## Pleasanton Votes to Keep Stoneridge Extension

The Pleasanton City Council voted
unanimously to keep the Stoneridge
Drive extension in the general plan.
The council also voted to work with
regional partners to create a roadmap
that could lead to construction of the
road. The council motion said it could
not commit to a timeline. While the
council recognized the extension has
broad regional and local benefits, con-
struction cannot coccur without the right
conditions. The city would work with
regional partners to create a joint policy
framework and funding plan for all both
regional and local road improvements.
The wording of the motion will be
refined as the general plan moves for-
ward. Councilmember Matt Sullivan
said he needed some asssurance that the
road construction would in some way
be tied to regional improvements.

Cities Take Over CTV Board, Work On Cash Flow Shortage Of \$200,000

## proximately $\$ 200,000$ near th

 end of the fiscal year at cable tele-vision franchise TV 30 , the four sponsoring cities are being asked to bail out the problem with a contribution of $\$ 260,000$,
equally at $\$ 65,000$ each.
Further Further, the residents who
comprised the board of CTV resigned last week, after changing
the bylaws so that the mayors of the four cities are the total new
board membership. They are Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena,
Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, and San Ramon Mayor
Kamena told the Independent that the board has confidence in
the competence of station manager Glen Davis. However, cir-
cumstances have brought about the shortfall.
comment Tuesday. However,
Kamena said that a witch to pensive all-digital equipment was one of the contributing fac-
tors. Further, the station brings in revenue by producing and
broadcasting shows for community groups.
However,
tween the time the shows are shot and the time the revenue comes
in, which has contributed to the current shortfall during this fis-
cal year, said Kamena. That revenue will come in at the begin-
ning of the next fiscal year, he Dublin assistant city manager
Joni Pattillo, who is a part of the board's staff, said that the num-
ber of shows being shot by CTV for clients also apparently has enue picture worse. With the crisis, the cities will have a new opportunity to look at just what
they want from CTV, said Pattillo. They are looking at conducting two kinds of audits. One is
financial, to obtain a closer look financial, to obtain a closer look
at where the money problems lie. The other will be an organizasources are being used well whether or not the organizational
(See TV, page 4)


## Fund-raiser for African Education Slated



Taiwan was one of the countries celebrated during Passport to Pleasanton last weekend. Among the countries represented were China, India, Japan, Philippines, Pakistan, Italy, Greece,
Canada, Turkey, and Mexico. The Pleasanton PTA hosted the third annual festival designed to showcase and celebrate the growing diversity of Pleasanton. Live musical and dance performances from around the world took place in the Amphitheater.

## Livermore School District Moves Forward with Community Day School

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| By Patricia Koning | s, who |
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48660 goes onto say that this re-
quirement reflects the
Legislature's priority that CDSs
be a placement option for ex-
pelled students who have been
removed from other school set-
tings.
cThe fact that school district
is barred from housing this type
of program on the same site as
one of their own onschools suggests
to me that it would be inappro-
priate to house this type of pro-
gram on any site which supports
a program such as a pre-school/
day care as well," said Kathy Gil-
bert-O'Neil, whose two sons at-
tend the Center.
ee DAY SCHOOL, page 4)

Denisi Lyamuya (back), Emmy Moshi (left) and Ema Grasz look at one of the works of art featured in this weekend's show.
said "African poverty" is not the are very rich. The problem lies in is a people who wile make sure
issue. issue.

ing with A sante Afre, f. ., hel an and seeing how the Ame more with Era Asante Africa Foundation.
Emmy Moshi, who is
ivo areas of the city have been in general plan. in the general plan.
The city has completed models pre extension in the wear 2030 without the different land use scenarios. The results show that the various land use options in Pleasanton have little impact on traf fleft bucause there the housing cap
The model includes assumption about development in Dublin and Livalso incorporates planned regional roa improvements and development as fa away as the Central Valley The model showed increased con
gestion citywide if the extension wer not built. If the road were extended, traf fic would be distributed throughout the city. There would also be less need to

## District,Teachers' Reach Agreement On Workday Issue

By Patricia Koning
The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and the Liv ermore Education Associan (LEA) have reached a tentaive agree ment on the teacher workday
n in mediation over the issue of workday since the beginning of April. All other aspects of negotiations, in cluding a $7 \%$ salary raise, were agreed upon months ago. Details of the agreement will not be released until it goes befor agreement will go to the Board of Education for approval on May 8 said Assistant Superintendent Mike Martinez. "We're looking for ward to sitting down with LEA again and developing a contract that is good for everyone, including students."
Both parties will take a few weeks off before addressing the suc-
cessor agreement for the 2007-2010 school years. Successor agrecessor agreement for the 2007-2010 school years. Successor agree-
ment means the entire contract is open. However, negotiations will ment means the entire contract is open. However,
focus on specific items chosen by both the District and LEA sation, workday, and health care benefits, among other issues. Th District's issues include workday, evaluations, class size, full inclu
sion, wages, early retirement incentives, job shares, leaves, and griev ances.
"I think this next negotiation will be a lot easier than the last,"

## Brozosky Named To Succeed Haugen

Former Pleasanton city
councilmember Steve Brozosky councilmember Steve Brozosky
has been appointed by the Pleasanton school board to succeed
the late Juanita Haugen. The vote April 2 at the board's meeting
Aprozosky said he will not run for re-election when the term expires in November 2008. the selling points to the board for his appointment.
Two other candidates, Clark Two other candidates, Clark
Gunson and Robert Gehl, also promised to serve only on an in-
terim basis. The fourth hopeful, Marti Scalise, said that if "the community felt I was doing a good job, I'd run" for re-election.
Trustee Pat Kernan who was skeptical at past meetings about making an interim appointment, complimented fellow trustee Jim Ott for helping him change his mind. Ott suggested at a previ-
ous meeting that instead of de-
ciding either to make an interim instead should leave it up to the candidates about their prefer-
ence, and take it from there. Interim service was an issue pointed incumbent may have an advantage in an election.
Brozosky's appointment is the third since the last school boar when Steve Pulido won in a wide field of candidates. Chris Grant Pulido, who became a judge. Pulido, who became a judge
Trustee Jim Ott was appointed in May 2006 to replace Gloria Fredette, who resigned for per-
sonal reasons Bonal reasons.
Board trustees at those times did not want to spend the
$\$ 110,000$ to $\$ 150,000$ for a special election, which this year Waiting until November 2008 aiting until November 2008

Rancho Students Looking to Run into New Fitness Center

| Rancho Las Positas Elementary School in Livermore is in the running for a brand new fitness center that would be filled with $\$ 100,000$ worth of new equipment. <br> Rancho is participating in the |  |
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|  | s a regional award winner, dem- |
| Governor's Challenge. The program is in response to the obe- |  |
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| sity epidemic, ${ }^{\text {Governor }}$Schwarzenegger'sCouncil on |  |
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| Physical Fitness and Sports has the goal of having California become known not only as the | ness center would significantly |
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| Golden State, but also as the "Fitness State." <br> The challenge is to be active |  |
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| for at least 30 to 60 minutes | Governor' Challenge Competi- |
| three days each week. The student must maintain this schedule for four weeks and earn a cer- |  |
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| tificate of completion signed by the governor and an official of the Council on Physical Fitness |  |
|  | The winner of the fitness cen- |
|  | ter will be announced in Sep- |
| A finalist will be selected from |  |
| each of eleven regions in the state Schools will receive | Jake Steinfeld is the chair of |
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| will receive a brand new fitness center. |  |
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## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan

## A Determined Lady with a Pixie Smile

 John C. Stanley, like his older brothers, grew up on small, rockyOrange County, Vermont farm. His brothers-George, Joseph, and James-all came to California during the Gold Rush. John, however, had stayed at home and at the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted west to join his brothers in the butcher business in Pleasanton and Laddsville, an early Livermore settlement. According to a family account, he walked across the Isthmus of Panama on this journey. In
1880 he returned to Vermont and two years later married Marion 1880 he returned to Vermont and two years later married Marion York there. When their daughter, Mary, was two years old, they came
to Livermore. John bought 110 acres on Mines Road about two miles from its junction with Tesla Road.
Mary, nicknamed Mayme by her mother, had two younger siblings. Harry York Stanley, five years her junior, died in the flu epidemic in 1918. Grace, 19 years younger, married Louis Gardella,
who ran a grocery store and served as the mayor of Livermore Mayme remembered those early days well: "We'd tie up to the Mayme remembered those early days well: "We'd tie up to the
hitching post in town and buy the flour, potatoes and sugar in big sacks. Our life was simple, healthy and busy. Youngsters had no time
to get into mischief when there were chores to do all day, but they to get into mischief when there were chores to do all day, but they,
had fun anyway ... dances in the barn, singing, music and laughter," had fun anyway ... dances in the barn, singing, music and laughter."
She loved "being outside with my father, seeing to the cattle, the She loved "being outside with my father, seeing to the cattle, the
chickens, the rabbits, the hogs and traveling over the ranch. I was a chickens, the rebbits, the hogs and traveling over the ranch. I was a
real tomboy." She attended the one-room Mocho School and later rode to town, an hour's drive away, by horse and buggy or bicycle, to attend Livermore High School.
Mayme married a neighbor, Charles H. McCoy, called Harry, in April 1905, when she was 23 years old. Their parents had arranged the marriage. In talking with a reporter years later, she said wistfully,
"The man I really loved was killed." In 1908 Harry built a house on his property across Mines Road from the Stanley place. Mayme lived there the rest of her life on their 108 acres. They raised four chil-dren-James, Stanley, Charles and Ruth. In the midst of the Great Depression, Mayme divorced her husband. Life was not easy then on the ranch with four children to feed. She rented the land out to local
cattlemen and raised poultry, mainly turkeys. She also worked for a while on the bottling line at Cresta Blanca Winery.
Mayme gained fame in Livermore history because of her longevity. When the petite woman with the crown of curly white hair was 100, Representative Pete Stark dedicated a tribute to her in the December 13, 1982 Congressional Record. Resolutions honoring her
were issued by the Livermore City Council and the Alameda County were issued by the Livermore City Council and the Alameda County
Board of Supervisors. A community reception for her was held at the recreation center on Sunday afternoon December 26, 1982, the day before her birthday. "I've seen many changes. We had no electricity until ... (1936), and no telephone until after World War II. Now I can get to town in 10 minutes without getting out the buggy or cranking
up the old Ford." up the old Ford."
I'm not that good-I jus an expert card player, but she denied that. pays off." Although another time she admitted with a grin, "I guess I'm pretty good, but I don't like to brag." She continued driving into town in her bright red Maverick to play bridge, pinochle and other games with friends until she was 95 .
In her old age on a typical morning at the yellow house on the
farm, she rose at seven a.m., ate a light breakfast, and fed the chick ens before puttering in her garden. She and her son James, retired and ens before puttering in her garden. She and her son James, retired and Wedgewood wood-burning stove in the kitchen. Mayme bought the stove, which also heated the kitchen, during the Depression for $\$ 5$
from a second-hand dealer. Did she watch television? "Goodness, no, dear, there's too much going on to spare the time for that. ... The days are just too short for me. I'm always on the go."
Her nephew, Louis Gardella J., remembered that "she had strong likes and dislikes and would tell off anyone who disagreed with her." She and Louis were very close. When he left Livermore to work abroad, he kept up a correspondence with her through James. When
Louis returned, he always brought her a gift that she enjoyed showLouis returned, he always brought her a gift that she enjoyed show-
ing off to friends. "When she passed away at 104, I was greatly saddened as that was the end of my ties to anything in Livermore as my mother and father had passed away previously. Mayme said that the secret to her longevity was to live a simple life with "no smoking, no liquor, Someone said of her, "She had a farmer's grip and a pixie smile."
My new book, Historic Livermore, California: $A-Z$, is now available. Much of the material in my columns has been from the book. You can purchase a copy by calling me at 443-9440 or sending me an e-mail at am3homan @yahoo.com. It is also for sale by the Livermore Heritage Guild at the Carnegie Building and by Towne Center
Books in Pleasanton.


## Amador Valley High School Civics Team Places Second Nationally

The Amigo de Anza drill team (pictured at left) participated in the Spring Stampede in Livermore last weekend. The group
preserves Spanish riding preserves Spanish riding
traditions of Alta California.

The Amador Valley High tition is centered on the Consti-
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People" national competition in it is applied today. Washington, D.C. $\begin{gathered}\text { The team won the state meet }\end{gathered}$ None of the Amador Valley
after winning the 11th Congres-
team's competitors was part of the
sional District competition. The team last year, because in Cali- district's congressman, Jerry fornia, only seniors compete. The McNerney, praised the team in a
total turnover each year makes the total turnover each year makes the
press release. He said, "These
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| impressive as winning first place, | $\begin{array}{l}\text { advisors have done a tremendous }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { impressive as winning first place, } & \text { advisors have done a tremendous } \\ \text { because the winner this year, was } \\ \text { job representing their school and }\end{array}$ a high school from Denver. The our region. They deserve high winning team has a two-year program, and had some returning veterans.

Amador
Amador Valley students receive credit for the civics team
for only one semester, and work for only one semester, and work
on it voluntarily for the other semester.
One he 50 champion from each of the 50 states competed. The top 10 were in the finals on April 30 . Outside the Rayburn Building, where Amador Valley was
judged, a noisy protest rally by judged, a noisy protest rally by
war veterans was occurring, said war veterans was occurring, said one of the team members. Team members tuned out the distraction, even though it was loud. Judges noted how well the team concentrated, and added that the
demonstration was a good demonstration was a good ex-
ample of the Constitution in acample of the Constitution in ac-
tion.
The "We the People" compeour region. They deserve high
praise for the knowledge, poise, and maturity they have clearly demonstrated in reaching the highest levels of this competi-
tion. I am incredibly proud of ton. I am incredibly proud of
their accomplishment, and stand with the entire community in congratulating this remarkable group of students."
It wasn't all work for the team. The approximately 1500 students from all of the states got
together for a dance at a mall on logether for a dance at a mall on
Saturday night. They also atSaturday night. They also at-
tended the honors banquet on Monday at a hotel that played host to one of the inaugural balls for President Clinton. Jonce, it Has fall said, "At the be teen-ager. dents were there with parents some with entire families. Some of the judges joked about

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## VALLEY ROUNDUP

Islam and Muslims
third in a series of presentations on faiths in the Tri-Valley area. The series is presented by the Tri-Valley Interfaith Council
The program will be Sat., May 12 from 2:30
5 p.m. It will be held at St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 679 Enos Way, Livermore. Speakers will be Imam Ahmad Abdallah from
the Islamic Center of Livermore and Sr Ameen the Islamic Center of Livermore and Sr. Ameena
Jandali, confounder of the Islamic Network Group. There is no

## Innovation All-Star

FormFactor, Inc. (Nasdaq:FORM) last week fornia Commission for Jobs and Economi fornia Commission for Jobs and Economic
Growth with the California Innovation Award. FormFactor was among 15 companies to receive this award, and is included among the ranks of some of California's leading technology inno-
vators, including Juniper Networks, Network Appliance, Qualcomm, Symantec and Trimble The company was presented with the award at a ceremony during the California Tech 100 conference in Irvine, Calif., held on April 24-25, where it was also recognized as an "Innovation
All-Star." The goal of the California Tech 100 is to panies that represent California's commitment to innovation, entrepreneurship and workforce

PUSD Promotes Two
The Pleasanton Unified School District has promoted two members of its management team Kevin Johnson, currently principal at Foot Senior Director of Pupil Services, pending ap-
proval by the Board of Trustees on May 8 . proval by the Board of Trustees on May 8 .
Johnson will be filling the vacancy created by Johnson will be filling the vacancy created by
the upcoming retirement (July 31) of the current Senior Director, Rich Puppione.
Principal at Foothill High since 1996, Johnson has been with the District since 1984, working as a teacher, student activities director, dean, and assistant principal at Amador Valley
High before moving to Foothill as, first, assistant principal, then principal
Bill Faraghan, currently Director of Human Resources, has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, pending Board approval on May 8. Clem Donaldson, tive June 30 .
Faraghan came to the Pleasanton Unified
School District in 1988 as a teacher at Harvest Park Middle School. He subsequently worked as a dean and assistant principal at Pleasanton
Middle School, then principal at Fairlands ElMiddle School, then principal at Fairlands Elementary School.
Director position.

## NNSA's Director

U. S. Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman
administered the oath of office to Bill Ostendorff to be the principal deputy administrator at the Department of Energy's National Nuclear SecuBity Administration (NNSA) ministrator becomes the principal deputy adwhen the administrator's position is vacant, as it is now. Therefore, Ostendorff will also assume he duties of the acting administrator of NNSA. Ostendorff will run NNSA's daily operations, serve as NNSA's top technical advisor, and pro-
vide leadership and direction to NNSA's senior taff. He will also be involved in NNSA's inter action with Congress and will implement policies to shape the future of NNSA. U.S.SA is a separately organized agency in the responsilbities is maintaining the safety secu rity, reliability and performance of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear testing. The Lawrence Livermore National Laboraory is under NNSA's jurisdiction.

## Tourism Week

In an effort to promote and support National Tourism Week the Tri-Valley Convention \& Visiors Bureau (CVB) has sought and accepted city 20, 2007 as National Tourism Week

The proclamations, coupled with Tri-Valley CVB-generated activities, highlight the value and impact of the nation's $\$ 703$ billion travel tions it brings to the Tri-Valley region. To date, the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, and the Town of Danville have supported National Tourism Week with official proclamacil meetings. In California total direct travel spending was $\$ 93.8$ billion in 2006, according to the Califor-
nia Travel \& Tourism Commission. During 2006 nia Travel \& Tourism Commission. During 2006, ravel spending within the state directly supported 928,700 jobs, and generated $\$ 2.1$ billion Through the efforts of the Tri-Valley CVB over $\$ 4.3$ million in economic impact has been generated in this fiscal year-to-date, with the expec--
tation to surpass the organization's goal of $\$ 5$ tation to surpass the organization ${ }^{1}$ s goal of $\$ 5$
million by fiscal year-end. million by fiscal year-end. viding over 7.5 million jobs, and generating pay roll of $\$ 171$ billion and tax revenues of about $\$ 105$ billion nationwide.
The Tri-Valley Convention \& Visitors Bureau is the destination marketing organization for the mon, Danville and the surrounding region. It markets the Tri-Valley area as a preferred destination for visitors, meetings, and events by promoting CVB member businesses and bringing overnight visitors to the region, to increase awareness of and measurable spending to the
Tri-Valley region.

Free Health Screening Available For Former Lab Employees

Positive Outlook for Livermore
there's more to come," was a theme at the annual Livermore Chamber of Commerce Real Estate Roundup.
The event was held last week
hand. W .
were update, Mark Triska, who talked about the commercial real estate market, noted that one
major corporation is leaving Livermore. KLA-Tencor has announced plans to vacate its two
buildings. The R\&D buildings. The R\&D and office
whole.
Triska said that retail is very active with less than a 5 percent
vacancy rate. "Rents are trendvacancy rate. Rents are trend-
ing up. There is a lot of new re-
t tail coming." Light industry
shows rents are creeping up. There is still a lot of construc tion going on.
Paula Rowl discussed the largest project on the horizon, an outlet mall at the intersection of I-580 and El
Charro Road. project is currently going
hrough the review and approval through the review and approval
process in the city. Rowland anicipated that the center would be open at the end of 2008 . It
would feature world class brands in high fashion, decor, and other areas. Products would target the
43 year old upper middle income 43 year old upper middle income
savvy, time-starved women who values her brands.
While some areas of commercial growth have slowed or are
flat, one new target area is small business ownership. Michael Parks of Exterra Realty Partners described a project "unique to
Northern California." The new business venture would provide ers. "Small businesses are where the growth is at," said Parker
Single family homes in Livermore continue to appreciate,
but not at the double digit rates but not at the double digit rates
of previous years, said Chuck
Edell, president of Bay East AsEdell, president of Bay East As-
sociation of Realtors. Last year saw an increase of 2 percent. The
sales volume was down by 18 sales volume was down by 18
percent. Edell suggested that percent. Edell suggested that
those in attendance remember
that previous years were record that previous years were record
breaking sales year. "This is still breaking sales year "This is stir-
Edell mentioned current trends: Increased inventory may
lead to a buyer's market. Relead to a buyer s marke. Refrom the Central Valley to get
away from the commute. Baby

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## EDITORIAL

Livermore Arts Master Plan
The Livermore City Council，in an unanimous vote has approved a draft arts master plan．Formal adoption
is scheduled for June 11． The master plan sets forth goals for the arts and pro－ poses various public and private methods of financia lic places，corporate sponsorships，etc．
Among the goals，the plan establishes downtown as cultural arts district
＂Future generations will look back and identify this document as ambitious and visionary，＂exclaimed
Walter Davies，former chair of the Livermore Commis－ sion for the Arts
Of course，the arts are already enjoying a radiant flowering in Livermore，before a master plan has even been approved．It＇s a very exciting time，＂observe Councilmember John Marchand．
With an arts master plan in place，providing a long－ ange perspective and an activist commitment by city government，the best days are yet to come．

## STONERIDGE



DAY SCHOOL
Bob See，Director of Student
Services and Special Education， said he does not foresee any prob－
lems locating the CDS so close othe daycare center．He is meet－
ing with Children＇s Center man－ agement this month to address
Parents are also concerned school day ends and that the staff－ for safety and security．The District＇s proposal calls for two
full－time teachers，a special edu－ cation teacher at $25 \%$ ，instruc－
tional aide at $75 \%$ ，child welfare psychologist at $10 \%$ ，and coun－ selor at $10 \%$
Board meeting Bermore School a resource teacher at Granada High School，commented that
having a counselor at just $10 \%$ ，
which works out to one half－day per week，is probably not enough
support for at－risk students． support for the people that work ＂These will be challenging jobs
without real peers in the school

## community，

The Principal of Adult Edu－
cation and Independent Study， the position vacated by Nancy
Steele＇s retirement this June，will provide oversight for the CDS． ＂How will the new principal
handle administering the CDS on handle administering the CDS on
top of his or her existing duties？＂ asked trustee Bill Morrison．
＂Nancy Steele could do it，but she＇s a unique person．＂
jected to be between 24 and 30

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Fitness is not about building bodies. It is about building confidence and self-esteem. Physi-
cal activity success breeds acacal activity success breeds aca-
demic success." The goal of the challenge was o keep it simple in order to involve the greatest number of krogram. We didn't want to in undate schools with yet another state program," explained Steinfeld.
The program is enjoying sucschools and 8500 students who took part. Already this year, Steinfeld notes 60,000 kids are aking the challenge. Each will tion. "The toughest thing is to get started. It's been a joy to see how this thing has evolved,"
added Steinfeld.
Steinfeld said of the certificates, "We hear from teachers
who say those certificates are the only recognition some kids get. It means so much to them." are given in seven areas: a 501 c 3 organization, principal of the year, school of the year, teacher
of the year, company of the year parks program of the year and event of the year. Each winner receives a gold medal and a $\$ 10,000$ check to purchase more physical education equipment.
Steinfeld and Rogers also an-
nounced new prizes to be
awarded as part of the challenge.
Rogers said that iTech Fitness
will provide an XRcade to the






## Michell Students Raise Over $\$ 1,600$ for Hospital

By Patricia Koning Last month students at Joe
Michell Elementary School presented a jumbo-size check to Maureen Sheenan, a nurse practitioner with the Lucille Packard
Children's Hospital at Stanford Through their annual Kids Helping Kids penny drive, the students raised \$1,612.51.
The Lucille Packard Hospita has special meaning for Joe has special meaning for Jo
Mitchell. Taylor Vasquez, former student, has been undergoing treatment there for the past
several years. Sheenan is Taylors several years. Sheenan is Taylor' nurse. Two-and-a-half years ago tis, which is an inflammation of the brain caused by a rare virus. "I feel so proud giving this
donation to Lucille Packard," donation to Lucille Packard,'
says Wendy Vasquez, Taylor's mother. "How can you ever thank the people who helpe your child in this way?"
The students set a goal to beat last year's donation of $\$ 1586.79$, also to Lucille Packard. For encouragement, the
PTO set up a school-wide competition. Cafe Art donated a class fiel

pons for a free studio session to the entire student body. Fosters

Freeze donated $\$ 5$ gift certificates to the second place class. The PTO gave the third place
class free ice cream at the class free ice cream at the after
school ice cream sale. The winning class eight students in Ms. Darrimon's special day class, raised $\$ 281.93$.
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Ms. Halim's hird, raising \$96.42, and Ms Clark's class was fourth with
$\$ 71.98$. For the penny drive, For the penny drive, the stuand solicited donations from family and friends.
"They collected money any
way they could, by asking famway they could, by asking fan lowance, or doing chores for extra money," says Vasquez. "W had a few parents write checks
and some donations from local and some donations from locas
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Applications received after this date and time will not be considered, even if postmarked earlier. Faxed applications are not accepted.

## 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 year 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 m . 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.

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OBITUARIES

## ASANTE

Asante is the Swahili word for "thank you." It's meant to express donors.
Among other projects, the donations two classrooms the Tanza-
plete nian government had started but didn't finish. This year Asante
plans to build two plans to build two more classrooms as
ing hall.
Asante asked teachers at the
same school what they needed most. The teachers showed them
two math books that were being two math books that were being
used by 100 students. To the teachers' delight, the foundation supplied 500 textbooks in
subjects and grade levels. A teacher at this school wanted to start a music program. A Tracy
teacher heard about it and collected 127 recorders, the simple flutes used in U.S. schools, and
one guitar. The Tanzanian one guitar. The Tanzanian
teacher was so elated that he rounded up children, even though the school term hadn't
started, and began practicing. Asante hopes to provide a piano
this year.
In Kenya the foundation is In Kenya the foundation is
supporting Hellen Nkuraiya, a teacher who finds sponsorships
to enable academically talented to enable academically talented
students to attend top-tier board-
ing schools. A sante plans to complete a dorm for 36 girls at St.
Mary's School in Narok this year. The foundation has also built
a nursery school in Tanzania,
with plans to add a kitchen/dining room this year. The opening, in January, was the occasion for a grand community celebration,
attended by the district commissioner. "We learned that providing schools, desks and books is help-
ful only if the children's basic ful only if the children's basic
needs are met with clean water needs are met with clean water
and a daily meal," said Erna
Grasz.

Stevie-Christine McMoyler Stevie-Christine McMoyler,
who died at the age of 19, was
born Sept borts Sept. 23 , 1877 to her par-
ents, Steven McMoyler and Gina Gabbiell. She spent her life being
an amazing kid and a beautiful an amazing kid and a beautiful
person. She loved everything,
but mostly things that appealed to the senses such as great food good lattes, fruit rainy days, big
fat novels, long showers live fat novers, long showers, live
music, retty desserts,
tinn things all things sweet. She aspired to be a food scientist, a world Scrabble champion, and a trav
eler to far away places. She was eler to far away places. She was
intelligent, witty and nerdy. She Stevie bravely batted cancer
and left her body when it no her brother Noah, her big sister Aly, and her parants, who will
mis her eevy day.
Services were held April 29 at Services were held April 29 at
Old St. Raymond's Church in
Dublin. Burial was at Oakmont Dubin. Burial was at Oakmont
Memorial Iark in Latayette.
Arran gements by Graham-

## Hitch Mortuar

Wil Sprowl
Wil Sprowl died April 22,
2007 at Stantord Medical Center. He was 70 .
The native of Kentucky had The native of Kentucky had
lived in Pleasanton for 38 years.
He was an Air Force veteran. He worked as a government program manager a Ampex Corp. For
years. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and restoring cars. He
was a member of the Ford F-100 was a me
Elites.
He is He years, Elliee, sons brent and
Vince sesiser Best ers willard and C Carles and Kaitlin, Taylor, Karlee, and Kendall. He was preceded in
death by his parents Millard and Madie Sprowl.
April 30 in Pleasanton.
In lieu of flowers, the family
suggests donations may be made suggests donations may be made
to Shriner's Hospital or Make-A-
Wish Foundation Wish Foundation.
Arrangements by Graham-
Hitch Mortuary. Daniel C. Holbea
25, 2007 in San Francisco. He was The native of Romania had The native of Romania had
lived in Dublin for 3 years and
Hayward for 12 years Hayward for 12 years. He gradu-
ated from San Lorenzo High School. His hobbies included music,
painting
He is survived by his parents Elena and Ioan Holbea, brother and sister-in-law Emanuel and
Daniela Holbea, and nieces JesDaniela Holbea, and nieces Jes-
sica and Jennifer Holbea. Funeral services were held
May 2 in Pleasanton. Burial was at Roselawn Cemetery in Liver-

## Arrangeme Hitch Mortuar

Verna ClariceTonne
Verna Clarice Tonne died
April 27, 2007 in Manteca. She
was 74 .
The native of Arizona had
lived in Livermore from 1957 to
1994 and in Arizona from 1994 to 2004. She had lived in Tracy for the past three years. She was an avid golfer and member of the Group in Pleasanton. She was ers and ran the bingo program. Verna was a member of S Michael's Mother's Club and a
member of St. Charles Borrome Catholic Church of Livermore. She is survived by her chil-
dren Jeff (Donna) Tonne of Oceanside, Lori Tonne of Carson
City, NV, Jim (Michelle) Tonn of Livermore, Ted (Lisa) Tonne of Livermore, Ted (Lisa) Tonne
of Brentwood and Julie Johnson
of Crestwood, IL, a brother James of Brentwood, and Julie Johnson
of Crestwood, IL a brother James
Riley of Sunrise, AZ, and ten Riley of Sunrise, AZ, and ten
grandchildren Korina Tonne of
Spokane WA, Philip Terry of Spokane, WA, Philip Terry of
Travis Air Force Base, Kyle
Johnson of Pleasanton, Tonne Johnson of Pleasanton, Tonne
Johnson of Castro Valley, Briana Terry of Tracy, Jorgen Tonne of
Oceanside, Kevin Johnson of Oceanside, Kevin Johnson of
Castro Valley, Matthew Tonne of
Brentwood, and Robert Tonne Brentwood, and Robert Tonne
and Stevie Rae Tonne, both of and Stevie Rae Tonne, both o
Livermore. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert
Tonne in 1992 . Mass of the Resurrection was
celebrated May 2 at St. Charles celebrated May 2 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in
Livermore. Burial will be at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine.
Arrangements by Callaghan

## Venceslau C. Mendonsa

Venceslau C. Mendonsa died
April 28,2007 in Pleasanton. He
was 76 .
was 76.
The native of the Azores, PorThe native of the Azores, Por-
tugal, had lived in Pleasanton for
19 years. He was a long time parishioner of St. Augustine Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife of
51 years, Argentina Mendonsa, a 51 years, Argentina Mendonsa, a
daughter Filomena Mendonsa of Campbell, $\begin{gathered}\text { sons } \\ \text { Mendonsa } \\ \text { and }\end{gathered} \begin{array}{r}\text { Antonio } \\ \text { Joseph }\end{array}$ Mendonsa and Joseph
Mendonsa, both of San Jose six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded
in death by a son Charles in death by a son Charles Mendonsa. Funeral services will be held
10 a.m. on Thurs., May 3 at St.

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Augustine Catholic Church, grandfather. He was a Master 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton,
Burial will be Aitrangements by GrahamMelvin Bishop
Melvin Bishop
Melvin Bishop, or "Mel", or
"Duke," as he was known, died
Duke, as he was known, died
April 7, 2007 shortly after being
diagnosed with Mesolhelion diagnosed with Mesothelioma
cancer. He was 72 He lived his entire life in the Bay Area. He began working at
the Lawrence Livermore Nathe Lawrence Livermore Naglass apparatus facility and
moved to Livermore in 1960. He moved to Livermore in 1906. He creations and was a member of
the American Scientific Glass the American Scientific Glass
Blowers Association. Duke reBlowers Association. Duke re-
tired from the Lab on Nov. 22 , 1997 to spend more time going to Oregon, fishing and enjoying
his family and pets his family and pets.
He was an avid cat
lease fisherman. He was also a
die-hard Raider fan, boxing fan die-hard Raider fan, boxing fan
and had a great love for his extended "pet"" family, Toohy his
black standard poodle (that he black standard poodle (that he
took everywhere with him) and took every where with him) and
Spuds, his 16 year old cat. He had a green thumb. He also enjoyed classic cars and motorcycles,
both building them and riding both building them and riding
them. He was a devoted husband, E\&A. M Mosaic Lodge No. 218 was honored by receiving the Hiram Award. Duke is survived by his wife of 34 years, Arlynn Bishop,
daughters Rocky McCurry of Livermore, Tammy Zavala of Tracy, son Jeff Bishop of Liver-
more, brother-in-law Huck Zellweger and his wife Marianne Zellweger of Roseburg, Oregon and brother-in-law Jay Zellweger
of Palm Desert He of Palm Desert. He is survived by
seven grandchildren and four seven grandchildren and four
great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father Harry
Bishop, Bishop, mother Margaret
Peterson, stepfather Teddy Peterson and four sisters, Jeanette, Wilma, Mavis and
Ethel. He was also preceded in death by the mother of his daugh-
ters, Janis Wilson. ters, Janis Wilson.
There will be a celebration his life at $2: 30$ p.m. on Sun., May 6 at the Aahmes Shrine Center 170 Lindbergh, Livermore. Requested attire is casual fishing,
motorcycles and Raiders as the motorcycles and Raiders as the
theme. The Mosaic Lodge No heme. The Mosaic Lodge No.
Semper Fidelis of California and Semper Fidelis Chapter \#135 will
be officiating the service welcome. Arrang
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the Pleasanton Stake Center, lothe Pleasanton Stake Center, lo-
cated at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Paseo Santa Cruz in Pleasanton, This year's recipients are Murphy from Amador Valley High School, Lenni Velez and Tim Sbranti from Dublin High School, and Howard Gilliland
and Mary Crawbuck from Foot hill High School.
The Crystal Apple Award rec ognizes teachers and administra strong influence on students in the development of positive moral values and character traits What makes this award unique in that the teachers are selected by This year's student steering

## Unitarians Celebrating 50th Anniversary

Church in Livermore turns 50 ing congregation has been ce- ebrating every month since

January. However, the big cel

## Purple Ribbons Recognize Annual 'Relay for Life' Event

The first week of May, the
City of Livermore is awash in purple, thanks to efforts by vo unteers from the American Can-
cer Society's "Relay For Life," cer Society's "Relay For Life."
The campout against cance will be held on June 23 at Livermore High School. "We're using the power of purple to bring good news to cancer survivors and mobilize
the community," said Ken the community," said Ken
Rovasio of Livermore. "Paint Our Town Purple Day is a time to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors and to have some fun with the color purple to bring attention to the American Cancer
Society's (ACS) many programs and services in the community." The entire community is invited to participate in the Relay for Life. "The American Cancer the hope that those lost to cance
wilneverbeforgoten, hat hose who face cancer will be sup ported, and that one day cancer Michelle Bradshaw Michelle Bradshaw.
Reor Life is a fun-fill overnight event designed to cel ebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the Relay, teams, or-
ganizations - anyone interested ganizations - anyone interested ning laps around the track at the high school. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times Registration forms and inforlay for Life are available at 800 ACS-2345, www.kintera/orga/ faf/home/defalt or contact Pam Cole, $337-2461$ or Karen Crowson, 784-6208.

A gata dinner $\begin{array}{ll}\text { A gala dinner event will be } & \text { summer. } \\ \text { held at Beeb's in Livermore on } & \text { The UU Church serves fami- }\end{array}$ Saturday, May 5. On Sunday, lies from Livermore and Pleas May 20th, the church will host a anton as well as Brentwood $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Celebration Sunday which in- } & \text { Tracy and other Tri-Valley areas, } \\ \text { cludes Sunday morning service, } & \text { Sunday services and religious }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { cludes Sunday morning service, } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Sunday services and religious } \\ \text { lunch, a treasure hunt and other } \\ \text { education for children and youth }\end{array}\end{array}$ festive events. The church has reached several milestones this year. In addition to celebrating its 50th year,
this spring the church sent 15 this spring the church sent 15
members on a service trip to help reconstruction efforts in Louisiana. The minister, Rev. Eric Meter, will be leaving this summer after ten years of service to
the congregation. The search for aspect of life through serv
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Symphony Performs Audience Favorites in Season Finale

The final Livermore-Amador Symphony concert of the 2006-
07 season will be a program of audience favorites.
It will be presented on Saturday, May 12, starting at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, th and L Streets, Livermore Music Director is Arthur
Barnes. Jason Klein will be the Barnes. Jason Klein will be the
guest conductor. Sally Dalke, violin, is the featured soloist.
The symphony asked the audience and has come up with a list of "Listener Favorites." This the top of the list of audience faThe program includes Vivaldi: "Summer" from The Four Seasons, with violin soloist phony No. 8, "Unfinished;" J. Strauss II: Emperor Waltz; and Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition.
The Symphony's own conVivaldi's ode to the season of blazing heat and thunderstorms. Schubert's mysteriously "unfinished" symphony has tantalized music historians ever since its death. "Waltz King" Johann Strauss the younger employs a martial snare drum to give one of his most popular waltzes an "imperial" sound. Artwork on the museum wall comes to life in Mussorgsky's piano suite. Sally Dalke earned her B elor of Arts degree in Music Per

By Nancy O'Connell
Within the space of four days, audiences in Livermore and
Pleasanton heard two world prePleasanton heard two world pre-
mieres, a sign that the Tri-Valley is far more sophisticated than it used to be. After Thursday nights performance of Feinsmith's Kav phony, Sunday afternoon found phony, Sunday afternoon found
isteners absorbed in the first per"Sormance of Helena Michelson Sight.,., Memories of Music, " performed by the Pleasanto performed by the Pleasanton
Chamber Players on April 29th at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Before the concert began on
Sunday, Helena was interviewed. It was said that she "has her own voice, her own musical style." She herself said that she doesn't try and imitate anyone. "I draw
my inspiration from everything my inspiration from everything work."
Mozart's Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K.581 led off the
afternoon's afternoon's program. All voices in this work the clarinet soared above the strings. Joseph Bonfiglio had a beautiful, sing-
ing tone to his instrument. In the Allegro all of the players had rapid 16 th notes. The violinists, violist, and the cellist raced across their strings. The first vio-
linist, Cecilia Huang had a lovely tone when she played her solo passage. In the Larghetto, the dialogue between the two voices while the other three, with muted stings, accompanied them with followed had lively passages and good contrasting sections. There
was good intonation throughout. The 'cellist, Elizabeth Struble, had a full, rich tone. The Allegro con variazioni began with a deceptively simple melody, but again allowed Bonfiglio to exwith his clarinet.
The scene shifted, the harpist was now in the center beside the
vibraphone. A semicircle was formed with the 'cellist and flutist. Lois Musmann conducted and the magic of Sunday's world premiere began. ".. Softly Music.." The work opened with chords on the harp, answered by ethereal sound effects in the percussion. The 'cellist had a
mournful melody, the cymbals
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difficult harp solo followed, ique, who is also the artistic di-
rector of this group. The mood changed markedly, as snare
drums and cymbals sounded drums and cymbals sounded
forth. The 'cello had a returning mournful tune, and the 'cello harmonics were answered by the
high flute. Rhythms changed and all of the players were chal-
lenged. Great demand lenged. Great demands were
placed on the harpist. Dominplaced on the harpist. Domin-
ique surmounted all of the diffiique surmounted all of the diffi-
culties with seeming ease. This reviewer was impressed with the
delicate responses from the delicate responses from the vi-
braphone and the pianissimo efbraphone and the pianissimo ef-
fect of the cymbals as the work ended quietly, as though to go "softly through the night." It is hoped that more works composed by Helena Michelson will
heard again in the future.
After the intermission After the intermission, Alfred
Holy's Legend was performed Holy's Legend was performed
Holy was famous as a harpist and Holy was famous as a harpist and
played in several major symphoplayed in several major sympho-
nies. Originally composed for
harp and organ this music has harp and organ, this music has
had several versions for different instrumentation. On Sunday the arrangement was for string quarscript Dominique discovered a
year ago. Melodic and peaceful year ago. Melodic and peaceful
sounding, this romantic work definitely is a showcase for the harpist, who looked very dra-
matic in her long black gown with a colorful, flowing overblouse. All eyes were upon
her during her difficult cadenza. her during her difficult cadenza,
and the piece ended with harp glissandos and all of the strings accompanying her.
The same ensemble, joined by
double bass, next performed a double bass, next performed
Marcel Tournier's Feerie, Prelarce et Dannse. Mark Drury on
the double bass, sat on a high stool and played his bass more like a 'cello than this reviewer
had some unusual tonal effects,
including tremolo in the 'cello which heightened the harmonic tension. An exciting viola part,
played by Anne Martin, joined with the harp and created a mood
change. The demanding harp change. The demanding harp
part kept the momentum going part kepit the momentum goin
as it built to a flurry of notes in all of the voices. A grand pause set the stage for the final chords and a strong cadence.
In Menotti's In Menotti's Cantilena and Scherzo there were exciting parts
for every player. Patricia Drury and Cecilia Huang switched places and Ms. Drury played the
first violin part. We heard some first violin part. We heard some
beautiful 'cello melodies and intriguing harmonies. Menotti knew his instruments well and
the cadenza for the harp was most the cadenza for the harp was most
effective. A lovely melody in the effective. A lovely melody in the
other voices was answered by the other voices was answered by the
harp, and the_Scherzo drew to close.
Lullab Lullaby and Doina by
Osvaldo Golijov introduced other composer who was new to many in the audience. Born in 1960, according to the program notes, Golijav grew up in Argen-
tina, the son of Eastern European tina, the son of Eastern European cultures. The work began with variations on a Yiddish lullaby. The viola had some dark gypsy-
like melodies on her lowest string like melodies on her lowest string
answered in the high flute an ef answered in the high flute, an ef-
fective combination of instruments. A quickening of pace led to an exciting conclusion with a
theme that the composer con theme that the composer con-
fessed, "I stole from my friends in the wild gypsy band Taraf de Haidouks."
Composers, from Mozart to
Kodaly, have "borrowed" themes Kodaly, have "borrowed" themes
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Grossman is a poet, food and
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Coet Poet Laureate of Livermore. She such as the California State Po such as the California State Poetry Quarterly and White Pelican
Review. After college and the birth of her two children, Connie continued writing poetry and has versity and began her profes-
sional career playing with the orchestras of Opera San Jose and Dalke has toured the United States with the San Francisco and played in Nebraska with the Omaha and Lincoln Symphonies. master of the Livermore-Amado Symphony, plays in several other Bay Area orchestras, and main tains a private teaching studio.
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 <br> <br> David Lowell of Livermore Rotary received the David A. Heagerty} Award at the Rotary 5170 District Conference in Monterey, gave the award.The recognition is "awarded to the individual who has made the Reatest personal commitment to the promotion and public image of Bay Area counties.
The award recognized the ten years that Lowell has coordinated the annual Rotary publication for the six Rotary clubs in the Tri-
Valley- Dublin Rotary, Livermore Rotary, Livermore Valley Rotary, Pleasanton Rotary, Pleasanton North Rotary and Tri-Valley Rotary, The Rotary publication is published by The Independent each year. Lowell said, "This award also recognizes the commitment of The Independent newspaper and publication editor, Patricia Koning, to provide news of local people serving our communities, and the award recognizes the hard work of club editors in the six local Rotary
clubs. All of those participating in this local Rotary publication exemplify the fact that the business of Rotary is service, and Rotarians have fun and make friends giving this service."
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## LPC Fine Arts Spring Festival Opens

The Las Positas Spring Arts have been very supportive of Festival began Tuesday at variFestival began Tuesday at vari-
ous locations in the Valley. The show is divided into vari
ous visual arts categories. Fine ous visual arts categories. Fine
arts, including painting, drawing arts, including painting, drawing
and design, is at the SPCA gallery in Dublin. It will close May 17. Photography is being shown at the Livermore library. Interio
design is at the Pleasanten li design is at the Pleasanton li-
brary. It closes May 19. Visual communications, which includes commercial art, will open on May 7 and close May 14 at
the Dublin Civic Center There will also be a visua celebration at Las Positas from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the student cen ter, in Building 1700. There will be an awards program, inclucing
$\$ 6000$ worth of prizes and schol6000 worth of prizes and schoo
arships. Food and refreshments will be served, and it is free and open to the public. Some of the
art will be projected digitally on art will be projected digitally o
the wall during the event. the wall during the event.
LPC fine arts department co ordinator Bill Paskewitz, who is overseeing the festival, said that he Livermore Art Associatio Contributing prizes for the event. The Discovery Art League in Discovery Bay, north
is also involved. "Many of the people who run that organization are former stu-
dents. The league used to Losts. Medanos College (in Antioch), but when the club had a show, Los Medanos sent only
one or two judges. We sent them one or two judges. We sent them
11," said Paskewitz. All of the work at the festival was created by students who were enrolled at any time during
the past year, back to last spring The past year, back to last spring.
The festival was begun by the late Jack Ward, a fine arts instructor. That was 29 years ago, when the current campus first open.
Paskewitz has been involved for Paskewitz has been involved for on the faculty.
There are 68 pieces in the fine
arts show and 39 more were arts show, and 39 more were rejected, because of a lack of space.
There are approximately 300 There are approximately 300
students who take fine arts classes, but not all of them are majors in that field, said

## Older American Month Celebrated

tion and Parkore Area Recre division of Senior Set (LARPD) observe National Older Ameri ans Month in May with a full whedule of events. All events ermore Comm at the Robert Liv cated at 4444 East Avenue in Liv ermore. For more information please contact Dana Messa at (925) 373-5763 Events this week include th
following: ollowing:

- Thurs., - Thurs., May 3, guest speaker
on gardening, 10 a.m. to $11: 30$
p.m.
- Thurs., May 4, chips and
salsa in Vintage Lounge, 10 a.m o 2 p.m. - Wed., May 9, watch the Gi-
ants versus Mets game on the big ants versus Mets game on the big
screen on the lounge starting at screen on the lounge starting at
12:35 p.m. There will be a free drawing (must be present to win). Popcorn will be served. -Fri,. May 11 Cinco de Mayo/ Parent's Day Luncheon is from
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are $\$ 7$ (includes lunch and entertainment). Tickets must be purchased y May 4.
For more information, please


PET OF THE WEEK Mr.Whiskers is such a friendly guy, and purrs loudly whenever
anyone comes near. This $7-y e a r$ old Orange Tabby was found
wandering around by himself and was terribly skinny, but has been chowing down since his rescue He gets along with other cats, and although we don't know his
history with dogs or children, think that he would love them as playmates. He loves canned food, and loves to talk-meow. Visit Mr Whiskers at Valley Humane Society's new Adoption Center at
3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton's Stanley Business Park Wed-Sun $11 \mathrm{am}-5 \mathrm{pm}$, or call $925-426-8656$ for more information. Valle Humane Society holds mobile pe adoptions for dogs at Pet Extreme 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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There will be wine tasting, live music in the historic courtyard, food by Blue Sage Catering and art by local artists. The winery
will also be releasing the newest will also be releasing the newest
2004 Petite Sirah and will offer special discounts on itand other selected

The $16^{\text {th }}$ annual Livermore
Wine Country Festival will be Wine Country Festival will be
held this weekend, May 5 th and held this weekend, May 5th and
6 th in downtown Livermore. The festival will stretch along First Street from the Vine Theater all the way down to Maple including the new Livermore Cinema and Livermore Valley Plaza.
Hours are Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and on 5 Sunday, May 6th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will wine tasting throughout the festival, as well as numerous arts and crafts dis-
plays, music concerts, and olive oil tastings. New this year, there will be local microbreweries. Wine and olive oil education will occur at the Lifestyle Pavilion.
Local olive oils will be available Local olive oils will be available
to taste and purchase. Secons Street from L to N will be filled with fun activities to keep the kids occupied and entertained. There will be music on the
Main Stage, at Blacksmith Square, along J Street, and at the Flagpole Plaza. A community stage will highlight local talent. The fee for winetasting is $\$ 30$ which includes a glass and 10 tickets to use for tasting. Each for 5 tickets, you receive a glass of wine or a glass of beer. Additional tickets can be purchased on site at the Livermore Cinem


Steve and Janet Haverland, owners of Fire and Ice, along with Mayor Marshall Kamena, celebrate the ribbon cutting of the new restaurant in downtown Livermore. It is just one of the many new businesses that have opened in the downtown.

Free parking is available in the Blacksmith Square will be cel garage on Railroad Avenue.
John Christopher Cellars in
at the location during the festi-

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