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Principal Candice Flint-Torres rewards students by getting soaked.

Principal Gets Soaked

By Patricia Koning Altamont Creek Principal Candice Flint-Torres will go to extreme measures to motivate her students. Last week she took a soaking by students and staff in the Accelerated Reader (AR) Challenge Pitchburst. Last year, she donned a bridal veil and kissed a full-sized, dirty pig.

"I'll do just about anything for my students—except shave my head," said Flint-Torres.

Her goal for students this year was to earn 17,500 AR points by the end of the school year, a mark they hit in March. The students went on to earn more than 27,000 AR points as of last week

The top two students at each (See ALTAMONT CREEK, page 5)



Mbali Mphande

From Soweto

Council May Appoint Reitter Successor

Livermore Mayor Marshall his job at LLNL. He will be re-Kamena and Councilmember tiring to Marin County. Marj Leider are planning to run for re-election when their terms expire in November.

The other council member with a term expiring term, Lorraine Dietrich, was not available for comment about whether she will run. Filing for the November election opens in August.

The council also appears likely to start a process June 11 for appointing a successor to councilmember Tom Reitter, who said that June 30 will be his last day on the council, as well as at

tiring to Marin County. If a successor is appointed, that person would serve until the end of Reitter's term, which would be November 2009.

Kamena, Leider and Reitter all told the Independent that they support appointing Reitter's successor on the council. All said that it's best to have the council up to full membership as soon as possible, in order to distribute the council's committee work load fairly, and to prevent any possible tie votes. If the council does appoint a

successor, Reitter said that he would like to be in on the council discussions. However, he cannot vote for a successor. City Attorney John Pomidor said that there must be a vacancy before the council can appoint a successor

(Steve Pulido voted on his successor earlier this year on the Pleasanton school board, before leaving the board. However, school offices are governed by the state education code, not the government code, which Livermore must follow, said Pomidor.) The other option is to leave

the seat vacant and call for a spe-cial election for filling out the remainder of Reitter's term. If the council were to act by July 15 on a special election, it could combine that election with the regular November election for city council. That would save the city some money compared to wait-ing until after July 15, and holding a special election in the spring, when there are fewer agen-cies on the ballot to share the costs of elections.

Tom Bramell, who finished in third place when two seats were up for election in 2005, said he is

considering a run again. He said he will be watching the meeting closely June 11 to see whether the council appoints or leaves the seat open.

Bramell said that he would like to see the seat stay open, so it can be voted on in the next election. However, he did comment on both sides of the question. "It's obviously more to their (the current council's) favor, if only four people, and not the general populace make the selection. But it also makes sense to have someone sitting in the seat"

(See COUNCIL, page 4)



Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart, incoming president of the air district, and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty discussed the free ride program.

Free Rides on Spare the Air Days

"We can all help make the air ter," was the message Supervi-ter," time Spare the Air program. This better," was the message Supervisor Scott Haggerty wanted people to hear. "We will never be able to build ourselves out of congestion Bay Area counties providing and bad air."

year's free fare program includes 9 transit systems from all nine free commutes on four Spare the

Beginning June 1, free rides will be offered on the Altamont

Commuter Express and other

Bay Area ferries until 1:00 p.m., and all day on Bay Area bus systems.

"It's not just about free transit, it's about changing the mind set of people," said Haggerty. The goal is to convince more

Pleasanton Delays Final Okay of Home Depot Store

Following continuing complaints regarding the approval of a second Home Depot, Pleasanton city staff pulled the item from

Tuesday's agenda. The development propsal was slated for a second reading. If passed by the council, the Home Depot plans would have become law. As it stands now, the second reading will be delayed for two to three months.

City Manager Nelson Fialho noted, "Since the last meeting, there have been complaints that additional information regarding the development should have been reviewed. Staff is recommending that meetings be held with all interested stakeholders

to test the assumptions in the staff report."

Fialho added, "We want to make sure any concerns or perceptions on the part of the pub-lic are addressed. We owe it to ourselves to pause and allow for a common understanding of the facts before we proceed with the Home Depot."

Among the most vocal in criticizing the approval of Home Depot is the group calling itself www.stoppleasantongridlock.com. Nancy Allen, a member of the group, said she believes that information provided to the council was flawed.

The issues included the abil-(See APPROVAL, page 4)

Livermore Gang Task Force Appears To Be Cutting Crime

The Livermore Police Department's gang task force, in effect for six months, is appar-ently showing some results, with a drop in such crimes as burglary and gang violence.

No statistics are available, said Lt. Scott Trudeau, the department's investigations commander. Eventually there young as 12 or 13, to join the gangs, said Trudeau.

The gangs range in age from early teens to as high as people in their 40s. Their activities for money focus chiefly on drugs and gun sales. The drug sales involve marijuana and methamphetamines. They are by far the biggest money-making trade for

lo Stantord

South African native Mbali Mphande will attend Stanford University this fall after receiving a full scholarship to the prestigious private university. Mbali will major in interna-

tional relations and psychology and add another chapter to her amazing story.

She's one of six children who grew up living in poverty in the black township of Soweto in Johannesburg, South Africa. Dur-ing her childhood, the South Af-rican system of Apartheid was abolished and blacks took control of their country for the first time since colonization.

Mbali came to the United States in 2005 to pursue an education thanks to her oldest sister, Mulenga.

"She sacrificed a lot to get me (See STUDENT, page 5)

Pleasanton **Honors Artists**

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) celebrated achievements in the arts at its annual awards dinner held last Wednesday in Pleasanton.

PCAC announced winners of its young artists awards and the annual art supporter of the year award, Kirk Ridgeway.

"It's impressive what our young people are doing," said artist Charlotte Severin, who presented one of the awards.

Another presenter, Don Lewis, stated, "This community really comes alive as we get to see the lives of these young people start to blossom. I am amazed with the talent we have in this little place called Pleasanton. I am pleased to live in a community that recognizes its young people.'

Young artists were recognized in four areas: literary arts; visual arts; film, drama, dance, other performing arts; and music. Each of the winners received a certificate of achievement and a check for \$500.

Alicia Brown, age 14, is a freshman at Amador Valley High School. She was the recipient of the literary arts award for her

(See ARTISTS, page 5)

His comments were made during a press conference last Friday in Livermore to announce this year's Spare the Air free rides program.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will once again offer free rides to Bay Area

transit providers the first four times the Air District issues a Spare the Air advisory on a nonholiday weekday. New this year - free transit will be available on BART, CalTrain, ACE Train, and

Air days.

people to use public transit, rather than cars to get around. There is an increase in transit ridership of 10 to 18 percent when rides are free.

MTC is conducting a survey of transit riders and drivers to determine the retention of riders (See RIDES, page 5)

will be numbers to crunch in the computer. However, right now Trudeau's sense of it, from reading reports, is that crime is down. Gang members are not showing their faces as much.

That's good news, because if gang members are less visible, there will be less appeal to impressionable youngsters, kids as

the gangs. However, drug sales don't seem to go that well in the Valley. The Livermore police have talked to gang members who said that their suppliers were disappointed that they weren't selling as much as expected, said Trudeau.

(See CRIME, page 4)

Sandia Scientists Mentor Spelling Champ Evan O'Dorney

By Patricia Koning

These days 13-year-old 8th grader Evan O'Dorney is best known for his spelling prowess, having won the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee on May 31. However, the young prodigy ac-tually prefers math and music to spelling, which he considers just

a bunch of memorization. "I really like math," said Evan on a Good Morning America ap-pearance last week. "I like the patterns that the numbers make, and the way that it is so logical. You can't argue about something if you've proven that it's true." He placed 5th in a recent

Northern California MathCounts competition and earned a perfect score in the American Mathematics Contest 10, in a test designed for 10th graders.

He's so advanced in math that he's been receiving special instruction from scientists at Sandia National Laboratories. It all started about four years ago, when computer scientist Ken Perano was giving a talk as part of a tour for advanced math students.

"I just assumed Evan was a younger sibling of one of the kids on the tour," Perano said. "He came right up to the front and

started asking questions beyond the ability of most high school students.

Perano struck up a conversation with Evan's mother Jennifer, who home-schools her son. She said she was reaching the limit of what she could teach Evan, who was 9 at the time, in math.

Evan was eager for the op-portunity to learn from Perano, who holds a PhD from UC Davis in engineering, and other Sandia scientists. The tricky part was convincing Sandia security that it was necessary to bring a 9year-old on the site.

Jesse Davis, a former Sandian, and Eileen Cross, a Sandia scientist, have also been part of the mentoring team. Evan has been learning college- and graduate-level differential and integral calculus, graph theory, differential equations, tensor analysis, matrix analysis, and chaos theory.

"This experience has been very rewarding," Perano said. "I look at it as a rare opportunity to work with a truly gifted stu-dent. The rate at which Evan learns is phenomenal. He uni-(See MENTOR, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School chemistry students hosted a Spring Science Extravaganza last week. The event, designed by the students, is a day of hands-on science for students of the surrounding elementary schools. Pictured trying out "tornado tubes" is Tyler Robinson, a 3rd grader from Alisal. Eliza Lamson explains how the experiment works.

Livermore Police Chief Retires

A press release issued by Livermore City Manager Linda Barton on Monday announced the retirement of Livermore Po-

The release stated that Captain Steve Sweeney will act as interim Police Chief.

Barton said, "We are very grateful for the many contributions Chief Krull made to the department and the community, and

we wish him well in his retirement.'

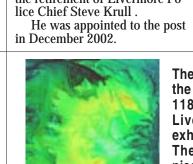
Chief Krull, in a released statement, declared, "I am proud of all the accomplishments at the department during my tenure. We (See CHIEF, page 5)

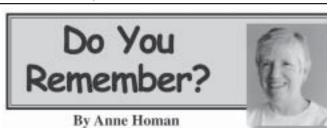
The Artist's Gallery located in the Livermore Main Library at 1188 S. Livermore Ave in Livermore is hosting a new exhibit called "Abstractions." The show features over 40 pieces of abstract art by local artists. The types of art include a three dimensional weaving called "Rock & Roll," large and small sized paintings in oil,

watercolor and acrylic, and some collage. The public is invited to visit the Gallery during normal business hours until June 30th. Admission is free. A docent will be provided on request. For more information, call Linda Jeffery Sailors at (925 449-7274. At left is "Crescent Muse," by Linda Jeffery Sailors, one of the paintings in the show.

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Rodeo Clowns

Before Brahma bulls became a part of the Livermore rodeo program in 1927, the main function of the rodeo clown was to entertain the audience. He usually had a set program. However, the announcer could also call on him to amuse the crowd or ease the tension on the spur of the moment when something happened to interrupt the flow of the scheduled events: for example, a chute becoming stuck or a contestant being injured. Many of the early clowns also competed in rodeo events.

In 1920 Ty Stokes, a black cowboy, not only clowned at the Livermore rodeo but tied for second place in the bucking horse event, came in second in steer roping, and won the fancy roping and trick riding event. Stokes came the next year and also in 1925. Charlie Chaplin clowned along with Ty in1920. Abe Lefkowitz, who later changed his surname to Lefton, came for the first time to Livermore as a clown in 1920. In 1929 when Abe came for a fifth time, he discovered that another clown act had been hired, and rodeo director M.G. Callaghan talked Lefton into being the announcer. From that day on, Lefton retired his clown suit; he had found his niche in rodeo as a quick-thinking and humorous announcer. He worked the megaphone and later the microphone numerous times at Livermore and other rodeos.

Many clowns worked with animals in their acts. In 1920 Professor Agraz brought his trick ponies and burros to amuse the Livermore crowd. In 1925 clown Ira Levin performed with a dog and a mule. "Farmer" Ed Wright used his "educated" mule in his act in 1926 and 1927. "Shorty" Jack Knapp, who came from 1929 through 1931, staged a Mexican bullfight with dogs dressed as bulls. Pete Genant also came in with Knapp to Livermore. He had a chariot that they tied to the tail of a wild steer, and the two clowns had a wild ride that ended in a grand spill in the middle of the arena.

"Tin Horn" Hank Keenen and his son came to the Livermore rodeo in 1932, 1933, and 1935. They brought a trained bucking horse named Steamboat that gave the clowns spectacular rides. Hank Keenen Jr. said, "When I started working with my father, as little Tin Horn Hank, a single day's clowning included riding a couple of steers backwards while holding a suitcase and firing a pistol, stepping off a horse and turning cartwheels and clowning on Steamboat." Homer Holcomb worked the Livermore rodeo for the first time in 1935 with his mule Parkyurkarkus. Later mules in his act were Orphan Annie and Mae West. Clown Wilbur Plaugher often came to Livermore in his wig, striped shirt and baggy pants after his debut in 1949 with his menagerie of trained

dogs and ducks, including a dachshund that herded calves. Veterinarian John Shirley worked at the rodeo for several years. One year the rodeo clown's act had two sheep dogs that would play around with and "herd" a skunk. The clown brought the skunk to Dr. Shirley, saying that he had used the skunk in numerous rodeos and indoor entertainments for about three years and had assumed it was descented. However, in his act that day the clown had gotten a whiff of skunk odor. When Dr. Shirley checked the animal and found the scent glands intact, the clown asked him to remove the glands. "I anesthetized the skunk and removed the largest scent glands I had ever seen, at least 2-3 inches long and full to the brim. The skunk made a fine recovery, and the show went on."

With the advent of the Brahma bull into the rodeo arena, the clown's role became more serious and dangerous. Pick-up riders could not help bull riders off when the horn blew because the Brahmas would attack the horse. The Brahmas also often tried to gore downed riders. Sometimes a rider's hand became stuck under the riding rope. Many clowns became known as "bullfighters" whose job was to protect the bull riders. In 1936 the Herald headline read "Homer Steals Show." Holcomb had hung red flags from a Brahma's horns and challenged death "a thousand times in an unequalled exhibition of pure audacious deviltry." Holcomb aided champion Johnie Schneider in 1939 when a Brahma knocked Schneider down and scraped his thigh with one horn. Holcomb waved his red serape and managed to distract the bull long enough for Johnie to hightail it out of danger. Holcomb sometimes worked with bullfighter George Mills as his partner. In 1944 Holcomb suffered two broken ribs in a clown act with Mills near the end of the rodeo. When Holcomb was knocked down by a Brahma at the San Francisco rodeo in 1945, it was Slim Pickens who lured the bull away. Holcomb came to St. Paul's Hospital in Livermore to have his broken leg treated. Slim Pickens, born Louis Bert Lindley, was a rodeo performer from the 1930s to the 1950s. He worked at the Rowell Ranch in Dublin before going on the rodeo circuit. He first appeared at a Livermore rodeo in 1947 with Holcomb. His last appearance was probably in 1957, although the local newspapers do not list the clowns in 1958. Pickens was scheduled to work here in 1959, but the bleacher seats were condemned, and the rodeo was cancelled. Bert Christensen remembers that Pickens would come to a barbecue at the Christensen ranch whenever he came to perform at the Livermore rodeo. For his work as a bullfighter, Pickens wore a toreador outfit, complete with white stockings, skin-tight pants, decorated bolero and cape. As Pickens became more involved in his Hollywood career in film and on television, he gave up his rodeo appearances.

Foothill Students Have Lesson in Global Warming

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conservative views. "A lot of

these students' parents don't

think of global warming as a se-

rious issue," Schneider said. "So

make an effort to save energy,"

she said. She found the video to

be impressive and was glad that

the students had a chance to

watch it. She also said that she

would be content with even a few

on global warming.

McNerney said.

college rodeo finals.

Casper, Wyoming June 10-16.

By Patrick Brogan Despite almost 90 percent of the world's scientists agreeing that global warming is an issue, students at Foothill High School in Pleasanton were mixed in their reactions to a discussion about global warming during the school's first annual Global Chillout Week. In their response to a three member panel discussion, there were audible laughs and groans to such things as the video that was played, the announcement of the 50-minute time length of the discussion as well as a general feeling of apathy to the issue itself.

The discussion, led by Con-gressman Jerry McNerney, Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Chris Jones, Foothill's science teacher, was repeated three times and varied in style. One discussion included views from a senator who believed global warming was a hoax. Another had a student-created video that showed the potential effects of global warming. All three panel members were in agreement that global warming is an issue of immediate concern. However, they cautioned the students not to blame natural causes instead of human activity

Foothill High student Mel-issa Martin was not concerned that global warming was an issue. "I'm very skeptical about global warming and the need to act immediately," she said. Mar-tin, a junior, said that one can-not rule out the possibility that global warming is a natural phe-nomenon like the Ice Age or the Medieval Warming period. She would be willing to make small changes such as wearing a sweater when it's cold or using a pool when it's hot outside but not go out of her way to make drastic changes.

Patrick Kosinski, also a junior at Foothill, echoed Martin's feelings. "I don't believe it,"

Livermore Riders Lead College Rodeo Team to #1 Ranking

Three roughstock riders from Livermore — Ted Athan, Kyle Labrucherie and Jake Larsen have helped boost West Hills Community College to numberone ranking in college rodeo's national standings.

Athan is a bareback and bronc rider. Labrucherie rides bareback. Larsen is a bull rider.

West Hills, located in Coalinga, outscored its closest competitor by almost 1000 points. West Hills scored 8424.5, trailed by New Mexico State with 7499.5 and Cal Poly with 7388.5.

The college competition,

35 Meritage Cm. #105 \$555.000 Kosinski said. "My parents are Social studies teacher Dan Schneider, part of the Charity and Global Leadership class responsible for creating Global Chillout Week, explained the overall feeling of dissent as a product of the student's youth and concervative views. "A lot of Livermore's Hidden Jewel Open Sunday

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Don't forget to attend the Livermore parade and rodeo this coming weekend—a part of Livermore for the last 89 years!

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

which involves both two-year and four-year schools, takes place in 11 regions throughout the nation. Ten rodeos are held during the season.

West Hills competes in the West Coast Region, where the teams include powerhouses such as Cal Poly, according to Paula McGowan, Labrucherie's mother.

To compete at that level and be ranked the best in the nation is quite an accomplishment,"

says the proud mother. The top 10 teams in the na-tional standings are, in their order of ranking: West Hills, New Mexico State, Cal Poly, Walla Walla Community College, University of Montana, Utah Valley State, Weber State, University of Tennessee, Panhandle State and Montana State.

Capping off their accomplish-

1,100 to **Graduate In Pleasanton**

Pleasanton Unified School District will congratulate more than 1,100 graduating seniors at ceremonies to be held next week.

On Wednesday, June 13, seniors at Horizon High School will participate in a ceremony at 11:30 a.m. in the Village High School multi-purpose room (4645 Bernal Avenue). Also on June 13, at 7:00 p.m., seniors from Village High School will graduate at a ceremony at the Amador Theater (1155 Santa Rita Road).

On Friday, June 15, Amador Valley and Foothill high schools will hold their graduation ceremonies in the amphitheater at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Amador Valley seniors will graduate at 2:00 p.m., followed by Foothill's at 6:00 p.m. Both of these ceremonies will be simulcast in the adjacent Exhibition Hall.



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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Jim Concannon Honored

The California Exposition and State Fair has selected three individuals for the annual Lifetime Achievement Award. Jim Concannon, Jerry Lohr and Robert Gallo were chosen as the 2007 recipients based on their outstanding lifetime of contributions to the California wine industry.

Concannon is the president of Concannon Vineyard in Livermore. His contribution to the wine business reaches back to the late 1960s when he acted in a leadership capacity to provide Cabernet Sauvignon root stock used in the development of what are now known as Clone 7, 8 and 11. This in turn advanced the opportunity for California Cabernets to lead the world in quality standards for this red wine grape. Concannon was the first to produce wine la-

beled as Petite Sirah in 1984 from a 1961 vintage and led the nation in advocacy for Petite Sirah wine.

He is also a founding member of the Wine Institute.

The three winners will be recognized for their work at the California Grape and Gourmet at Cal Expo on Thurs., July 12.

Aircraft Backup Power

Sandia National Laboratories and Boeing are collaborating on a project to look at the feasibility of using a hydrogen-powered fuel cell for providing backup power in aircraft. Commercial and military aircraft use a vari-

ety of techniques for providing backup electrical power to critical subsystems during emer-gency scenarios. Depending on the aircraft, these may include dedicated battery power, inflight operation of the auxiliary power unit, a ram air turbine, or other technologies.

The project is a new task under an umbrella cooperative research and development agreement signed between the two organizations in 2002.

The project focuses on the use of a polymer electrolyte membrane (PEM) fuel cell for backup power. Sandia is leading investigations looking at electrical and environmental requirements, storage issues, and efficiency.

"Fuel cell technology represents a straight-forward and innovative approach to gaining ex-perience with alternative energy sources for air-plane electrical power," says Joe Breit, project manager and an associate technical fellow at the Boeing Systems Concept Center. "A signifi-cant part of our focus at Boeing Commercial Airplanes is looking at environmentally pro-gressive technologies that can further reduce dependencies on oil-driven power sources. Our collaborative work with Sandia on this application is a step forward in that regard.'

The project taps Sandia's 60 years of experience in hydrogen storage for weapons applica-tions and more recent R&D in materials science and hydrogen storage engineering through its DOE-sponsored Metal Hydride Center of Ex-cellence, said project manager Lennie Klebanoff of Sandia's Livermore site.

Sandia PEM researcher Chris Cornelius will evaluate fuel cell requirements, implementation and efficiency; Klebanoff will provide analysis of hydrogen storage options and issues.

The "Woz" in Pleasanton

Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group will host a presentation by Steve Wozniak (The Woz), cofounder of Apple.

Wozniak will be speaking at the Amador The-ater at 7 p.m. on Thurs., June 21. The program will be presented in coopera-tion with Amador Valley Adult Education. Wozniak will cover all aspects of personal

computer technology and its growth. In addi-

For additional informatioan, contact Izak Mutlu at imultu@comcast.net.

Hayashi Named to Committee

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) has been appointed by Speaker Núñez as the Chair of the Select Committee on Community Colleges.

The select committee will focus on a wide range of issues including part-time faculty, the need to educate more health care providers, and workforce development programs. Hayashi serves the 18th Assembly District,

which includes Dublin, Hayward and San Leandro; all of the unincorporated areas of Ashland, Cherryland, and San Lorenzo; most of Castro Valley, Pleasanton and Sunol; as well as a portion of Oakland.

Humorist Featured Speaker

Humorist Larry Wilde will be the featured speaker at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce June 26 luncheon.

Wilde was declared "America's best-selling humorist" by The New York Times. His 53 books have sold more than 12 million copies in 41 countries.

Chamber Luncheons are open to the commu-nity. The luncheon will be held at Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person for members; \$35 for non-members.

For reservations, call the Pleasanton Chamber at (925)846-5858.

Conservation Funds

Assemblyman Guy Houston (R-San Ramon), who indicated that he is frustrated with the amount of federal conservation and restoration funding that goes unspent every year, has authored Assembly Bill 1074 to remove barriers to restoration and maximize the use of these available dollars.

AB 1074 was taken up on the Assembly Floor Tuesday, June 5th.

Participants in federal cost-share conservation programs will benefit from this bill. The uon programs will benefit from this bill. The largest of these programs is Environmental Qual-ity Incentives Program (EQIP), a voluntary con-servation program for farmers and ranchers to promote agricultural production and environ-mental quality. EQIP provides assistance for im-proving structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land. "The goal of this bill is not to create incom

The goal of this bill is not to create incentives for conservation, rather remove dis-incentives. The money for conservation is there, and will likely grow larger as time goes on. We need to ensure that this money is spent and spent effectively," said Houston.

Last year, California received just over \$44 million in cost-share dollars for EQIP. Of this federal allocation, only 29% of it was spent as payments to landowners for conservation practices.

Currently, state permitting agencies don't dis-tinguish between a parking lot over a wetland and a resource conservation project. This leads to a backlog in the expenditure of federal conservation funds while state agency paperwork is filled out.

AB 1074 will bring together regulatory agen-cies and interested stakeholders to create a California State Conservation Permit. This permit will allow landowners involved in a conservation project to complete this permit in the place of the various permits they would otherwise have to obtain from several agencies.

The Defenders of Wildlife, Environmental Defense, California Cattleman's Association, California Farm Bureau Federation, and the Resources Agency were among the participants in crafting the measure.

Corrections

Blast off! Elementary GATE Social Takes Livermore Students into Deep Space

By Patricia Koning Recently hundreds of elementary students from across the Livermore School District and their families experienced an evening at space camp, complete with a planetarium, NASA researcher, moon rocks, model rockets, and hands-on activities. The real question is who had more fun the kids or their parents?

The event was the Third Annual Space Night GATE Social, hosted by Croce and Altamont Creek Elementary Schools. Ap-proximately 400 elementary students from each of the 10 schools in the Livermore School District. all participants in the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program, were invited.

Brian Day from the NASA Ames Research Center spoke about the upcoming Lunar Cra-ter Observation and Sensing Satellite (LCROSS) mission, which looks for water on the moon. Participants experienced the District's new Planetarium and watched a 15-minute educational program about the constellations and stars.

The students and their fami-

lies built hovercrafts, straw rock-ets, and sky wheels. They created their own unique space mission patch, assembled a pipe structure in a simulated space environment, made paper airplanes, and went head-to-head in Space Jeopardy.

Bill Orvis from the Livermore Unit National Association of Rocketry (LUNAR) was on hand to display model rockets and an-swer questions. LUNAR (www.lunar.org) is a group of model rocketry enthusiasts of all ages who gather together to learn rocketry, teach rocketry, exchange modeling techniques, and, of course, fly model and high-power rockets. Many par-ents and children left the Space GATE Social with plans to build their own rockets.

One goal for GATE socials is to encourage students to mix and socialize with one another. Students at the social were given a "Solar System Passport Chal-lenge." Each school was as-signed a different planet and students were encouraged to complete the solar system on their name badges by approaching GATE students from other schools to trade planet stickers.

There was a raffle for spacerelated prizes including puzzles, a model space shuttle, books, and games. The grand prize was an autographed photo of an astronaut and four tickets to Chabot Space and Science Center.

This event is the only Districtwide Elementary GATE Social; other GATE socials involve only one or a few schools. About 500 students and their families typically attend.

Teresa Zieminski-Myers, a parent volunteer, started the event three years ago after the District cut funding for elementary science due to budget constraints. Through a Lockheed Martin Space Day program she first put on a space week for Croce, which led to the Space GATE social.

'Space is my passion," she says. "It's fun and interesting. This event is important because it gives these kids continued opportunities to explore outer space.'

Zieminksi-Myers also teaches (See SPACE, page 14)



tion, he will be signing his latest book, "iWoz: From Computer Geek to Cult Icon: How I Invented the Personal Computer, Co-Founded Apple, and Had Fun Doing It."

The book can be purchased at the event for \$10.

There is no admission charge to attend the program. The theater is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

An incorrect phone number was listed for the Reinstein Ranch Camp for Kids in Livermore. To reach Fiona Bogie, call 510-366-2131.

The story on Ravenswood in the magazine, mentioned LARPD as owner of the site. The site belongs to the City of Livermore. It is managed by LARPD.

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EDITORIAL

Education Windfall

A windfall has come Marylin Avenue School's way under the state's Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA).

The newly enacted legislation — the product of a compromise between educators and the governor will provide approximately \$3 billion in the next seven years to improve California's lowest performing schools. Marylin was one of the lucky winners of the drawing that was held to select the recipients.

The Livermore school will receive about \$850,000 over the next three years and will then be in line for an additional four years of funding. The money will be used to lower class sizes, add one teacher in every grade, and provide professional development. The student/ teacher ratio in the fourth and fifth grades will be reduced from 30-1 to 22-1.

Marylin has the largest number of low-income students and English language learners among Livermore schools. Three-fourths of the student body is eligible for free and reduced-price lunches. Sixty percent are learning English. Among kindergartners, the English learners total 83%.

Marylin's students are at a disadvantage in meeting the performance standards of the school system. They could use a helping hand.

QEIA represents a major investment in these students, one that has the potential of transforming low achieving schools into shining models.

CRIME

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The gun sales are definitely not big-time, said Trudeau. "There are no large stashes of guns. We had a female gang member coning in from Stockton. She had easy access to weapons, including assault weapons. There were pistols and shotguns. We're concerned about that. We put a lot of resources on it right away, and made some arrests," he said.

The police department created the task force without hav-ing to ask for additional funding. The task force is comprised of three officers, formerly on patrol duty, and two officers in a related intelligence unit. The intelligence unit's job is to iden-tify gang members. This is accomplished by checking with other departments, and with identifying such things as gang dress and tattoos.

So far, more than 80 gang members have been identified, said Trudeau. Some of the gang members arrested by Livermore officers live in Pleasanton. Police in Pleasanton have picked up some Livermore gang mem-bers.

"We are not having necessarily gang issues in town, but crime has no borders," said Eric Finn, investigations and support services captain in the Pleasanton police department.

Pleasanton works closely with Livermore on gang awareness. Pleasanton officers train with Livermore's force on such things as how to identify gang members and how to reach out to the community and educate parents about the signs that may indicate gang membership or affinity in their children.

Trudeau said that virtually all of the gang activity in the Valley involves two Mexican gangs. One is the Norenos, who wear red colors, and were born in the United States. The other gang is the Surenos, who were born in Mexico, south of the Border, and wear blue. They even carry that out with sports teams colors, with San Francisco '49ers red and Los Angeles Dodgers' blue, said Trudeau.

Asked about counseling for gang members, Trudeau said that first time offenders are referred to Horizons, the department's youth counseling service.

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.)

Initiative Is Right Joe Marceno Pleasanton

In our 10 plus years in Pleas-In our 10 plus years in Pleas-anton, the town has always prided itself as being the "city of planned progress." Citizens have been an integral part of the pro-cess in deciding how land has been used, e.g the Bernal prop-erty. The "Open Space, Park Land, and Green Belt Initiative" is true to this spirit and is pacesis true to this spirit and is neces-sary to bring the public back into the discussion regarding Staples Ranch.

The initiative does not question if the property gets devel-oped but does seek to address how it gets developed. This is necessary because the current decision makers are on a dangerous path to sacrificing the character of our family-oriented community in favor of other interests. The 124 acres of public land in East Pleasanton were originally slated to include a massive sports park. The current plan has now increased business development and has reduced sports/community use to 17 acres, which includes only 2 public fields but does potentially include a mas-sive ice facility with 4 rinks. We need more fields, more parks, and more open space to keep our town beautiful, safe and family friendly. Livermore has allocated over 100 acres of land as open space for the El Charro region. They get it. Why can't we?

Correction

A letter by Robert Allen published in the Independent indicated that an ACE intermodal station could be built west of Greenville Road. That was incorrect. The station could be built east of Greenville Road.

More on "Fascism" Ted Tully Pleasanton In a recent response to my ear-

Lab Management Includes Representatives from Industry

Representatives from private industry are included for the first time in the new management structure for Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS)

President George Miller an-nounced his key personnel within the LLNS organizational structure during the first of a series of town hall meetings with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employees. LLNS will take over management of the Laboratory beginning Oct. 1.

The new organizational struc-ture includes Miller as Laboratory director and Steve Liedle as deputy director.

Miller has been director of Lawrence Livermore since 2006. From 2000 to 2005, Miller was associate director (AD) for the National Ignition Facility. Miller's earlier positions at LLNL include AD for National Security and AD for the Nuclear Weapons Program. He also served as an adviser to Secretary of Energy Adm. James Watkins on Department of Energy weapons laboratories and the nuclear weapons program.

Liedle is a Bechtel principal vice president with 25 years of Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) experience. He has 21 years of experience in managing facilities containing high-hazard radioactive and chemical mate-

rials, such as uranium, plutonium and fission products. The LLNS management team

is organized into five areas headed by principal associate directors: Ścience & Technology, **Operations & Business and three** mission areas – Global Security, National Ignition Facility (NIF) and Photon Science and Weapons and Complex Integration.

A principal associate director for each of the five areas are: Cherry Murray – Science & Tech-nology; Frank Russo – Opera-tions & Business; John Doesburg - Global Security; Ed Moses -NIF and Photon Science; and, Bruce Goodwin - Weapons and

Complex Integration. LLNS is a limited liability corporation (LLC) made of five part-ners – the University of California, Bechtel, BWX Technologies, Washington Group and Battelle. Texas A&M University provides an academic alliance.

Miller emphasized the LLNS management team will take an integrated approach, "capitaliz-ing on the strengths of the LLNS partners as well as the efforts of each Laboratory employee.

Other key personnel seleced include Melissa Allain – Labo-ratory Counsel; Harold Conner Jr. – Facilities and Infrastructure associate director; Dona Crawford - Computation and Simulation associate director; Tomas Diaz de la Rubia – Chemlier letter, Ms. Paulette Kenyon refers to an article by Naomi Wolf in The Guardian titled "Fascist America in 10 Easy Steps. This was an incoherent rant with the preposterous conclusion is that we Americans are too dull to realize that we are being drawn down the path to a fascist dictatorship. The unwritten inference is that only the extreme left is smart enough to realize this. Ms. Wolf, like Ms. Kenyon, sees a Republican fascist behind every tree.

Equally preposterous is Ms. Kenyon's reference to some evangelicals who teach children to hate in the name of Jesus. No serious denomination of Christianity preaches hate, but there are extremists who teach children to be suicide bombers, killing women and children in markets and mosques.

Regarding my "revisionists history," I merely recounted the terrorists' attacks during the Clinton Administration, and concluded that his weak responses were the primary cause of 911. I recall that Thomas Keane, Co-Chairman of the 911, Commission made similar re-

The leadership team will be

meeting with Laboratory em-

ployees over the next several

months to discuss in greater de-

tail employee input on: Labora-

tory vision, the organization

structure, and mapping of respon-

Murray has 22 years of expe-rience, 12 at the executive level,

in managing large multidisciplinary research and

development projects. As

Lawrence Livermore's deputy di-

rector for Science and Technol-

ogy (S&T) from 2004 to 2007, she developed LLNL's strategic

S&T plan and set standards for

scientific research and program

Russo, a Bechtel principal vice president, has 34 years of operations and business experi-

sibilities.

quality.

marks

Baccalaureate **Mary McMahon** Livermore

It is unfortunate that the high school Baccalaureate service was not held this year.

With the seniors in their caps and gowns, this nondenominational ceremony lends dignity to the graduation week.

Perhaps the interest will return in 2008.

Kenyon Commended **Steve Brackenbury** Pleasanton

I would like to commend Paulette Kenyon for her eloquent, cogent and brave letter refuting the authoritarian tactics used against the City Council to silence free speech in Pleasanton. It is such a nice antidote to a previous response from another citizen that stated "I am relieved that we can get back to more relevant matters - like traffic." This is how democracies can easily die. Thank you Paulette for reminding us what is really important.

ence and a history of saving mil-lions of dollars at Department of Energy (DOE) facilities. istry, Materials & Life Sciences associate director; William Goldstein - Physical Sciences associate director; Pamela Doesburg has 37 years of experience applying science and technology for development of Horning – Nuclear Operations associate director; Tamara global security solutions. Since leaving the U.S. Army as com-manding general of U.S. Army Jernigan - Strategic Human Capital Management associate director; Kirkland Jones – Contractor Research, Development and En-Assurance Officer; David Leary gineering Command in 2004, he Business associate director; has been University of Tennes-Allen Macenski – Environment,

see - Battelle's Director of Home-Safety, Health and Quality direcland Security Programs and a pro-gram_director in National Secutor; Russell Miller - Saféguards and Security director; Steven Patterson – Engineering associ-ate director; and, Linda Rakow – Chief Financial Officer. řity Directorate at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Goodwin has been the associate director of Defense and Nuclear Technologies at Lawrence Livermore since 2001. He has been a key player in the success of the nuclear weapons program since 1981, first at Los Alamos National Laboratory and then at LLNL since 1985.

Moses has 18 years of experience developing Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration laser systems and 30 years of experience developing and managing complex laser systems and high-technology projects. As project manager and then associate director (AD) for the National Ignition Facil-ity (NIF) Program, he has been responsible for managing the de-sign, construction and bringing into operation the world's largest laser and optical instrument.

Report by Federation of Scientists Targets NIF

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ity of the city to support two Home Depots, traffic, and the economic impacts on other busi-

AIRPORT NOISE

The city council authorized staff to work with Livermore to

A report issued by the Federation of American Scientists (FAS) suggests that the National Ignition Facility (NIF) program

the FAS report. It could also depend on de-

SSP experiments.³

litical as technical," according to the current SSP is at best indirect. We believe that NIF could be ended without reducing the velopment of the reliable, reconfidence in the existing placement warhead. The report, nuclear stockpile. states, "The major components The SSP supports three major of SSP are all seriously over budexperiments: NIF to use laser get and seriously behind schedbeams to compress a hydrogen ule. Even so, our scientists now target to densities and pressures have a much better understandwhere fusion would occur; the ing of nuclear weapons and how Dual-Axis Radiographic Hydrothey age. Now the DOE is prodynamic Test (DĂRĤT) Facility posing moving away from indefi-nite stockpile stewardship to a uses x-rays to follow the shape of sections of plutonium when Reliable, Replacement Warhead, they are compressed as they which, if designed for simplicity would be in a nuclear bomb; and and with broad performance marthe Accelerated Strategic Comgins, could avoid the need for the puting Initiative (ASCI)-renamed Advanced Simulation and The report points out, "NIF Computing (ASC) — to build was originally budgeted to cost supercomputers and associated just a shade over one billion dolsoftware to use the information lars and to be finished four years from other experiments to model ago. It is now expected to carry nuclear warheads and predict their behavior. "Of the three out its first experiments in 2010 and to cost more than another major experiments supported by billion dollars to complete, SSP, ASC and DARHT are already greater than the original estimaking contributions. NIF is mates of total cost. Based on unmore uncertain, both its ultimate classified sources, it appears that success and its contribution to the connection between NIF and our confidence in the stockpile,'

the report noted.

The report argues with the assertion that the SSP experiments, particularly NIF, attract

nesses.

Allen wrote in a letter to the editor, "This project needs to be halted, at least until the total economic impact of this project including the cost of managing key risks is assessed and validated by the community. Only then, if this is shown to be a good project, should it proceed.

Fialho stated that the goal is to have everyone comfortable with the facts.

Several councilmembers offered suggestions on information they would like to have. Jerry Thorne was interested in weekend traffic, something not studied in the original report.

Matt Sullivan wanted a more detailed fiscal and economic impact on small businesses. Sullivan said of the delay on a vote, "I think it's the right thing to do for the community.

Fialho said that part of the discussion would include what the city thinks the site can support economically. That issue was raised by people who want a grocery store as the anchor tenant, rather than the hardware store.

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to round out the work of the coun-

cil.

Bill Aboumrad, another council candidate in 2005, said he will be watching the meeting closely on June 11, too, to see if he wants to apply for an appointment or run in November. Although he finished far behind the winners in 2005, he said it was a good first effort. His chances were affected by his lack of name recognition and his private support of the Pardee initiative, which would have developed thou-sands of acres in north Livermore, after annexing to the city.

Kamena, in discussing why he wants to run again for mayor, said that he is proud of his record. "It's really a lot of fun, in the sense of enjoyment that I derive from par-

pare a proposal to conduct noise monitoring study at the Livermore Airport.

The City of Livermore had previously requested that Pleasanton participate financially in the cost of installing permanent noise monitors to measure the impacts of the airport. The Pleasanton City Council tabled the request pending discussions by the Pleasanton-Livermore liaison committee.

The Pleasanton representatives recommended conducting a noise study.

Fialho explained that with Livermore's plans to bring in a fixed base operator (FBO), Pleasanton staff is concerned about the noise impact. A consultant would be hired to conduct a to include noise measurements and aircraft observations. Noise measurements would be taken over a oneweek period to provide a baseline of existing conditions. After the FBO goes into operation, the noise would be measured again to determine if there were an impact from the FBO. "If the study shows increased noise, the city would take appropriate steps."

time.

should be ended. The report, "The Stockpile Stewardship Program: Fifteen Years On," was presented to Congress last week.

NIF is a major program at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. It is one of three high tech components of the stockpile stewardship program (SSP), which certifies the safety and reliability of nuclear weapons without testing ..

"FAS recognizes that it is highly unlikely that Congress will cancel either NIF or other experiments. The decision to curtail NIF will be as much po-

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versally picks up things the first

The night of the Scripps National Spelling Bee final, an ABC news crew tracked down Cross at Uncle Yu's where she was having dinner with her husband and some friends. They filmed Cross watching the final in the restaurant's bar for the evening news.

She describes the evening as one of the most thrilling in her life-not because she wound up on television, but because of Evan's accomplishment. "I expected him to win. I knew his study method and just knew he wouldn't miss a word," she said. "If I were a betting woman I'd be rich right now.

Cross met Evan about five years ago when she was judging the Sandia Go Figure Mathematics Challenge. After she saw Evan's paper, she made a point of meeting him. When she heard he was coming to Sandia for mentoring, she jumped on the bandwagon.

Most recently Cross has been working on fractiles with Evan. She also shares another interest with Evan—music. This summer the two plan to write a piano duet together.

Evan is busy making celebrity appearances this month, including throwing out the first pitch at an Oakland A's game, and then he'll be attending math camp. Come July he'll be back at Sandia for more math instruction. In the fall he'll begin taking calculus at U.C. Berkeley.

top new scientific talent to DOE and SSP. "FAS remains deeply skeptical. The universities and industry are now at the cutting edge of scientific and technical advance. Anecdotal evidence strongly suggests that newly minted scientists do not look to the DOE labs as their first choice for doing pioneering research. Yet even if NIF did contribute to this goal to some degree, it is far from being the most efficient means of applying those billions of dollars. The great majority of the resources going to NIF support engineering problems-related to lasers, clean rooms, and power supplies-that have nothing whatsoever to do with either nuclear weapons or basic physics. That money could have gone directly to support university research of interest to DOE or to create smaller but scientifically more interesting experiments within the labs.

Land Mitigation Partnership Ready **To Promote More Match-ups**

With new infrastructure in the planning stages for the Tri-Valley, there is new opportunity for property owners to offer mitigation land for endangered species of plants and animals, according to Joe Ciolek.

Ciolek is the interim facilitator for the Partnership for Land Conservation and Stewardship (PLCS). It was created in 2005 by Alameda County.

The PLCS is a collaborative effort between the Alameda **County Resource Conservation** District and the Alameda County Community Development Agency. Both are providing early funding to support the Partnership's formation and implementation.

The organization exists to facilitate putting landowners who may have open land easements to sell to government and private interests that are building projects, and need habitat mitigation. The mission includes educating both sides in such a transaction about what may be done. However, the PLCS does not act as a broker between two parties

Ciolek told the Independent

that new opportunities for landowners are coming up with pub-lic agencies' need for habitat mitigation. He cited as an example the fact that Livermore and CalTrans will need mitigation for the Isabel Avenue interchange on Intestate 580. There are also bridges and water pipelines coming along soon that will need mitigation.

Čiolek said that this is a good time for landowners to get in touch with the PLCS, and learn more information about mitigation needs. "We think that the infrastructure development will be considerable," said Ciolek. Although the areas may seem relatively small, their impact is larger because of their cumulative acreage total, and the fact that habitat mitigation is usually done on a 3 to 1 ratio. Every acre of land gobbled up normally provides three replacement acres.

County supervisors will sponsor a series of meetings about the infrastructure elements, said Ciolek.

The PLCS is now formally equipped to go forward to facilitate communication between landowners and private and public developers with projects, because it has officially adopted its "statement of strategic direction," said Ciolek.

Ciolek said in a press release that under its mission statement, the PLCS will "focus on helping Alameda County become a regional leader in conserving and enhancing its valuable working landscapes, natural resources. and habitats through collaboration and innovation with other existing land conservation entities.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty was quoted in the press release as saying that planning for the area has policies that "call for Alameda County not only to utilize existing land conservation mechanisms, but also to initiate new and different approaches to facilitate land conservation within the county. We wanted to develop a unique program to ad-dress this need. PLCS plays an important role as the facilitator in this process and its primary purpose is to increase land conservation activities through innovative and collaborative solutions.

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projects for downtown (and other projects) and watching them come to fruition," Kamena said. Leider was first elected in

ticipating in the proposal of

2003. She replaced Tom Vargas on the council. She said she will run again, because she had "a very successful four years with the council. There are still some things that need to be finished before I leave office. I want to

push along the 1800-seat theater. There is also planned some wonderful in-fill development, and affordable housing in Arroyo Vista, near Safeway, on east First Street. I'd also like to see Doolan Canyon preserved by using the area to mitigate development elsewhere.'

ARTISTS

(continued from page one) short story, "Zaramama's Pact."

Her writing was described by David Wright, the judge for this area, as "well crafted, detailed and imaginatively told. Its subtlety is what give the story its ultimate power

Brown said that she liked reading. "That got me interested in writing. I have always liked writing." She plans to use the money she received to take additional writing seminars and classes

Two awards were given in vi-

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here," Mphande said. Her sister paid for her visa, the required immunizations and helped her search American colleges. She ruled out colleges on the East Coast because of the weather she was not interested in snow. Las Positas College in Livermore was one that responded positively to the emailed inquiry.

Her sister, a pediatrician with two children of her own, continued to support Mbali once she arrived in California. That support allowed her to share an apartment in Livermore and attend Las Positas College.

She knew no English when she arrived, but she spoke 13 other languages. Being immersed in a new country with a new language was not the hurdle for her that it likely would have been for others.

"I volunteered a lot with children. I helped out at Valley View Elementary School in Pleasanton. The kids readily corrected me if I

mis-spoke," she said. In May 2006, Mbali received a phone call from her brother, informing her that her benefactor sister had died after suffering from severe Meningitis, which left her in coma for almost two weeks.

Her oldest sister was Mbali's third sibling to die. One sister died of complications from ulcers, which could have been controlled by over-the-counter antacids.

One of her brothers was shot to death while joining college students in a protest about the government forcing them to learn in Afrikaans language. He was one of 600 black students killed in that protest.

Mbali has experienced much tragedy in her short life, yet she's sual arts. Kendra Knudsen, an honors art student at Amador, received the Phyllis Wentworth Award. Honorable mention went to Julia Johnson.

nounced the award. She said of Kendra, "She is multi-talented. She illustrated a literary book to be used by Haitian adults.

ten years. She plans to major in art. Her check for \$500 will be used to attend a month long sum-

focused on the opportunity that lies ahead and strengthened by her faith in God and the new family she's found at Las Positas College.

With no support from home, Mbali could no longer afford the apartment rent. Las Positas College Vice President Pam Luster and admissions staff members, Sylvia Rodriguez and Janice Cantua, arranged for her to stay with music professor Jim Heiner at his Pleasanton home.

tion. It will always be my home," she declared.

Pam Luster, who heads student services for Las Positas College, said, "Mbali is an exceptional young woman. She is intelligent, caring and empathetic. She embodies all of the qualities of individuals who should serve in our global community as leaders.

ing the University of California, Berkeley, but found that scholarships weren't available to international students. So she narrowed her search to private universities in the Bay Area, planning to apply to Stanford, Santa Clara, St. Mary's and Mills College.

She only had enough cash to afford one application fee so she applied to Stanford and battled through what she described as a "demanding application pro-cess." She later learned that she'd received a scholarship covering tuition, room and board.

After completing her education she hopes to work for the United Nations and focus on developing countries, whether in Africa or elsewhere.

shower using the larger ball. Accelerated Readers is a read-

ing program by Renaissance

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testing of students' mastery of

content, literacy skills develop-ment, and vocabulary develop-

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ALTAMONT CREEK

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grade level were given the chance to get the principal all wet. The kids each got several tries at hitting a target on the Pitchburst. When hit, the target would activate a switch that punctured a water balloon held suspended over Flint-Torres' head

"I'm very proud of you for hit-ting your challenge so early," she said before taking her seat in the Pitchburst. "You are awesome readers. I'm true to my word, so here I am, ready to get wet or stay dry." The target proved difficult to hit with a tennis ball, so fifth graders Robert Shi and Akila Chimata improvised. While Chimata distracted Flint-Torres, Shi punched tracted Fint-forres, Shi punched the target and gave his principal a surprise soaking. A few teachers also joined in the fun. Special Day Class teacher Eileen Annicchero took her best shot, followed by fifthgrade teacher Joe Loftus, who scored a hit using a larger play-ground ball. Teacher Fiona Solis and teacher's aid Robin Gilbert, who will be leaving Altamont Creek at the end of the school year, each added to Flint-Torres'

Artist Charlotte Severin an-

Kendra has been painting for

"Las Positas College gave me a chance to continue my educa-

Mbali had dreamed of attend-

mer art program. Some of her work was displayed at the dinner. Several of them focused on environmental issues. Kendra said one represented deforestation. It shows trees being flushed down a toilet. Another painting focused on loss of biodiversity, another on global warming. There were several self-portraits created in dif-ferent mediums. "I discovered the impact a medium can have on the mood a painting con-veys," she stated.

One of the portraits was unusual in that it was of DNA nucleotides represented by their alpha-bet designation. "The painting strips away individuality. From the letters are created all beings that think and live.

Julia Johnson worked in ceramics. She is a senior at Foothill High. Johnson used material found in an olive grove - pits, branches, bark, etc. - and incorporated the material into her ceramics.

Sunny Tripathy collected the film, drama, dance and other performing arts award for his work in film

Andy Jorgensen, who pre-sented the award, said, "We will be seeing his work plenty some time soon.

Tripathy said of his work, "I like to write, direct and sometimes act in my productions and finish with the editing. My goal is to attend the UCLA film

CHIEF.

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worked hard to improve homeland security after the tragic events of 9/11, reallocated resources to better meet community needs, and reinforced our partnerships throughout the community. I want to thank all of the dedicated department staff who worked to accomplish our goals.'

Councilmember Marj Leider said, "I'm sorry he is retiring so early. I appreciate all the things he has done, especially working on the gang problem in the city.

Leider said she agreed with published statements by fellow

RIDES

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for transit following a free ride day. Haggerty expects that as gas

prices increase, more people will turn to transit.

The free program will cost \$8.5 million, with funds coming from both the air district and MTC.

The Tri-Valley is an area that is impacted by automobile use. Fumes generated by drivers along the 880 corridor settle in the valley; traffic on 580 and 680 add to the air pollution. Last year, the valley had twelve non-attainment days, meaning federal air standards were not met.

councilmember John Marchand. 'With the chief's expertise, there are many things he can do now that he has retired.'

school." He will first pursue a

pensive. For example the soft-

ware needed to produce a film

costs \$2000 alone. "I plan to make a lot of money," he declared.

"This opportunity is exactly what

nounced the two winners of mu-

sic awards. Pianist Max Loh re-

ceived the Renee Smith Award;

John Palowitch, saxophone, was

awarded an honorable mention.

Lewis said of Loh, "I have heard first hand Max play. It is

the lyrical part of his playing that I marveled at. This award is

not about technical excellence.

There is feeling, interpretation

they can present that is mature

beyond their years. I'm glad I'm

my age, so I can step out of the

way." Of Palowitch's musicianship,

"The sound, the maturity was

there. He took his time and told a

story with his sax. The clarity of

tone was heart-wrenching." Loh, a student at Amador Val-

ley, began playing the piano at

age 5. He says he practices about

an hour each day. "I have been

writing music, mostly alternative rock. It's on myspace." He added that he is interested in film scor-

Palowitch, also a student at

Aamdor Valley, started playing the piano at age 7 and switched to the sax at age 11. "Jazz has

Musician Don Lewis an-

I need.

He said that film making is ex-

gree in graphic design.

statement that Krull could have a role to play on a state level. Krull recently ended a year as president of the California Police Chiefs Association.

stated, "I've enjoyed the five years we've worked together. I wish him well in his retirement."

civilian employees.

and can cause lung damage with

by Haggerty. He noted that bad air impacts the young and seniors the most.

ing spare the air days, residents should not BBQ, should not use

aerosol hair spray, and refuel cars only after 6 p.m. or later. Also at the press conference was Dublin Mayor Janet Lock-"Our community took sugges-tions to clean the air to heart. In

been the single greatest joy in my life. It is the expression of life. It's a great joy to me and helps me grow as a person," he stated. The final honor of the

evening went to the art supporter. The recipient for 2007 is former poet laureate Kirk Ridgeway.

Ridgeway served as third Poet Laureate of Pleasanton, championing the Century House readings, 2 years of workshops for youths at the Pleasanton Library, many adult workshops in and out of town — and wrote special poems for public events. For the last five years, as co-

chair of the annual Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival, Kirk has helped shape this jointly sponsored City of Pleasanton/PCAC event into a high quality literary and arts celebration.

Kirk presently serves on the Poet Laureate Selection Committee for the city, continues to perform publicly, advises the city on literary matters and supports the Tri-Valley Branch of the California Writers Club.

Jim Ott, himself a former poet laureate, announced the winner.

He described Ridgeway as being "like an evangelist. He brought poetry to those starved for it." Ott quoted current poet laureate Cynthia Bryant as describing Ridgeway, "as Yoda with a po-etic license."

In accepting the award, Ridgeway quipped that he had been elevated out of obscurity for at least a few moments.

As part of the award, PCAC presents a book of choice to the winner and another copy to the library. The book was "Fearful Symmetry: A Study of William Blake.

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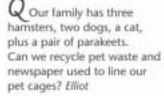
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Pleasanton **Cemetery Has New Name**

The Pleasanton City Council approved a recommendation to rename Pleasanton Memorial Gardens to Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery.

The council also approved reinstallation of the original cemetery arch over the driveway. The cost for the arch is estimated at between \$4500 and \$8500.

Pleasanton Memorial Gardens is a five acre cemetery in Pleasanton. Several years ago, concerned family members and residents started a community group to advocate for the preservation and care of the cemetery. The group had hoped to purchase the site. However, state regulations on operations and funding requirements made the idea infeasible. The group, **Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery** Inc., then approached the city,

asking it to purchase the site. The city council authorized the purchase in September 2006. The price was \$1. The cemetery was owned and operated by the Independent Order of Oddfellows. The Pleasanton group had disbanded, and the cemetery was taken over by the Livermore IOOF, which was willing to sell the property.

The title was transferred to the city in January. Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services has been hired to provide burial and monument services.

this school year, the Altamont Creek students collectively read some 20,000 or more books. Last year Flint-Torres gave the student body a goal of 15,000 AR points

and they finished the year with nearly 19,000 points. "I'm going to have to set the bar much higher next year," says Flint-Torres. "I'm already thinking of ideas for the challenge. I like the Pitchburst, so maybe we'll bring this back but with slime in the balloons instead of water.

The top readers for each grade level are: 5th grade: Robert Shi and Akila Chimata; 4th grade: Ethan Ha and Annie Pang; 3rd grade: Shriti Sukir and Sriharshini Duggirala; 2nd grade: Shannon Kai and Anthony Orlando; 1st grade: Jaren Dietsch and Jennifer Hoang.

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SPORTS NOTES

Titans Split Weekend Games with Chargers in IBL Action

The Tri-Valley Titans profes-sional basketball team split in a weekend series with the Eugene Chargers in International Basketball League action.

On Friday, the Titans defeated the Chargers, 132-123. The win improved the Titans season record to 9-2. Darrell Tucker and Anthony Lackey keyed the win for Tri Valley, scoring a game high 28 points each in the contest. Charles Easterling led the Chargers with 23 points.

On Sunday, the Chargers ended a three game losing skid with a 133-124 victory over the Titans. The loss dropped the Titans out of first place in the Southwest Division.

Seven Chargers scored in

Youth Soccer

The Mustang Strikers U-16 boys soc The Mustang Strikers U-16 boys soc-cer team came away with two wins this weekend in Super Y league action. In Satur-days game versus the Cal Odyssey, Mustang came away with a 6-0 shutout victory. Scoring for Mustang were Scott Brensel 2 goals), Nadav Kariv, Gerardo Garcia, Justin Chew and George Mayer. Goals were assisted by John Wainscott, Gerardo Garcia, Nadav Kariv, Fmrah Klimenta and Sasha Chalek Kariv, Emrah Klimenta., and Sasha Chalek

In Sunday's game, Mustang played San Juan SC coming away with a 4-2 victory. Goals were scored by Jose Garcia, Sasha Chalek (2 goals) and Nadav Kariv. Ryan Rivera netted the victories for Mustang. He was assisted by outstanding defensive play of Michael Janjigian, Patrick Watson, Tory Jorgensen, Gordon Nash, and Dominic Daley, Solid midfield play was provided by George Mayer, Luis Rocha, Scott Brensel, Emrah Klimenta, Naday Kariy, Shawn Daut, and Jose Garcia. Excellent offensive pressure was provided by Franco Cruz, Gerardo Garcia, John Wainscott, Sasha Chalek and Max Mendes.

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soc cer Club (BUSC) U18 United had a successful day in their NorCal league match-ups, as they were victorious in both matches. Opening in the morning vs. Vacaville Atlas, United scored first. Following an Atlas corner kick, Tommy Sander sent a long ball to a streaking David Norton, who split two defenders. He was tripped and this set up Nestor Negrete, who curled a 20 yard direct kick around the wall for the lead in the 11th minute. In the 42nd minute, Ricky Rojas sent Matt Carlucci down the right side. He cut back to the middle and fired one home for the 2-0 lead. In the 57th minute, Jay Jafarpour sent a free kick from 30 yards into the mix, and Rojas softly passed to Jeff Squier, who finished. Carlucci sent a cross from the right to the head of Stefan Rabrenovich, who beat the keeper for a goal. Carlucci also dropped another direct kick into the box, where Alex McArthur chested it to Squier for his second goal and the 5-0 lead. The Atlas had a few late chances, but GK Brett Webber made two nice at the end. Nahapetian had a big clear at the end. Nahapetian and Sander were strong in the back to lead BUSC defensively. In game two of the day, United took on

SU Extreme. In the 12th minute, Rabrenovich turned the right corner and sent a cross past the diving keeper to an onrushing Carlucci for the 1-0 lead. In the 20th minute, Rabrenovich and Negrete took on two SU defenders on a ball in the air. Rabrenovich won the battle and led Negrete in alone, and he finished for the 2-0 lead. The Extreme had a flurry at the end of the half, but Nahapetian ran down a striker on a through ball and knocked it away to keep them scoreless. The second half belonged to Webber, who got his second clean sheet of the day. Jafarpour won everything out of the air. He and Justin Mullaney battled back against the attempts of the Extreme forwards to muscle their way to net. BUSC finished with

the 2-0 victory. Ballistic United U-16 played a tough,

double figures, led by 22 points from Andre Joseph. Charles Easterling added 21 points in the win. Cardell Butler was the games top scorer, finishing with 41 points for the Titans. Lavoughn Lamont scored 29 and Franco Harris 21 for the Titans.

The Titans are on the road for their next four games. They will close out the season with two homes games on June 22 and 23 against the Central Oregon Hotshots.

Games are played in the Granada High School gym. Tipoff is 7:15 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at Total Sports or LifeStyleRX in Livermore or at the gate.

Evans had a single and a double with 2 RBI's, Adriana Segovia had 2 singles and Heather Smith had a key single near the end of the game just in time for Alyssa Lanza to hit a line drive that brought in 2 RBI's to close the deal and put the Blaze ahead insuring the win.

Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its 14th annual Spirit Run in downtown Pleasanton on Father's Day, June 17. There is a race or walk event for every

member of the family, including the 5K run or walk, or the 10K run. In addition, there are three separate Kid's Challenge Races—for children ages 2-8. The 5K and 10K certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and unpaved Arroyo Trails. The start and finish lines are located under, or very close to the Pleasanton arch, located on Main Street. The Kids' Challenge is a 100-yard dashes on Main Street, finishing right underneath the arch.

Trophies will go to the top male and female finishers. Beautifully etched-glass trophies will be given to the top male and female Masters (over 40-years old) winners. In addition, medals are given three deep in designated age groups for both male and female participants. Each child participating in the Kids' Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon and a cookie from Mr. Cookie, bimself himself

Entry fees Pre-Registration: Kids' Chal-lenge - \$5.00 5K and 10K - \$15.00 grades K-8; \$25.00 high school students and adults; \$15.00 each for families of four, or more.

Race-day Registration: Kids' Challenge \$10.00 5K and 10K - \$20.00 grades K-8; S10.00 high school students and adults; S20.00 each for families of four, or more. All participants will receive at com-memorative T-shirt and goodie bag, as well

as refreshments and will each receive ticket to a huge after-race raffle. The 10K Race will start at 8:00 a.m., with the 5K Run and Walk will begin at 8:20 a.m. The Kids' Challenge events will begin around 9:30 a.m. Check-in and race-day registration opens at 6:30 a.m.

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

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. Over the last 9 years, the race has brought

in \$373,000 in sponsorships and \$173,000 in registration fees. Approximately \$256,000 net has been raised and transferred to the Pleasanton Education Foundation for scholarship distribution.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League scores from last

Minor AA: Red Sox 6, Mariners 5. Top Hitters Red Sox - Kyle Moylan - 2 singles,



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

EMC2 Vellum Criterium was held Sunday in Pleasanton. Leading a break-away is Larry Noland. He went on to win the race. He also won the master's 45-55 and the master's 35+ CAT 1-2-3 event.

A Division: Orioles 13, Mets 3: Top Players for the Orioles: Ethan Shang - 4 hits, 2 runs, 1 RBI Logan Koch - 3 hits, 2 runs, 3 RBI's Zachariah Eme - 3 hits, 2 runs, 1 RBI Justin Hill - 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 RBI's Lucas O'Brien - 2 hits, 1 run, 1 RBI. The Orioles started their playoffs with a win against the Mets. Defensively for the Orioles were Cody Skinner who caught a high pop fly in the 1st inning and Kaine Montez with an unassisted double play at the top of the 4th inning. Top Players for the Mets: Gabriel Cabassa - 1 double, 1 RBI Davis Defina -1 double, 1 run Nick Monica - 1 double, 1 run Brandon Williams - 1 single, 1 run. The Mets played hard with great defense from Davis Defina at both 1st and 2nd base. Nick Monica also held strong at 1st and 2nd base.

Red sox 25, Nationals 2: Red Sox bats came out strong as the whole team had solid at bats. Diego Camacho and Austin Hosmer each with a double. 2nd baseman Hosmer's defense was awesome with an unassisted double play. Bobby Payne's love for baseball double play. Bobby Payne's love for baseball shined as he landed on his knees catching a fly ball popping up with a smile that warmed up all the fans. Top Players: Bobby Payne, Diego Camacho, Austin Hosmer-Red Sox Cameron Priest, Matthew Kein, John Langerud-Nationals Phillies 5, Orioles 6: Top Players for Phillies: Tyler Gonzales - 2 for 3 Miko Asifoa - 2 for 3 and Tanner Higdins with 1 Doubla

-2 for 3 and Tanner Higgins with 1 Double. The Phillies defense played hard to hold the Orioles to the end with a loss of 5 to 6. Defensive players for the Phillies were Tyler Gonzales at 1st base and Miko Asifoa who held strong at 2nd base. Top Players for Orioles: Lucas O'Brien - 3 hits, 1 run scored, 3 RBI's Zachariah Eme - 2 hits, 1 double, 1 RBI Lazarus McAfee with 2 solid hits. Outstanding plays in the game were Kaine Montez with an assist to 1st base at the bottom of the 5th inning and Justin Hill played first base with a 1, 2, 3 out with the assistance of the team at the top of the 6th inning

inning. Mets 20, Red Sox 7: Top Players for 2 for 4 with 3 RBI's Mets: Andrew Barrett - 3 for 4 with 3 RBI's and 1 Double, Gerardo Cabassa - 3 for 4 with and 1 Double, cerardo Cabassa - 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's and 1 Double, Jordan Buress - 4 for 4 w/excellent base running, Michael Butterfield - 4 for 4 with 1 RBI and excellent base running. Nick Monica made a double m Davis D job! Top Players for Red Sox: Austin Hosmer -went 2 for 3 w/a Triple and a Double, Trenton Weidner - 3 for 3 with 3 base hits, Michael Hallock - 3 for 3 with 3 singles. Red Sox had outstanding defense with 2 double plays! Braves 6, Yankees 4: The game was very close. Both teams played very good defense. The Braves jumped ahead 6 to 0 in the bottom of the 4th innings but the Yankees scored four

runs in the top of the 6th innings with a very exciting come back rally. Team Braves: Dawn Dawes 1/2, Austin Breiz 2/3, Double, Chris Roessler 3/3. Team Yankees: Noah Stewart, Braden Jackson, Tristen Speaker, Joe Mariscal caught foul ball as a catcher.

AA Division: White Sox 4, Cubs 3: White Sox scratched out a 4-3 win over the Cubs in the final game of the season on Monday. Dominic Foscalina anchored the Monday. Dominic Foscalina anchored the Sox, with a single and a crushing home run, driving in Elan Douglas. Garrett Cordisco pitched four scoreless innings for the White Sox and drove in the game-ending runs with a double in the sixth. The Cubs had kept it close by tying things up in the fifth on the RBI single by Jared Maranon. Also playing well for the Cubs were Joey Hajduk with a double and Larrett Dowall with an RBI single and four for the Cubs were Joey Hajduk with a double and Jarrett Powell with an RBI single and four great plays at second base. Top Players: Dominic Foscalina (1 1B, 1HR, 2 RBI), Garrett Cordisco (1 2B, 2 RBI, Pitching), Elan Douglas (1 1B) - White Sox Jared Maranon (1 2B, 1 RBI), Joey Hajduk (1 2B, Defense), Jarrett Powell (1 1B, 1 RBI, Defense) - Cubs White Sox 3 Tiggre 2: The Tiggre made

White Sox 3, Tigers 2: The Tigers made it rough for the second seed White Sox in the first-round of the AA playoffs Thursday. White Sox jumped out to an early lead in the first inning when Logan Potter sacrificed in the first run and he did it again in the fourth, driving in Jordan Scher, who led off with a single. Logan also had the catch of the season in the fourth, with a diving grab on second base. Sean Stavert drove in the second run of base. Sean Staver drove in the second run of the fourth with his single, and pitched 3 2/ 3 scoreless innings. The Tigers came rallying back, however, starting with Benjamin Kerling, whose speed helped him to complete a home run off a ground ball up the first base line. Tigers scored again in the sixth on a two-out willy helping Burgell L goattl' circing a who line. 11gers scored again in the sixth on a two-out rally behind Russell Lovett's single, who was driven in by Demetris Wagner. Top Players: Logan Potter (2 RBI, Defense), Jordan Scher (1 1B), Sean Stavert (1 1B, 1 RBI, Pitching) - White Sox: Benjamin Kerling (1 HR, pitching), Russell Lovett (1 1B, Defense), Demetris Wagner (1 1B, 1 PRD - Tigers

RBI) - Tigers Astros 6, Cubs 5: In AA playoff action, Cubs player Bryce Disbrow started the ball rolling in the top of the first with a trip around the bases on a single with multiple throwing

Astros Ryan Meagher struck out the side in the top of the seventh inning. Meagher then went on to hit a solid double in the bottom of the inning. Aaron Spiller stepped into the box and hit the RBI-scoring game winner. Final score: Astros 6, Cubs 5 in extra innings. Top players (Astros): Ryan Meagher 11P (3K), double, scored; Aaron Spiller, 3 hits, game-winning RBI; Jax Mamaoag, triple, double, RBI, scored Top players (Cubs): Dominic Bartoni, 1 for 2, RBI: Jacob DeFrenchi, 2+ IP, single, 2 RBI; Bryce Disbrow, 1+ IP, 3K, 2 hits, scored. Cubs 12, Tigers 4: A rally started off by the Cub's Travis Brigg's helped pull the Cub's head. Jacob Ledbetter also contrib-uted with great batting and Joey Hajduk made Astros Ryan Meagher struck out the side in

uted with great batting and Joey Hajduk made two awesome defensive plays at third to help secure the Cub's lead. The Tigers Josh Frazier went 3 for 3 and showed good defense at 3rd. Went 3 for 3 and showed good derense at 3rd. Jordan Lennier also contributed for the Tigers with a good pitching effort on the mound, and Conner Jones who went 3 for 3, helped start a 6th inning rally for the Tigers with a RBI. Top Players - Cubs Travis Briggs, (3 RBI's, 2 for 3), Jacob Ledbetter (2 for 3), Joye Hajduk (2 for 2). Tigger, Ledb Erreiger (2 for 2). Component (2 for 3) Tigers :Josh Frazier (3 for 3), Conner Jones (3 for 3), Jordan Lennier (2 for 3)

Jones (3 for 3), Jordan Lennier (2 for 3) White Sox 4, Astros 6: The Astros won their second playoff game with a final score of 6 to 4. Astros pitcher Ryan Meagher pitched 3 great innings, with 4 strike-outs, limiting the Cubs to 2 runs scored. Sox pitcher Dom Foscalina pitched into the 4th inning and also had 4 K's. Solid hitting from both teams kent this one close Tan players both teams kept this one close. Top players (White Sox): Jorgensen, double, single; Craig Mains, 2 singles; G-Man, 2 hits, 2 RBI

Craig Mains, 2 singles; G-Man, 2 hits, 2 RBI :Top players (Astros): Trevor Davidson, single, RBI, threw runner out; Jesse Jaureguito, 2 for 3, 3 RBI; Ryan Holmes, 3IP, 5K, HR, 3B, single, 2 RBI Reds 3, Cardinals 2: Cardinals started off with great pitching, great defense, and had a rally in the middle of the game, brining in Boyd Holloway for the score. Reds also had great pitching with Armande Start great pitching with Armando Fagliano start-ing off with 6 SO's, followed by Ryan Ball ing off with 6 SO's, followed by Ryan Ball and Truman Griffeath with 2 SO's each. The Reds defense kept scores low with great plays/outs by Kris Jones, Griffeath, plus great catches by Jones and Ryan Silvas, and great overall outfield support, including Geraldo Alvarez. The Reds' first single came from Isaac Lignell in the 3rd. raising the energy of the team. Taylor Crenshaw then hit o hard circle and load off a cilly in the 4th a hard single and lead off a rally in the 4th Hits after Taylor were from Silvas (S) Griffeath (D), Zack Stevens (S), and Jones (S) with 2 scores total. The Cardinals answered with another rally, and Boyd scored again on an obstruction call at 3rd base, tying the game. In the bottom of the 5th inning Ryan Ball hit, Christian Morris hit and stole, and Mauricio Zavala hit, but a forced out meant no RBI. The Reds held the score to a tie in no RBI. The Reds held the score to a tie in the top of the 6th with a SO from Griffeath, a catch by Silvas, and great out by Zavala at 3rd to David Harmison at 1st. In the bottom of the 6th with two outs the pressure was on. Armando Fagliano rose to the challenge and hit a single, and then slid into 2nd to steal a base. Ryan Silvas then hit a single and brought Armando in for the winning score.

AAA Division: Mariners 8, Diamond-backs 7: Mariners were ahead 9-2 into the 6th inning. A huge inning from the D-backs led off by Chandler Shetron to tie it up. Cody King clutch in relief pitching for a load of strike-outs. Bottom of the 9th inning: Jake Trevithick leads off with a DBL, followed by Casey Peterson with a single, followed by Cody King with a slamming rip to left field, driving Jake in for the winning run. Mariners 11, Giants 6: This was a must-win for the Mariners. The Giants started out

win for the Mariners. The Glahts started out strong, scoring 3 runs in the 1st inning. Casey Peterson with a big double in the first brought in Jake Trevithick (w) for the first run. Two more runs in the 2nd inning by the Glants with a huge hit from Clayton Staneck. A huge 6 run inning by the Mariners to bring it to 7-5 and one there in the 51th to finish it off. Case S and another in the 5th to finish it off. Casey Peterson, Cody King and Tito Quihuis rounded out the power for the Mariners.

Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League division semifinal and championship game 14U Major Uppers Championship: Mischief 6, Dinos 4: The 14U Mischief girls softball team took first place in the Major Uppers division of the Pleasanton Girls Softball League, and won the playoff cham-pionship game. The Mischief had an 11-4

winning season, outscoring their opponents 122 to 65. In the playoffs, the Mischief had

three wins and one loss, beating the Dinos 6-4 in the final championship game. Over the season, each Mischief player shared in the scoring, Top scorers were Katie Echavia (22 runs scored) Breezy Perry (21 runs), Allie Pluschkell (15 runs), Jessica Johns (13 runs, including two home runs), Gabby Faccini (12 nuchding two none tubs), Gabby Facenn (12 runs), Angelina Sangiacomo (12 runs), and Natalie Tiongco (11 runs). Multiple runs each were scored by Katlin Crawford, Emily Nickel, Kiera Melton, Kelly Parsons, and Shannon Eaclay

annon Easley. U14 – Major Rec Division Semi-Firals: Pleasanton Homes – Purple Pack 5, Ken's Painting – Stompers 4: Key Players: Pleasanton Homes: Allie Rodriguez, Rachel Cilk, Vanessa Medina Ken's Painting: Maycie Partridge, Brienna Brown, Tina Nguyen, Kirpa Wirk Highlights: One of the most nail Rhipa wink Highinghs: One of the most nam biting games of the season, it was a great performance by both teams but the Pleasan-ton Homes put in some exemplary defense wrap up to come out on the top. Rachel Cilk and Allie Rodriguez pitched superb to keep the runs in check. After some initial hesita-tion arginst the Konic Panithem eitching the tion against the Ken's Painting pitching, the home team were more confident with their bat

home team were more confident with their bat and swung their bats to come back stronger. U12-Minor Upper Division Champi-onship Game: Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire – Stix 6 Pleasanton Mortgage – Breakers 4: Key Players: Alain Pinel Real-tors/Tim McGuire: Julia Petros, Lauren Bennett, Corinne Valdix, Molly Phillips, Krista Williams Pleasanton Mortgage: Ashley Lotosczynski, Meredith Jaeger, Kiley Zieker, Andie Becker, Nicole Bardakos Highlights: The Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire team The Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire team took their division championship with a 6-4 win over Pleasanton Mortgage. Pleasanton Mortgage was first on the scoreboard with a RBI single by Ashley Lotosczynski in the top if the first. But the Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire team came back with four runs in the bottom half of the inning on RBI triples by Julia Petros and Lauren Bennett. Molly Phillips connected for a RBI single, Roni Stone doubled and Corinne Valdix had an RBI sacrifice. The team added two more in the third with RBI singles by KT Bindert and Julia Petros. Pleasanton Mortgage didn't give up though scoring one more in the sixth on an RBI single by Meredith Jaeger then mounted a threat in the top of the seventh scoring two runs when Ashley Lotosczynski stole home and Kiley Zieker hit a RBI double. Pleasanton Mortgage had two runners in scoring position with one out before Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire pitcher Krista Williams ended the inning with a strike out and a put-out at first.

Division Semi-Finals Pleasanton Mort-gage – Breakers 7, Cardinal Jewelers – Panthers 0: Key Players: Pleasanton Mort-gage: Ashley Lotoszynski, Aubry Wolff, Andie Becker Cardinal Jewelers: Johanna Grauer, Kennedy Poplawski, Karly Jo Duval Highlights: Cardinal Jewelers and Pleasan-ton Mortgage met in the morning semifinal elimination game. Loser goes home, winner moves on to the Championship game. The two teams split the regular season meetings 2 and 2. Pleasanton mortgage was determined from the start and turned up the heat early and often to go on to a 7 - 0 victory. KarlyJo Duval singled in the 4th but was left stranded at 3rd. Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire –

Stix 4, Cardinal Jewelers – Panthers 2: Key Players: Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire: Lauren Bennett, Jana Johnson, Corinne Valdix, Krista Williams Cardinal Jewelers: Sammy Spain, Izzy Castenada, Brooke Quisenberry, Johanna Grauer. The game was agreat 0-0 defensive duel through 4 ½ innings with a sharp reactive play by pitcher Krista Williams to catcher Jana Johnson for a put out at home to end a threat in the third. It was the bottom of the fourth before Cardinal Jeweler's Izzy Castenada scored the first run. Cardinal Jeweler's added a second run in the sixth on a sacrifice by Sammy Spain. Down 2-0 with one out in the top of the seventh, Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire's Lauren Bennett doubled in Julia Petros. Corinne Valdix brought in Bennett with a RBI single. Roni Stone walked and a double steal put runners on second and third. Jana Johnson then hit a 2 RBI double to give the Alain Pinel team a 4-2 lead, which held up in the bottom half for the win.

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results from last week:

A Division: Yankees vs. Cubs: Key plays by the Yankees against their latest opponents the Cubs were made by Brandon Beanland, Carter Person and Owen Camp.

bainstic United U-16 played a tougn, physical match versus the Napa Sporting Indians in the NorCal Premier Spring League, coming away with a 2 to 0 victory. Solid, persistent offense was highlighted by a first half goal by Bobby Regalado and a second half goal from Weston Bergh. A penalty kick

late in the game was blocked by goalie, Matt Nagy to preserve the shutout. Top Offensive Players: -Weston Bergh, Bobby Regalado, Dillon Mullaney; Top Defensive Players: -Matt Nagy, Shane Schvaneveldt and Andrew Choi. The UIA San Barmon Santos and the

The U14 San Ramon Santos and the Burlingame Juventes battled to the end in a fantastic game Sunday night in NorCal Spring Premier Division Soccer, with Juventus winning 3 to 2. After Burlingame went up 2-0 early in the game, the Santos battled back and showed great determination. Shortly before half time, Albert Glancy was able to take the ball and rip a shot which deflected off the cross bar to a waiting Matheus Menezes who put it home to bring the game 2-1 at half. The battle continued in the second half with both teams having opportunity to score and strong offensive play from Justin Scott, Guillermo Rivas and Paymon Estakhri. The Santos defense in-cluding Matt Robbins, Stevie Rector, Grant Matsumoto and Ryan Fagenson stood their ground with keeper Jake Boyd making key saves throughout. The Santos then brought the game even late in the half when Ben Danielson was able to control a high ball in the box and cross it to a waiting Menezes who put away his second of the day. In added time, Burlingame was able to get into the Santos goal area and slot home the winning goal.

Tri-Valley Blaze



teams Farm: Cubs Offense: Logan Fernandez, Alex Hattori, Gunner Hollingshaus; De-fense: Brandon Johnson, Cameron McGee, A-J Phillips. Mariners Offense: Trevor Bantley, Garrett Borba, Weston Bradley; Defense: Hayden Ferias, Reid Heffron, Beniamin Rocha.

Minor A: Cardinals offense - Christo-pher Machi, Michael Silva, Diego Ramirez, Defense - Josh Lewczyk, Kyle deBord, Matt Zukowski

Cardinals - Offense - Chris Machi, Brad Cahall, Brandon Montoya - Defense -Nick McClendon, Kyle deBord, Diego Ramirez. Cubs - Offense - Dominic Stewart, Jor-

dan Mello Defense - Devin Parker, Connor Glasco.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results from last week: T-Ball: Athletics: Carson Neu, Grant

Peterson, Eric Vanda; Jack Volponi, Grant Peterson, Christopher Dunbar, Owen

Farm: Marlins: Ian Partridge, Cameron Songey, Joshua Pesso; Rockies: Scott McPherson, Clay Boghossian, Jared Michae-

their own on RBI singles by Kevin Key and Ryan Holmes. The Cubs had a big 3rd inning, scoring 4 times on RBI hits from Dominic Bartoni, Tidwell, and DeFrenchi. The Astros added 1 more in the bottom of the inning and then tied things up in the bottom of the 6th with RBIs from Jax Mamaoag and Ryan Holmes. Play was suspended because of darkness and resumed 2 nights later. The





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The Tri-Valley Blaze U12 Girls Fastpitch Softball team set their sites on Rainbow Fields in Modesto, this past weekend and competed in the USSSA Coca Cola Weekend Tournament. The Blaze finished the tourna- ment with 3 strong wins in pool play before suffering a tough loss in bracket play against their opponent the East Bay Vipers. Tri-Valley Blaze 5, Sacramento Crush		P	
3: In the final inning of the game, the Blaze trailed 3-1 with one out and Crush base runners on 2nd and 3rd, Blaze third baseman Alyssa Lanza charged a hit going down the third base line; as the runner attempted to go		Fea 4338 Fairlands Drive, Pl 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths,	
home Lanza, catcher Nicole Evans and short- stop Rachel Norman ended the inning with awell executed 5-2-6 double play that changed the momentum of the game. The Blaze then		272 Galano Plaza, Unic 2 Bedroom, 1 Baths, 710	
came to the plate with offense on their mind. Norman launched a triple to center field and Adriana Segovia followed up an early in the game double with a 2 run RBI triple that tied	COLLEEN	537 W. 12th Street, Tra 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 12	
the game. McKayla Saavedra laid down a nice bunt and advanced to 2nd with heads up base running as Breanna Herrera came to the plate	CRAWFORD Manager	6933 Stagecoach Road 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 10	
and drove in 2 RBI's with her game winning double.	PLEASANTON	4148 Veneto Court, Ple	

doubl Tri-Valley Blaze 7, Central Valley Ban-dits 0. McKayla Saavedra took winning command on the mound for the Blaze pitch-ing 4 innings, striking out 7 and shutting out the Bandits. Outstanding offense once again was key for the Blaze. Lead off batter Alyssa Lanza had 2 singles and scored both times with aggressive base stealing. Saavedra was also a key on offense with a double, triple and 2 RBI's. Adriana Segovia's RBI double, Nicole Evans' RBI single and Danielle Lacombe's single and steal to home also added to the Blaze offense. Tri-Valley Blaze 7, Fire and Ice 3.

Winning Blaze pitcher Danielle Lacombe executed 4 strong innings with 4 Ks and her defense behind her. Outfielder Ocean Garcia made key catches and second baseman Danielle Deernick added to the Blaze defensive strength. Blaze bats were once again on fire. Nicole

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SPORTS NOTES

Contributing pitchers were Joey Nickel, Staton Rosenblum and Mitchell Lawrence. The Cubs played an outstanding game on Thursday night against the Yankees. The Cubs players pitched all 5 innings for the first time making it tough on the opposing batters. The defense was strong again especially with DJ McCaffery playing catcher behind the plate. Andres led the offense with 2 big hits, 2 RBIs and a run scored. Tyler Usen closed out the game with 3 outs on just 12 pitches and also went 4 for 4 at the plate.. Cubs vs. A's: The Cubs showed off a

brilliant all around game on Saturday against the Athletics. David Brooks stimulated the Cubs effort by pounding out 2 hits and making several tough plays at first base. William Brendel had a break out day at the plate with 3 hits to the outfield. Alex "AJ" Warford pitched a strong final inning and contributed 2 key RBIs in a tight game. AA Division: White Sox 11, Padres 12:

Patrick Maund pitched with great control allowing 1 run in 3 innings pitched with 7 strike outs. White Sox were down 12 to 7 to start the 6th inning and plated 4 runs. With two outs, runners on second and third, Sahil Patel struck out the final batter swinging for the final out. Top offensive players: Trevor Holt 1 for 2, 1 RBI; Matt Gates 2 for 2, 1 run scored; Jimmy Ritter 2 for 2, double, single and 2 runs scored; Game Ball Jimmy Ritter

Devil Rays 10, Padres 12: Timmy Wu and Sahil Patel combined for 7 strike outs to hold the Devil Rays to 10 runs. Devil Rays, Lee hit a solo home run in the 4th inning to ignite the offense. Top offensive players: Regis LaChance 1 for 2, 2 RBI; Jose Garcia 1 for 1, 2 runs scored; Jimmy Ritter 1 for 1, 2 runs scored; Daniel Choi 1 for 2, 1 runs scored. Game Ball Timmy Wu Phillies 12, White Sox 11: The Phillies

hands a deficit of at least 2 runs for the entire game, but pulled out a win in the last inning thanks to: Jake Vanwagoner's steal of 2nd base, Micheal Horton and Jonathan Dourneau's great defensive moves when they teamed up to pick off a runner trying to steal third, Robert Ota stealing home all the way from 2nd base, Ollie Allen's 2 run home run at the bottom of the 4th, Jonathan Dourneaur's great steal at home, Jake Vanwagoner's sacrifice RBI after a good-looking hit, Sammy Cabral's triple RBI, Cain Millerstrom's RBI, Michael Horton's great "close out" pitching in the 6th and Ollie Allen's 2nd hit of the game sent 2 runners home and won a tough match-up against the White Sox! Top Offensive Players: Ollie Allen; Top Defen-sive Players: Michael Horton, Jonathan

Padres 12, White Sox 11: The Padres defeated the White Sox in a wild barn burner. The White Sox scored four runs in the top of the sixth inning, but came up short. Nick Powers, Matt Stiles, Ethan Lipsker, Jackson Freese, Aaron Wong, Jack Sanderson, Sam Cukar and Hector Vega led the White Sox offensive attack. Nick Powers and Jack Sanderson pitched well for the White Sox. Nick Powers earned the game ball for his outstanding play. White Sox 11, Devil Rays 10: The White

Sox scored 4 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning for the win. Ethan Lipsker singled in two runs to win the game. Joshua Ott, Matt Stiles, Jack Sanderson, Ethan Lipsker and Tatsuya Hareyama led the White Sox offensive attack. Jack Sanderson and Nick Powers threw out a Devil Rays runner trying to steal home with a great pickle play. Sam Cukar threw out a Devil Rays runner trying to stretch a single into a double with a perfect throw from right field to second base. Ethan Lipsker made a great tag on that play. Matt Stiles forced a runner at second base with a perfect throw from center field. Jack Sanderson pitched great for the White Sox. Ethan Lipsker earned the game ball for his outstand

ing play. Padres 13, Devil Rays 14: The Padres pitching team had a total of Nine Strike out Led by Patrick (4) and Noah Pacheco (3). The offensive effort was stellar led by Shil Patel, Regis Lachance, Jimmy Ritter, and Timmy Wu that resulted in 6 of the 13 runs scored for the Padres. Top Offensive payers: Jimmy Ritter, Double for 2 RBI's and a steal to home; Regis Lachance, two forthree, 2 RBI's and a seal to home; Sahil Patel, Single for 1 RBI; Timmy Wu, Single for 1 RBI; Top Defensive Players: Patrick Maund 4 Strike

outs; Noah Pacheco 3 strike outs. Angels 13, Padres 8: Top Offensive payers: Jose Garcia, 2 Double's for 1 RBI; Regis Lachance, Home run for 2 RBI's; Jimmy Ritter, Single for 1 RBI's; Noah Pacheco, Single for 1 RBI, Timmy Wu, stole home; Patrick Maund, stole home; Top Defensive Players: The Entire Padres pitch-



Photo - Doug Jorgensen Hot rods were the order of the day during the Goodguys Get-Together over the weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

hit a high fly with an RBI and Chet Koziol took the score. Chipman went on to steal home. Matt Weir caught a high fly in left field to take the run from the Brewers. Great fielding by Mikey Babcock stopping balls with his defensive play. Johnston at the pitchers mound held the Brewers to 1 run through the 3rd inning. Johnston had 9 strike-oute in the came outs in the game. Astros 10, Yankees 7: The three Yankees

pitchers Tanner Wiese, Ryan McDonald and Jordan Ott limited the hard hitting Astros to six hits and 4 earned runs, while striking out 7 batters, but the Yankees defense let their pitching down with 5 errors that led to 6 unearned runs. Tanner Wiese struck out 3 Astros, and Jordan Ott struck out 4. The Yankees offense was led by Kyle Peterson, Jordan Ott, Ryan Probst, Wesley Vander Veur and Brandon Martinez. Ryan Ortisi played great at shortstop and Jordan Ott played great at catcher. Wesley Vander Veur ed the game ball for his outstanding play. **Majors:** Giants 11, Rangers 1: The

Giants' offense was clearly fired up as Ben Case started the rally in the 1st inning with Case started the ratio in the 1st mining with a single followed by Josh Steven's single and Sam Wagner with a 1 RBI single bringing Case across the plate followed by Stevens' steal at home. The trend continued in the 2nd with Richard Vanderbilt's single, a 1RBI single by Nick Mendonca with Vanderbilt single by Nick Mendonca with Vanderbilt scoring and another single by Ben Case. The offense was on a roll by the 3rd inning with Sam Wagner's single, a 1 RBI double by Derek Banister, singles by Richard Vanderbilt, Nick Mendonca, Ben Case and Kyle Wiest with an RBI. Sam Wagner's impressive single line drive in the 4th continued the action with another single for Vanderbilt and a 1 RBI single by Zachary Hart. With an 8-1 lead, the Giants didn't slow down in the 5th with Case slamming a single line drive with Case slamming a single line drive followed by Vanderbilt and Hart, each with asingle RBI. The Giants' defense was on top of the game from the start with Sam Wagner on the mound pitching strikes and Josh Stevens behind the plate. Precision fielding buell of the Giants theore the Bargers at hou by all of the Giants kept the Rangers at bay with Ben Case participating in 6+ of the 15 outs. With Zachary Hart on the mound and Nick Mendonca behind the plate in the 5th,

the game closed with the Giants 10 point lead. Mets 11, Giants 1: Grant Soyka put on a Ruthian display June 2, clobbering three home runs and driving in six runs as the Mets completed the regular season with an 11-1 victory over the Giants. Soyka hit a three-run homer in the first inning, a solo shot in the second, and a two-run blast in the fifth. He also pitched four shutout innings, surrender-ing only one hit. Joel Jurich, Kevin Vigallon, and Clint Mankins had two hits each for the Mets, who won the regular season championship. Max Sanderson added an RBI double, and Kevin Buscheck had a single and pitched

and new moust of relief. Top Defensive Player: Logan Finley Rockies 9, Mets 5: AJ Curtis and Kevin Vigallon both went 3-for-3, but it wasn't enough as the Mets fell 9-5 to the Rockies on May 90. The generative a played future up for May 29. The game was a playoff tune-up for the Mets, who clinched the regular-season championship the week before. Curtis hit a double among his 3 hits and scored two runs.

had a hit, a walk, and scored twice. Alec Bevc, feeling ill from the start, toughed it out for 3 innings before having to leave, getting a hit, getting hit, driving in 2 and scoring a run. The Redbird closer, Jimmy Kaufman, came in the last inning and struck out 2 with the winning run on 3rd, including the last batter, to secure the tie.

Tri-For Fun Series

On Saturday, June 16, On Your Mark Events will kick-off its 20th annual Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series, at Shadow Cliffs Park in Pleasanton, Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series.

The Tri-For-Fun features a course dis-tance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake); 11-mile bike (loop course, flat streets); 3-mile run (rolling fire trail). The course is perfect for the newcomer as well as the seasoned triathlete. Along with the shorter (than usual tri distance) course and the safe, friendly, and noncompetitive atmosphere, the Tri-For-Fun makes an excellent event for the numerous first-time triathletes.

After the novice athletes master the first three Tri-For-Funs, they can meet the chal-lenge of the final event – the Tri-For Real. The final event of the series is held at the same location, but the distances have been in-creased to 700-yard swim, 20-mile bike, and 4-mile run.

The 2007 On Your Mark Tri-For-Fun Series dates are June 16, July 21, and August 18. The Tri-For-Real will be held on September 22nd. All races will start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton, CA. (The actual 20th year even will be the August triathlon.) There is a 1,000-participant maximum for each triathlon

To register or to receive more information about On Your Mark Events' Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series, call 209-795-7832 or visit their Web site at www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Livermore Smoke

Livermore Smoke Girls Softball results: Livermore/Pleasanton High School division playoffs: Consolation bracket: Karen Huntoon Realtor Blue Angels 6, Shock (Pleasanton) 3. WP - Chelsea Larson. 2B Kelsey Engel 2, Bradie Rosa (BA). 2 RBI Kelsey Engel

Trespassers (Pleasanton) 6, Karen Huntoon Realtor Blue Angels 3. 2B - Jessica Davis, Bradie Rosa (BA).

Bowling News

Ninety year old Eddie DeGirolamo led bowling action at Granada Bowl in Liver-more. DeGirolamo, was recently married at Granada Bowl, showed his new bride that he still has the bowling skill, the 147 averager

bowled a 221 game. Prime-time bowler, Fritz Rittmann, started with a spare and then strung eleven strikes in a row for a big 290 game. The Valley Family and Friends saw 160 average, Pat Fowler roll his career game of 288, .Greg Kwasniak continues his 700 streak with a big 777 series rolling twenty one out of twenty four strikes via games of 279-277 to go with 221 in the Kings and Queens. The Cocktail League. Joe Morganstern, blasted his 172 norm with 221-235-247 and his career high

used a big 243 game for 638 series. The Friday Family Affair saw Riely Chin, 174, post games of 203-188-218 with a total of 618; Vincent Salinas Piper, 171, made it to the 610 level with highs of 232-217. The Getaway League saw Shawn Brazil post games of 245-233-221 and a 699 series.

233-221 and a 699 series. The Sunday Rollers had some high games with Anthony Malarae having a strike-filled game of 279 and David Bunch a 267 game and 700 set. The Championship Trio had a strike-filled week - Gene Bruihl led the 4 game barrage with 245-268-212-257-982; Ken DiBattista - 248-221-262-235-966; Ray Salis used highs of 276-246 for his 921 and Landon Lawson finished with a 278 for a 903

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League results:

Junior 80s: Using a pair of six run innings to open the game, the PALL Junior 80 Yankees cruised to a 14-4 victory over the SRV Red. The Yanks with the first three hitters, Joey Silva, Trevor Uyeda and Becker McGuire reached base with McGuire's single bringing home two runs. Mitchell Reed and Blake Schultz also drove in runs later in the inning as Pleasanton jumped out to a 6-0 lead.

inning as Pleasanton jumped out to a 6-0 lead. San Ramon made a move to get back in to the game in the top of the second by scoring a pair of runs, but the Yankees went back to work. Patrick O'Brien opened the inning getting hit with a pitch and scored on Silva's single to right. Uyeda followed with a booming double to left to plate Silva and scored on McGuire's bloop single to right, making the score 9-2. The Red managed to get the next two batters, with Jason Silva's ground out bringing home McGuire, but Sam ground out bringing home McGuire, but Sam Skolnick singled to center, Reed singled to right and Schultz placed a soft liner perfectly to bring both home and extend the Yankee lead to 12-2

The Red gamely battled for a pair of runs in the top of the third, but Joey Silva scored on a Paul Leoni double in the fourth and Garrison Janes bases loaded walk brought home the final run of the game. The Yankees managed 11 hits for the game, with McGuire, Reed, Schultz and Joey Silva all garnering a pair. Jason Silva started the game and got the win for the Yankees.

Red T-Shirt Run

The 7th Hats Off America Red T-Shirt 10K Run/5K Walk will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2007 at Sy-camore Valley Park, 2101 Holbrook Drive, Danville, rain or shine.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. All runners and volunteers will receive a red t-shirt and a barbecue lunch after the run. There is no entry fee for volunteers.

HOA raises money for families of sol-diers who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The run is another way that Hats Off America lets the families know that they and their loved ones will not be forgotten. For infor-mation or to register or volunteer, contact Sparky George at (925) 855-1950 or thebearflagrunner@yahoo.com Visit www.hatsoffamerica.us.

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. Coact is 6140 per comp by June 1 and Cly. Cost is \$140 per camp by June 1 and \$150 if register after June 1. For more information and registration, www.granadabaseball.org. go

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 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 Jwww.eteamz.com/lvb.

Compost Bins

StopWaste.Org is offering compost bins at a discount to Alameda County residents. In addition to the bins, they also offer free workshops, videos, brochures, and answers to your compost questions. To order a bin or for free informa www.StopWaste.Org or call the com-post information hotline: (510) 444-SOIL (7645).



Members of a fifth grade Girl Scout Troop 2941 from Sunset School went a step further to earn their "Lead on badge." The requirement was to simply conduct a mock interview with a leader in the community. The girls decided they should take it a step further and actually interview Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena. They called and booked an appointment with Mayor Kamena for May 7. They met in the Mayor's office where they asked questions about the city, downtown redevelopment and the future plans for Livermore. Some of the questions include the following: Can you pass laws through the government and if so what laws have you passed? What has been the most interesting thing you have done as Mayor? What kinds of things are you doing to make Livermore a better place to live? How did you decide to run for Mayor? If you were to approve new buildings in Livermore, where would they be and why? The girls videotaped the interview to share with other Girl Scout Troops. The girls will use this interview to obtain their "Lead on badge" which meets one of the requirements toward the Bronze Award. Pictured are (Back row from left to right) Sarah Franklin, Madeline Leeper, Ryley Landreth; (Front row from left to right) Tiffany Bondoc, Mayor Kamena, and Shelby Stunkel.



Crystal Apple Award winners selected by students in the Pleasanton Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are (front row) im Sbranti (Dublin High School), Lenni Velez (Dublin High School), Mary Crawbuck (Foothill HS); (back) Howard Gilliland (Foothill HS), Colin Wenstrand (Amador HS), and Chris Murphy (Amador HS).

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g team: Matt Gates. Timmy Wu. Jose Garcia, Regis Lachance for a total for 8 Strike outs led by 3 Noah Pacheco strike outs. AAA Division: Giants vs. Brewers: A

well played game by both teams. For the Giants, Ryan Gronlund makes two plays from short to 1st. Mihir Naik gets a line drive at 1st and also throws out the runner from behind the plate after a bunt attempt. Matthew Abbey hustles after a foul ball near 3rd base and comes up with a great catch. Garrett Leone comes up with a line drive at 2nd.

Giants Vs A's, Great pitching by the Giants pitchers, Gibson, Spivey and Richardson keep the A's scoreless with help from the field. Richardson, Gronlund and Naik team up for a double play at 2nd and 1st. Mihir Naik catches a bomb hit by Nelson out in deep center. Later Naik responds with his own bomb into center that hits the fence on up with pop-ups in the infield. Lewis fields a grounder at 1st for an out. Cardinals 6, Yankees 1: Chet Koziol and

Chipman both hit singles and Jake Wilgus hit a double and RBI with Koziol for the 1st score. With the bases loaded, Collin Blaney brought in the 2nd run with Chipman to score. Brock Gustafson hit a single for 2 RBIs and Wilgus and Morgan Johnston to score. In 2nd inning defense, Wilgus caught a high fly in center for the 1st Yankee out and Chipman struck out players to hold the Yankees scoreless. In 2nd inning action, Mikey Babcock hit a ball advancing a player and Zachary Roskopf hit a line drive down 1st bringing in Brian Blasquez for the score. Koziol hit a single advancing Roskopf who stole home to score. Koziol took the pitchers mound in the 3rd striking out players and a play to Wilgus at 1st for the out. Johnston closed the game on the pitchers mound with

3 strike-outs and the win. Cardinals 13, Brewers 4: First inning action capped out 5 runs by the Cards with a line drive down center for a double by Morgan Johnston and 2 RBIs with Stephen Chipman and Scott Rasnick to score, Collin Blaney with a single and RBI and Brian Blasquez with a single and 2 RBIs. Chipman

/igallon hit 3 consecutive singles. The Mets Louis Desprez had two hits, while Logan Finley, Neal Mankins, and Chase Miller had one hit each.

Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League results from last week:

AAA Division: Giants 10, Cubs 8: The Giants and the Cubs played tough tonight, both teams gave it a 100%. The Giants defense made multiple routine outs in the infield and outfield. Hunter Milano and Matt Rooney caught pop flys hit deep to left and right field. Rushan Vipani in left field made a strong accurate throw to third base on a hit to throw out the runner trying to advance from to throw out the runner trying to advance from second base to third. Alex Williams had a great unassisted double play at shortstop. Many plays made by infielders today from Francis Dunne, Alex Williams, Anthony Trucco, Scott Simpson and Joe Danckert. The Giants shut out the Cubs for four innings straight from the 3rd to the top of the 6th and that made the difference tonight. The Cubs hats where hot with 8 runs after 2 innings but bats where hot with 8 runs after 2 innings but the Giants kept hitting and scoring in every inning except the fourth. Anthony Trucco had 2 singles. Alex Williams had a double, a single, and 1 rbi. Joe Danckert slapped a single for 2 rbi's. Scott Williams had 2 singles and 2 rbi's. Geoffrey Wiederecht had 1 single and 1 rbi. Francis Dunne had a double and 1 rbi. Andrew Griehshammer had 1 single and 1 rbi. Ryan Gedwill had a double. Matt

Rooney had a sacrifice ground out for 1 rbi. AA Division: Pirates 10, Cardinals 10: The Pirates and Cardinals played to a tie for the second time this season. Good pitching and defense kept the runs to a minimum including a relay from Josh Halperin in left, to Jimmy Kaufman at short, to James Cowick at first who applied the tag to a runner returning to first. Danny Cox, who got his first hit since being pulled up from single A, made a diving catch in right to shut down a Pirate rally in the 3rd. Drew Highfill and James Cowick each had 2 hits, a walk and scored. Bobby Kaufman, who retired 3 of 5 batters in the Žnd, and Jimmy Kaufman each

norm with 221-235-247 and his career high 703 series; Candice Moschetti, 152 par, took league honors with a 230 game. Youth bowlers made the spotlight with Alex Holland, 161 average, came in with 221-214-187 and his 622 total; Shawn Donahue





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Members of the middle and high school teams pose with their medals.

OBITUARIES

Stanley Miller

Stanley Miller, considered to be the father of origin-of-life chemistry, died recently from heart failure in a hospital in National City. He was 77.

Miller had suffered a series of strokes since 1999 and had been living in a nursing home, according to his brother, Donald.

Stanley Lloyd Miller was born March 7, 1930, in Oakland. His father was an assistant district attorney appointed by Gov. Earl Warren

Stanley Miller was a graduate student at the University of Chicago in the 1950s, working under the late Harold Urey, a Nobel laureate who later moved to La Jolla and founded UCSD's chemistry department. On May 15, 1953, Miller published a paper in the journal Science detailing a novel experiment that produced the building blocks of life from nothing more than hydrogen, water, methane and ammonia.

No one then knew how the organic compounds found in life could have originated on the barren, primitive Earth, which Urey surmised had coalesced from a cloud of dust and was initially surrounded by an atmosphere of hydrogen, water, ammonia and methane-some of the major components of the universe.

Miller put water and ammonia into a globe-shaped flask with hydrogen and methane gas, boiled the solution and zapped the contents with an electrical discharge to simulate lightning and coronal discharges in the atmo-

Medal from the International Society of the Study of the Origin of Life in 1983 and was president of the society from 1986 to 1989. He was also an Honorary Counselor of the Higher Council for Scientific Research of Spain in 1973.

He is survived by his family consisting of his brother Donald, a retired physical chemist, and sister-in-law Miriam of Livermore, CA; two nieces, Nancy Miller of Washington, DC and Lynne Miller Franco of Silver Spring, Md., and her two children, Lucio and Elena Franco of Silver Spring, Md.; and his devoted care-giver and companion Maria Morris.

No funeral service is planned, although a memorial service will be scheduled at a future date. Miller's family requests that donations be sent to the Miller Archival Fund at UCSD Libraries.

Joseph Louis Vinton

Livermore native Joseph Louis Vinton died May 28, 2007 in Pleasanton. He was 49.

He had lived in Pleasanton for 32 years and worked as a tire manager for 32 years. His hobbies included car shows, watching the San Francisco Giants and 49ers, and traveling. He loved the outdoors and road trips and to interact with people. He laughed all of the time and made new friends easily.

He is survived by his brothers Ed Vinton of Pleasanton and Oscar Hernandez of Ione, cousins, Sulema Martinez of Pleasanton, Cindy Sandoval of Pleasanton, Irma Martinez of Pleasanton and many other cousins in Union City, Hayward and Livermore. He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Maria Vinton.

Frederick Anders Hall

Frederick Anders Hall passed away May 22, 2007 in Loma Linda, California. He was 63.

He was born in Oakland, Dec. 2, 1943 and grew up in Pleasanton. He graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1962, then attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for two years. He served in the Army and was sent to Vietnam 1966-1967. He graduated from Cal Poly in 1972.

He is survived by his son, Christian Hoelscher, who resides in Portland, OR, and a sister, Mary, who lives in Pleasanton. He was preceded in death by his mother, Blanche and father Beuford (Boo), and his sister, Carol.

Fred enjoyed most outdoor sports, especially snow and water skiing, biking, playing golf and fishing. He loved to barbe-cue. Fred enjoyed his friends and the times they spent together.

A celebration of Fred's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Sun., July 1 at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, 4700 Mirador Dr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite charity.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Constance West

Constance Elizabeth West died January 26, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 87.

The native of Tennessee had lived in the Tri-Valley off and on for over 50 years She is survived by a son and daughter -in-law Paul Fountain Jr. and Susan of Tonopah, NV, son James Fountain Jr. of Dublin, daughter-in-law Sandra Fountain of South Lake Tahoe, 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Frederick O. West in 1975. At her request, no funeral services will be held. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Pleasanton ImagiNation Teams **Come Home with Honors**

Thirteen students from Pleasanton Middle School, Foothill High School and Amador Valley High School brought home second, fourth and fifth place hon-ors at the Global Finals of Destination ImagiNation (DI) in Knoxville, Tennessee last week. The two teams competed against 8,000 students and 990 teams from the U.S. and 13 countries in the world's largest creative prob-

lem-solving competition. A team comprised of Foothill High School and Amador Valley High School students competed High School students competed against 42 other teams and took home second place in the most technical challenge, called DIrect Flight. Freshman and sophomore students Alex Chebotarev, Sargun Dhillon, James Hedrick, Haley Laine, Diane Rodriguez, Adam Siegel and seventh-grader Preston Hedrick built a computerized

playing country music, and fixing and working on antique radios. He was an avid sportsman. Four four years, James fought lung cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Beverly Wright of San Ramon, sons Eugene of San Ramon and Larry of Manteca; daughter, Tammy Ferguson of Manteca; brothers Darrell of Cassel and Ron of Merced. He also leaves behind four grandchildren, Gregory Wright of San Ramon, Ryan and Rachel Wright of Manteca and Joseph Ferguson of Manteca and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held June 5 at The Church on the Hill. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Marjorie "Marge" Cavestri

Marjorie "Marge" Cavestri died June 3, 2007 at her home. She was 79.

She was born March 20, 1928 to Leonard and Charlotte Zella McDonald. Marjorie was a lifelong resident of Pleasanton, and also a member of Disabled American Veterans and VFW Post sine 1948. She worked for the Pleasanton School District as a cafeteria manager and made wedding cakes out of her home. She will be remembered for her cakes and the crafts and afghans that she completed over the years. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Anthony "Tony" launching system, remote-con-trolled helicopter, elaborate marionettes, stage with stained glass windows and a skit performed entirely with Shakespearean prose.

The Pleasanton Middle School team competed in two separate challenges, winning fourth and fifth place awards out of more than 70 teams in each category. The first challenge called CSI:DI required an origi-nal story in which a case is investigated and solved within eight minutes, incorporating the properties of color, shadow and illumination (CSI). For the CarDIology challenge, the team created a 48 gram structure entirely from playing cards that supported more than 700 pounds. Seventh graders Jeffrey Chen, Sachin Dhar, Devon Gold, Preston Hedrick, Linus Ho, Hunter Laine and Arielle Siegel also built a hovercraft, giant ka-leidoscope, computerized projector and mosaic backdrop made from tiny paint color samples.

The two teams, led by manager Elizabeth Flores, worked for six months after school and weekends planning, building, practicing and fundraising to compete against the most creative students in the world. Ms. Flores has been managing Pleasanton DI teams for nine years and this is her seventh trip to DI Glo-bal Finals. Two years ago her teams took first, second and third places in separate challenges, and earned a rare Renaissance Award.

The teams solve two types of Challenges: the Team Challenge involves structural, technical or theatrically oriented Challenges and takes several months to solve. Teams also practice improvisational Instant Challenges, which stimulate the team¹s ability to think quickly and cre-atively with only minutes to prepare solutions.

Destination ImagiNation is the world's largest creativity and problem-solving program, with participants in 47 United States, several Canadian provinces, and 15 other countries. The Destination ImagiNation program helps kids build important lifelong skills, like problem solving, teamwork and divergent thinking. Complete Destination ImagiNation results can be found at www.globalfinals.com/ results.htm



New shade structures at Robert Livermore Community Center Pool ready for this summer.

Swim for 60 Cents in Honor of 60th Anniversary

The Weather Channel is calling for sunny skies in Livermore with a high temperature of 83 degrees on Wednesday, June 13: perfect for a day at the Robert Livermore Community Center pool.

In celebration of the District's 60th anniversary that day, pool entry fees will be rolled back to 60-cents per person between 12:15 and 1:00 p.m. The regular fee schedule ranges from \$2 to \$4 per person depending on age and height (for entry to the pool slide).

District officials will use the summer kick-off to dedicate three new shade structures donated by Shea Homes. The shades are located at the zero-foot entry to the pool area where parents watch toddlers splash, in front of the lifeguard office area, and over the bleacher section of the lap and competition pool, where families can watch swim meets. Shea Homes was recognized as an Outstanding Business Partner in April by the California Park and Recreation Society, District III for its donation .. In order to enjoy the rolled back price of 60-cents and a free pair of "shades," or sunglasses for the first 200 children, visitors are encouraged to arrive at 12:15 p.m. when the deck opens. A brief dedication ceremony will be held at 12:45 p.m. The pool will be open to swimmers at 1:00 p.m.

sphere. Within a week, he had produced a "molecular soup" containing amino acids, the building blocks of proteins and of life itself.

He published his findings May 15, 1953, in a two-page report in the journal Science. Urey left his name off the paper, because he feared that Miller would not get sufficient credit otherwise.

Miller's ultimate goal, the creation of a living organism in a test tube, eluded him and other researchers. "Making the amino acids made it seem like the rest of the steps would be very easy," he said in a 1996 interview with Reuters. "It's turned out that it's more difficult than I thought it would be. It's a series of little tricks. Once you learn the trick, it's very easy. The problem is learning the trick."

Miller studied chemistry at UC Berkeley, then received his doctorate from the University of Chicago in 1954. He spent a year at Caltech on a fellowship and five years at Columbia University before joining the newly formed San Diego campus of the University of California, where he spent the rest of his career.

Most of his research had been focused on the origin of life, especially the prebiotic synthesis of small molecules. In addition, he was a pioneer in the investigation of the natural occurrence of clathrate hydrates, the mechanism of the action of general anesthetics and the thermodynamics of bioorganic compounds.

Miller was a member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences. He received the Oparin

Mass was celebrated June 1 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Burial was at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Kathleen Mullen

Kathleen Marie Mullen, died May 29, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 60.

Born on Oct. 16, 1946 in San Francisco, she lived many years in Dublin. She worked in logistics. Her biggest hobby was playing bingo. She loved watching sports on TV, especially college games. She loved to laugh. Evervone she has met has loved her. The Mullen family in Ireland loves her and will miss her.

She is survived by her husband, John Mullen, children, Lisa Mullen, Martina Mullen, Terry Bradbury and Donny Bradbury; sisters Margaret Dwan, Tina Dwan and Heather Durchman, brothers and sisters-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Steve Durchman and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durchman, and her father, William Durchman. She is also survived by grandchildren: Elise and Alex Bradbury, Andrew Lee Bradbury and LeAnn and Stephanie Bradbury. She was preceded in death by a son, Ronny Lee Bradbury.

Services were held Monday in Pleasanton. Burial was at the National Cemetery in Dixon.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

James "Skip" Wright

James Wright, 70, died May 30. 2007.

The native of Caledonia. ND was a resident of San Ramon. He graduated from Luverne High School, retired from the U.S. Navy after serving his country for 21 years. Skip was a member of The Church on the Hill in San Ramon. He enjoyed singing,

Cavestri, daughter and son-inlaw Teri and Vaughn Allen of Seaside, OR, and son and daughter-in-law Bruce and Lorraine Cavestri of Vancouver, WA. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Brian Allen, Beth Allen and Taylor Cavestri, a brother Len McDonald, brother and sister-inlaw Don and Mary Cavestri, numerous nieces and nephews, and her Dachshund, Missy. She was preceded in death by six brothers and six sisters.

June 6 in Pleasanton, Burial was at the San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine.

Hitch Mortuary.

Funeral services were held

The family asks that contributions be made in memory of Marge Cavestri to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

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ages of 14 and 18. This program con-

sists of seven consecutive classes, held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from

3:00 until 5:00 p.m., beginning Thurs-

day, July 10, and concluding with a graduation dinner on Thursday, July

Interested Pleasanton teens can ob-tain an application, as well as additional

information, by coming to the front counter of the Police Department or by calling one of the Academy Coordina-

tors, Detective Penelope Tamm at (925) 931-5233 or CSO Shannon Revel at (925) 931-5240.

SHORT NOTES

Kayak Adventures

Olaf Malver, veteran expedition sea kayaker and founder of Explorers' Corner, will share slides and stories of his sea kayaking adventures around the world. The presentation will be Thurs., June 7 at 8 p.m. at Sunrise Mountain Sports, 2455 Railroad Ave., Livermore. Malver has traveled to Siberia,

Galapagos, Antarctica, Madagascar, Greenland, Laos and other parts of the world.

There is no admission charge for this program. For information, call 447-8330.

Locks of Love

All About Me Kid's Salon and their customers would like to announce a donations made to "Locks of Love" during the past 6 months. Jennifer Miller, owner of All About Me Kid's Salon, offers free haircuts to anyone willing to donate a minimum of 10 inches of hair to this organization.

"Locks of Love" is a public nonprofit organization that provides hair-pieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diag-nosis. Locks of Love meets a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair pros-thetics. Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure.

The donations made by the patrons of All About Me Kid's Salon will be used to make hair prosthetics that will help to restore self-esteem and self-confidence to children suffering from hair loss and will allow them to face

their peers with confidence. All About Me Kid's Salon would like to officially recognize the individuals who donated a minimum of 10 inches of hair each to Locks of Love: Kiran Bora, Emily Montes, Julieta Aranibar, Brooke Martin, Ashlyn Hutchesen, Kiersten Hutchesen, Elise Williams, Emme Poe, Kim Love, Victoria Smithson, Jessica Fineran, Jen-nifer Bonilla, Thuy Pham, Julia Leary, and Lilly Gimenes.

The Growth Years

"Pleasanton Explodes: The Growth Years, 1960's-1990's " panel discus-sion will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 21 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue in Pleasanton

The lecture is sponsored by the Museum On Main and Jerry and Sandi Thorne.

Panelists for this discussion include former Pleasanton mayors and city council members Ken Mercer and Bob Philcox, and long-time residents and business-owners Ben Fernandez and Brad Hirst. The panel will talk about the hous-

ing boom of the 1960's, sewer issues of the 70's and the planning and contro-versies surrounding the development of Hacienda Business Park and Stoneridge Mall. Reservations are requested. Ad-

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

Grape and Gourmet

Advance discount tickets are now on sale for the 11th annual California's Grape & Gournet to be held Thursday, July 12 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Cal Expo. The annual fund-raising event will feature winning wines from the 2007 California State Fair wine competition

The public is invited to attend the event, which showcases more than 600 medal-winning California wines from more than 200 of California's prestigious wineries and vineyards. The col-lection of wine will be complemented

Tornado Relief

The Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated recently donated \$100 to the Salvation Army to help with the tornado relief efforts in Greensburg, Kan-sas. The organization is affiliated with the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), Northern Divi-sion, and National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

The NFRW is one of the largest women's political organizations in the country with a grassroots membership of 100,000 women and 1,800 local units nationwide.

Award Winners

Two senior sweepstakes winners of the 2007 Tri-Valley Science & Engi-neering Fair, sponsored by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in March. have won five awards at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held in Albuquerque, May 13-18. In addition, one junior sweep-stakes winner competed successfully in

Angeles, May 21-22. Richard Li, an 11th grade student from Monte Vista High School in Dan-tilla sided un multiple audicated for heville picked up multiple awards for his project entitled "A Novel Approach to Rapid Diagnosis of Cancer" that ex-plains how a protein could diagnose cancer. His awards included a \$500 prize for Best in Category Fourth Place in Chemistry; a \$100 award from the American Accordition for Clinical American Association for Clinical Chemistry; a \$5,000 annual tuition scholarship and a paid summer intern-ship from Albany College of Pharmacy at Union University, N.Y.; and a \$120,000 tuition scholarship from Drexel University, Pa. Yuyang John Mei, an 11th grade student from Monte Vista High School in Danville received a naid summer

in Danville received a paid summer internship sponsored by Agilent Technologies for his award-winning project entitled "A Novel Pathway for PTEN Chemo Sensitization" that unravels a protein to help fight cancer. The annual Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, now in its 58th year, brings together some of world's most accomplished high school science students. This year's event drew more than 1,500 students from more than 50 countries with more than 1,200 projects (students have the option of working in teams). Competition is difficult, with 26 percent to 28 percent of the projects garnering awards. Alison Burklund, an eighth-grade

student from the Valley Montessori School in Livermore, won first place and a \$250 award in the Environmental Science category at the California State Science Fair for her project "Hazard-ous Waste: What Soil Fits its Taste?", that determines the best soil type for minimizing the impact of hazardous chemicals on groundwater. A total of 969 students participated in the fair that is geared for sixth- through eighth-grade students. In addition, Burklund was one of three students selected to speak at a VIP reception at the event.

Knee Replacement

San Ramon Regional Medical Center Presents Community Seminar on Knee Replacement Surgery for Women, June 12 We have heard men are from Mars and women are from Venus. We are quite different. So why would their knees be any different? Come to learn about artificial knee joints designed specially for women. John Frazier. M.D., orthopedic surgeon, will present a seminar on "Knee Replacement Sur-gery for Women," Tuesday, June 12, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The free community educational seminar will be held in San Ramon Regional Medical's South Conference Room in the South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Learn who is a candidate for this surgery, what to expect, and the recov-ery process. Laura Wilcox, R.N., or-thopedic nurse manager, and Dina Olson, M.S., director of Therapy Ser-vices, will discuss the hospitalization and rehabilitation. Men are welcome to attend

Level-2 June 25-29 UC Davis (emphasis on bioinformatics); July 9-13 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; June 28-July 3 Stockton, UOP; Biotechnology/Level-3 July 16-20 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Biophotonics Level-1 June 25-27 Sacramento, CBST; June 27-29 San Joaquin County Office of Education; Biophotonics Level-2 July 9-13 Sacra-mento, CBST; Biophotonics Level-3 July 16-20 Lawrence Livermore Na-

tional Laboratory. Fusion/Astrophysics Level-1 June 25-27 Lawrence Livermore Labora-tory; June 27-29 UC Davis; Level-2 July 9-13 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; Level-3 July 16-20 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Energy & Environmental Technologies Level-1 July 9-11 CSU Fresno; June 25-27 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; June 20-22 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

All workshops are offered free and registration is open to teachers only. For more information or to register online, go to the Web at http://

etec.ucdavis.edu. Registration is open through June 18, 2007.In addition, participants who register for the Teacher Research Acad-emies can now earn graduate course credit through Cal State East Bay that will count toward the master's of sci-ence in Education, Option in Curriculum. To learn more about this program, go to the Web at http://etec.ucdavis.edu/ masters/

Books and More

Towne Center Books is offering the

following events and programs: • Summer Detective Club: Induc tion into the summer detective club begins June 15. Join any time after that. Ages 5 to 105 are eligible. Each week there will be a new clue, or sleuthing activity for people who have been reading. Free but reservations are required. Author Dave Keane will be at the bookstore at 12:30 June 23 (after the Alameda County Fair parade. Dave is the author of the Joe Sherlock detective series - perfect for grades 2-5. The detective club ends with a party on.

Aug. 5. • Poky Little Puppy: Towne Center Books and Three Dog Bakery welcome the Pokey Little Puppy Friday June 22 at 2:00. Bring your dog and meet at Veteran's Plaza Park, 550 Peters Ave (behind the store on Peters). All ages are welcome. Dogs must be on a leash and with an adult.

• Storytime with Oliver Chin Wed. June 27 at 11:00. Author Oliver Chin will celebrate railroads and creativity with his new book Timmy and Tammy's Train of Thought. Especially ages 3-6 plus siblings. A free event

· Jackie Speier, Jan Yanehiro and

Micealene Cristini Risley featured on June 13, This is not the life I ordered. Meet three of the four women who have faced extraordinary life challenges. Together, they have a history of six marriages, ten children, four stepchildren, six dogs, two miscarriages, two cats, a failed adoption, and foster parenthood. One of them was shot and left for dead on a tarmac in South America and two have lived through the death of their spouses. 7 p.m. June 13 at the store; free, no reservations needed.

· Amanda Eyre Ward featured at Read It and Eat on Monday, June 25. Forgive Me, Amanda's latest book, is set in both Nantucket and CapeTown. Social at 11:30; lunch at noon. \$15.00 for lunch, \$30.00 for lunch and book. Reservations please 846-8826 or reply Towne Center Books is located at

555 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton.

College Classes Available

There's still time and space avail-able for students who would like to take summer session classes at Las Positas College in Livermore. The eight-week summer session

begins June 11 and the six-week session begins June 18. The easiest way to enroll, is online

www.laspositascollege.edu and follow the enrollment steps on the web site. The application turn-around time for most students is 24 hours.

For potential students who want to complete the process in person, Las Positas College admissions staff mem-bers are available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The ad-mission of fina in anon form 0 a m d missions office is open from 9 a.m. to

noon on Fridays. Las Positas offers a wide range of classes in the summer session ranging from those leading to certificates in specialty areas such as auto mechanics or fire science to general education requirements that will transfer directly to California State University or Uni-

versity of California campuses. Enrollment fees are just \$20 per unit for California residents. Financial aid is available for those who qualify. For registration information, please call (925) 424-1554 or go online at www.laspositascollege.edu

For additional information about admissions and the summer sessions, please contact Pam Luster, vice president of student services, at (925) 424-1405 or pluster@laspositascollege.edu.

Teen Academy

The Pleasanton Police Department is accepting applications from Pleasan-ton youth for its annual Summer Teen Citizens' Police Academy, a three-week program beginning July 10. This will be the fifth Teen Academy class the Department has presented, and a lim-ited number of openings are available

and Dance. Any other course ideas are appre-ciated. Phone (925)606-4722 or stop by 1401 Almond Ave. Livermore. Senior Tea Dance, every 2nd Tuesday,

1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Refreshments served. \$3. Singles welcome. DJ music. 373-5760.

Free public tours of Ravenswood Historic Site are provided on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, except De-cember. Tours are conducted by docents wearing 1890's costumes and include the two 19th century houses and the grounds. Also open to the public are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Hours are noon to 4:00 p.m. (last tour starts at approximately 3:15.) Raven-swood is operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The next Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, facilitates this workshop. Cost is \$40 per couple; childcare is available, reserved by 6/ 6. Go to www.crosswindschurch.org/deepening for more information or to register, or contact Claudia at 925-560-3826 or csiglin@crosswindschurch.org. Cedar Grove Community Church Va-

cation Bible School (VBS) June 18-22; 9am - 12:15 pm Children 4 years old thru Children Entering 5th grade 2021 College Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 To Register Call church office 925-447-2351.



for enrollment

The Teen Citizens' Academy strives to develop stronger partnerships be-tween our City's Police and its youth. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about law enforcement proce-dures from the officers themselves. Topics will include Community Policing, Patrol Procedures, Communica-tions, SWAT, Narcotics Investigations, Traffic Enforcement, K-9's, Evidence Collection, Animal Services, and Use of Force Issues. The Academy is offered free of charge to local high school students, generally between the

> Sunset Students Visit the "Old" New Sunset Campus

by Patricia Koning

Last week students at Sunset Elementary School took a special field trip—back to their old campus, which doesn't look much like it did when they left it two years ago. During that time Sunset underwent a major renovation that includes several brand new buildings and a new playground.

For the past two school years, Sunset students have attended school at the Arroyo Mocho campus on Florence Road. Mocho, an elementary school, was closed by the Livermore School District in 2004 because of declining enrollment and budget cuts.

While the students were making the 5-block trek to the new and improved Sunset, Principal Regina Porter was packing her office and driving over a few boxes at a time.

"When we did this two years ago, I had the movers pack everything in one day. I arrived to a mountain of boxes. It took me practically two years to unpack," she says. "So this time I'm doing it myself over a long period of time."

Everything on the campus was rebuilt except for the original administration building, which was completely refurbished, and the 'A" building, which is only about five years old. Porter is pleased

that the "A" building, which formerly housed the fourth and fifth grades, will now be home to the first and second grades.

"The 'A' building has hallways, which is really important for first and second grades. We can now use the hallway space to pull out kids for small group work," she says. "Educationally it's very exciting. However, I think the kids are more interested in the new play structure and the leveling of the play yard." Third grade teacher Jeanette Smith is looking forward to working

in a brand new classroom next fall. She took her eager class to visit their new home last Friday.

"Classes have been going over all week, so my students have been anticipating this," she says. "I have a few students who started Sunset at the Mocho site, so this really makes them feel like they belong.

Some of Smith's students remembered making the trip in reverse in June of 2004.

"The school really looks different," says third-grader Sophie Uelande. "I like it because it is bigger and there are more things to do. But I'll miss the old school too.

The Arroyo Mocho site won't stay vacant for long. The District Office will be moving there this summer while the offices at 685 East Jack London Boulevard are being renovated, a project that is expected to last until the summer of 2008.

BOARD BULLETIN

Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Cheer Xplosion, located at 50 Wright

Brothers Ave., Livermore is holding an additional tryout for those that missed the tryout. Team Evaluation Date is June 14th 6:00pm. For more information call, (925)245-1552, email info@cheerxplosion.com or check the website at www.cheerxplosion.com

Self-Defense & Kung Fu. Free weekly class in Pleasanton, Saturdays 11 am-12:30 class in Pleasanton, Saturdays 11 am-12:30 pm. Teens & adults. No experience required, should be in good physical condition. Taught by 7th Degree Black Belt. 925-461-8780. **Dessert Dance**, June 15, 7 p.m. Pleasan-ton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Enter-tainment by Rich Torre. Dessert served at 6000 pm. June 15, pm. Pleasan-

6:30 p.m., dance begins at 7 p.m. Informa-tion, 931-5365.

tion Advantage; \$40 REALTOR(r) Member; \$80 Non-REALTOR(r) Member Registration: www.bayeast.org Armchair Travelers, Thurs., June 14,

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Joan and John Kimber will give a slide and video presentation on their travels to Brazil. Adults invited to this

free program. Information, call 373-5500. Full Moon Walk, John Muir National Historic Site to top of Mt. Wanda on June 30. Reservations are required. Limited to first sixty participants. Free. Call 228-8860. Time and location of event will be given when reservations are made. The Historic site is located at 4202 Alhambra Ave., Martinez.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday, June 15, 2-7:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in the Gym. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1½ hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after

by food from 80+ of Northern California's award-winning restaurants and food purveyors. Admission includes wine food and a commemora-tive wineglasses. Top medal-winning wines will also be available for purchase by the bottle. Advance discount tickets are \$50

Advance discount tickets are \$50 per person. They may be purchased until July 12 by visiting www.bigfun.org, or by calling the Cal Expo Box Office at (916) 263-3049. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$75. Parking is \$7. Discounted group rates are also available for parties of 10 or more or more.

For more information about the California Grape and Gourmet and the most updated information about the 2007 California State Fair visit the State Fair website at www.bigfun.org or call 916-263-FAIR

Wine Release

Mitchell Katz Winery will host a 2 day wine release on June 9 and 10. Activities will be from noon to 5 p.m. each day. The \$15 per day admission includes appetizers, keepsake gold logo wine stem and various varietal tasting. New wines will be the 2005 Clark's

Corner Syrah, Livermore Valley; and the 2005 Zinfandel, Ruby Hill Vine-yard, Livermore Valley.

No reservations are required. The winery si located at 1188 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Information at 931-0744 or www.mitchellkatzwinery.com.

Cheer Camp

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is offering Make Me a Pro (MMAPS) Cheerleading Camp in June for kids ages 7 to 14. The program teaches flexibility, whether and enhances cheming. Stru

rhythm and enhances stamina. Stu-dents will learn fun routines combining Brazilian, samba, jazz, hip hop and modern dance. Each class begins with a warm-up of yoga/aerobics. Kids will cheer their way through daily routines, ending the week with a cheerleading contest. Students should bring a towel, water, snack and plenty of energy each

day. Camp is scheduled from June 25 to June 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the gym of the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. The fee is \$177. For more information, or to register, please call (925) 373-5700.

Space is limited. Reservations are required. For reservations, please call 800.284.2878 any time 24-hours a day. (Sorry registration is not available online.)

Science Workshops

This summer, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, in partnership with UC Davis School of Education, will offer workshops for middle and high school science teachers. The workshops will be held in Sacramento, Davis, Stockton, Fresno and Livermore. They will provide teachers the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge scientific research conducted at the Livermore

Lab. The expectation is that the teachers will use what they learn to excite and motivate their students in pursuing careers in science. The workshops are part of the

Teacher Research Academy developed by the Edward Teller Education Cen-ter, as part of a joint collaboration between LLNL and UC Davis. The academy takes a four-step approach to introduce teachers to cutting-edge science. Each step, or level, builds upon the knowledge and skills developed in the previous step. The fourth and final level is a capstone six week internship in a research laboratory at LLNL. The model allows teachers to advance from novice to mastery, making the pro-gram suitable for both beginning and experienced teachers.

The program currently offers workshops in biotechnology, biophotonics, fusion and astrophysics, and energy and environmental technologies. The workshops consist of hands-on activities and experience using advanced scientific equipment, rather than a textbook emphasis. Workshops will be held from June

20-July 20 at five locations: San Joaquin County Office of Education; Cal State, Fresno; UC, Davis Medical Center in Sacramento; University of the Pacific in Stockton and LLNL. Workshop themes, dates and locations are as follows: Biotechnology/Level-1 June 20-22 CSU Fresno; B; June 25-27 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; June 25- 27 Stockton, UOP; Biotechnology/

California Writers Club, Tri Valley Branch (www.trivalleywriters.com) meets Saturday, June 16 at 11:30 am. Author Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff is speaking on "Writing Humor: You CAN Be Funny." Elizabeth has over three hundred writing Enizabeth has over three hundred writing credits, including San Francisco Chronicle, Parents, and Writer's Digest, as well as several humorous books for children and a column in Byline Magazine. Reservations are required. Luncheon held at Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. S18 for members 255 guests. Contact Ered Nerror members, \$25 guests. Contact Fred Norman at Fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wed.m June 13.

Value Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 9, 30 miles, San Francisco adventure ride, meet 10 a.m. in front of Ferry Building, John Rodriguez, 680-0256. Sun., June 10, 45-50 miles, Livermore hills to Tracy, Brian Boerman, 510-381-4442. Wed., June 13, 55 miles tour of Sacramento Delta, meet 10 a.m. at foot of Rio Vista bridge, Randy Huey, 518-8439. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring. **Cultural Care Au Pair** is going to the Sommerfeat at the Barn in Livermore Juna

Sommerfest at the Barn in Livermore June 16. Interested in meeting other host families or au pairs in the Tri-Valley and are consid-

or at pairs in the Tri-Vaney and are consid-ering an au pair please join us. The group will be there from 5-8pm. Ask for Heidi. **Heritage Home Tour**, The Livermore Heritage Guild is planning for a fund-raising event and needs help. The Guild is bringing back a historical home tour of Livermore in 2009 and needs using the rate of the plan for the 2008 and needs volunteers to help plan for the event. Opportunities to volunteer are as minimal as a half-day and as involved as a team lead on one of the major event-tracks. All skills are welcome but we are especially looking for marketing, project coordination, logistics and communication skills. Also looking for historic homes to put on the tour. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact me (Deborah) at contact me (Deborah) at debvfields24@yahoo.com or call 925-858-2085. First meeting Wed., June 13 at 7 p.m. the Carnegie Building, 2155 Third St., Livermore

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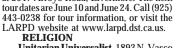
easanton. **Managing Your Health Concerns** Discover how to organize and maintain health records, effectively communicate with health care providers, and empower yourself to become a health care advocate for yourself or a loved one. Amy Sluss, RN, will address this topic on Tuesday, June 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Activity fee: \$1.25 Residents, \$1.75 Non-residents. Call (925) 931-5365 for information.

(925) 931-3365 for information. **Pleasanton VIP Club annual barbe- cue**, Mon., June 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. BBQ chicken with all the fixings; dancing or listening to a country band. All welcome. Tickets S6 at the VIP Travel Desk at the

Senior Center. Amador Valley Quilt Guild will meet on Saturday, June 9, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. This Saturday we will welcome quilt celebrities Diana McClun and Laura Nownes, who do a presentation entitled, "Shared Stitches and Stories." The guild is anon-profit educational association for quilters of all skill levels. Anyone interested in quilting may attend. For further information about the guild or upcoming speakers, please visit our website, http:// amadorvalleyquilters.org. Interested in teaching, sharing a spe-cial talent? Livermore Adult Education is

looking for community members who have talents and training that may qualify them to teach a class. Needed are instructors for Taiko Drumming, Dog Training, Senior Fitness,

balance



Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Topic for June 10 is "Blessings Abound," Sonya Sukalski, intern minister, leading. Information 447-8747

Vacation Bible Study for kids entering 1st-5th grade - June 25th-29th (Mon-Fri, 9 to 12pm) at Cornerstone Fellowship - 348 North Canyons Parkway in Livermore. Bible adventures, songs, memory-making crafts, and missions. For more information go to www.summerzone.org or call 925-447-3465 Ext. 5463. Suggested donation \$50 (\$10 per day)

Deepening the Connection: Couples Workshop, June 11, 6:30-9pm, at CrossWinds Church, Dublin. Blaine Carman,





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Ravenswood Reading Features Two Poets

Livermore's Poet Laureate Connie Post will host the next reading in the Ravenswood Poetry Series on Sunday, June 17.

The event will take place between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

Featured readers Lynne Knight and Roxane Beth Johnson will begin at 2 p.m. An open mic will be held following the feature readers and a short break (poems to be one page & forty lines or less).

Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$5.

Knight is the author of three full-length collections, Dissolving Borders, which won a Quarterly Review of Literature prize in 1996; The Book of Common Betrayals, which won the Dorothy Brunsman Award from Bear Star Press in 2002; and Night in the Shape of a Mirror, published by David Robert Books in 2006. She has also published three prize-winning chapbooks, Deer in Berkeley (Sow's Ear Press), Life as Weather (Two Rivers Review), and Defying the Flat Surface (The Ledge Press). A cycle of poems on Impressionist winter paintings, Snow Effects, appeared from Small Poetry Press as part of its Select Poets Series in 2000 and is being translated into French by Nicole Courtet.

Johnson's first book of poetry, Jubilee (Anhinga, 2006), was the winner of the 2005 Philip Levine Prize for Poetry. Philip Levine was the judge.She was the Louis

Untermyer Scholar in Poetry at the Bread Loaf Writer's Conference in 2006. Recently awarded a Pushcart Prize, her work has appeared in or is forthcoming from: Chelsea, ZYZZYVA, The Bitter Oleander, American Poet, Parthenon West, Sentence and elsewhere.

For more information, contact Connie Post at connie@poetrypost.com or go to www. Poetrypost.com/upcoming events

quired a wife, 2 sons, a law de-

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ure of Willie's older brother Ben,

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walked into the jungle at 17

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Definitive "Death of a Salesman"

by Susan Steinberg

'The most searing, unforgettable performance of an Ameri-can classic," raved a theatrical friend of mine. "The quintessential interpretation," reported another.

Remembering Fredrick March's award-winning Broadway portrayal of the iconic Willie Loman, I was skeptical. So I had to drive to Berkeley and experience TJT's "Death of a Salesman" for myself.

But they were correct; this is THE performance to see. It is a brutally honest emotional revelation of a family tragedy that has assumed mythic status: the failure of the Great American Dream.

The script was influenced by playwright Arthur Miller's experience of his immigrant family in New York striving to succeed but succumbing to the desperation of the Great Depression. His own father's business failures and the profound effect on his dependents was as normative as that of Charles Dickens' childhood in London's Debtors' Prison with his impoverished family.

Willie Loman is the epitome of the "little man", plugging away as a traveling salesman, a job requiring a huge output of energy for small remuneration or recognition. Young and energetic, he had been a star performer for an expanding garment company. Exhausted by years on the road, he finds his old buyer

contacts retired or dead, and is forced to work unsalaried for dwindling commissions.

Reduced to a caricature of the expansive glad-hander of old, he is now viewed as a worthless liability by the callous young heir to the family firm Willie helped build. Summarily fired, (in the days before Social Security or pension rights), Willie is thrown on the junk-heap like a worn-out cog in the great industrial machine of America.

Unable to admit his dead-end status, Willie builds his dreams on two sons who seem to embody his only real chance for fulfillment and success. But by feeding them on his baseless optimism and confidence in their glorious futures, he fails to provide them with basic grounding in hard work, responsibility, and discipline.

When both boys fail to fulfill their "great potential", Willie cannot handle the breakdown of his one last hope, and facing the truth finally destroys him.

The much-awarded actor, writer, and playwright Corey Fischer brings this noble failure to life from the inside, inhabiting Willie Loman's skin as if it were his own. Having seen his memorable performances for more than thirty years, I am in awe of his every painful step and tormented utterance.

Fredrick March was a great stage actor, but he was always Fredrick March, even in this role. Corey Fischer simply IS Willie

Loman, in the must-see performance of a lifetime. Corresponding to his stature

are all the other cast members. The controlled anguish of a loving wife (Jeri Lynn Cohen) watching her husband's disintegration is so powerful as to be palpable even in her silences.

Michael Navarra as older son Biff is a classic study of someone emerging from a life of selfdeception to face the sad truth of his personal failure. Verbal confrontations with his fallen-hero father crackle electrically with the painful energy of real family dynamics.

Second son Happy is also wonderfully created by John Sousa, trying to rouse himself to a purposeful life after decades of self-indulgent escapism.

Biff resolves to be true to his own nature and seek fulfillment in honest physical labor. Hap promises to take up his father's dream, and make his mark in the world of business.

Will either son "succeed?" It seems unlikely for them to break the habitual pattern of their lives, or to lift the burden of guilt for never acknowledging their father's heroic efforts during his lifetime.

Contrasting with the Loman men are the quiet "nerds" who have actually done well: brotherin-law Charlie (Louis Parnell) who secretly lends Willie money, and his puny bookworm son Bernard (Zac Jaffee), who has ac-

Scenes from Shakespeare

"Scenes from Shakespeare: The Comedy of Errors," will be presented at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Wed., June 13 at 7 p.m.

Shakespeare's Associates will preview the upcoming produc-

discussion of the play and its themes.

The complete play will be performed at Retzlaff Vineyards on weekends July 12 to August 4. The performance at the library is free. Friends of the Livermore

under the stars, The Comedy of Er-rors, Livermore Shakespeare Festival opens the gates an hour before show time for picnicking at Retzlaff Estate Winery. The Comedy of Errors is a robust comedy with two pairs of mix-matched twins, entwining desire with hi-jinks and past loss with present laughter. The setting is Rancho California, especially appro-priate for the vineyard setting in an area that was once the wine produce for Mission San Jose. Four weekends July 12th – August 4th. For information: www.LivermoreShakes.org Tickets go on sale May 15th: 800-838-3006. Preview/Family Night -Thursday, July 12th, 2007 at 7:30 PM; \$20. Opening Night - Friday July 13th, 2007 at 7:30PM; \$50/\$45 Regular Performances: Saturday July 14th, F/Sat July 20 and 21 at 7:30PM, F./Sat July 27 and 28, and F/Sat August 3/4 all at 7:30PM; \$30/\$25 Special Sunday performances/Fam-ily Nights or Groups on Sundays July 22nd and 29th at 6:30 PM; \$30/\$25. Contra Costa Wind Symphony, "Pass-port to Eastern Europe" featuring music of Hungary, Bulgaria, Czecho slovakia, Romania and Poland, in-cluding premieres of works by Frigyes Hidas and selections by Bartok, Dvorak, Edward Maj, and Cesarini. Susan Vollmer, French Horn soloist. 8 p.m. June 10, Lesher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets —\$18 general admission, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, on sale at the ticket office (925) 943-7469 (www.dlrca.org). More informa-tion: (925) 944-5392, www.CCWindSymphony.org. **Death Trap**, Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre, June 1-24. The Stu-dio Theatre, is located at 1048 Ser

Shakespeare in the Vineyards and

dio Theatre is located at 1048 Ser-pentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. For tickets or information, 462-2121 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

German Sommerfest, June 16 at The Barn in Livermore. All proceeds will go to Livermore School Arts programs. Livermore Cultural Arts Council sponsors the evening of famentertainment. Dancing, dance exhibition, and dinner. 5 to 10:30 p.m. Activities corner for children. Admission tickets will soon go on sale at various locations in Liver-more, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$25 for a family of two or more children. Those interested in volun-teering are invited to call Dick and Doris Ryon, co-Festmeisters 447-8907

Pleasanton Art League annual show, June 18 to 22, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasan-ton. Public invited. No admission charge. Reception, June 18, 5 to 7 p.m.

p.in. Summer Drama Camp - ages 7 to 18 Presented by Tri-Valley Young Per-formers Academy. Featuring the musical Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr. Learn and improve in all three areas of performing arts working with a professional choreographer, voice coach and drama director. Session I June 18 – July 14; Session II: July 23 – August 18. Monday-Friday, 9am Extended hours available Early Bird registration: \$595 until June 1st. Academies in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin / San Ramon. For more information and to register, visit www.trivalleyypa.org or call (925) 551-8238. Class sizes are limited.

Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League, General meeting and art demo, June 18, Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Avenue, Livermore, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature an art

demo by noted pastel artist and teacher Tina Moore. Tina has been a professional artist and teacher for over 25 years and has works in many private collections throughout the U.S. and Canada. She was accepted into the Pastel Society of America's annual show in New York City and received three awards in The Pastel Journal's annual competition. Tina is a Signa-ture Member of the Pastel Society of America and the Pastel Society of the West Coast as well as a member of the Portrait Society of America. meeting is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Blacksmith Courtyard is planning a

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series of concerts to enjoy while tasting wine and shopping. The schedule: Saturday Saturday June 9th — Keith Brown/Tim Skelton -Acoustic Blues; Sunday June 24th — Roger Kardinal; Saturday June 30th - Craig Petit's Project. Blacksmith Square is located at the corner of So. Livermore and Railroad Avenue in

downtown Livermore. **Trusting Calliope**, will perform at Liv-ermore Rodeo Family Night on ermore Rodeo ramily Night on Thurs., June 7, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and for the grand entry of the rodeo opening day on June 9 at 2 p.m. In honor of the rodeo's "Tough Enough to Wear Pink Day," on Saturday, the band will be selling their CD and donating \$5 from each sell to the donating \$5 from each sell to the ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center. For information, go www.trustingcalliope.com to 01

www.tiusingcaniope.com of www.livermorerodeo.org. Pleasanton Art League Fourth An-nual Children's Art Workshop, a two day drawing workshop. This two-day workshop for children ages 10 and older will be held at the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Center at 4477 Black Ave. in Pleasanton (next to the Aquatic Center), on Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 10, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. The cost for the two-day workshop is \$40 per child, or \$25 for one day. Siblings are \$30 for the two days or \$20 for one day. This cost includes all supplies. For questions, please contact instructor Madelynn Ellis, (925)462-7964 or mtellis@pacbell.net. **)pera in the Vineyard**, Sun., June 24,

14th Annual Summer Outdoor Per-formance presented as fund-raiser by Livermore Valley Opera. 5 to 8 p.m. music begins at 5:45 p.m. "Op-era-tunity" drawing and silent auc-tion will be held. Cedar Mountain Winery, 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore. \$30 includes one glass of wine. Bring a chair or blankets. Wine and beverages snacks and desserts available for purchase at the event. \$30. 960-9210.

Junior Musical Theater Workshop, June 25 - July 6: Pleasanton Playhouse gives instruction in all areas of theater from auditions to perfor-mance, including staging, dancing, singing, set design and construction, makeup, props and construction, makeup, props and costuming. It will be offered in two sessions that run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Fri-day. At the Studio Theatre, located at 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton, CA. For children aged 7 and 22 and 23 and 24 and 12, with performances July 6-7 and closing cast party July 7. Tuition is \$275. Information: 462-2121 or

www.pleasantonplayhouse.com. **3-D Animation Workshop,** Sat., June 23, 2 to 4 p.m. Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. Includes live interactive demonstrations, as well as historical, employment and career information. Steve Klitzing, a published educational computer game designer and educator, will be the presented. The workshop is free. For more informa-tion, call the library at 803-7275.

New History Center Display Features the Livermore Rodeo

George Benson and Al Jarreau Take a nostalgic trip back in time June 13 when George Benson and Al Jarreau bring their magical mix of jazz, rhythm and blues to

The Concerts at Wente Vineyards! George Benson and Al Jarreau received two Grammys this year

Wente Concert Series Opens with

for their latest album, "Givin' It Up." Their appearance at Wente Vineyards on June 13 is their only California concert this year. Gates

open at 6 p.m., with a buffet from 6 to 8 p.m., and George and Al kick off their concert at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets for The Concerts at Wente Vineyards 21st season are available at visit www.ticketmaster.com or call 925-456-2400.

The concerts take place at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

tion of the Comedy of Errors, a story surrounding two sets of twins lost at sea and reunited amid merchants, wives, sisters, gold chains and diamond rings. Several scenes from the play will be performed. Lisa Tromovitch, artistic director, will lead a general Library nave underwritten the program as part of the Friends' Authors and Arts Series.

For additional events, check library's website at the www.livermore.lib.ca.us. For more information, contact Joyce Nevins at 373-5500 ext. 5577.

Humor Makes 'Deathtrap' an Entertaining Evening

by Janet Armantrout

"Deathtrap" is a play about a playwright who comes across a new play called "Deathtrap." The play about a play gives the audience the sense that the characters are being written as they're performing. It makes for an intriguing plot filled with twists, turns and reversals.

The characters struggle with greed, plagiarism, blackmail and murder. And surprisingly, given the subject, there is a great deal of humor in this play.

The Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre production opened last week. The cast is up to the task of bringing this story to life.

The play opens with central character Sidney Bruhl (Derrick Silva), a playwright who had one major Broadway hit. Success followed by a series of flops, lamenting his current condition. He hasn't had a fresh idea in years. "Nothing recedes like success," he quips.

A young writer, Clifford Anderson (Eric Inman), sends his play, "Deathtrap," for Sidney to read. Sidney immediately sees that the play would be a smash hit, "even a gifted director couldn't hurt it." Given Sidney's lack of successes, it's no wonder he considers how

to make the play his own, even if it means killing Anderson.

With the help of his wife Myra (Katie Potts), Sidney devises a less drastic plan than murder to steal Anderson's work by offering to collaborate on it. Anderson quickly accepts the offer. His arrival signals the moment when the plot, or plots, thicken. Sydney's statements and movements make his wife wonder if he has given up the idea of murder.

To reveal any more of the plot would ruin the play for those who have not seen it.

Humor is used to change a mood, keeping the play from becoming too dark. Sidney says at one point following a tense scene, "He's right on the carpet. That's like ten points for neatness.

In addition to the three main chracter, the play also includes two other characters.

There's a nosy neighbor and psychic, Helga Ten Dorp (Katherine Jestice), who appears at various times to make predictions that appear to confuse the plot line. Sidney's attorney, Porter Milgram (Drew Fowler), acts as a detective of sorts.

The set for this play is perfect. The room is filled with weapons

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of choice collected by Sidney over the years.

It is a play that includes suspense, humor, and some heartstopping moments along the way to a surprise conclusion. It's definitely worth an evening out.

Deathtrap" is produced by Jo Ann Loitz and directed by Eric Neiman.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays weekends through June 24 at the Studio Theatre, 1048

Serpentine Lane #309, Pleasanton.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors 60 and older and juniors 18 and younger. They can be purchased 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Pleasanton Playhouse box office at 1048 Serpentine Lane #307 or by telephone at 925-462-2121 or 925-484-4486. Tickets can also be purchased on-line at www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

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The Livermore Heritage Guild has set up a new exhibit that focuses on the annual rodeo.

The display includes pictures and artifacts related to the rodeo. It will be set up through the end of June.

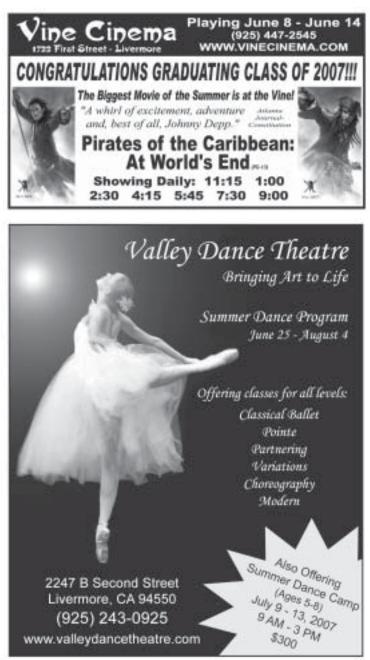
Tilli Calhoun, the grand marshal for the annual parade, is a Livermore native and recalls rodeos in the past. Her grandmother took part in the first rodeo in 1918. In the program it lists Ida Holm as being in charge of preparing food for the visitors.

Calhoun says that the display includes information about various events at the rodeo such as penning and team roping.

The Heritage Guild shares the space with the Livermore Art Association Gallery. Calhoun has two paintings on display of the Circle H Ranch, the family's ranch on Mines Road.

The History Center and Gallery are located in the Carnegie Building, 3rd and J Streets, Livermore.

There is no admission charge. Hours are Wed. through Sun. 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 449-9927.



'Peter Pan' Launches Library **Summer Reading Game**

The Livermore Library will celebrate the beginning of its 2007 Summer Reading Game, "Get a Clue @ Your Library," with a special performance of James Barrie's "Peter Pan" on Wed., June 13.

The performance, produced by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company, appears courtesy of the Ross McDonald Company.

Now in its 20th year, the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company has a mission to entertain and educate children by bringing stories to schools and libraries across the United States. The company uses audience participation in each performance. Whether it's cheering the villainous Captain Hook, creating sound effects, or portraying one of the other main characters, audience members are provided a hands-on opportunity to share in the experience of live theatre.

"Peter Pan" will be presented at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. starting at 10:30 a.m. There is no admission charge. The performance will be outside the library with the audience to be seated on tarps over a lawn.

The reading game is a free program open to all young people and their families.

Children earn a variety of prizes for reading books. In addition, there are storytimes, crafts and special events planned at all three library locations. Programs will include magic shows, puppets, animals, international music, dance and stories.

The Springtown Branch will host EEK! Environmental Entertainment for Kids on Wed., June 20 at 10:30 a.m. On Sat., June 23, singer and storyteller Juan Sanchez will perform at 10:30 a.m. at the library. On July 11, storyteller Awele Makeba will be at the library at 10:30 a.m. The Springtown Branch is located at 998 Bluebell Drive.

At the Civic Center Library, special performances will include Dance of India at 10:30 a.m. on June 27 and the California Puppets on July 18 at 10:30 a.m.

The Rincon Branch, 725 Rincon Ave., will host a performance by Jose-Luis Orozco on June 27 at 2:30 p.m. and the Eden Aoba Taiko on July 18 at 2:30

The reading game begins June 8 and ends August 11. For information go to www.livermore.lib.ca.us and click on the summer reading game link, or call 373-5504.

Cancer Survivors to Celebrate Life

This year, the 15th Annual Cancer Survivor's Celebration of Life will include an evening of memorable music for those who are cancer survivors - be it for one day or thirty years.

The *Celebration of Life* unfolds at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Pleasanton, on Tuesday evening, June 26, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Pianist Patti Leidecker will lead the audience through melodies. Guests are encouraged to join in singing songs that have inspired them. There is no fee to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Cancer Survivors' Celebration of Life is a special time to gather with friends and family to celebrate those who are cancer survivors and to encourage others who are now living with cancer. The event was founded by local health service organizations to support those who have been diagnosed with cancer whether they have a recent diagnosis or have survived cancer for many years.

Celebration sponsors include American Cancer Šociety (Tri-Valley Unit), Hope Ĥospice, Kaiser Permanente, Jack Kuhn, Šan Ramon Regional Medical Center, The Wellness Community, ValleyCare Health Library & ValleyCare Health System.

Please call 925-734-3319 for reservations, as seating is limited.

Gala to Benefit Valley Children's Museum

tion will begin at 7:00 p.m. . It

will feature food and drink from

the area's top restaurants and win-

eries including St. Supery and

Grgich Hills, and music by Mys-

tique. Throughout the evening, models will be showcasing fash-

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Gabbana, and Thierry Mugler,

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The VIP Preview Party will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Enigma Motors showroom, 5947 Dougherty Road in Dublin. Mark Ibanez, KTVU Channel 2 Sports Director will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

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After 42 Years in Livermore **Schools, Nancy Steele Retires**

By Patricia Koning Last week Nancy Steele presided over her last graduation ceremony. After a 42-year career with the Livermore School District, half of which was spent as principal of Adult Education and Alternative Programs, Steele is retiring.

"In the alternative education setting, I've gotten to do it all. We're developing new programs all the time," she says. "I'm a little sad to retire now, because there are so many new things happening, such as distance learning and career technology applications."

She may be stepping down from the principal's chair, but Steele plans to remain an active force in Livermore schools. She'll continue her involvement in Rotary and intends to help out the District as needed, but only in a volunteer capacity. She'll also take advantage of her more relaxed schedule by attending day football and baseball games.

Steele started her career as a physical education teacher and synchronized swimming coach at Livermore High School (LHS). She went on to serve as the LHS Dean of Girls/Assistant Principal and Assistant Principal at Granada High School before moving into alternative education.

When she took over the program, Adult Education had 200 students. The program now serves approximately 4,000 students. Course offerings include English as a Second Language, Microsoft Certification, vocational training, and an entire group of classes just for senior citizens.

Steele also oversaw the devel-

opment of the Vineyard Independent Study program, which offers home school opportunities for students from first through twelfth grades. About 260 students are currently enrolled in Vineyard.

"Nancy's passion for education is reflected in the many successful programs she has run and the many grants she has written," says Superintendent Brenda Miller. "The District is very proud of the opportunities Nancy has offered our senior citizens and adult community. Her understanding of the adult needs in the community has made her so successful in her current position.'

Steele's many accomplishments and awards include: Alameda County's Women's Hall of Fame inductee (2000), Livermore Chamber Community Service Award, President of Livermore Management Association, Livermore Management Administrator of the Year (1992), Alameda County Office of Education Community Service Award, California Department of **Education Alternative Program**

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enrichment space classes at both Croce and Altamont Creek. This year she covered engineering concepts by having students experiment with materials on model rocket ships to protect a jello payload.

Corporate contributors included NASA Ames Research Center, Lockheed-Martin, Tech-

"Most Supportive Principal", State Department Special Pro-grams Field Representative for High Risk Students, and the Livermore Adult Day Care Service Award for establishing adult day care in the community.

The District recently named a community center located on the Marylin Avenue Elementary School campus after Steele. The center houses the Instituto Nacional para la Educación de los Adultos, Migrant Education Preschool, GED Examination preparation, and Adult Education English as a Second Language, Čivics, Computer Skills, and Basic Literacy classes.

At the Vineyard/Adult Education graduation ceremony, Livermore School Board member Tom McLaughlin spoke about Steele's impact on education.

"Nancy epitomizes diversity," says McLaughlin. "She believes children are children and students are students and they should all be given the best education possible. Her whole life was truly dedicated to educating children regardless of background or ethnicity."

nology Ventures Corporation, and Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne. NASAAmes loaned

the schools a genuine sample of a moon rock, exhibits, and a

space suit for the children to view.

Pratt & Whitney generously do-nated a number of solar system-

related items and projects that ev-

ery child received to take home.

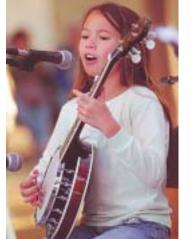


Photo - Doug Jorgensen Aissa "AJ" Lee was one of the performers at the opening of the Friday Night Concerts in Downtown Pleasanton. She performed with her mother and sister. The June 1 event was a youth concert. Concerts are held each Friday 7 p.m. in Wayside Park, corner of Neal and First St. There is no admission charge. The concerts are hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association.



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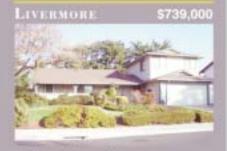
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