transit oriented development.

Heminger said that there should be a greater emphasis on performance and benefit costs in selecting projects to fund, since we don't have enough money to do everything. Currently, information can be used to measure which projects provide the most bang for the bucks. "We don't do enough of that," he said.

Sartipi from Caltrans pointed out that a \$220 billion investment would be needed to reduce congestion by 18 percent. One of problems is that 80 percent of the money available goes toward maintenance and rehabilitation

rather than providing new infrastructure. There are no plans to build new freeways, just to make those built work better.

When it comes to development fees, Heminger pointed out there is not a single regional or statewide approach. "Sometimes new folks pay their way, sometimes they don't. Fees increase the price of new homes."

MTC has a policy of promoting transit oriented development by providing financial incentives through transportation funding.

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho asked if there had been an analysis of whether those who live in such developments actually use transit.

Heminger said, "The link is pretty strong. Normally 10 percent of the population uses transit. Those living nearby have a user rate of 25 to 30 percent."

TRANSIT

(continued from page one)

with the shift of the money to the general fund.

As far as paying off the \$350 million in bonds is concerned, the voters in the 1990s who approved it were under the impression that the general fund would pay it off. If Schwarzenegger succeeds in taking the \$1.1 billion out of the gasoline sales tax, that leaves a big shortfall for many transit operators, at a time when they need more money to help offset increasing fuel costs, and other operating expenses.

Schwarzenegger is proposing to make up only \$600 million of that \$1.1 billion by borrowing it from the money generated by

Proposition 1B, which was approved by voters in November. However, since that's bond money, it can be used only for capital improvements, such as acquisition of new buses. It can't be used for operating expenses, which is the daily dilemma that transit agencies face.

It's a big disappointment for the agencies, said Duffy. Not only would transit agencies receive less money, but Prop. 1B would be shorted out, too. Voters were under the impression that Prop. 1B would generate all new money for transportation, she said.

LAVTA, which operates the

Wheels bus system, has become accustomed to tight state budgets, so it has acted conservatively, and refrained from adding any new bus service. However, while the governor's plan might not result in Wheels cutbacks, it would thwart expansion of any new service, said Duffy. That's counterproductive, because it doesn't allow LAVTA to offer more service, and take on more riders.

Not expanding service also fails to get more people out of their cars. That seems to be self-defeating for the governor, since he is trying to battle against greenhouse gas emissions, said Duffy.

The loss of funding to LAVTA could run as high as \$300,000 to \$500,000 annually, in a combination of both the gas sales tax fund curtailment, and possible drop in another transit fund, which is distributed statewide to small transportation agencies on a per capita basis, said Duffy.

There is also an irony about taking away transit money from LAVTA and other transit agencies, and giving it to school buses, said Duffy. Although some school districts still operate their own fleets of buses, Tri-Valley districts do not. Wheels is the major carrier of middle school and high school students in the Tri-Valley.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Hosterman Invites Public to Talk

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman will host a series of mobile office hours starting this month on Sat., April 21 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Farmers' Market.

She will set up her "mobile" office near the entrance to the market at the corner of Main and West Angela Streets. These hours will be in addition to the mayor's drop-in office hours at city hall, 123 Main Street on Fridays in April from 1 to 3 p.m. No appointment is required to talk with the mayor.

"With this new approach, I hope to increase my accessibility to all my constituents," said Hosterman. "This is the first in a series of mobile office hours that I plan to hold in different areas of Pleasanton to make it even more convenient for people to meet and talk to me about their concerns."

Auto Burglaries

The Livermore Police Department has seen an increase in thefts from vehicles including auto burglaries.

The thefts usually occur during late night or early morning hours to vehicles parked in the driveway or in front of an owner's home. The most common method of entry has been to vehicles with the doors unlocked.

Generally items stolen from autos are not the radio, but personal items left in plain view. These include purses, books, bags, cell phones, PDAs, CD players and CDs. The police note that the easiest way to prevent this crime is to lock the car when it is left unattended, lock items in the trunk or take them with you.

The police ask residents to report any suspicious activity by calling 371-4987 or 911 in an emergency.

Advisory Groups Established

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) has created two advisory boards, one for small business the other for health care.

The small business advisory board will advise him on issues and developments of importance to the small business community. Members of the advisory board and Rep. McNerney held their inaugural meeting recently at Lodi Public Library in Lodi.

"Small businesses are the engine of our American economy, generating between sixty

and eighty percent of all new jobs created in the country," McNerney said. "I want to work in Congress to encourage the growth of small businesses. That begins with understanding the unique challenges they face. And there is no better way to do that than by talking to small business owners and advisers who face and overcome obstacles every day."

The members of Congressman McNerney's small business advisory committee are: Oscar Anzaldo, Owner, Anzaldo OP, LLC, Tracy; Mark Chandler, CEO, Lodi Woodbridge Winegrape Commission; Dan Ehrler, President and CEO, Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce; Ann Johnston, Owner, Ballooney, Stockton; Eldon Kuntz, Owner, West Lane Towing, Stockton; David Lucas and Heather Pyle, Owners, Lucas Winery, Lodi; Mark Martinez, President, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Stockton; Linda Maurer, Economic Development Manager, City of Brentwood; Debby Moorhead, CEO, Manteca Chamber of Commerce; Gillian Murphy, Director, San Joaquin Delta College Small Business Development Center, Stockton; Melony Newman, President and CEO, Danville Chamber of Commerce; Otis Nostrand, Owner, Hopyard Ale House, Pleasanton; Carol Ornelas, CEO, Visionary Home Builders, Stockton; and Dan Perez, Owner, Rollin' in Dough Eats, Sweets and Treats, Lodi

McNerney plans to meet with members of the small business advisory board several times throughout the year. In addition, McNerney and his staff will call upon advisory board members on a more frequent and informal basis as issues and legislation arise in Congress.

The health care board will meet with McNerney to discuss issues related to providing health care.

The members of Rep. McNerney's health care advisory board are: Aida Bruun, RN BSN, San Ramon; Sue Compton, Associate Executive Director and RN, Axis Community Health, Pleasanton; Dr. Terry Lightfoot, CEO, St. Dominic's Hospital, Manteca; Michael Kirkpatrick, CEO, Stockton Community Health Centers; Mark Lisa, CEO, Doctors Hospital of Manteca; Jose Posadas, Red Cross, AFES & International Services Specialist, Santa Clara County; Andy Prokop, President & CEO, United Way of San Joaquin County, Stockton; Scot Sinclair, Executive Director, O'Connor Woods, Stockton; Dr. William Walker, Director, Contra Costa Health Services.

CENTER

(continued from page one)

district and the charter school have granted up to a two year extension to the Friendship Center to allow time to relocate the program.

Currently, LARPD is conducting a feasibility study of the potential to find financing for the relocation and ongoing operation of the center.

At a meeting in February, the LARPD Board rejected all of the staff's proposal for building or renovating a facility for the adult day program, stating they were all too expensive.

At the Pleasanton City Council meeting, Councilmember Cindy McGovern wondered whether there had been consideration given to using Pleasanton's Senior Center for the program.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said "No." He explained that the center had been programmed for other senior programs when a Pleasanton adult day care was closed down. LARPD took on the program for the region.

McGovern said, "It will be a very important program as the number of older people increases."

Chairman of the Human Services Commission Marybeth Detweiler said that the commission felt there was such an extraordinary need for the Friendship Center that the city should look at using other city funds for the project. "It is the only facility that provides this service. When the Heritage program (Pleasanton's day care) closed, family members were distraught. They didn't know what to do. Many found similar care at the Friendship Center. Now that program is in jeopardy," said Detweiler. She urged the council to pledge assistance to keep it open.

Detweiler also mentioned the

possibility of using the Pleasanton Senior Center. "That facility was designed for a senior care facility. The area is being used primarily for offices."

Councilmember Matt Sullivan said he would like to

see how Pleasanton could help LARPD. However, he said he needed a lot more information about what the options are. "I support finding out what role we might play. And, we should play a role."

Water Levels Unusually Low at Lake Del Valle

Lake del Valle, a water recreation reservoir located about 11 miles south of Livermore, is experiencing unusually low levels of water this year. The levels are so low in fact that the lake - which harbors a marina and two swim beaches - is missing one of the swim areas altogether. The park's supervisor, Shelly Miller, says that at this time, neither swim beach has enough water for its normal configuration.

"The West Beach is only a puddle," says Miller. "And the East Beach will need to be reconfigured to make it safe and usable." Park District staff is roping off a new temporary swim area on the east side of the lake.

Miller says that the low levels are due to a lack of rain this season. The State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) owns Lake del Valle, which provides regulatory stor-

age for the South Bay Aqueduct and flood control for Alameda Creek. The East Bay Regional Park District manages fish and wildlife enhancement and recreation at the lake.

By spring, Del Valle is usually filled by enough runoff so that the lake level provides enough water for two swim beaches.

Miller hopes that this is a temporary issue. "Currently DWR is pumping water into Del Valle, and if everything goes right we will have our normal level by Memorial Day." The lake is about 11 feet lower than normal for summer but should begin rising as DWR pumps in 115 cubic feet of water per second.

A status of Lake del Valle's swim beaches will be updated on the District's website at www.ebparks.org.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

There were sixty-four arrests during the annual Good Friday nuclear weapons protest at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. The crowd of protestors was estimated at 220 people, including one hula dancer. Participants met at the intersection of Vasco and Patterson Pass Roads and then marched to the Lab's east gate entrance where the arrests took place. There was a prayer service prior to the march.

FBO

(continued from page one)

with proponents that some new jet planes are relatively quiet. However, they point out that it will be many years before a significant number of the new jets will be in use. Most of the jets in use today are much noisier than the light, propeller-driven planes that make up the overwhelming majority of airport operations, say the critics.

One critic, Max Curtis of the Livermore Airport Citizens Group (LACG), said that he lives three miles from the airport. He doesn't mind the propeller planes, but the jet noise stands out. Curtis said that LACG would like to see the city council conduct a study session about the FBO, to better put the public spotlight on it.

LACG also would like at least two weeks notice before the FBO proposal is on the agenda, so that leadership can get the word out

to be at the council meeting where a vote will be taken about the contract, said Curtis.

Curtis said that the council's discussion of the FBO at its meeting last June wasn't a full airing of the topic. He said the council merely "tacked on" the topic of the FBO to discussions of other airport aspects, such as noise monitoring, then voted to go for FBO proposals, without public input.

McIntyre, who was at the June meeting, said that audience members commented about the FBO proposal before the council voted to advertise for proposals for an FBO.

Curtis said that the last full public discussion about an FBO was two years ago at a major meeting at Granada High School, which drew about 1000 people.

An Independent reporter at that meeting estimated that the

majority of the 1000 or so in attendance appeared to be opponents. However, there were speakers who supported the airport, and they had their backers in the audience.

CITY WANTS F.B.O. FOR SERVICE

The city wants to have an FBO because it would be able to meet the needs of flyers better than city operations can, said Leander Hauri, the airport's manager.

Instead of hiring more city employees to provide more services to planes and pilots, the city would be able to obtain revenue from leasing out airport land to the FBO, which in turn would rent out spaces to individual services.

The city would also collect property taxes from the businesses that are established under the lease, said Ralph Cloud, a pilot who is chairman of the air-

port commission. Cloud added that a study in 2000 showed that the airport contributes \$57 million directly and indirectly to Livermore and the Tri-Valley.

Cloud said that the business climate in the Valley drives the need for an FBO and determines corporate jet usage. Many trips to the Livermore Airport are taken by business executives who need to communicate in person with their companies in the Tri-Valley. They use corporate jet planes. Whether there is an FBO or not, they'll still come to the Livermore Airport, he said.

Hauri said that if a plane needs servicing, or fuel after hours, the pilot will simply take off again and fly to an airport that has an FBO, such as Stockton's airport. Then the plane comes back to Livermore the next day, which increases the number of flights to the airport.

Is my child ready for Kindergarten?

To be ready for Kindergarten, a child needs to demonstrate basic language, mathematical, social and emotional skills. Some of these skills may include:

- Beginning recognition and association of letters and their sounds
- Word concepts, basic vocabulary and ability to use oral language
- Listening with understanding, reading comprehension
- Basic counting and number skills, sorting, one to one correspondence, and classifying
- Fine motor skills, such as drawing, writing, cutting, and gluing
- Gross motor skills, such as jumping, running, climbing, hopping, and pedaling
- Uses oral language and complete sentences
- Independence and self help skills
- Able to follow simple instructions
- Is not easily distracted or disruptive
- Is able to finish tasks
- Ability to work independently

The child also needs to have acquired an appropriate level of social and emotional development. This can include sharing, taking turns, understanding rules, the ability to work in a group, and the ability to show concern or empathy for others.

Today's Kindergarten is more academically demanding than it was 20 years ago. Children now learn to read in Kindergarten and are expected to have preliminary skills in language and mathematics. To prepare your child for school entry this fall, an academic bridge program can be very helpful in readying them for the transition to a full day or half day Kindergarten classroom.

The Quarry Lane School offers its Kindergarten Readiness Program to prepare children with these basic skills and some Kindergarten level material. The program is appropriate for any child entering Kindergarten this fall. It is an exceptional opportunity for young children to experience a high quality program with daily practice in language, math, writing, fine and gross motor skills.

The Quarry Lane School offers this summer bridge program from June 18 to August 17, in a series of three sessions that meet weekdays from 9 am to 11:45 am. The program is located at the Pleasanton West Campus at 4444B Black Ave., and registration is now open. You can call the school for more information and a registration form at (925) 462-6300. Registration forms are also available online at www.quarrylane.org.

Advertisement

ADVANCES IN EYE SURGERY

FREE EDUCATION SEMINAR



Presented by:
Michael Gagnon, MD
Ophthalmologist

Date: April 19, 2007

Time: 7:00PM

Location:
ValleyCare Medical Center
Cafeteria
5575 W. Las Positas Blvd.
Pleasanton

Dr. Gagnon will discuss diseases and disorders that affect the eyes and the latest surgical treatments including:

- LASIK
- cataract surgery
- pterygium surgery
- corneal transplants

We invite you to register for this seminar by calling our Health Information and Physician Referral Line at 1-800-719-9111 or visit our website at www.valleycare.com - click on the classes link.

VALLEYCARE HEALTH SYSTEM.
A not-for-profit health system

Serving the Tri-Valley with Medical Facilities in Livermore and Pleasanton.
www.valleycare.com

SPORTS NOTES

Livermore Blaze

The Livermore based girl's 12U Tri Valley Blaze fast pitch softball team competed in the World Series Qualifier this past weekend in Fremont, CA. The Blaze went 2-1-1 and finished the tournament in third place.

Tri Valley Blaze 7. Manteca She Devils 4. McKayla Saavedra & Danielle Lacombe both pitched solid sharing the mound in this game for the Blaze. Highlights included a Home Run by Nicole Evans; and a bunt fielded by Blaze catcher Nicole Evans who threw the runner out at first and then first baseman McKayla Saavedra quickly returned the ball to Evans to get the runner out at home and complete the 2-3-2 double play to end the game and secure the victory.

Tri Valley Blaze 13, Pinole Rays 1. The Blaze displayed strong offense and defense against the Rays holding them to only 1 run in the first inning. After that, it was all Blaze. Breanna Herrera's defensive game at first was on target as well as her aggressive base running when she scored from a stolen base to home.

Tri Valley Blaze 2, San Lorenzo Lady Patriots 4. McKayla Saavedra pitched a solid complete game with 7 strike outs but the Blaze bats did not come alive until the late in the game and it was not enough to finish the Patriots off, therefore, suffering their only loss of the tournament. Game highlight included a RBI saving catch by right fielder, Ocean Garcia.

Tri Valley Blaze 5, Cores Diamond Cats 5. After training 3-0, the Blaze had a big inning rallying to score 5 runs putting them ahead 5-3. The Cats came back in the bottom of the last inning and scored two, ending the game in tie. McKayla Saavedra and Danielle Lacombe both pitched well and Adriana Segovia took charge behind the plate for the Blaze.

The 4 games combined offensive strength off the bats of Breanna Herrera - 3 singles, a triple and 5 RBI's; Nicole Evans - 1 HR, 4 Singles and 1 RBI; Alyssa Lanza - 3 singles; McKayla Saavedra - double, single and 2 RBIs; Rachel Norman - 2 singles with 1 RBI and Heather Smith with 2 singles and 1 RBI.

First Lacrosse Victory

The Livermore High School JV Boys Lacrosse team made history Friday by recording the school's first boys' Lacrosse victory in beating Granada 3 - 2. The Lacrosse program is on its second year. Goals were scored by Cory Boulware, Scott Trummer and Eric Syth. Great defense was played by Chris Hill, Travis Cyronek, Rusty Schmidt and hard hitting Joe Stone. This was a very aggressive game by Livermore as they placed hits on Granada's offensive players all game. Outstanding offensive plays were by Jerrod Martinez, Chad Berghoff and Jake Heuston. Middis Thomas Parker, Paul Warnke, Nick Stolz, Kyle Kline, Cody Sawyer, Cody Shubin, Michael McClurg and Matt Holzschuh kept the Matadors a bay the entire second half. Granada scored the first goal and Livermore answered with 3 straight scores by Boulware, Trummer and Syth to take a 3 - 1 lead. Granada made it 3 - 2 with 1:30 left in the game but were held off by the defense and the outstanding game played by goal keeper Gavin Herr.

Football Freshmen

Michael Theofanopoulos and Michael Hisaka led Foothill High School Falcon offense to 10-3 win. From the start the Falcons took control on offense and never looked back. Two walks and a hit by Reece Yamada set the stage for a Michael Theofanopoulos bases clearing triple in the 1st starting the scoring for the Falcon squad. Theofanopoulos later scored in the 1st to give the Falcons a quick 4-1 lead. Michael Hisaka reached base all 4 times at the plate on two walks and a pair of singles accounting for 2 RBIs and 2 runs. Also getting hits off Granada pitching were Matt Owen and Andrew Brazil.

Starting pitcher Austin Mann got 1 run on 5 hits over five innings and relievers Troy Sales and Justin Silva closed out the game to secure the Falcon win. The Falcons play at Granada on Friday April 6. First pitch is at 3:45 PM. Check out the Foothill Classic Baseball Tournament this weekend at Foothill High School.

In a game that saw the lead change three times, Foothill came from behind to tie the game at 3-3. Foothill then went ahead 5-3, but were't able to hold on as Granada came back to win 10-7. The offense was led by Theofanopoulos' two doubles and two RBIs. Andrew Brazil also doubled and had two RBIs. Contributing to Foothill's offense with singles were Michael Hisaka, Garrett Moore, Matt Owen, Michael Slifer and Reece Yamada. Foothill split the series with Granada and is 2-2 in league play.

Derek Chao led the Foothill offense in the Foothill freshman baseball team's win 12-4 over Pittsburg

Foothill utilized their full team in a well rounded offensive attack to defeat Pittsburg 12-4 in their first game of the Foothill Easter Classic. Led by Derek Chao's two hit performance including a double and two RBIs, eight Foothill hitters combined for nine hits. Contributing hits for Foothill were Brock Blades, Jak Bussani, Elias Khoury, Sean Mannion, Michael Theofanopoulos, Reece Yamada and Brian Yanic. Austin Mann and Ryan Mendez scored a run each.

Foothill led from the first inning and never looked back. Foothill pitchers Troy Sales and Theofanopoulos held the Pittsburg batters to three hits and combined for five strikeouts.

Foothill Freshmen advanced to the Championship Game. Some timely hitting earned a win for Foothill. With a tight finale, the Foothill High School freshmen baseball team showed some of their true colors. Shawn Mannion pitched a 5-inning shutout in Foothill's 4-3 victory over Antioch High School. The Falcons got things started on the right foot with Michael "The Bus" Hisaka's RBI in the first inning to score Reece Yamada. Hisaka would single again in the 4th and score on Austin Mann's well hit double to the left-center field gap. In the 5th inning, Foothill would score again with Hisaka at the plate, scoring Justin Silva on an Antioch error. The Panthers mounted a comeback in the 7th frame, capitalizing on 2 walks and 2 batters being hit by pitch, making the score 3-3 going into the bottom of the 7th. The lefty Yamada led off the frame with a solid single to right field, advancing on Garrett Moore's sacrifice bunt. It would again be "The Bus" delivering a much needed 2-out single down the left field line to score Yamada for the 4-3 Falcon victory. Michael Theofanopoulos would get the win in a relief role while Mannion and Brock Blades contributed 4 and 3 assists respectively. Yamada reached base safely 3 times with 2 hits and a walk; Hisaka also had 2 clutch hits, 2 RBIs, and one run scored.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results from last week:

Junior 90: Jr. 90's-Cubs 20, Dodgers 11, Top Hitters Cubs-Warren Neusel 1 1B, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 run scored; Brandon Arnold 1 1B, 3 runs scored; Javier Mercado 2 1B, 3 RBI 1 run scored. Top Hitters Dodgers-Jim Cannon 2 1B, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored; John Linney 1 1B, 2 2B, 4 RBI; Sam Fox 2 1B,

2 RBI. Top Pitchers Cubs Leon Harris 4 IP 7 runs, 7 hits, 6K. Javier Mercado 4 RBIs in the Cubs win over the Dodgers. Warren Neusel added 2 hits in this high scoring affair. Jim Cannon stroked 2 RBI singles for the Dodgers, while John Linney had 4 RBI powered by his 2 doubles.

Majors: Red Sox 2, A's 0. Top Hitters A's - Max Renga - 1B, Ryan Mathia - 1B. Red Sox - Josh Knight - 1 1B, 1 run scored - Zach Sturgill - 1 1B, 1 run scored - Matt Droegge - 1 2B, 2 RBI. Top Pitchers A's - Brandon Jefferis - 6IP, 9K, 3H, 2 run allowed. Red Sox - Anthony Olmo - 6IP, 16K, 2H, shutout. Both Jefferis and Olmo pitched great games, the deciding difference the 2 RBI double by Droegge.

Minor AAA: Cardinals 15, Cubs 9. Top Hitters Cardinals-Michael Pierce-HR, Nolan Parker-2 1B, Nick Lind-1B, 3B, Nick Stanley-2 1B, 2B, 3B, 5RB, Matt Carlo-2 1B, 3B, Brandon Derdak-1B, Adrian Driver 2 1B, Dominic Carlson 1B, Pitchers Cardinals-Michael Pierce, Llewellyn Stone-5K, Jason Bohl-5K, Cubs-Brandon Derdak, Adrian Driver, Curtis Wigginton. The Cubs got away early with 7 runs and Noah Lux turning a double play. The Cardinals battled back with strong hitting and broke it wide open in the 5th inning and continued hitting strong to end the game in the 6th.

Red Sox 9, Giants 6: Red Sox top hitters: Anthony Aguilar 1 single and 2 stolen bases, Ricky Reeves 2 singles, 1 RBI, 2 runs scored, 2 stolen bases Antonio Rosa 1 single, 1 run scored Nick Winter 1 single, 1 RBI, 1 run scored Ryan Reeves 1 single. Giants Top hitters: Michael Paiva 1 double 3 RBI's, Devyn Kelly 1 single, 1 walk, 2 stolen bases, 1 run scored Isaiah Mendez 1 triple, 1 walk, 1 stolen base, Red Sox pitchers: Jacob Storti 4 innings 1 run, 6 strikeouts Matt Ontano 1 inning, 1 hit Austin Velasquez 2 innings, 3 hits, 2 strike outs. Giants Pitchers: Isaiah Mendez 1 innings, 5 strikeouts Michael Paiva 2 innings, 1 strikeout Jake Collishaw 3 innings, 6 strikeouts.

Minor A: Cubs vs A's: Cubs - Logan Brist, Ryan Dicus, Blake Dowling "A's" - Joseph Collom, Austin Shaw, Jarret Leon Defensive: Cubs - Dominic Stewart, Trey Cortez "A's" Matthew Rodriguez, Joel Gauch

Farm: Red Sox - (Offense) Andrew Walker, Drew Marples, Dillan Martinez (Defense) Grant Riddiough, Colton Casey, Ethan Lux, Blue Jays - (Offense) Jacob Dukes, Drew Kujacich, Zack MacDonald (Defense) Brandon Yocham, Christian Johnsonson, Connor Delfesus

T-ball: Yankees (Offense): Christopher Schonholz, Max Weasner, Cory Frobesco, (Defense): Caleb Hachler, Robert Iacomini, Jesse Jordan. A's (Offense): Dillon Tompkins, Sawyer Demarest, Sydney Keshmiry, (Defense): Ethan Dreger, Pascale Badgers, Thomas Stevenson.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results from last week:

T-Ball: Dodgers: Evan Capurro, Noah Gibson, Shannon Spiller, Brewers: Raymond Tulchinsky, Tyler Kelly, Ryan Grace; Pirates: Kendall Hornbeck, Adam Lagodzinski, Chad Madril.

Farm: Royals: Jared Tavares, Chase Bertoldo, Michael Honeycutt, Royals: Kevin Lee, Isaac Montes, Jonathan Song, Rockies: Travis Palma, Scott McPherson, Clay Boghossian; Rockies: Izaiah Enders, Brandon Paulson, Jodie Michaelis.

Single A: Red Sox 24, Nationals 14: The bats were loaded for both teams, exploding with a soaring triple to CF from Austin Hosmer. Mallory Jones had 5 RBI's, went 4 for 4 at bat along with 1st baseman Tyler McMahon. Both Payne doubled and added 3 more RBI's. Nationals Ryan McDonnell's defense was awesome, while Cameron Priest's 2 RBI's added to 2 runs each from Adam Jorgensen and J.C. Langerud both with 3 strong hits. SS Trenton Weidner made a big league catch for the Red Sox defense holding the Nationals back. Top Players: Bobby Payne, Austin Hosmer, Mallory Jones-Red Sox Adam Jorgensen, J.C. Langerud, Cameron Priest-Nationals

Orioles 14, Mets 3: Justin Hill - 3 hits, 5 RBIs, 2 runs scored, 1 double, Cody Skinner - 2 hits, 2 RBI's, Bryce Barsnick - 2 hits, 1 RBI, 1 run scored and Lucas O'Brien - 3 hits, 2 doubles, 1 single. The longest game to date for the Orioles, who's entire team played so well together with a win against the Mets. Devin Rowland took on right field with a great play to help the team win. Top Players: Brandon Robello, Mike Franco, Matt Stoebe-Indians Alex Kohn, Ryan Faulk, T.J. Simms- Giants

Junior 90s: Giants 9, San Ramon American/San Ramon National/Canyon Creek 1: Brandon Faulk pitched a complete game allowing only 1 run on 3 hits to lead the Livermore American Little League Junior 90s Giants over a combined 4 San Ramon American/San Ramon National/Canyon Creek squad at San Ramon Central Park. The Giants' bats were led by Steven Niessen who blasted a homer over the 315 foot sign in right field. Michael Snook and John Murphy added key hits. Michael went 1 for 2 with 1 run batted in while Murph went 3 for 4 with 3 runs batted in. LALL Giants Brandon Faulk, complete game. 1 run allowed Steven Niessen 2 for 3, some run Michael Snook 1 for 2, 1 RBI John Murphy, 3 for 4, 3 RBIs.

LALL Giants 14, Granada Cubs 3: The Livermore American Little League Junior 90s Giants scored 12 runs in the first inning and never looked back to overwhelm the Granada Cubs 14 to 3 at Bill Payne Park. Steven Niessen drove in 4 runs. Mike Lozano scored one run and played outstanding defense at second base. Tyler Moore scored 3 times and Alec Bond scored twice to pace the Giants. LALL Giants Mike Lozano, 1 run scored Steven Niessen, 4 RBIs Tyler Moore, 3 runs scored Alec Bond, 2 runs scored.

Foothill Little League
Pleasanton Foothill Little League results from last week:

Farm: Bulls vs. Owlz: This was the Owlz season opener. Matthew Patterson had a line drive up the middle for an RBI. Chandler Queenan hit a bullet to centerfield to load the bases. On defense, Jay Chipman tagged runners at first for two outs in a single inning. Rivercats vs Knights: Austin Twanugabo and Christophe Geoffrey got the first base hits for the Rivercats with infield singles. Later that inning, Jack Blackwood hit a drive to deep center field, driving in two runs.

Division AA: White Sox 7, Phillies 5: The Phillies started off with a 2 - 0 lead by scoring a run in each of the first two innings. Then the White Sox mounted their comeback by scoring 3 runs in the third inning led by Jack Sanderson's and Jaiurus Woodson's singles

AAA Division: Rangers 6, A's 7: The Rangers jumped out to an early lead with a timely fly by Jake Foscolina knocking in two runs in the 2nd inning and they stretched their lead to 3-0 after three innings with smart base running by Taylor Hardman. The A's clawed back with a triple by Josh Revey followed by a sacrifice fly by Taylor Wirth. The Rangers answered back in the 5th inning with Jake Torres scoring on a throwing error by the A's catcher, making it 4-1. A's in the bottom of the 5th Trevor Escover's double knocked in 2 runs. This was followed by a hit by Josh Revey and another sacrifice by Taylor Wirth, putting the A's ahead 5-4. With the winning run in Jesse Robles only 60 feet away from victory, Garrett Torres got Nick Anderson to fly out to Taylor Hardman and then preceded to strikeout the next batter, sending the game into extra innings. In the bottom of the 7th Logan Casey drew a walk and was moved over to second by Josh Revey. With one out, Logan stole third and glided home easily when throw from the catcher overshot the 3rd baseman sealing the victory for the A's Mariners

Padres 11, Mariners 4: Austin Hoggatt (SNG), Sammy Marco (2 SNG), Alex Peterson (DBL, TRP, 3 RBI) Defense: Jacob Brisco (2/3, RBI, Chris Hill, defense, Alex Moreno (DBL) Powerful hitting from Sammy Marco, Austin Hoggatt and Alex Peterson led the Mariners to a powerful win. A slaming rip by Austin Hoggatt down the third base line drove in a run. Alex Peterson had a tremendous defensive outing with pitching and a diving tag on a runner.

Mariners 18, Angels 10: Mariners: Kenny Williams (DBL, 2RBI), Cody King (SNG, DBL, TRP 6 RBI), Casey Peterson (2 SNG) Angels: Andre Flores (RBI), James Wilkens (DBL, TRP), Aaron Arndt (RBI) Kenny Williams clutch DBL down the 1st base line and powerful hitting from Cody King helped the Mariners to a victory of the hard-hitting Angels. Rangers 16, Padres 6 In a high scoring affair, the Rangers punished the Padres 16 to 6. Taylor Hardman singled home an RBI in the 3rd inning and Garrett Speak stole a critical base in the 6th to stage off a late rally by the Padres. Tyler Miller contributed by scoring with a key run. For the Padres, a valiant effort for Jack Frevert, going 3 for 3, 2 singles and a double, as well as a 3 shut-out innings on the mound. Alex Moreno went 2 for 3 adding an RBI and was dominant on the hill with 4 strike-outs.

Rangers 16, Angels 7: Steve Perry once again brought his "A game" on defense, snaring a tough fly ball to hold the Padres to just 1 run in the first inning. Austin Galloway, the Rangers sparkplug, contributed 2 singles and on the base pads did his best Ricky Henderson imitate stealing 9 bases. Galloway also closed out the game on the hill with 6 strike outs. Garrett Torres contributed 2 hits, 2 RBI, and 3 stolen bases as the Rangers demoralized the Angels 16-7. For the Angels, Andre Flores smashed a double and drove in an early run. Thomas Brown made outstanding catches in center field to hold the Rangers in the early going. Jacob McCall was also solid at the plate with a double and 2 RBI.

Mariners: Athletics 5, White Sox 4: The Athletics brought their bats to this game with singles by Will Stewart and Brenon Arndt, followed by a 3-run homer from Scott Chapeta in the top of the first. Solid fielding by Anthony Dubberly kept the White Sox scoreless to finish the inning. After loading the bases in the third inning, the A's made a pitching change, bringing in Brenton Arndt to get the final out.

Majors: Athletics 5, White Sox 4: The Athletics brought their bats to this game with singles by Will Stewart and Brenon Arndt, followed by a 3-run homer from Scott Chapeta in the top of the first. Solid fielding by Anthony Dubberly kept the White Sox scoreless to finish the inning. After loading the bases in the third inning, the A's made a pitching change, bringing in Brenton Arndt to get the final out. The Angels were nervous as White Sox slugger Chris Wilson came to the plate. He connected with a deep fly ball to center field which was caught at the fence by Brent McGarvey. The Sox put together 4 runs, but the A's added 2 more. Athletics: Brenton Arndt, 3IP, single, 2 RBI; Anthony Dubberly, single, outstanding defense; Brent McGarvey, game-changing catch White Sox: Chris Wilson, 4IP, 7K, single, 2 RBI; Cody Warner, single, solid defense; Paola Patel, single, RBI

Indians 9, Athletics 1: Top Players: Matt Puls - Nick Merrill, Matt Stoebe-Indians Will Stewart, Will Jaureguito, Scott Chapeta-Athletic's

Indians 3, Giants 2: The Giants had the lead 2-0 until the Indians bats started rolling once more. Kyle Franco scoring 2 runs now tied 2-2. Matt Stoebe's top notch defense at the plate stopped the tie breaking runs at 3rd. Devin McMahon's sacrifice moving Kyle to 3rd in the bottom of the 8th, Brandon Hunt with a base hit and Joel Schmeier walked by the Giants, now bases loaded. Up steps Brandon Robello, battling the pressure inside and out, fouling off pitches left and right until the last crack of the bat sent that ball down the 3rd base line ending the game with grand slams for the Indians. Top Players: Brandon Robello, Mike Franco, Matt Stoebe-Indians Alex Kohn, Ryan Faulk, T.J. Simms- Giants

Junior 90s: Giants 9, San Ramon American/San Ramon National/Canyon Creek 1: Brandon Faulk pitched a complete game allowing only 1 run on 3 hits to lead the Livermore American Little League Junior 90s Giants over a combined 4 San Ramon American/San Ramon National/Canyon Creek squad at San Ramon Central Park. The Giants' bats were led by Steven Niessen who blasted a homer over the 315 foot sign in right field. Michael Snook and John Murphy added key hits. Michael went 1 for 2 with 1 run batted in while Murph went 3 for 4 with 3 runs batted in. LALL Giants Brandon Faulk, complete game. 1 run allowed Steven Niessen 2 for 3, some run Michael Snook 1 for 2, 1 RBI John Murphy, 3 for 4, 3 RBIs.

LALL Giants 14, Granada Cubs 3: The Livermore American Little League Junior 90s Giants scored 12 runs in the first inning and never looked back to overwhelm the Granada Cubs 14 to 3 at Bill Payne Park. Steven Niessen drove in 4 runs. Mike Lozano scored one run and played outstanding defense at second base. Tyler Moore scored 3 times and Alec Bond scored twice to pace the Giants. LALL Giants Mike Lozano, 1 run scored Steven Niessen, 4 RBIs Tyler Moore, 3 runs scored Alec Bond, 2 runs scored.

Foothill Little League
Pleasanton Foothill Little League results from last week:

Farm: Bulls vs. Owlz: This was the Owlz season opener. Matthew Patterson had a line drive up the middle for an RBI. Chandler Queenan hit a bullet to centerfield to load the bases. On defense, Jay Chipman tagged runners at first for two outs in a single inning. Rivercats vs Knights: Austin Twanugabo and Christophe Geoffrey got the first base hits for the Rivercats with infield singles. Later that inning, Jack Blackwood hit a drive to deep center field, driving in two runs.

Division AA: White Sox 7, Phillies 5: The Phillies started off with a 2 - 0 lead by scoring a run in each of the first two innings. Then the White Sox mounted their comeback by scoring 3 runs in the third inning led by Jack Sanderson's and Jaiurus Woodson's singles

and RBIs by Sam Cukar and Jaiurus Woodson. The White Sox scored 3 more times in the fourth inning led by Ethan Lipsker's single and RBIs by Aaron Wong and Hector Vega. The Phillies came back with 3 runs in the bottom of the fourth to narrow the game to 6 - 5, only for the White Sox to add an insurance run in the top of the 5th led by Joshua Ott's RBI single. The four White Sox pitchers, Ethan Lipsker, Sam Cukar, Jaiurus Woodson and Jack Sanderson held the Phillies to 3 hits, while striking out 7. Jack Sanderson earned the game ball for his near perfect pitching in the bottom of the 5th inning to shut down the Phillies' final comeback attempt, and for his offensive show that included one hit, one walk and two runs scored. Ethan Lipsker, Jaiurus Woodson, Jack Sanderson, Joshua Ott, Aaron Wong and Jackson Freese made outstanding plays on defense for the White Sox to secure the victory.

Pirates vs A's was a great game. Seth Borg, Chandler Crane and Liam Knight showed off impressive infield skills throwing men out at first and second and tagging a man out at first.

AAA Division: Cards 6, Giants 7: Justin Gibson held the Cardinals to 1 run for the first 3 innings. Justin also contributed by going 3 for 3 at bat. Ryan Gronlund hit a triple to the fence, Collin Richardson and Brett Lewis both got big doubles. Ryan Gronlund makes two big stops at short and working with Mihir Naik and Nick Soldati get the two outs. The Giants were a fierce competitor in the 3rd game of the season. Cardinal pitcher Collin Blaney showed great skills on the pitcher's mound and in defensive plays snagging balls for Giants' outs. Morgan Johnston had the first score of the game with a base hit, advancing to second then stealing home in the 2nd inning. The 4th inning tied the game 4-4 with runs scored by Chet Kozioł, Stephen Chipman and Johnston for an RBI with Zach Roskopf for the score. Kozioł took the pitcher's mound and showed his skills tagging A giant's player at home for the out. Great all around defensive plays by Chipman, Kozioł and Jake Wilgus. Brian Blasquez and Brock Gustafson both scored in the 5th inning, thanks to a base hit by Ryouuke Nagal and a bullet line drive by Matthew Weir for the RBIs bringing the score to 6-7. Johnston closed the game on the pitcher's mound but the Giants triumphed with a close final score.

Cubs 16, Astros 4: The Cubbies' bats were on fire Monday night. That combined with outstanding pitching and defense led to a decisive win. One of the most exciting plays of the game was an Astro hit to left field that was scooped up by Nate Letter who rocketed the ball to catcher Nate Gipson, which was fielded perfectly, complete with tagging the runner out at home. Starting pitcher Dylan Frades went three innings with no runs and 4 strikeouts.

Cardinals 7, Giants 9: Outstanding hitting by Garrett Leone, Ryan Gronlund and Mihir Naik who smacked a triple into Left Field kept the Cardinals fielders busy. Giants 2nd Baseman Jesse Heidoorn fielded the grounder and threw the lead runner out at 2nd in a teamwork play with Kenny Spivey. Patrick Ronan stole the show on the mound pitching 3 solid innings to hold the Cardinals at bay.

Majors: Mets 13, Rangers 3: Kevin Viggallon went 3-for-3, including a double, and drove in three runs to lead the Mets to a 13-3 victory over the Rangers on April 4. The Mets took a 10-1 in the second inning after scoring seven runs. Max Sanderson and Kevin Buschek hit RBI doubles, Clint Mankins hit a two-run single, and Viggallon added an RBI single. The Mets pounded out a 10 hits in the game, which was called in the bottom of the fourth after Louie Desprez's run-scoring single. Buschek pitched three innings to earn the win, while Mankins pitched the fourth inning. Top Offensive Players: AJ Curtis - double, three runs scored; Joel Jurich - 3 RBI; Top Defensive Player: Louie Desprez - diving catch.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results from last week:

Juniors: Giants (15)-LALL Giants (5); LALL Giants (6)-Giants (15); Giants vs LALL Giants: Brandon Beran and Stevie Bender each hit two run homers to finish off a seven run fifth inning as the LALL Giants broke open a close game with LALL and won 15-5. Beran, Bender, Cole Blackwell, Tyler Amador, Anthony Mazzotti, and Pooch Furr all scored two runs each. Scott Vargas was the winning pitcher in relief with 2 1/3 innings, giving up one unearned run. He came in with the bases loaded. Cansino scored two runs for LALL, Sherman was on base three times, and Brisco singled and pitched well.

Top Players: Giants: Stevie Bender, Brandon Beran, Scott Vargas; LALL Giants: Brisco, Cansino, Sherman; LALL Giants: Brisco, Cansino, Schultz; Giants: Stevie Bender, Anthony Mazzotti, Frank Robles;

Majors: Dodgers vs Astros: Solid pitching and strong defense was the theme of the game for both teams. With a powerful Licata RBI, excellent defense by Rosas, and a long game of great pitching by Davis, the Astros put up a tough battle. Sanders knocked in 2 with a center field GR double (had quite a smile along with it), Gonzalez was defensive dynamite with 4 outs, and Agness made a nice catch to keep the Dodgers on top. Mike Walls ripped a shot to 3rd but the Astros caught him at 1st. Admirable sportsmanship all around.

Scores: Dodgers (7)-Astros (2); Astros (10)-Giants (2); Giants (6)-Cardinals (12); Top Players: Dodgers: Jose Gonzalez, Josh Sanders, Justin Agness; Astros: Mitch Licata, Alex Davis, Zach Rosas; Astros: Veatch, McCleod, Davis; Giants: Schloming, Walls, Chandler; Giants: Kyle Schloming, Michael George, Luke Quesada; Cardinals: Chad Wilkinson, Joe Martin, Daniel Slominski;

AAA Division: Giants vs Nationals: A great pre-season event. For the Giants Matthew Wells and Isaac Dugger both had super pitching. Rob Quitorio had two great hits. The Nationals Eddie Leon had 3 hits. Chris Jackson's spitching was great. Jordan Ratinho played good defense.

Scores: Giants (10)-Nationals (10); Diamondbacks (10)-A's (10); Dodgers (5)-Giants (12); A's (2)-Astros (6); Top Players: Giants: Matthew Wells, Rob Quitorio, Isaac Dugger; Nationals: Eddie Leon, Jordan Ratinho, Chris Jackson; Diamondbacks: Robbie Quezada, Shane Silva, Garrett McDonald; A's: Devin Bernacil, Tristen

Thalhuber, Fotis Dimitropoulos; Dodgers: Josh Williams, Seth Perkins, Marcus Rivera; Giants: Brian Martinez, Dalton Moreno, Michael Ditzel; A's: Jordan Dowd, Devin Bernacil, Kyle Berg; Astros: Harrison Mayo, Mitchell Mayo, Hayden Goldstein;

AA Division: Astros vs Mets: Both teams had a great game today. Addison Westbrook was an awesome pitcher. Scott Williams had a single hit and stole multiple bases. Brandon Salgado had a base hit and one RBI. Dylanger Rucker was a great pitcher and had a single base hit. Daniel Chrisman had a single base hit and was a great relief pitcher. Frank Gomez had a double base hit.

Top Players: Astros: Addison Westbrook, Scott Williams, Brandon Salgado; Mets: Dylanger Rucker, Daniel Chrisman, Frank Gomez; Dodgers: Ian Barnes, Cecily Tronco- Erway, Derion Hampton; Cardinals: Russell Stevenson, Zach Hayden, Tyler Davis; A's: Jonah Musser, Ethan Valdez, Trevor Valone; Giants: Shastina Wilson, Josh Garza, Michael Nelson;

A Division: Astros vs Nationals: It was an exciting game between the Astros and the Nationals. Aaron Noriega had a great game at the plate with three singles and an unassisted play at first. Two of the Astros hitting stars were Jacob Licata and Dominic Rivera with two singles each. The Nationals stars were Hunter Calkins, Andrew Williams and Gabriel Madinich, who all had a fantastic game at the plate.

Top Players: Astros: Nicolas Swanger, Jacob Licata, Dominic Rivera; Nationals: Hunter Calkins, Andrew Williams, Gabriel Madinich; Cardinals: Charles Fillippucci, Jakob Gooby, Paul Bolin; A's: Mason Walzer, Jacob Rogers, Jared Persson;

T-Ball Division: Cardinals vs Marlins: On a cool Saturday morning, the Marlins came to play. The home team Cardinals hit parade kept on coming and they really used their "head" literally in the outfield. The Marlins showed some quick defense as well and the kids had a great game. Great sportsmanship by both teams. Top Players: Cardinals: Jordan Garcia, Colton Berlino, Nicholas Gorman; Marlins: Matt Fiedor, Anthony Ostrander, Nathan Hascom.

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League highlights from last week:

T-Ball: Yankees vs. Mariners: Great hitting and fielding skills were shown by all players. Outstanding game Yankees. Outstanding players: Camden McFarlane, Alex Bentlo, Karla Mendonca Kamaka.

Farm A: The Yankees and White Sox squared off again for the last game of a back to back. Simon Carballo got two hits and hustled throughout the game. On defense, Matthew Slifer and Patrick Herz showed off with great plays at first and short respectively. Matthew Slifer grabbed several grounders and caught several White Sox trying to reach first. Patrick Herz made two great catches in the field one to end the game. The Yankees continued to show improvement but more importantly displayed great spirit showing how to enjoy playing the game.

Each of the White Sox played their best game yet, however it was David Kozuch that pummeled the ball this week with a triple, a double, and consistent massive hits to the outfield. Jackson Holtherhoff and Noor Gill also played well with rock solid hits every time they came up to bat. Go Sox.

Minor AA: Twins 10, Indians 3: Twins clean-up batter Brandon Dodak blistered an inside-the-park home run to the right fielder to score two runners and break open a tense game against the Indians in the fifth inning. The lead run was scored by Bryce Wong, who led off three innings and scored each time after two walks and an infield single to spark the Twins offense. Philli Herrera added three singles and an RBI, starting pitcher Patrick Loughnane held the Indians to a single run in the first, and Andy Bordenave allowed just one run over two innings and raced in to snare a liner to center to cool an Indians rally in the fifth inning.

Indians 3, Twins 10: The Twins challenged the Indians with a rematch after a loss earlier in the week. Andrew Bonilla pitched an excellent round and hit a massive pop fly over second. In another huge moment, Nathan Casey made a split second throw to Jarrett Indalcio to tag a Twin out on third. The Indians lost, 3-10.

Minor AAA: Angels 7, Indian 1: Jake Kinney and Justin "Lefty" Levis combined to hold the opposition to just one run, while Barrett Fitzgerald continued his torrid pace scoring 3 runs on 2 hits. Jake McIntosh had a double and scored two runs helping the Angels run their record to a league leading 5-0. Kinney was dominant on the hill, with a

heavy fastball that consistently found the strike zone. "Lefty" contributed at the plate as well as the mound, cracking two hits. Sam Molz scored once, and Jack Harding continued to pound the ball, adding a hit and scoring a solo run. Jake McIntosh, Craig White, and Danny Terry each had an RBI apiece. Yen Wang and Doug Bradley each had defensive games at Second Base. Bradley in particular ranging far from the bag to stab a hot grounder and attempting a Derek Jeter-like throw to first. All in all, the Angels continued to show excellent pitching, great defense, and timely hitting, all adding up to a Total Team Effort.

Majors: Yankees 3, Athletics 9: The Yankees were the first team that had 2 players go deep in the same game. In the 2nd inning Brendan Jenkins crushed a ball over the left field fence, and in the 3rd inning Alex Zwingle got a hold of one and sent it over the left field fence. An all around impressive hitting performance by Brendan going 3 for 3, while Ryan Mahoney went 2 for 3. On the mound the trio of Ryan Mahoney, Christopher Kinney and Brendan Jenkins held the A's to 2 earned runs and 5 ks.

Red Sox 2, Rangers 6: The Red Sox played an excellent game against the Rangers. Defense on both sides was outstanding. The Red Sox started out the game on the defense and held the Rangers scoreless for two innings. Ryan Meisenheimer single handedly made the three outs in the top of the second by striking out two Rangers batters and catching a pop fly back to the pitcher. The other Red Sox infielders, Jimmy Doyle, Brian Hsu, Justin Cruz, Cameron Myers and Jason Mengerat catcher all contributed with great defensive plays keeping the Rangers from scoring times. Great catches were made in the outfield by Kyle Greenan, Jon Gray and Drew Gray. Matt Westcott, Justin Cruz and Andrew Gray, Jimmy Doyle, Ryan Meisenheimer, Brian Hsu all had hits for the team.

Junior 90s: Athletics 7, Cardinals 8: The Pleasanton American Jr. 90 A's had a tough morning in Livermore against the National Cardinals. The Cardinals maintained a 7-1 lead into the 4th inning when the A's finally woke up and drove in some runs when Josh Rosenblatt knocked out a double and drove in 2 runs narrowing the score to 7-3 and in inning #5 Hwi Kim earned an RBI and Cole Hanley 2 RBIs both with solid hits to tie the score. But even with the team on a roll they were unable to take the lead. On defense Alec Elgood contributed on the mound throwing strikes. Anthony Shiells defended 1st base like a natural and Taylor LaPorte delivered in Center Field.

Athletics 9, Athletics 6: The Pleasanton American Jr. 80A's played an exciting game against the Pleasanton National Mariners. The game began with the A's taking the field and giving up only 3 runs during the first inning. At bat, lead off hitter, Taylor LaPorte started the team off with a single. Cole Hanley followed with a triple earning an RBI to put the A's on the score board. During the 2nd inning the A's continued to swing a hot bat. Anthony Shiell batting first earned a single, going 2 for 2 for the game. Ryan Campbell followed at bat with a sacrifice fly allowing Anthony to cross home plate. The score now 3-4 in the Marlin favor. In the 3rd inning with Hwi Kim on the mound the team was able to hold the Marlin from scoring. On offense Jack Rogers hit a single and Billy Donahue got on base when he was hit by a pitch. Next up Cole Hanley, but the Marlin decided to intentionally walk Cole. With the bases now loaded Hwi Kim took his turn at bat and roped a hard hit to out field earning 2 RBIs changing the complexity of the game and turning the score around. Inning #6, Josh Rosenblatt took out on the mound - 1-2, 3 strike you are out over and at bat both Jack Rogers and Chris Granlund had bone crushing hits earning each a RBI to cinch the lead and win the game for the A's.

Athletics 2, Cardinals 4: The Pleasanton American Jr. 80 A's fought tough against the mighty Cardinals but could not pull off the win. The team battled hard in an effort to take the lead but ended up losing 4 to 2 despite a home run hit by Jack Rogers in inning #6 scoring the only two runs of the night for the A's. On defense Jack made several key plays while on first to slow the Cardinals from advancing. Billy Donahue had a successful night on 3rd base with crucial plays throughout the game. Taylor LaPorte fielded a hard hit ball in center field with an impressive throw was able to catch the running at 3rd. Great job A's on a very close game.

Junior 90s: Phillies 1, Phillies 15: The mighty Granada 90's Gold visited Pleasanton in the first meeting of the 2007 season. Granada walked away with th win, scoring five runs in the first inning of play. PALL starter Nick Johnson then blanked them in the second inning of the game. Energized, Pleasanton countered with a run in their half

"Your Key to a Successful Auto Purchase or

SPORTS NOTES

of the second inning set up by a two-out, up-the-middle line drive single by Connor Farrell. Brent Udson (RBI) then blooped a single into middle field, as Farrell rounded second base on toward third. A throwing error by Granada enabled Farrell to trot home for PALL's only run of the game. Despite powerful pitching from the Livermore team, they recorded only one strike-out. Zach Piona went 2 for 3, along with 2 stolen bases. The Herman twins (Michael and Joseph) delivered back-to-back singles in late inning play.

Phillies 7, Phillies 17: Double-header Saturday against Granada 90's Gold and PALL 90's Gold came up with their bats ready for action...Despite Granada putting up 6 runs in the first inning, Pleasanton was quick to answer back with 5 runs of their own in the second inning of the game, sending 10 batters to the plate. Catcher Joe Herman started it all as he smashed a double deep to left. Sean O'Connell and Michael Herman drew walks from Granada to load the bases. To the plate, Zach Piona, who wallpops triple to clear the bases, for 3 RBIs. Kevin Phiangsai reaches first on a walk, advances to second on a wild pitch, and scores behind Piona for the fifth run of the inning as Nick Johnson pounds a double deep to the outfield for 2 RBIs. Granada held firm on their home field, as they would score 2 runs in the second and 4 more in the third. P-town would not give up, as they rallied up and added 2 runs in the fourth inning spurred with a Phiangsai single. His speed would carry him home when RJ Anderson's bullet two-bagger would bring him across homeplate. Granada sealed the win as they added 5 runs in the fifth.

Phillies 1, Phillies 11: Saturday's second game of the Granada DH found PALL scoring early. Lead-off batter Zach Piona pounded out a double and then crossed home plate for the first run of the game on Jay Coles' single. Coles then advanced to second on a wild pitch and two consecutive walks by Granada to Connor Farrell and Matthew Vance would load the bases. Unfortunately, the boys in red could not pull the trigger and 3 runners were stranded. Leading for the first time against this powerful team, defense proved key. Starter Connor Farrell held Granada scoreless in the first and third inning of the game, with an impressive 3 up/3 down first. Superb fielding was displayed by Matt Beadle (at third) and Jake Thornton (at first), to keep the Granada team at bay with numerous 5-3 opportunities throughout the game.

Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League: AA Division: Cardinals 14, Mets 12: Good offense and defense by both teams with the Mets forcing runners out at 2nd and 3rd. After spotting the Redbirds a 10 to 0 lead, the Mets started a comeback answering with 5 of their own. But the Cardinals kept flying. Players reaching base 4 out of 4 times included Jimmy Kaufman, Bobby Kaufman, Drew Highfill, and James Cowick, who went 2 for 2, with 2 walks, a single, and a double. Bobby Kaufman scored 4 times and Drew Highfill 3. The RBI leaders were James Cowick and Bryce Veit each with 3, and Joshua Halperin, Mark Tsuno, and Alec Baughman, who went 2 for 2 with 2 RBIs. The pitching was lead, again, by James Cowick and Alec Baughman, who retired the side with 10 pitches.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League results from last week:

U18-Senior Rec: James Allyn Printing - Storm 8, Prestige Portraits - Shock 5: James Allyn Printing Key Players: Jacklin Andersen, Leanna Greiger, Katie Holscher; Prestige Portraits Key Players: Gina Dailey, Nicole Rose, Erica Miranda.

U14-Major Upper: Baron's Jewelry - Legacy 9, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream - Shadows 9: Baron's Jewelry Key Players: Syd Rueggeger 4 RBIs, Sarah Holmgren 3 RBIs, Jillian Beck 2 RBIs, Sydney Okumura, Lindsey Godwin; Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Key Players: Katie Mannion 3 RBIs, Tara Cayton 3 RBIs, Jessica McKeehan 3 RBIs, Kim Grano, Kara Schott, Carley Regan

U14-Major Rec: State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf - Misfits 15, www.pleasantonhomes.com - Purple Pack 11: State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf Key Players: Akiko Osborne, Trevor Konopka, Divya Lambah; Pleasantonhomes.com Key Players: Vanessa Medina, Allison Muller, Kaitlyn Oefelein.

State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf - Misfits 8, Richert's Lumber - Shamrocks 5: State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf Key Players: Kacey Higgins winning RBI, Jenessa Ponco 2 RBIs, Whitney Banker 2 RBIs; Richert's Lumber Key Players: Haley Zavattero, Sarah Machado, Sara Mason.

U12-Minor Upper: Alain Pinel Tim McGuire - Stix 3, Pleasanton Mortgage - Breakers 0: Alain Pinel Tim McGuire Key Players: Molly Phillips double-play, Alex Gray RBI, Lindsey Kail RBI; Pleasanton Mortgage Key Players: Andy Becker 6Ks, Ashley Lotozynski caught runner stealing, Meredith Jaeger fielding.

Cardinal Jewelers - Panthers 7, The Strong Source - Hurricaneez 5: Cardinal Jewelers Key Players: Isabele Casteneda hitting, Jenny Beadle defense, Sammy Spain, fielding; The Strong Source Key Players: Dharini Clare pitching/fielding, Claire Berkley, hitting, Nicole Heller catching/fielding.

PleasantonMortgage - Breakers 15, The Strong Source - Hurricaneez 0: Pleasanton Mortgage Key Players: Ashley Lotozynski double, Nicole Bardakos double, Madison Jeffries 2 hits, Andie Becker 9 Ks; The Strong Source Key Players: Dharini Clare 5 Ks, Erica Norton 4 Ks, Kelli Finn defense.

U12-Minor Rec: Fowler Painting Blue Crush 5, Belden Consulting Engineers - Hot Tamales 3: Fowler Painting Key Players: Jennifer Corbin pitching, Emmy Rodriguez double 2 RBIs, Lauren Fowler RBI single; Belden Consulting Engineers Key Players: Zoe Chapman 2 singles, RBI, Brianna Molina triple, Courtney Eddy 2 singles.

Ireland San Filippo LLP - Sharks 9, 3PAR Data - All Stars 3: Ireland San Filippo Key Players: Cassidy Butler pitching 2 doubles, Nikki Moyers 2 hits 2 RBIs, Danni Moyers 2 hits 3PAR Data Key Players: Haley Hierpe defense, Rachel Halperin defense, Kelsey Graves hitting.

ResCom Insulation - X-Ireemz 7, Stainless Distributors - Dolphins 5: ResCom Insulation Key Players: Jessica Medina, Kaitlin Gallagher, Maddie Lingenfelder; Stainless Distributors Key Players: Kaylee Webster, Jazzy Perez, Jillie Eicher.

U10-Mini Upper: Coldwell Banker/John & Daisy Ng - Diamond Dogs 7, Pleasanton Ready Mix - Bobcats 4: Coldwell Banker/John & Daisy Ng Key Players: Katie Moore, Natalie O'Neill, Nicole Rasmussen; Pleasanton Ready Mix Key Players: Sam Dandero fielding, Kamryn Brown defense, Brianna McGraw defense, Kyra Sexton 2 RBIs.

U10-Mini Rec: K.D. & Friends - Chili Peppers vs. Central Chevrolet - Fireballs: K.D. & Friends Key Players: Gabriella Hughes 3 Ks, Emily Toms 2 hits RBI, Erin Walsh 2 hits RBI; Central Chevrolet Key Players: Alyssa Simonson double, Sammy Rhodes double, Molly Digritano pitching.

U8-Micro Rec: Friends of PGSL - Sharks vs. Auto Impressions - Diamond Dolphins: Friends of PGSL Key Players: Michelle Wood 3 put-outs 3 hits, Alyssa

Johnston unassisted double-play 3 hits, Courtney Dinelli 2 hits; Auto Impressions Key Players: Delaney Bammer, Lindsay Dillon, Bryn Doyle.

Gene's Fine Foods - Funkee Monkees vs. Axial Industries - All Stars: Gene's Fine Foods Key Players: Sophia Bartolomucci, Taylor Sowers, Elena Angst; Axial Industries Key Players: Nicole Riordan, Sadie Grozier, Melissa Lopez.

Millennium Realty - Red Hot Chili Peppers vs. RE/Max Accord/John Rocha - Penguins: Millennium Realty Key Players: Sierra Bonnet, Shreya Nagdev, Kirsty Brown; RE/Max Accord/John Rocha Key Players: Claire Larsen 3rd base, Audrey Morse 2nd base, Ashley Neilson 2nd base.

Livermore Smoke

Livermore Smoke Girls Softball results from last week:

Livermore/Pleasanton Senior Division: Livermore Red Devils 4, Pleasanton Team #4. For the Red Devils, Angel Sponburgh went one for two, and made a great steal at home for a run. Jasmine Pickett went one-for-one with a RBI, and Janet Espinoza was one-for-two with another RBI.

Middle School Red Division: A.P. Concrete The Lady Yanks 12, Groth Brothers Chevrolet Force 11. The Force fought hard and played well, but the Lady Yanks came from behind in the last inning to pull out the win. The Force was paced by good defensive plays by Chantal Portillo Araina Hanson and Gabriella Quintana. Meredith Real Estate Brokers Orange Crush 11, Groth Brothers Chevrolet Force 8. The Force started out the game with a big double by Camille Espinoza to make their first inning very strong. They battled hard throughout the game but couldn't finish with the win. Amanda Kelly had a base hit, two RBIs, and received a good base hit by Kelly Wright.

Meredith Real Estate Brokers Orange Crush 10, Bill Howard Floor Co. Crossfire 9. The game was tied at the end of every inning except the last, when the Orange Crush pushed one more run across than the Crossfire. For the Crossfire, Jessica Hallum went two-for-two and pitched a great last inning. Carolyn Fletcher also went two-for-two, and Lauren Boutlier walked and scored in two plate appearances.

Maryalice Faltings Sneaky Cleats 9, Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 8. For the Blue Ice, Carina Novell had a double and a single at the plate and one scoreless inning on the mound, Anne Marie Puso had a solid single and a walk and scored a run, and Kaylynn Richards had a solid defensive outing.

Diablo Dental Services Flamin Hot Red Sox 11, Olson Construction Gold Rush 9. In a game filled with walks, the Flamin Hot Red Sox walked off with a victory. For the Gold Rush, Jessica Olson belted a double with two RBIs, and Megan McEntee had a single and a RBI.

Little Rascals Learning Center Demolition 15, AP Concrete Lady Yanks 5. The Demolition had a solid game across the board, getting strong play from Megan Manning who was solid at first base and the entire game & a great throw from second for an out by Tess Arrighi, and Rachel Tabaracci had a solid day of pitching, striking out two batters in a row to close the third inning. For the Lady Yanks, Audrey Walke picked up a hard-hit grounder at shortstop for a putout out at first base, Indelisa Pereira caught a throw from catcher Walke to put out a steal attempt at third base, and Victoria Mercado singled to first, and stole all the bases to score.

Meredith Real Estate Brokers Orange Crush 10, Cindy Greci Vipers 4. For the Vipers, Lacie Crawford had a triple and scored, Megan Gilmore hit a double, walked, scored twice and had a RBI, and Sierra Cassels hit a single, had a RBI and assisted in some awesome putouts.

Maryalice Faltings Sneaky Cleats 9, Diablo Dental Services Flamin Hot Red Sox (forfeit).

Olson Construction Gold Rush 13, Bill Howard Floor Co. Crossfire 8. For the Gold Rush, Jessica Olson went two-for-three with a two-run triple and three total RBIs, Amanda Morris scored three runs with two hits and a RBI, and Jackie Manuskis scored three runs and had a hit in three at-bats. The Crossfire gave Gold Rush a good run, with Gold Rush securing the win. The Crossfire could not answer the Gold Rush's five-run fifth after the game was tied. For the Crossfire, Savannah Winters and Jessica Hallum reached base all three times with two hits each, with Winters scoring twice, and Ramsey Schmitt reached base twice, and made a nice catch of a popup to start a double play.

Cindy Greci Vipers 17, Groth Bros. Chevrolet Force 7. For the Vipers, Annie Santos was on her game reaching base three times with a double, single, walk, scored twice and had three RBIs, Megan Breyer walked twice, scored and had a RBI, and Marissa Scheid reached base twice and scored each time. The Vipers kept their lead throughout the game against the Force. For the Force, Renee Dobson played great as catcher, Ceara Fisher pitched well and Sheryn Beard had some really great hits at bat. Little Rascals Learning Center Demolition 13, Groth Bros. Chevrolet Force 3. It was an all-around great game for the Demolition, with big contributions from Sam Driver with great pitching and fielding, and Allyson Clark and Meagan White with two RBIs each. The Force played a very good game despite the score. Everyone on the team had a hit. Haley Williford pitched an awesome game including six strikeouts and only allowing three runs. Jenna Bennett had a double, and Taylor Enloe with a base hit.

10-Under Black Division: Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Lightning 5, Earth Safety Dynamics Black Smoke 4.

10-Under Red Division: Line X Lucky Charms 9, Abramson & Thaeet MVPs 6. In an exciting game, top players for the Lucky Charms included Cassie Conrad who had a solid base hit and an RBI, Alyssa Gonzalez who crushed a hit and had a RBI, and Mary Lawhorn who also had a base hit and an RBI and made a nice throw to second for an out. For the MVPs, Shelby Stunzel pitched the first two innings and garnered four strikeouts. Corinne Heinstein and Madeline Leeper had strong singles and also a few much-needed RBIs.

William Thompson Pink Panthers vs. The Oaks Group, Smith Barney Royal Dames (score unavailable). For the Pink Panthers, Jessica Pestana pitched a strikeout, Morgan Dillard pitched two strike outs, had a base hit and two RBIs, and Claire Curtis played a great game as catcher.

William Thompson Pink Panthers 8, Hertz Rental Equipment Lightning 4. For the Pink Panthers, Stephanie Rucker pitched two strike outs, had a base hit and two RBIs, Claire Curtis had a base hit, and Samantha Schwartz had a base hit and an RBI.

Crawford Family Thrillerz 9, Line-X Lucky Charms 4. The Thrillerz showed up to play. Pitching, hitting and defense were all excellent. Riley Taylor, Alexis Herberth and Amber Granato all played great defense. Top

players for the Lucky Charms included pitcher Shalena Andersen, who struck out the side in the third inning. Offensively, the Lucky Charms were led by Taylor Lange with a solid base hit and Mary Lawhorn who had a base hit and a RBI.

Crawford Family Thrillerz 8, Hertz Rental Equipment Lightning 7. After trailing all game, the Thrillerz scored four runs in the top of the fourth inning to take the lead and hold on to win. Great base running and hits from Alexis Herberth, Taylor Robles and Haylie Hill led the charge to a comeback victory.

Groth Brothers Chevrolet Hurricanes 6, Abramson & Thaeet MVPs 5. For the MVPs, Shelby Stunzel pitched two impressive innings earning six strikeouts, Corinne Heinstein had three impressive singles all resulting in scores, and Jenna Thompson also had a strong single.

Faltings Racing Team Jumpstart 8, Groth Brothers Chevrolet Hurricanes 2. For the Jumpstart, Taylor Smith had a double to the outfield with a RBI, Cassandra Stanley with a hit, and Kyleigh Anderson did a good job at catcher.

Faltings Racing Team Jumpstart 10, John L. Sullivan Toyota Wildcats 7. For the Jumpstart, Jessica Triantos had a single, and Emily Block and Sydney Hardman each scored two runs.

John L. Sullivan Toyota Wildcats 11, Diablo Dental Services Warriors 6. Both team battled to stay alive, as the Wildcats' Rachel Danielson had two singles and a RBI, Anastasia Gould had two singles and two RBIs and a great catch for an out, and Greta Kholmoo with a single, RBI, and five strikeouts at pitcher. The Warriors had strong pitching from Bella Fernandez and Madeline Glaviano, combining for eight strikeouts in four, while Adelaide Call provided needed offensive going one-for-one with two RBIs.

The Oaks Group, Smith Barney Royal Dames 7, Diablo Dental Services Warriors 3. The Warriors played great defense, led by Kat Rowe, and Kasey Clendenen with several fine plays, while Chelsea Bantley pitched an awesome game, striking out the side in the third and fourth innings while only giving up one run.

8-Under: John L. Sullivan Toyota L' MVPs 6, Brent Bowen Gold Rush 5. Both teams played great defense, and had some great hits. The standout players for the L' MVPs were pitcher Alexa Piscanio, Annika Landreth who made a putout, and Jenna Hagan for fielding.

Brian J. Emrich DDS Kool Katz vs. Livermore Valley Cellars Cheetahs (no score). The Kool Katz fielded great and hit even better against the Cheetahs. Outstanding Players for the Kool Katz were Alyssa Bonfiglio, Tori Nicol, and Alyssa Rosa.

Dave Curtis Diamond Diggers 0, Pacific Dental Care Cheetah Girls 0. Outstanding players for the Diamond Diggers included Annie Allen, Kira Kather and Brianna Haskins.

KKIK Pink Panthers vs. The Crawford Family Crush (score unavailable). The Panthers were led on offense by the hitting of Avri Kautz, Yvanna Lynch, and Laura Duterte.

KKIK Pink Panthers vs. Les Schwab Tire Center Tornados (score unavailable). Faith Saxton and Megan Kerling led the Panthers with hits and Emily Person caught a pop-up to lead the defense.

The Crawford Family Crush vs. White Lightning (score unavailable). For the White Lightning, Kiley Yochoer and Jennifer Kovisto each pitched a great inning, and Cassidy Kovisto had a big hit.

Dave Curtis Diamond Diggers 5, AP Concrete L'il Yanks 5. For the Diamond Diggers, Brianna Haskings did a great job pitching while Kayla Carlucci and Allie Murphy performed well in the field.

T-Ball: CaDealerDirect.com Tiger Cubs vs. John L. Sullivan Toyota Fireballs. Coaches' selections - Emmie Poe, Allison Scher, Hayley Thompson (TC); Amber Thomas, Kylie Karter, Sarah Whalen (F). Around the Bay Pest Control Crushers vs. Groth Brothers Rockstars. Coaches' selections - Sammi Wicks, Jodi Bryant, Prilla Borja (C), John L. Sullivan Toyota Fireballs vs. Cindy Greci L'il Gems. Coaches selections - Grace Roberts, Jessica Zogarcia, Sierra Wysock (F), Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls vs. Les Schwab Tire Center Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Caitlyn Quataroli, Ashley Cole, Emma Valentine (BBG); Emma Searcy, Kennedy Self, and Alyssa Silva (BA). Austin Precision Bubble Gum Girls vs. CaDealerDirect.com Tiger Cubs. Coaches' selections - Peyton Fields, Hanna Schormann, Clara Geise (BBG).

Bowling News

Chris Williams led all bowlers at Granada Bowl last week with scores of 247, 264 and 268 to complete a 779 set in the 4 Seasons Heating & Air Strollers League. Joe Monastiero subbing in the Granada Classic rolled a 281 high game to go along with his 242 and 238 for a 761 series.

Gene Bruhl had a pair of big scores led by his 749 series in the Re/Max Executive Cheyenne Men's League which included games of 260, 266 and 223 then completed a 727 series in the Classic which was helped by a 279 game. Greg Kwasiak also had pair of 700 series. First in the Kings & Queens league Greg rolled a 259 and 255 on the way to a 702 series, then had a 279 and a 246 to complete a 710 set in the Monday Mashers league.

Mushy Machado had a 279 along with a 236 and a 212 for his 739 series. Martin Sanders' 704 series was aided by his 255 and 252 games.

Maria Lockridge led all women bowlers again this week with another series over 700 which included a 275, 226 and 246 for a 747 set in the Modified Guys and Dolls league. Kari Estabrook had a 245 and a 200 on her way to her 609 series.

Senior Mike Miller used a 226, 211 and 210 to complete a 647 series. Rich Baguio rolled a 247 game in the Monday Primetimers and then returned to the Srs League and rolled a 237 on his way to a 623 series.

Coaches Sought

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. Anyone interested in coaching please inquire at Mossaday@comcast.net.

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, accountability, and be-

ing 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 consecutive years. The cheer squads consistently place in regional as well as national cheer competitions. There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading). Registration will be held April 12th 6-8 p.m. and April 22nd from 1-3pm at Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. "Accept the challenge" and come play for LYF&C. web-site www.eteamz.com/lyfc or call 925-454-1421 (evenings).

Martial Arts Promotions

Some of the martial artists from United Studios of Self Defense in Livermore were promoted to their next rank during a test procedure that lasted anywhere from one to five hours depending on the level being tested.

All 13 people being evaluated passed with impressive scores in all categories. This test was highlighted by four people going for the rank of green belt, and another six testing for their advanced level of blue belt. Students were tested on their knowledge of forms, sparring, defensive maneuvers, basic punches and kicks, and their overall ability and knowledge of their material. Especially at the higher ranks, students are judged on dozens, if not hundreds of different factors within those five categories.

Some of the students who tested have waited over a year to be promoted to their next rank, showing an amazing amount of dedication and effort to attain their next level. Evaluations are held approximately ten times per year depending on necessity.

Orange Belt Promotions: Brandon Perez, Faiz Mohammed; Purple Belt Promotions: Robert Huntington; Blue Belt With Green Stripe Promotions: Juan Guerrero, Hannah Walters, Jennifer Portillo, Garren Weiss, Jonathan Weiss, Matthew Wiesner; Green Belt Promotions: Billy Wilson, Al Russell, Richard Walters, Max DeSantis.

Earlier in the month, three people were promoted to different levels of their brown belt ranks. All three performed well during their brown belt tests, which are held separately from other ranks. Due to the high standards USSD has, brown belt tests occur only once or three times per year. Black belt tests occur only once a year.

First Level Brown Belt: Kegger O'Neal; Middle Level Brown Belt: Kylie McKee; Final Level of Brown Belt: Jonathan Tiu.

For more information about belt tests and other programs and special events at United Studios of Self Defense, call 925-449-1746.

Bay to Breakers

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 spectators 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 timing chip, the first in a series of five collectible chips leading up to the 100th anniversary of the race, which will automatically collect data from each runner as they compete along the course. These results will 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.

Golf Tournament

The Dublin High School athletic programs will benefit for the Dublin High School Golf Tournament to be held April 20 at the Sunol Golf Course.

Teetime, shot gun scramble, is at 1 p.m., no hot 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 or changyeesandy@dublin.k12.ca.us.

Livermore Resident, UC Player Declares for NBA Draft

University of California, Berkeley, issued the following press release:

Junior center and Livermore resident DeVon Hardin announced Monday he has made himself eligible for the 2007 NBA Draft. However, he does not plan to sign with an agent, leaving him the option of returning to the UC for his senior season.

"I am looking to get an evaluation of my game and find out where I am physically," Hardin said. "The only way to get better is to compete against the best. I want to see where I stand. My decision will depend on how I do against those guys. I don't see anything to lose. I'm still going to classes."

One of the top shot-blockers in school history, the 6-11, 235-pound Hardin's 95 blocks rank fifth on Cal's all-time list.

Last season, Hardin averaged 10.7 points and 8.4 rebounds and blocked 21 shots in 11 games before suffering a stress fracture to his left mid-foot that caused him to miss the remainder of the year. Prior to the injury, Hardin was named to the all-tournament team at the Great Alaska Shootout

after finishing with 16 points, 9 rebounds and 4 blocks vs. Loyola Marymount in the championship game.

"My foot is coming along fine," said Hardin, who has resumed training and has begun participating in off-season conditioning workouts. "I'm working on strengthening my lower body and getting back in shape."

As Cal's starting center his sophomore year in 2005-06, Hardin earned honorable mention All-Pac-10 honors, helping the Bears to the NCAA Tournament. He averaged 7.3 ppg and 6.6 rpg with 48 blocks, ranking fifth in the Pac-10 in rebounding and fourth in blocks (1.55 bpg). He set career highs with 23 points and 14 rebounds vs. Northeastern on Nov. 26, 2005, when he was named MVP of the Golden Bear Classic.

Hardin will have until June 18 to withdraw his name from draft consideration. Until then, he can work out for NBA teams and attend the NBA Pre-Draft Camp May 29-June 4 in Orlando, Fla., at his own expense. The 2007 draft will be held June 28 in New York.

Earth Day Activities April 21 in Livermore

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) joins the Livermore Beautification Committee and the City of Livermore in hosting the 2007 Earth Day Celebration and City Clean-Up on Saturday, April 21 at Robertson Park.

Volunteer participants can sign in at Robertson Park at 3200 Robertson Park Road at 8:30 a.m. A continental breakfast, work gloves, snacks and water will be provided, along with shuttle transportation to and from one of three cleanup sites: Arroyo Las Positas (near Wal-Mart), Arroyo Mocho, or Sycamore Grove/Veteran's Park.

After a morning of cleaning up Livermore's parks and waterways, volunteers will return to Robertson Park for a barbecue lunch and refreshments, music, 20 earth-friendly vendors, and children's activities, including a visit by Smokey Bear. All participants will also receive a complimentary T-shirt.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear sunscreen, a hat, insect repellent, and sturdy shoes, and to wear or bring long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Boots or hip waders are recommended for those wishing to go into the muddy areas. For more information, please call Tanya Herrera at (925) 373-5719.



THE BEST REMOTE CONTROL HOBBY STORE IN THE TRI-VALLEY!

Come test our Traxxas monster trucks, Team Losi MicroT cars, & Venom Night Ranger helicopters

All Remote Control Cars, Planes, Boats, Helicopters

Stop in and see us at:

RC World
4088 East Avenue
Livermore, Ca 94550
(925) 960-1158



LifeStyleRx 5K/10K & Fitness Celebration

presented by
ValleyCare Health System

All proceeds will directly benefit ValleyCare's Emergency Room Expansion Campaign.




The Celebration Run features 5K and 10K courses through Livermore, beginning and ending at LifeStyleRx.

Saturday April 14, 2007

7:00am Event Day Registration Opens
8:30am 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run
9:30am Award Presentation
Location: LifeStyleRx, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore

Celebration Runs

- 5K Run/Walk
- 10K Run

Health Fair

- Fitness Evaluations
- Health Screenings
- Activities & Entertainment

Summer Youth Camp Kickoff

- Summer Camp Signups

TO REGISTER:
www.lifestylerrx.com or 925-454-6342



Harvest Farms
At Corner of Maple & First Street, Livermore
Est. 1987 449-1668

STRAWBERRIES 49¢ BASKET (1.5 LB.)

LOCAL ASPARAGUS 89¢ / LB. (1 LB.12)

BROCCOLI 69¢ / BUNCH (1 LB.12)

TOMATOES 39¢ / LB. (1 LB.12)

OPENINGS AVAILABLE!

Toddlers • Pre-school • Kindergarten • 5th Grade

Licensed • Nonsectarian • Nonprofit
Academics • Computers • Arts • PE • Extended Care

- High academic standards
- Love of learning
- Social & ethical responsibility

Campus tours Tuesday & Saturday
10 am - 12 noon, or by appointment.



Carden West School
Success for every child, every day
4576 Willow Road, Pleasanton (on Hacienda Park)
(925) 463-6060 • www.cardenwest.org
License # 013417602

BULLETIN BOARD

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

P.E.O. Chapter FX, Livermore, Open House, Sun., April 15, 1:30 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization providing educational opportunities for women. The meeting will include refreshments and a presentation by Author, Anne Homan. She will share her historical knowledge with a talk on "Some Unique Livermore Women." Also, her new book *Historic Livermore, California: A-Z* will be available. For more information call Kathleen at 925-443-5766.

Singles Wine Tasting Party, Single professionals of all ages are invited to meet new friends who appreciate fine wines. Sun., April 29, 2007, 1-3pm, at Rios-Lovell Estate Winery, 6500 Tesla Rd., in Livermore. \$10 at the door includes wine tasting,

accompanied by light hors d'oeuvres first hour. Adults of all ages are welcome. This event is sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, a non-profit organization. Anyone wishing more information may call 415/507-9982.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, April 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. Featured speaker will be noted quilt artist, author and fabric designer Becky Goldsmith. Becky and her friend Linda Jenkins created Piece O' Cake Designs. Becky is a master of applique and will hold a workshop the following day. The guild is a non-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, <http://amadervalleyquilters.org>.

Augustin Bernal Hike/Meditation for Women, Pleasanton Ridge, Pleasanton, 4.5 miles with an approximate elevation gain of 800 feet. Sat., April 21, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee \$18. Contact Sue Evans by phone 925-989-4113 or email with questions. Sign

up via fax or in person through the Pleasanton Recreation Dept. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/current-activities-guide. The fee also includes a group digital photo.

Mt. Wanda Bird Walk, Sat., April 14, 8:30 to 11 a.m. John Muir National Historic Site. Meet at the Caltrans Park and Ride, corner of Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Rd., Martinez. Terrain is steep. Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Bring water and binoculars. Rain or unsafe conditions cancels the event. Admission is free. 228-8860.

US Photo Group, members and area photography buffs from amateur to expert invited to meeting on Wed., April 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. "How to Shoot Dynamic Scenic Photography; and-How to Take Care of Your Camera," are the topics. No reservations or entry fees. Bring photos for critique on CDs or memory cards. Information, contact Jack Ligon at 931-0290. Potential new members welcome.

Valley Spokenmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., April 14, 40 miles Tassajara Valley, Blackhawk, Roundhill and Danville, meet 10 a.m. at Crow Canyons Commons.

Randy Huey, 518-8439. Please call the leader for details.

Primavera Dinner Dance, hosted by Italian Catholic Federation, Sat., May 5, St. Michael's Hall, 372 Maple St., Livermore. No-host cocktails 6 p.m., dinner by Chef Tony Martelli 7 p.m., Dance to the music of JB Smooth Sounds. Raffle prize. Tickets \$27 per person. For reservations, call Helen 462-3798 or Maureen, 846-4488, by April 29. Benefit for Tri-Valley Scholarship Program and other ICF charities.

Partners without Partners hosting a dance open to those over 18 every second Saturday of every month. The next dance will be April 14, 2007, 8:00 PM - Midnight. Members \$8 and Others \$12. It is located at the Rhythm Street Dance Studio, 6635 Dublin Blvd., #D, Dublin. For more information call 925 373-2112.

Scholarships: Foothill High AABC Booster Club of Pleasanton is offering 3 Scholarships (two \$1,000 each and one \$500) for higher education to their seniors. Details of the applications are at the Counseling Office, Mrs. Jan Bing, 925-461-6600 and also published at the Foothill HS website

(<http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/foothill/>). If unable to reach, please call Rich Chowdhury at 925-462-9088. The deadline for application submission is April 16, 2007.

Computer Training Classes, free, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Introduction to the Internet, Sat., April 14, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Searching the Internet, Sat., April 21, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes are hands on, first come, first served in the community meeting room B. Information at the Adult Information Services Desk or call 373-5505.

Bring Back the Natives Garden Tour, May 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alameda and Contra Costa County gardens. Free passes to 60 gardens and native plant nurseries; special educational events. Information www.BringBackTheNatives.net. Registration is required by April 25.

NARFE Livermore Chapter 0397, regular meetings back now at 12:30 p.m. still at Emil Villa's Restaurant, corner of Pacific and S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. For further information, call 484-0813 or 846-7167.

Genealogy Seminar: Livermore Amador Genealogy Society and Livermore Family History Center offer a free Genealogy Seminar, learn How To "Find It and Cite It." April 21, registration 8:30-9 a.m.; seminar 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. LDS Church, 950 Mocho Street, Livermore. www.l-ags.org/maps/Liv-FHC.html. Presented by Stephen P. Morse, PhD, San Francisco, CA - (Find It!) Lecture Topics: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools, What Color Ellis Island Search Form Should I Use? and Playing Hide and Seek in the U.S. Census. Susan Goss Johnston, Fremont, CA - (Cite It!) Johnston, a member of the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, teaches genealogy classes at Las Positas College in Livermore, California. Her lectures are always eagerly anticipated. Seating is limited. Pre-registration deadline is April 19. Optional registration with lunch deadline is April 13, 6 PM. All sack lunches must be pre-ordered and prepaid, \$4.50. (925) 447-3898 or (925) 484-5305 for more information.

ElegantScape Fashion Show, nationwide fashion tour promotes historic first collections ranging from lingerie to cocktail dresses. One stop is April 22 at Castlewood Country Club, 5 p.m. Refreshments and gift bags for all VIP ticket holders. Tickets \$25 to \$60 can be purchased by calling 1-877-289-3389 or online at www.elegantscape.com. Dress semi-formal to formal wear only.

Local Scholarship Offered, The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch will award 2 or more scholarships (each award between \$500-\$1,500) to women who: currently live in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, or Sunol or graduated from a Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, or Sunol high school and are college undergraduates who will have junior or senior standing at beginning of 2007 college fall term and plan to complete their full course of study at an accredited four-year college or university. Deadline for application submission is 4/15/07. For application form and further information, please contact: Devon LaHar, AAUW LPD Scholarship Coordinator, PO Box 238, Pleasanton, CA 94566; devonlahar@gmail.com; (925) 548-4333.

Free New Business Success Seminar - Thursday, April 19, 9-10:30 a.m., Livermore. For new business owners, come to a free seminar in which three industry leaders will discuss information about setting up your business for success. Hear Anthony McPeake from Farmers Insurance, Denise Chambliss from Garcia Law Group, and Thomas W. Petty from WSI lead a discussion on topics that all new business owners should hear about. More information is available on www.wismarsolutions.com under "What's New" or call 925-245-0218. Pre-registration is required, because seating is limited to the first 30 people who sign up.

Wildflower Train, Ace Club will host a wildflower train and wine tasting with Christy on Sun., April 22. The trip will be between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the Niles Canyon Railway, with boarding at 6 Kilkare, Sunol. Cost is \$10 members, \$30 non-members (includes membership). Information at <http://www.ace-club.com>, irena@ace-club.com or Mark at 408-849-4749. Ace Club is Silicon Valley's Adventure and Social Club. The club was started in 1998 to help Bay Area professionals get more out of their evenings, and help our weekends turn into vacations.

San Ramon Newcomers Luncheon, April 19, noon at Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore, box lunch. Open to new and established residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Danville and Livermore. Call 735-3508 for information.

Tri Valley Conservancy Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, April 12, at 7:00 pm at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour,

May 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring 10 Pleasanton gardens. All proceeds benefit the Valley Humane Society. Tickets are \$35/ person. Contact Wendy McNelly at (925)482-8656 for tickets or further information. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Livermore Area Blood Drive, Friday, April 13, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in the Gym. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1 1/2 hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use ASBURY as the sponsor code. For information contact Tom Petty at 447-1950, menu #7 (leave a message) or e-mail BloodDrive@asburylife.org.

Preparing and presenting the business plan, TVC's Center for Commercialization & Entrepreneurial Training on Wednesday, April 18th from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (registration/continental breakfast at 8 am). This session takes the entrepreneur step by step through the process of developing and writing a business plan directed toward achieving equity financing for his/her innovation and company. Technology Ventures Corporation (TVC) provides consulting and support services to technology start-ups. TVC's training sessions are free to attendees and will be held at the Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. Please register online at: <http://www.w123signup.com/calendar?org=techventures>. For more information, contact TVC at 925.960.1600 or tvc.ca@techventures.org.

Stress reduction through guided imagery, workshop will help those with cancer and their caregivers focus and relax the mind and body to experience relief from negative emotional states. Thurs., April 19, 6 to 8 p.m. ValleyCare Medical Plaza, ValleyCare Health Library, Suites A & B, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Pleasanton. Free. Reservations are required. For information, call 933-0107.

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 activities include a hat contest, raffle, and the sale of lucky tea cups. Shrine Event Center in Livermore. For further information contact Annette at 925-462-5275 or Rickie at 925-846-3922 or alamadorvalley@yahoo.com. Additional information is available on the web at www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Service at 10:30 a.m. Topic for April 15 is "Ride (In the Name of Love)" - UCUI in the Eighties." Rev. Eric Meter speaking. Information 447-8747.

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

The Catholic Community of St. Charles Borromeo in Livermore will be having a 2 day "Re-Exploring the Catholic Faith" session. This is for those who have been away from the Church for a short or long time; have questions or issues regarding the Catholic Church or your faith. Sessions will be held Wednesday, April 25 and May 2, at 7:30 pm in the Pope John XXIII room at 1315 Lomas Ave. For questions, contact Julie Gallagher at upcatholic@aol.com or 447-4549.

Holy Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, program presented by Emilio Castroman, Sun., April 22 at Crowne Plaza, Hacienda Room, 11950 Dublin Canton Rd., Pleasanton. English 1:30-2:30; Spanish 3-4 p.m. Open to anyone interested in learning how to master life's challenges using prayer based on the Bible. Sponsored by First Churches of Christ Scientist, Hayward and Livermore and Tracy Christian Science Society. Admission is free. Children are welcome. 447-2946.

OBITUARIES

Arthur C. Piscitelli

Surrounded by his daughters, Arthur C. Piscitelli passed away on April 5, 2007 in Brentwood. He was 89.

He was born June 18, 1917 in Ellwood City, PA to Luigi and Mary Grace Piscitelli, the youngest of 14 children. Arthur served his country during World War II in Germany, where he received a Purple Heart. After the war, he worked at various jobs until he took a position with the Federal Post Office in Pittsburgh, PA. In 1962, he had the opportunity to transfer to Walnut Creek, where he worked until his retirement in 1978. In retirement, he spent time being with his family, fishing, golfing and gardening.

He is survived by his daughters, Janet Headrick of Brentwood, Jamie Fisher of Utah, Marty Briseno and Mary Brandt, also from Brentwood, and sons-in-law Barry Fisher, Joe Briseno and Jim Brandt, six grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara Maria, son Arthur James, daughter Elaine Claire Mann, and great granddaughter Dora Michelle Owens.

A graveside service was held April 11 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Donations may be made in his name to St. Vincent de Paul dining room in Alameda or to Hospice of Contra Costa.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Bonnie Little

Bonnie Little died April 5, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 65. The Nebraska native had lived in Pleasanton for 30 years. She worked for 20 years as a sales clerk at Mervyns. Bonnie enjoyed shopping, gardening and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Russell Little, sons Ray Little of Oakdale and Mike Little of Pleasanton, grandchildren, Kimberly, David, Jessica, Shannon and Stephanie; and a great grandchild, Kelly.

Private services are planned. Donations may be made to Hope Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Grace Glaum

Grace Glaum died March 26, 2007 at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton. She was 87.

She had lived in Pleasanton for 40 years. Grace was born Nov. 22, 1919 in Nebraska. After college she taught third and fourth grade in Alexandria, Nebraska. She and her husband moved to California in 1946. She was a member of the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, where she was active in several women's groups and a member of the Rainbow Stringers. She loved to sing, as well as play piano and organ. She loved children and spent many years as a Sunday school teacher, both in Pleasanton and in Santa Cruz where she was also a member of the Presbyterian Church. She was a volunteer reading partner for many years in the elementary schools.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Donald, two sons, Ron Glaum of Livermore and Randy Glaum of Merced, a daughter, Judee Berry of Loma Rica, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sat., April 14 at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Pleasanton.

Contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin

Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568, or a charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Inez Griffith

Inez Elizabeth "Iny" Griffith died March 24, 2007 in Livermore. She was 90.

The native of Mendocino had lived in Pleasanton for 57 years. She was an elementary school teacher. She enjoyed art, reading, writing poetry, gardening, bowling and playing bridge. She received many awards for her photography. Iny also enjoyed traveling to visit her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by daughter and son-in-law Jani and Vic Buron, son and daughter-in-law John and Bernadette Griffith, and her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1974, her parents John and Inez Philbrick, brother Donald Philbrick, sister Marjorie Russell and grandson, Michael Griffith.

A celebration of her life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Fri., April 13 at the Pleasanton Hotel in the Victorian Room, 855 Main St., Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Lendell Allen Eastment

Lendell "Len" Eastment passed away peacefully at home on April 5, 2007; he was 80 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Dolores "Dee" Eastment of Grass Valley; sons Chuck Eastment and his wife JoAnn of Evergreen, CO and Jim Eastment and his wife Lori of Livermore; daughters Lois Kribel and her husband Phil of Green Valley, AZ and Carolyn Neal and her husband Dave of Sunol; grandchildren Leslie, Mark, Joel, Eric, Logan, Reid, and Johnnie.

Len and Dee raised their 4 children in Pleasanton. He worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a Senior Design Associate until he retired in 1983. Len designed and helped build the couple's dream home in Grass Valley on 20 beautiful acres. He was an avid golfer, but most of all he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Len left this earth exactly as he had wished, being healthy and active before passing away quietly in his sleep.

The family will be holding a private celebration of his life on April 13th and suggests donations in his memory to the Salvation Army or to the charity of your choice.

Harold A. Hendrix

Harold "Bud" A. Hendrix died peacefully at his home in Livermore on April 4, 2007. He was 87.

He was born in Independence, MO on Sept. 16, 1921 to Silas B. and Lovie Plummer Hendrix, the youngest of eight children.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Audrey Simon Hendrix and his children Sharon Amerine, David Hendrix and Kathleen Hendrix-Levy, and their spouses Bob Amerine, Robin Hendrix and Nik Levy, as well as six grandchildren, three great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Kaiser Hospice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

David Von Troussaint

David "Dave" Von Troussaint died peacefully April 7, 2007 at

his home in Livermore. He was 53.

He was a native of San Francisco. Dave was the kind of person who was a friend to everyone. He was a kind, selfless generous soul with a great sense of humor. He was an avid 49ers fan and loved to cook. He was happiest anywhere he could swim and take in some sun.

He is survived by his wife of two years Janet Von Troussaint of Livermore, daughter Natalie Von Troussaint of Palo Alto, sisters and brothers-in-law Rosane and Tom Kull of San Jose and Bonnie and Luciano Meconi of Kelseyville. He was preceded in death by his father Louis Von Troussaint and mother Carolyn (Del Florentino) Von Troussaint.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568 or to the Tri-Valley Fellowship.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Joseph Paul Harris

Joseph Paul Harris died April 6, 2007 in Tracy. He was 46.

He lived in Hayward for many years prior to moving to Tracy nine years ago. He was an active member, usher and Deacon at St. Matthew's Church in Livermore, a member of the teachers meeting and press services, sang in the male chorus, member of the layman's section at church, and enjoyed Bible study. He worked as an assembler for Gillig Transportation and was a member of the Teamsters Union Local #853. He was interested in technology repair service.

He is survived by his wife Melanie Harris of Tracy, daughter Nia Harris of San Leandro and son Jordan Harris of Tracy, his parents Roscoe and May Harris of Oakland, siblings Kenneth Harris of Richmond, Phillip Harris of Chelsea, MA, Sheila Nichols of San Jose, Helen Bolden of Oakland and Amdretta Coleman of Hayward, two grandchildren, and in-laws William McDavid of Richmond and Barbara McDavid of Oakland. He was preceded in death by a sister Evelyn Taylor in 2001 and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson in 1997 and 2001.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Thurs., April 12 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Fri., April 13 at St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park in El Cerrito following the services.

Richard J. Wasley

Richard J. Wasley died April 6, 2007 in Livermore.

Richard worked as an engineer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for 35 years. He enjoyed a life full of adventure, music and family.

He is survived by his wife, Liena, children, Dick, Anne and Pam, his stepchildren, Debby, Diane and Edward, and five grandchildren, Collin, Trista, Shannon, Nolan and Charley.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thurs., April 12 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, www.JDRF.com.



DIANE WOOD
CERTIFIED MORTGAGE PLANNING SPECIALIST
(925) 600-2011 direct
(925) 819-5211 cell
dwood@rpm-mortgage.com
www.wood4loans.com

The formula for a winning Partnership never changes.
Service • Selection • Satisfaction

The Right Lender to Know™
CA Dept. of Real Estate - real estate broker license # 01201943

It's Time to Be An Active Catholic Once Again...

COME AND REDISCOVER YOUR FAITH

- Returning Catholics program offered by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, St. Michael Church of Livermore, and St. Raymond's Parish of Dublin
- For people who have been away from the Church for whatever reason
- Bring your questions
- Explore or renew your faith in a supportive and caring environment
- When? 8 week session begins April 18, 2007. Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 9:00 PM.
- Where? St. Michael's Convent 375 Maple St., Livermore

For information, call Andrea Giovannoni, 484-5020 x113

Meals on Wheels Livermore & Pleasanton

Sponsored by Spectrum Community Services
For Adults, 60 & Older, Unable to Shop or Cook
Nutritious Meals Delivered Monday to Friday
Frozen Meals Pre-Delivered for Weekends
Special Diets Available

\$3.25 Donation 

Call (925) 931-5385 Program Donations appreciated



KELLY DEYOREO
Windermere Welcome Home, Livermore
(925) 824-4840
kellydeyoreo@windermere.com
www.kellydeyoreo.com

I'll sell your home in 29 days or less, or I'll sell it for free. Guaranteed.

Call, email me, or visit my website for a choice of programs designed to sell your home in this market.

PUT INSTITUTIONAL GRADE
REAL ESTATE IN YOUR PORTFOLIO
WITH TENANCY-IN-COMMON
INVESTMENTS.



Steve Maurer



Mike Rountree

Replacement Property Specialists®

CALL US TO EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS.
national: 800.675.2424 | local: 925.942.1031
www.1031exchangeoptions.com

 Choose Wisely™

(Corporate Office) 1031 Exchange Options - The Gateway Center, 1850 Mt. Diablo Blvd., 5th Floor, Walnut Creek, CA 94596 - This is neither an offer to sell nor an offer to buy real estate or securities. There are material risks associated with the ownership of real estate. Securities offered through Sigma Financial Corporation. Member NASD/SIPC.

Film Festival to Give Award to Director Posthumously

Director Robert H. (Bob) Clark, 67, and his son Ariel, 22, were killed in an auto collision Wednesday, along a stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades. Clark was slated to appear at the California Independent Film Festival (CIFF), held April 14-22 in Livermore, to receive the 2007 "Golden Slate Award" for Directing Excellence. The award will be presented on Saturday, April 21st in a ceremony held at the Vine Cinema.

Accepting the award will be Bob's son, Michael. Following the ceremony, Clark's classic "Porky's" will be screened. On hand to honor Bob will be Porky's cast members: Kaki Hunter, Wyatt Knight, Dan Monahan, Mark Herrier, and Roger Wilson. Clark's films range from horror to comedy. However, he was best known for the holiday classic "A Christmas Story," and the coming-of-age farce "Porky's." His early works include "Murder by Decree," "Deathdream" and "Black Christmas." He has directed Academy Award winning actors and actresses, and has himself garnered two Genies for directing. "It is with great sorrow to hear of Bob's passing," said Derek Zemrak, President & Founder of CIFF. "Every time I spoke with him he made me feel like the most important person in the world, and that tells you the quality person he was. He will be sadly missed. We are planning a wonderful evening to memorialize his career and life." The CIFF is one of Tri-Valley's premier theatre and art experiences. 2007 festival highlights include appearances by "Porky's" stars Wyatt Knight and Kaki Hunter, celebrity poker tournaments, Sundance film screenings, a preview of celebrity shorts, and much more. The Festivals closing ceremony will take place Sunday, April 22nd, at a gala honoring Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Loni Anderson.



"Water Music," by Linda Schmidt

'Grease' Next Mainstage Musical for Pleasanton Playhouse

"Grease" is the next mainstage musical to be presented by Pleasanton Playhouse. This American classic, featuring veteran Playhouse actors as well as talented newcomers, runs April 20-May 6, at the Amador Theater. It's 1959 at Rydell High. The Greasers rule the school in a typical teenage world of hot rods, heartbreak and rock 'n' roll. While Kenickie and the Burger Palace Boys fix up their car "Greased Lightning," leader of the pack Danny Zuko is distracted by Rydell newcomer Sandy Dumbrowski. Pink Ladies Jan, Marty and Frenchy adopt Sandy despite sass from their queen bee, Rizzo. Throughout the school year, the choices the teens make in dealing with teen pregnancy, gang violence, socioeconomic status and teenage rebellion test their friendships. As their senior year draws to a close, the Greasers know that, despite their differences, they'll always be together. "Grease" stars Tom Tusler (a New Jersey transplant who last played Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof") as Danny, Sarah Klaren (seen as Belle in Habit Production's "Beauty and the Beast") as Sandy, Playhouse newcomer Patrick Dixon as Kenickie, and past Woodminster performer Katy Kaul as Rizzo. The Pink Ladies are Vanessa Lucero (an "American Idol" season two contestant) as Jan, Leslie Noel (seen as Laurey in the Playhouse's "Oklahoma!") as Marty, and Christina Lazo (choreographer for the Playhouse's "Camelot," "Bye Bye Birdie," and "Once Upon a Mattress") as Frenchy (sharing the role with Liz Marsh, last seen in the Playhouse's "Once Upon a Mattress"). The Burger Palace Boys are Jesse Garcia (a two-time 2006 Playhouse Players Award winner for best actor and best supporting actor) as Doody, Derek Smith (seen as Hannibal in "The Curious Savage" in San Ramon) as Roger and Danny Guzman (a past featured dancer for the Playhouse and ACO) as Sonny. With book, music and lyrics written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, "Grease" features many memorable tunes, including "Greased Lightning," "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee," "Beauty School Dropout," and "We Go Together." The production staff for "Grease" includes producer Kathleen Breedveld, director and choreographer Misty Megia and musical director Jo Anne Fosselman. Shows are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays April 20-May 6 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$28 for seniors age 60 and older and \$20 for juniors 18 and younger. They can be purchased 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Pleasanton Playhouse box office at 1048 Serpentine Lane #307 or by telephone at 925-462-2121 or 925-484-4486. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Quilt Show Slated for Fairgrounds

Amador Valley Quilters will host their biennial quilt show Quilted Treasures XII on April 28 and 29 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The featured quilt artist is internationally known Linda Schmidt. She is a member of the faculty at Quilt University and was chosen as the 2003 Teacher of the Year by The Professional Quilter Magazine. She has several pieces in traveling international exhibitions. Now, most of her work involves wearable art and landscapes, particularly changing photographs into fabric art. The quilt show at the fairgrounds will have 400+ quilts and wearable art items on display; more than 20 vendors; a country store; scheduled demonstrations; and an "Ask the Quilter" table where quilt related questions may be answered. The drawing for the guild opportunity quilt will take place on Sunday, April 29th. This year's Opportunity Quilt, named "Water Music," was designed by quilt artist Linda Schmidt. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. For more information about the quilt or to purchase tickets, please contact Virginia Standley. Showcase hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission, good for both days, is \$8 adults, \$6 for age 65 and older. Parking at the fairgrounds is \$8. Hours/Location - Showcase hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. Purchase tickets to the showcase in advance and receive a discount. Go to quiltshow@amadorvalleyquilters.org or call 925-829-5768.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Pleasanton Chamber Players concert is set for Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, corner of Hopyard and Del Valle, Pleasanton. Program, "Memories of Music," includes works by Mozart, Michelson, Holy, Tournier, Menotti, and Golljov for strings, clarinet, flute, harp and percussion, including the world premiere of "...softly through the night...memories of music..." by Fremont composer Helena Michelson and a 2:30 pm pre-concert talk by the composer. How much: tickets are \$15 in advance (at Towne Center Books and Ingram & Braun in Pleasanton, Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore), \$18 at the door, children free. Additional information: (925) 600-1331 or dominiquepiana@comcast.net

Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers, Friday, April 13, 8:00 p.m. The performance will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents. Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers are known for their new style of blues that combines low-down Chicago grit. West Coast swing, jazz and the rhythmic drive of early R & B and rock and roll. Ticket prices are \$15, \$20 & \$25. Tickets may be purchased online at www.civicartstickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony, Paraguayan Harp and Violin virtuoso Carlos Reyes joins Maestro Duane Carroll and the Contra Costa Wind Symphony in a concert featuring the enchanting and exciting music of South America from the samba and tango to a musical tour of Machu Picchu. Selections include "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 4" by Heitor Villa-Lobos, "Brasilejo," by Edmundo Villani-Cortes, "Brazil" by Ary Barroso and "Tico Tico" by Zequinha de Abreu. 8 p.m. April 15, Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. \$18 general admission, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, on sale at the ticket office (925) 943-7469 (www.dlra.org). More information: (925) 944-5392, www.CCWindSymphony.org.

Oliver Ranch Sculpture Park, tour Sat., May 5, private collection of Steven and Nancy Oliver at their home in Geyserville. Benefit for Bedford Gallery exhibitions and programs. \$100 per person includes transportation, tour and picnic. Reservations deadline, April 12. Departure 8 a.m. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek; return 4 p.m. For information, call 295-1418.

Works by Cynthia Lait, on exhibit at Stanford Art Spaces, Palo Alto, Feb. 16-April 19; and 201 California Street, San Francisco through April 15.

Enter Laughing, by Joseph Stein. Presented by Act Now! April 6-28, Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts/1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Adapted from the book by Carl Reiner, it is the riotous account of a stage struck youth who works as a delivery boy in answering machine factory. His parents want him to be a druggist, but as soon as he's saved enough money, he enlists in a hammy, semi-professional company that will put anybody in any play for the right amount of money. He is a dreadful actor. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or by telephone at 925-943-7469 (943-SHOW) Adults \$25, Seniors \$23, 17 and under \$12.50.

Performance Is Benefit For Tri-Valley Haven

Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" will be presented on Fri., April 20 at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, 552 South L Street, Livermore. The production is a benefit for Tri-Valley Haven. The production stars Haven staff members Darlene Apodaca, Kim Pudliner and Carolyn Staehle. It is directed by Eleisa Cambra. "We are very excited to be bringing 'The Vagina Monologues' to Livermore," said Christine Dillman, Rape Crisis Center Coordinator for the Haven. "We have a fantastic cast. We are so fortunate and grateful that Eleisa Cambra has donated her time and talents to the Haven as our direction. "April is sexual assault awareness month. We want to do something unique that will get people to start thinking and talking about ending violence against women," said Dillman. There will be a drawing for a free iPod. A question and answer session with the cast and Haven staff will be held following the show. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20, if purchased in advance, or \$30 at the door. To order tickets, call 449-5845 or go to www.trivalleyhaven.org. The Haven provides shelter, counseling, advocacy and other support services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Diablo Light Opera Company, The Music Man, April 6-May 5, 8 p.m. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets \$17-\$38. 943-7469. www.leshercenter.org.

California Independent Film Festival, April 14-22 in Livermore Wine Country; viewing of films, special events. Information, www.candiefest.com.

History Talk, Wed., April 18, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. "Remember When..." Bud Lima will share memories of growing up in Livermore in the 1930s. His father owned the State Theater in Livermore and the Roxy in Pleasanton. Presented by Livermore Heritage Guild. Information, 449-9927.

Early Music Series, Las Positas College Library, 7:30 p.m. Sat., April 21. The Farallon Quartet. The group will perform a wide variety of musical styles from Medieval and Renaissance to commissioned modern pieces. Tickets for the general public are \$40 for the three-concert series or \$15 per individual concert, \$12 for the series for students 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.

Winter will paint an image of rural Pleasanton in the early 1900s as it might have appeared on a warm, sunny summer afternoon. The scene includes golden hills, eagles soaring, and farmers at work in fields of hop. The mural embodies the era when Pleasanton was the agricultural center of the Amador Valley. The artist will include many of the town's best-known landmarks. The Fairgrounds, with the oldest one-mile racetrack in the country, will be featured in the foreground. Viewers will spot the grandstand and horses and jockeys on a practice run around the track where the champion racehorse Seabiscuit trained. In the foothills, Winter will depict the Phoebe Apperson Hearst estate, the Old Adobe, and the original Meadowlark Dairy, complete with grazing cows. Winter says that the mural grew out of his love for this valley and its history. He comments, "Most of the people living here today have never seen the valley this way. As our area becomes more congested, I want people to know what our town looked like when it was first settled by folks like my great-grandfather. Because this mural comes from the heart and not the history books, I hope it will inspire many." Winter, who is known for his miniature replicas of historic buildings in Pleasanton and elsewhere in Northern California sought by more than 1,500 collectors, has painted other murals in the area, creates one-of-a-kind nail sculptures, and co-designed the Zwirl spiral football which is in the Museum of Modern Art's permanent collection in New York.

Symphony Performs in Livermore, Not Pleasanton

Pacific Chamber Symphony will perform its next concert on Thurs., April 26 in Livermore. The theme is "Landscapes." Lawrence Kohl conducts. The program will include works by Kodaly, Mendelssohn and Daniel David Feinsmith's world premiere "Anointed." The concert begins at 7:30

p.m. It will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tickets are adult \$15 & \$25 (center aisle), students \$10, youth under 18 - \$15, and special: purchase 4 tickets, save more! - \$75. For tickets, call (925) 931-3444.

The Pacific Chamber Symphony is a mid-sized orchestra that melds the full sonic range of a large symphony and the transparent textures of a small ensemble in illuminating performances.

Talk Takes A Look at Education

"You Did What?" is the theme of a lively talk to be presented by Amador Valley High School teachers of the 50s to the 70s, at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19 at the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton as part of the museum's Ed Kinney Lecture Series. The lecture is sponsored by Pat Lane, Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society board member. Teachers in the panel of speakers include Neil Sweeney, Barbara Norton and George Jacobson. The talk will be moderated by Bob Lane, a retired teacher and Pleasanton resident since 1952. Lane was a teacher at Amador Valley High School, and teacher and counselor in secondary schools. After he retired, he spent 12 years as publicist for the Alameda County Fair. Pat and Bob Lane collaborated in the mid-1980s as volunteer authors and editors of "The Amador-Livermore Valley, A Pictorial History," for the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society. Reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. Memberships will be available for purchase that night. Please call (925) 462-2766 to make a reservation.

LAA Spring Show Slated

The Livermore Art Association (LAA) will be celebrating its 50th anniversary at its annual Spring Show on April 21 and 22. The show will be open for public viewing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave, Livermore. The show will feature 250 pieces of art, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, fiber arts, pottery, woodcarving, photography, jewelry and more. Various artists will be demonstrating during the show. The public is invited to a reception, with food, wine, music, and the presentation of awards to the artists on Saturday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The reception is special this year, because LAA is 50 years old. Admission is free. This year, LAA is sponsoring student tours on April 18-20. Livermore classrooms have been invited to view the show with an art docent before the show opens to the general public. As artists, LAA members are interested in promoting the arts to our youth. For information on the student tours contact Linda Beach at 925 449-4226. The Spring Art Show is open to all artists in the area. For information call (925) 449-9927 or check our website at www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org.

MURAL

(continued from page one) track and grandstand." Winter will paint an image of rural Pleasanton in the early 1900s as it might have appeared on a warm, sunny summer afternoon. The scene includes golden hills, eagles soaring, and farmers at work in fields of hop. The mural embodies the era when Pleasanton was the agricultural center of the Amador Valley. The artist will include many of the town's best-known landmarks. The Fairgrounds, with the oldest one-mile racetrack in the country, will be featured in the foreground. Viewers will spot the grandstand and horses and jockeys on a practice run around the track where the champion racehorse Seabiscuit trained. In the foothills, Winter will depict the Phoebe Apperson Hearst estate, the Old Adobe, and the original Meadowlark Dairy, complete with grazing cows. Winter says that the mural grew out of his love for this valley and its history. He comments, "Most of the people living here today have never seen the valley this way. As our area becomes more congested, I want people to know what our town looked like when it was first settled by folks like my great-grandfather. Because this mural comes from the heart and not the history books, I hope it will inspire many." Winter, who is known for his miniature replicas of historic buildings in Pleasanton and elsewhere in Northern California sought by more than 1,500 collectors, has painted other murals in the area, creates one-of-a-kind nail sculptures, and co-designed the Zwirl spiral football which is in the Museum of Modern Art's permanent collection in New York.

PDA Executive Director Christine Saldivar is excited about the mural on the side of Strizzi's and hopes it is the first of many to be painted downtown. She stated, "PDA's Mural Program will make downtown Pleasanton even more inviting to residents and visitors." The Civic Arts Commission has endorsed the mural program as part of Art in Public Spaces. The PDA's Mural Committee will be reviewing artists' designs and working with local building owners to line up future mural locations. Committee Chair Rosalinda Herrera, owner of Alexander's Main Street Gallery, said of Winter's mural, "It will enhance one of the gateways to downtown, transport people on a journey to the past, and stimulate a sense of pride within the community and a new perspective on our history." Winter encourages people to stop by and watch him bring the mural to life. For more information on the Mural Program, call the Pleasanton Downtown Association at 925-484-2199.

Great Clips®

\$ 7.99

Haircut

Valid only at
Lowe's/Safeway Center,
4227 1st St, Livermore
Expires 5/15/07 LIN

Poetry On Canvas
Art Gallery / Art Studio

Coming soon to Downtown Pleasanton!
Featuring Fine Art, Jewelry, HandMade
Cards, Gifts and Art Classes.
Artists Apply Now! E-mail
PoetryOnCanvas5@aol.com or call
(925) 461-5084

LIVERMORE CINEMAS

PERFECT STRANGER (R) DLP	1:00	3:30	6:20	9:10
MEET THE ROBINSONS 3-D (R) DLP	12:10	2:25	4:45	7:00
MEET THE ROBINSONS 2-D (R) DLP			1:40	4:15
PATHFINDER (R)	12:00	2:15	4:35	7:15
BLADES OF GLORY (R) DLP	12:20	2:35	4:50	7:20
SLOW BURNS (R) DLP	12:25	2:50	4:55	7:10
300 (R) DLP			7:25	9:45
FIREHOUSE DOG (R) DLP			12:30	3:40
THE GRINDHOUSE (R)			12:15	4:00
THE REAPING (R) DLP	12:15	2:30	4:40	7:05
ARE WE DONE YET? (PG) DLP	12:00	2:20	4:30	6:45

2490 First Street 443-SHOW www.cinemawest.com

B Fun...
B Creative...
B Simple Scrapbooking

Join us as Scrapbooking returns to Livermore!
GRAND OPENING on April 14 & 15

Located in Downtown Livermore at the Old Theatre Mall
2222 2nd Street, Suite 1 (925) 215-5424

Traditional Scrapbooking, Digital Scrapbooking, GIFT REGISTRY

Vine Cinema

1722 First Street - Livermore (925) 447-2545 WWW.VINECINEMA.COM

Playing Apr. 13 - Apr. 19

Disturbia

Showing Fri - Sun 12:20 2:30 4:45 7:15 9:25

Showing Mon - Thurs 2:45 5:00 7:30

WILD HOGS

Showing Thurs - Sat 2:15 4:30 7:00 9:05

Mon - Thurs Call for showtimes

California Independent Film Festival April 14 & 18-22 www.cinmafest.com

Piano for the Brain

Visit our Parent Information Meetings & website to discover our 21st century Piano Program. See how we use social cognitive neuroscience, developmental psychology, and other research (including our own) to develop better piano teaching practices! 866-929-2787 or www.pianoweb.net for location and dates.

Law Offices of
KARLSTROM & KREBS

Serving the Tri-Valley Since 1983

Immigration Law • Family Law • Criminal Law
Personal Injury • School Hearings
Livermore Lab/DOE Cases

Flexible Appointments Available
Se Habla Español

487 South J Street, Livermore, CA
925.449.9093 www.livermoreattorney.com



GOOD NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIEDS



LEGAL NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 392826
The following person (s) doing business as Kingdar Office Systems, 506 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Aedesmo, LLC., 506 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by/limited liability company
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 01, 2004.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Francois Clement
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 12, 2007. Expires March 12, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2137. Publish March 22, 29, April, 5, 12, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393503
The following person (s) doing business as Tri-Valley Computers, 803 Marilyn Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Patrick Edwin Daniel Reynolds, 803 Marilyn Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Patrick E. Reynolds
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 26, 2007. Expires March 26, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2138. Publish March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393517
The following person (s) doing business as Selway Outfitters, 1031 Alison Circle, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Donald Paul Seibel, 1031 Alison Circle, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Donald Paul Seibel
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 26, 2007. Expires March 26, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2139. Publish March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 392754
The following person (s) doing business as Industrial Motor Control Solutions, 3940 Hillside Ave., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Britt Lee Wilson, 3940 Hillside Ave., Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2007
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Britt Lee Wilson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 9, 2007. Expires March 9, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2140. Publish April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393132-33
The following person (s) doing business as 1) Vineyard Staging 2) Tri-Valley Staging, 724 Newbury Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Titan Group Holdings, LLC., 724 Newbury Street, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by/limited liability company
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Kimberly A. LaRosa and Anthony J. LaRosa
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 19, 2007. Expires March 19, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2141. Publish April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393690
The following person (s) doing business as D.H. Gomes Construction, 639 Enos Way, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Duane Harry Gomes, 639 Enos Way, Livermore, CA, 94551
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Duane Gomes
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 28, 2007. Expires March 28, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2142. Publish April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 392766-67
The following person (s) doing business as 1) Fantasy Sound 2) Fantasy Sound Event Services, 2614 Old First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Kevin M. Dennis, 829 Arbor Ct., Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 21, 2000.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Kevin M. Dennis
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 9, 2007. Expires March 9, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2143. Publish April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2007.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 384727-28
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name:
1) Unusual Evenings Productions located at 2109 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550
The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on August 31, 2006, in the County of Alameda.
Shakespeare's Associated, Inc. 2109 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550
This business was conducted by a corporation
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Lisa Tromovich
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 21, 2007.
The Independent Legal No. 2144. Publish April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393686-87
The following person (s) doing business as 1) Mobile Office Management 2) MOM, 1710 Mallard Ct., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Lisa Dalene Brown, 1710 Mallard Ct., Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Lisa Dalene Brown
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 28, 2007. Expires March 28, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2145. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393392
The following person (s) doing business as Advanced Therapy Massage Company, Sybase Fitness Center, 2 Sybase Dr., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Tracy Kramer, 10742 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Tracy Kramer
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 22, 2007. Expired March 22, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2146. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393051
The following person (s) doing business as Community Cafe, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Hope Services, 30 Las Colinas Lane, San Jose, CA 95119
This business is conducted by non-profit organization
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Raymond Abe
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 16, 2007. Expires March 16, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2147. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393619
The following person (s) doing business as Power House Sales & Marketing, 541 Hanover St., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Eric H. York, 541 Hanover St., Livermore, CA 94551
Tamara M. York, 541 Hanover St., Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by husband and wife
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 27, 2007.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Eric H. York
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 27, 2007. Expires March 27, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2148. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 348617
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name:
Tri Valley Test Only Center, 1739 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred above was filed on May 24, 2004, in Alameda County under the file number 348617.
Thomas M. Lyons, 2681 Farnsworth Dr., Livermore, CA 94551
This business was conducted by an individual
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Thomas M. Lyons
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 2, 2007.

The Independent Legal No. 2149. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393926
The following person (s) doing business as Tri Valley Test Only Center, 1739 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s):
Martin Hernandez, 1737 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s/ Martin Hernandez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 2, 2007. Expires April 2, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2150. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

ANIMALS/PETS
1) CATS/DOGS
ADOPT A DOG OR CAT, for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at 925 426-8656.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts cat and dog adoptions at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Cat adoptions are at Dublin Pet Food Express on Saturdays from 12 to 4 PM (excluding 4th Sat) and on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM. Adoptions at Dublin PetsMart on Saturdays from 12 to 4 PM and on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM, dog adoptions on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 PM and rabbit adoptions on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 PM. For more information please visit www.tvr.org or call (925) 803-7043.

AUTOS/MOTOR CYCLES/RV/SUV'S/TRUCKS

7) AUTOS WANTED
DONATE VEHICLE, running or not ACCEPTED! Free Towing. Tax Deductible. Noahs Arc - Support No Kill Shelters. Animal Rights, Research to Advance Veterinary Treatment/ Cures. 1-866-912-GIVE. (CAL*SCAN)

DONATE YOUR CAR: Children's Cancer Fund! Help Save A Child's Life Through Research & Support! It's Fast, Easy & Tax Deductible. Please Call Today 1-800-252-0615. (CAL*SCAN)

EMPLOYMENT

56) ADULT CARE
CAREGIVERS NEEDED for elder care. Light housekeeping errands transportation meal prep personal care. Please fax resume 925 371-8118

60) BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

START YOUR OWN! Landscape Curbing Business - High Demand. Low Overheads. High Profit. Training Available. Priced from \$12,000. 1-800-667-5372. www.EdgeMaster.net (CAL*SCAN)

ALL CASH CANDY Route. Do you earn \$800 a day? 30 machines and candy for \$9,995. MultiVend LLC, 880 Grand Blvd., Deer park, NY. 1-888-625-2405. (CAL*SCAN)

\$250,000 FIRST YEAR Potential. Successful Entrepreneur Seeks 3 Motivated Self Starters. Must Be Money Motivated and Ready To Start Now. Call 1-888-570-0374 Now! (CAL*SCAN)

BEWARE! of out of area companies. Check with the local Better Business Bureau before you send any money or fees. Read and understand any contracts before you sign. Shop around for rates.

65) CONSTRUCTION OFFICE
Office help for reinforcing steel contractor. 10 key, Computer Skills, & Basic Math helpful. M-F Days, Optional Benefits
Mission City Rebar 542 McGraw Ave. Livermore, CA 94551 Ph (925) 449-6999 Fx (925) 449-3608

68) HAIR SERVICES
Stylists & Salon Management. Great wage, bonuses, benefits. Lowe's Livermore Great Clips. Call Carleigh (877) 631-4995

71) HELP WANTED
MUSIC TEACHERS - P/T and F/T. Music majors with piano and/or voice experience required. ghasm@gatesmusicclub.com

Tasting Room Employee For Livermore Winery. Weekends / Noon - 5pm Must be Knowledgeable of wine. Able to lift 40lbs. Fax Resume: 925 447-1787

\$22,000 - CHANGE A LIFE... Become a California Surrogate! If you're already a parent, healthy, a nonsmoker, 23-39. You could become a surrogate! 1-800-877-4438. www.SurrogateWeb.com (CAL*SCAN)

NATIONAL ACCESSION TRAINING JOBS. Outstanding training package with signing bonus up to \$20,000. No experience necessary. 8 weeks Recruit Training. 4 to 12 months job training various locations. Return to Home-town Navy Reserve Center as a drilling reservist. 1 weekend a month and 2 weeks a year. Must be U.S. citizen or legal alien under 39. 1-800-345-NAVY. (CAL*SCAN)

RETAIL MERCHANDISERS NEEDED for store remodels. Travel required, expenses paid. Will train new employees. Apply on-line at www.RhodesRetail.com or fax resume to 916-714-9225. (CAL*SCAN)

MARINE TECHNICIAN WANTED. Full-time, year round. Certificate helpful. Benefit Pkg. Fax resume: The Boat Brokers, Lake Havasu City, AZ 1-928-453-1930 or call Bill Draper 1-928-453-8833. (CAL*SCAN)

72) HELP WANTED/DRIVERS
DRIVER: Don't Just Start Your Career. Start It Right! Company Sponsored CDL training in 3 weeks. Must be 21. Have CDL? Tuition Reimbursement! wgreen@crst.com 1-800-781-2778. (CAL*SCAN)

DRIVER: TAKE CARE of your Family. Join ours. Consistent miles, regional and dedicated runs. Company paid Commercial Drivers License training. www.SwiftTrucking.Jobs.com 1-866-476-6828. EOE. (CAL*SCAN)

DRIVER-EXPERIENCED & Trainees Needed. Earn up to \$40k+ next year. No Experience required. \$0 down. CDL Training Available. Central Refrigerated 1-800-727-5865 x4779. (CAL*SCAN)

DRIVER - \$5K SIGN-ON Bonus for Experienced Teams: Dry Van & Temp Control available. O/O's & CDL-A Grads welcome. Call Covenant 1-866-684-2519 EOE. (CAL*SCAN)

DRIVERS...ASAP! 21 CDL Drivers Needed. *36-43cpm/ \$1.20* Sign-on bonus. \$0 Lease New Trucks. Only 3 months OTR req'd. 1-800-635-8669. (CAL*SCAN)

1) SI SE PUEDE! Drive for the Best! *36-43cpm/\$1.20pm *\$0 Lease New Trucks. CDL-A + 3 mos OTR. Call Lucy: 1-800-635-8669 x335. (CAL*SCAN)

ATTENTION CDL TRUCK DRIVERS - Why Haven't You Called? McKelvey Trucking! AZ-CA-NV. Call Now 1-800-410-6255. (CAL*SCAN)

90) SOCIAL WORKER
VBR FFA
Supervising Social Worker
Masters Degree Required
Case Management and Supervising Experience a plus.
Fulltime / Benefits / Vacation
Fax Resume (209) 833-8386
Email: vbr.admin@sbglobal.net

MERCHANDISE
123) GARAGE/RUMMAGE/ YARD SALES
Your garage sale ad can go here. Rain or Shine! Call Barbara 925-243-8000 or go to www.independentnews.com before 8am Tuesdays to get your ad in for the next edition.
124) HORSES/LIVESTOCK/ FARM EQUIP
8 Miniature Horses for Sale \$500.00 Each Please Call for Details (925) 228-8568

2 Reg. Arabians, Khemosabi bloodline, 18 yrs. 6 mo. mare, Chantilly Lee. 8 yr. 5 mo. gelding, Vaf Khamelot. Excellent health both trained. See horses on arabianhorses.org. Price negot., must sell!
Call 209-928-9782.



GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

PUBLIC NOTICE
AUCTION OF SCRAP MATERIAL
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Livermore Area Recreation & Park District for scrap material located at the Robertson Park Stadium. The materials include metal from an old arena cover, steel cables and other miscellaneous materials. Items will be available for viewing at the Rodeo Stadium on Saturday, April 14th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Directional signs will be posted in Robertson Park.
Sealed bids will be accepted at the Robert Livermore Community Center until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Bids should be addressed to the Attention of: Brian Tibbetts or Jim Brandenburg. Winning bid will be awarded on Friday, April 20, 2007. The winning bidder must have the scrap material removed no later than May 25, 2007. Inquiries and details can be made by calling (925) 960-2440, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Fundraising & Marketing Executive
A cancer research organization is offering you an opportunity to earn lucratively and support activities of a Cancer research project. We support research into all aspects of cancer through the work of more than 3,000 scientists, doctors and nurses. This job is on a part-time basis. It involves accounting, documentation and human relations.
Contact for further details: Peter Redknap Predknap@gmail.com

Metal Building Blowout!
30x40 to 150x300
Turnkey Available.
(925) 846-9023
Ask for Gerard

GORDON TRUCKING INC.
LOCAL/OTR
HIRING EVENT!
April 12th, 13th & 14th
11am to 6pm
Tired of Life on the Road?
Dedicated Local Positions
Now Available
CHOOSE YOUR SHIFT!
CHOOSE YOUR PAY!
Hourly rate up to \$17.75 to start
HOME DAILY!
100% No Touch Freight
Guaranteed Year Round
Full Time Work
Great Benefits
Late Model Equipment
TALK WITH OUR
RECRUITERS & DRIVERS.
SEE THEIR EQUIPMENT.
2 LOCATIONS
Holiday Inn
3751 North Tracy Blvd.
Tracy, CA 95304
1/2 block from Tracy Truckstop
Jon Martin 209-810-4559
or
Holiday Inn
16855 Marian Road
Lathrop, CA 95330
Just off I-5 Louise Exit
Doug Ferry 253-222-5221
888-832-6484
www.teamgti.com
EOE

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

<p>APPLIANCES</p> <p>ATOM APPLIANCE Major Brands Both New & Reconditioned Serving You Since 1963 Open 7 days a week FREE Local Delivery & Haul Away (925) 447-9087 28 South P Street, Livermore</p>	<p>HEATING & AIR</p> <p>Air Crafters Heating & Air Conditioning Your Livestore our Craft Installations & Replacements Service & Repair (925) 294-4444</p>	<p>PC REPAIR</p> <p>Tri-Valley PC Medic "I make house calls!" • Repairs • Training • Upgrades • Tune-Ups • Networking Ken Cook 925-485-9040 925-969-7722 (mobile) http://come.to/pc-medic Member PDA, PCC & BBS License #011958</p>
<p>EYES</p> <p>VALLEY EYE CARE CENTER Medical Associates Specializing in complete eye care Pleasanton (925) 460-3000 Livermore (925) 449-4000</p>	<p>LANDSCAPING</p> <p>Landscaping Flowers Seasonal Planting Weekly Maintenance Installation & Repair • Sprinklers & Drip • Lighting Free Estimates License 07571 Call (925) 339-3981</p>	<p>Darrell's Heating & Air Conditioning Local Over 36-Years Experience We Focus On Repair, Not Replacement. Spring Special \$75 AC Tune Up FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED (925) 292-4500</p>
<p>HEALTH</p> <p>VALLEY CARE HEALTH SYSTEM. Visit Us At www.valleycare.com</p>	<p>TO PLACE YOUR AD IN THE BUSINESS DIRECTORY, CALL 243-8010</p>	<p>MAID SERVICE</p> <p>MAID WORK Sharman Wilson 455-4384</p>
<p>PLUMBING</p> <p>Ice maker FILTERS AQUA-PURE 15% OFF DUBLIN PLUMBING 6883 Village Parkway, Dublin, 928-2010</p>	<p>WINE CELLARS</p> <p>Vino Cellars Custom Wine Cellars Temperature and Humidity Controlled Wine Cabinets 1772 First St. Livermore 925 447 8000</p>	

Place your ad online at www.independentnews.com

HAY Forage mix, barn stored \$6.50/bale
Oakdale 209 604-1656, 209 743-2966

125)HOUSEHOLD/YARD ITEMS
Spa Cover / Brand New Wholesale Cost \$266.44
Box Never Opened
Brown - Standard Skirt 6' 3" (74 inches round)
Sparkle Pool
Call (925) 577-1111

HOTTUB
2007 DELUXE MODEL
Many Jets & Therapy Seat
Warranty / Never Used
Can Deliver
Worth \$5,700 / Sell \$1,950
Call (925) 944-1285

127)LOST/FOUND
LOST - 3/28 from my vehicle on Amberwood Way. Boat repair manuals and other documentation. Reward for return no questions asked - 510 332-7468

This section is a no charge classified section. Call 925 243-8000 ask for Barbara

130)MEDICAL SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT

POWERWHEELCHAIRS and SCOOTERS at little or no cost to seniors/disabled with Medicare, MediCal or Insurance. Free Delivery, Training and Warranty. ProHealth Mobility, 1 - 8 7 7 - 7 4 0 - 4 9 0 0 . www.ProHealthMobility.com (CAL*SCAN)

NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

140)ADOPTIONS

CONSIDERING ADOPTION? We match Birthmothers with Families nationwide. Living Expenses Paid. Toll Free 24/7 Abby's One True Gift Adoptions. 1-866-459-3369. (CAL*SCAN)

145)ANNOUNCEMENTS

La Lu European Mobile Spa in downtown Pleasanton will be having their Grand Opening on April 17th @ 11:30am. Please come and join them in the celebration of their new business. They are located at 780 Main Street, just across from the Rose Hotel. There will be Wine and appetizers to share. Also a drawing for a "Eur Spa package" which includes massage, and bodytreatment plus a massage facial. There will be discount packages for frequent body work people. Plus retail products, speciality gifts and gift certificates to purchase for that special someone. Remember Mother's Day is in the month of May, and you know she deserves it! Also feel free to call (925) 804-6460 and set-up a consultation for your European Spa event soon.

152)MISCELLANEOUS

Axis Health Center
4361 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Serves Valley residents with emphasis on those with low income. The center has general medical services, family planning, well baby, prenatal and maternity programs, social services, blood pressure checks, WIC food supplement programs, premarital blood test, sports/camp physicals, TB screening, free transportation available. 925 462-1755

156)NOTICES

***NOTICETO READERS:** California law requires that contractors taking jobs that total \$500 or more (labor and/or materials) be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. State law also requires that contractors include their license numbers on all advertising. Check your contractor's

status at www.cslb.ca.gov or 800-321-CSLB (2752). Unlicensed persons taking jobs less than \$500 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board.

REAL ESTATE

For every transaction I am involved with, I will donate a portion of my commission to a school or charity of your choice

HELPING LOCAL SCHOOLS & CHARITIES ONE PROPERTY AT A TIME

Please call for your FREE comprehensive guide to buying & selling Real Estate

1-800-NEW-HOME



UCB Real Estate
351 St. Alby St., Pleasanton
(925) 351-8686
ed@ucbrealty.com

156)APT/DUPLEX/HOUSE/RENTAL

Rent Home in Quiet Private Golf Course, Diablo Grande near Patterson; 4brms/3bth, 1400rent/1400 deposit 805-647-1719 or vortizchoa@yahoo.com

1170 Bannock St
Livermore

3BD/2BA house; 1,120 sq ft Freshly painted inside & out Private bkyd; Updated baths \$1600/mo rent; \$1900 sec dep Available Now! Call Ray or Lia - 925-200-9902; 925-200-9901

163)HOMES FOR SALE

"FOR SALE WITH OWNER" HOMES
Help-U-Sell Tri-Valley
See our website for our complete list of Open Homes, with addresses, prices, owners' phone numbers etc. www.helpuselltrivalley.com 925-484-1000

ATTENTION
Livermore
First Time Homebuyers
Lovely, Affordable Homes. Zero Down Payment.
SEARCH OVER 300 HOMES ONLINE
www.livermorehomesearch.com

Stop Foreclosure Now!
Inman Corp., LLC
Can Help You: Stop Foreclosure, Save Your Credit & Avoid Bankruptcy Contact us Today (888) 98-INMAN or www.inmancorp.com

164)INCOME PROPERTIES

MEDFORD, OREGON - \$379,000. Corner triplex. Two buildings, 1,2,3 bedrooms. Zoned for 2 additional units. BTDD. Rents \$2,400/month. Remodel. Professional permitted. Todd 1-503-784-3101. (CAL*SCAN)

166)LAND/LOTS/ACREAGE

1ST TIME OFFERED - 40 acres - \$39,900; 80 acres - \$69,900. Near Moses Lake, easy access off 1-90. Mix of rolling hills and rock outcroppings. Excellent views, private gravel

ARIZONA'S - BEST BARGAIN
36AC - \$59,900. Perfect for private retreat. Endless views, beautiful setting w/fresh mountain air. Abundant wildlife. Secluded with good access. Financing available. Call AZLR 1-877-301-5263. (CAL*SCAN)

FISH LAKE VALLEY, NV. A bargain! 10ac Trout Stream \$59,900 (Abuts BLM). Eastern slope of White Mtns. Within looming presence of Nevada's highest peak and range. Snow covered year round. Providing cool, clean water that feeds the Rainbow Trout Creek which borders the entire back boundary. One of a kind! Inspiring, must see! Call 1-877-349-0822. (CAL*SCAN)

174)OUT OF STATE

WYOMING RANCH DISPERAL 35 acres - \$49,900; 75 acres - \$95,900. Snowcapped mountain views. Surrounded by gov't land. Abundant wildlife. Recreational paradise. Low taxes. EZ Terms. Call Utah Ranches, LLC, 1-888-703-5263. (CAL*SCAN)

NEW MEXICO - FIRST TIME OFFER. Adjacent to Lake Summer. 10 acres - \$29,900. Rare riverfront property in NW. Incredible setting, including frequently running Pecos River, views and diverse topography 5 minutes to Recreational Lake. Limited number of small ranches. Excellent financing. Call NML&R, Inc. 1-888-204-9760, or visit www.RiverRanches.net (CAL*SCAN)

GORGEOUS SOUTHERN COLORADO RANCHES. 35-ACRES from only \$36,900! Spectacular mountain views, rolling fields. Tele/Elec. Cable, Internet available. Perfect for horses, recreation or relaxation! Call today! 1-866-696-5263x2502. (CAL*SCAN)

SERVICES

178)BUSINESS SERVICES

REACH OVER 6 MILLION CALIFORNIANS! 240 newspapers statewide. Classified \$550 for a 25-word ad. Call (916) 288-6019 classad@cnpa.com (CAL*SCAN)

DISPLAY ADVERTISING. Reach over 3 million Californians. 140 community newspapers. Cost \$1800 for a 3.75'x2 display ad (that works out to about \$12.86 per newspaper). Call (916) 288-6019 displayad@cnpa.com (CAL*SCAN)

190)HOME SERVICES

McAndrews Lath & Plaster Commercial/Residential Room-additions Recolors, Styrofoam details
New Construction
LIC # 852105
209-543-5868

195)TIMESHARES/RESORTS

TIMESHARE!!! PAYING TO MUCH 4 maintenance fees and taxes? Call today to sell/rent your timeshare for cash. 1 - 8 0 0 - 8 8 2 - 0 2 9 6 www.VPResales.com (CAL*SCAN)

198)TRAVEL/VACATIONS

T-BONE GETAWAYS at Boomtown Casino & Hotel Reno. 2 Nights and 2 complete T-bone dinners including 2 domestic beers starting at \$99. Call 1-877-726-6686. (CAL*SCAN)

JUST SOLD BY 371-RYAN:
1783 Prima Dr. -- \$1,250,000
1267 Hudson -- \$770,000
5448 Moonflower -- \$520,000
1255 Spring Valley Cmn -- \$406,000
PENDING
755 Newbury St. -- \$890,000
3873 Mills Way -- \$525,000
Call 371-RYAN for Results!!!

call 371-RYAN
Redefining Real Estate

Ryan Anderson
REALTOR® (925) 371-RYAN
www.371RYAN.com
ryan@371ryan.com

NEW LISTING
183 Glacier Drive - Livermore
Great House - Great Neighborhood!
4 Bedrooms • 2 Baths • approx. 1562 sq.ft.
Approx. 8162 sq.ft. Lot with double side access.
Built-in pool, plus lawn area, 16 x 36 Dog run
\$675,000 • Open Saturday & Sunday 1-4PM

For a stress-free sale of your home call us. We offer:
• Free Professional Staging
• Free Home & Termite Inspections

INTERO
1801 Railroad Avenue
Livermore, CA 94551

REALTORS* Notary, SRES, CRS, GRI

Letty Rowe 925-989-1080
Jeff Dunaway 925-337-7303
Madeline Walker 800-319-8991

Whether you have kids at home or are facing retirement, all doors should be open & accessible to you... most of all the doors of your home. Having your independent living needs fulfilled will give you confidence, comfort & control in your life. Finding and enhancing such a home is my specialty.

- Market Assessment
- Target Home Needs Match
- Universal Design Contractor Network
- 15 Years Experience

Windermere **Holly Bruce** REALTOR®
1841 4th St., Livermore (925) 824-4835

I Can Sell Your Home When The Others Can't!!!

Anne-Marie Moreland
(925) 640-9129
I'm the realtor for you!

For more information & to look up properties, calculate your mortgage payments, & to see what your home is worth, visit my web site.

For all your real estate needs, go to WWW.ANNEMARIEMORELAND.COM

Advertise Your Property Here

We design for **FREE** or you can layout your own.

PRICE PER INSERTION
Color \$97.50
Black \$60.00

-Independent

To reserve space, call (925) 243-8000

RICH BUCKLEY REALTY

The Problem with Condemnation (and how to fix it)
Listen to it at: <http://justrealestate.podcast.com>
"What every elected official, newspaper editor, and city official in CA needs to hear."
Commercial Buildings For Sale or Lease: \$2.00 p/sf NNN, prices start at \$975,000
Profitable East Bay Businesses for Sale.

Visit: www.BuckleyRealty.com Look under "PODCASTS"
We Sell Residential and Commercial Real Estate!
(925) 443-1122

HOMETOWN GMAC Real Estate
www.HOMETOWNGMAC.COM

PLEASANTON KOTTINGER RANCH 4BD/2 1/2 BA, new dark laminate floors, granite with backsplash & white cabinets, recessed lighting, new sliding doors 925.443.7000 \$745,000	LIVERMORE ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD 3BD/2BA, dual pane windows, hardwood floors, new carpet in family and living rooms, large lot with pool 925.443.7000 \$668,000	LIVERMORE FULLY REMODELED 4BD/2BA, slab granite counters, tumbled stone back splash, new appliances & maple cabinets, 6 panel doors, crown moulding and more 925.443.7000 \$639,000
LIVERMORE CHARMING SINGLE FAMILY HOME 3BD/2 1/2 BA, designer faux paint, upgraded hardwood floors, volume ceilings, fireplace with new tile 925.443.7000 \$599,000	TRACY PERFECT HOME 4BD/2BA, tile flooring, upgraded dual pane window, newer exterior paint and fences, side yard access, close to park and school 925.443.7000 \$484,950	LIVERMORE GORGEOUS CONDO 1BD/1BA, newly remodeled, granite countertops, plantation shutters, near shopping, restaurants and movie theater 925.443.7000 \$299,950

LIVERMORE VALLEY MORTGAGE FOR REAL ESTATE LOANS, CALL ANDREW AGUILAR, 925.724.0125 **LIVERMORE** 1988 FOURTH STREET

Service You Deserve. People You Trust!

To Place Your Ad in the Professional Real Estate Directory, Call 243-8001

SHORT NOTES

Planting Project

The Great Olivina Lanes Planting Project is the nature program on Sat., April 14. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

It's time to check on the walnut trees planted last fall to restore the lanes leading to the old Olivina estate and winery. The original trees were planted in the late 1800's. Many have now reached the end of their lives. The seeds planted were collected from the surviving original trees, and the resulting new seedlings now need weeding and caging. Bring gloves if you have them and sturdy shoes. Good for all ages.

Participants may call the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Book Events

Book Preview Luncheon, Tues. April 17. Read It and Eat with Ron Shoop of Random House. He will review some of his favorites from the spring list. Boxed lunches prepared by the Village Cafe at Village High School. Event Info Towne Center Books 11:30 social 12:00 Lunch and presentation \$10.00 Reservations please 925-846-8826 townecenterbooks.

Sam ParoneWed. April 18 at 7:30, features former Pleasanton resident, Sam Parone. Since retiring from the Livermore Lab, Sam has been a consultant and writer. He now has published 5 novels. His latest is Judgement Day.

Store located at 555 Main Street, Pleasanton.

Donate to Troops

The community is invited to help support deployed troops in the Operation: S.A.M. (Supporting All Military) Spring Donation Drive. The drive will be held at the Pleasanton Wal-Mart, 4501 Rosewood Drive, and the Livermore Wal-Mart, 2700 Las Positas Road, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday April 21.

Operation: S.A.M. "Supporting All Military" will be collecting items to be included in "Comfort Packages" to be shipped to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. These packages and letters serve as the continued morale encouragement our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen deserve.

Some of the most critical items needed are individual servings of water flavorings (Crystal Lite, Propel), saline nasal spray, deodorant (gel or stick), razors, Q-tips, body wash, small (non-pump) hand sanitizer, white cotton tube socks, washcloths, bug repellent wipes, Tylenol/Aspirin, allergy meds, sun screen lotion, Tums, trail mix, granola bars, protein bars, trail mix bars, nuts, sunflower seeds, jerky, Slim Jims, protein powder drink mix (individuals), Chap Stick, medicated antifungal cream, muscle cream, foot powder, AA batteries, DVDs, CDs (new or gently used), hand-held computerized games, travel-size board/card games and word and puzzle books. Remember to purchase small, travel-size items and non-aerosol.

The most appreciated item is always a message from home. There will be cards and notepaper on site on which to write messages of encouragement. A "note from home" is included in every "Comfort Package."

To date, with the community's help, Operation: S.A.M. has shipped over 13 tons, approximately 12,000 Comfort packages.

There will also be a drive-by drop-off point for those who want to donate before the April 21 date.

Operation: S.A.M. is an all-volunteer, non-political, non-profit organization that is dedicated to showing our appreciation by sending the active members of our military a small but mighty "Comfort Package" brimming with items from home to help remind them, if only for a moment, we are thinking of them and that they are not forgotten.

The group will also be collecting used cell phones to be exchanged for prepaid phone cards to be sent to the troops so they can call home to their loved ones.

All donations are appreciated and tax deductible. For more information: www.operationsam.org, e-mail Operationsam@comcast.net Phone (925) 443-7620 or write Operation: S.A.M., P.O. Box 2992, Livermore, 94551.

April at Wente

FIELD OF DREAMS In this moving and inspirational family favorite, a farmer becomes convinced by a mysterious voice that he should build a baseball diamond in his corn field. What follows is a touching



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Participants in the eighth annual Pleasanton Cross Walk carried signs focusing on immigration reform. The annual Good Friday event remembers the passion of Jesus and focuses on some social justice theme.

story of inspiration, conviction and forgiveness. The movie was directed and adapted from the novel Shoeless Joe by W. P. Kinsella. Its Academy Awards nominations include Best Music, Original Score, Best Picture and Best Writing, Screenplay, Starring Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, Ray Liotta, James Earl Jones, Burt Lancaster, and Frank Whaley. It screens Thurs., April 26, 7:30 p.m. Two-course prix fixe dinner and ticket for the show: \$39 Adults (plus tax and gratuity), \$16 Kids (plus tax and gratuity); Movie only ticket: \$9 Adults, \$5 Kids. Buy tickets now by calling (925) 456-2400 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Dress warmly. Proceeds benefit the California Independent Film Festival. Barrel Room at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road

WATERCOLORS Watercolors of award-winning artist Maria Talcona while sipping tastes of Wente Vineyards' wines at the Estate Winery Tasting Room. "The gift of painting is a core part of me which makes my life very rich and incredibly fun," says Henschel. "Through my artwork, I share with the world some of the joy that I continually receive." Meet Talcona in person at exhibit reception on Sunday, April 15th, 1 to 3 p.m.

Exhibit will be on display through April 2nd to April 30th, 11:00 am to 4:30 pm Estate Winery Tasting Room, open daily, 5565 Tesla Road. For information call 925-456-2305

Red Skye Dinner Tesla Vintners will host the Red Skye Winemaker dinner on Saturday, April 21st at 7 p.m.

Meet winemaker Mark Christopoulos and his wife Betty for an evening of wine, food, and fun. Food will be provided by Sean Andrade, Certified Sommelier and Wine Educator.

Tickets for the dinner are \$75 per person plus tax and gratuity. This dinner has limited space. Call 925-606-9463 for more information or tickets.

Tesla Vintners is located on Tesla Road in Livermore.

Rock Climbing Valley Rock Climbing Gym, now under the operation of Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), offers a full range of classes and activities for children and adults. Participants can register for classes online now at www.larpd.dst.ca.us, or by calling (925) 373-5707.

Valley Rock Climbing Gym is located at 2455 Railroad Avenue. LARPD

recently assumed management of the facility, formerly known as Sunrise Rock Gym.

"Kids Rock" is a program for children ages 6 to 14 who want to climb with other youngsters. Parents may drop kids off or stay and watch as the staff belays. The class allows for fun climbing time and does not include vigorous instruction. Class is scheduled from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays from April 17 to May 8. The fee is \$60.

Spring Break Climbing Camp is for children ages 7 to 14 who want to learn all about indoor rock climbing. They'll engage in a fun and safe activity that helps build confidence and self-esteem, and provides challenges for all skill levels. Class is scheduled from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from April 9 to April 13. The fee is \$125.

Climb with Tots is a program for children as young as three years old and is amazing to watch! Climbing helps young children to build balance, body movement, and huge smiles! Parents will utilize the climbing wall with their little ones under the safety net of a climbing instructor. Games and challenges will be offered. Class is scheduled from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays from April 18 to May 9. The fee is \$40.

Intro to Rock Climbing is a program for beginning climbers who want to learn the ropes, literally! The course will cover an advanced belay lesson, climbing technique, body positions, and provides a great cardio workout designed to significantly improve your climbing experience. Class is scheduled from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays from April 17 to May 8. The fee is \$60.

Cardio Climb is a fun new way to do a full body cardio workout, and perfect for adults seeking a low impact, high cardio exercise, with no prior climbing skill necessary. Climbing rocks is like climbing a ladder and offers a great way to stay in shape while chatting with friends. Class is scheduled from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. on Mondays from April 16 to May 21. The fee is \$85.

The District invested in new paint and cosmetic renovations and the facility is now available for walk-in use, lessons, group reservations, memberships and birthday parties.

Disney Gallery Event

Acme Archives will host its first Walt Disney Gallery Art Event in the Bay Area at Where The Magic Begins on Saturday, April 14.

Appearing at the event will be Walt Disney Director Frank Nissen who has been at the helm of several recent

Disney films including "The Heffalump Movie," "The Three Musketeers" and "Cinderella III," as well as shorts for the upcoming "Tinker Bell Movie."

Nissen will be on site at Where The Magic Begins: 2177 Las Positas Ct. Livermore from 11AM to 5PM to sign artwork, meet and greet and spend time with Disney fans.

This event marks the West Coast debut of the brand new Walt Disney Studio Art Collection from Acme Archives with the help of one of the premiere Disney Art Galleries, Where The Magic Begins.

Wine Tasting

Tri Valley Conservancy and Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association are hosting a Quest for Excellence Quality Wine Growing Educational Series. The purpose of this series is to assure the highest quality of wine grapes and wines are produced by Livermore Valley Wine Growers and Vintners.

The next Quest for Excellence seminar will be held on Tuesday, April 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

The topic will focus on the *Sommelier Method of Wine Tasting* presented by Kevin Woodling of Scott Laboratories. Woodling will reveal this systematic way of tasting wine that allows one to build a bank of knowl-

edge and be able to identify various faults and evaluate quality.

His experience includes: working in production for two small wineries, Claiborne & Churchill in San Luis Obispo and Fenestra in Livermore; and the Henry Wine Group. Mr. Woodling currently works for Scott Laboratories covering a territory that stretches from Calistoga to the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Please note: seating is limited due to the popularity of this topic. Reservations are required. The session has a fee of \$10.00 to help cover the cost of materials. Please RSVP by April 19th to the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association at (925) 447-WINE (9463).

Percussion Champs

Foothill High School's Winter Percussion finished the season by winning the 2007 Northern California Band Association (NCBA) Championships in San Mateo, California. Their performance "Eastern Winds" was considered one of the most difficult ever. The 33-member group spent countless hours this season in preparation for the event. Their hard work paid off big with not only an undefeated season but with the acceptance of the Championship Trophy and a score of 93.75.

Foothill Band's two Color Guards also scored big. Guard A finished with a second place and Guard B with a first place. The Color Guard is under the direction of Ron Frost and Jolie Hendricks and Percussion under Ed Cloyd. Student captains on Color Guard are Megan Dwyer and DeeDee Chin, and on Percussion Captains Tyler Cudo and Marko Cantero - Section Leaders, Evan Hirata, Grace Pak and Andrew Zamperan.

Both teams competed this season in five NCBA competitions in Antioch, Reno, Vallejo, Livermore, Granada. Foothill High School also hosted a competition attended by almost 90 units, where both FHS units performed in exhibition.

Family Storytime

"A Bunny Family Storytime" will be presented at the Springtown Library on Sat., April 14 at 11 a.m. in Livermore. Storyteller John Weaver will be featured. The library is located at 998 Bluebell Drive.

On Sat., April 21 at 11 a.m. the topic will be Green Storytime at the Rincon Library, 725 Rincon Avenue.

All ages are welcome to attend these free library programs. Contact Youth Services at 373-5504 for more information or pick up a schedule at any one of the Livermore libraries.

History Lecture

"Remember When," a history with



PET OF THE WEEK

Gonzo's mantra is "Play with me. Play with me." He is an active and extremely playful 9-month old buff tabby who likes other cats, toys, and people. Gonzo was a wandering waif, so we don't know his history with dogs and children, but believe he would love to have them as companions and playmates as long as they are gentle with him. Gonzo is neutered, has his shots, and is litter trained. Call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656 to see Gonzo, or make an appointment to visit him. For more information on Gonzo or to arrange to see him, please 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.

Bright Move!

GET MORE WITH BRIGHT

Make Us YOUR Neighborhood

BRIGHT HOMES

INCLUDED EXTRAS LIKE:
 Upgraded Cabinets; Upgraded Plumbing Fixtures; Crown Molding; Tile Flooring in Kitchen Nook, Hall Baths, Master Bath, Laundry; Garage Door Opener; and many more.

1

MANTECA

Terra Bella
 209.239.0211
 Plans up to 3235 sq ft.
 From the \$440's
So Hablo Español

2

TRACY

Yosemite Vista
 209.836.0307
 Plans up to 3143 sq ft
 From \$899,990

3

PATTERSON

Sutterpointe
 209.895.7060
 Plans up to 3227 sq ft.
 From \$295,990
So Hablo Español

Southgate
 2524 sq. ft. - 3143 sq. ft.
COMING SOON!

Office Hours: 10am-6pm
Realtors Welcome

visit our properties online at
BRIGHT-HOMES.COM

* BASE PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. SEE SALES COUNSELOR FOR DETAILS. ELEVATIONS, FLOOR PLANS, & INCLUDED EXTRAS CHANGE PER COMMUNITY.

FREE

Private Lesson

Gift Certificates Available

IT'S ALL ABOUT DANCING

Ballroom, Latin, Salsa, Wedding Dances.
 Friendly, Experienced Instructors. We Make It Easy and Fun.
 www.itsallaboutdancing.com
 (925) 449-9292 • 2247 Second Street, Livermore

apr.com

ALAIN PINEL REALTORS

<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">LIVERMORE</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">\$1,850,000</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">By Appointment</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Incredible custom with 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 4 fireplaces and one outside Game room, RV parking.</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">LIVERMORE</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">\$1,299,900</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">3041 Talinga Dr. Open Sat & Sun 1-4</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">South Livermore 5bd/4.5ba, 3,700+/-sf home on a 10,313+/-sf lot. Backyard has retractable awning in patio area.</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">LIVERMORE</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">\$1,599,000</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">By Appointment</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Elegant American 5bd/5.5ba Farmhouse. 4,700+/-sf of living space plus bonus room with full bath over garage. Views galore!</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">LIVERMORE</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">\$1,039,000</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">By Appointment</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">6bd/4ba Lindenwood home. Gourmet kitchen, neutral colors, oversized master bd, 3 car garage. Private backyard.</p>
<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">LIVERMORE</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">\$859,950</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">By Appointment</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">You have to see this 4bd/2.5ba home, gorgeous kitchen is a Chef's delight. Private backyard, pool, built in BBQ.</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">LIVERMORE</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">\$575,000</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">By Appointment</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Cute 3bd/2ba home in desirable Livermore Southside. Great schools, shopping, wine tasting and centralized commuting.</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">LIVERMORE</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">\$569,950</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">By Appointment</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Beautiful 3 bedroom with 2 updated baths, formal LR and DR. Two tone paint, tile roof. Park like backyard.</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">SAN LEANDRO</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">\$475,000</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">By Appointment</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Wonderful opportunity to own Grandma's house. 2bd/1ba has many original features. Sunny kitchen, Large backyard.</p>

LIVERMORE | 187 South J Street 925.583.1111