

Pleasanton, Zone 7 Look to Cut Carbon Emissions

Pleasanton and Zone 7 Water Agency are moving toward taking action to reduce their carbon footprints, as part of the state's effort to reduce global-warming greenhouse gases.

Pleasanton voted unanimously May 1 to join ICLEI, the International Council of Environmental Initiatives. Most of the cities in Alameda County have signed on in an effort that is coordinated by StopWaste.org, the county's waste management authority. Livermore and Dublin are the only cities that have not joined.

ICLEI, which is an acronym that is usually pronounced "ickley," provides

cities information about how to assess their emissions, and ideas about how to reduce them. There is no obligation to implement any of the potential strategies. The overall goal is to reduce emissions in the county through cities' voluntary action.

In its vote, the city council committed \$10,000 for a one-year membership. The money will come from the city's waste import mitigation fund.

Zone 7 board members heard a report from staff at its meeting May 2 about the desirability of the agency joining the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR). It was begun in 2000

to promote reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. It has grown in importance since the Global Warming Solutions Act became law in California on Jan. 1.

The act requires that public agencies report data concerning their carbon footprint, and make efforts to reduce it. Joining the registry this year, instead of waiting until next year, would put Zone 7 in a better position to earn grants for its efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

Board action was not needed on the item. On the day after the report to the board, the staff sent material to Sacramento to become a member of the registry.

Zone 7 has already begun the process of looking at how to reduce its carbon footprint. It's a big obligation because water agencies are among the top consumers of electricity, and therefore consumers of the energy sources for that electricity. As much as 20 percent of the electrical grid in northern California is devoted to powering the transmission of water.

Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig told the Independent that she visited a water agency in Sonoma County to learn how it has reduced its carbon footprint. Tapping into greener energy at the sources of electricity, such methods as

windpower and solar, are possibilities, said Duerig. Less possible may be solar on the roof at Zone 7 headquarters, since the agency leases from a landlord. However, the landlord independently is looking into that, said Duerig.

The Sonoma water agency has a fleet of bio-diesel trucks. However, Zone 7's truck fleet is so small that such a source may not work out, especially since a specialized fueling station is necessary, said Duerig. Zone 7 has a consultant in Walnut Creek working on the overall picture of what can be accomplished to save energy.

Livermore Parents Support The Concept Of K-8 School

By Patricia Koning

A survey conducted by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to gauge interest in a K-8 school yielded a positive response. The trustees for the District, however, were unsure how to interpret the data and move forward.

Over two-thirds of respondents said they would send their child to a K-8 school in the District. The responses of parents of elementary school age parents were higher, at 65-69%, than those of middle school age children, at 53-57%.

If the K-8 school were to have a specific focus, 39% of respondents chose technology, 20% chose world languages, and 14% chose International Baccalaureate. Another 14% favored the current program offered in Livermore schools.

The response to this question may be skewed because respondents were only allowed one choice. One parent in the audience at a board meeting to review the results said she would have chosen more than one type if she had been given the option.

Response to location was less positive. Respondents were asked if they would consider sending their child to a K-8 school at Joe Michell Elementary, Portola Elementary, either location, or neither location. A total of 40% preferred neither location, 25% preferred either, 21% chose Michell, and 13% chose Portola.

In reviewing the data by school, District officials found that the schools closest to Michell and Portola had the highest favorable response to those locations. About 85% of parents at Michell and Mendenhall Middle School

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Jim Caldwell and Dale Kaye, Chamber of Commerce CEO, study the brochure.

Employees Learn They Can Own a Home

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce has launched a program that helps employers increase home ownership among their employees. The program is based on completion of a one-year pilot with some of Livermore's largest employers.

The program seeks to overcome the perception — or rather, misperception — that the Tri-Valley single-family housing market is beyond the means of employees.

A formal Employee Home Ownership Program available free

of charge to all Chamber members expands 2006's offerings.

During the pilot, home ownership "brown bag" seminars were held at employer locations. Information packets were made available to help employers direct employees to home ownership resources. Company recruiters received training on how to overcome housing market barriers. More than 400 employees participated in 2006. The expanded program adds workshops at the Chamber of Commerce for employees that

don't have access to a "brown bag" session.

"Business leaders have consistently voiced concern over Tri-Valley housing costs, to the point that we felt we had to offer a meaningful solution," observed Dale Kaye, the chamber's CEO.

"Feedback has been very positive during our pilot. We're excited about the potential impact of expansion to the full Chamber membership," Kaye said.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dance groups were part of the entertainment on the Community Stage during the Livermore Wine Country Festival in downtown Livermore over the weekend. Visitors to downtown also enjoyed wine tasting, shopping and dining opportunities, entertainment and more.

Vandalism Prevention Measures For Granada Gardens Move Slowly

Louann Tung and other members of Friends of the Arroyos (FOA) are having some vandalized art work restored. They will install it at Granada Gardens, a California native plant area next to the Arroyo Del Valle, near Granada High school.

They hope to have the mosaics repaired in a month. However, the installation may be delayed much longer, until various agencies help solve the security problem. The mosaics tell visitors about the arroyo's function for Valley water recharge and educate visitors about the native plants. They are located in a picnic area, which people use as a rest stop along the arroyo trail. However, Tung said that un-

like the mosaics in front of the Livermore library, these mosaics are not located in a busy place, and are vulnerable to vandalism.

Authorities aren't sure who is to blame for the vandalism. They point to possibilities such as homeless people who camp nearby, Granada High School students after school hours, or other young people partying at night as the cause.

Tung raised the problem in November at a Livermore City Council meeting. She was told by Mayor Marshall Kamena that a streetlight along Murrieta Boulevard, and possibly the installation of a video camera near it, could help security for the gar-

(See VANDALS, page 5)

Pleasanton OKs Land Use Plan

Lost amidst the focus on the Stoneridge Drive extension was the approval by the Pleasanton City Council of a preferred land use plan.

The vote last week was unanimous to move forward with the preferred plan identified by the council at earlier workshops. Councilmember Matt Sullivan wanted wording added that would establish sufficient flexibility in the general plan so the council could consider alternative land uses if they were presented.

Sullivan said the intent is not to lock in the number of units or land use on a property.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne had also raised the same issue.

The vote was unanimous. The preferred land use plan identifies a 350-unit apartment complex at the new West BART Station and 333 units in Hacienda Business Park. The remaining units are to be distributed among Staples Ranch, East Pleasanton, Kottinger Place/Pleasanton Gardens, and the downtown. East Pleasanton also includes over 2 million square feet of research and development space, 1.6 million square feet of industrial space and 150,000 square feet of retail commercial.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern stated that she would also like some type of wording that would encourage development of smaller, affordable by design homes included in the updated general plan.

There was no public comment (See LAND USE, page 4)

UC/Bechtel Team Selected to Manage the Lab

The new contractor for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), was selected because it provided, "a superior technical and management proposal at slightly lower cost."

The new management includes Bechtel National, University of California, BWX Technologies (BWXT), Washington Group International and Battelle. The team also includes Texas A&M University and four small businesses. The laboratory has been managed since its inception in 1952 by the University of California.

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) oversee the Lab.

The current acting director of the Lab, George Miller, will become the new director of the Lab under the contract. He is also President of LLNS.

"We are honored and excited that the Department of Energy has selected our team and given us the opportunity to lead this vital national security science laboratory," said Miller. "As our country continues to respond to threats at home and abroad, our new team will ensure that the employees at Lawrence Livermore are able to continue enhancing our nation's security. LLNS will apply world-class science and technology, business and operation capabilities to the challenges that lie ahead."

As one of his first actions as president of LLNS, Miller announced Dr. Steve Liedle, a Bechtel principal vice president, would serve as deputy director at

LLNL. Liedle has more than 24 years experience with DOE/NNSA, most recently as deputy general manager of the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

A Source Evaluation Board chaired by Walter Lips carried out the contract competition process culminating with their presentation of a report on their evaluation of the offers to National NNSA's Senior Advisor to the Administrator C.S. "Tyler" Przybylek, who made the decision as the selecting official for the contract competition.

Przybylek said he is confident in his selection of LLNS. "The technical and management proposal was significantly better in the winning bid."

There were three bids, although one submitted by Livermore Lab Green was rejected early on as in noncompliance with the RFP. The main competition came from a team led by Northrup-Grumman.

Przybylek stated that LLNS scored the highest, 930 points out of 1000, during the evaluation process. He declined to reveal what the other competitor scored. The contract will go into effect October 1, 2007. It is for seven years with the potential to earn an additional 13 years. Each year the management will be evaluated to see whether it earns an additional year on the contract up to 20 years total.

The fee for the seven years is \$297,542,170.

Battelle's main contribution will be to expand non-DOE work. Texas A&M has a special arrangement to conduct nonprolif-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Vincent Tantra used a computer to create his award winning film.

8-Year-Old Filmmaker Gets National Recognition

Maybe the California Independent Film Festival should have remained in session a little longer in Livermore. It could have picked up a movie by the nation's latest sensation in independent film making — Vincent Tantra.

Vincent, a second-grader at Mohr Elementary School in Pleasanton, has won national recognition by the PTA councils for his four-minute film about his family, which was titled "Home."

He and his family heard about the honor last weekend at the California PTA convention in Sacramento. Vincent also was rec-

ognized in the California Reflections in Art competition in the movie division of the annual arts recognition contest, which was begun in the 1960s. A total of 500,000 students nationally entered the competition this year in various categories.

Using his father's digital camera, Vincent photographed dolls in his sister Grace's dollhouse. He moved their arms and legs between each still shot. Then he assembled the stills into a movie, which looked like a claymation animated film, with the dolls, instead of clay figures, as actors.

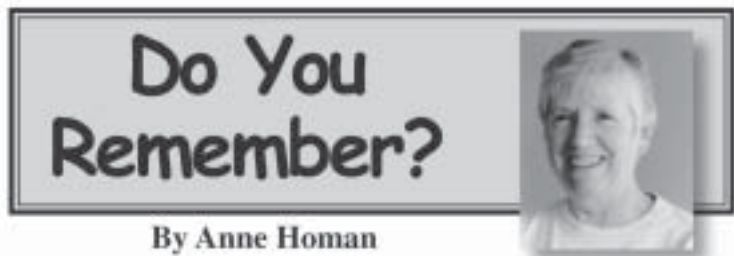
Vincent's father, Muljadi, and

his mother, Vivi, did the voiceovers for the parent figures.

Vincent said he was surprised that his film won such recognition. The movie about home had to tie in with the contest theme of "My Favorite Place is..." He told the Independent that home is his favorite place because "my family is all together. My sister and I can play a lot."

Vincent will be 8 in about two weeks, and his sister is 5. Vincent said he likes it at Mohr, where he has been a student since kindergarten. The thing he likes best about his school day is recess.

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Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan

Daly Life in Altamont

The Daly family—Lawrence, Nida and baby daughter Jeanne—moved to the settlement of Altamont in 1931 and lived in one of the railroad section worker's cottages located between the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific tracks. Lawrence had trained as a telegrapher and worked for Southern Pacific. The family lived there until 1935 when the Summit Hotel, built in 1868, became available for housing. They rented the hotel for 22 years from owners Tom and Joe Egan.

Two more children, a son, John, and another daughter, Marilyn, joined the family while they lived in the hills. Both were born at St. Paul's Hospital in Livermore, delivered by Dr. John Degan, the Hetch Hetchy doctor. The old hotel kept Lawrence Daly busy—painting, repairing modernizing. In addition to his work at the telegraph key during the graveyard shift from midnight to eight, he and Nida ran a store and a saloon downstairs in the building, but they did not run a hotel with overnight guests.

When the children were young, they enjoyed exploring upstairs. Across the front were two joined rooms and a large deck area over the store and bar. Two other vacant bedrooms were filled with old furnishings such as brass beds, ceramic pitchers and bowls, Edison cylinders, and lamps from the days when the building was used as a hotel. According to Marilyn, these belonged to the Egans, and the children were "strictly forbidden to touch anything in those two rooms." Four other upstairs bedrooms served the Daly family.

The staircase with an oak banister and a landing ended at the ornate front door with its plate glass window. The first floor included "the toilet room and the room with a wash basin and claw-foot tub." The "dance hall," which contained a pool table, had an oiled wooden floor that "leaned itself to roller skating." The large bar-store area had an enormous dark mahogany back bar. Lawrence kept the wood gleaming and the glass sparkling. Some shelves held groceries, and sandwiches were served at a short order lunch counter. In addition to these were the living room, kitchen, laundry room and a utility area. The only heat in the building was generated by an oil heater in the living room and a pot-bellied wood stove in the bar.

All three children attended and graduated from Summit School, the Altamont one-room school. By the time Marilyn graduated in 1951, only three students remained under teacher Irene Nickerson Armstrong. The county closed the school in 1954. Lawrence Daly, when two of his children were students at the little school in 1941, worked with Rasmus Christensen to install a drinking fountain, make repairs and paint the building a gleaming white. They also repaired the two outhouses and painted them green. When the school closed, some of the heart went out of the community. The annual Christmas program and graduation programs had been important events. For these special occasions, students memorized poems, songs and dramas to entertain their guests. Blackboards covered with butcher paper were decorated with holiday scenes. The deserted school gradually fell into disrepair again. An arsonist burned it down in 1983.

Marilyn remembered that the little community of families at Altamont relied upon each other for support in emergencies and for carpooling into town. She named many of them: the Nickersons, the O'Loughlins, the Bass family who lived in the Southern Pacific depot with their daughters, Anita and Yvonne; the Scullion, Dias and Serpa families out on Dyer Road; the Dario family, and the Gonzales children—Irene, Amparo, William and Isabelle. Sylvain Bordes farmed where the Vieux family lives now. Marilyn recalled going to the Bordes ranch to ride their donkey; in an old photograph that captures the excursion, her siblings are dressed in rodeo outfits. Local residents gathered either at the school or the old hotel for dances or wedding receptions. They enjoyed picnics together up on Brushy Peak.

Altamont Road became Old Altamont Road when the new four-lane bypass opened on August 4, 1938. Gradually, fewer travelers stopped at the settlement of Altamont. Marilyn and her siblings, encouraged by their parents, graduated from Livermore High School and San Jose State University. Lawrence and Nida left Altamont for Hayward in 1957, where Lawrence retired from the Southern Pacific after 45 years. He died in 1984 and Nida in 2005. Marilyn looks back on those Altamont days with fondness: "Although it was hard being different from the 'town' kids, there were some advantages. Living in the country left time for reading and reflection and developed self-reliance. Loneliness was not fatal."

The material for this column came from Marilyn Daly Bangs, who has written several essays about her experiences growing up in Altamont. She also created a scrapbook about the settlement; the Museum on Main in Pleasanton has a copy. The only buildings left now at Altamont are the Summit Garage and one house; the Summit Hotel is long gone. I learned recently that Dan Silveira, who has rented the garage for 10 years, has been asked to leave. What will happen to this dilapidated historic building?

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

Volunteers for Scottish Games Get in Free

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is looking for volunteers to help out during the Fourth Annual Livermore Scottish Games and Celtic Celebration on May 19 and 20. The Games take place from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days Robertson Park, located at 3200 Robertson Park Road in Livermore.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, parking, admissions, the children's glen, floaters and other posts as needed in four hour shifts, or all-day. All volunteers will receive free parking and admission to the games.

For more details, please contact Katrina Hole at (925) 373-5748 or email khole@larpd.dst.ca.us.

Library Honors Young Authors, Illustrators

Winners of the Livermore Library's 27th annual Newcott-Caldebery Awards were announced recently during a ceremony attended by over 300 children and parents. Awards were given for each grade level, K-9, in both author and illustrator categories.

The Sonia Anderson Cordill Award, presented for overall excellence, went to seventh grader Diana Gateno, author and illustrator of *Orbs of Despair*. All 197 books written and illustrated for the contest will be available to be checked out at any of the library's locations.

Nineteen kindergartners wrote stories and drew pictures for books this year. Caitlin Curry, author of *Who Wears Underpants?*, and Zaynab Hannah Waizzada, illustrator for *"A Visit at the Zoo,"* were the winners.

There were 23 first grade entries. Winners are Claire Salmonson, author, *"The Dragon Who Thought He Stunk;"* Sophia St. Clair, author and illustrator, *"Splishy, Splashy Get in the Bathy;"* and Madeline Wolfson for writing *"Cow's Adventure."*

In the second grade, 22 entries were submitted. Winners are Owen Eli Carlson, author, *"How My Hampsters Almost Took Over the World;"* Cammi Harword, author, *"The Magic*

Snowflake;" Jonathan Frederick Neumann, illustrator, *"The Hop Frog Adventure."*

Third grade saw 87 entries. The winners are Timothy Chrisman, author, *"John the Giant Killer;"* Kolin Krewinkel, illustrator, *"Penguins Can Be Vegetarians Too;"* Emma Kristovich, author, *"Case of the Missing Keys;"* and Kelli Ann Kuhn, illustrator, *"A Trip to Mississippi."*

There were 24 entries in the fourth grade division with the following selected as winners; Kevin Garcia and Jake Hall, author and illustrator, *"The Adventures of Cheese and Sizzler."*

Fifth graders entered 11 books. Winners are Sarah Aarestad, illustrator, *"An Adventure;"* and Parker Mansfield, author, *"The Crane and the Wish."*

Cory Herro, author and illustrator of *"Sargon the Creator,"* won in the sixth grade area, where there were six entries.

Six books were also entered in the seventh grade area. Diana Gateno won for writing and illustrating, *"Orbs of Despair."* Katherine Walton, the entry in the 8th grade division, won both author and illustrator awards for *"The Gas Lamp Murder."*

Ninth grade winners were Cayla DeLorenzo and Sarah Folsom, illustrators, *"Grandma's Trip to the Hospital;"* and Kayla Lichtenberger, author, *"Not So Parallel Universe."*



PET OF THE WEEK
Missy's family moved away and left her behind. She is a big girl, a gentle 10-year old calico. She is outgoing and friendly, and likes other cats. She hasn't been around dogs or children, but would love to give it a shot. She loves to talk, so come by and say "Meow." Visit Missy at Valley Humane Society's new Adoption Center at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton's Stanley Business Park Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm, or call 925-426-8656 for more information. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Short-Range Transit Plan Review

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the Wheels bus system, is hosting two meetings for the public to obtain and review input regarding its Short-Range Transit Plan, a rolling five-year plan that lays out the strategies for meeting the transportation and livability goals for the Tri-Valley.

The meetings will include an informal open house at which the community can learn more about Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), a new approach to buses that combines the best features of rail with the flexibility and cost advantage of roadway-based transit. Attendees will be able to review exhibits for the BRT and talk with Wheels project staff.

Meetings are Wed., May 16, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., and Thurs., May 24, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

Comments may also be sent to the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, Attn: Planning Dept., 1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94551, or call the Planning Department at (925) 455-7555 or complete the Comment Card available online at www.wheelsbus.com.

Housing Resource Fair

Assemblymember Alberto Torrico (D-Newark) will host the Second Annual Affordable Housing & Home Resource Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 19 at the Ruggieri Senior Center, 33997 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City.

The free workshop is open to the public. People can learn about programs that can help unlock the door to homeownership, home energy efficiency, and affordable rental opportunities. Information and assistance will be provided on the following:

- Government and non-profit assistance programs for first-time homebuyers
- Lenders and financing options / Credit assistance / How your credit affects buying a home
- How to avoid predatory lenders and risky loans / Assistance for predatory lending victims
- Government and non-profit rental assistance programs
- Senior housing, transitional housing, and crisis housing
- How to make your home more energy efficient / tips on water conservation
- Assistance programs to lower your energy bills

Please RSVP to Assembly Member Torrico's office at 510-440-9030 by May 17th.

HOME

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Tri-Valley employers are not alone in their concerns. Research by Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies identified housing issues as a potential barrier to employee recruiting and retention across the US. The report concludes that significant challenges in business productivity and competitiveness can be the result of the employer's lack of awareness of available housing solutions. According to Fannie Mae statistics, each employee turnover costs the employer between \$10,000 and \$20,000, before considering recruiting expense.

The 2002 National Housing Survey identified home ownership as a key contributor to a loyal and stable work force. It also found that employees rate home ownership as the best investment they can make, far ahead of 401Ks, retirement accounts and stocks.

"There are a lot more affordable homes on the market than people think," said Chamber member Jim Caldwell, who helped found the program. "At any given time, approximately 150 Tri-Valley homes are priced such that the typical buyer with a minimal down payment would have monthly payments in the same range as the rent many are paying today," Caldwell said. "We're helping dispel the myths and connecting people to home ownership resources."

The Chamber held a focus group session in March 2006 to identify the benefits and barriers associated with employee home ownership. Seven employers, in-

cluding the Livermore and Sandia Labs and the school district participated in the four-hour session. Recruitment, reducing commute time, and employee retention were identified as key issues. The group identified education as the highest priority action to overcome the fact that most employees or potential recruits aren't aware of affordable housing opportunities and employers don't know where to direct them.

According to the focus group, it's common for Tri-Valley employees to pursue cheaper housing elsewhere and then commute back here to their jobs, while keeping their eyes open for work closer to home. Most do so without awareness of the robust set of city and state programs available to help first time homebuyers.

Tri-Valley cities have adopted inclusionary housing policies requiring developers to provide certain percentages of homes priced below the market rate. The cities offer down-payment assistance and the State of California makes below-market-rate mortgages available.

Some employees need more preparation than the Chamber provides before they can seriously consider home ownership. These persons are referred to the Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center for in-depth education and counseling on issues such as financial fitness and credit repair. Graduates of the center's program receive documentation enabling them to obtain mortgage pre-approval. The center helped more than 50 families become

homeowners since its inception in the fall of 2005.

Bill McManus of ProMortgage Group has also been a prime mover behind the Chamber program. A long-time Livermore resident, McManus is a mortgage broker who additionally teaches other real estate professionals about employee home ownership and assistance programs available at the city and state levels.

Both McManus and Caldwell previously worked in the corporate world, where they became aware of the relationship between home ownership and employee performance. They believe home ownership education should be considered one of the normal benefits of a job in the same mode as retirement and health plans, especially when it's offered free by the Chamber.

Persons desiring information may call Julie Huckaby at 447-1606 at the Livermore Chamber of Commerce. Ask for "home ownership programs." Or email lccinfo@livermorechamber.org.

Bill Focuses On Brain-injured Veterans

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) has introduced a bill in the Houser of Representatives to ensure that the Veterans Administration medical facilities have the proper infrastructure to take care of all brain-injured veterans.

McNerney, a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, is co-author with another committee member, Rep. John Boozman (R-Ariz.). The bill is HR 2201, the "Caring for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2007."

"Over half of our soldiers who have been wounded in Iraq have experienced a traumatic brain injury. In fact, traumatic brain inju-

ries are the hallmark injuries of this war," Rep. McNerney said in a press release.

Explosive devices on the ground have been the leading cause of this type of injury, said McNerney's media representative, Andy Stone.

McNerney said that "it is incumbent on us to ensure that the Veterans Administration is equipped and ready to provide the ongoing services necessary to fully address the impact of traumatic brain injuries."

HR 2201 would establish a special panel within the VA to assess the VA's current capacity to treat veterans with traumatic

brain injuries. It would also develop recommendations about policies for care and rehabilitation. It would create education and training programs specific to traumatic brain injury for VA health professionals.

The bill will go first to the health subcommittee of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Las Positas College to Celebrate Best of the Best

Las Positas College students will showcase the talents of students on Saturday, May 12 when the college foundation holds its annual Best of the Best black-tie fundraiser.

The event features displays of visual fine art created by Las Positas students as well as live performances in the college's theater. The live portion will include presentations by the Vocal Jazz Choir, Chamber Choir, Speech Team plus two dances (country western and modern) from the college's dance program as well as a scene and a song from the musical, "City of Angels."

The affair starts with tasting of Livermore Valley wines and food prepared by Tri-Valley restaurants. This will be held in the elegant Atrium Room of the college's new Multi-Disciplinary Educational Building and will provide guests with a sneak preview of the new facility prior to its official dedication on May 17. People will then move to the

theater for the live presentations. After the performances, the evening is capped with champagne and dessert.

Throughout the night, guests can bid on unique items such as wine country meals and special entertainment packages. Services provided by Las Positas faculty also will be available to the highest bidder.

A limited number of tickets are still available and can be reserved by calling the foundation at (925) 424-1010.

The elegant evening serves as the primary fundraiser for the college foundation. The Las Positas College Foundation supports and advances the college and its students through active resource development and effective community partnerships.

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EDITORIAL

Leave No Child Behind

The Livermore Valley Unified School District wants to open a Community Day School (CDS) for "at risk" students in grades six through eight.

The CDS will be for the most at risk ones, those who face expulsion. These youth require more intervention services for discipline and academics than the district's regular schools can provide. Enrollment is expected to number 24-30 students.

Finding a site for the CDS has been a sticky issue. The school board was scheduled to discuss the project this week (after our deadline). We hope the site problem can be solved in a win-win way.

Trustee Tom McLaughlin explained why the CDS is needed. "We approve two or three expulsions at each board meeting," he said. "We need to accommodate those students within our district. We need to do this whether or not it costs us money. It's the right thing to do for those kids."

The CDS speaks to that oft-spoken motto of the day, "Leave no child behind." This noble project shows that the Livermore School District takes those words seriously.

LAND USE

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with regard to the land use plan. Almost all of the focus was on whether or not the Stoneridge Drive extension would be retained in the updated general plan. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman stated, ultimately, the council agreed that the extension would provide the "ticket" to sitting down with regional partners to map out a plan for the valley's circulation plan that Pleasanton could support. "We have made ourselves loud and clear."

When the council deliberation began, Hosterman said her goal was to gain a 5 to 0 council vote.

The unanimous vote to keep the extension. However, conditions need to be in place for it to be built.

Following the vote, Sullivan said, "I still feel strongly this should go to a vote of the people. However, there is no support from other councilmembers." He said at one point during the council meeting that he believes any council decision will be referred.

Sullivan said he felt the decision to leave the extension in the general plan provided the council what it needs to work with its regional partners while providing protection for Pleasanton. "It's a long way from where I was a year ago, or even a month ago. People who voted for me are really going to be mad at me. However, I think this is a good decision."

Councilmember Jerry Thorne said what many were thinking, "I never expected to reach a 5 to 0 vote." He attributed the unanimity to data provided by staff, as well as councilmembers listening to each other. "A year ago, I wouldn't have given a chance of coming to this point," declared Thorne.

One reason for anticipating opposition from councilmembers in keeping the extension was that Hosterman, McGovern and Sullivan all said during their campaigns that they would support removal of the extension from the general plan.

McGovern remarked, "I'm not sure this gets us where we want to go. However, I will have a chance to vote on it when I see it in writing."

McGovern referred to the motion approved by the council to work with regional partners to create a roadmap that could lead to construction of the road (Stoneridge). The council motion

said it could not commit to a timeline, adding that while the council recognized the extension has broad regional and local benefits, construction cannot occur without the right conditions. Pleasanton would work with regional partners to create a joint policy framework and funding plan for both regional and local road improvements that would benefit all, not just a few.

The statement was in response to a vote by the Triangle Study Advisory Committee to delete Highway 84 funding and concentrate on projects to improve I-580 and I-680.

Pleasanton considers Highway 84 improvements the most important in improving traffic flow on its streets.

McGovern said her objectives in the city's circulation network were to keep regional traffic on regional roadways. While she would support keeping the extension in the general plan, McGovern said she wants to see if the 2030 traffic model presented by staff was validated, before the extension is built. The model shows regional improvements would allow the Stoneridge extension to be a local street with minimal cut-through traffic.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio noted that every councilmember has said over and over again that we need 84. "What is most important is to achieve that understanding with our regional partners, while ensuring they realize Stoneridge is a local issue."

City Manager Nelson Fialho said for construction of the extension to move forward, "It is imperative to develop a balanced strategic approach to regional and local traffic that minimizes cut-through. This can only be accomplished if we work with our regional partners." He mentioned 580, 680 and 84 as regional issues; Dublin Blvd., Jack London Blvd., North Canyon Parkway and the Stoneridge Drive extensions as local issues.

Fialho suggested there needs to be a policy direction along with a framework for funding that works for everyone.

Hosterman said that could be in the form of a resolution or a memorandum of understanding signed off on by the region (Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and Alameda County). Either would provide for a strong lobbying effort to gain state and federal funds.

MTC To Change Public Participation Plan

New federal regulations are causing the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to change its public participation plan, which it uses to develop transportation policy.

MTC has met with focus groups that include members of three MTC advisory committees, transit union representatives, private transportation providers, leaders of bicycle and pedestrian groups, and a peer panel of public information officers from state, local regional and federal transportation and environmental protection agencies.

The public can download a draft of the report at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/get_involved/participation_plan.htm.

The report was released May 4 and began a 45-day public comment period, which will end 4

p.m. June 20. There will be a public hearing on the draft on June 8 by MTC's legislation committee.

MTC has scheduled July 13 for the legislation committee to give a response to public comments on the plan, and refer it to the full commission, which would deal with it on July 25. Public comments may be made to the web page cited above, or via e-mail to info@mtc.ca.gov. Address for comments by U.S. mail is MTC public information, 101 Eighth St., Oakland, CA. 94607.

In addition to the on-line copies of the draft, a printed copy or an electronic copy in an alliterative format are available from the MTC library at 510-817-5836. MTC will translate the document into Spanish and Chinese, and other languages on request, and will make copies available soon on MTC's web site.

LAB

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eration and international security work.

The LLNS team is similar to the winning bidder for the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Both include UC and Bechtel. At Los Alamos, the largest share is owned by UC. However it is not a majority share. Bechtel will have the largest share of the contract at Livermore. It will not be a majority share.

Przybylek said that UC brings its world leading research and development skills. Bechtel is known for its robust business management.

Przybylek said that both entities have guarantees of performance. The parties in each team have worked out what part they will play in corporation, he commented. "I want performance. I don't care how I get it." A board of governors will hire and evaluate the performance of the Lab director and key personnel. If there is a problem, DOE can go to the board to get it resolved, he added.

Przybylek was asked whether Congress anticipated when it declared the contracts had to go out to bid that UC would still manage the laboratorie. Przybylek said that the first expectation was there would be a competition. "There are those who would say we didn't. I think we did. I look at the outcome. We now have in place the rigor in management practices from private industry balanced against UC excellence in R&D. That makes a difference."

There was also a question about pensions at the Lab. Przybylek said that current employees will transition to a substantially equivalent program. New hires would be placed on a market based plan. At Los Alamos it is a 401K type of plan. "The details will be worked out and presented to NNSA for approval," he added.

As for the potential for employees to leave, Przybylek declared, "Having lived through LANL, you always worry about the effect on scientists. We don't want to inadvertently do some-

thing that will drive away a key asset. At Los Alamos, we came through pretty well. Not everyone got everything they wanted. We didn't have the major turbulence predicted."

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena declared himself to be delighted with the choice. He said he received a call from George Miller thanking the city on behalf of the Lab for its cooperation and said he was looking forward to continuing the relationship.

Some years ago, Kamena helped organize support for the National Ignition Facility (NIF). He asked mayors in Contra Costa and Alameda counties to send letters to Congress. "There really was overwhelming support," said Kamena.

The city has a mutual aid agreements for fire and police and to provide supplemental security when it is needed. The city and the Lab conduct joint emergency exercises. In addition, the city has helped to host the annual science fair and hears quarterly reports at the city council on what is happening at the Lab.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, stated, "Today's announcement that the new management contract for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has been awarded to a corporation involving the University of California, Bechtel, BWXT, Battelle and the Washington Group is great news for our country and the finest public university system in the world. This partnership is one that mutually benefits Californians and the Department of Energy and, most importantly, contributes to world-class science and the overall strength of our national security."

"The partnership between the labs and the University of California dates back sixty years. It fostered the creation of the United States' nuclear deterrent through the Manhattan Project and today enables the safety, security, and reliability of our strategic deterrent without live testing. As a member of the California Delegation and Chairman of

the Strategic Forces Subcommittee overseeing our nation's nuclear arsenal, I am proud to see the University of California will remain involved in Livermore Lab's management."

The University of California Board of Regents stated that it is very pleased that Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS), of which the University is a part, has been selected by the Department of Energy as the new manager and operator of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. While today's selection marks the end of the University's long and distinguished history as sole manager of Lawrence Livermore, we are proud that the University's scientific leadership role will continue as part of the LLNS team.

UC President Robert C. Dynes stated, "I am very pleased with today's decision by the Department of Energy to award the future management and operations contract for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC of which the University of California is a member. This decision will ensure that Livermore Laboratory continues to be one of the country's leading research and development facilities."

He added, "I am excited that Texas A&M University is a part of our new team and believe that they will help us enhance our work in homeland security and nonproliferation."

Not as happy with the decision was the third bidder, which included Tri-Valley CAREs. In a press release, Livermore Lab Green said that the decision to award management of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to the University of California and Bechtel, the same consortium recently selected to manage the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab, demonstrates the failure of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to conduct a fair and open, competitive bidding process, according to groups that sought to transform LLNL into a premier environmental research facility.

"It's DOE conducting business as usual," said Marylia Kelley, executive director of the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs and one of the leaders of the Livermore Lab GREEN, LLC team. "The network of nuclear weapons 'good-old-boys' who have done so much damage to the nation's budget, security and environment are in charge of both research labs."

"The DOE missed a key opportunity to take Livermore Lab in a new direction," Kelley added. "Our management proposal would have promoted world class science by transforming Livermore Lab from a nuclear weapons design facility into a center for civilian science."

Goals of the new contract include the following:

- conducting research and development programs effectively and efficiently under disciplined project management procedures including use of an earned-value management system;

- demonstrating design and development capabilities to support the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) strategy;

- supporting stockpile and complex transformation in support of NNSA's complex 2030 initiative including improved integration among the NNSA sites and increased enterprise-wide activities;

- completing construction of the National Ignition Facility (NIF) and operating NIF as a national user facility to support NNSA missions as well as the needs of the broader scientific community;

- helping to deter, detect, and respond to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; advancing science through technological innovation, public and private sector collaboration, and technology transfer to enhance U.S. economic competitiveness and national security;

- managing and operating the laboratory facilities and infrastructure in an efficient, cost-effective and innovative manner; supporting other Department of Energy programs; and,

Zone 7 Panel Will Keep Eye On Water Shutdown Threat

Zone 7 Water Agency directors have formed an ad hoc committee to keep their eyes on a court-ordered action that threatens to shut down the pumping of water from the Delta.

A California sport-fishing group sued the Department of Water Resources (DWR), which is the agency that created the state water project. Zone 7 is one of the water project's 29 members, and buys about 2 percent of the project's water annually. Zone 7 filed a brief in support of defendant DWR.

Water from the Delta supplies the Valley's four water retailers and agricultural customers. Zone 7 obtains more than 80 percent of its water from the Delta, via the South Bay Aqueduct.

Zone 7 board chairman Jim Concannon announced at the

end of the board's special meeting May 2 that he was appointing himself and directors Steve Kalthoff and John Greci to the committee. As an ad hoc committee, the panel will focus only on the Delta issue, and will disband when the issue no longer exists.

The fishing group claims that DWR never obtained a take permit from the state fish and game department to kill the Delta smelt that die in the water project's pumps in the Delta. The smelt are an endangered species. A judge gave DWR 60 days to accomplish the demand for the permit. However, maneuvers in court have made it unclear what will happen next in the case.

Zone 7 staff announced in late March that they were drawing up emergency plans to deal with a crisis, if it were to materialize.

On another item, the board approved the use of short-term "bridge financing" to cover a big bulge in costs associated with building the Altamont Water Treatment Plant. The money will be for Fund 73, which is paid by connection fees for new construction.

Since growth doesn't occur in a straight-line projection, but the treatment plant's costs do occur over a two or three year period, the loan may be needed. It's a departure from the board's general policy of pay-as-you-go financing. The money will be paid back as connection fees are collected.

The board also had its first look at a new logo for Zone 7. The old one, adopted 29 years ago, had a simple design, with

the word "zone" on top; with capital letters and a stylized 7 under it, under little water waves. The legend around the edge of the seal said, "Water Resources Management."

The new one keeps the Zone and 7, but subtly changes the water to little waves that represent the underground aquifers where Zone 7 stores its water. There is also a wavy line of small green hills above the two-tone blue aquifers. The legend has been changed to "Livermore-Amador Valley" and "water supply - flood protection" to give the public a better idea of the agency's mission.

Zone 7's regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 15 at its headquarters, 100 North Canyons Parkway, Livermore.

Employment Relations Board Agrees to Seek Injunction Against Lab

California's Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) has agreed to seek an injunction to force University of California management to treat employees at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory fairly. The action builds upon a settlement agreement of an unfair labor practice charge filed by Local 11 of UC's University Professional and Technical Employees (UPE) union.

As part of a settlement agreement with the union, UC mailed to all employees on Tuesday a letter informing LLNL supervisors that employees can discuss union organizing and other union business in their offices, lunch rooms and near water coolers.

Previously LLNL's legal staff had instructed supervisors to tell employees that, although they could discuss sporting news and other non-work related business in these locations, they could not discuss union business; nor could they display union organizing literature in their offices next to family photos, sport trophies, or plaques from non-union organizations.

UPE states that its goal is to

protect employee rights. Its shop stewards have represented union members in informal negotiations with supervisors, pressed grievances, and filed complaints with administrative boards such as PERB. UPE representatives state that when these measures fall short, they help employees with lawsuits against LLNL. LLNL employee Jeff Colvin regrets that "multi-million dollar court verdicts and orders from administrative law judges are necessary to convey to LLNL's supervisors that fair treatment of employees is not only an ethical obligation of employers, but a legal one."

UPE Local 11's current president and LLNL technical staff member Jim Wolford added that this "is part of LLNL attorneys' pattern of testing the legal waters. For years they have gotten unlimited reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Energy to pursue appeals in wrongful termination cases. Their strategy seems to be to exhaust the resources of plaintiffs seeking relief."

Citing LLNL's 2003 termination of two whistleblowers,

Wolford noted that "faced with a legitimate disclosure of possible safety hazards, LLNL tried to exploit ambiguous language in California's whistleblower law to deny protected status to two employees, so that management could fire them with impunity." The case is now before the California Supreme Court. The union has filed a friend of the court brief.

UPE is affiliated with the Communication Workers of

America, AFL-CIO. UPE's campaign for collective bargaining faces a combination of challenges including a workforce unaccustomed to having to fight for favorable employment conditions, an October 1st deadline for LLNL to become privatized, and an aggressive counter-campaign by management. According to UPE, management's tactics led to the union filing the unfair practice charge.

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed.)

Happy Birthday LAA Marjorie Haggin Livermore

The Livermore Art Association began the celebration of its fiftieth year in April with its spring show.

The event was a true milestone. To mark this as a special year the group invited school children to docent lead tours of the show. More than two hundred 4th and 5th graders from local schools, charter school and special education students learned how shows are organized and how to recognize different types of medium. They watched art demonstrations and filled out worksheets as part of the experience. The tours were a great success. The success was due to very strong support from the group's members, a generous donation of transportation from Wheels and the more than one hundred and

eighty artists whose art was on display.

Livermore is very fortunate to have groups like LAA that promote art in our community. Happy Birthday to LAA and thanks for fifty years of celebrating art.

Victory in Iraq Paul Anderson Pleasanton

Dear President Bush: You told the nation early on, following our attack of Iraq, that there were several goals: 1) Interception and the destruction of Weapons of Mass Destruction, 2) Capturing, trying and executing Saddam Hussein, 3) Changing the Iraqi government, and 4) establishing a representative, democratic form of government.

Those goals have all been met. We now know that Iraq is rid of WMD; Saddam as caught, tried and executed together with several of his henchmen; and the Hussein dictatorship has been replaced with a representative, democratically chosen one based on a constitution.

Mr. President, what more is there to do? Just declare "Victory," and get out. Staying beyond this point is risking victory to the jaws of defeat.

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Photos - Doug Jorgensen
 Donovan Napoli, age 7, (top photo) was greeted by a clown who created a sword and helmet of balloons for him. The clown was part of the Cinco de Mayo festivities in downtown Pleasanton during the First Wednesday Party. In lower photo, students at Livermore High School learned a modern Latin dance during the school's celebration of Cinco de Mayo.



K-8 SCHOOL

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would want the K-8 school at Michell. About 75% of parents at Portola and Junction Avenue Middle School preferred a Portola location.

Slightly more than half of the parents at Altamont Creek, Arroyo Seco, Croce, Jackson, and Smith elementary schools chose neither location. About half of the parents at East Avenue and Christensen middle schools chose neither location.

"I think it is naïve to think we could have come up with much different results," said trustee Anne White. "The results show that the schools hosting would be happy to have a K-8 school there, but no one else would be happy to go there. Most people are happy where they are."

Trustee Kate Runyon disagreed with White's analysis, saying she thought the results were very positive.

"We've got sufficient demand and sufficient numbers interested in the particular school sites. I see lots of people willing to go

to Michell," she said. Trustee Bill Morrison pointed out that the survey indicated enough interest to potentially fill two schools. A total of 6,166 calls were attempted, with a total of 2,165 responses.

The concept of a K-8 school came about during a series of special Board meetings to look at how the District can adapt to its changing demographics.

"The harsh reality is that our student population of 13,384, this school year, is projected to decline by approximately 1,106 students to 12,278 in the 2010-11 school year," Superintendent Brenda Miller wrote in a letter to parents last month. "This means the Board of Education will have to make tough decisions concerning the possibility of closing an elementary or middle school within the next 5-10 year period."

A K-8 school would likely have a student population of about 600, meaning there would be fewer students at each grade

level than is typical in Livermore elementary and middle schools. Other advantages of the K-8 configuration include extending the nurturing and student-focused environment of elementary school, sustaining more parental involvement in the middle school grades, increased opportunities for cross-grade student activities, and more cross-level articulation between teachers.

A K-8 school could also alleviate crowding at middle schools. Mendenhall, in particular, has over 900 students, more than is ideal for the site, according to Assistant Superintendent Kelly Bowers.

Converting an existing elementary school to a K-8 configuration would not affect the issue of declining enrollment. Bowers says even with a K-8 school it is still likely the District will consider closing an elementary school within five to seven years.

The trustees will return to the issue at the June 5 Board meeting.

VANDALS

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Livermore maintenance division manager Dorn Driggs told the Independent that after the November council meeting, he met with police and the school district. The city street department is working on a design for either a new streetlight, or a modification of the old one so that it has two lights. One could be focused toward Granada Gardens, to detect and discourage nighttime vandalism there.

However, no design has come yet from the city street department. When it does, another delay is expected, said Driggs, because "it will be on PG&E's time line."

That could take three to six months more, because PG&E is running behind in its projects, said Tung. She received this information in an e-mail from city manager Linda Barton.

As for the suggestion of a video camera on the streetlight pole, Driggs said that it came up in discussions with police. However, it might lull people into a false sense of security, if they think the police have nothing to do but watch the camera all of the time, and respond quickly, he said. On the other hand, the school district will install a video camera at Granada. That should pick up visitors to Granada Gardens.

Floyd Wilson, the Livermore school district's facilities director, confirmed that a video cam-

era will be installed in the fall on the Granada campus. It will be designed to photograph the back of the campus, where people have broken in and smashed windows in portable buildings' classrooms and stolen valuable copper wire. The district has had \$20,000 worth of damage and loss in incidents.

Tung said that she doubted the high school camera would be good enough to help with the problem at Granada Gardens, because it would be 500 or 600 feet from Granada Gardens. "That's not close enough for a fine resolution to see what anyone is doing," she said.

If the city could install a camera on the street pole, it would be close enough to discourage vandalism, she said. Also, getting rid of an arroyo culvert near Granada Gardens would help, too, said Tung. When arroyo water is low, people use the top of the culvert as a bridge between campus and Murrieta Boulevard.

Wilson agreed that the school district doesn't want people to use the culvert as a bridge for access to the back of Granada's campus. The school district owns the arroyo land where Granada Gardens is located. The gardens are there with permission of the district, but the district is committed not to spend any money for it, said Wilson.

The district won't be removing the culvert. However, Zone 7 Water Agency, which uses the arroyo for underground water re-

charge, is looking into removing the culvert. If the culvert clogs, it could be an obstacle to bringing steelhead trout up the arroyo from the Bay, as envisioned in species restoration plans supported by Zone 7.

The water agency might be willing to remove the culvert, if it gets something in return, said Zone 7 staff member Matt Katen. For example, if Zone 7 wants to do a project on another arroyo, it could remove the Granada Gardens culvert and receive a mitigation credit from the Army Corps of Engineers or the state Department of Fish and Game.

Driggs said that the city has tried to comply with the November request by FOTA. City workers did go under the Stanley Boulevard bridge and a nearby railroad bridge and remove graffiti. Driggs said that the police also have "committed to a higher level of surveillance down there." The efforts have kept people away from the area more, and have reduced vandalism, said Driggs. However, the results haven't been totally successful.

Tung said on Monday that she spent five hours Sunday replacing tiles on two of the three picnic tables at Granada Gardens. Another FOTA member was out a couple of times last week and picked up broken glass from beer bottles each time, she said. Vandals also knocked over a bush that is 5 feet tall. She thinks that it can be restored to an upright position, and still grow.

FILM

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"because that's when I get to play with my best friend."

Vincent is talented in other arts, too. He entered the literature category with a poem about home, and also entered some still photographs.

Jamie Hintzke, president of the districtwide PTA council in Pleasanton, said that the district did well in countywide PTA competition. Of 22 finalists whose work was sent on to Sacramento for state competition, seven came from Pleasanton. Officially, there are no first prizes, because the contest is about recognition, not competition, said Hintzke.

Vincent was given the award of excellence at the state level, which is the highest honor. Obtaining awards of merit at the state level were two other Pleasanton students. Marie McCoy-Thompson of Harvest Park Middle School, was honored for her literary piece, "Grandfather's Library at 6 a.m." Max Loh, a senior at Amador Valley High School, was recognized for his musical composition "Wait for Me."

Other Pleasanton entrants whose work was sent to Sacramento were Jenilee Chen from Vintage Hills Elementary School in musical composition, Amanda Wu from Harvest Park in visual arts, and Anuja Joshi and Christine Xu, both from Mohr, and both in musical composition. Some 2039 entries came from Pleasanton students.

Judging was conducted by interested community volunteers who do not have children in Pleasanton schools. Hintzke said that the PTA contest is "an excellent opportunity to allow students to explore the arts. The PTA would like to bring more arts programs into the public schools. It's a very important component to a child's development."

PTA fully supports and advocates for the arts, in terms of funding." Along that line, Hintzke noted that at the state PTA convention last weekend in Sacramento, Carol Channing made an appearance. She emphasized the importance of the arts to public schools.

Channing, who had a star career in movies and stage musicals, graduated from Lowell High School, long considered the most prestigious among public high schools in San Francisco. Channing started a foundation that advocates for the link between the arts and education.



Diane Layfield, mother of Tyler and Travis

Muscle Cars, Hot Rods & Art

Hats Off America presents the Fourth Annual Muscle Car, Hot Rods and Art Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20. It will be held on the grass field at the corner of Bollinger Canyon Road and Camino Ramon, San Ramon.

Admission is free to the public. This is a family event and children are welcome. Sorry, no pets.

There will be a large display of muscle cars, classics and hot rods, along with art exhibits, children's activities live bands, vendor booths, non-profit organization's booths, a beer and wine garden, and more.

Music will be performed by Big Wave Dave and the Breakers, and Dave Land and the Downtowners. Food is being donated by Spain's Carolina Barbecue and Dr. Donut of Merced.

Diane Layfield, mother of L/CPL Travis Layfield who was killed in action on April 6, 2004, will be a special guest. Mrs. Layfield has attended the three previous car shows. She will be displaying her late son's truck, which has been decorated with a patriotic tribute mural. She will also be bringing a motorcycle belonging to her son Tyler that he painted to honor his brother Travis.

There will be a variety of exhibitors. The US Army from Camp Parks will provide a climbing wall and combat simulators. Back Yard Carnival will offer fun children's games. The San Ramon Fire District is bringing a fire truck for kids to climb on, and the San Ramon Police Department will have a vintage 1952 police car and the DARE car. San Ramon's Sno-Flakes Ski and Family Social Club will be there.

There will be voting on cars both days and People's Choice Awards will be given out on Saturday and Sunday.

Non-profit organizations, civic groups and youth organizations are encouraged to participate. Call for information. The event is also seeking corporate sponsors and volunteers.

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SPORTS NOTES

Golf Tournament

Beebs 12th Annual Charity Cup Golf Tournament is set for May 18 at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

Beneficiaries are Shepherd's Vidas Youth Positas Junior Golf, and Buenas Gracias Yolo Ranch. Entry fee is \$150 per golfer. Lunch served at 11 a.m. followed by the shotgun at 1 p.m., 4-man scramble format.

The tournament is still accepting hole sponsors at a cost of \$150. Fee includes cart, tee prizes, lunch, dinner, on course refreshments, awards ceremony and raffle prize giveaway.

For information, call Beebs at 455-7070.

Legends Baseball

The Tri-Valley Legends 12U Baseball Team qualified for the Triple Crown World Series in Steamboat, CO after finishing second to the Elk Grove Bulldogs at the Triple Crown Cinco de Mayo Tournament in Yuba City this past weekend. The Legends split their pool games on Saturday against the Yuba City Flood and California Sting, Sunday the Legends beat the Brentwood Blast 7-2 and the Yuba City Flood 15-3, before coming up just short against the Elk Grove Bulldogs in the championship game 9-6.

Josh Spragucci threw a complete game, no-hitter against Brentwood, Scott Emrich had 5 doubles and a triple for the tournament, and Daniel Ocasio threw a complete game against Yuba City in the semi-finals. The Tri-Valley Legends are a 12U Baseball Team from Livermore.

Foothill Freshmen

Foothill High School freshmen returned to the football field against Dublin Gaels in the first game of series. Michael Theofanopoulos led team from the mound and with the bat in an 8 to 5 win.

Starting pitcher Michael Sifert scattered 7 hits over 4 2/3 innings and reliever Michael Theofanopoulos shut down the Dublin bats yielding no hits over the remaining 2 1/3 innings while striking out 4 and walking one. Theofanopoulos led the offense scoring once and driving in two runs on 2 hits.

The Falcons got on the board early as lead off hitter Jake Bussani reach on a Dublin error in the 1st, stole 2nd and 3rd and scored on a Justin Silva fielder's choice. Silva also got a single and scored in the 4th on Theofanopoulos's first hit of the game. The break out inning for the Falcons occurred in the 5th when they turned 4 hits, aggressive base stealing and 2 Dublin fielding errors into 6 runs. In the inning Reese Yamada reached 1st on a fielder's choice, stole 2nd and later scored on a single by Garrett Moore. Andrew Brazil followed with a walk and both Brazil and Moore scored on a single by Elias Khoury. Theofanopoulos drove in Khoury with his 2nd hit of the game and later scored as Sean Mannion reached 1st on a Dublin throwing error. Brock Blades then reached 1st on a second Dublin fielding error and then occupied the Dublin infield in a rundown allowing Mannion to score. Mackenzie Hom contributed to the Falcon offense with a solid double to left center in the 3rd.

The defensive gem of the game came in the top of the 4th when right fielder Derek Chao came up throwing on a Dublin single and took down a Gaels runner at home plate. In a second game, starter Troy Sales and reliever Austin Mann handcuff Liberty hitters striking out 10 in an 8 to 2 win.

The Falcon offense came out of the gates quickly scoring 5 runs in the first three innings which would prove to be enough to put away Liberty High. Jake Bussani opened the game with a single and two stolen bases, setting up Justin Silva for a 1st inning RBI single. In the 2nd inning, Bryan Yancy walk followed by a Troy Sales single set up Bussani for a 2nd inning RBI single giving the Falcons a 2-0 lead. A walk and hit batter set up the only Liberty highlight as a solid triple scored two and tied the game. That didn't last long as singles by Mackenzie Hom and Brock Blades, combined with Liberty defensive miscues allowed Derek Chao, Justin Silva and Andrew Brazil each to reach base and score, giving the Falcons the lead for good at 5-2. The Falcons added 3 more runs in the 6th on doubles by Sean Mannion and Michael Theofanopoulos, combined Liberty miscues, a hit batsman and an Elias Khoury sac bunt.

The defensive play of the game came in the 4th inning as a Liberty runner tried to score from 2nd. Quick thinking by Chao with a throw to Andrew Brazil at the plate and an immediate relay to Yancy caught the runner between 3rd and home preventing the run.

Foothill Freshmen Falcons won their 3rd game in as many days.

Falcons send 17 batters to the plate in first two innings going on to a 9-3 win over Dublin. The Falcons only needed 3 hits in the first two innings, but combined with 5 walks, untimely bunt fielding errors and 10 stolen bases the boys in blue ran up 9 runs across the plate. The team added another 5 hits in the final five innings.

Jake Bussani led the offense going 2-2, while Garrett Moore, Bryan Yancy, Austin Mann, Troy Sales, Michael Theofanopoulos and Spencer Miller all reached base with hits. Theofanopoulos racked up 3 RBIs on the day and Andrew Brazil, Austin Mann and Brock Blades added the other 4 hits. Chao pitched duties were Sean Mannion's and Michael Sifert. They scattered 5 hits over 7 innings, giving up only one walk, while striking out 10 keeping the Dublin hitters in check.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results from last week:

Junior 90's: Cubs 5, San Ramon 1. Top Hitters: Cubs - Frankie Gonzales 2-1B, run scored; Warren Nussal 2B; Brandon Keshmiry 1B. RBL - San Ramon - Melara 1B, run scored; Harp 1B; Lewis 1B. RBL. Top Pitchers: Cubs - Josh Larsen 7IP, 4H, 1R, 8K. San Ramon - Chawla 3IP, 4R, 1K. Fry 4IP, 1H, 1R, 2K. Strong game for the Cubs, starting the game with 2 runs in the 1st and 2nd in the 2nd. Cubs held the lead, but San Ramon battled hard scoring one in the 2nd on a single by Lewis. Cubs were able to score one more securing the win in the 7th.

Junior 80's: Red Sox 13, LALL Giants 7. Top Hitters: Red Sox - Steven Hoppa 2B, 2RBI, 2 runs scored; Blaine Call 2B, 3 runs scored; Nick Davis 2 1B, RBI, 2 runs scored; Dylan Velasquez 2 1B, RBI, run scored; Giants - Ross 2B, RBI, run scored. Top Pitchers: Red Sox - Brandon Clutter 3IP, 2R, 3H, 0K. Giants - Brisco 4IP, 7R, 7H, 3K. The game was called in the 7th inning for darkness.

Red Sox 2, LALL Giants 5. Top Hitters: Red Sox - Damaris Drew 1B, run scored; Giants - Brandon Beran 1B, 2 runs scored; Robies 2 1B. Top Pitchers: Red Sox - Greg White 2IP, 0R, 0H, 3K. Giants - Robies 4IP, 0R, 1H, 4K. Beautiful home run, over the fence, hit by Brandon Beran.

Juniors: Red Sox 15, PFL Giants 5. Top Hitters: Red Sox - Mauro Ramirez 2B, RBI, run scored; Damaris Drew 2B, 2 runs scored; Dustin Simon 1B, 3 RBIs, 3 runs scored; Giants - Ludden 2B, RBI, run scored; Hughes 1B 2 runs scored. Top Pitchers: Red Sox - Nick Davis 2IP, 0R, 1H, 1K. Giants - Calderna 3IP, 8R, 4H, 2K. The Red Sox had another game where the ten run rule stopped the game. Dustin Simon was a one man team, making all 3 outs in the top of the 11th inning to finish the game.

Red Sox 17, LALL Giants 7. Top Hitters: Red Sox - Steven Hoppa 2B, 2RBI, 2 runs scored; Blaine Call 2B, run scored; Nick Davis 2 1B, RBI, 2 runs scored; Joey Betti 3 1B, run scored; Giants - Ross 2B, RBI, run scored; Putman 2B, run scored; Schultz 2 1B. Top Pitcher: Brandon Clutter 3IP, 2R, 2K; Brisco 4IP, 7R, 7H, 3K. The game was called because of the 10 run rule.

LALL A's 4, A's 9. Pitcher Jimmy Goritz 7IP, 4R, 5H, 9K. Hitters: Keith Erickson (2) 1B, 2B, 5RBI; Jake Kauffman (2) 1B, James Moreland 1B, Joey Martinez 1B, RBIs. Conrad Cosby 1B, RBIs. Jimmy Goritz 2B, Kyle Eiras 1B, RBIs. Austin Frost 1B, Jace Bueno 1B. The A's had some heavy hitters to go in lead early in the game. Keith Erickson hits were awesome with a 3 for 3 with a total 5 RBIs for the game. Jimmy Goritz pitched the whole game and had an impressive 9 strike outs.

Majors: Cubs 4, A's 5. Top Hitters: Cubs - Kevin Rogers 2B; Brian White 1B, 2RBI's, 1RS; Brian Krueger 1B, 2RBI's, A's - Derek Wilcox 2-1B, 2RS; Max Renga 1B, 2RBI's, Tyler Fitzgerald 1B, 1RBI. Top Pitchers: Cubs - Ryan Flaveler 4IP, 5R, 6H, 5K. A's Jason Stearns 4IP, 4R, 2H, 9K. Tyler Fitzgerald had the game winning RBI for the A's in the bottom of the 5th.

A's 1, Cardinals 11. Top Hitters: A's - Jaysen Heist 1B; Andrew Mardrossian 1B, RBIs; Lyndon Moreland 1B. Cubs - Nick Perry 1B, RBIs; Jacob Lutz 2-1B, 1RBI, 1RS; Neal Border 1B. Top Pitchers: Cardinals - Daniel Whitney 3IP, 1R, 2H, 1K. Casey Soltis 2IP, 0R, 1H, 5K. Daniel Whitney and Casey Soltis pitched a great game for the Cardinals.

Cubs 5, Giants 1. Top Hitters: Cubs - Taylor Downey 1B, RBI; Kevin Rogers 2B, run scored; Brian White 1B, RBI; Kyle Trask 1B; Bryan Krueger 1B. Giants - Dylan Tupper 2 1B, RBI. Top Pitchers: Cubs - Kyle Campiotti 4IP, 1H, 0R, 7K; Kevin Rogers 2IP, 1H, 1R, 5K. Giants - Logan Vanschaack 4IP, 1H, 4R, 7K. Tanner Cortez 2IP, 4H, 1R, 0K.

Cubs 5, Mariners 3. Top Hitters: Cubs - Brian White 1 double and a single; Nick Campiotti hit a double and Ryan Flaveler hit a single and 1 RBI. Mariners - Brandon Self 2 singles, Jacob Benavidez and Sean Westphal each hit a single. Top Pitchers: Cubs - Ryan Flaveler 3IP, 2H, 6K and no runs scored. Tyler Downey 1IP, 1H, 2K, and 3 runs scored. Mariners - Sean Westphal 3IP, 4H, 3R, 4K; Tyler Offill 3IP, 4H, 2R, 3K. Cubs dominated the game until the 11th inning when the Mariners refused to go down without a fight and mustered a few runs for their pitcher, Tyler Offill who left the game after a rough play a third where he suffered a fractured thumb.

Mariners 10, Red Sox 6. Top Hitters: Mariners - Brandon Self with a triple, RBI and 3 runs scored; Jack Trudeau with a double, 2 RBI's and 1 run scored; Matt Hilgen with a hit and 2 RBI's. Red Sox - Matty Proetel hit a towering home run in the 1st inning and then another one later in the game. Both hits were well over the centerfield fence and the 2nd hit drove in 2 runs to break the 4 to 4 tie.

Matty also hit a homer ending double play to tie the game. Alex McCollum also scored two runs, while turning in a halo'd defensive effort at 2nd base. In the Angels, Jesse Davis had a solid offensive performance with two hits, while Nick Flielch had the other hit for the Angels. But in the end, the Rangers clipped the Angels wings on this Saturday morning.

Padres 8, Giants 1: The Padres came off of a 13 game losing streak to beat the 2nd place Giants 8 to 1 in LALL Triple A play. The Padres were led by Elijah Leon who pitched a complete game with zero walks and 10 strikeouts. Jack Frevert had an excellent all around game hitting a triple with 2 RBIs and catching 2 long fly balls to help shut down the Giants offense. Logan Gruidl also played well defensively and hit 2 for 3 with 2 RBIs.

The Giants kept Amaral hitting 2 for 2 and scored the Giants only run by stealing home in the first inning. Jaylin Valles and Clayton Stanek each added hits for the Giants. Padres: Elijah Leon, Jack Frevert, Logan Gruidl. Giants: Kevin Amaral, Jaylin Valles, Clayton Stanek.

Majors: Indians 7, White Sox 5: With Matt Pulp pitching against Chris Wilson, the Indians went ahead 3-1 in the bottom of the 1st to put a 3-1 lead on Indians. Chris shut down the Indians for the next 4 innings. At the top of the 4th the White Sox rallied on Wilson's double and brought the game within 1, making it 2-3. Indians, D. Pinon of the White Sox drove in the tying run at the bottom of the 5th as Williams came across the plate, unchallenged making it 3-3. Devin McMahon executed an amazing unassisted double play.

The game's key moment came in the 6th when Mahler, Devin McMahon, Indians, Cody Warner, Kyle Walbridge, Dustin Frisk, White Sox.

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Indians 2, Astros 5: The Astros scored all 5 of their runs in the top of the first inning on singles by A-Ron Spiller, Kevin Key, Ryan Holmes, Jesse Jaureguito and Ryan Meagher. The Indians put one on the scoreboard in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Penrod. In the bottom of the fifth, Bothwell fired a one-run shot over the heads of the Astros. Great pitching on both sides. Top players (Indians): Bothwell, HR; Penrod, 2 singles, RBI, 2IP, 2K; Mohler, single. Top players (Astros): Ryan Holmes, 3 for 3, RBI, 2IP, 2K; Ryan Meagher, single, 2 RBI; Jake Peterson, single.

Astros 6, Cubs 4: Top players (Astros): Kevin Key, 2B, single, RBI, 2IP, 2K; Jessa Jaureguito, 2 for 3, 2 RBI; Carter Dickson, single, defense; Morgan Peterson, rally-starting single; Bryce Disbrow, 2B, 2 RBI; Jacob DeFrenchi, 2 singles, 3IP, 6 K; Travis Briggs, single.

White Sox 5, Twins 2: The Twins jumped out to an early lead on the White Sox with an RBI double by Cole Jacobs (1 2B, 1 RBI), scoring AJ Ruth, Kevin Mains (1 2B) was a bright spot for the White Sox in the third, with his two-out double. The White Sox added an insurance run in the sixth. Ryan Grewohl (Defense), Cole Jacobs (1 2B, 1 RBI), Pitching), Steve Bruan (1 1B) - Twins - Aaron Jorgensen (2 1B, 1 HR, 2 RBI), Garrett Cordiso (2 1B, 1 RBI), Kevin Mains (1 2B) - White Sox.

AAA Division: Rangers 16, Padres 12: In an evening event, an offensive match up between a gritty Rangers team and a solid Padres outfit did not disappoint. For the Padres, Anthony Scalise struck the Rangers with a single, double, triple and scored three times. And Logan Gruidl on an offensive onslaught drew 2 walks and was a monster on the base paths, doubling twice. Defensively, Alec Sblendoro and Christopher Hill were idle to snop an inning ending double play to prevent the capacity crowd. For the Rangers, Steven Perry mastered the Padres striking out an impressive number of Padres and offensively was able to score twice and help his own cause. While Tyler Miller, with his keen baseball sense, negotiated a walk and was a jack rabbit on the base paths with a stolen base. Miller was also able to scamper home when Mike Kostalchik smashed a 2 out double that one-hopped the fence.

Rangers 10, Angels 0: The Angels and Rangers squared off to settle their differences. For the Rangers, Taylor Hardiman had 3 RBIs, Correttes 2 doubles and a run scored. Garret Torres, looking more like Roger Clemens than a Little League, had a 3-hit complete game shut-out. Adding offensive support to the game, were Vince Bartoni crashing in the 6th, scoring 2 RBIs and scoring 2 runs. Alec McCollum also scored two runs, while turning in a halo'd defensive effort at 2nd base. In the Angels, Jesse Davis had a solid offensive performance with two hits, while Nick Flielch had the other hit for the Angels. But in the end, the Rangers clipped the Angels wings on this Saturday morning.

Padres 8, Giants 1: The Padres came off of a 13 game losing streak to beat the 2nd place Giants 8 to 1 in LALL Triple A play. The Padres were led by Elijah Leon who pitched a complete game with zero walks and 10 strikeouts. Jack Frevert had an excellent all around game hitting a triple with 2 RBIs and catching 2 long fly balls to help shut down the Giants offense. Logan Gruidl also played well defensively and hit 2 for 3 with 2 RBIs.

The Giants kept Amaral hitting 2 for 2 and scored the Giants only run by stealing home in the first inning. Jaylin Valles and Clayton Stanek each added hits for the Giants. Padres: Elijah Leon, Jack Frevert, Logan Gruidl. Giants: Kevin Amaral, Jaylin Valles, Clayton Stanek.

Majors: Indians 7, White Sox 5: With Matt Pulp pitching against Chris Wilson, the Indians went ahead 3-1 in the bottom of the 1st to put a 3-1 lead on Indians. Chris shut down the Indians for the next 4 innings. At the top of the 4th the White Sox rallied on Wilson's double and brought the game within 1, making it 2-3. Indians, D. Pinon of the White Sox drove in the tying run at the bottom of the 5th as Williams came across the plate, unchallenged making it 3-3. Devin McMahon executed an amazing unassisted double play.

The game's key moment came in the 6th when Mahler, Devin McMahon, Indians, Cody Warner, Kyle Walbridge, Dustin Frisk, White Sox.

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SPORTS NOTES

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U12 - Minor Upper: Alain Pinel/Tim McGuire - Stix 5, Cardinal Jewelers - Panthers 4; Key Players: Alain Pinel/Tim McGuire; Maddie McGuire, Jana Johnson, KT Bander, The Alain Pinel/Tim McGuire Stix came alive in the top of the seventh scoring four runs in a come from behind win over the Pleasanton Mortgage breakers.

Cardinal Jewelers - Panthers 8: The Strong Source - Hurricanz 6; Key Players: Cardinal Jewelers: Isabela Casteneda, Hanna Moreno, Kennedy Poplawski; The Strong Source: Erica Norton, Claire Berkeley, Nicole Hella.

Alain Pinel/Tim McGuire - Stix 9: The Strong Source - Hurricanz 0; Key Players: Alain Pinel/Tim McGuire; Julia Petros, Krista Williams Alex Gray, Lindsey Kail The Strong Source; Victoria Molina, Dharini Clare, Tori Lauren Claire Berkeley.

T12 - Minor Rec: Fowler Painting - Blue Crush 8, Ireland San Filippino - Sharks 2; Key Players: Fowler Painting: Emmy Rodriguez, Jenny Corbin, Lauren Fowler; Ireland San Filippino: Jennifer Butler, Olivia Deutschman, Rachel Bunch; Highlights: Fowler Painting: Excellent pitching from Emmy Rodriguez and Jenny Corbin was supported by 2 RBIs from Lauren Fowler. Ireland San Filippino saw great pitching efforts from Cassidy Butler and Olivia Deutschman and hitting from Rachel Bunch.

Fowler Painting - Blue Crush 7, RE/Max Photography: Kayla Cerri, Nicole Cerri, Alexis Faria, RE/Max Accord/Ron Landis: Kyra Costa, Kalessa Leite, Moira Andrews

Ireland San Filippino LLP - Sharks 5, Tanner Insurance Brokers - Rebels 5; Key Players: Ireland San Filippino LLP: Emily Helmer, Kathryn Kitayawa, Raquel Chao; Tanner Insurance Brokers: Shelby Richmond, Emily Martin, Sammie Stewart.

U10 - Mini Upper: Coldwell Banker - Diamond Dolls 11, Friends of PGSL - Wildcats 5; Key Players: Coldwell Banker: Katey Moore, Isabelle Adams, Christina Echavia; Friends of PGSL: Lauren Black, Devon Buteau, Bailey Costello; Highlights: Diamond Dolls: Katey Moore pitched a few great innings. Isabelle Adams had 2 doubles, and 6 RBI's. Christina Echavia had a big double. Wildcats Lauren Black had an RBI. Devon Buteau had a single. Bailey Costello had 2 great defensive plays.

Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete - Bobcats 10, Coldwell Banker - Diamond Dolls 8; Key Players: Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete: Brianna McGraw, Alana Mendez, Ragan Lacy; Coldwell Banker: Jenna Crawford, Jennifer Zaballo; Friends of PGSL: Highlights: Brianna McGraw hit a grand slam in the park homerun and Alana Mendez had 2 RBIs to lift the Bobcats over the Diamond Dolls.

Pleasanton Ready Mix - Bobcats 9, Aragon Landscaping - Pink Panthers 2; Key Players: Pleasanton Ready Mix: Danielle Hammer, Megan Shackley, Kamryn Brown; Aragon Landscaping: Maddy Franzella, Carly Robertson, McKenzie Schlage.

Aragon Landscaping - Pink Panthers 9, Friends of PGSL - Wildcats 6; Key Players: Aragon Landscaping: Alii Sweitzer, Jaclyn Long, Janelle Tanis; Friends of PGSL: Fiona Moreno, Devon Buteau, Lauren Black; Highlights: Janelle Tanis and Jaclyn Long as pitcher and catcher were key in the Pink Panther's 9-6 victory over the Wildcats. The Wildcats played strong with great base running and hitting.

U10 - Mini Rec: E2 Automotive Group - Dynamite La Bella's Pool Service - Blue Hurricane Key Players: E2 Automotive: Janice Chase, Alexa McGee, Mackenzie Fox; La Bella's Pool Service: Cassie Balducci, Sierra Viscaina, Monica Martinez; Highlights: E2 Automotive: Janice Chase contributed two great hits and Alexa McGee played heads up outfield behind the pitching of Mackenzie Fox. La Bella's Pool Service: Solid hits from Cassie Balducci and 2 runs from Sierra Viscaina combined with superb pitching by Monica Martinez.

Central Chevrolet - Fireballs Association Management Solutions - Starlights Key Players: Central Chevrolet: Molly DiGirolano, Sophia Burnelli, Alyssa Simonson; Association Management Solutions: Charlotte Armstrong, Paige Tombley, Bridget Beck; J. Lohr Winery - Pirates; Tucker Associates Real Estate Services - Mad Dogs Key Players: J. Lohr Winery: Ariana Brooks, Courtney Goldstein, Emily Clay Tucker; Associates: Tylor Campbell, Lauren Schaffer, Sabrina Dunham.

Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction - Red Devils Friends of PGSL - Dynamites Key Players: Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction: Courtney Hennings, Megan Cavanaugh, Kelly Dixon; Friends of PGSL: Chloe Smith, Cassidy Gray, Serena Carmona; Red Devils: Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction: Courtney Hennings and Megan Cavanaugh provided great pitching with Kelly Dixon contributing strong hitting. Friends of PGSL: Chloe Smith and Serena Carmona Hester were awesome in the field supporting Cassidy Gray's pitching and strong performance at the plate.

K.D. & Friends - Chili Peppers Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction - Red Devils Key Players: K.D. & Friends: Katlyn Shaw, Hannah Brown, Lucy Bell; Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction: Kelsie Natsch, Jackie DiPiazza, Kayla Moniz.

K.D. & Friends - Chili Peppers Central Chevrolet - Fireballs Key Players K.D. & Friends: Emily Toms, Hannah Ochoa, Rebecca Bland; Central Chevrolet: Samantha Rhodes, Sophia Burnelli, Jayna Detweiler.

U8 - Micro Rec: Complete Business Systems: Lady Bugs Axial Industries - All Stars Key Players: Complete Business Systems: Nicole Craven, Melissa Vidas, Julia Wood; Axial Industries: Karen Didio, Amanda Rogers, Jordan Klein.

C.K.L. Friends of PGSL Key Players: C.K.L.: Amy Dehoue, Tierra Moncada, Megan Kreider; Friends of PGSL: Lilly Feihmann, Aliya Sachak, Mervi Tan.

Hacienda Round Table - Superstars RE/Max Accord-John Rocha - Penguins Key Players: Hacienda Round Table: Samantha Dunlop, Mary Rockwood, Danielle Sonobe; RE/Max Accord-John Rocha: Jenyce Dutcher, Audrey Moore, Meghan Pickett.

U8 - T Ball: Pleasanton Glass - Diamonds Signature Property Sugar Cane Key Players: Pleasanton Glass: Megan Colbacchini, Julia Balestreri, Jessica Hungerford; Signature Properties: Emily Haskell, Abby Smith, Abigail Fried.

Signature Properties - Sugarcanes Richert Lumber - Wild Stallions Key Players: Signature Properties: Abigail Fried, Angelina Padua, Emily Haskell; Richert Lumber: Hannah Thoe, Stephanie Dunlap, Kate Imnan.

Pleasanton Seahawks
The Pleasanton Seahawks travelled to Sunnyvale for the 10&Under Championships last weekend, swimming to some impressive results - and new team records. Rachel Knowles earned High Point Honors of the meet, with 4 1st place finishes.

8-under swimmers: Analise Chinn swam to 8th in the 25 Free, 6th in the 25 Fly, and 10th in the 50 Fly. Kayla Lindsay took 1st place with a new PRT in the 25 Free, and 3rd in the 100 Free. Adrienne Rooney took 9th place in the 25 Free. 100 Free Relay team took 1st place: Kayla Lindsay, Analise Chinn, Natalia Bello, and Negin Tehrani. 100 Medley Relay team of Kayla Lindsay, Negin Tehrani, Analise Chinn, and Natalia Bello took 2nd place.

10-under: Rachel Knowles broke her own records, placing 1st in the 500 Free and 100 Fly, and set a record and placed 1st in the 200 Free.

Livermore Smoke
Livermore Smoke Girls Softball results:
Livermore Pleasanton Senior Division: Karen Hutton Realtor Blue Angels 6, Trespassers (Pleasanton) 6, 2B - Ciarra Trujillo 2, Jessica Davis, Bradie Rosa (BA), 4 hits - Chelsea Larsen (BA), 3 hits - Jessica Davis, Kelsey Engel, Emma Grim, Trujillo, Rosa (BA), 2 hits - Brittani Marston, Lee Schellenberger, Amanda Shepherd, Tori Toth (BA), Double play - Chelsea Larsen, Jessica Davis (BA).

Karen Hutton Realtor Blue Angels 6, Shock (Pleasanton) 5, WP - Chelsea Larsen, 3B - Emma Grim (BA), 2B - Dyana Burton, Larsen (BA), 3 hits - Larsen (BA), 2 hits - Lauren Bailey, Burton, Jessica Davis, Kelsey Engel, Amanda Shepherd, Bradie Rosa (BA), 2 RBI - Grim (BA).

Middle School Black Division playoffs: AMS.Net, Inc. The Mob 11, Brent Bowen Photography Purple Mafia 0, All Star Sports Sneaky Cleats 8, Santa Rita Chevron Black Attack 7, Black Attack and The Sneaky Cleats opened the playoffs in another great

battle, with Black Attack jumping out to an early lead, but the Sneaky Cleats came back in the next half inning to go ahead for good. Amanda Anderson was on twice with a walk and tough play at first. Kathleen Thaeet was on base twice with two singles, while Korinna Botes pitched a great game.

Winners' bracket final: AMS.Net, Inc. The Mob 10, All Star Sports Sneaky Cleats 2.

Consolation bracket - first round: Santa Rita Chevron Black Attack 5, Brent Bowen Photography Purple Mafia 4. The Black Attack and Purple Mafia locked up in another close, hard-fought game. Leslie Carlson, Lexi Meyer, and Tabitha Heinz came up with numerous plays on defense to help the Black Attack, while Meyer picked a player off in the third inning to end a rally.

Middle School Red Division: Bill Howard Floor Co. Crossfire 12, Diablo Dental Services Flamin Hot Red Sox 7. The Crossfire broke a close game open in the final inning. Jessica Hallum (single, walk, reached on dropped third strike), Savannah Walkers (single and two walks), and Ramsey Schmitt (walk and hit by pitch) all reached base every time.

Cindy Greci Vipers 15, Groth Brothers Force 8. For the Vipers, Megan Gilmore had a three-run double and would later score. Alison Walker played great catcher keeping base from getting by and scored a run on a walk, and Nicole Sandoval kept the vipers on their feet with team spirit and encouragement and scored two runs on a walk and a single. The Force couldn't come up with any hits early on, but finally had their come back in the last inning. Haley Williford once again pitched an awesome game including four strikeouts, a base hit at bat and an RBI. Renee Dobson with a base hit, and Amanda Kelly with good defense.

Second round: Maryalice Faltings Sneaky Cleats 13, Bill Howard Floor Co. Crossfire 7. The Bill Howard Floor Co. Crossfire, Emily Martin, Sammie Stewart, Maddie Raiche, Kristen Hagden, and Sarah Hepburn all hit singles to help win the game. The Crossfire could've overcome an early Sneaky Cleats lead, as Erica Smith went two-for-two, one of which drove in three runs, and Carolyn Fletcher and Ramsey Schmitt each reached base twice with walks.

Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 12, Cindy Greci Vipers 4. For the Blue Ice, Zoe Kingmang had a good day at the plate with two singles, Kaitlin Bailey scored a run and played good defense, and Haley Folta played good defense and scored a run.

For the Vipers, Nicole Sandoval had two singles, had four stolen bases, and made some great putouts defensively. Kasey Stewart walked twice, and scored on a steal, but it wasn't enough to catch the Blue Ice team.

Olson Construction Gold Rush 10, Meredith Real Estate Orange Crush 4. The Gold Rush started fast and never looked back, and were led by Amanda Morris with a double and two RBI, catcher Jessica Olson gunned down a runner at second base, and Cassidy Van Trease had two singles, two RBI, and pitched great.

Little Rascals Learning Center Demolition 11, AP Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 5. Winners' bracket semifinals: Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 5, Little Rascals Learning Center Demolition 2. For the Blue Ice, Nicole MacDougal pitched five innings striking out seven in a complete game, Amylisa Galvan threw out a runner at third base at catcher, got a girl out trying to steal home, and had a solid hit, and Zoe Klingmang had a great game with many defensive outs from her first base position and had two hits.

Maryalice Faltings Sneaky Cleats 17, Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 5. The Sneaky Cleats played an awesome game with Carrin Whitehurst's grand slam, Hannah Potter's triple, and Jenni Herrington's three RBIs. For the Blue Ice, Kaylynn Richards had a hit and played great defensively. Jennifer Lackey had a solid hit, and tagged a runner out at third trying to steal, and Kaitlin Bailey had a solid hit and played well in the field think she scored a run.

Consolation bracket - first round: AP Concrete Lady Yanks 13, Diablo Dental Services Flaming Hot Red Sox 9.

Groth Brothers Force 11, Meredith Real Estate Brokers Orange Crush 10. The Force played another very exciting and nailbiting game, coming through to squeak by the Orange Crush. Great pitching by Ceara Fisher, a fantastic triple by Sheryn Beard and another powerful single by Sarah Nickerson.

Consolation bracket - second round: Bill Howard Floor Co. Crossfire 9, Groth Brothers Force 8. The Crossfire pulled out a narrow victory over the late-blooming Force. For the Crossfire, Brooke Lari went two-for-two and was among many Crossfire players who reached base both times at bat. Erica Smith also reached base twice, including a two-run single, and Lauren Koelsch had a double and stole home for what was the winning run. The Force stayed tough and tried to keep their lead but the game ended with no time left which gave the Crossfire the win. Fantastic pitching by Haley Williford along with a big double and two RBIs led the Force, along with a big hit by Camille Espinoza, and another good hit by Araina Hanson.

Cindy Greci Vipers 12, AP Concrete Lady Yanks 6. The Vipers kept their playoff hopes alive and kept the Lady Yanks from catching up. Allyson Walker had an awesome day with a RBI double and a two-run triple, Rachel Garza hit a double and stole home for a run, and Sierra Cassels scored two runs on walks and stole five bases.

10-Under Black Division playoffs: Earth Safety Dynamics Black Smoke 6, Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Lightning 5.

Groth Brothers Bad News Babes 8, Hired Guns Fastpitch Academy Hired Guns 7. The Bad News Babes were fired up and played hard. Brittney Gunderson played excellent defense and slammed a big hit and stole second base. Tiffanie Munoz played awesome defense throwing out a runner at home, got three runners out on first and had a big hit and stole her way to third. Ashley Schlegel had a fantastic defensive game and had a huge single.

Winners' bracket final: Earth Safety Dynamics Black Smoke 10, Groth Brothers Bad News Babes 5.

Consolation bracket semifinals: Hired Guns Fastpitch Academy Hired Guns 11, Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Lightning 1.

10-Under Red Division playoffs: Abramson & Thaeet MVPs 9, Line X Lucky Charms 8. The MVPs overcame an 8-2 deficit in the bottom of the fourth inning to win the game by one run. Madeline Leeper drove in three runs in her last at-bat, including the game-winning ninth run, and Jennifer Leon and Danielle Roths each scored runs in the fourth inning.

Diablo Dental Services Warriors 8, John L. Sullivan Toyota Wildcats 7. In the bottom of the fourth inning Madeline Glaviano drove in two runs with a single. She was moved to third on an infield hit legged out by Adeline Call, and Hannah Mata drove her in with a golf shot down the left field line for the walkoff hit. The Wildcats went in strong holding the Warriors at 7-1 until the fourth inning when they mounted a comeback. Haley Hamza pitched an inning with a strikeout, Jackie Granados pitched two innings with two strikeouts and a single and Greia Kolmoos pitched an inning and had an RBI at bat.

Winners' bracket: The Oaks Group, Smith Barney Royal Dames 8, Abramson & Thaeet MVPs 6. The highlight for MVPs was the great double play by Corinne Heinsteinst and Vanessa Valenti on a fly caught by Heinsteinst who tossed to Valenti for the second out at the base, and Liz Taylor hit a double and scored a run each in the second and fourth innings.

Crawford Family Thillerz 8, Diablo Dental Services Warriors 2. The Warriors kept the game close early with great pitching from Hannah Mata striking out four batters, and giving up one run in two innings. Chelsea Bantley and Hanna Beauchamp each drove in a run to account for the Warriors offense.

Faltings' Raging Team Junmstar 7, William Thompson Pink Panthers 6. For the Pink Panthers, Morgan Dillard and Samantha Rundle had an out at home, and Stephanie Rucker pitched three strikeouts.

Consolation bracket: John L. Sullivan Toyota Wildcats 10, William Thompson Pink Panthers 9. The Wildcats played like they wanted to win with only nine players. Wildcats had great hitting with Anastasia Goold, who also pitched two innings and four strikeouts and a single, Jackie Granados pitching two innings and had a strikeout and had a single and RBI at bat, and Brianna Lima had a single. For the Pink Panthers, Kaitlyn Baucke had two base hits and three RBIs. Morgan Dillard pitched four strikeouts, and Claia Curtis was excellent at catcher.

Abramson & Thaeet MVPs 10, John L. Sullivan Toyota Wildcats 4. For the MVPs, Taylor Lewis pitched three innings earning seven strikeouts. Jennifer Leon pitched the first inning and hit a double in the third inning knocking in two RBIs, and Madeline Leeper knocked in two RBIs in the fourth inning and scored twice. The Wildcats did their best with only eight players. For the Wildcats, Anastasia Goold pitched two innings with two strikeouts and scored two runs, Jackie Granados pitched an inning and had a strikeout, and Rachel Danielson singled.

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Pony Baseball Results:
Fremont Bronco Twins 6, Livermore Bronco A's 5. Jon Rainey had a double and two RBIs and Keegan Wright added a single and an RBI, but the A's lost a squeaker to the Twins. Colby Stoneham provided heads-up backup at second base, preventing an errant throw from going into center field in the first inning. Kyle LaRont made a nice catch in center in the fifth inning. The combined pitching of Colten Paynter, Chris DiPeso, and Christian Pesquera combined for eight strike-outs and held the Twins scoreless in the fourth, fifth and six innings.

Pleasanton Pony Giants 1, Fremont Bronco Tigers 8***
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Livermore Mustang Indians 8, Pleasanton Mustang Giants 6
The Livermore Indians squeaked out an 8-6 win against the Pleasanton Yankees in Mustang PONY action. The Indians had a well balanced offense with Drew Webber (1B), Kameron Johnson (3B), Alex Cupps (3B), Ryan Ruley (1B), Carsen Paynter (1B, 1B), Derrick Evans (1B) and Tristian White (1B) all contributing at the plate. Derrick Evans had the game winning hit. It was the bottom of the 5th inning, the score was tied 4-4, there were two on and two out and Evans drilled a grounder through the right side to score two runs. Ryan Ruley pitched three straight K's in the 6th to close out the win for the Indians.

Pleasanton Mustang White Sox 9, Pleasanton Mustang Giants 10.
Damian Johnson (P) started the White Sox defense on the right foot, getting 3 straight strikeouts in the 1st. The White Sox offense delivered 10 hits, with much of the action coming in the 6-run 4th inning. Michael Lloyd started things off in the 4th with a single, and Zach Larkin and Reed Marques each got walked to set the stage. Jeffrey Deguchi hit a 2 RBI double, Andrew Crabill hit a 1 RBI double, and Zane Petersen also contributed a 1 RBI single. Daniel Lindevald also belted a standup double in the 4th.

Livermore Mustang Pirates 13-Pleasanton Mustang Giants 9:
Pleasanton Mustang Giants played tough against the Livermore Mustang Indians. Joey Hendricks, Justin Friedman, and Christian Cisneros made great defensive plays. Jake Jackson pitched 3 strong innings. Runs were scored by Nick Chavez, Brennon Morris, Justin Friedman, Jake Jackson, James Moore. David Bartolomeucci hit a double.

Pleasanton American LL
Pleasanton American Little League results:
T-Ball: Red Sox vs. Yankees: The Red Sox performed singly against the Yankees this year by outscoring them in every outing teamwork. David Azuma was a stand-out all around player with consistent fielding hits. John Morse and Brent Werder contributed mightily with 2nd and 3rd inning hits. Indians vs. White Sox: The Indians played another fine game. Garrett Flynn showed excellent determination at the plate and in the field. The hustle of speedy Jared Moyers made it almost impossible to get him out on ground balls. Finally, hard-swinging Jonathon Flynn came through with some base hits and nice catches. Red Sox vs. White Sox: New pitching was no problem for the Red Sox, against the White Sox, as hit after hit marked the steady growth of this team. Cody Vaeth was a standout with a power hit down the 3rd base line and overall strong play. Jake Borges had a great day fielding and Joey Herz mailed the game-ending home run Indians vs. Angels: The Indians played an exciting game with Nicholas Barnett hitting every ball hard and being active in the field. Shawn Deluz also played a fine game showing great hustle on the base paths and in the field. Felix Rivera continued his rapid improvement at the plate by stroking several base hits.

Farm B: Twins vs. Red Sox: Ryan hit the ball high to left field in two innings. He fouled at pitcher's mound and ran out the couple of batters at 2nd base. Logan hit hard line drives in all three innings and fielded smartly at 1st base. Kapil hit a long one down center in two innings. Jason Schulz fielded a line drive and ran out at 3rd twice.

Farm A: Yankees vs. White Sox. The Yankees played another great game on Saturday. Leading the way were Matthew Briones, Sam Steele and Justin Cho.

Red Sox vs. Athletics: A pair of hot hitting teams squared off Saturday afternoon.

Dylan Barker ripped three hits, scored two runs, and took a hard smash off the chest for the team at short. Jack Miller lined a double and a single and made some nice defensive plays at third and first. Anish Sangari stroked a single and added an unassisted double play by snaring a line drive and stepping on third to catch the baserunner for the second out. Nice game Red Sox!

White Sox vs. Indians: The White Sox came out strong against the Indians this Monday night. Noor Gill had two solid RBIs while Jared Plecher and David Kozuch each got doubles. Denver Schlag and Dustin Ralph made phenomenal catches and throws to first. The White Sox are showing continued improvement in the game all around.

Minor AA: Indians 7, Angels 8. The Indians continued their streak of comebacks and near victories. A surge of hits and walks enabled the Indian to climb back into the game after lagging behind by 4 runs. Grant Fuggins and Josh Narayan got the few nice singles in this game, and Andrew Kroll landed some fast pitches. With all the last minute effort, the Indians still felt behind by one run.

Majors: Yankees 7, Indians 12. The Indians jumped out scoring some early runs and kept the Yankees off the base paths. The Yankees staged a come back in the last inning, scoring 6 runs. The highlight of the game was Christopher Kinney's grand slam to center field. The Yankees ran out of steam and couldn't catch the tide.

Rangers 10, Athletics 4: Jonathan Camello blasted 3 Home Runs and had 7 RBI's to lead the Rangers over the A's 10-4. In the top of the 1st, Camello hit a Grand Slam to start the scoring for the Rangers. In the 4th, he hit a 2-run shot and followed that with a solo shot in the 6th. Also contributing on offense for the Rangers were Mark Slifer (3-4, 2-RBI's), Ryan Anderson (3-3, 1-RBI) Jakob Wipfl (2-4, 2-runs) and Sean Walsh (1-1, 2-RBI's). Parker Ryan, Austin Piscotty and Kyle Moreno pitched well to keep the A's offense in check. Great defensive plays were made by Bryson Sherman and Eric Crispell.

Rangers 14, Yankees 0: The Rangers improved their record to 11-1 as they beat the Yankees 14-0. The Rangers bat's came alive as they collected a season high 16 hits. Leading the way offensively for the Rangers was Kyle J. Moreno as he went 4-4 with a solo homerun, double and 2 singles. Jakob Wipfl 4-4, 2 runs, 2-RBI's and Mark Slifer (2-3, 1-run, 1-RBI). Other offensive stars for the Rangers were Eric Crispell (1-2, 1-run, 2-RBI's) and Jonathan Camello (2-4, 2-runs). The Rangers received excellent pitching from Austin Piscotty (3-innings, 0-hits, 0-runs and 3-K's), Ryan Anderson (2-innings, 1-hit, 0-runs and 4 K's) and Jack Hoffman (1-inning, 2-hits, 0 runs) to hold the Yankees.

Red Sox 10, Indians 3: The Red Sox bats were alive early on in the game and continued throughout with nearly all players achieving hits. Drew Gray hit a hard shot to right field for a triple. Brian Hsu produced 2 doubles and Jimmy Doyle a double that helped lead the Red Sox to their victory over the Indians. Pitchers Brian Hsu, Kyle Greenan and Jimmy Doyle struck out a total of 11 batters. Drew Gray, Brian Hsu and Justin Cruz made excellent defensive plays in the outfield. Cameron Myers at catcher made an excellent throw to second for an out as an Indian baserunner was attempting to steal. It was a great all around performance by the Red Sox!

Junior 80s: Athletics 2, Athletics 6: Anthony Shiel dominated at the plate for the A's going 3 for 3 with one double. Anthony also led the team with stolen bases followed by Jack Rogers and Cole Hanley. Ryan Campbell scored the only two runs of the game for the A's. On defense Drew Clawges was instrumental to the team at 3rd base contributing two outs and one assist to slow the Giants down, including one play were Catcher, Matt London hurled a ball to Drew picking off a Giant attempting to steal. Travis Duarte held his own making two first rate plays at 2nd base diving towards the ball preventing it from reaching out field stopping one runner at 1st base and throwing the other runner out.

Athletics 0, Cardinals 13: It was an off night for the A's playing against the Cardinals. The team gave 110% but were unable to make it happen. Josh Rosenblatt and Kevin Smith led the team with 4 hits and 3 runs and three strikes throughout the game. The hard hitting Cardinals were able to connect. Cole Hanley and Jack Rogers owned the outfield both credited with exceptional fly ball catches. Short Stop, Drew Clawges provided incredible back up at 2nd base tagging the runner out and Ryan Campbell was unmatched at 3rd base also tagging a runner rounding 3rd heading home.

Junior 90s: The PALL Junior 90's Gold completed the doubleheader sweep as they took the nightcap 9-7 against San Ramon. The Gold were down early, 3-0 after 2 1/2 innings. In the bottom of the 3rd inning, Pleasanton came through with 5 runs. Dylan Hecht started it off with a hard single. After stealing second, he advanced to 3rd on a perfect sacrifice bunt by Nick Eslick. Dylan Strangemyer continued his hot hitting with a solid single to score Hecht. Justin Taylor

Angels 10, Angels 4: The PALL Junior 90's Gold completed the doubleheader sweep as they took the nightcap 9-7 against San Ramon. The Pleasanton Gold started the scoring in the 1st inning. After two quick outs, Nate Johansen was hit by a pitch. He then stole second. He was followed by a lead double to left by Joey Manzi, scoring Johansen. After three innings, Pleasanton found themselves down 3-2, but not for long. In the bottom of the 4th, Pleasanton came through with 5 runs. After a single by Michael Lam and a walk to Justin Taylor, Dylan Strangemyer laid down a beautiful bunt that went for a single and scored a run. Johansen also had an RBI in the inning with a hard ground out to short. Pleasanton added insurance runs in the 5th with three more runs. Pleasanton had 5 consecutive hits to start the inning, the highlight being a long single by Dylan Strangemyer to right center. Michael Lam pitched 5 strong innings with 8 strikeouts and only 2 walks. Joey Manzi has really stepped up as a dominant closer for the Gold as he came on to pitch 2 shutout innings. With an impressive fastball and an unhittable curve ball, Manzi finished with 4 strikeouts, only 1 walk and 1 hit.

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BULLETIN BOARD

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Reading Volunteers Needed. New group organizing to become a Barton Reading Tutor. No experience is necessary. Training is free of charge. Volunteers will be matched to students who need help. All the materials and training required to bring a student's reading and spelling up to grade level or above will be provided. There are currently over 80 volunteer tutors making a difference for over 135 Pleasanton students. An optional information meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, from 7-8 p.m. at Valley View School. For more information about the Barton Reading Program, please call Christina Clark at Valley View (925/426-4231, ext. 2638) or e-mail: cclark@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Progressive Book Club meeting 7 p.m. Tues., May 22 at the Livermore Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave. The meeting will feature a discussion of the book "Conservatives Without Conscience" by John Dean. All are welcome to attend.

The Revolution Will Not Be Televised, a documentary of Hugo Chavez, with live, inside the palace footage of the coup d'etat, will be shown at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin at 7 p.m. on Sat., May 19. This event is open to the public, wheelchair accessible, and refreshments provided. Free or \$2.00 donation. Meet & greet starts at 6:30 PM, a short discussion follows the film. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Dessert Dance. May 18, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Includes entertainment by the USS Hornet Big Band. Dessert served at 6:30 p.m., dance at 7 p.m. Fee. Information, call 931-5365.

Operations start-up, monitoring, and human resources. Attend TVC's Center for Commercialization & Entrepreneurial Training on Wednesday, May 23 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (registration/continental breakfast at 8 am). This session describes the business organization development process and the essential legal, accounting, taxation, and record keeping processes. We also discuss the critical areas of staffing, recruiting, and educating and training personnel. 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.tvc.org> or contact TVC at 925.960.1600 or tvc.ca@techventures.org.

California Retired Teachers Association Tri-Valley Division #85 will hold a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 11:15AM, at The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Hall (IBEW), 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Music on the keyboard will be provided by local musician, Cort Smith. The cost is \$11.00. Guests are welcome. For information call 925-373-8254.

Tri-Valley Conservancy Board of Directors, meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10, Livermore Public Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Livermore Adult Ed Classes: Class and exam all in one day Notary Public Class (5/12). This state approved class is for new and renewing notaries. Senior E-mail (5/21)

is held during the day. Free English Second Language (ESL) summer school will be held at the new Nancy Steele Community Center at Marilyn School starting 6/18. Call 606-4722 for more information or go online www.livermoreadulted.org

Meditation Hike for Women in Brushy Peak Regional Preserve, Livermore. Sat., May 19, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 4.5-mile loop hike. (some uphill) Also included is a mindful activity and digital group photo. Fee \$19, or \$21 for non-East Bay Regional Park District residents. Instructor: Sue Evans. Register by phone by calling (925) 373-0144 or (510) 636-1684 and give them the course code above or visit www.ebparcs.org.

Homebuyer Education Class. Free. Tues., May 15, 6:34 p.m. HometownCMAC Real Estate office at 1888 Fourth St., Livermore. Includes education, booklets/materials, credit report, and refreshments. Learn the information essential to becoming a homeowner. Presented by Karen Huntoon, 455-7020 and Scott Frazier, 606-3790.

Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. The meeting will feature the annual Silent Auction. This event is a great opportunity to bring home some "genitely used" tools, books or notions, or to rebuild a fabric stash. The guild is a nonprofit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, <http://amadorvalleyquilters.org>.

Dealing with Change in the Wake of Cancer, interactive multimedia presentation on ways to cope and ultimately deal with reactions to loss and manage change. Facilitated by Michael Stephens. Thurs., May 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Valley Care Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Rd., Suites 240 A & B, Pleasanton. For cancer patients, families and friends. Free. To register call 933-0107.

Service news: Robert G. Hartley, 46, completed the annual commemorative Bataan Death March held near White Sands Missile Range on March 26, 2007. He was carrying a 44 pound pack on his back. Hartley is an electrical engineer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and he is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army reserves. He and six others from the 2d Battalion, 360th Regiment, 402d Field Artillery Brigade (formerly 3d Brigade, 91st Division (TS)), based in Lathrop, Calif. participated in and completed this event. Hartley finished the 26.2 mile march in 7 hours and 17 minutes while carrying a 44 pound rucksack. Air Force Airman Alexandra L. Sawyer has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Karen Sawyer of Livermore and granddaughter of Joe and Lori Sawyer of Olynx Court, Stockton. Sawyer is a 2006 graduate of Granada High School, Livermore. Army Spec. Wayne A. Yeaw has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Wayne and Pam Yeaw of Pleasanton. Yeaw graduated in 1987 from Amador Valley High School, and earned a master's degree in 2005 from the University of Phoenix, both of Pleasanton. Air Force Airman James W. Lewis has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Peter and Christine Lewis of Pleasanton. Lewis is a 2005 graduate of Foothill High School, Pleasanton.

Stoneridge Water Polo Dinner and Live Music Fund-raiser: Sun., June 3, 4:40 to 8:30 p.m. Westover Vineyards, 34329 Palomares Rd., Castro Valley. Music by Good Medicine, admission \$50 per carload (No buses or vans). Also: Armadillo Willy's dinner for \$20 per person at 4:30 p.m. (tickets in advance only). Special port tasting for \$10 (age 21 and over only - tickets in advance only). Contact Paula Glogovac 426-0929 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Student news: Jordan Even of Livermore is performing with the Valparaiso University Kantorei choir during the current academic year. The Kantorei is a select religious choir specializing in festive liturgies and sings a diverse repertoire of sacred music from chant to talk and jazz. Even is a junior music performance and history double major. He is the son of William and Christa Even of Livermore. Tyler David Thralls of Livermore has been named to the Whitworth College Laureate Society for fall semester 2006. The student qualified for the academic honor society by maintaining a grade-point average of at least 3.75 during the semester. Mackenzie Orth of Livermore has been named to the 2006-07 Dean's List at Northwest Nazarene University. Michelle Marie Cadinh of Livermore has been named to the 2006 Autumn Quarter Dean's List at Seattle Pacific University. DePaul University student Judy Dickinson of Livermore, who is pursuing a S.N.L Degree, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2006 fall term. To receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a four-point scale.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist. 1893 N. Vasco Rd. Livermore. Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Topic for May 13, Mother's Day is "Unconditional Love and Deficits of Attention," with Rev. Eric Meterspeaking. Information 447-8747.

Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Pleasanton. Two Sunday worship services: 8:30 a.m. service will have a classic emphasis and nursery care for children under 3 will be provided. The 10:15 a.m. service will have a contemporary emphasis and nursery care, as well as Sunday school classes for preschool through high school age children will be provided. For more info, call

the church office at 846-4436.

First Church of Christ, Scientist. Livermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

United Christian Church. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore: worships on Sunday morning at 10:30am. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Services are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Service at 7 p.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

Tri-Valley Unity Church will meet on May 13, Mother's Day, at Old St. Raymond's Church, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Sunday service and children's school at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

Parenting Seminar, "The 10 Laws of Effective Parenting," taught by Richard Rollins, author and administrator. Fri., May 11, 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Sat., May 12, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$60 couple or \$40 individual includes materials, book, and child care. Held at Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Register at www.cedargrove.org or by email at mcromie@cedargrove.org or by phone, 447-2351.

OBITUARIES

Groth Bros. Mourns

Loss of Two Employees

Groth Bros. recently lost two employees. Both had been with the business for a number of years and both deaths were sudden and unexpected.

Barry Katofsky was a salesman for us for 8 years. He died one day before his 65th birthday of a heart attack.

Just ten days later, another employee was lost. Hugo Rodriguez was the detail manager. On Sunday he and all his detail staff joined the sales dept. to attend Barry's funeral in Santa Cruz.

Then last week, Hugo passed away as the result of a brain aneurism he suffered at work. "He was eating lunch, stood up and felt light-headed. He was rushed to the hospital, but died on the way," according to one of his colleagues.

Hugo was married with 3 children, ages 12, 10 and 8 months old. He worked 6 days a week to provide for his family. Hugo would have been 37 last Sunday.

His fellow employees contacted The Independent hoping the public would help provide funds for the Rodriguez family. "They do not have enough money to bury him."

The dealership is setting up a trust fund for the children. Employees at Groth Bros. are participating in providing funds for the family through a payroll deduction program. Others interested in donating can send contributions to Groth Bros. in care of Hugo Rodriguez, 59 South L Street, Livermore, CA 94550.

If there are any questions or more information is needed, please call Crysten at 447-3190.

Both Rodriguez and Katofsky are described as "valued employees. A lot of people knew them. They are greatly missed by friends, family and co-workers."

Robert Remillard

Long-time Livermore resident Robert Remillard passed away at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley on Tuesday, May 1. Bob had been a resident of the Meadow View Manor, a nursing home, for the past two years.

Bob was born in Chadron, Nebraska on December 28, 1923. His father, Louis, was a train dis-

patcher for the Chicago & North Western Railroad. His mother, Bess, was a homemaker and gave piano lessons. He grew up in Chadron with his two brothers, Lou and Richard, and his sister, Marion.

Bob attended Chadron State Teacher's College before joining the Navy during World War II. The Navy sent him to Peru State Teacher's College for one year. Following that, he attended midshipman's school at the Northwestern University in downtown Chicago and graduated with the rank of Ensign. Bob earned the rank of Lieutenant (jg) during World War II, serving aboard the Amphibious Attack Transport, the USS San Saba. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Following the war, Bob received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nebraska, and his Master's Degree in Physics from Notre Dame University. On August 27, 1949, Bob married Marie Malicky, another Nebraska native. After Bob graduated from Notre Dame, the couple moved to California and lived in Santa Paula while Bob worked at the Naval Air Weapons Station at Point Mugu.

Bob began working at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1953 as a Nuclear Physicist. He worked on design, test, and safety projects during his 30+ years at the "Lab." Bob and Marie raised their five children, Anne, Teresa (Terri), Mary, Robert (Bob), and Cheryl in Livermore and put them all through college. While active in the community, Bob helped establish the Livermore Youth Soccer Club, an Interfaith Housing Development, and participated in the Knights of Columbus.

In 1986, Bob retired from the Lab. His hobbies included radio electronics, bridge, chess, crossword puzzles, and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Marie, children Anne, Terri, Mary, Bob, and Cheryl, grandchildren Patrick and Tess, and brother Richard.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Michael's Church on Friday, May 11 at 10:00 am with interment at St. Michael's Cemetery immediately following.

SPORTS NOTES

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and Nick Griffen each hit home runs, Sam's a solo shot to center and Nick's a 3 run shot to left, accounted for the Cards 1st 4 runs.

AAA Division: Giants 15, Dodgers 0: The Giants and the Dodgers played a good game. The Giants pitching along with solid defense held the Dodgers scoreless. Good pitching from Scott Simpson, Anthony Trucco, and Francis Dunne. Scott Simpson had a big triple and Alex Williams had a nice double and a single. Singles were hit by Anthony Trucco with two, Francis Dunne with two, Andrew Grieshammer with one, Geoffrey Wiedrecht with one, and Hunter Milano with three.

Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its 14th annual Spirit Run in downtown Pleasanton on Father's Day, June 17.

Rotarians organizing the race anticipate more than 1,200 runners will stream down Main Street in two runs. The 10K run will start at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K run at 8:30. All of the festivities, including the starting and finishing lines, are in downtown Pleasanton. The courses wind through Pleasanton neighborhoods, the Alameda County Fairgrounds and on trails along the scenic Arroyo del Valle.

Proceeds go to support the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's scholarship program. In the last nine years, more than \$250,000 has been raised for scholarships that are awarded after an application and interview process to deserving Pleasanton graduates who need financial help to attend college.

Advanced registration is \$25 for adults and high school students and \$15 for middle and elementary students. Race day registration also will be available.

Registered runners can contribute a portion of their registration fee directly to a Pleasanton public school of their choice by indicating that when they register.

To register, please go to www.spiritrun.com.

After the race, the Livermore Pleasanton Firefighters will serve a community pancake breakfast in the Round Table Pizza parking lot. Breakfast is \$5 per person with proceeds going to charities supported by the firefighters.

Youth Basketball

In MVP Flight 4th grade girls basketball action the Ocelligonos 3-game winning streak ended with a couple of tough-fought losses over the weekend. Shannon Rosemark and Grace Naylor led the scoring for the Ocelligonos. Also scoring were Danielle Dufek, Molly Farro, Anna Neitzel, and Samantha Trask.

Business Women Golf

The 2nd Annual Business Golf for Women will be held Tues., June 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore.

Join other business women and golf enthusiasts for a day of networking, education, golf, and fun! Bring clients, prospects, and team colleagues for an event that promotes golf for women and promises to increase appreciation, knowledge, and enjoyment of golf as a business tool.

The schedule includes registration, a continental breakfast, guest speakers, golf clinics, lunch, 9-hole golf tournament and a networking reception with awards, wine tasting and prizes.

Wear golf attire, casual clothing and golf or tennis shoes. Bring clubs or request a rental set (no fee).

Cost for the full day is \$99 or with three or more \$79 each. For the seminar and clinic only the fee is \$49 per person. For information, call 456-8201 or go to

www.poppyridgegolf.com.

Baseball Camp

Matador Baseball Summer Camps are available for ages 6-14. Weekly skills-based camps at Granada High School Varsity field run by Varsity coaches and players. Camp dates: June 11-14, June 18-21, June 25-29 (not 27), and July 9-12, from 9-12 each day. Cost is \$140 per camp by June 1 and \$150 if registered after June 1. For more information and registration, go to www.granadabaseball.org.

Sandlot Baseball

Sandlot Baseball is looking for players who are age 17 to 19 and are willing to play up to 30 games this summer. Pitchers and catchers are needed. All positions welcome. For information contact sandlotbaseballone@hotmail.com.

PGSL Board of Directors

The election of the Pleasanton Girls Softball League 2007-2008 Executive Board of Directors will take place on Saturday, May 19 at the Pleasanton Sports Park. Voting will be open at the logoware booth between GSB 6 & 7 from 9am - 3pm. All parents of PGSL players are eligible and encouraged to vote.

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.

Baseball Camp

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting a week long summer camp. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High players, a snack each day and a camp shirt. This 6-12 year old camp costs \$150 and runs from 9:00-12:00 everyday. The dates are June 18-22. If you sign up before June 10th (post marked), pay only \$125. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 443-2742 or lvbinfo@yahoo.com or go to the website at www.eteamz.com/lvb

Football/Cheer

Livermore Youth Football/Cheer is now taking registrations. Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for more than 30 years. There are 5 levels of play to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading). Registration will be held May 31st from 6-8 pm at Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. For information go to www.eteamz.com/lyfc or call 925-454-1421 (evenings)

The football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVYFC). DVYFC is one of the strongest youth football conferences in Northern CA. It 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.

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Pleasanton Rose Show Moves to Century House

67th Annual Pleasanton Rose Show will be held Saturday, May 12 at The Century House in Pleasanton.

This show is dubbed "the people's show," because anyone can bring in their homegrown roses. It started at a Pleasanton bank in the 1930's when Harry Harding gave his customers rose bushes to show his appreciation for their patronage. His customers returned the favor by bringing back blooms for him in appreciation. He decided to start the rose show.

Exhibitors can bring their roses between 6:30 and 9:30 a.m. Judging will take place from 9:30 a.m. to noon followed by the awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

The show will be open to the public from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road.

The show is sponsored by the City of Pleasanton, Alain Pinel Realtors and Alliance Title (at Koll Center).

There is no admission charge.

Affordable Housing Opens

EAH Housing, a non-profit organization that develops, manages and promotes affordable housing in California and Hawaii, is holding a grand opening for Camellia Place, a 112-unit affordable rental community in Dublin. The grand opening is on Thursday, May 17, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, Executive Director of the Alameda County Surplus Property Authority Patrick Cashman, and President and CEO of EAH Mary Murtagh will be speaking. The total cost of the project was \$33 million. People who are interested in being part of the new community are asked to contact EAH manager Grace Paulino at 925-829-4900.

Camellia Place is part of the Dublin Transit Center. It features one, two and three bedroom apartments and townhouses. These units are available to households earning 20 to 60 percent of Area Median Income, or \$16,760 to \$50,280 for a family of four. Rents range from \$270 to \$1,224 per month. Every unit has a balcony and patio and is equipped with central heating and air conditioning. The shared amenities include a club room, computer center, landscaped courtyard with seating areas, a central fountain, tot lots, covered parking, elevators, property-wide security system and complementary wi-fi. It is located next to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station.

"Camellia Place is a wonderful example of all that works in affordable housing," said Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart. "Not only is it 100% affordable, it is designed to be environmentally friendly and accessible to mass transit. Who could ask for more?"

The development is a key component of the transit-oriented development plan that the Alameda County Surplus Property Authority chose to utilize at the site. Because of its military history, this project can be best described as a 'greyfield' - a development on formerly underutilized land, but without the environmental mitigation issues that are associated with brownfields.

The affordability for this development was made possible through funding from the State MHP program (and Props 46/1C), SPA loans and grants, a HOME loan from Alameda County, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit and Tax-Exempt Bond Financing.

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SHORT NOTES

Battalion Chief Retires

Battalion Chief Glen Haendel's last duty day with the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department was May 3. A last "roll call" ceremony was held with uniformed employees lined up to salute Glen as he walked from his final duty day into his first day of retirement.

He began his fire service career with the Piedmont Fire Department in 1979. He joined the Pleasanton Fire Department (PFD) in 1980 and served the majority of his career at Station One in downtown Pleasanton. During his tenure he was promoted to fire engineer in 1985, lieutenant in 1988, and captain in 1996.

After consolidation of the Livermore and Pleasanton fire departments, he served as an "acting" division chief until he was promoted to the position in March 2002. During a 2006 management restructure, Chief Haendel was appointed to the new position of Battalion Chief.

He has made a number of significant contributions during his fire service career. He served as the EMS coordinator for the PFD, recruit academy instructor, public education coordinator, explorer and reserve firefighter coordinator. He also served as the president of the Alameda County Fire Chiefs' EMS section, Pleasanton Firefighters Local 1974 secretary, and "C" Division shift commander.

He says he is looking forward to spending time with his wife Linda and their adult children. Family time, travel and the Shark's play-off games are important future plans.

Students Imaginative

Among the most creative minds in California are local middle and high school students from Pleasanton who brought home top honors at the Destination ImagiNation (DI) State Finals in Elk Grove. Students from Pleasanton Middle School and Foothill and Amador Valley high schools will represent California at the DI Global Finals, May 23-26, at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

The Pleasanton Middle School Team competed in two separate challenges, earning a First Place and a Second Place. In addition to improvised solutions, the team created a structure made of playing cards that held 600 pounds before breaking, a complex projection system, a giant kaleidoscope, an intricate mosaic, and a hovercraft that transported a team member. For their efforts, this team also received a rare Renaissance Award for Outstanding Engineering and Design. Team members include Jeffrey Chen, Sachin Dhar, Devon Gold, Preston Hedrick, Linus Ho, Hunter Laine and Arielle Siegel.

The Foothill High School team also took First Place in the most technical challenge. They built a computerized launching system, remote-controlled helicopters, and a spectacular marionette stage featuring stained glass windows. Team members include both Foothill and Amador Valley high school students: Alex Chebotarev, Sargun Dhillion, James Hedrick, Haley Laine, Diane Rodriguez and Adam Siegel.

Both teams are now preparing for the DI Global Tournament and actively looking for sponsorships and donations to help defray the cost to compete and ship their props. Please contact Team Manager Liz Flores at (925) 462-4150 for more information.

Destination ImagiNation is the world's largest creative problem solving program for kids, with participants in 47 United States, several Canadian provinces, and 15 other countries. For more information, visit www.idodi.org.

New Location for Talk

The Ed Kinney Lecture Series presents "California in the Civil War," at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 17 at a new location, Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. The event is sponsored by Museum Board Member Bill Apperson and his wife Anne.

The Alfred Pleasanton Camp #24 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will present the program led by Camp Commander Charlie Mable from Newark and Senior Vice-Commander Lynn R. Owens of Livermore.

Five speakers will talk about the Civil War relating to Fort Point and Alcatraz in San Francisco, the California Column, the California 100 and California secessionists. Several uniformed re-enactors will discuss living history. Ernie Manzo of the National Civil War Association will discuss Berdan's Sharpshooters. There will be a display of antique, Civil War, and re-enactor firearms.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was a creation of the Grand Army of the Republic formed in 1866, that later became the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America in 1881, and, in 1925, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War which was incorporated by an Act of Congress on August 20, 1954.

Reservations are requested. Admission is \$5 for museum members and \$10 for nonmembers. Call (925) 462-2766. Memberships will be available for purchase that night.

Sheep Shearing Day

Sheep Shearing Day is scheduled for Sat., May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Forest Homes Farm, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd. There will also be sheep dog herding demonstrations.

Spinners, weavers, woodturners, a blacksmith and wheat weavers will be on hand to show their talents. There will be a craft area for the kids. Tours of the property will include the Tractor Museum.

Cost is \$3 preregistration and \$5 per person at the gate. For more information, call 973-3281.

The San Ramon Farmers Market will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Range Camp for Teens

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District is encouraging young people to attend the June 17-22 California Range and Natural Resources Camp in Half Moon Bay. Students enrolled in natural sciences or agriculture classes may be interested in this opportunity to learn from range scientists about wildlife management, forestry, environmental careers, riparian watersheds, and other topics. Range Camp provides a unique educational experience with classroom and outdoor activities.

This camp is sponsored by resource conservation districts, University of California Cooperative Extension, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and others. It is designed to introduce 15-18 year olds to California's natural resources and to encourage leadership and good stewardship. It can be an important experience for career decisions. The camp fee is \$350. This includes meals, lodging, recreation, emergency medical insurance at camp and transportation costs while at camp. Deadline to enter is May 14. The Alameda County Resource Conservation District offers to reimburse the camp registration fee to the first three county students who attend and request it.

Ecology and practical land management skills are emphasized, especially plant identification, livestock management, wildlife, forestry, fire, soils, water resources, rangeland analysis and improvement. Sessions by specialists are given every morning and afternoon, and include both indoor lectures and outdoor activities. Campers are tested at the end of the week to determine their understanding of the materials presented. The top three campers are given certificates and awards. The top two campers will be awarded a trip to compete in a public speaking contest at our national meeting in Louisville, KY, January 27-31, 2008.

Further information and photos are available at www.casrm.org. Contact Karen Sweet, Executive Officer at 925.371-0154 x111.

North Livermore Birds

North Livermore Birds is the topic of a Sun., May 13 nature program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 8 a.m. at Marlin Pound Park, 2010 Bluebee Drive.

Participants will be looking for birds in breeding plumage, breeding activity, and any signs of nests or young. This is an easy walk, appropriate for all

ages and levels of birding experience. Bring binoculars, field guides (there will be some to lend), and drinking water. Program will last about 2 hours. For more information or directions call (925) 960-2400.

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

Volunteer for Game

The Livermore Library 2007 Summer Reading Game needs adult listener volunteers. Theme is "Get A Clue."

Volunteers listen to children reporting on books they have read as part of the game. Training is provided. The reading game runs from June 8 through August 11. However, volunteer hours are flexible.

Call 373-5517 or drop in at the Civic Center Library, Rincon or Springtown branches for more information. Applications are available on the website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

Author Events

The following events are sponsored by Towne Center Books in Pleasanton:

Monday, May 14: Elizabeth Berg will be at the Read It and Eat Luncheon at the store, 555 Main Street. Elizabeth has written over 16 bestselling novels. Her latest is *Dream When You're Feeling Blue*. 11:30 social; noon lunch. \$15 lunch; \$35 lunch and book. Reservations please. 925-846-8826.

Thursday, May 17: 7 p.m. Sandy Tolan, author of *Lemon Tree: An Arab Jew and the Heart of the Middle East*, will speak at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Based on a 43-minute radio documentary that Tolan produced for "Fresh Air," this volume pursues the story into the homes and histories of the two families at its center through the present day. Their stories form a personal microcosm of the last 70 years of Israeli-Palestinian history. This program is free. It is open to the public. Books will be sold by Towne Center Books. 925-846-8826.

Whipsnake Workshop

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service are sponsoring a technical workshop on the Alameda whipsnake on May 30, 2007.

Karen Swaim, MS, and SBI (Swaim Biological, Inc.) staff will present a workshop on the biology and conservation of the Alameda whipsnake. This is an opportunity to gain an understanding of the biology of the Alameda whipsnake and also how this information can be applied to habitat management for this species. The information conveyed will be useful in conservation planning, impact analysis and in educational outreach to producers and others who are considering conservation projects to benefit Alameda whipsnakes. Participants will receive training in species identification, field sampling techniques, and the habitat requirements of the Alameda whipsnake.

The workshop will consist of a daytime classroom session at the Martinelli Center in Livermore and a field session at the East Bay Regional Park District Del Valle Reservoir, both to take place on Wednesday, May 30th.

Registration is \$175 if received before May 21, 2007; \$200.00 thereafter. Participation is on a space-available and paid basis. Registration includes a light breakfast and a lunch on Wednesday, May 30th.

To request registration form and more information, phone or email Maria Wendler, Project Assistant, Alameda County RCD at 925.371-0154 x.124 or maria.wendler@acrcd.org.

Bocce Ball

Beginning May 16 and running every Wednesday through the Fall, Garré Winery begins their "Bocce Ball and Italian Dinner Night" series. Held on the bocce courts and restaurant at the Italian themed winery, the evening offers up a four course Italian supper served Family Style outdoors on their café courtyard.

Locally, Garré is considering forming leagues though is waiting for the season to be in full swing before making any commitments. "It's a fun event for everyone-we don't want to make it

too formal. It's a fairly relaxed environment - great food and wine and bocce ball in the wine country-you can't beat it," states Wayne Re, Garré's Winemaker and Bocce Captain.

"The thing we love about bocce ball is that it doesn't require any particular athletic ability. The best part is that you can play while holding a glass of wine in one hand" states Margaret Sherinian, longtime area resident and bocce ball aficionado.

Price is \$34.95 per person and includes two glasses of wine, 4 course Italian meal, group instruction and play. Reservations are required. For more information call Garré Winery at 925.371.8200 or check their website at www.garrewinery.com. All skill levels welcome.

Wildflower Show

The colorful Bigelow's Sneezeweed, Purple Mouse-ears, and Seep Monkey flowers are some of the likely specimens on display at this year's Annual California Wildflower Show, at the Oakland Museum of California the weekend of May 12-13. Lilies, orchids, and poppies chime in for a riot of blues and pinks.

The museum celebrates Mother's Day with family activities (1-4 p.m.) and a concert (2-3 p.m.) with African drumming and mariachi musicians. Admission is free on May 13, one of the museum's free Second Sundays.

Museum hours for the California Wildflower Show are 10 to 5 on Saturday and 12 to 5 on Sunday. Admission on Saturday, May 12 is \$8 for adults, \$5 seniors and students with ID, and free for museum members, kids five and under, and Oakland city employees. Sunday, May 13, is a free Second Sunday. The museum is located at 1000 Oak & 10th Street, one block from the Lake Merritt BART. For more information, visit www.museumca.org or call 510/238-2200.

Rowell Ranch Rodeo

Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade in Castro Valley will be held on May 12 along Castro Valley Blvd. from 10am-noon. The theme this year is "Castro Valley Dreamin'."

The Rowell Ranch Rodeo will be on Saturday, May 19th & Sunday, May 20th at Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park.

Other events include: Chili Cook-off on Friday, May 11th 5:00 pm Castro Village; Castro Valley Center for the Arts will have a concert Thursday, May 10th at 7:30 pm; Pancake Breakfast Saturday, May 12, 2007, 7am-10am at Alameda County Fire Station #4 20336 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley.

Excellence in Education

The Pleasanton PTA Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District have announced the recipients of the Excellence in Education awards for 2007. These individuals were nominated by students, parents, supervisors, or co-workers.

Selected were: Classroom Teacher honorees Arick Little (Amador Valley), Rebecca McLaughlin (Pleasanton Middle), Mairi Wohlgenuth (Amador Valley), Lisa Hague (Pleasanton Middle), Linda Stanford (Mohr), Kat Peters (Walnut Grove), Chris Gibbons (Foothill), Theresa Moore (Hearst), Jill Kirkwood (Walnut Grove), and Marla Silversmith (Vintage Hills), along with At-Large recipients Mike Kuhfal (Hearst), Carol Fernandez (District Office), and Keele Petros (Mohr).

The recognition ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 3:45 to 5:00 p.m., at the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4300 Mirador Drive in

Pleasanton.

Plant Water Stress

Tri Valley Conservancy and Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association is 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, May 22 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 *Plant-Water Relations, Water Stress* presented by Sanliang Gu of CSU Fresno. His areas of expertise are plant nutrition, plant-water relations, water stress, cold hardiness, cultivar evaluation, trellis systems, canopy management, and color and quality enhancement.

Among his many accomplishments, Gu received Outstanding Research & Scholarly Activity Award 2004 - College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, California State University, Fresno, California.

The session will have a fee of \$10.00 to help cover the cost of materials. Please RSVP by May 18th to the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association at (925) 447-WINE (9463).

District Art

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced the 11th District winners of the Congressional Art Competition. Second place winner was Bessie Kim, a junior at Pleasanton's Foothill High School for her work entitled, "No More Tears with Peace." Third place was Soonbin An, also a junior from Foothill High, for his work "Rage at the World."

Kim and An will have their artwork displayed in one of Rep. McNerney's

district offices.

Middle East View

Journalist Sandy Tolan will speak at the Pleasanton Public Library at 7 p.m. on Thurs., May 17.

Tolan, a veteran print and radio journalist who teaches international reporting at Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism, recently published a book, "The Lemon Tree," which examines the Mideast conflict through the story of two individuals, a Palestinian and an Israeli, with claims to the same house in the town of Ramla. Tolan will present the story behind The Lemon Tree at the Pleasanton Public Library on Thursday, May 17th at 7pm.

Towne Center Books will sell The Lemon Tree at the event. For pre-sale call 846-8826.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.


Tea Time

The Tri-Valley Rotary Club "ELFS" (Elderly Living Friendship Services) will be hosting another support/social event for local senior women this Friday, May 11. The club will be picking up 14 local senior women at their homes and escorting them to the Pleasanton Hotel. The tea service will be from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This project is part of the Tri-Valley Rotary Clubs senior out-reach program that sponsors 3-4 projects each year.

The ELFS program was started in 2006 to develop programs to support seniors in the Tri-Valley cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. This program has assisted seniors with spring house cleaning, yard maintenance and minor repairs and is now expanding to encompass social activities as well as general assistance.

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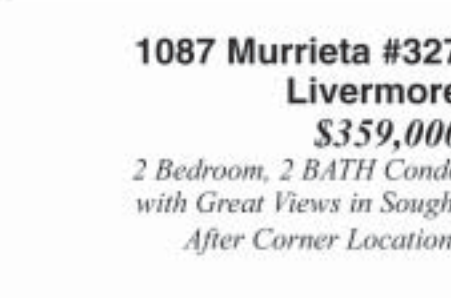
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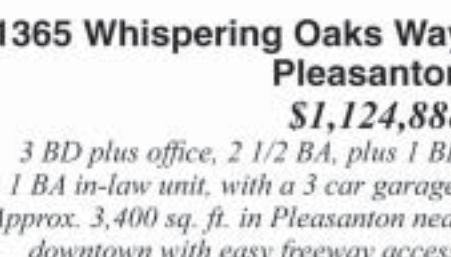
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Jason Klein will be the guest conductor for the Livermore-Amador Symphony concert this Saturday, May 12, 2007, starting at 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L Streets, Livermore. The concert will feature Listener Favorites, a concert featuring symphonic favorites of the audience Program: Vivaldi: "Summer" from The Four Seasons, with violin soloist Sally Dalke Schubert: Symphony No. 8, "Unfinished" J. Strauss II: Emperor Waltz Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors. Students high school age and younger are admitted free of charge. For tickets, call (925) 373-6824. After April 27 tickets will be available at Cooleykatz Toys, 1959 Second St., Livermore, (925) 245-1035; and at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton, (925) 846-8826.

Bracken to Perform Traditional Celtic Music

On Friday, May 18, get into the mood for the Scottish Games with Bracken in Concert at the Bothwell Arts Center's West End Stage. Bracken brings a fiery flare to traditional Celtic music.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Born, raised and schooled in County Antrim, Ireland, Gabe brings authenticity along with years of experience to the stage. His career took off playing country music at The London Palladium and The Leeds City Variety Theatre. His band was featured at Point Depot in Dublin, Ireland and at The Lake Geneva Country Music Festival. Gabe blends his country and Irish roots with influences from blues and rock in his own dynamic style.

Kathy Buys brings her award-winning fiddle playing and backup vocals to contribute her own varied and dynamic style. Eight years ago, she began studying the Irish tradition with fiddlers Kevin Crehan and Cait Reed, combining her own classical background with an improvisatory and unmistakably Irish style.

Booie (aka Michael) Volk contributes counter melodies in the high register on mandolin, guitar, and banjo, and adds energy and spark to the band. Often joined by musicians Tim Hart and Del Ekhardt on percussion, Bracken offers audiences lively, improvisational.

Tickets are \$12 general ad-

mission and \$8 students and seniors. Contact Linda Ryan at lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org or 925-447-ARTS.

The West-End is designed to be an affordable space for small performances with 50-60 people attending. The Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H Streets, Livermore, is a project of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center.

Bedtime Stories Begin at 7 p.m.

"Bedtime Stories," featuring members from Cask and Mask, including Joan Boer, Connie Duke, Tom Darter, Kathy Streeter, and Karen Hogan on May 10 at 7 p.m.

The evening ties into Livermore Library's Books in Wine Country Livermore Reads Together, a citywide celebration of reading and book discussions.

Anyone who shows up in their pajamas, carrying a blanket, or clutching their favorite stuffed toy will receive cookies and milk.

The performance will be at Bothwell Arts Center, located at 2466 Eighth Street in Livermore. Tickets are \$5.00 senior and student; \$8.00 general admission. Seating is limited so reservations are recommended.

To reserve a ticket, call Fourth Street Storytellers at 925 548-4767.

Fusion Pleasanton Presents an Afternoon of Classical Indian Music

Fusion Pleasanton presents an afternoon of Indian Classical Music on Sat., May 19 at the Pleasanton Library.

The performances from 2 to 5 p.m. will feature a variety of vocal and instrumental music performed by premier artists. Vocal Music Mahesh Kale, Sitar by Prasad Jogalekar; Santoor by Madan Oak, Flute by Prasad Bhandarkar; accompanied by Abhinay Padhye on Tabla and Naren Joshi on Harmonium

There will be a social hour with samosas and chai followed by the music program from 3 to 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge. All are welcome to attend. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave.

The event is sponsored by the East Bay Marathi Mandal and the Pleasanton Public Library. It is funded by a California State Library Grant through the California Cultural Crossroads Program and the Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library

For more information please call Penny Johnson, Adult Pro-

grams Librarian, at 925/931-3405, or Varsha Upadhye, East Bay Marathi Mandal, at 925/339-8090.

Mahesh is a young and talented vocalist of Indian Classical of the new generation. Mahesh's performances are marked by an excellent command over both rhythm and melody. Naren Joshi is accompanying Mahesh Kale on the Harmonium.

Prasad Bhandarkar started learning Hindustani music when he was 8 years old. Prasad studied bansuri flute from Shri Anantrao Patwardhan of Mumbai. In 1990, he became a student of Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia. Abhinay Padhye is an accomplished Tabla artist.

Prasad Jogalekar started his musical journey under the tutelage of his mother and father. He became a disciple of the Legendary Ustad Abdul Halim Jaffer Khan. He has been studying Indian classical music for over 20 years.

Del Valle Presents a Winner in Season Finale

By Nancy O'Connell

The last artist to appear on the 2006/2007 Del Valle concert series may not have been known to the board members a couple of years ago. They contracted with the Cleveland International Piano Competition to have their winning soloist perform in a future concert in Livermore. Chu-Fang Huang, a Chinese-born artist, won that competition in 2005. The audience was lucky enough to hear her on Saturday night, May 5, at the First Presbyterian Church.

Born in Shenyang, China, a big industrial city about 100 miles from the Korean border, Chu-Fang Huang began studying the piano at the age of seven. "I started late," she told us at the reception afterwards. "Most of my friends in China began at the age of three." It is probably safe to say she has caught up with most of those friends and surpassed most of them.

A consummate artist, she began her program with Three Sonatas of Domenico Scarlatti, who lived from 1683 to 1757. The first one, *K 125 in G Major*, featured a *Vivo*. She captured everyone's attention immediately with her technical command of her instrument. This was very precise playing despite the intricate and demanding music. The second sonata was *K 466 in F Minor*. The *Andante Moderato* demonstrated the lovely, singing tone she coaxed out of the piano in the melody line. Her quiet passages were delicately played. Her every movement was graceful. She created a beautiful picture in a black sequined gown with her long flowing dark hair. In *K 135 in E Major*, the *Allegro* was performed at lightning speed, and her formidable tech-

nique was evident throughout.

Chu-Fang Huang spoke to the audience before she performed Robert Schumann's *Fantasia in C Major, Opus 17*. She told us that Schumann, who was ten years older than Clara Wieck, had fallen in love with her. She was the daughter of his piano teacher, who had forbidden him from marrying Clara. Although this *Fantasia* was commissioned as a memorial for Beethoven, it was also conceived by Schumann as a lament for the woman he thought he could never have. There was one error in her telling of the story. She said they did eventually marry and lived "Happily ever after." Not quite. Schumann, in his later life, suffered from depression and tried to commit suicide. It's also possible that he had an even more serious mental illness, and during the last two years of his life he was confined to an asylum near Bonn, where he died.

The *Fantasia in C Major* is a magnificent work, however. There are full, rich harmonies and evocative melodies. One can almost hear his yearnings for Clara, his love. Complex dupe versus triple rhythms were heard, which Brahms was later to emulate. The second movement required great strength. Progressive octave passages alternated with a quiet, plaintive melody. She caressed the keys in the quiet sections, but had great power in her fingers for the forte, technically challenging portions. In the third movement, the *Langsam getragen*, there is a quiet, meditative quality to the music. Perhaps this work ends in this manner because it is designed as a musical tribute to Beethoven's greatness. Written in 1836, when Schumann was 26 years old, it is more of a

return to the classic tradition of the early Beethoven, and the young composer even openly "borrowed" or used some musical quotes from Beethoven himself, perhaps in homage to his memory.

After the intermission, much to my disappointment, Ms. Huang substituted Haydn's *Sonata in E Major* for the three Debussy Preludes that were on the printed program. I have performed many of Debussy's Preludes and was looking forward to hearing her interpretation. She called Haydn's music uplifting and cheerful, and she played this sonata with sensitivity. Haydn is technically demanding, and Ms. Huang played with great expressiveness.

Benjamin Boyle, who teaches at Juilliard, composed *Ballade* in 2004. Ms. Huang suggested we listen for the influence of Scriabine. Boyle is half French. He intends in his music to follow the tradition of Chopin, Brahms, and Faure. The *Ballade* had a quiet, contemplative beginning which gave way to a brief fiery section. Her hands reached the heights and depths of the piano keyboard. (For this piece Ms. Huang used the sheet music. However, her entire program except for this modern work, was played by memory.) Another quiet portion led to a mysterious, otherworldly conclusion. Like some other contemporary composers, his music doesn't shock the listener as some earlier composers set out to do, but is melodic and easy to understand. Boyle's music will not set off riots as happened in some early Stravinsky works in Paris. There was even one famous incident when guards were armed and threatened to shoot anyone who

bolts from the concert hall!

Ravel's *La Valse* concluded the program. In this work, Ravel creates an ironic picture of the wealthy, as Ms. Huang narrated to the audience. The privileged classes want to dance, to waltz, to cling to their way of life even as the first world war is imminent. Ravel reworked this familiar number, according to the program notes, to point out the "decline of Austrian and German culture." The wealthy dance on. It is only after several cannon shots are heard at the end do they realize what is happening to their world as they know it. This famous concert work is programmatic, and has been arranged in several different versions, one for full orchestra, one for two pianos. The version we heard on Saturday evening, for solo piano.

There were graceful, flowing lines in the dance. Her fingers displayed great strength and agility as they flew over the keyboard. Difficult harp-like glissandos were followed by sharp staccato passages and then a return to the waltz theme as the dancers whirl on. Dark, deep notes would a warning of impending disaster, and the roar of the cannons is unmistakable. The war which would change their world forever has begun.

The Del Valle Concert series has brought to Livermore another exciting evening of music making, and introduced its audience to a consummate artist, one who is young and gifted. She has already concertized in many different countries. I foresee a brilliant future for her. To get in on the opportunity to hear these concerts next year in Livermore's new concert hall, order your tickets at www.delvallefinearts.org.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

The Las Positas College Spring Arts Festival runs through May 25 at various locations throughout the Tri-Valley. Selected student works in Fine Arts, Photography, Interior Design and Visual Communications will be on display and for sale. Please check online for each show's open days and hours: SPCA eastbay.spc.org/events/trivalleyartgallery.cfm; Livermore Library; www.livermore.lib.ca.us; Pleasanton Library www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library.html; and Dublin Civic Center www.ci.dublin.ca.us. Bill Paskewitz, Fine Arts Department, Las Positas College, 925-424-1500 for further information.

Auditions, Valley Concert Choral will hold auditions by appointment for the 2007-2008 season on Monday, May 21 in Livermore. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challenging music, call 925-462-4205 to schedule an appointment. Information, www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Amador Valley High School Drama, presents 3rd annual student written and student directed One Acts Play Festival. Six new plays will premier May 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. on Amador's Second Stage (multipurpose room). Tickets at the door \$3 students, \$5 adults, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Information, call Kelsey Hartman, drama director, 461-6100 ext. 6197.

Friends of Big Band Jazz Present: The Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra in Concert with the Foothill High Jazz Ensemble, Sun., May 20, 2 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road, Pleasanton. Tickets are Adults \$18; Students \$10. Tickets available at the door, online, by fax or by mail. Fax Visa/Mastercard orders to 510-522-2573. Make checks payable to FBBJ and mail to: Friends of Big Band Jazz, 500 Oakland Avenue, Oakland, CA, 94611. Information: www.bigbandjazz.net; 925-872-1942 or 925-427-6666. Mike Vax has performed with the Stan Kenton Orchestra, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, the Clark Terry Big Band, the Dukes of Dixieland in New Orleans, and the US Navy Show Band.

Auditions, The Mad Woman of Chaillot, by Jean Giraudoux. Whimsical satire where greedy villains plot to blow up Paris for oil and match wits with the downtrodden, disenfranchised, and outcast of society. Auditions May 15 and 16, 7 to 10 p.m. Las Positas College staff lounge, building 1600, Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Bring a short, prepared comic monologue. Performances July 28, 29, Aug. 4, 5, 11, 12. Information contact Wendy Wisely, director, 426-1000, ext. 2480 or wwisely@laspositascollege.edu.

Playwrights' Theatre, Premiere of "Now I Ask You," staged reading of

a 1916 three-act satire on free love, one of only a few comedies written by Eugene O'Neill. Presented as a feature of the Playwrights' Theater, a program of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service. 3 p.m. May 20. Old Barn at Tao House, Danville. Tickets \$25 at the Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek, 943-7469 or www.dlrca.org.

Pleasanton Art League/Livermore Art Association, general meeting Mon., May 21, 7:30 p.m. Cultural Arts Bldg., 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. J. Ronald Pecchenino retrospective slide show. His acrylic lacquer paintings won him worldwide recognition. He also works in painting with watercolors and acrylics. He will judge the PAL show in June. Public is invited to attend the meeting. There is no admission charge.

Wine & Dinner, Wednesday, May 16, Steven Kent and La Rochelle Wine & Dinner is set for 7:00 p.m. \$70 per person plus gratuity and tip. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton; reservations required at 925-846-8106 or www.pleasantonhotel.com.

Contra Costa Ballet's 20th Anniversary Gala, Friday, May 11, at 7:30 pm Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. \$30; \$25 for students and seniors at DLCA Box Office, 925-943-7469; 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Retrospective of repertoire highlights featuring solos, pas de deux, excerpts from classical and contemporary ballets, and a surprise or two by Contra Costa Ballet Alumni.

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Japanese Story Teller at Library

The nationally renowned, Parents Choice Award-winning Japanese storyteller Motoko will present "Sumo Mice & Power Rice: Tales and Games from Japan" at the Pleasanton Library on Fri., May 18 at 3:30 p.m.

This free program of stories, music and humor will be about 45 minutes and is intended for the entire family. Motoko is a featured storyteller in this year's Bay Area Storytelling Festival. Pleasanton will be her exclusive appearance outside the Festival. For more information about Motoko, please see her website at www.motoko.folktales.net

The Pleasanton Public Library is at 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. For questions, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext.8.

Show April 28- June 2, Vanessa Barrett, Joanna Crawshaw, Toby Tover Krein, Cynthia Lait, Linda Ryan, Gail Ruvalcaba. Worthington Gallery West International Fine Art 739-J Main, Pleasanton, 485-1183 www.worthingtongallerywest.com.

Tribute to Moms, show and reception May 12, Livermore Art Association Gallery, 3rd and K Streets, Livermore. Features 3-D member artists including jewelry, ceramic, fiber and wool. Reception from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sun. 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 449-9927.

History Talk, Mon., May 14, 7 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Gary Drummond will talk about the early Californians and the Legend of Zorro. Presented by Livermore Heritage Guild. Information, 449-9927.

Orchestra Concert presented by music students of Las Positas College on May 16 at 8 p.m. in the Las Positas College Theater, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Cost: \$10 general, \$7 students and seniors. For tickets and information call 925-424-1100 or see www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

Ed Kinney Lecture series: May 17: California in the Civil War, with speaker Lynn Owens, Livermore resident and Civil War re-enactor. Presented by the Museum On Main in Pleasanton. Lectures are at 7 p.m. at the museum. Reservations are requested. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. Talk will be held at the Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Call (925) 462-2766.

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Ira Stein Trio Performs in Concert in Livermore

The Ira Stein Trio performs Sat., May 19 in Livermore.

The concert will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 No. Vasco Road starting at 7:30 p.m.

Featured will be Ira Stein on piano, Joseph Hebert on cello, and Dann Zinn on soprano saxophone.

The Ira Stein Trio plays unique arrangements of the music of J.S. Bach (1685-1750), utilizing jazz elements such as improvisation and group interaction. In their concerts, the trio performs arrangements of popular pieces such as the Brandenburg Concerto #2 in F major, the Ave Maria version of Prelude #1 in C major, and Sheep May Safely Graze.

They also have in their repertoire improvisations on ten Chorales, which are very short four-part choral gems that Bach arranged and used as the basis for almost all his sacred choral music. These Chorales became the basis for the approximately 300 cantatas and oratorios that Bach

wrote for the Lutheran church in Leipzig at the impressive rate of one per week.

When the trio performs these pieces, they usually start by playing the music exactly as written, and then diverge into new material that is based on the chords or melodies of what they started with. This new material contains improvised solos by either piano, cello, or soprano saxophone.

Along with the Bach Improvisations, the trio will also be performing some of their original chamber music which they call "Chamber Jazz."

Pianist/composer Ira Stein had already signed his first recording contract and released his first album before the age of 20. In 1991, he formed a new group featuring

the original combination of piano, cello and soprano saxophone.

All three musicians have extensive backgrounds in both jazz and classical music. Zinn has received top prizes at major music festivals. He is a professor of music at UC Berkeley and Cal State East Bay. Hebert is currently co-principal cellist with the Oakland East Bay Symphony. In addition, he is the music director at St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Churches in Pleasanton, where Ira is the principal accompanist.

Tickets are \$12 adults, children 12 and under admitted free. For tickets, or additional information, call 447-8747. The performance is suitable for all ages.

90 Years of Quilts Exhibit Opens at Museum On Main

"Pieces In Time," 90 years of quilts, opens at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 13 at the Museum On Main, 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. The exhibit will run through September 30, 2007.

The outstanding display of 24 quilts made from 1885 to 1975 includes historic and patterned quilts owned by local residents. Also on display will be five quilts by the Amador Valley Quilters whose members donated 441 quilts to 10 charities in 2006.

Planned demonstrations include quilting, award-winning folk art sewing, bobbin lace and textiles. Also on display will be antique sewing machines including treadle and hand-cranked machines dating from the 1880s and featherweight models; antique dolls representing the different eras of the quilt-making days on display; quilts made and distributed by the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression, as well as artifacts representing the era. The Works Progress Administration, created in May 1935 by presidential order, was the largest and most comprehensive New Deal agency, employing millions of people and affecting every locality.

Admission to the museum is a \$2 per person requested donation. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. The museum's phone number is (925) 462-2766 and email is valleymuseum@sbcglobal.net. Visit www.museumonmain.org for more information.

Teens Read Zorro with Livermore Shakespeare Festival

Exciting characters, rich storytelling, and of course the drama of Isabel Allende's famous novel Zorro has attracted millions of readers world-wide. As part of Livermore Public Library's Livermore Reads Together program, area teens and Shakespeare's Associates volunteers are moved to read aloud. A public reading of excerpts from the book will be presented on Saturday, May 12th at 2:00 PM at the Livermore Civic Center Library, free of charge.

The dramatic reading was adapted by and will be directed by Carolyn Frances, of Livermore.

"It's a tale of adventure, passion and romance, transporting us into the life of the Zorro legend through Isabel Allende's witty humor," stated Frances, whose long-time passion for theater has led her to becoming a member of Shakespeare's Associates. Frances dedicates much of her time to activities that bring live theater to the community including the Livermore Shakespeare Festival.

"She is a real asset to all we do," added Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch.

The cast includes teenagers Aliya Deri a Livermore Shakespeare Festival Intern, Angelica Woon, Elizabeth Camacho, and Dana Hartmann supported by Shakespeare's Associates volunteers Judy Fenton and Joyce Rocha.

For more information about this and other theater educational programs, go to www.LivermoreShakes.org and for Library programs such as the Zorro reading call 925-373-5505.

Choral Concert Celebrates 'Byrd and the B's'

Valley Concert Chorale will perform "Celebrating Byrd and the B's" on Sat., May 19 in Pleasanton. The program will include Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* and Broadway selections; Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice In the Lamb*; Henk Badings' *Trois Chansons*, and selected pieces by William Byrd.

The concert will be at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 19, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Music to be performed will include works by Renaissance master William Byrd. There will also be songs written by American composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, including selections from *Candide* and *West Side Story*. The Chorale will perform little-known songs for four voices and piano by Johannes Brahms featuring the Chorale's concert pianist Daniel Glover.

Individual tickets are: advance—\$17 adults, \$14 for seniors 62 and older; at the door—\$20 adults and \$17 seniors. Students 18 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. For tickets call (925) 866-4003 and leave a message. Tickets are also available at Cooleykatz Toys, 1959 Second Street, Livermore; and Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton; and at the door. For more information, visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Chorus Marks 15 Years of Beautiful Singing

Cantabella Children's Chorus is celebrating its 15th anniversary season.

The Spring Concert, "15 years of Beautiful Singing," will be presented on Saturday, May 19th at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Ministry, 1385 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

All the alumni are invited to return and help celebrate. They will have the opportunity to

share the stage with the two current performing choirs.

The performance will be followed by a 15th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at the same location. Video clips of past performances and entertainment provided by the alumni will be shown.

Cantabella Children's Chorus is a non-profit organization, under the direction of Bee Chow,

which provides quality choral music education to children of the Tri-Valley. In addition to nurturing singing, Cantabella promotes teamwork, respect, character building, and commitment among its choristers.

For more information about concerts or auditioning for the chorus, please visit the website at www.cantabella.org or call Bee Chow at 925-292-2663.

Talk Hawks Come Home with Trophies from Nationals

The Las Positas College (LPC) "Talk Hawks" forensic team made its mark at the National Community College Forensics Association Championship Speech and Debate Tournament held in Houston, Texas earlier this month. The team competed against 74 other community college teams. When the dust settled, LPC finished 11th among all schools. The top ten teams ahead of LPC all had student populations of at least 24,000, or three times the size of LPC.

"I am extremely proud of our team's performance in the national competition. They demonstrated great skill and poise and served as excellent ambassadors for both our school and

the Tri-Valley region," says James Dobson, director of the LPC forensics program. Students winning individual awards were:

- Lyndsay Parkman of Livermore: Silver award in Prose Interpretation, Silver award in Program Oral Interpretation
- Michael Ledezma of Livermore: Silver award in Prose Interpretation, Bronze award in Dramatic Interpretation
- Callie Ryerson of San Ramon: Bronze award in Poetry Interpretation, Bronze award in Speech to Entertain
- Jessica Padula of Livermore: Bronze award in Prose Interpretation, Bronze award in Informative Speaking

Other students contributing to

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The following person (s) doing business as 1) Realty550, Inc. 2) Realty550, 3) Appurtenant Business Services, 14 Jami Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Realty550, Inc., 14 Jami Street, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/David Dreffs. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 12, 2007. Expires April 12, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2155. Publish April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 394449
The following person (s) doing business as Picazo Vineyards Farming, 741 Kalthoff Common, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Jose J. Picazo, Jr., 741 Kalthoff Common, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s:Jose J. Picazo, Jr. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 13, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2154. Publish April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 394396
The following person (s) doing business as Na Hoku - Hawaii's Finest Jewelers Since 1924, Stoneridge Mall, Space B-205, Upper Level, Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Na Hoku, Inc., 3049 Ualena St., 14th Floor, Honolulu, HI 96819-1942. This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 21, 2006. Signature of Registrant: /s/L.S. Prater. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 12, 2007. Expires April 12, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2157. Publish April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393502
The following person (s) doing business as LoCom Design, 2508 Wilde Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Greg Visscher, 2508 Wilde Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94588. 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:Greg Visscher. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 26, 2007. Expires March 26, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2158. Publish April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 394858-59
The following person (s) doing business as 1) Robeks 2) Robeks-Juice 2300 First Street Suite 116, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Smoothie Dreams, LLC., 206 Marina Lakes Drive, Richmond, CA 94804. 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/Hojung Lee. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 23, 2007. Expires April 23, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2160. Publish May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2007.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 395208
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 Signature of Registrant: /s/Kenneth Casey
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 395013
 The following person (s) doing business as Del Valle Depot, 956 Hazel St., Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Stephanie Stanley 956 Hazel St., 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/Stephanie Stanley
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 25, 2007. Expires April 25, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2163. Publish May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 394861-62
 The following person (s) doing business as 1) E.E. "Gene" Morgan Insurance Agency 2) Gene Morgan Insurance Agency, 2020 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Michale Douglas Morgan, 356 Sea Wolf Way, Livermore, CA 94550
 Signature of Registrant: /s/Steve Beauchamp
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 386567
 The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name All Occasion Flowers & Gifts located at 260 Garnet Dr., Livermore, CA 94550
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 Steve Beauchamp, 260 Garnet Dr., Livermore, CA 94550 This business as conducted by individual /s/Steve Beauchamp
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This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1979.
 Signature of Registrant: /s/Michael D.Morgan
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 395405
 The following person (s) doing business as Pleasanton Pet Sitting, 2888 Gray Fox Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Leisa Giguere, 2888 Gray Fox Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566 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/Leisa Giguere
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHARLES A. MATHEWS Case No. VP07320998
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: CHARLES A. MATHEWS A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: ANTHONY MATHEWS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANTHONY MATHEWS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: JUNE 18, 2007 at 1:30PM in Dept. 707 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, 5672 STONERIDGE DRIVE, CA 94588. GALE/SCHENONE HALL OF JUSTICE
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 Attorney for Petitioner: DAVID A. BROWN CSB 94941 Law Offices of David A. Brown Plaza Two, Hilltop Office Park 3260 Blume Drive Suite 410 Richmond, CA 94806 The Independent #2159 Publish April 26, May 3, 10, 2007

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