

Pleasanton High Schools

Cash Shortfall For Expansion

The Pleasanton Unified School District's wish list for expanding classroom space and other facilities to meet the demands of its crowded high school campuses totals \$50 million. However, only about \$14 million is identifiable from the usual school-funding sources.

That leaves a projected cash flow shortfall of \$36 million, which will require the board to search for financial alternatives, Superintendent John Casey told trustees at their meeting May 8.

One potential revenue source is a parcel tax. Trustees started talking about a parcel tax last

year. They hired a consultant last year to survey community opinion. The survey was put on hold because of uncertainty of financing at the state level then. However, with a sunnier state budget picture this year, the district is ready to continue the process.

The district's consultant will conduct a survey of the community to see whether it would back a parcel tax in an election. However, first the district wants to provide residents an idea of what would be on the wish list, what the expanded facilities would do for the schools, and how much they would cost. The list pre-

sented May 8 was the first key step in that determination. Trustees at the meeting May 22 will be ready with questions after reading the materials given to them and publicly outlined May 8 by Assistant Superintendent Sandra Lepley.

Casey said that one or two work sessions later in spring or in summer would also help shape the issue. Besides looking at the revenue side, the board also will scrutinize a three-level priority list for the proposed projects to see how far it might shrink the cost.

Casey said that such things as expansion of the seating capacity at the two stadiums could be eliminated, and portable seating rented instead for the three times per year that it would be needed. That would save more than \$3 million. "You can rent portable bleachers for quite a few years for \$3 million," said Casey.

The expanded stadiums would not be needed just to allow the student bodies to get together for all-school programs, said Casey. That could be accomplished with the proposed expansion.

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Livermore OKs Funds to Buy Historic Train Depot

The Livermore City Council okayed the use of \$825,000 in lieu housing funds to purchase the historic Southern Pacific Railway Depot.

The vote was unanimous. The depot is currently situated along L Street in the old Lucky Shopping Center in downtown Livermore. The depot is considered to be of historic significance. A site has not yet been selected for the depot. Among the potential locations is the downtown transit center.

Several members of the public raised the issue of the appropriateness of using low cost housing funds for the purchase. Ken Bradley stated, "The city doesn't need to spend low income housing funds to purchase the building. It should be spent on low income housing."

Eric Uranga, Director of Housing and Human Services, explained the rationale. He told the council that Livermore Village, a development planned for the site, would not move forward unless the depot were moved. The development would provide 28 low income units and 56 moderate income units. Uranga said the provision of affordable housing makes it appropriate to use the in lieu housing funds.

PARADES/SPECIAL EVENTS

The council also approved an ordinance governing the use of publicly owned properties and rights of way. Included in the new rules are Flaggpole Park and the Livermore Valley Center Plaza and Amphitheater. Staff suggested the need for rules for use of such sites, because of the increasing competition to present events.

Recommended is that nonprofit organizations that have his-

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Las Positas to Dedicate Classroom Building; Say Good-bye to President

Las Positas College leaders and officials of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District will formally dedicate the college's new classroom building at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 17.

A retirement reception for President Karen Halliday follows the dedication. Halliday is retiring after leading the college for five years. The trustees have named Robert Kratochvil, currently the vice president for business services, interim president.

Speakers planned for the dedication include: Halliday; Susan Cota, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District chancellor; Arnulfo Cedillo, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees president; Melissa Korber, Las Positas College Faculty Senate president; Todd Steffan, Las Positas College Classified Senate president; Joshua Paul, Associated Students of Las Positas College president.

The Multi-Disciplinary Education Building covers 36,757 square feet and includes seven classrooms, a 204-seat lecture hall, faculty offices and a learning resource center for students.

All teaching rooms are equipped with Smart Panel technology. These are easy-to-use panels that allow instructors to utilize computers, document cameras, and DVD players connected to projectors for instructional purposes.

Instructors can also plug in external devices, such as MP3 players, laptops and tablet PCs. The 204-seat lecture hall is equipped with touch-panel technology that provides both a flexible presentation solution for instructors and also allows them to control projectors and other devices in the room.

The Multi-Disciplinary Building is both the first building on the campus to utilize these technologies as well as having wireless access points to connect with the Internet.

A covered outdoor mall connects five of the rooms. The patio on

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Hancock Says She Will Run For Perata's Seat

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock (D) told the Independent this week that she intends to run for the State Senate seat held by Sen. Don Perata.

Hancock met informally with some Valley Democrats a couple of weeks ago to get acquainted with people in this part of the 9th Senate District, which includes Livermore and Dublin. The district stretches all the way to Albany in the north end of Alameda County and farther into Richmond and San Pablo in Contra Costa County. The district has 850,000 residents.

Perata will be termed out at the time of the 2008 elections. However, if a change in term limits is approved in a potential initiative on the ballot, his term could be extended for another four years. If that happens, Hancock would run again for her Assembly seat, since term limits would change there, too.

The term limit proposal is to eliminate the current six year limit on the Assembly and eight years in the Senate, for a total of 14 years in a state politician's district career. The proposed reform would leave it up to an officeholder to determine how long to spend time in office, in either house, for a total of 12 years.

Hancock said that she would support giving officeholders more discretion over how to spend their time in Sacramento. The turnover in every election has run as high as 50 percent in the Assembly, where new legislators then have to learn the ropes. This gets in the way of making progress on solving the problems, said Hancock.

The current term limits rule speaks to the reason she wants to run for Senate, Hancock said. "I'm in the middle of a lot of work in the Legislature. It's a critical time. I chair the natural resources committee, at a time when the whole world is watching California, to see if we can implement

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First grade students at Croce Elementary School invited their moms into the classroom for Muffins and Tea in honor of Mother's Day. The students sang a song to their moms, bringing tears to many eyes. Pictured are Tammy Campbell and her daughter Katie.

Livermore School Board, Teachers' Union Settle Contract

Grievance over Workday Goes to Arbitration June 12

By Patricia Koning
Livermore teachers should see a nice bump in their paychecks soon. After nearly a year of negotiations, the bargaining teams for the Livermore School District and Livermore Education Association (LEA) have reached an agreement.

"We are pleased that the parties were able to successfully complete negotiations for the 2006/07 school year and look forward to the next round of negotiations," said Assistant Superintendent Mike Martinez.

The agreement was approved

by the LEA membership on May 7 and by the Livermore School Board on May 8. Teachers will receive a 7% salary increase as well as higher stipends for master's and doctorate degrees. The agreement also clarifies language on transfers, provides tuition assistance for LEA members wanting to become special education teachers, and sets class size limits for special education.

With the salary increase, pay for a fully credentialed starting teacher is about \$45,000. A teacher at the top of the salary

schedule with 24 years of experience and at least 75 post-graduate units will earn almost \$80,000.

LEA and the District agreed to maintain the existing contract language on teacher workday. The two sides declared an impasse on the issue in February and went to mediation in March. The conflict was over the interpretation of the length of the teacher workday.

The workday issue is not settled yet. In May of 2006 LEA filed a grievance against the Dis-

trict, alleging that the 2006-07 schedule at Granada High School violated the teacher contract. According to LEA President Keith Pickering-Walters, the District reduced preparation time for high school teachers by increasing the number of instructional minutes.

"To provide the best instruction possible to students, teachers must spend more of their personal time completing work that should be done during their contractual day," he said. "If the District wishes to have members

work a longer contractual day, they need to provide appropriate, additional compensation. The seven percent raise was a cost of living adjustment—not additional pay for additional work."

The grievance will go to arbitration in June 12.

"Arbitration isn't necessarily a bad thing," said Martinez. "There are times when a third party neutral needs to step in and resolve disputes between Districts and Associations. This is one of those times."

Charter School Director Stays on Job

The past month has been tough for Lon Goldstein, Executive Director of the Livermore Valley Learning Corporation (LCLC), which oversees the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS). He appears to have weathered the storm of complaints raised by parents.

On May 10 the Board made a decision to close the discussion

on Goldstein's history. In a letter sent to parents on May 11, Board president Paul Mansfield wrote "Mr. Goldstein has a long history of remarkable achievements with our school, including his successful management of our finances. The board looks forward to working with Mr. Goldstein as we build on our past successes."

Issues raised include admission preference and personal information that some believe make Goldstein unfit to manage the school's finances. Other parents have complaints on how special education students are treated.

In mid-April a former parent at the school revealed informa-

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Foundation to Support Downtown Mural Program

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) has established a fund to support the Pleasanton Downtown Association's (PDA) mural program. Donors wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution may do so by contacting PCAF. One hundred percent of all funds contributed will be used to support the program.

Artist Gary Winter is currently painting the first mural on the north face of Strizzis restaurant, which is located on the corners of St. Mary's Street and Main Street. Additional murals are planned for other locations in downtown Pleasanton.

Greg Reznick, president of

PCAF, said, "In addition to raising funds for the Firehouse Arts Center, the mission of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation includes the support of the arts in Pleasanton, so we are thrilled to be involved. We believe these murals will significantly enhance the character of downtown Pleasanton and are pleased to have the opportunity to partner with PDA in supporting this important community project."

PCAF, a non-profit organization, has taken the lead role in fundraising for the construction of the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton and

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The 4th annual Scottish Games will be held in Livermore this weekend. For more information, see page 14.

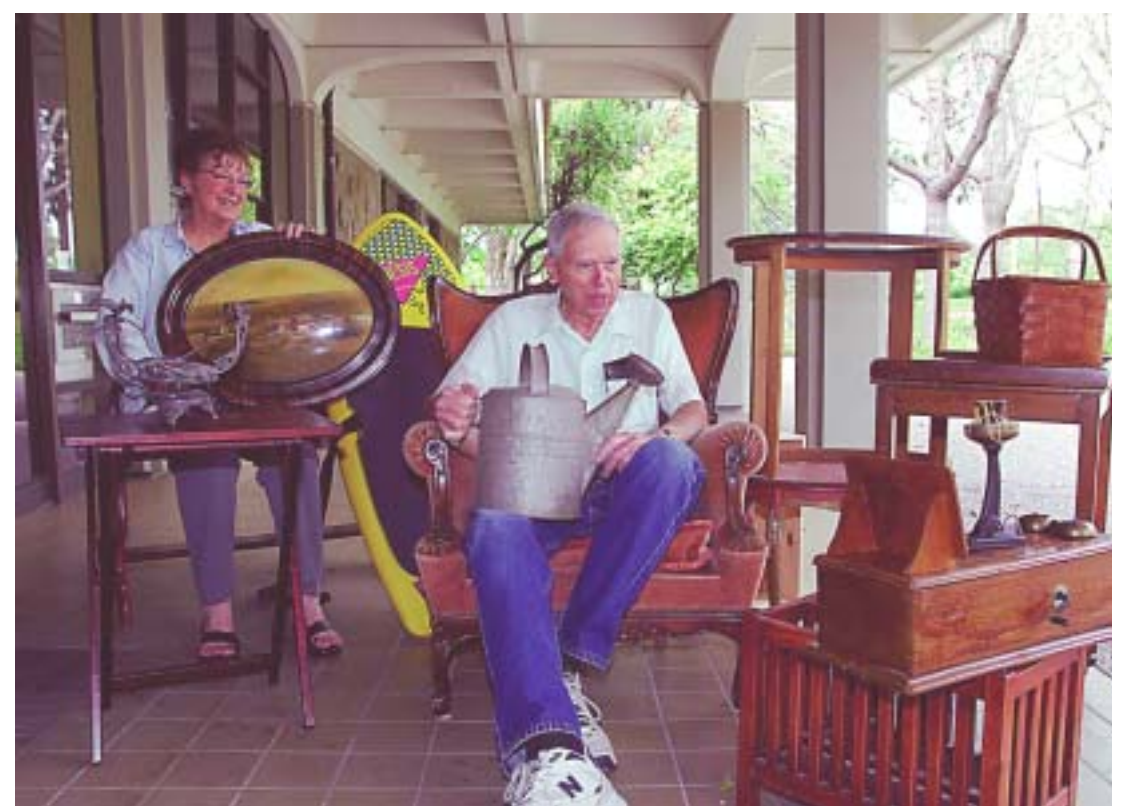


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Livermore Heritage Guild's Annual Dinner and Auction will be on Saturday, May 26. This will be an evening of old-fashioned fun, food and laughter as bidding heats up among the attendees. The Guild has received a tractor for auction and most of the contents of a house in Walnut Creek. The auction takes place at the Duarte Garage located on the old Lincoln Highway at the corner of Portola and L Streets in Livermore. Lynn Owens is the auctioneer. Preview items at 5 p.m. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. (donation to be announced) with the auction to follow at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge. Donations of items are still welcome. Call 447-4561 or 447-5475 to arrange for someone to come by and pick up your treasures. Pictured with some of the auction items are Anna Siig and Bill Junk.

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



CRESTA BLANCA WINERY

Charles A. Wetmore was born in Portland, Maine, and came to California with his family in 1856 when he was nine years old. His father, Jesse L. Wetmore, built the family home at the corner of Vista and Bonita Avenue in Piedmont. At the time it was one of only four houses in Piedmont. According to the city of Piedmont's web site, the house "still looks just like it did over a hundred years ago." Charles attended Hyde Street Grammar School in San Francisco and graduated as valedictorian in the first full class from the University of California at Berkeley in 1868.

During his college years, he worked as a reporter for the *San Francisco Evening Bulletin* and surveyed four counties to investigate using the Sacramento River for irrigation. In 1867 he rallied so much political support for the establishment of a state university that the UC Berkeley trustees paid his senior year college fees. After graduation, he studied law in San Diego and worked to alleviate the problems of rancho owners in the area, who had been fighting a losing battle with squatters and unprincipled lawyers.

In 1872 he earned an MA from UC Berkeley and began writing for the newspaper *Alta California*, whose editors asked him in 1878 to write a special report on the California wine industry. In the process of his investigation, Charles traveled to France and studied vineyards and techniques there. "The result," according to local historian Janet Newton, "was that he wrote a series of letters on viticultural topics to the *Alta California* that aroused the California wine industry to new life." Upon his return from France, Charles A. Wetmore married Anna D. Smith in Washington, D.C., on 5 April 1879 at Trinity Episcopal Church. After the ceremony, they traveled by train to Chicago, where they stayed several days and then continued their train journey to California. Wetmore worked to improve the state's wine industry with favorable legislation, with favorable publicity, and with the development of a state wine commission.

In September 1882, for \$6,000, he bought 221 acres from Dolores Higuera Mesa Anastobles, plot 32 of the Rancho El Valle de San José in the Livermore Valley, and began to develop his own vineyard with cuttings he imported from France. He chose the name Ojo Del Monte for his home and vineyard and the name Cresta Blanca for his winery because of the nearby grayish-white limestone cliff, possibly formed by a huge landslide in the winter of 1872. William P. Bartlett's 1889 panoramic map of the Livermore Valley lists olive, fig, and peach orchards on Wetmore's estate in addition to the vineyard.

By 1889 Wetmore had succeeded in producing a dry white wine similar to that made in Bordeaux, France. This Sauvignon Blanc won the grand prize at the Paris Exposition of 1889 while two other California wineries, including Mont Rouge of Livermore, won other prizes. A California newspaper article commented, "Naturally, it is considered that an award for wines from a jury of French experts is a greater honor than any award for any other product could be." Wetmore had succeeded in bringing the world's attention to California wines. He retired from his Livermore business in 1892 and moved to San Francisco with his family. However, he continued to devote time to promotion and improvement of California wines. He died in 1927. After Charles Wetmore retired, his younger brother, Clarence J. Wetmore, ran the winery until his own death in 1936. Schenley Distillers bought the winery in 1941 and promoted the sale of Cresta Blanca wines worldwide. In 1950 their pink Champagne, sparkling Burgundy, and Chateau Cresta Blanca won gold medals at the Los Angeles County Fair; their sweet sherry and Grey Reisling won silver medals. In 1971 Schenley sold the name Cresta Blanca to another wine company.

Wente Winery bought the Cresta Blanca site on Arroyo Road in 1981. The Wentes restored the 650 feet of sandstone caves Wetmore had bored into the hill to store his wine and also restored the three stucco Cresta Blanca buildings with their red tile roofs. They built a new restaurant and began the production of a sparkling wine; tours of Wente Sparkling Cellars included a walk through the caves. In 2001, however, Wente stopped making sparkling wine, finding the effort unprofitable.

Dedicated June 15, 1957 outside the Wente tasting/events building, which once held the old Cresta Blanca bottling plant, state historical marker #586 reads: "Here Charles Wetmore planted his vineyard in 1882. The Cresta Blanca wine he made from its fruit won for California the first international award, the highest honor at the 1889 Paris Exhibition, first bringing assurance to California wine growers that they could grow wines comparable to the finest in the world." Cresta Blanca was the first winery in Alameda County to be designated as a point of historical interest. A cork oak is growing in the area behind the plaque.

Charles and Anna Wetmore had two daughters and three sons. The younger daughter, Henrietta, married Ernest Mendenhall, nephew of Livermore's founder, William M. Mendenhall. Henrietta had an unusual occupation for a woman of her day—she served for about 20 years as the fire lookout on Crane Ridge. Her son, Jack Mendenhall, still lives in Livermore.

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Communities Plan Events in Honor of Seniors

The Pleasanton Senior Center is celebrating active, healthy living by hosting a walk and healthy living open house.

The morning begins at 8:30am with an optional walk around the Center and surrounding neighborhoods. It is open to all. Walk participants be served a light Continental breakfast, followed by warm-up exercises before joining a moderate or slow-paced walking group. Bottled water will be available along the walk route. Pre-registration is required and includes an event t-shirt for the first 150 registered walkers. Registration fee is \$10 for Pleasanton residents, \$12 for non-residents.

The "Healthy Living" open house is open to the public. No registration is necessary. From 9am until 12 noon, browse the many educational booths which will include information about diabetes, ophthalmology, dentistry, naturopathology, travel and leisure, physical therapy, personal safety, emergency preparedness, transit, smoking cessation, hiking, nutrition, and senior support programs.

Special activities and presentations will include information about reverse mortgages by ECHO Housing, with representatives from the Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HEPA); a nutrition presentation

by Carol Garberson of the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley; and line dancing, ukulele, and hula demonstrations and entertainment.

The event also includes the opportunity to tour the Ridgeview Commons and newly-opened Parkview Assisted Living facilities.

Pleasanton Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. For information, call (925)931-5365.

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The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) division of Senior Services will observe National Older Americans Month in May with a full schedule of events. All events will take place at the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. For more information, please contact Dana Messa at (925) 373-5763

For 44 years, our nation has paused to honor older Americans during May. The theme for Older Americans Month 2007 is "Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future." This theme encourages us to think differently about health and long term care, and work together to rebalance and modernize our current systems so that we may ad-

equately plan for and address the needs of current and future generations.

Events include the following:

- Thurs., May 17, movie day, "Secret Garden," shown starting at 2 p.m. Popcorn will be served.
- Mon., May 21, walk around the park, meet 8:30 a.m. at the Vintage Lounge.
- Wed., May 23, guest speaker on Good Nutrition.
- Fri., May 25, guest speaker on Taking control of your health, and
- Wed., May 30 a movie entitled: "Don't Let Osteoarthritis of the Knee Become a Pain."

For more information, please visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

DUBLIN

The Dublin Senior Center is planning a newly created event called L.I.F.E. (Learn Information For Empowerment). This event replaces the "Step out for Senior Centers Event" that has been held for the past five years.

It will take place Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is designed to educate seniors, their families and friends about services available in the Tri-Valley. The focus will

be on an emergency preparedness theme empowering seniors for life emergencies and challenges. There will be an Information and Resources Fair featuring senior service providers and emergency preparedness agencies. There will also be six or seven mini-workshops focusing on the theme "Dare to Prepare for L.I.F.E." The event will also be used to kick off a new multi-year emergency preparedness program called L.I.F.E. Talks and the goal of distributing flashlights and whistles to all seniors in Dublin and providing education on using these potentially life-saving tools in an emergency.

The event is free to the public. No registration is required; however Staff will encourage pre-registration for the workshops. The Senior Information and Resources Fair would be held in the large ballroom.

Light refreshments will be provided throughout the morning and afternoon. Free hot dogs and beverages will be provided during the lunch hour from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Seating will be available throughout the facility and in the outdoor patio areas.

Two Weekend Rose Shows List Winners

Two rose shows were held in the Valley over Mother's Day weekend.

The 67th annual Pleasanton Rose Show was held May 12 at Century House in Pleasanton.

Deb Cattaneo and Joyce Jones served as co-chairpersons.

Kellen and Erin Aura captured three awards including best of show, best hybrid tea rose Shirley Casteron Butler Award, and the best Peace Rose - Warren Harding Award.

The best floribunda Mt. Diablo National Bank Award went to Norman Chu; best climber - Al Welham Award to Elaine Snyder; best arrangement - Paul Hulme Award to Tina Case; and best miniature to Ruth Young.

Other winners included most fragrant rose, Ruth Young; best single stem rose - uges and staff, Mark Mintz; best arrangement - judges and staff, Bernadette Nakashima; and children's best arrangement, Hannah Scott.

Winners of the Mt. Diablo Rose Society spring show include the following:

Horticulture division: Best of Show award went to a Peter Alonso for Grace Amazing - mini spray; Queen of Show, Susan McCarthy, Brooks Red; King of Show, Susan McCarthy, Hot Princess; Princess of Show, Lou Evans, Marilyn Monroe; Court of Honor, Marianne Jameson for Opening Night and Sheer Elegance; Jolene Adams, Stainless Steel; Lou Evans, Saint Patrick; 2 stems, 1 bloom/stem, Marianne Jameson, Sheer Elegance; Floribunda, 1 bloom/stem, Peter Alonso, Francois Rabelais;

Floribunda Spray, and 3 Floribunda Sprays, David and Mary Lou Lowell, Sexy Rexy; Polyantha Spray, Peter Alonso, Verdun; Miniature Queen, Susan McCarthy, Fairhope; Miniature King, Peter Alonso, Dancing Flame; Miniature Princess, Peter Alonso, Butter Cream; Mini Court, Jolene Adams, Little Jackie, Peter Alonso, Class of '73, and Erin Alonso; Miniature Single, Peter Alonso, Grace Seward; Miniature Spray and Fully Open Miniature, Peter Alonso, Grace Amazing;

3 miniature sprays, 1 bloom/stem, Erin and Peter Alonso, Ann Herring, Fairhope; Climber, 1 bloom/stem, Linda Nardy, Dublin Bay; Best Classic Shrub, Marianne Jameson, John Cabot; Best Modern Shrub, Jolene Adams, Julia Child; Best Seedling, David Lowell, Benson Hedges Gold Folklore; Dowager Queen, Sondra Bierre, La Belle Sultane; Victorian, Robbie Ridenour, Chevy Chase; 3 OGRs, after 1867, David Lowell, Fantin-Latour; Species-Genesis Award, Robbie Ridenour, Rosa California.

Challenge Class: Small English Box, Peter Alonso, Erin Alonso; Large rose in a bowl, Lou Evans, St. Patrick; Small rose in a bowl, Peter Alonso, Josh Alonso; Fragrant rose, Mike Irish, Fragrant Cloud; Trailing rose, Robbie Ridenour, White Meidiland, Tin Can Derby, Peter Alonso, Erin Alonso; Judges' Class, Alice Affleck, Gourmet Popcorn.

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sion of the school gyms, which has a total project cost of \$13 million. The gym reconstruction is at the second level of priority. The stadium expansion is at the third level.

Lepley showed the board a time line for the proposed projects. At the head of the list was the modification of ceramics classrooms at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools. Increased popularity of ceramics classes has dictated more space.

The project was approved by the board earlier this year. Trustees let out the contract for the project at the meeting May 8. They hired Page Construction, the low bidder on the project. The contract is for \$654,361, and will cover both high schools.

Assistant superintendent Sandra Lepley said that all three bids were "considerably lower" than the estimate. Work is projected to start June 13, and be completed by Aug. 17, so that it will be ready in time for the fall semester.

THIRD HIGH SCHOOL WOULD HAVE RELIEVED PRESSURE

During the staff's discussion of the cash flow shortfall and the

prospect of a parcel tax election, trustee Kris Weaver said that the shortfall seemed like a deja vu. "There was a time when the community wanted another high school (a third campus) and was told there was not enough money. It was not that long ago. We will wind up spending that much money anyway," said Weaver.

"We've known for years that these students were coming, so when you look at spending \$50 million on these campuses, we need to be ready to defend this point," said Weaver. She added that neither campus now has enough land for the 2500 or so students on them, according to state standards.

A third high school would have added to the district's land inventory. Two locations, one on the east side near Valley Avenue, which was promised by the developer, and the other on the Bernal property, had been talked about at the time.

Trustee Pat Kernan said, "I'm ready (to defend it). Bring it on."

Kernan and Weaver were on the board around 2000 when a board majority of Weaver, Deborah Kleffman and Cindy McGovern appeared headed to-

ward creating a third campus to take the pressure off Foothill and Amador Valley high schools.

A community group called ROCA, which had ties to Kleffman, outlined a way to raise \$26 million for the project. It would have included spending surplus funds that had been raised through Measure B, after all of the ballot issue projects had been completed.

However, a large community turnout at a school board workshop insisted that Measure B funds shouldn't be spent for a third high school, rather on renovation projects at various schools, as had been outlined on a back-up list of projects when Measure B passed.

Further, some teachers spoke against it at meetings. Some of them said that the resulting smaller student populations at the two high schools would mean there wouldn't be enough students to create some small, esoteric courses, such as Latin or Japanese. Also, the money to pay teachers for those classes wouldn't be available, because administrative and custodial staff for a third high school would eat into that general fund money.

Mary Frances Callan, who was superintendent then, called for a study of the districtwide curriculum, before anything would be determined about building the new school. The overall impact of the delay for research was to deter the board from voting on it.

The other related issue in the board's discussion about planning for high school expansion, also raised by Weaver, is how much growth there will be. The school district's current assumption, based on the city's current general plan, is there will be 27,315 units in Pleasanton. That's a reduction from an earlier figure. That alteration changed the "out year," which is the last year that there will be a big student impact on facilities. So far, that target year has been 2013.

However, if the city council raises the figure to 29,000 after its current general plan update, that could contribute more development fees, and have a higher impact on the schools. That's complicated by the possibility that many of those units may be affordable housing, which won't contribute the full fee to the district. That can make the current projected deficit even greater, said Weaver.

OTT CHOSEN BOARD PRESIDENT

The trustees chose Jim Ott as their new board president, succeeding the late Juanita Haugen. Ott was elected on a 5-0 vote, after trustee Steve Brozosky was sworn in at the board meeting May 8 to fill out Haugen's term to November 2008.

Ott was appointed one year ago, to succeed Gloria Fredette, who resigned for personal reasons. Chris Grant, who was appointed in February to succeed Judge Steve Pulido, was named clerk of the board. Kernan had been nominated for the presidency during the annual board reorganization late last year, but he declined. Instead, he nominated Juanita Haugen as a way of recognizing her service to the board for more than 20 years.

Haugen was attending meetings from home via speakerphone, because of her cancer treatments. Grant referred to Kernan's gesture, thanked him for it, and said, "From my vantage point, it was one of the kindest gestures that could have been given to Juanita."

NEW ENGLISH CURRICULUM IMPRESSES TRUSTEES

The board approved new textbooks for history classes in sixth through 12th grade, and revised course outlines for English classes in grades nine through 11. Ott, who teaches English part-time at Las Positas College, said that he read all the outlines, and found the material to be comparable to the college level.

Grant agreed, saying, "If you turn the clock back 20 years, it looks like a freshman college course."

He suggested that changing some of the attendance boundaries might help remedy the situation. The suggestion was greeted by laughter by board and staff, who over the years have dreaded the long, drawn-out, highly charged process of redrawing the boundaries. Brozosky said that maybe now wasn't the right time to bring it up.

However, Casey said that it is appropriate to look back at attendance boundary history. He could produce a report for the board at a future meeting.

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Q Just as I was about to throw out a fluorescent light bulb, I noticed the label said it contained mercury. What is the proper way to dispose of items containing mercury?
Amy

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Q Is it okay to put paper and newspapers in plastic bags for recycling? When I throw loose stuff in my Recycling cart, it always ends up in the street on service day. *Wendy*

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Equalization Funding Cut from Budget

Assemblyman Guy Houston had a mixed reaction to Governor Schwarzenegger's May Revise to his proposed 2007-08 budget.

He expressed support for the Governor's proposals that will make early payments on California's existing debt. The revised budget plan also calls for creating a \$2.2 billion budget reserve. However, Houston added, the Governor's plan does not address the continuing gap in funding between school districts, known as "equalization."

"I am disappointed the May Revise fails to include the vital school equalization funding necessary to ensure every child in California receives a quality education for a bright future, regardless of where they live. This should be our first educational priority, and I will continue to fight hard this year to secure these critical funds for our kids," said Houston.

The Livermore School District is one of the district's that would benefit from equalization of funding.

Furthermore, the Governor has proposed to eliminate funding for the Williamson Act, which provides tax relief to property owners to help keep land in agricultural production, rather than be sold for development.

"California has a proud agricultural heritage and the Williamson Act has been a big part of it," said Houston. "This program helps to ensure that California is a leader in food production as well as providing open space for our children to enjoy. It makes no sense to eliminate such a worthy program."

Assemblyman Guy Houston represents the 15th Assembly District, which includes portions of Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, and San Joaquin counties.

Loans for Agriculture

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) has announced that low-interest emergency loans will be made available in Contra Costa, Alameda and San Joaquin Counties due to the impact of drought conditions, higher than normal temperatures and prolonged freezing temperatures experienced since October 2006. Loans will also be made available in Santa Clara County as a result of low temperatures and freezing conditions in January of this year.

"Farmers throughout the Central Valley and Northern California have been impacted by adverse weather conditions over the past seven months," McNerney said. "I applaud this decision because I think it will help ensure that California's agricultural industry remains strong and vital."

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, in response to an inquiry from Rep. McNerney and other members of the California Congressional delegation, recently certified the need to aid

California's farmers, growers and ranchers. This decision cleared the way for the availability of low-interest loans.

In the 11th district, Contra Costa County was named a primary natural disaster area with Alameda, Santa Clara and San Joaquin Counties named contiguous disaster counties. Farm Service Agency-administered loans will be available to applicants, based on meeting eligibility requirements, throughout all four counties.

For aid in making a loan application, Rep. McNerney's Stockton office can be reached at 209-476-8552 and the Pleasanton office at 925-737-0727.

IED Issue

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, Chairman of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee, led the first bi-partisan delegation to tour the Joint IED (Improvised Explosive Devices) Defeat Organization (JIEDDO). JIEDDO leads U.S. counter-IED efforts seeking to protect the troops by attacking the IED network, defeating the device and training our forces to eliminate IEDs as weapons of strategic influence.

The JIEDDO has its roots in an Army initiative. The Army IED Task Force was established in October 2003 by the Army Chief of Staff to orchestrate Army efforts to eliminate IED threats, recommend best available responses and direct development and fielding of selected solutions.

In December 2006, JIEDDO was established as a permanently manned entity. JIEDDO pulls together all available resources within the Department of Defense, across the private sector, and from our allies and coalition partners to combat the IED threat. The Task Force has the responsibility to lead, advocate, and coordinate all Department of Defense actions in support of the Combatant Commanders' efforts to defeat improvised explosive devices.

Solar School Grant

Four East Bay schools today received \$27,500 in grants from Pacific Gas and Electric Company's solar schools program to use for innovative science projects. Among them is Christensen Middle School in Livermore, \$2,500

PG&E is awarding \$108,500 in Bright Ideas grants to 22 schools in its service area for innovative solar science projects. "The grants of up to \$10,000 can be applied to classroom, after school, and summer projects that incorporate solar power science curriculum. PG&E's Bright Ideas grants program is part of the company's Solar Schools program, which is awarding \$2.5 million in grants to schools in 2007.

For more information and to apply online for a PG&E Solar Schools Program and/or Bright Ideas grant, visit www.pge.com/solarschools, or call NEED at 1-800-875-5029 to have an application mailed to you.

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EDITORIAL

Advancing Home Ownership

Buying a home, rather than renting one, is a more feasible option for Tri-Valley employees than is commonly believed.

This is the message the Livermore Chamber of Commerce's new Employee Home Ownership Program is promoting. The program aims to help employers increase home ownership among their employees.

The Chamber launched it with a focus group meeting in March 2006, where it was brought out that most employees aren't aware of the ownership opportunities that exist and most employers don't know where to direct them for this information. Education was identified by the focus group as the greatest need.

The Valley is generally perceived as an area lacking in housing opportunities, where the only affordable housing available to employees is rentals. You see this image often promulgated in growth conflicts.

"There are a lot more affordable homes on the market than people think," observes Jim Caldwell, Chamber member who helped found the Employee Home Ownership Program.

"At any given time, approximately 150 Tri-Valley homes are priced such that the typical buyer with a minimal down payment would have monthly payments in the same range as the rent many are paying today," Caldwell says.

We applaud Jim Caldwell, the Livermore Chamber and all those who have put together this most worthy program. Not only are they opening up housing opportunities for working people, but they are also making an important contribution simply by dispelling myths about the Valley's housing market.

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AB 32, the greenhouse gas emissions limitation."

"With the bill, California has joined the rest of the world in signing on to the Kyoto Accord (the international treaty to limit emissions). We are recognizing that climate change is real, and if something is not done to reverse it, it will be a worse world for our children and grandchildren."

Hancock also wants to see public funding available to candidates who would reject private donations for their campaigns, except for the small contributions needed to get the matching government money.

She is author of AB 583, which would emulate Maine and Arizona laws on public financing. Legislators in both major parties have taken the public money in those states, and been elected, said Hancock. "They say it means they are beholden only to the people they represent. Most legislators are middle class people. They can't afford the \$400,000 it takes to run in an uncontested primary," Hancock said.

The legislative analyst's office estimated the cost of Hancock's bill to be about \$3.50 per California adult. She bumps the cost up to \$5 for needed increases on inflation. In any event, it amounts to the cost of a latte and muffin each year, she said. It's worth it to keep a level playing field. She said that 64 percent of people polled by the Public Policy Institute said that Sacramento is run for a few big interests.

Hancock supports density bonuses for local government. It's a good way to build in-fill housing, she said. Affordable

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the westside of the building includes a fire pit and gathering spaces for students and faculty.

Sierra Bay Contractors, Inc. is the general contractor on the \$14.8 million project. It's the second major facility to be completed on the Las Positas campus after 59 percent of voters approved the \$498 million bond measure for both Chabot and Las Positas in March 2004.

Completion of the \$12.6 million gymnasium and physical education facilities last year allowed Las Positas to field intercollegiate men's and women's basketball for the first time this year.

Design and planning for the build-out of the Las Positas campus is continuing. By 2011, the following projects are planned for completion (all budget estimates are for construction):

Aquatics Center: Two pools, small locker room (\$5 million budget)

Soccer Fields: Two fields, including one competition synthetic turf field (\$6 million budget)

College Center for the Arts: Theater building with 500-seat theater, 150-seat black-box or

workforce housing is also necessary "if we want to turn around climate change. People have to live where they work, if they can't telecommute," she said.

Hancock would provide incentives by rewarding local governments that make provision for workforce housing, such as helping libraries or adding park lands.

Hancock said that she also supports urban growth boundaries as a way of making sure in-fill housing is built to save greenfields for open space and agriculture.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, who was host to the Livermore meeting for Hancock, said it was a way to become acquainted with Hancock. The meeting, at the Livermore library May 6, lasted three hours, and was productive, said Kamena. Even if Hancock remains in the Assembly through a change in term limits, she was interested in knowing more about Livermore's issues, especially about agriculture, solar energy, and water. She appeared interested in possibly writing bills on those topics, said Kamena.

If Hancock were to run for Senate, Kamena said that he would endorse her in the primary election. A potential rival, Assemblywoman Wilma Chan, announced several years ago for Perata's seat, when it looked like he might be termed out. However, a court ruled that Perata could extend his term by two years, because of the time period when he was elected to fill an empty seat. Kamena had no comment about Chan, except to point out that she wrote Measure C, a rival to the open space Measure D, which was passed by voters in 2000.

flexible theater space plus an amphitheater. (\$38 million budget)

Student Services Center and Central Administration: Consolidate student services that currently are scattered over the campus into one location in the heart of the campus. It will be the new gateway to the campus (\$41 million budget)

Child Development Center: Facility for toddler care with capacity for future infant program. Facility includes outdoor learning environment with appropriate play structures (\$13.8 million budget)

Campus Boulevard: Accessible pedestrian path across the campus with appropriate lighting, gathering areas, and security infrastructure (\$2 million budget)

Campus parking upgrades: upgrade existing parking and provide adequate new parking to accommodate projected enrollment growth (\$3.1 million budget)

For additional information on the dedication, please contact Karen Halliday, college president, at 925-424-1001.

District Delays Community Day School

By Patricia Koning

At the May 8 meeting of the Livermore Board of Education, the trustees decided to postpone implementation of a Community Day School (CDS). The Livermore School District had hoped to open the school in August.

"In the best of all possible worlds, we might have gotten it all together in time to have students appear by August 27," said trustee Anne White. "I think it's best to table the issue."

The decision was due in part to issues raised over staffing. Keith Pickering-Walters, president of the Livermore Education Association, said that while the teachers' union supports the concept, it cannot support the CDS proposal as it stands.

"The staffing is not adequate for the program elements," he said. "We urge you to postpone moving forward until the plan meets teacher contract requirements and has realistic staffing ratios."

The proposal calls for two full-time teachers, an instructional aid at 75% time, positions for clerical, special education, and child welfare and attendance (CWA) at 25% time each, and a psychologist and counselor each at 10% time.

"I think this proposal is significantly underfunded," said trustee Bill Morrison. "While I don't completely agree with Keith, he has some good points. There needs to be enough psychologist, counselor, and CWA time for this thing to work."

Concerns were also raised by parents of children attending the Laboratory Employees Children's Center, which is adjacent to the proposed location of the CDS. The Children's Center is a daycare facility for children from 6 weeks old through school age, serving employees of Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Labs.

Trustee Kate Runyon said when she visited the proposed location, the former Almond Avenue school site. She was surprised to see how close it is to Lab daycare.

"It's really clear we need this school," she said. "However, I'd be a lot happier if we were locating it at the 5th Street School."

Kathryn Craft Rogers, Principal Deputy Associate Director for Administration and Human Resources at LLNL, requested that the Board delay the decision on the CDS until full consideration could be given to all of the implications of locating the school at the Almond Avenue site.

The Lawrence Livermore Employee's Service Association (LLESA), which runs the daycare program, leases the facility from the School District, assistance that Rogers described as "invaluable to our ability to run a successful Children's Center program." She said the Children's Center has been important to the Laboratory's ability to attract and retain top talent.

The District identified three classrooms at the former Almond site to serve as the CDS facility.

The site currently houses the Ed Rundstrom Learning Center, which includes the Vineyard Independent Study Program and Livermore Community Adult Education. The classrooms require little modification to be adapted for use as a CDS and could be ready by August.

"There are also benefits of co-locating the CDS with the Vineyard Independent Study Program. Many potential CDS students already attend Vineyard, and previous programs for at-risk students were run under the Vineyard umbrella," said Bob See, Director of Student Services and Special Education.

Other potential locations are the Inman Property, which is currently undeveloped, and Phoenix/Del Valle school site on 5th Street. According to See, it would take a year or more and cost \$1-2 million to place the CDS at either location. The District would also have to obtain a waiver from the California State Board of Education (SBE) to place the CDS at the Phoenix/Del Valle site.

The Pleasanton Unified School District is placing its Community Day School on the same site as Village Continuation High School because no appropriate separate facilities are available. The SBE approved a waiver for Pleasanton in March.

Lab parents raised concerns about safety issues with placing students expelled from traditional middle schools so close to

young children. Parent Tammy Jernigan said that locating the CDS so close to a daycare seems to violate the spirit of laws that prevent co-locating it with an existing school.

"In my line of work, we look at hazard protection in terms of time, distance, and shielding," said physicist Bob Heeter, a parent of two preschoolers at the Children's Center. "The proposed location is 15 feet away from the infant and toddler classrooms. Those fences are climbable and my 3-year-old can open the gates."

The proposal for Livermore's CDS states that the school will not accept students with mandatory expulsion offenses, which include possessing a firearm or explosive, brandishing a knife, or committing or attempting a sexual assault at a school or school activity. Such students will be directed to the Alameda County Community School program in Hayward.

See says that half of the potential CDS students are those who have been placed on a stay of expulsion with a rehabilitation program. These students are typically placed in the Vineyard Independent Study program or at other middle schools in the District. The remainder of the study body would be made up from students who have attendance issues, academic performance issues, and behavior problems that have not risen to the level of expulsion, or a combination of these conditions.

Critics Of New University-Lab Pact Forego Food

Coming on the heels of the federal government's renewal of having the University of California involved in managing the nation's nuclear weapons research laboratories, students at three university campuses started a non-violent protest against the action.

Their method of protest, which began last Wednesday, is to avoid eating food, at least until today (May 17). It's part of a long tradition of protest, and was used by Mohandas Gandhi in his campaign to rid India of the British occupation.

Students at UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz and UC Santa Barbara are conducting the protest action. Some of the students intend to address the UC board of regents at their regular meeting, which begins at 8:30 a.m. today (May 17) at the UCSF Mission Bay Campus in San Francisco.

Tri-Valley CARES, which is based in Livermore, is lending support to the demonstrators, said Jedidjah de Vries, a spokesman for Tri-Valley CARES. "We will be speaking at the regents meeting. We will write our own statement of support," he said.

Tri-Valley CARES's basic po-

sition is that the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, should conduct scientific research exclusively on non-weapons programs that would be designed to help health and the environment.

Tri-Valley CARES submitted a bid to manage the Lab, with that announced goal. However, "the Department of Energy said that we didn't conform to the vision that they had, namely, building nuclear weapons," claimed de Vries.

One of the fasters, Chelsea Cologne, said that approximately 30 students per day have stopped by the area near Wheeler Hall where the protesters have set up a display. Cologne said that there would be more. However, the Berkeley campus is in final exams now, which has cut the campus population. The other two campuses are in full session, and have drawn in many more students, she said. Cologne said she plans to resume eating today.

She graduated last May, with a degree in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies. Cologne has been working for an anti-weapons coalition, and is on vacation

from her job to go back to UC Berkeley for the protest. Like de Vries, she wants the university to drop management of the labs. "These are not academic labs conducting research for the sake of research. They produce nuclear weapon cores, plutonium pits, at Los Alamos. The university will manage a bomb factory," said Cologne.

Some students, who have been dropped by, said that it's better to have the university manage the labs, said Cologne. However, she believes that does harm "by making the public more trusting of the laboratories," when, in fact, they don't really do anything to stop the making of nuclear weapons, she said.

Marisa Schneidman, a freshman at UC Berkeley, said she may choose a major in peace and conflict resolution studies. "I realized this is an extension of what I'm studying. I'm learning things even deeper, as a continuation of my class. It's what education is supposed to be about, allowing you to grow," she said.

Chris Harrington, a UC spokesman based in Washington, D.C., told the Independent that the institution's first concern is

the health of the protesters. He said the university has made them aware of the student health service. He personally urged them to eat, for their own good.

On the main issue raised by the protester, Harrington said that the university provides solid peer review science to the federal government, which has relied on the University of California to supervise nuclear weapons since the Manhattan Project during World War II. Today the university's mission is similar. However, it has expanded beyond nuclear weapons to apply science to "the development of tools that we use to protect our nation."

He named work for the Department of Homeland Security, including tools to protect incoming cargo at ports, and also work being done to protect citizens around AIDS and HIV prevention. "A lot of people just focus on nuclear" when it comes to the universities science work for the government, he said.

It's too late for the protesters to do anything about the recently announced contract. However, in the free speech tradition of the university, the regents "welcome the debate and discussion," added Harrington.

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tion about Goldstein that she had found at the NASD BrokerCheck website. The purpose of the website is to allow people to look up the background and qualifications of security dealers. The NASD report states that Goldstein was terminated from his position with Paine Webber for allegedly asking a coworker to deposit money in an account outside of Paine Webber. Additionally, Goldstein filed for bankruptcy, which is also posted on the site.

Goldstein said of the alleged accusation, "If I had done something illegal, it would have been nearly impossible to be hired elsewhere." He pointed out that he was hired by another firm, less than ten days after the allegations surfaced. He held the job with the new firm up until he resigned when offered the post of executive director of the charter school.

Goldstein said he had filed for bankruptcy.

Several parents have said that Goldstein could no longer work as a stockbroker, because he had filed for bankruptcy. Goldstein said that is not true. He explained that if a stockbroker files for bankruptcy that fact is placed on a U-4 form. He worked with his manager and firm's compliance department on the bankruptcy. Filing does not mean he can no longer work as a stockbroker. The fact that he filed will be part of the public record on the U-4 form, as would any other complaint.

In response to the revelations regarding Goldstein, board member Karen Meier asked for a special board meeting.

"The information that was provided at the April 19 meeting regarding Lon Goldstein was very disturbing to me," she said. "I asked for the special meeting because I felt that as a board we should review the information to determine if it was accurate, review our liability in regard to this information, and review our hir-

ing practices and implement changes as necessary."

Meier resigned at the May 10 meeting, the second trustee to do so that week. Kim Schnitter, who was Board President at the time, resigned on May 8.

"If I had been presented with his job qualifications prior to his employment and if I had run a credit check, I would have given information about his past history. At that time, I would not have hired him for the ED position," said Meier.

Goldstein's lack of a background in education and high salary—\$160,000 per year plus bonuses—are also a cause of concern. In comparison, Livermore School Superintendent Brenda Miller's salary is \$173,530.

"I believe that we need an Executive Director that has a background in education, a history of management experience, and a strong and flawless financial background. Recent events and historical documents demonstrate that our ED lacks these attributes," said Meier.

Last year, LVCS asked its parents for a \$1,000 donation per child to cover the shortfall in the budget. The school enrollment is now higher than last year by 100 students. However, Average Daily Attendance funding is based on the prior year; state funds for the 100 additional students would not be provided until the following year.

LVCS costs are considered higher, because the school provides a longer school day and more instructional minutes than is offered by the Livermore School District. There are specialists in art, music, science, Spanish, science, physical education and computers, with whom the students meet with at least once weekly. Kindergartners only have Spanish, music, and PE; computers are for 6th and 7th grade only.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

At least two parents say the education of their children is being compromised because the Charter School isn't doing its job when it comes to students with special needs.

Parent #1, the mother of a fourth grader, said when she tried to sort out the situation, both the charter school and the school district said it was up to the other entity to deal with problems. (The charter school contracts with the district for special education services.) "Both are in noncompliance. Our daughter is suffering," according to the Parent.

Students with a disability who require specialized instruction, work with the school to prepare an individualized education program (IEP). It is basically a contract listing what the school is expected to provide for the student.

Parent #1 said that in her daughter's case the contract has not been adhered to. As a result, the student has become stressed. Her doctor placed her on medical leave. When that happens, the district is supposed to provide a tutor, according to the Parent.

Parent #1 said she contacted the charter school principal and provided a letter from the doctor stating her daughter's condition.

Parent #2 also has a student with a learning disability. Parent #2 also feels that the school was not living up to the IEP for her son. As an example she points to the fact that the IEP requires creation of a feelings chart as a way to identify what triggers anxiety attacks. The provision was never followed through, according to Parent #2.

Bob See oversees special education for the Livermore School District. He said he could not comment on individual cases. He noted that a resource student, one who receives special attention outside the classroom, generally

spends 20 percent or less of the day with the resource provider, the rest in the classroom.

As for providing a tutor for a student, See explained, "Special education is not the educational program, it is the support program." The school district has a home hospital program. However, the school district is not contracted with the charter school to provide that service.

He said when there are issues, the district and charter school work through the situation. See stated that an IEP pretty well outlines what special education's responsibilities are.

Goldstein agreed. He said he is aware of one parent who alleged a complaint about the lack of special education services. "We are dealing with the issue with the school district."

LOTTERY ISSUE

The school broke its own rules when it comes to selecting students to attend the school. Recently it was revealed that officials granted admission preference to the children of staff members.

At a recent board meeting, the board decided to allow the children of staff members to become students at the school.

The school's charter allows it to admit all students who wish to enroll, subject only to capacity. The school gives some preferences to returning students, siblings of currently enrolled students and, for the schools initial year only, children of families who had volunteered to start the school.

Others wanting to be admitted to the school go through a lottery to determine if they get in or are put on a wait list.

Since then, the lottery issue has been resolved with the State. The board is in the process of determining how the error occurred and determining how to prevent it from happening in the future.

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Public Access

Rich Buckley
Former CTV 30 Director

CTV has evolved into a sophisticated professionally operated station but isolated from the average bloke.

They do not allow citizens to use these facilities easily, some areas not at all. In practice the

outcome freezes access to only a friendly close circle. Access requires each applicant to pass a political filter and various administrative buddy-buddy filters before getting a story produced or aired. Some perfectly reasonable stories get stopped cold where political sensitivities spread fear through the decision makers.

Administrators should have no power to edit access or subject other than the material may have objectionable adult material that should either be rejected on constitutional grounds or shown only at late night.

CTV should be given 30 to 60 days to develop a full public access program enabling use of studios and equipment and bring

it back to the cities for approval.

The existing public access process is way too intricate and complicated and is only understood by media gurus, a mostly secret process known to a select few. This operational philosophy is unacceptable to the concept of equal opportunity public access originally envisioned by enabling legislation.

Reply to Letter
Nancy Freedom
Pleasanton

I'm responding to Ted Tully's letter in the May 3 Independent. It would seem that your arguments are weakened by the use of unsubstantiated perjoratives (outburst, feeble, etc.) and prepositions such as "salient facts" and "waiting for the U.N. sanctions to further weaken" with no sources quoted, and by stating your views as if they were undebatable truths.

One cannot know what others feel in their minds, yet you offer to do this when you say, "Bin Laden was also encouraged... believing that...." You say "While jihadists continue to kill and maim in an effort to impose their way of life on us and the rest of the world." Might it not also by the same token be possible to say that our own country is continuing "to kill and maim in an effort to impose" democracy on Iraq?

You mention two responses of Presidents Clinton and Bush II to the 9/11 attacks as if they might have been the only two possible. Could at least one of these Presidents have had more than one possible response? Could we? I myself believe war to be immoral because it kills people, though justified in the case of World War II which I lived through in Washington, DC. Although we have differing assumptions, we can have a civil debate.

Stop FBO-Park
Joe Ely
Pleasanton

It was disturbing to read the

name-calling and condescension in Livermore Airport expansion proponent Dennis Vied's letter about a person who was trying to protect the health, quality of life and property values of valley residents. His claims of losses in business due to the lack of a busy jetport in the middle of a community are not supported by any data. Indeed, his argument that the Oakland Airport is close enough for Fedex, but too far away for other businesses contradicts itself. The real benefits, such as lower operating costs and the ability to hop into a Learjet in Livermore instead of a limo to Oakland, would apply to a few aircraft owners, operators and passengers.

However, there are plenty of data which document the damaging effects done by jetports to residents who live nearby. One study lists dozens of toxic chemicals, including 3-nitrobenzanthrone, which may be the most hazardous compound ever to be tested for carcinogenicity, that are emitted by jets. Another reports that real estate values are diminished by 15.1% to 42.6% (increased value of 3.2% per additional quarter-mile from flight track). Still other studies cite increased health and safety risks that are increased for residents surrounding busy airports. Links to those studies can be found at <http://lacg.org/links.htm>. Then there is the quality of life. One needs only to ask the residents who live near a jetport to learn how it has affected their daily lives — that is, if they can hear you.

The proposed development of a 10-acre fixed base operations (FBO) park is a new attempt by those who want a jetport to thwart the will of the residents of Pleasanton and Livermore, where almost 1500 persons attended that city's largest city council meeting ever to protest airport expansion in 2005. Valley residents should demand that lead-

ers of both cities protect the vital interests of the many over the trivial interests of the few, and stop the FBO park.

Charter School Finances
Chris Rosendin
Parent of an LVCS student

The May 8th piece by Eric Louie in the Herald creates a false impression of financial problems at the Livermore Valley Charter School. That the school runs a deficit for part of the year is not unusual for a charter school nor is the amount anything to write home about. \$600k sounds like a lot but is only about 10% of the total budget and has been substantially paid off already.

The reason they use loans has to do with when they need the money versus when they get their funding from the state. If I need money in September but don't get paid until December, I might use a home equity loan. Same principle here, and not an indication of mismanagement. The school's use of loans is partially triggered by the fact that they've had to pay for very substantial improvements to the site and get little help from the school district.

LVCS hasn't received any measure D funding, the parcel

tax approved by the voters that was supposed to benefit all Livermore students, not just the ones the district likes. As a resident paying that tax, I'm wondering why my child is being penalized by the district for attending LVCS. That's a story I'd like to see reporting on. Is the denial of measure D funds illegal? Some of that money would certainly decrease the need for loans.

As for Mr. Morrison's (LVJUSD board member) comments of concern, I take them with a grain of salt. If you want darkly foreboding quotes about LVCS, he's your man. It doesn't seem to matter that the first year of LVCS' operations was an unqualified success or that the school is doing wonderful things for education in Livermore. LVCS is an excellent school with a remarkable staff and professional management. They're not without their problems but the education is first-rate and we're proud to be a part of it.

Farmers' Market
Mary McMahon
Livermore

Hooray, Hooray
The 17th of May
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Begins today.

LIVERMORE

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torically sponsored events open to the public be authorized to reserve event locations and dates a year in advance. Organizations mentioned include the Livermore Downtown, Inc., Chamber of Commerce, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and Livermore Cultural Arts Council.

The ordinance requires the payment of a maintenance deposit for each event.

The Livermore Valley Plaza and Flagpole Plaza cannot be used by individuals or for-profit organizations for special events unless the event is open to the public and generally intended to benefit the community.

Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich asked whether the ordinance would require such things as individual musicians and street artists to obtain permits.

City attorney John Pomidor said individuals such as Dietrich mentioned would not be obligated to obtain a special events permit. "There is no intention to be overly restrictive in the use."

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

The council heard a report on recent economic activity in the city.

Kevin Roberts, Economic Development Director, stated that early reports are that the new Trader Joes is doing a brisk business. Other projects mentioned include the following:

The Catholic high school is back on track. The Oakland Diocese has found a funding source for the cathedral, said Roberts. The high school had been delayed, pending the funding for the cathedral. Construction of the

school is scheduled for 2007-2008. No date has been set for the start of classes.

Construction of the downtown crown jewel, the 500-seat performing arts theater, is well underway. It is on schedule and on budget. It is scheduled to open for performances in October of this year.

New businesses have opened in the downtown. Cranberries Home Decor is open next to Baughman's. OutSideIn, a garden store, is scheduled to open in the space formerly occupied by Benjamin & Moore Paints.

Plans for the Toyota dealership along I-580 are moving forward. Scenic corridor issues have delayed the approval process. Roberts reported that the dealership will be in compliance with the ordinance.

Kohl's Department Store is expected to open by the end of the year. It is located between Wal-Mart and Kaiser Hospital.

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for ongoing arts activities in the local community. The mission of the PDA is to promote the economic vitality and hometown character of downtown Pleasanton.

Donors wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution to the mural program may contact PCAF at (925) 846-1007, or visit www.pleasantonartsfoundation.org. For more information on the Pleasanton Downtown Association's mural program, call (925) 484-2199, or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.



FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS

Affordable Housing Opportunity


The City of Livermore is accepting applications from households interested in participating in a drawing of homes for sale in the Arroyo Crossing development. The home sales price will be \$180,630.

PROGRAM INCOME GUIDELINES	
Household Size (minimum 3 persons)	Eligible Income (maximum for household size)
3	\$59,600
4	\$66,250
5	\$71,550
6	\$76,850

Application packets may be obtained at Livermore City Hall (1052 S. Livermore Ave.), all Livermore libraries, the Multi-Service Center (3311 Pacific Ave.) or online at www.ci.livermore.ca.us. All applications must be received by the City of Livermore Community Development Dept., 1052 S Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA, no later than Friday, June 1, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.

Applications received after this date and time will not be considered, even if postmarked earlier. Faxed applications are not accepted.

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ROTARIAN FOUNDATION OF LIVERMORE

ValleyCare Health System extends its sincere appreciation to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore for their generous contribution of the Mobile Health Unit.

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore has collaborated with ValleyCare to bring health care out into the community, primarily to the uninsured and underinsured. The Rotary Foundation provided funding for the vehicle and its customization. ValleyCare will equip, operate and staff the Mobile Health Unit.

A schedule is currently being developed with plans to open in Livermore this fall at the start of the school year.



SPORTS NOTES

Titans Take on First Place Salem in Pro Basketball

Tri-Valley Titans, a team that plays in the International Basketball League, continued its high scoring ways with an 156 to 129 win over the Chico Force on May 11 in Livermore.

Debuting with the team this Friday, May 18, is 7'0" center and former Georgetown Hoya Wesley Wilson.

The Titans will take the Salem team in a battle for first place. The Titans have a 6-1 record. Salem is undefeated. If the Titans are victorious, they would find themselves in first place.

The action takes place at Granada High School, 400 Wall St., Livermore. Tip-off is 7:15 p.m.

Team president Ward Farris promises some fast paced, high scoring action, with "lots of defense." He said the scores may make it appear there is no defense. However, the game is structured differently. There is a shorter shot clock and a shorter back court violation time. The result is that the teams put up more shots.

The league has a lot of talent, continued Farris. "The guys are hungry. They are all trying to make it to the NBA. The intensity on the court is overwhelming."

Brothers Jovan and Franco Harris are largely responsible for the Tri-Valley Titans' hot start. This high-scoring duo is averaging a combined 54.5 points per game in 2007. Jovan averages 30.5 points per game (6 games played), Franco Harris 24.5 (6), Darrell Tucker 22.0 (4), Devoughn Lamont 18.7 (6), and Wayne Oliver 13.7 (6).

Farris said the team needs support from the community. "Having a crowd to cheer you on is like having a 6th player. It takes the play to the next level."

Tickets are \$12 adults, \$5 age 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at Total Sports and LifestyleRX in Livermore, as well as at the games.

Mustang Track Club

"Everyone dreams," says Doug Hollie, founder of S.M.A.R.T. Students, Inc., a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to helping underprivileged and inner city youths through education, counseling, recreation, sports, and life skills training. "All of us have dreams - our mission is to help kids make their dreams a reality."

After barneting for the NFL, Doug became a probation officer and found a calling. "I started S.M.A.R.T. Students because the kids I dealt with seemed trapped in a never-ending cycle: They went from group homes to the youth authority and back to group homes... I knew if we could get the community involved we could make a real difference."

S.M.A.R.T. Students made an immediate and lasting impact: Since 1996, for example, forty-two children who entered the program from the juvenile system have gone on to become college graduates.

Under the umbrella of S.M.A.R.T. Students, Inc., the Tri-Valley Mustang Track Club was formed in January 2007 after an invitation from the USA Track Club Association and the AAU (Amateur Athletics Union) corporate track club to become a member. TVMTC's (Tri-Valley Mustang Track Club) mission is to provide an after school program for youths to provide positive and structured guidance in the development of youths from ages 7 to 17. Beginning 2008, the founder plans to start a wrestling club.

The main objectives of the after school track program is first and foremost to provide a stimulating and challenging outlet, teaching track and field, developing the minds and bodies of youths, and developing a spirit of competitiveness and excellence remains our focus.

The youths of the Tri-Valley Mustang Club have been training very hard since January and have an opportunity to compete in the upcoming State championship, which will be held in Tulare, California and the National Junior Olympics in Norfolk, Virginia. Due to cost associated with attending these events, the youth will need financial sponsorship to attend. Twenty businesses within the Tri-Valley community are needed to help sponsor the youth with a minimum of a \$300.

Please visit our sponsor package www.trivalleymustang.org for more information on the various packages.

To learn more about S.M.A.R.T. Students, visit them at www.smartstudentsinc.org.

Blaze Wins Two

The Tri-Valley Blaze 12U Girls Fastpitch Softball Team were victorious in two games over the weekend. Strong pitching in both games by Danielle Lacombe and McKayla Saavedra combined with key defense and over the top offense sealed the victories for the Blaze.

Tri-Valley Blaze 7, Tracy Mystique 0. The Blaze defense was on the money with key outs on base running efforts by the Mystique. Alyssa Lanza and Danielle Lacombe handled a pickle play in ease getting the runner out and catcher Nicole Evans and third baseman Alyssa Lanza put out two runners; one on a steal and the other on a pick off. Ocean Garcia made a great long ball saving catch in right field. The Blaze bats were on fire. Nicole Evans had 2 doubles with 2 RBI's. Adriana Segovia drove in 2 with a double and Heather Smith brought in 2 from a line drive single.

Tri-Valley Blaze 17, Manteca Sea Devils 5. Outstanding defensive plays including stand out catches by center fielder Breanna Herrera and first baseman Adriana Segovia. The bats were hot once again; Rachel Norman had 2 doubles and 4 RBI's, Danielle Lacombe cleared the bases with a 3 run double and Nicole Evans 2 run RBI double added to the offensive strength of the Blaze.

Youth Soccer

The San Ramon Santos U14 spring season kicked off Saturday with two games played in San Ramon. The year started off fast and furious with a great cross from Ryan Fagenson to Ben Danielson who placed the ball perfectly in the top corner of the net as the Santos took the lead over the visiting Napa Sporting just 28 seconds into the game. Sporting was able to come back and score the tying goal in the 5th minute. It wasn't until the second half that Justin Scott scored the second goal off a flick from Mathews Menezes. Napa scored again to tie the game before Grant Matsumoto placed a free kick to the head of Menezes who flicked the ball to Nick Somers who buried the ball in the net. Napa was able to score again to tie the game up before being awarded a PK which was converted for the Napa 4-3 victory. In the second game dominated by the wind and physical play, the Santos took on the visiting Davis Legacy. The highlight of the game for the Santos occurred when Matsumoto took the ball for midfield on a great run before dropping it to Dimitri Shocron who launched a scorcher into the goal. In the back and forth game the Santos struggled to convert opportunities and eventually lost the second of the day 4-1. With two games and two practices under their belt, the Santos return to the practice field this week before a second double header next Sunday against Stockton & Ceres.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

T-Ball: Dodgers: Anthony Gomez, Alyssa Fuller, Noah Gibson; Devil Rays: Elijah Kutsenda; Joseph Bartoni & Noah Brito; Brewers: Michael Bryson, Olivia Tabaracci, Branson Jewell.

Farm: Royals: Jonathan Song, Michael Honeycutt, Peyton Gibbs; Marlins: Mason Arnold, Colin Barnett, Drew Braudrick; Rockies: Brandon Paulson, Jared Michaelis, Ross Murray.

A Division: Yankees 8, Orioles 7. Jack Perry's liner to left scored Bo Cole with the winning run in the 7th inning as the Yankees capped a dramatic late-inning comeback to beat the Orioles 8-7. The Yankees scored 4 runs in the bottom of the 6th to tie the game, then won in extra innings. Zack Hrdlicka had 2 hits and scored twice while Sean Constable added two key hits to lead the Yankees offense. The Orioles were led by Cody Skinner's 3 hits and 3 RBI. Nick Volponi and Nathan Barney each belted two hits for the Orioles while Kaine Montez played standout defense to lead the Orioles attack. Top Players: Jack Perry (1B, GWRB), Zack Hrdlicka (2B, R), Sean Constable (2B, R), Nick Volponi (2B, R), Nathan Barney (2B, R) - Orioles.

Orioles 20 - Nationals 2: Orioles Top Players: Justin Hill - 3 Runs & 1 Triple; Kaine Montez - 3 Runs & 1 Double; Nathan Barney - 2 Runs. The Orioles had great defense with Lucas O'Brien catching a pop fly at the bottom of the 3rd. Kaine Montez scooping up the plays in the bottom of the 4th. Nick Volponi had two great stops defensively at the bottom of the 3rd. Bryce Barsnick showed great talent assisting the team as catcher. Nationals Top Players were Matt Klein 1 Run, Adam Jorgenson 2 Hits 1 Double, Ryan MacDonnell with 1 Run.

Yankees 5, Phillies 4: Chase Dunn and Zack Hrdlicka each ripped two out triples in a pivotal 5th inning rally to lead the Yankees to a 5-4 come-from-behind win over the Phillies. Top Players: Chase Dunn (1B, 3B, R), Zack Hrdlicka (1B, 3B, R), Cole Escovier (2B, RBI) - Yankees. Miko Asifoa (3B, R, RBI), Bailey Kemp (1B, 2B, R), Bobby Cantelino (2B, R) - Phillies.

Braves 20 v. Orioles 8: The Orioles jumped out to a 5 to 1 lead. However, the Braves came back with timely hitting and great defense. The Braves offense was led by Chris Roessler 3-1B, 3 Runs, and Alex Griffin 3-1B, 3 Runs. Nathan Tabaracci played excellent defense starting a 4-6-3 double play. The Orioles offense was sparked by Nick Volponi's 2 RBI triple in the first inning. Kaine Montez 1 2B, 2 1B 3 RBI, and Lucas O'Brien 1 2B 2 1B contributed to the Orioles scoring. Top Players: Braves: Chris Roessler 3-1B, 3 Runs, and Alex Griffin 3-4. Nathan Tabaracci 3-5, 3B, defense. Orioles: Nick Volponi 3B, 2 RBI, Kaine Montez 3-3, Lucas O'Brien 3-3.

Phillies 11 Mets 9: Phillies got off to a quick start with a smokin hit from Jared Puff, followed a double from Tanner Higgins sending runners home. The Mets answered with a double from Gabriel Cabassa, three singles from Davis Defina and great defense from Hunter Burke with two catches. Andrew Barrett rattled the Mets with a grand slam home run in the 6th. The Phillies' Bobby Cantelino made a diving catch into the fence to end the game. Phillies - Jared Puff, Bobby Cantelino, Tanner Higgins, Mets - Andrew Barrett, Gabriel Cabassa, Davis Defina, Hunter Burke.

AA Division: Reds 5, Indians 3: The Reds and Indians both played great defensive games with the Reds pulling ahead in a late rally. Taylor Crenshaw pitched great with a near no-hitter and 3 SO's. Truman Griffith finished up pitching with four SO's. On defense, Kris Jones, Zack Stevens, Mauricio Zavala, Griffin, Ryan Silvas, and David Harmon had awesome plays with outs. The outfield was flawless due to teamwork of Crenshaw, Jerry Alvarez, Christian Morris, Ryan Ball, and Isaac Lignell. Hitters included Armando Fagiano (3S, 1 Steal), Griffith (1T, 2S, 2RB), Jones (2S, 2RB), Silvas (1T 1 RB), Stevens (1S), and Lignell (1S).

White Sox 3, Cardinals 1: The White Sox, Logan Potter pitched well and played great defense, as did Elan Douglas, who had a great catch. Robbie Payne anchored the hitting with 2 RBIs. Top Players: Logan Potter (Defense), Elan Douglas (Defense), Robbie Payne (1B, 2 RBI).

Astros 10 v. Cardinals 1: The Astros came out swinging against the Cardinals, racking up 19 hits and 10 runs. Strong pitching and fantastic defensive play limited the Cardinals to 1 run scored in the top of the 6th inning. Final score: Astros 10, Cardinals 1. Top players (Astros): entire team effort. Top players (Cardinals): Swiers, 2 singles; Shezif, single; Rory Cartwright, single.

White Sox 2, Cardinals 1: White Sox narrowly defeated the Cardinals Saturday in a well pitched match. Cardinals were supported from the strong pitching of Jeffrey Baron (3 IP) and made a late run in the sixth when Mathew Shezif (1 2B) scored on the single by Zachary Dunn (1 1B, 1 RBI). The White Sox defense was able to finish it off, however, and preserve the win. Top Players: Craig Mains (1 2B, Defense), Jack Orge (1 1B), Robbie Payne (2 1B) - White Sox; Jeffrey Baron (Pitching), Mathew Shezif (1 2B), Zachary Dunn (1 1B, 1 RBI) - Cardinals.

Cubs 8, Tigers 0: Jacob Tidwell started the Cubs off with a single, and advanced to scoring position with two stolen bases in the first inning. Garrett Smith and Jacob DeFrenchi both secured the Cubs lead, each bringing in a run. Jacob Ledbetter had a great day with a double and great defensive plays for the Cubs. **AAA Division:** Padres 13, Angels 9: The Padres came on strong, scoring 9 runs in the



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

An Amador Valley High School runner took the lead in the 1500-meter event at the East Bay Athletic League track and field championships held last week.

first 3 innings. The Padres offense was led by Corbin Cofer and Christopher Hill who had a combined 5 hits and 4 runs. Cofer went 2 for 1 with 1 double and 2 runs scored. Hill hit 3 for 3 with 1 double and 2 runs scored. Jacob Brisco also had a good offensive game getting on base 3 times with 1 double and 3 runs scored. The Angels also played well and made it a close game with a 6 run rally in the 4th inning. The Angels offense was led by Josh McCall who hit 2 for 3 with 2 runs and Michael Brown who hit 2 for 2 with 1 run. Clayton Frieders pitched well for the Angels and hit 2 for 3 with 1 run. Padres: Corbin Cofer - 2 for 3 w/1 double and 2 runs; Jacob Brisco - 1 for 3 with 1 double and 3 runs; Christopher Hill - 3 for 3 with 1 double and 2 runs; Giants: Josh McCall - 2 for 3 w/1 double and 1 run; Michael Brown - 2 for 2 w/1 double and 1 run; Clayton Frieders - 2 for 3 w/1 double and 1 run.

Dbacks 18, Giants 9: The Diamondbacks produced another win today, beating the Giants 18-9. James Wilker went 3 for 4 with a double and 1 RBI. Chris Logan went 2-4, with a triple and two RBI's of his own. Kyle Tucker put the ball in play and went 5-3, earning 2 RBI's as well. For the Giants, Kevin Amaral went 2-3 with a single and double. Lance Barsnick - 1 for 3 w/ a solid single to keep the game alive for the Giants, and JJ Christman went 1-3 with a single as well. Daniel Cavalieri had a strong outing on the mound today striking out 9 batters. Kevin Garcia, Chandler Straton, and Kyle Tucker completed the rotation, with 1, 3, and 3 strikeouts respectively. D-Backs James Wilker - 3 for 4, double & 1 RBI; Chris Logan - 2 for 4, triple & 2 RBI's; Kyle Tucker - 3 for 3, 2 RBI's; Giants Kevin - 2 for 3, single and a double; Lance Barsnick - 1 for 3 w/ a solid single; JJ Christman - 1 for 3 w/ a single.

Diamondbacks 17, Rangers 6: The Diamondbacks outscored the Rangers tonight with a final score of 17-6. For the Diamondbacks, Kevin Garcia went 3 for 3 with three singles. Brian Garcia produced as well, going 2 for 2 with a double and a triple. Michael Duterte pitched 3 innings with a total of 6 strikeouts, and Chandler Straton and Chris Logan completed the pitching rotation striking out 2 pitchers each. For the Rangers, Garrett Torres went 1-2 with a double, Austin Galloway went 1-3 with a single, and Daniel Morgan went 1-2 with a single as well. D-Backs Kevin Garcia - 3 for 3, 3 singles; Brian Garcia - 2 for 2, triple and a double; Chandler Straton - 2 for 2, single and double; Rangers Garrett Torres - 1-2 with a double; Austin Galloway - 1-3 with a single; Daniel Morgan - 1-2 with a single.

Mariners 21, Padres 4: Some big hits by the Padres' Alec Spilendorio and Chris Hill made for some exciting innings in this late Saturday game. Sammy Marco and Casey Peterson were among the big hitters for the Mariners strong offensive outing.

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League results:

T-Ball: Yankees vs. Tigers: It was a great game between the Yankees and Tigers. All players exhibited good sportsmanship. Outstanding players: Cameron McMullen, Karna Mendonca Kamath, and Ethan Mancuso.

Red Sox vs. Indians: The Red Sox continue to exhibit personal growth and team devotion. Teammates cheered as David Azuma, Brady Scanlon and Aaron Zheng each found their perfect swing and powered awesome hits.

Mariners vs. Rangers: It was a stunning game with the Mariners on Saturday. Salmaan Sayeed did an outstanding play hustling the ball to the first baseman. "Big Hitter" Mitchell D'India showed his stuff knocking the ball out of the field with a clean up run. Finally, Keaton Smith showed outstanding skill as first baseman nearly catching every ball thrown to him.

Farm B: Athletics vs. Red Sox: Jackson had 2 great outs at first base. Nathan showed super quick fielding the ball. Nate showed skill at bat, and catching.

Angels vs. Yankees: The Farm B Angels have been improving on defense all year and today, the team's hard work was on display. Josh Oliver caught a line drive and then threw to Kenyan Branscomb for the first double play of the year. The Angels made numerous plays to first resulting in outs. Catcher, Owen McKelvey was stellar behind the plate. The Angels continued to hit the ball well as seen by hits from Josh Oliver, Kyle Walsh, and Will Mutat, who hit a towering drive to left.

Red Sox vs. Athletics: The Red Sox played the Athletics on Saturday in a great game of hitting and fielding. Many great plays were made by the Red Sox team. Lucas made a great play from 3rd to 2nd with a great attempt at the tag. Big bats were Ben Mike, Noah & Matthew great hits to the outfield. Owen, Paul, Jack & Ethan great

hits. The fielding was on with Lucas, Paul, Jack, Ben and Matthew making great scoops and throws to make the outs. Ben hustled to get the ball to 3rd base. Mike made a quick 1 out at 2nd base. Ethan made a great scoop and play to 1st.

Farm A: Angels vs. Indians: The Angels had a great day for hitting. Alex Crepeau, Koby Carino, Matthew Papageorge and Christopher Myers showed their hitting talent with base hits. Jake Simons caught an awesome line drive hit by the pitchers mound for a third out.

Angels vs. White Sox: Daniel Newman was hot tonight with the bat. Hitting pop fly after pop fly. Blake Tucker caught anything thrown his way without error. David Natsch helped to field two outs in a row. Joe Geasa, Cole Scanlon, and Austin Barrella all hit solid for the Angels on Wednesday nights.

Yankees vs. Angels: The Yankees and Angels once again played on Saturday. Justin Cho played a great game. Scoring a couple of runs on two of his hits. Cho showed his skills at the plate, but also made one of the defensive plays of the game throwing a runner out at second with a bullet of a throw from left field. In the same inning Donovan Mayer threw another runner out trying to advance to second. Hitting one ball deep to right. Mayer also continues to hit well. Silas Hillman also added to the defensive gem showing his skills in center.

Yankees vs. Athletics: On Tuesday evening the Yankees played a tough Athletics squad. The Yankees started strong with great defensive play from Patrick Herz at third and Matthew Slifer at the pitching position. Herz snagged two grounders in one inning tagging out the runners advancing to third. Playing pitch, Slifer let little by firing his usual accurate throw to first to score the out. Stefan Gott continued his power hitting at the plate blasting a couple to the outfield.

White Sox vs. Red Sox: Another strong game for the White Sox who demonstrated consistent batting and fielding. Outstanding moments included Daniel Bushnell's miraculous pop fly catch with the sun in his eyes, David Kozuch's double, and Andrew Liggett's scramble to catch a ball down and make the play for an out on second.

Minor AA: Indians 5 vs. Twins 8: The Indians pulled out their secret weapon, Nathan Colomeri pitched 5 innings, 7 hits, 8 runs and 2 strikeouts; Sale pitched 3 innings 3 hits, 4 runs and 1 strikeout.

Junior 90's: Red Sox 8, PNLL Cards 5. Top Hitters-Red Sox-Blaine Clut-2B, 1B, 3 RBI, 3 runs scored; Dustin Simon-2B, 1B, 3 runs scored. Cards-2B, 2 runs scored; Brian-2B, 1B, RBI, run scored. Top Pitchers- Red Sox-Brandon Clutter-4IP, 3R, 4H, 0K; Greg White-5IP, 2R, 1H, 3K; Cards-Brian-walk, 5R, 5H, 5K.

Red Sox 8, LNL Cardinals 5: Top Hitters Red Sox-Brandon Clutter-2B, RBI, run scored; Steven Hoppa-2B, 1B, RBI; Damaryz Drev-2B, 2 runs scored; Giants-Mazoff-1B, run scored; Beran-1B, run scored. Top Pitchers-Red Sox-Dustin Simon-3IP, 0R, 2H, 1K; Giants-Mozotti-1IP, 0R, 1H, 3K. The Red Sox Beat the undefeated LNL Cardinals.

Red Sox 11, LALL Cardinals 1: Top Hitters Red Sox-Greg White-HR, 2B, run scored; Joey Betti-2B, 1B, 2 runs scored; Dustin Simon-2B, RBI, 2 runs scored; Nick Davis-2B, 1B, RBI, 2 runs scored. Giants-Cansino-1B, run scored. Top Pitcher-Greg White-4IP, 1R, 2H, 3K; Giants-Hall-4IP, 9R, 7H, 4K. The Giants had their third ten run rule game. Greg white hit the first home run for the team.

Majors: Cubs - Kyle Campiotti-Home Run 2RBI's, 2 runs scored; Nick Campiotti-1B, 2B, 2 runs scored; Kevin Rogers-2B, RBI, run scored; Bryan Krueger-2B, Cardinals - Red Sox 7 vs. Athletics 7: The Athletics came out hard in the first inning taking the lead 4 to 1. The Red Sox held the A's to 4 runs until the 6th inning with excellent defensive plays by Justin Cruz, Jason Menger, Kyle Greenan, Cameron Myers, Drew Gray, and Ryan Meisenheimer. Key hits that helped the Red Sox come back in the 5th and 6th innings came from Jeff Horne who singled and then was helped around the bases and was able to steal home. Drew Gray, Ryan Meisenheimer, and Justin Cruz each provided doubles. In the bottom of the 6th with bases loaded, Jeff Horne was hit by a pitch which tied the game at 7-7.

Junior 90s: PALL Phillies 3 vs. GLL Phillies 7: PALL Junior 90's Gold treks to Livermore for a mid-week game against the powerful Granada Gold. In their previous meetings, Granada swept the games by the ten-run rule - this time the team in red rallied up offensively against three Granada pitchers and comes away with three runs, ten hits (including doubles by Nick Johnson and Joe Herman), and five walks to get players on base. Michael Herman scored PALL's first run after a lead off walk. Zach Piona delivered an RBI single to score Michael. Pinch runner Jay Coles scored on a single by Johnson. Johnson then scored the last of Pleasanton's three runs in the sixth inning as he crushes a double deep to right center. Piona's second RBI single gets Johnson across home plate. In the first inning, despite hitting Granada's lead-off batter, fly balls to left-fielder Kevin Phingsai and Anderson at third base provides two outs.

Phillies 8 vs. Phillies 10: Saturday before Mother's Day DH found PALL Jr. 90's Gold taking on CC/SRA/SRN at Athan Downs in San Ramon. Blanked for the first three innings of Game 1, PALL put up three runs in the fourth. Crossing homeplate were Jay Coles (3 for 5 run), Stephen Ferrel (triple, double, 2 runs, RBI) and RJ Anderson (double, run, RBI). P-town added another run in the sixth, after singles by Connor Farrell (single, walk, 2 runs), Joe Herman (2 singles, walk, run, SB, RBI), Zach Piona (2 singles, run, RBI) loaded the bases. Lefty Jake Thigmon (single, walk, RBI) drew a walk to bring in the run. In the visitor seventh, the red-capped comeback kids found themselves "behind" (score 4-10) and set-up a rally of runs, Farrell, Herman, Piona and Ferrel all tagged home after reaching base with a hit or walk. Also contributing as hitters in the game were Matt Beadle (single), Matthew Vance (triple, single) and Kevin Phingsai (2 RBI single). On the mound, Ferrel proved his prowess as a pitcher, striking out five and held CC/SRA/SRN scoreless for two of four innings, including a 3up/3down fifth.

Phillies 9 vs. Phillies 10: Game 2 at Athan Downs saw team Pleasanton continue their hitting spectacle for Moms and Grandmas. The boys in red sent 40 batters to face the CC/SRA/SRN pitching staff; tallying 17 hits with four players racking in a multiple-hit game. Zach Piona (4 singles), Connor Farrell (3 singles), RJ Anderson (2 doubles, 2 singles), Stephen Ferrel (2 doubles, single), High RBI man for the game was Ferrel with four, his personal best this season. Piona continued his wizardly ways on the bases, stealing four bags and scoring twice for his efforts. Defensively, Anderson ruled at home plate, applying the tag on potential scorers in the second (outfield - 2 play) and third (4-2) innings, gunning down base-stealers in the second (2-4) and fifth (2-6).

Red Sox held the lead throughout the game but in the bottom of the 6th with bases loaded and the score 7 to 6, pitcher Brian Hus held the Yankees to just one run after loading the bases by striking out the Yankee batters. Brian struck out 7 Yankee batters during his time on the mound. Jimmy Doyle started on the mound and had a total 5 strike outs. At the plate Jimmy's bat was on fire, with a single, double and triple and a total of 4 RBIs for the game. Cameron Myers made an excellent play off a dribbler to tag the runner as he was approaching first. Matt Westcott caught a deep fly ball in left field and Jason Menger caught a popped up foul ball at the fence.

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Granada Little League

Granada Little League results from last week:

Junior 90's: Granada Cubs 14, Danville Giants 6. Cubs had a great game against the Giants on Saturday. Taking an early lead in the first two innings. They continued their hitting through the 3rd and 5th scoring 8 more runs. Joe Burke hit a single, 2 doubles, brought in 3 RBI's and scored twice. Leon Harris hit 2 singles a triple, brought in 3 RBI's and scored one run. Austin Andrews hit 2 singles, had 2 RBI's and scored twice. For the Giants Orgera hit a double and scored a run. Hartung hit a double and scored a run. Vincent hit 2 singles and scored a run. The pitchers did a great job, for the Cubs Leon Harris pitched 4 innings, had 4 hits, 4 runs and 5 strikeouts; Chase Martinez pitched 2 innings, 4 hits, and 2 runs. For the Giants Colomeri pitched 5 innings, 7 hits, 8 runs and 2 strikeouts; Sale pitched 3 innings 3 hits, 4 runs and 1 strikeout.

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Collom, Austin Shah, Matthew Rodriguez. Offense A's - Jarrett Leon, Marcus Pipitone, Joseph Murphy - Defense A's - Joseph Collom, Austin Shah, Matthew Rodriguez, Offense Cardinals - Josh Lewczyk, Michael Silva, Ryan Zukow - Defense Cardinals - Kyle DeBord, Matt Zukowski, Nick McClendon

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Red Sox 5, A's 6. What an exciting game between these two teams. For the Red Sox, Tim Gibson was on fire. He caught a hard hit line drive, a fly ball, hit a 2B and a home run. Jason Campbell hit a 3B and Kyle Moylan got 2 1B's. Mckenzie Frost also made some nice plays and got a 1B. For the A's, Jack Walker and Garrett Lowell each caught a pop fly and did some great fielding. Andrew Damer got 2 nice hits along with Tim Kelly and Joe Reclitan. As usual, Alec Foster, Justin Walker, and Jordan Buranis all got their share of hits in this great game.

Football Little League

Pleasanton Football Little League results:

Farm: Rivercats played the Knights. Andrew Helmers and Sergio Mirasole got base hits, and Anthony Harter drove them home with an RBI double. Anthony also scooped a grounder at second base and tagged out a baserunner for the Rivercats.

A Division: Yankees vs. A's. The Yankees played a stupendous game against the A's on Saturday. They shined on defense and offense as well. Key plays were made by Joey Nickel, Staton Rosenblum, and Benjamin Hoel.

Pirates vs the Giants: With half their team absent, the Pirate's showed tremendous effort in Saturday's game against the Giants. Robbi Brumm caught a fly ball in the 1st inning at first. Faiz Haque has a strong single to first and moved a man to second, and Aaron Enslar had a hit to first.

Pirates vs the A's: Pirates had a great game Monday against the A's showing amazing infield teamwork. Borg to Soldati for an out at home. Kang with 3 outs at first. Crane, Haque and Enslar with tough stops at 1st, 2nd and shortstop. Braun and Richey with 2 singles, and McCarthy and Knight rounded out a strong hitting game for the teams as well.

Pirates vs the Yankees: Zach Richey was on fire in Sunday's game with an infield fly catch, tough stop at 3rd, long through to 1st, a great stop at 2nd and a tag out at 3rd. He also had 2 singles. Faiz Haque recorded several outs at 1st and a strong single. Jeff Kang had 3 power hits and great fielding at first tagging 3 men out.

AA Division: Padres 10, Angels 7. Top offensive players: Regis Lachance, Home Run for two RBI's; Noah Pacheco, double for one RBI; LEXI Geoffrey; 2 for 3 single for two RBI's; Timmy Wu; single for one RBI; Jimmy Ritter; single for one RBI; Sahil Patel, single for one RBI; Jose Garcia Double for 2 RBI's. Top defensive players: The Padre Pitching team had 2 strikeouts and scored a run. Patrick Maund led the team with 3; Game Ball awarded to Regis Lachance for the Padres; first home run of the season.

Padres 10, Phillies 12: A hard fought game by both teams but the Phillies came up victorious to end the Padres two game winning streak. Top offensive players: Noah Pacheco, Triple for 3 RBI's; Sahil Patel, Single for 1 RBI; Jimmy Ritter for 2, 3 RBI's; Patrick Maund, Single for 2 RBI's; Game Ball awarded to Jason Gonzaga and Noah Pacheco.

White Sox 12, Devil Rays 7: Jack Sanderson, Jaiirus Woodson, Tommy Serrano, Hector Vega, Sam Cukar, Nick Powers, Ethan Lipsker, Matt Stiles, Joshua Ott, Jackson Freese and Tatsuya Hareyama led the White Sox offensive attack. Jack Sanderson had two singles, and scored a run. Jaiirus Woodson had a single, drove in a run and scored two runs. Tommy Serrano and Hector Vega each had a single and scored two runs. Sam Cukar, Nick Powers, Ethan Lipsker and Matt Stiles each had a single. The four White Sox pitchers, Matt Stiles, Jaiirus Woodson, Joshua Ott and Jack Sanderson struck out 11 Devil Rays batters. Ethan Lipsker made two strikes at first base and Joshua Ott dove at home from his catcher's position to block the plate and tag a runner out trying to steal home. Hector Vega, Ethan Lipsker and Tatsuya Hareyama teamed up to throw out a runner at second base trying to stretch a single into a double. Jack Sanderson, Hector Vega and Joshua Ott earned game balls for their outstanding play.

Angels 6, Phillies 9: The Phillies were big hitters last Sunday against the Angels. Michael Horton started off with a double. Kane Millerstrom hit for an RBI. Ollie Allen hit a sacrifice fly ball for an RBI. Kane Millerstrom followed that up with a double and Alex Parrella hit a huge ball for an RBI. Jake Vanvagner made it to second base with a double RBI. The Phillies defense was on top too. Kane Millerstrom pitched a shut out inning in 4 minutes flat. Michael Horton and Kane Millerstrom saved a surprise punt. Michael pitched the last inning for a shut out.

White Sox 6, Phillies 10: Sammy Cabral was the offensive player of the game. He hit a grounder for an RBI in the first inning. The next time he was up to bat, he hit a triple and closed the last inning out with a double RBI. Jonathon Dourneau also hit an RBI and Josh Lim hit a double early in the game. The Phillies defense was on fire too. Kane Millerstrom pitched the first two innings with no runs. The fifth inning was a shut out thanks to Alex Parrella and Jonathon Dourneau closed out the game well under pressure for the win.

AAA Division: Cardinals 12, A's 9: Cards began the game with strong offense from Chel Koziol who batted and stole home for the first score. Brian Blasner, Brock Gustafson, and Matt Weir who stole home and went on to make 3 more big hits and show his defensive plays as catcher. Collin Blaney fired a ball to center bringing in two more runs with Morgan Johnston and Blasquez for the scores. Ryo Nagai made his debut as pitcher striking out 9 A's players and Mikey Babcock hit a strong ball. Johnston continued his solid game with a line drive and a steal home. 2 RBIs and closed the game on the pitchers mound making the last 2 A's outs, running a man down to end the game for the win.

A's 12, Yankees 8: Cameron Meikle, Jordan Ott, Kyle Peterson, Ryan Ortisi, Zeke Burgermeister and Greg Miller were the offensive stars for the Yankees. Cameron Meikle had a single and two RBI. Jordan Ott had two singles, two runs scored and three stolen bases. Kyle Peterson walked twice, had two stolen bases and scored two runs. Ryan Ortisi, Zeke Burgermeister and Greg Miller each had singles and scored a run. Ryan McDonald, Greg Miller and Tanner Wiese made great defensive plays in the field. The three Yankees pitchers, Zeke Burgermeister, Ryan Ortisi and Jordan Ott, struck out 9 A's batters, while Greg Miller pitched 6 1/3 innings. Cameron Meikle, Jordan Ott and Kyle Peterson earned game balls for their terrific play.

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Giants 10, Yankees 7: Tanner Wiese and Jordan Ott pitched an excellent three innings, striking out 7 Giants batters, while only giving up one hit and two unearned runs. Kyle Peterson led the Yankees batters with a single, a double and a walk, scoring two runs and driving in two. Sam Arnold, Brandon Martinez, Ryan McDonald, Wesley Vander Veer and Greg Miller each scored a run for the Yankees, so it was a complete team effort. Kyle Peterson earned the game ball for his terrific offensive show.

Cubs 3, Giants 10: Tyler Winger was hit by a pitch in the third inning and had to have a pinch runner come in for him. But later he came back into the game and in the top of the fifth inning caught a high pop at second base to make the third out of the inning. Ryan Hobbs went two for two with one walk, one stolen base, and two RBIs. In the top of the six inning Dane Delaney caught a scorching line drive at third and fielded a tricky chopper at third with a backhand stop, making a strong throw to first to get the out.

Cubs 7, Brewers 7: Zachary Stubbs was the starting pitcher, pitching two strong innings. He also had one single, two walks, and five stolen bases. Grayson Meurrens closed out game, pitching the final four innings, striking out nine batters. On offense he had a walk, a sacrifice fly with an RBI, and a stand up double, followed by two stolen bases to score.

Giants: Giants 14, Rockies 12: The Giants were on fire with Sam Wagner leading four majors followed by Richard Vanderbill, Kyle Wiest and Derek Banister each slaming 2 RBI doubles. Exceptional defensive plays by Parker Dalton with his powerful left field throw to Josh Stevens at home for the out and flyball catch by Ben Case at second with the swift turn to Sam Wagner at first for a double play. Hats off to an see- saw Giants team for a spectacular game.

Rangers 10, Mets 12: In a see- saw battle once again the Rangers high powered offense put up 10 runs led by Grant DeFazio's 3 for 3 night at the plate with Alex Hamm, Gabe Gonsalves, and Troy Maxtopoulos each having 2 hits. Amir Patel, Brad Severn and Robbie Wilson also had timely hits in the hard fought battle. Top Offensive Players: Grant DeFazio, Alex Hamm, Gabe Gonsalves, Troy Maxtopoulos; Top Defensive Players: Alex Hamm, Grant DeFazio, Hunter Collinson.

Rangers 9, Giants 4: Robbie Wilson scattered 5 hits over 4 innings to lead the PLL Major Rangers to a 9-4 win over the Giants. Grant DeFazio, Jim Anthon, Eric Goodnow and Troy Maxtopoulos led the Rangers high powered offense with timely hitting. Hunter Collinson made 2 great defensive plays at 3rd base to hold the Giants at bay with DeFazio coming in to close out a bases loaded 5th inning with a 3 pitch strikeout.

Mets 12, Rangers 10: The Mets scored seven runs in the fifth inning to erase an 8-4 deficit and went on to beat the Rangers 12-10 on May 8 to maintain their hold on first place. In the big inning, Grant Soyka led off with a triple, then scored on Max Sanderson's ground out. Joel Jurich followed with an RBI triple, Kevin Vignallon hit a run-scoring single and eventually scored on an error after Chase Miller's bunt single to tie the score at 8-8. Louis Desprez hit an RBI triple, then Clint Mankins capped the inning with a two-run single, making it 11-8. Mankins pitched 4 2/3 innings for the victory.

Rangers 3, Giants 1: Robbie Wilson of the Rangers pitched a strong 6 inning game against the Giants, allowing only 1 hit. Contributing to the win were Hunter Collinson with a single bringing in 2 RBI's, and Alex Hamm with a single bringing in another run. Others with good plate appearances included Grant DeFazio with a double; Trevor Maes and Troy Maxoutopolis each with a single.

Juniors 8B: Cardinals 13, PALL A's 0: Fourteen second game in a row and fifth game this season the Jr. 80's Cardinals explosive offense put the Cardinals, scoring 13 runs on 10 hits to shut out the Pleasanton American's 13-0, extending their record to 10-1 and leading District-57's Junior 80s Division 2. The pitching trio of Jake "Snake" Jefferies, Joe "Junior" Aceret, and Joe "Stretch" Schneider combined for 12 strikeouts and needed only 2 outs to take the game's first no-hitter of the season. Kurt "Buller" Koziol and Hunter "Flipper" Capilla co-lead the Cardinals, each going 3 for 4, scoring twice with 4 stolen bases & 2 RBIs. Jeremy "Guns" Harrop; Hunter "Burglar" Meurrens; Sam "Skates" Aceret; Kevan "Sleepy" Wagner; and Justin "Thrill" Shotwell combined for 7 hits, 10 stolen bases, and 7 runs.

Bowling News

Dennis Rowley bowled his career game during league play at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Rowley, ReMax Realty Cheyenne league, rolled the first eleven strikes before leaving a pair of pins on his final ball for a 298 game and 698 series. Mark McCarty continues his hot pace with a near perfect 299 game to go with 223-207 in the Classic for his 729 and came back in the ReMax Cheyenne league with a pair of 258's with a 227 and 743 series.

Greg Kwasiak added 3 more 700 series this week in the 4 Seasons Heating and Air loop he rolled twenty two out of a possible twenty four strikes with 279 and 278 games for a 736 set; in the Monday Mashers highs of 266-256 and 732 total and finished with a 266 game in the ReMax league and a total of 706. The Monday Prime-time seniors were led by Harry Thompson's 213-214-203 to up his 179 now with a 630 series. The Strikes and Spares had a USBC award winner with Ron Abreu rolling a 183 All Spare Game. Mal Cowen used highs of 259-256 for his 719 set.

In the Modified Guys and Dolls, Steve Choate came in with highs of 266-254 and a 711 series. Eric Christiansen, Monday Mashers. Youth bowlers Alex Stuber, Friday Family Affair, had a 247 game for his 647 series; youth Dynamo Lockridge, 146 average in the Generation Gap posted a 206 game. Chuck Edeal, 158 par in the Sirs and Sirettes, rolled a 207 game and 517 series.

Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League results

U14 - Major Rec: Ken's Painting - Stompers 11, Richert Lumber - Shamrocks 1 Key Players: Ken's Painting: Victoria Bantz, Amanda Wilson, Madeline Bush Richert Lumber: Sarah Machado, Natalie Bell Elora Kelsh Highlights: Ken's Painting: Victoria Bantz and Madeline Bush each hit 2 RBI doubles, Amanda Wilson had a 2 RBI single, Richert Lumber: Catcher Sarah Machado caught a pop-up and made a key tag out at home on a monster throw from Natalie Bell. Elora Kelsh pitched two solid innings for the Shamrocks.

LJK Farms - Razzles 6, DPR Construction - Hurricanes 1 Key Players: LJK Farms: Rachel Demodoy, Jenny Meisenheimer, Katie Girvan DPR Construction: Jordan Watterworth, Laura Kaelin, Jennifer Greenewold Highlights: Jordan Watterworth drove in 7 runs and pitched one scoreless inning. Laura Kaelin pitched two innings with 4 Ks allowing only one run. Casey Curtis and Jenel Finero each scored three times for the DPR Const Hurricanes. Mary Gruen pitched two great innings and Rachel

Demodoy, Jenny Meisenheimer and Katie Girvan were productive at the plate for the LJK Farms Razzles each hitting and scoring a run.

DPR Construction - Hurricanes 6, Sallmann Yang & Alameda - Wild Things 3 Key Players: DPR Construction: Laura Kaelin, Jenel Finero, Kately Cloonan Sallmann Yang & Alameda: Taylor Dragotta, Kayla Taylor, Kyra Esmeyer Highlights: DPR Construction Hurricanes grabbed an early lead in the second inning and with strong offensive and defensive play, held off the persistent Sallmann Yang & Alameda Wild Things for a 6-3 victory.

LJK Farms - Razzles 10, Ken's Painting - Stompers 8 Key Players: LJK Farms: Lucy Clark, Amanda Jordan, Jenny Meisenheimer Ken's Painting: Brienna Brown, Nicole Thompson, Ember Baggio Highlights: The LJK Farms Razzles coupled timely hitting with spectacular defense to beat The Ken's Painting Stompers 10-8 on Saturday. Lucy Clark pitched a scoreless 5th to secure the victory, working out of a bases-loaded no-out jam by catching a line drive and firing to first for a double play. Amanda Jordan made a fine catch in deep center to thwart another rally. Jenny Meisenheimer smashed a two-RBI double and scored 2 runs to lead the Razzles on offense. For the Stompers, Brienna Brown had another solid outing, going four innings from the circle. Ember Baggio and Nicole Thompson each scored 2 runs.

www.pleasantonhomes.com - Purple Pack 9, Sallmann Yang & Alameda - Wild Things 8 Key Players: www.pleasantonhomes.com: Vanessa Medina, Alexandra Dickinson, Lauren Welco Sallmann Yang & Alameda: Carly Boehmer, Presley Strother, Nicole Lingenfelder Highlights: A well-fought game between the Purple Pack and Wild Things, it was filled with exciting moments and great plays. Good pitching by Rachel Clik and a great RBI by Makayia at the end of the game sealed the win for Purple Pack. There was also some great catching by Maddie Quin, consistent batting by Vaish and great defense all around.

U12 - Minor Upper: Cardinal Jewelers - Panthers 4, Alain Pinel/Tim McGraw - Stix 2 Key Players: Cardinal Jewelers: Lizzy Casteneda, Kennedy Poplawski, Sammi Spain, Haley Bradley, Brooke Quisenberry Alain Pinel/Tim McGraw: Julia Petros, Lindsey Kail, Krista Williams, Roni Stone, Corinne Valdez Highlights: Both teams put on an excellent strategic show with key defensive plays in the field and at the plate and smart base running to be able to score against the defense.

Pleasanton Mortgage - Breakers 5, Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGraw - Stix 4 Key Players: Pleasanton Mortgage: Andie Becker, Kendall Moore, Nicole Bardakos, Madison Leffler, Hunter Collinson, Tim McGraw; Krista Williams, Molly Phillips, Lauren Bennett, Kt Bindert Highlights: The Pleasanton Mortgage Breakers came alive with three runs in the top of the fifth to go ahead of Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGraw's Stix 4-3. The Stix tied it in the bottom of the fifth until the Breakers scored the winning run in the top of the seventh. The game was hotly played on a cold night with several put-outs with a triple, then scored on Max Sanderson's ground out. Joel Jurich followed with an RBI triple, Kevin Vignallon hit a run-scoring single and eventually scored on an error after Chase Miller's bunt single to tie the score at 8-8. Louis Desprez hit an RBI triple, then Clint Mankins capped the inning with a two-run single, making it 11-8. Mankins pitched 4 2/3 innings for the victory.

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3PARdata's catcher, Haley Herje, broke her thumb on the last play as Jillian Quinther struck the winning run.

U10 - Mini Upper: Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete - Bobcats 15, Friends of PGSL - Wildcats 7 Key Players: Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete: Brianna McGraw, Ragan Lacy, Jillian Pluschke Friends of PGSL: Madison Duval, Sarah Alameda, Tori Larsen Highlights: The Bobcats ended strong with a game! Oh yeah! Brianna "Dash" McGraw slammed the ball and ended the game with 3 RBIs. "Prez" Ragan Lacy had a great catch in left field while the bases were loaded for the 3rd out, not allowing a score to be made. Ragan also had 2 big hits. Jill Pluschke pitched and struck out 11 batters. Jordan Niemeyer had a great catch in right field with 2 outs and runners in scoring position.

U10 - Mini Rec: ASR The Sunroom Company - Da Bombs vs. E2 Automotive Group - Dynamite Key Players: ASR The Sunroom Company: Ally Amaral, Casey Eddy, Cassie Sherman E2 Automotive Group: Maddy Warren, Mackenzie Fox, Quinn Maxwell Highlights: ASR The Sunroom Company's Casey Eddy pitched a great game and hit a double, a single and collected 2 RBIs. Ally Amaral had 2 hits for RBIs and Cassie Sherman was awesome as catcher. For E2 Automotive Group, Mackenzie Fox had great hitting and played excellently at first. Maddy Warren collected an RBI on a double and Quinn Maxwell played great defense at second.

Gary West Masonry - Purple Dynamite vs. Central Chevrolet - Fireballs Key Players: Gary West Masonry: Kate Miller, Mallory Schaffer, Caitlyn Peal Central Chevrolet: Rena Dragon, Tori Palma, Maddie McGarry Highlights: Mallory Schaffer and Kate Miller led the Gary West Masonry offense with several big hits supporting Caitlyn Peal's dynamite pitching. Central Chevrolet's Rena Dragon had two key hits scoring Tori Palma who was in position with heads-up base running. Maddie McGarry pitched a real fireball of a game.

Precision Auto Body - Mustangs Friends of PGSL - Crushers Key Players: Precision Auto Body: Emma Furr, Hannah Kiehl, Brianna Reynolds Friends of PGSL: Rachel Usen, Emily Santiago, Rachel Miller Highlights: Friends of PGSL Crushers: RBI's Rachel Usen, Emily Santiago, Great fielding by Rachel Miller, Cameron Eshmeier, Emily Roskopf. Precision Auto Body Mustangs: Doubles by Emma Furr, Hannah Kiehl and Brianna Reynolds. Great fielding by Samantha Osterhol, Isabel Skinner.

E2 Automotive - Dynamites Precision Auto Body - Mustangs Key Players: E2 Automotive: Alexa McGee, Izzy Lopez, Shelby Carter Precision Auto Body: Louisa DuBose, Aubrey Krieger, Brianna Sobrero Highlights: Precision Auto Body Mustangs: Excellent pitching by Louisa DuBose. Good hitting: Samantha Osterhol, Aubrey Krieger. Great fielding: Brianna Sobrero, Juliette Chabot. E2 Automotive Dynamites: Excellent pitching: Izzy Lopez. Great fielding:

Alexa McGee, Shelby Carter.

Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction - Red Devils vs. Gary West Masonry - Purple Dynamites Key Players: Hathaway Dinwiddie: Courtney Hemmings, Kayla Moniz, Lauren Mezzetta Gary West Masonry: Kate Miller, Kierren West, Caitlin Peal K.D. & Friends - vs. Tucker Associates Real Estate Services - Mad Dogs Key Players: K.D. & Friends: Emily Toms, Hannah Brown, Madeline Anderson Tucker Associates: Holly Gouveia, Raven Maier Bell, Lauren Schaefer Highlights: Emily Toms contributed two base hits, while Hannah Brown and Madeline Anderson led the defense at shortstop and catcher for K.D. & Friends. Holly Gouveia and Raven Maier Bell pitched great innings with Raven making an excellent catch of a pop up and Lauren Schaefer adding strong hitting for the Tucker Associates team.

Fernando's Mexican Restaurant - Dalamatians vs. Friends of PGSL - Dynamites Key Players: Fernando's Mexican Restaurant: Sami Coufal, Denell Ontiveros, Rebecca Decker Friends of PGSL: Kourtney Gonzaga, Zaluh Tayeb, Jessica Brimhall Highlights: Fernando's Mexican Restaurant's Sami Coufal, Denell Ontiveros and Rebecca Decker each hit two singles. For the Dynamites, Kourtney Gonzaga hit a stand up triple with 3 RBIs. Zaluh Tayeb and Jessica Brimhall had good hitting and fielding.

U8 - Micro Rec: DAW, Inc. - Power Puppies vs. Friends of PGSL - Sharks Key Players: DAW, Inc.: Teresa Kenny, Logan Pierce, Maddie Simmons, Kelly Jefferies Friends of PGSL: Lucia Castaneda, Michelle Wood, Allison Stowell

ACC Environmental Consultants - Little Angels vs. Axial Industries - All Stars Key Players: ACC Environmental Consultants: Tess Cayton, Gracie Gundermann, Shayne Estill Axial Industries: Melissa Lopez, Claire Helmer, Sadie Grozier Highlights: Hitting from Shayne Estill and great hustle from Gracie Gundermann and Tess Cayton led the ACC Environmental team. Melissa Lopez pitched fantastically and Claire Helmer and Sadie Grozier made for an awesome pair.

Construction Testing Service - Cats vs. Friends of PGSL - Sharks Key Players: Construction Testing Service: Paige Rybeck, Keara Greenan, Anjali Kantharuban Friends of PGSL: Bridget O'Sullivan, Lilly Fehrmann, Merv Yan

Millenium Realty - Red Hot Chili Peppers vs. Axial Industries - All Stars Key Players: Millenium Realty: Axial Industries: Claire Helmer, Amanda Rogers, Margaret Cirves.

Complete Business Systems - Ladybugs vs. RE/MAX Accord/John Rocha - Penguins Key Players: Complete Business Systems: Nicole Craven, Lauren Hermes, Melissa Vidas RE/MAX Accord/John Rocha: Caroline Clark, Gene's Fine Foods - Funky Monkeys RE/MAX Accord/John Rocha - Penguins Key Players: Gene's Fine Foods: Elena Angst, Sarah Crawford, Allison Smith RE/MAX Accord/John Rocha: Caroline Clark, Paige Fortunati, Ashley Nielson.

U6 - T-Ball: Richert Lumber - Wild Stallions vs. Pleasanton Glass - Diamonds Key Players: Richert Lumber: Haley Christian, Ellen Ebbers, Regan Mah Pleasanton Glass: Camryn Andrews, Lauren Hottle, Julia Balestrieri. Accurate Impressions - Diamond Dolphins vs. Titan PCBs - Titans Key Players: Accurate Impressions: Mackenzie Riddle, Hailey Hogarty, Kaylee Young Titan PCB: Alyssa Bardokas, Nicole White, Emily Crimi. California Car Sounds - Sparkles vs. Pleasanton Glass - Diamonds Key Players: California Car Sounds: Casey Cavros catcher, Sophie Clinton pitcher, Madison Fingerhut hitting Pleasanton Glass: Lauren Hottle and Jessica Hungerford hitters, Megan Colbacchini pitcher, Richert Lumber - Wild Stallions vs. CMG Mortgage - Bubbles Key Players: Richert Lumber: Jessica Stubbs, Hannah Thoe, Cami Lane CMG Mortgage: Katie Murphy, Victoria Fong, Lacy Becker. Signature Properties - Sugarcreas State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf - Dalmations Key Players: Signature Properties: Adysson Mapes, Katie Gilmore, Audrey Emmett State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf: Savannah Cairns, Hannah Swain, Stephanie Silva.

Pony Baseball

Pony Baseball results:

Livermore Bronco A's 12, Fremont Bronco A's 2: The Livermore Bronco A's continue to hit well. Jack Renteria and John Rainey each had two RBIs and Xavier Sosa hit a double for an RBI. Jeremy Edwards closed the game for the A's with five strikeouts.

Livermore Bronco A's 17, Pleasanton Bronco Phillies 7: The second game of Thursday's double-header featured a hard-hitting A's offense. Jeremy Edwards had a single, a double and four RBIs. Peter Munns had three singles, two RBIs, and displayed some heads up base running in the first to score after starting out with a walk. Xavier Sosa hit a triple and had two RBIs.

The Mustang Phillies continued their streak of making impressive plays in both the field and at the plate, however the Yankees also had their share of outstanding plays to win a closely contested game 12-9. It was a game so well played that in the end, it really didn't matter what the final score was as each player on both teams made something special happen today. It was a win-win game for both squads, and the great sportsmanship displayed by the kids was a testament to the fine health of Pleasanton PONY.

Livermore Indians beat Pleasanton White Sox 20-9: The Livermore Indians put together a powerful offensive to defeat the White Sox 20-9. James Dayton (3B, 1B, 1B), Carsen Paynter (1B, 1B), Alex Cupps (1B, 1B), Ryan Raley (1B, 2B, 1B, 1B), Jacob Dayton (1B, 1B) and Tristan White (1B, 2B) all had hits for the Indians. Cidy Teague (1B), Andy Bravbill (1B, 2B), Zane Pedersen (1B, 3B) and Jax Pedersen (1B) had hits for the White Sox. Indian pitchers included Paynter, James Dayton, Joe Carr, Derek Evans and Alex Cupps.

Pleasanton Mustangs Giants 9 V Pleasanton Mustang Phillies 8: This was a great

showing by both teams as the Giants narrowly squeaked by with a 9-8 victory over the Phillies in the 8th inning. Great offense by Christian Cisneros 3(1B), James Moore 2(1B), Brennon Morris 2(1B), Joey Ferrara 1(2B). Giants defense was strong. Miguel Sadler caught a spectacular pop fly. Christian Cisneros, Joey Ferrara and Justin Friedman kept the Giants defense together.

Livermore Smoke

Livermore Smoke Girls Softball results:

Middle School Black Division playoffs - Consolation bracket final All Star Sports Sneaky Cleats defeated Santa Rita Chevron Black Attack.

In the Championship game AMS.NET, Inc. The Mob defeated All Star Sports Sneaky Cleats.

Middle School Red Division - Consolation bracket quarterfinals: Bill Howard Floors Co. Crossfire 12, Little Rascals Learning Center Demolition 11 (five innings). The Crossfire pulled out a nailbiter, as the game went to a sixth and extra inning they scored six times to break a 6-6 tie, and held on as the Demolition made a spirited comeback. Savannah Winters reached base all three times for the Crossfire, while Deanna Moreno and Lauren Koelsch were among several Crossfire players to reach base twice, and Koelsch made a great catch in right field.

Olson Construction Gold Rush 8, Cindy Greci Vipers 4. For the Gold Rush, Cassidy Van Trease pitched four innings in spite of strep throat, Megan Daniel had a single and a RBI, and catcher Jessica Olson went two for two with another runner thrown out on a steal attempt.

Consolation bracket semifinals: Olson Construction Gold Rush 8, Bill Howard Floor Co. Crossfire 7. The Gold Rush really displayed team effort today, coming into the bottom of the fourth down by two, and rallied to pull in three runs to take the win, most of which took place with two outs. For the Crossfire, it was a fantastic team effort led by Ramsey Schmitt who played a great all-around game, including turning a line drive to the mound into a double play with a throw to first base. Jessica Choi did great in helping Schmitt pitch the entire game and also reached base two times on walks, and Brooke Lari had both hits in two at-bats.

Consolation bracket final Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 9, Olson Construction Gold Rush 8.

Championship game: Maryalice Faltings Sneaky Cleats 12, Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 11 (10 innings). The Sneaky Cleats finished the entire season undefeated, but faced possibly their stiffest challenge from the Blue Ice in a back-and-forth championship game. The Sneaky Cleats were led by Jackie Faltings' great pitching. Ciera Taylor played an exciting game stealing home twice, Katelynn Erickson played good defense at catcher, Bianca Claudio hit a triple, and Carrin Whitehurst hit a double. The championship game for the Middle School Red Division was a hard fought, intense game with many key plays. Some of the standouts in the game for the Blue Ice were Carin Novell had several big hits, Nicole MacDougall pitched 10 hard innings, while Zoe Klingmann handled all of the catching duties, and Katie DePruneda and Jennifer Lackey had several hits.

10-Under Black Division playoffs - Consolation bracket final Earth Safety Dynamics Black Smoke 11, Hired Guns Fastpitch Academy Hired Guns 6.

Championship game: Groth Brothers Chevrolet Bad News Babes 15, Earth safety dynamics Black Smoke 3. The Bad News Babes closed out a very successful season with six straight wins. In a complete team effort which saw every Babes player score a run. Offensive standouts were Tiffanie Munoz who scored three times, Tiffany Rascon and Robyn Dobson who each had three RBIs. A great defensive catch was turned in by Molly Farro in center field on a deep fly ball. Pitcher Madalyn Geyer gave up three runs in the first before shutting out the Black Smoke with four straight shutout innings, no hits and nine strikeouts en route to the title.

10-Under Red Division playoffs - Consolation bracket quarterfinals Hertz Rental Equipment Lighting 11, Faltings Racing Team Jumpstart 3.

Groth Brothers Chevrolet Hurricanes 14, Abramson & Thaeate MVPs 13 (eight innings). This was the most exciting game of the season for the MVPs, as this grueling battle began Monday until the game was called with 11-11 score in the bottom of the seventh due to darkness, and resumed Tuesday. Shelby Stunkel pitched an outstanding game, going 7 1/2 innings, getting 15 strike outs. Maureen Thaeate provided excellent catching and had two solid hits and two runs, and Corrine Heinstein had two RBIs and two runs.

Consolation bracket semifinals Groth Brothers Chevrolet Hurricanes 6, Hertz Equipment Rental Lighting.

Consolation bracket final Groth Brothers Chevrolet Hurricanes 10, The Oaks Group.

Smith Barney Royal Dames 9.

Learn Roller Hockey

Valley Roller Hockey is celebrating a 10 year anniversary by giving free roller hockey clinics this summer starting Friday, June 23rd. Clinics will be available for any beginner. Six weeks of classes will teach players proper skating, passing, and shooting techniques in a low key environment with fun drills in a non-competitive atmosphere. Limited amount of equipment available to borrow. Skates must have own skates, mouthpiece, and cup (for boys). Instruction in age groups: 7pm-7:45 ages 7-10 and ages 11 and up 7:45-8:30. Players ages 6 and under can join the Mites league which is always free on Tuesday nights.

There will be limited space available, so please register early at the rink on Sat., May 19th 10am-2pm or Sat. June 2nd from 10am-2pm. The rink is located behind Junction Ave. Middle School in Livermore. Call 925-443-1500 with any questions or email Beau Grant at beausrink@hotmail.com.

California Gymnastics Academy

California Gymnastics Academy sent Brandon Jessup to the Men's Junior Olympic National Championships held in Oklahoma City, OK May 10-13. He competed at level 9. He qualified for the Event Semi-Finals on Floor Exercise and placed 9th in the nation on Level 9 Floor Exercise.

Scores: FLOOR - Brandon Jessup - 4th place (9.625); POMMEL (7.1); RINGS (8.15); VAULT (8.075); PARALLEL BARS - (7.5); HIGH BAR (7.8); ALL AROUND (48.25).

Youth Lacrosse

Livermore Boy's J.V. Lacrosse team doubled the number of wins this year to 2 after defeating the Granada Matadors 7-1 this past week. Livermore played hard in a 10-5 loss to Foothill before having its best game to end the season on an up beat swing. Livermore's outstanding defense was led by Chris Hill, Joe Stone, Travis Cynomak, Rusty Schmidt and Ethan Pyle in helping Gavin Herr in goal to a hard earned Victory. Livermore scored 2 goal in the first period by Cory Boulware and Eric Syth. Jerrod Martinez scored a goal in the second to have Livermore up at half time 3-0. Granada scored a goal to open up the 3rd quarter but Boulware and Syth each chipped in during their second goals each to put Livermore up 5-1. In the fourth quarter goals by Thomas Parker and Vincent VanBinsbergen scoop goal made the final score 7-1. Livermore won 2 games to 1 this season over Granada. Fine Middle play by Thomas Parker, Nick Stolz, Paul Warnke, Kyle Kline, Cody Sawyer, Cody Shubin, Adam Weinstein, Michael McClurg, Matt Holzschuh, Mario Ferrer and Brandon Lazar. The Offense was led by Jerrod Martinez, Cory Boulware, Vincent Van Binsbergen, Eric Syth, Scott Trummer and Jake Heston.

Foothill Freshmen

Foothill High School freshmen Falcons dropped 2nd game of series to Livermore. The game started again with promise, a lead-off single by Reece Yamada accounting for the first run of the game, but that would be all the scoring for the freshman squad as the Cowboys routed Foothill 11-1. Livermore put the game away early with a 6 run third inning that featured a two run shot over the left field fence. Foothill batters put 5 hits on the board for the day. In addition to Yamada, also connecting for singles were Michael Hisaka, Austin Mann and Elias Khoury with Sean Mannam getting the only extra base hit with a double in the 5th inning.

Skyhawks Programs

Pleasanton Parks and Community Services will offer Skyhawks sports programs. The programs are available for ages 4 to 14. Offered from June 18 to August 20 will be soccer, baseball, basketball, flag football, lacrosse, golf, and mini-hawk multi-sport. Each participant receives a t-shirt, as well as a sport specific ball.

Skyhawks is a nationwide organization whose goal is to teach children and young adults life skills through athletics. Programs are focused on developing and building the skills and confidence of young athletes in a fun and safe environment.

For information about the programs or to register, go to www.skyhawks.com. For more information, call Pleasanton Parks and Community Services at 931-3446.

Dash for Cash Criterion

The 16th annual Dash for Cash Criterion will be held Sat., June 2 in Pleasanton. The event is hosted by the International Christian Cycling Club.

Racers must have racing licenses. They

SHORT NOTES

Storytelling at Library

On Friday, May 18 at 3:30 p.m. the Parent's Choice Award-winning Japanese storyteller Motoko will present "Sumo Mice & Power Rice: Tales and Games from Japan" at the Pleasanton Public Library. This free program of stories, music and humor will last about 45 minutes and is intended for the entire family.

Motoko, who lives in Massachusetts, is a nationally-renowned storyteller and one of the featured tellers at this year's Bay Area Storytelling Festival. Pleasanton will be her exclusive Bay Area appearance outside of the Festival. For more information about her, please visit her website at www.motoko.folktales.net or <http://www.motoko.folktales.net>.

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

Garden Grant for Croce

Croce Elementary School in Livermore has been selected as one of the 86 schools statewide to participate in the Orchard Supply Hardware School Gardens Program. This initiative, introduced last year, supports California schools by creating hands-on learning experiences.

Each OSH store will partner with a selected local school and donate up to \$1000 in supplies, plants, tools, and other materials, as well as gardening expertise, to help create and maintain the gardens. Schools will also receive curriculum packets prepared by the California Department of Education.

OSH selected Croce based on the strength of its school garden curriculum, its schoolwide commitment to develop and use the garden, its plan to sustain the garden as a valuable educational tool and the broad involvement of students and staff in the program.

School gardens can be used to teach children lessons in life sciences, reading, history, math and spatial skills. They can also help foster good health as children learn the links between plants, gardening, food and health.

Fitness Together

A new personal training business will open in Livermore on Sunday, June 3.

"Fitness Together" will be located near Campo di Bocce at 101 East Vineyard Ave., #111. The grand opening will feature gourmet healthy food, wine and champagne, friendly conversation and water, too. Festivities will take place between noon and 4 p.m.

For information, call 461-6379 or go to www.ftrubhill.com.

Author Events

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

Thursday, May 24: 7 p.m. Rick Deutsch will discuss his book, *One Best Hike: Yosemite's Half-Dome* at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. This program is free. It is open to the public. Books will be sold by Towne Center Books. 925-846-8826.

Mariachi at Library

Mariachi Colima de Javier Magallon, a mariachi band, will perform at the Livermore Library on Sun., May 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.

The performance is one of many to mark the citywide celebration in May of reading, "Zorro" by Isabel Allende. The nine member traveling ensemble comprises professional musicians with over a decade of experience in the music industry.

This free event will be in the storytime/craft room at the library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this performance as part of the Livermore Reads Together program. For additional vents, check the library website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us.

For more information, contact Julie Casamajor at 373-5500 ext. 5512.

The Sports Experience

Coach and author Tom Morin will speak at the Pleasanton Public Library at 2 p.m. on Sun., May 20.

"No More Broken Eggs" aims to help clinicians, parents, coaches, and young athletes themselves optimize the sports experience. Drawing on his years of experience as a coach (he was Matt Biondi's personal coach at the 1992 Olympics) and in sport psychology, Tom Morin focuses on what we need to do to nurture young athletes, not burn them out. Students of sport psychology will find especially useful the nine case study chapters devoted to athletes in a wide variety of sports, and should also appreciate the specific chapters filled with tips and guidelines directed at athletes, parents, coaches, and clinicians.

Tom Morin, MFT (Marriage Family Therapist), is a psychotherapist in private practice in Oakland and Marin County.

Towne Center Books will sell "No More Broken Eggs" at the event. For pre-sale call 846-8826.

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

Yosemite's Half Dome

Author Rick Deutsch will speak at the Pleasanton Public Library on Thurs., May 24 at 7 p.m.

Of all the hiking adventures in Yosemite National Park, probably the most compelling is the hike to the summit of Half Dome, the 8842-foot granite rock that stands as the Park's signature landmark.

The most popular route to Half Dome's summit is a grueling 16-mile round trip trek with almost a mile elevation. How fit should you be? What preparations do you need to make? What should you bring? Get the answers from Rick Deutsch, seasoned Half Dome hiker (19 times), who will show a slideshow of the climb at the Pleasanton Public Library Meeting room on May 24, at 7pm.

Towne Center Books will sell Yosemite's Half Dome at the event. For pre-sale call 846-8826.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more

information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Wente Events

The 13th Annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction Experience will be held at Wente Vineyards on May 19. Proceeds benefit the ValleyCare Foundation, the Oakland East Bay Symphony, The Taylor Family Foundation, and the Kaleidoscope After School Program - Easter Seals Bay Area.

Nearly 40 local wineries will share tastes of their latest vintages while you stroll and sample fine food, and at the end of the day...all of the proceeds benefit the children of our growing community. In the Silent Auction, 4 to 7 p.m., \$50 per person, bid on 100 wine and wine-country lots from across California and get a sneak peek at a few of the prize lots being offered later at the evening event-enjoy outbidding your compatriots in lively Silent Auction fun!

Live auction is from 7 p.m. to midnight, \$250 per person. Gourmet dinner, dancing, and edge-of-your-seat bidding led by auctioneer Dave Reynolds! Bid on rare wine collections, one-of-a-kind wine adventures, international and domestic travel vacations and sport packages. Livermore Valley wineries offer their signature Lifestyle Lots-dramatically designed 12L bottles filled with award-winning wines combined with unique dinners, parties and experiences.

For tickets call 925-447-WINE

FRESH TRACKS

Fresh Tracks, A hiking & luncheon series in partnership with the East Bay Regional Parks District offers a way to stay fit with a monthly series of healthy hikes held in area regional parks, followed by lunches provided by Wente Vineyards and soothing live music, courtesy of Smooth Jazz KKSJ-FM. Every third Saturday from April through September, there will be a 1 and a half hour naturalist-led hike at select regional parks. Learn about the flora, fauna and wildlife of each park in addition to its local culture history. Each month you have a choice of a morning or afternoon hike. The morning hike will end with lunch and live music, while the afternoon hike will begin with lunch and music. Both will feature Regional Parks naturalists leading these energetic walks. Preregistration required.

Saturday, May 19, 10 am to 1:00 pm or 11:30 am to 2:30 pm will feature Black Diamond Mines, Antioch. For information visit ebparks.org. Fee \$40 age 12 and up, \$38 age 62 and older for Alameda and Contra Costa County residents; nonresidents fees are \$44/\$42.

Platinum Plate Award

The Best Independent Restaurants Association presented the Pleasanton Hotel with its Platinum Plate Award for Fine Dining.

After a mystery shop with national guidelines and standards, BIRA judged the Pleasanton Hotel to meet its rigorous standards for its Platinum Plate Award for 2007. "The Pleasanton Hotel has distinguished itself as one of the outstanding restaurants in Pleasanton" says Robert Skrob, Executive Director of the Best Independent Restaurants Association. "Our mystery shoppers gave them a terrific report and we are proud to include it in our exclusive nationwide directory."

This is the 2nd year the Pleasanton Hotel has earned a BIRA award, earning their Gold Plate award in 2006. The Best Independent Restaurants Association is a national trade association encouraging consumers everywhere to dine at our nation's best independent restaurants.

Bill Laube said, "I am proud that the Best Independent Restaurant Association has awarded us its Platinum Plate Award."

The Pleasanton Hotel, under the ownership of Bill and Vernie Laube, has served Pleasanton residents for over 24 years. It is located at 855 Main Street. More information about the Pleasanton Hotel is available online at www.pleasantonhotel.com or call 925.846.8106.

Summer Camp

Carden West School is now enrolling students for Summer Camp 2007, from June 11-August 17. The camp will be held at the school campus, 4576 Willow Road in Hacienda Park in Pleasanton, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., weekdays, and is open to all children, 18 months through fifth grade.

The camp will combine academics, instructional programs, recreational activities and special events. The toddler program features a 1 to 4 teacher-student ratio. Preschoolers learn to develop socially and emotionally while improving beginning academic skills. The toddler and preschool programs are in session one week longer than the K-5 camp, from June 11 through August 24.

The Kindergarten summer program will focus on preparation for first grade. Weekly activities will be based on various themes, including All About Me!, Ocean Week and Our Community. On Fridays, kindergartners will join the older campers for field trips and on-campus presentations.

Students in grades one through

five will be grouped by age and special interests. Parents will be given the opportunity to choose activities that interest their children, including music instruction, dance, Mandarin language, soccer, art, tutoring and computers. Scheduled field trips and on-campus special events include a trip to the Exploratorium, hiking with a naturalist at the Del Valle Regional Park, a behind-the-scenes tour of AT&T Park and a Stomp the Music show.

Weekly rates are available and parents may register their children for as many weeks as they wish. The weekly fee is \$300 for students entering kindergarten through fifth grade. Toddler and preschool through fifth grade attend the school for schedule and tuition options. Extended care before and after camp is available at an additional charge from 7:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Summer camp registration is available in person at the school or by calling (925) 463-6060 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., weekdays. Registration forms are available online at www.cardenwest.org. Parents of prospective campers may tour the school any Tuesday or Saturday morning from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Advance notice is requested.

Carden West is a private nonprofit, nonsectarian school that offers toddler-5th grade education as well as extended care and summer camps for all age groups.

Antiques Appraisal Event

The 4th Annual Antiques "Road Show" style fund-raiser, sponsored by the Blackhawk Museum Guild, will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Sun., May 20 at the museum.

Bay Area appraisers are donating their expertise and will be available to provide verbal valuations on such objects as furniture, art, rare and collectible coins, historical Americana, American Indian baskets and artifacts, vintage and Victorian jewelry, porcelain, silver, and art glass and pottery.

At previous events there have been many surprises such as the table lamp that turned out to be a Tiffany masterpiece valued at six-plus figures, a \$17 flea market purchase was a \$3000 work of art, and a piece of jewelry that had languished in the bottom of a drawer was a 19th Century Russian Carl Faberge \$8000 treasure.

The verbal appraisals are a \$15 donation per item, with all funds going to the Museum's children's education and transportation funds.

The museum is located at 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville.

Amador DECA

Amador Valley High School DECA attended the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida April 27-May 2, 2007. Over 14,000 students competed in 30 areas of competitions including role plays, written projects and leadership development.

Amador students Justin Odisho and Aron Schindler competed in the area of E-Commerce Team Decision Making, they won top honors, placing in the top 8. Trevor Landas, Caroline Hsia and Mike Chen competed in the area of Entrepreneurial Written. They developed a brilliant business plan for opening a race track in the Pleasanton area, and they also placed in the final round with the top 16 competitors.

Amador DECA has completed our strongest competitive season this year, with over 150 members, 51 students attended STATE Competition and 30 students qualified for the International Competition. Amador had 22 students attend and compete in Orlando.

Competitors: E-Commerce: Justin Odisho & Aron Schindler 4th place; Entrepreneur Project: Trevor Landas, Caroline Hsia, Mike Chen Top 16; Business Services: Meg Haupt, Top 10 Role Play #1; Sports & Entertainment Team: Tyler Shotwell & Kevin Conway-Kerrigan; Travel & Tourism Team: Chase Partridge & Chelsea Smith; Hospitality Team: Megan Weir & Marissa Klef; Joey Bruno & Matt Carlucci; Retail Market Research: Jordan Houston, Colleen Norlander, Lindsey Bly; Community Service Project: Jessica Merlin; Marketing Management: Michelle Schwem; Restaurant Full Service: Ari Kermani; Sports Marketing: Melissa Sheehan; Senior Leadership Development: Josh Pann.

Diamond DECA

This year, Livermore High School's DECA Chapter sent a record-breaking 12 people to the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. It has indeed broken many records in terms of Livermore's DECA Chapter.

Livermore DECA was honored with the Diamond Level in the Chapter Awards Project Event. In addition, Livermore was one of three chapters in all of California to be honored in a ceremony in front of 14,000 DECA members with the highest level of membership that can be attained, the "C.E.O. Level." Brittany Shiraki, Shelby Schock and Matt Morris accepted the award on behalf of Livermore High School DECA. The Livermore advisor, Denise Merlin was awarded a Safeway Scholarship for

\$1500.

Other students from Livermore High School who participated in this event included Gillian Floren, Amanda Boulton, Katey Nelson, Chelsea Smith, Justin Seymour, Scott Balfour, Lacey Dent, Aaron Brynildson, and Blake Balfour.

This event was held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando.

Hand Seminar

Attend a free educational seminar "The Care and Treatment of Your Hands-A Seminar on Arthritis and Carpal Tunnel Syndrome," from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22.

The seminar will be held at San Ramon Regional Medical Center in the South Conference Room in the South Building, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Drive, San Ramon. Hand Surgeons, Alexandra Burgar, M.D., and Gregory Horner, M.D., will discuss advanced treatments for arthritis in the hands and Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. They will talk about the causes of these conditions, when you should see a surgeon, and what you can do to reduce the risk of hand injuries. They will describe minimally invasive techniques and finger joint replacement surgery.

A hospital hand therapist will demonstrate some exercises you can do at your desk and techniques to protect your joints. Space is limited. Reservations are required. For reservations, call 800.284.2878 or on-line at www.sanramonmedctr.com.

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Hike and Hunt

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will offer two programs this weekend.

Hike the hills on Sat., May 19. Meet Ranger Amy Woltzter at 9 a.m. at the Wetmore Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. On this hike, visitors will choose one of the highest hills in the park and make it a goal to climb. Along the way, there will be a discussion about the flora and fauna. Children and adults who come on this program should be prepared to hike about 6 miles. Ages 10 and up please. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and snacks to keep you going.

On Sun., May 20 there will be a nature scavenger hunt. Meet 10 a.m. at Veterans Park. Solve the clues, find the items, and win a prize. Bags will be provided.

There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs.

Knit This, Purl That

Knit This, Purl That, which bills itself as "not your grandma's knit shop," opened in April at 205A Main Street in Pleasanton as a destination for knitters and would-be knitters from all over the East Bay. The store, the only one of its kind between Walnut Creek and San Jose, offers not only a wide selection of yarn and accessories but classes, special events, and a relaxing environment where customers can work on projects and get advice from other knitters.

Owner Beth Spisak, a 16-year Pleas-

anton resident, only started knitting four years ago but loved the hobby from the beginning. She plans special events each month including several coming up soon, pointing out that "summer is a great time to learn a new hobby and to experiment with knitting with cotton to make fun items like shells and purses." To kick off the summer, the store is hosting two events coming up in May. On May 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. each attendee at a Yam Tasting, will receive a selection of yarn in one line (this month, Louisa Harding), and the group will make a small bag with the yarn while enjoying champagne and chocolate. The cost is \$20. Reservations are required.

Knit This, Purl That, at 205A Main Street (in the shopping center behind Vic's Restaurant), is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 to 6, Thursdays from 10 to 7, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 to 5, and Sundays from 11 to 3. For more information, call 925-249-9276.

The War at Home

The public is invited by the Tri Valley Democratic Club to its Mon.,

May 21 meeting to hear Jack Rasmus discuss his book "The War At Home: The Corporate Offensive From Ronald Reagan to George W. Bush."

The book describes corporate restructuring and policies from 1980 to 2005 and their impact on middle and working class American jobs, incomes, taxes, healthcare, pensions and social security.

Jack is a book author, freelance journalist and playwright. He is currently San Francisco Bay Area Chair of the National Writers Union, UAW 981, AFL-CIO, and member of its National Executive Board. He was an organizer, business representative, and local union President with the United Steelworkers, the Service Employees International Union, the Hotel & Restaurant Workers Union, and the Communications Workers of America.

The meeting is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the IBEW Hall 6250 Village Pkwy. in Dublin.

Father's Day BBQ

Garré Winery will host Father's Day Rockin' in the Vines BBQ with live blues by The Blue Truth on Father's Day, June 17.

There will be all you can eat BBQ buffet including T-Bones, spareribs, BBQ chicken, mesquite grilled tri tip, fire grilled corn on the cob and other BBQ favorites.

Garré's wine tasting room will be open for tasting when guests can try Garré's newest release, Pinot Grigio, and other wines. The outdoor bocce courts will be open for guests to play free of charge.

The event is from 12-3pm. Cost is \$39.99 adults, \$18.50 children 3-12, under 3 free. Reservations required. For information or to make reservations call Garre Winery, 925-371-8200, or check their website at www.garrewinery.com.

SPORTS NOTES

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can be purchased at the race.

Riders are on a close .9 mile loop in the Hacienda Business Park. The rides are between 35 and 70 miles in length.

To register go to sportsbaseonline.com.

Spirit Run

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Baseball Camp

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

PGSL Board of Directors

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

Coaches Sought

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

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58th Annual Olympian Banquet, hosted by the Livermore-Granada Boosters on Mon., May 21 at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., starting at 6:30 p.m. Highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the outstanding male and female student-athlete at both Granada and Livermore high schools. Each of the four winners will be awarded a \$2000 scholarship; each finalist a \$500 scholarship. Tickets can be purchased at either of the high schools or at the door. Cost is \$20 adult, and \$10 student.

Pleasanton VIP Club annual barbecue, 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 \$6 at the VIP Travel Desk at the Senior Center.

Interested in teaching, sharing a special 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,

and Dance. Any other course ideas are appreciated. Phone (925)606-4722 or stop by 1401 Almond Ave. Livermore.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., May 19, 50 miles Dublin to Orinda loop, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center, Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Sun., May 20, 40 miles Jen's birthday ride start at Independence Park in Livermore at 9 a.m., Jen Burton, 455-8228. Wed., May 23, 47 miles Dublin grade over Redwood/Pinehurst Roads into Moraga, meet 10 a.m. at Shannon Center, Barb Hailey, 820-8006. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

British Women come for a "cuppa" and a chat with sister Brits in the local chapter of the Daughters of the British Empire. Meetings are 3rd Tues. of month in Pleasanton. Phone 875-0828 or 484-1273 for information. www.dbesociety.org or www.dbemca.org

Livermore Library Board, meeting 7 p.m. Thurs., May 24 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Reading Volunteers Needed, new group organizing to become a Barton Reading Tutor. No experience is necessary. Training is free of charge. Volunteers will be matched to students who need help. All the materials

and training required to bring a student's reading and spelling up to grade level or above will be provided. There are currently over 80 volunteer tutors making a difference for over 135 Pleasanton students. An optional information meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, from 7-8 pm, at Valley View School. For more information about the Barton Reading Program, please call Christina Clark at Valley View (925)426-4231, ext. 2638 or e-mail: cclark@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

World School of Massage and Holistic Healing Arts, in downtown Pleasanton at 699 Peters Avenue, specializes in holistic health. Free seminars for the general public on May 23 and June 20 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The school presents "Lymph Loving: Clothes-On Self-Massage Techniques for Men and Women." Both seminars will be held at World School at 699 Peters Avenue, Suite A, in Pleasanton. Because space is limited, reservations for either seminar are recommended. To make a reservation or for more information on the seminars or other programs, call 925-461-2533.

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

The Revolution Will Not Be Televised, a documentary of Hugo Chavez, with

live, inside the palace footage of the coup d'etat, will be shown at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin at 7 p.m. on Sat., May 19. This event is open to the public, wheelchair accessible, and refreshments provided. Free or \$2.00 donation. Meet & greet starts at 6:30 PM, a short discussion follows the film. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

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

Operations start-up, monitoring, and human resources, Attend TVC's Center for Commercialization & Entrepreneurial Training on Wednesday, May 23 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (registration/continental breakfast at 8 am). This session describes the business organization development process and the essential legal, accounting, taxation, and record keeping processes. We also discuss the critical areas of staffing, recruiting, and educating and training personnel. TVC's training sessions are free to attendees and will be held at the Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. Please register online at: <http://www.123signup.com/calendar?org=techventures>. For more information, contact TVC at 925.960.1600 or tvc.ca@techventures.org.

Singles Mixer, Single adults of all ages are invited to meet new friends, Thursday, June 7, 2007, 7-9pm, at Mudd's Restaurant, 10 Boardwalk, San Ramon. \$10 at the door includes a Mixer Game, a fun way to meet new friends, plus appetizers first hour. The party is sponsored by Society of Single Professionals, a division of American Singles Education, Inc., world's largest non-profit singles organization. Anyone wishing more information may visit www.ThePartyHotline.com or call 415/507-9962.

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

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

Student news: The following local Azusa Pacific University students made the academic Deans' List at APU: Jessica L. Bandelow of Livermore, a graduate of Granada High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Bandelow. She is a Journalism major. Sara H. Adelman of Livermore, is a graduate of Livermore High School, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adelman and an Athletic Training major. Nicole L. Medina of Tracy, is a graduate of Livermore High School, the daughter of Mrs. April M. Medina and is a Psychology major. Theresa E Johnson of Livermore, (94551) was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management/ Applied Management from Kaplan University during a commencement ceremony for online students at Coral Springs Center for the Arts in Coral Springs, FL. Livermore, resident Brittany Rowland, a Northeastern University student majoring in Chemistry, was recently named to the University's dean's list for the fall semester, which ended in December 2006. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Brittany Rowland is an honors student, part of a burgeoning program at Northeastern, which offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest on-campus housing, and participate in one or two honors courses each term. Currently, Rowland is among some 1,700 students involved in Northeastern's honors program. Valparaiso University student Jordan Even of Livermore was one of several students who performed piano works by composer Franz Liszt during a recent recital. Even is a sophomore piano performance and history major. He is the son of William and Christa Even. Two Occidental College seniors have been offered Coro Fellowships to spend nine months shadow-

ing elected officials, department heads and chief executive officers to learn how business gets done in the social, political and economic fabric of an American city. Diplomacy and world affairs major Tuan Ngo of Santa Ana and politics major Kevin Adler of Livermore were both selected to take part in the Fellows Program in Public Affairs. Adler will bypass the fellows program to pursue a master's degree in philosophy at Cambridge University. He plans to re-apply for the Coro program next year. Ten University of Idaho students have been extended an invitation of membership to the Phi Sigma Society. Among them is Zach Greenwade of Livermore. Members must demonstrate interest in research; have good moral and ethical character; have minimum of junior standing; have resided at the university for at least one semester prior to election and enrolled in the university at the time of election; have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (3.5 for graduate students) or higher; completed at least 12 credits in animal science, bacteriology, biology, botany, entomology, food science, forestry, or zoology.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Topic for May 20: "Once Upon a Time in the West: a Tale of Courage and Trust;" Rev. Eric Meter speaking, 447-8747.

Catholic Community of Pleasanton, bereavement support ministry meetings meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome. Questions? Please call Kim at 735-3741. Group open to all regardless of religious affiliation.

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

Christian 12-Step Meeting for Women, every Saturday 10:30-11:45 a.m. "The 12-Steps through Psalm 23: is a free drop-in group that can help with co-dependency, addiction and other self-destructive behaviors. R-Quest, 40 California Ave., Suite B, Pleasanton. 426-0501 ext. 21 or www.rquest.org.

Aglow Tri-Valley Fellowship, join the Livermore/Pleasanton Lighthouse. Kathleen Bireley will be speaking on the uniqueness of women; intersecting song in her message. Christian World Church at 3820 East Ave., Livermore, CA 94550 Date: Sat. May 19th Time: 9:30AM - 12:00PM For more information call Shannon Granada (925)980-0431, Sandra Diaz (408) 829-5300, Suzanna Martinez (925)719-7550.

Tri-Valley Unity Church welcomes inspirational singer/songwriter Dinah Chapman to their Sunday, May 20th service at 10 am at the Radisson Hotel, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com.

OBITUARIES

Harry Engstrom

Harry Engstrom died April 29, 2007. He was born June 12, 1946.

Harry was the loving and devoted husband of Linda Engstrom for 40 years. His greatest pride was being "Dad" to his three boys, James, Matt and Danny. He was deeply loved and will be missed by: grandchildren, James and Courtney, daughters-in-law Cynthia and Christi, father, James, sister, Lenna, Uncle, Ray, and numerous other family members.

He is best known for his unwavering dedication as a father, husband and "coach" to countless youths. Harry's favorite place was Bass Lake where he spent his time teaching his sons to fish and camp. He had numerous hobbies from motorcycling in his youth to flying model airplanes in retirement. He expressed himself with his hands, if it could be built, he could make it.

A celebration of his life was held May 5, 2007. At that time, the family requested that, in lieu of flowers, please give your time, as he did, to those you love.

Robert Gill

Robert Gill died May 7, 2007. He was 80.

He was born May 31, 1926 in Kingston, NY. He had lived in Pleasanton for the past 36 years. He served in the U.S. Navy. Robert earned his bachelor's degree in business from Rider College in New Jersey, then went on to pursue a career as a labor relations manager. He enjoyed working in his garden, maintaining its beauty and fragrance.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 52 years, Eugenie Gill of Pleasanton, daughter Maryann Martinez of Livermore, sons Mike of Salida, Jim and Tom, both of Pleasanton, and Richard of Camarillo; sisters Ellanor of Kingston, NY and Lillian of Wallkill, NY, and brothers Edge of Louisville, CO and Dan of Oxford, CT. He also leaves behind grandchildren Morgyne of Livermore, Alexa of Pleasanton, Adam of Livermore, Vanessa of Camarillo, Troy of Livermore, Jessica of Camarillo and Nolan of Pleasanton, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Frances Gill.

A memorial mass was celebrated May 11 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, ATTN: Director of Planned Giving, 3300 East Sunset Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Mary Frances Davis

Mary Frances Elizabeth Davis died May 8, 2007 in Pleasanton. She was 92.

Mary was born in Brooklyn,

New York on Nov. 21, 1916. She worked as a secretary for the electrical company, Thompson & Bonney, for 20 years. She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Livermore, Valley Memorial Thrift Shop for 18 years, served as president of Catholic War Veterans, and was a Girl Scout leader. Her hobbies included knitting, walking and sewing.

She is survived by her partner, Frank T. Ramos; children, Maryann Lindgren of Westport, CT, James Ramos of Copiaque, Long Island, NY, and Thomas Ramos of Livermore; grandchildren Diane, Ann Marie, Eileen, Kristen, Donna Marie, James Jr., Sean, Brian, Loretta, Mark and Ariana, and twelve great grandchildren.

Services were held May 12 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic in Livermore. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Livermore. A memorial mass was celebrated on May 13 at the VA Medical Center in Livermore.

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Richard L. Ballard

Richard L. Ballard, a 49 year resident of Livermore, died Friday, May 11, 2007. He was 81 years old.

Born in Selma, Alabama, Dick graduated from Auburn University in 1949. He served in the Navy in the Pacific during WWII. He worked for Sandia National Laboratories for 37 years and retired in 1988. Dick was a member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church since moving to Livermore in 1958 with his family. He enjoyed playing card games and traveling. Dick was a member of SIRS 101.

Catherin, his loving wife, preceded him in death in 1994. Dick is survived by two sons, Kelly White of Salem, OR, and Kevin White of Scottsdale, AZ, two daughters-in-law, and six grandchildren. In 1997 Dick joined Widowed Men and Women of Northern California. Upon joining he met Rose Ayraud, and since then they have been inseparable friends and companions, sharing their lives for the last 10 1/2 years. When Dick was faced with his own mortality he said to his sons "I have had 82 wonderful years thanks to my family & friends.

Funeral services were held

May 16 in Livermore. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery, Albuquerque, New Mexico with his wife Catherin.

Contributions in Dick's memory can be made to a favorite charity.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Joseph Richard Di Bari

Joseph Richard Di Bari died May 7, 2007 in Pleasanton. He was 64.

The native of Oakland, CA had lived in Pleasanton 10 years and Livermore for 30 years. He served in the Navy as a sonar technician on the submarine USS Razorback. Following the service he worked in the food service industry for over thirty years in sales and merchandising. His hobbies included movies, music, and computers. He was a member of the Navy Veterans Association.

He is survived by his wife Veronica Di Bari, his mother Dalia Di Bari, daughters Juliet, Fitch of Oakley and Lisa Ehler of Las Vegas, sons Douglas Di Bari of Livermore and Richard Di Bari of Oakland, a sister, Geri Wuelfing of Pioneer, brothers Chuck Di Bari of Fremont and Robert Di Bari of Twaine Hart and six grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Di Bari.

A memorial service was held May 15 in Pleasanton.

Donations are suggested to a favorite charity.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Curtis Lee Graham

Curtis Lee Graham of Livermore died unexpectedly at age 58 on May 10, 2007.

He was a loving husband to Marilyn and father to son Gerrin, daughter Hilary, and daughter-in-law Kristen. Curtis was born in Chicago, raised in Michigan, and spent the last thirty-three years in Livermore where he worked as a health physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

He is also survived by his father Arnold and his brothers and sisters-in-law Keith and Donna, Gregory and Janet, and Chris and Robbie. He loved physics and humor and cared deeply for his family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

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The Ira Stein Trio performs Sat., May 19 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 No. Vasco Road starting at 7:30 p.m. Featured will be Ira Stein on piano, Joseph Hebert on cello, and Dann Zinn on soprano saxophone. In their concerts, the trio performs arrangements of popular pieces such as the Brandenburg Concerto #2 in F major, the Ave Maria version of Prelude #1 in C major, and Sheep May Safely Graze. Along with the Bach Improvisations, the trio will also be performing some of their original chamber music which they call "Chamber Jazz." Tickets are \$12 adults, children 12 and under admitted free. For tickets, or additional information, call 447-8747. The performance is suitable for all ages.

Niles Hosting Wildflower, Art and Garden Show

The Niles Main Street Association will host the 14th Annual Wildflower, Art, and Garden Show on Sunday, May 20th. This festival blends the beauty of the garden, the joy of springtime, and the creative works of local artists in an area known for early 1900's charm.

The garden tour is self-guided. It offers visitors the experience of cottage gardens complete with vintage picket fences and the spectacle of heritage plants such as a wisteria that is over 100 years old. In addition to the Victorian and Arts and Crafts section, newer gardens are also a visual treat with some of them located on what was once The California Nursery property. This large area is populated by stately trees that were planted by the nursery in the early 1900s and incorporated when the houses were built giving these newer gardens instant historical patina. In addition to the gardens on the tour, visitors have always enjoyed the friendly neighborhood ambiance as they stroll along the tour site.

Traditionally, gardens have inspired creativity and attracted artists. Many of them will be sharing their creative efforts the day of the festival by displaying paintings, jewelry, found object sculptures, pottery, digital photos enhanced by hand drawings, and etch-a-sketch art. Numerous demonstrations will include the glassblowing technique of



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lampworking, oil and watercolor painting, and jewelry making.

On the sidewalk, there will be vendor displays, plant sales, and musical entertainment. The Garden Tour is from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. Advanced tickets are available on the website www.niles.org or at the following businesses: Antique Treasures, Bite and Browne, Corrie Glass, and My Friends and I.

The rest of the festival, which is located along Niles Boulevard in Fremont, takes place from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call The Niles Main Street Association at 510/793-8782.

Photos of Mt. Diablo Exhibited

AC5 will host an exhibit featuring the beauty, grandeur and magnificence of Mt. Diablo and the surrounding foothills featuring photographer Bob Larson. Larson, a staff photographer for the Contra Costa Times, carried out a photographic study on Mount Diablo during the year 2006. This exhibit is sponsored by Save Mount Diablo.

This look at Mt. Diablo includes eleven photographs for each season. Photos will be displayed in the halls of the County Administration Building, 651 Pine Street, Martinez Public

Spaces: Foyer, Board of Supervisors Chambers, and the first floor Room 108 hallway.

The exhibit runs May 22 - July 27, 2007, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Arts & Culture Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5) developed the program art packages: collections of art from Contra Costa County to create an opportunity for artists to show their work to a larger public and to attract potential buyers for the County artists' work. Visit the AC5 website for more information: www.ac5.org.

Classical Guitarist Performs at Library

Classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will perform Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the Pleasanton Public Library's meeting room.

Award-winning guitarist and Eastman School of Music graduate, Peter Fletcher has a repertoire that spans throughout the history of classical music, from the Re-

naissance through the 20th century. Monday evening's program will include works by Louis Couperin, J. S. Bach, and Erik Satie.

There is no admission charge. It is open to all. No registration required. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave.

For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

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Harvest Park Collects Music Awards

Harvest Park Middle School, one of three middle schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District, recently received every top award possible at the Music in the Parks competition at Anaheim/Disneyland. Groups competing included the Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra, and Chorus. Following is a complete list of awards:

Jazz Band earned a 1st place with a superior rating in their division; best overall award, Judges' Choice, for entire festival. The Wind Ensemble captured 1st place with a superior rating in their division; best overall award, Judges' Choice, for entire festi-

val. The String Orchestra finished in 1st place with a superior rating in their division; best overall award, Judges' Choice, for entire festival.

Mixed Chorus was 1st place with a superior rating in their division. The Select Ensemble also placed 1st place with a superior rating in their division. Chorus was selected for the Best overall award, Judges' Choice, for entire festival. Kevin Bowman received jazz soloist award, and Devin Dunne the vocal soloist award.

The students were under the direction of Paul Perazzo (band/strings) and Diana Sprague (chorus).

Music Review

From Vivaldi to Mussorgsky and Beyond

By Nancy O'Connell

The music represented in the concert performed by the Livermore Amador Symphony Saturday night covered a span of nearly two hundred years. Vivaldi composed *The Four Seasons* circa 1724, and in 1922 Ravel orchestrated Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Furthermore, the contemporary arranger and composer, William Carragan, took Franz Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*, completing his *Scherzo* in the latter half of the 20th century. This demonstrates that music is constantly evolving, and that it is as subject to different types of interpretation throughout musical history.

Dr. Arthur Barnes, Music Director, turned his baton over to Dr. Jason Klein, for the last concert of the season on May 12th at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. As is the case with the Del Valle concert series, this symphony will also move its concerts next year to Livermore's new concert hall. However, there may be times in the future when the symphony will return to this church if the music has an organ part, because one of the valley's finest organs is to be found here. It is almost physically impossible to move an organ, particularly one with so many pipes.

The first work on the program, Vivaldi's *Violin Concerto in G Minor*, "Summer," is from *The Four Seasons*. This work featured Sally Dalke, the orchestra's concertmaster. She played with great sensitivity. With the smaller Baroque orchestra utilized, the audience could actually hear the harpsichord, which was well played by April Nissen. There was a difficult duet between the first 'cellist, Ken Windler and the soloist. Later, one could hear the cuckoo, the turtledove and the finch. The entire violin section had the 16th note pattern introduced by the soloist, and with uniform bowing and good intonation, the passage was very effective. As is the tradition in Baroque music, there were other portions played by just three voices: solo violin, the first 'cello playing the *basso continuo* part, and the harpsichord.

A brief Adagio soulfully played by Ms. Dalke with orchestral accompaniment led into the *Presto*, which placed great demands on all of the players. The soloist had difficult double stops which were perfectly in tune, demonstrating again her complete mastery of her violin.

Next was heard Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*. He completed the first movement, which is stunning in its originality for his period. There were wonderful contrasts between forte and piano sections, beautiful woodwind solos, a triumphant French horn entrance, and then the famous 'cello sectional melody. The balance between the different sections was excellent. The deep, mysterious 'cello passage led to a crescendo in all of the voices and a dramatic cadence.

In the third movement of this symphony, Schubert only orchestrated the first nine measures. The rest of the work exists in piano form. Several different composers have tried to complete this masterpiece, but on Saturday night we heard William Carragan's realization and orchestration of the *Scherzo*. Carragan's background must have interested many in the au-

dience, because Carragan not only had a thorough training in music and composition, but was also a professor of physics for many years. In the *Scherzo* there was a beautiful oboe and English horn duet, played by Eva Langfeldt and Larry George alternating with the flutes, Nathan Wong, Nan Davies and Michelle Flanner. Jason Klein conducted with precise cues and sweeping, generous arm movements. He appeared to be almost dancing on the podium and his whole demeanor was joyous. He even clapped for the players after the Schubert Symphony before he had them all stand for the audience or take his own bow.

Johann Strauss II's *The Emperor Waltz* is very familiar to every concertgoer. A beautiful 'cello solo was played well by Ken Windler, then the French horns had their famous solo. One can picture Viennese dancers dipping, whirling, and waltzing with grace. We heard the full orchestra, harp, snare drum and tympani - a big full sound which could fill the celebrated Viennese woods.

After the intermission the four young recipients of the musical awards were introduced. Each student sounds as though he will be successful in his chosen field, and perhaps, like Carragan, will pursue both science and music. These talented individuals were Laudann Taravati, Jeffrey Thomas Lin, James Choi, and Max Loh. We wish them good luck and good health!

Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* filled the last half of the program. He dedicated this work to the memory of his good friend, Victor Hartmann, an architect and artist, who died at the age of 39. He envisions himself walking or promenading through an exhibition of Hartmann's drawings, and the Promenades alternate with the paintings, which he titles. Having played the piano version, some of the titles are changed in this orchestral arrangement. I always enjoyed the piano title of "Ballet of Unhatched Chickens" rather than "Ballet of Chicks in their Shells," found in the Ravel orchestration, and the "Hut of the Baba-Yaga" rather than "The Hut on Fowl's Legs." My piano music has as a subtitle for "Tuilleries" "Children Quarrel-

ing at Play," whereas the program notes indicate that the orchestra version "captures the simplicity of Paris gardens with their visitors." This shows why there can be such a variety of interpretations in musical performances!

There were some unusual instrumentations in this Ravel arrangement that should be mentioned. A good bassoon solo played by Charles Herrera alternated with the English horn. Subdued violins were heard as a fascinating sound was produced by the rarely heard alto saxophone played by Kathy Boster. The high trumpet is also seldom performed on in a modern work, and it was an unforgettable sound in "Samuel Goldenberg and Schmuyle." "The Great Gate of Kiev" was rich and splendid, and called for full orchestra. It was a fitting tribute to Hartmann's design for a new, spectacular entrance to the city of Kiev - a gate which was never built.

The orchestra musicians refused to stand after Klein's first curtain call. They remained seated and clapped for him - a

fitting tribute to the talent and boundless energy of Dr. Jason Klein, guest conductor.

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Handbell Group Performs in Livermore

The Concert Handbells and Spirit Bells of Concordia University at Irvine, California, under the direction of Dr. Herb Geisler and Nancy Jessup will perform a concert on Thursday, May 24, at 7: p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 South Livermore Avenue.

The Concert Handbells and Spirit Bells are select 13-ringer ensembles who have performed to high acclaim throughout the West, Southwest, Midwest and East Coast, as well as in Europe and the Far East.

Their repertoire includes a broad variety of musical styles, techniques, and media appealing to all ages and tastes, including secular, classical, pop, jazz, original, and sacred arrangements using over 100 handbells, choir chimes, and other instruments. The program also includes handbell solos and quartets and concludes with an audience-participation demonstration and sing-along.

The handbell program at Concordia has become recognized as one of the leading collegiate handbell programs in the nation, involving up to 60 students annually in four graded ensembles. Students can specialize in handbells as part of a music major in preparation for solo performance and directing in schools and churches.

Herb Geisler has led the program for 19 years and is chair of the Division of Fine Arts at CUI, teaching music education and world music. He has authored handbell and music education publications and serves as a handbell clinician. Nancy Jessup is a nationally-respected handbell clinician, having taught and directed in elementary schools. She has served as associate director of handbells at CUI since 1993, teaching solo ringing and bell methods and coaching small ensembles.

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Diablo Ballet Stages World Premiere

Diablo Ballet under Artistic Director Lauren Jonas will present the world premiere of Diablo's 'principal dancer Tina Kay Bohnstedt's debut as a choreographer with The Mirror on May 18 and 19. The program will include revivals of two critically-acclaimed audience favorites: Nikolai Kabaniaev's The Legend of Taj Mahal and KT Nelson's It's Not What You Think.

Also that weekend, Diablo will present a special matinee to showcase local teenage dancers from Diablo Ballet's Apprentice and Professional Intermediate Programs in productions of Voices by Viktor Kabaniaev and Temperate Anticipation by Lauren Main de Lucia. Those who will be performing are sisters Haley and Ashley Cabrea and Emily and Irene Liu of Antioch; Taylor Terry of Concord; Jean Tokmakian of Danville; Sarah Pasch of Dublin; Haley Lamb of Oakley; Emily Astbury of Pleasanton; Amelia Marciano of San Ramon; and Molly Mather of Walnut Creek.

Diablo Ballet's evening performances will take place at 8 pm on Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19 at the Lesher Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Tickets can be ordered online at www.dlra.org or by calling (925) 943-7469.

The matinee program, also scheduled for the Lesher Center, will take place at 2 pm on Saturday, May 19. Tickets are available on a 2-for-1 special discount by calling (925) 943-7469.

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

Cantabella Children's Chorus Spring Concert, "15 years of Beautiful Singing," Saturday, May 19th at 2 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Ministry, 1385 South Livermore Ave., Livermore, or more information about concerts or auditioning for the chorus, please visit the website at www.cantabella.org or call Bee Chow at 925-292-2663.

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

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

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

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra will present 16 year old percussionist Lydia Kirchofer, a winner of the eighteenth annual Felix Khuner Concerto Competition on Sunday, May 20, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 114 Montecito Ave., Oakland. Admission to the concert is free; donations are gratefully accepted. Kirchofer, who studies with Peter Thielen, will perform the Hovhanness Fantasy on Japanese Woodprints for marimba and orchestra. Conductor Eric Hansen has also programmed Beethoven's Third Symphony and Tharichen's Concerto for Timpani and Orchestra, featuring Prometheus timpanist John Gilbert.

Vocal Jazz Concert presented by students of Las Positas College on May 18 at 8 p.m. in the Las Positas College Theater, 3033 Collier Canyon Road,

Livermore. Cost: \$10 general, \$7 students and seniors. For tickets and information call 925-424-1100 or see www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

Valley Concert Choral, Saturday, May 19 at 8 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton with a concert that has the theme "Celebrating Byrd and the B's." The program will include Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" and Broadway selections; Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb," Henk Badings' "Trois Chansons," plus selected pieces by William Byrd. Tickets \$20 adults and \$17 seniors. Students 18 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. To purchase tickets, call (925) 866-4003 and leave a message, or send email to tickets@valleyconcertchorale.org.

Instrumental Jazz Concert presented by students of Las Positas College on May 19 at 2 p.m. in the Las Positas College Theater, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Cost: \$10 general, \$7 students & seniors. For tickets and information call 424-1100, see www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

Choir Concert presented by students of Las Positas College May 19 at 8 p.m. in Ashbury Methodist Church, 4783 East Avenue, Livermore. Cost: \$10 general, \$7 students & seniors. Information call 424-1100, see www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

Amador Valley High School Presents, Spring choir/orchestra concert on Mon., May 21, 7:30 p.m. Spring jazz band concert on Tues., May 22 at 7 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Admis-

sion is free to both performances. **One Act Plays** presented by drama students of Las Positas College on May 23 and 25, Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., Friday at 8:00 p.m. in the Las Positas College Theater, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Free. For information call 925-424-1100 or see www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

Bay Area Storytelling Festival, May 19, and 20, El Sobrante Kennedy Grove East Bay Park in the outdoor amphitheatre and under tents to hear storytellers, listen to music, attend a workshop, Kids Concert, and have lunch. Sheila Kay Adams, Charlotte Blake Alston, Bill Harley, Kevin Kling, and Motoko from around the nation and Willy Clafin, Dan O'Gara, and Kirk Waller from this region will entertain. Call 510-869-4946, www.bayareastorytelling.org, or email info@bayareastorytelling.org for prices, schedules and map.

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A free seminar on how to publish a book will be offered tonight, May 17 at the Bothwell Arts Center.

The seminar will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. by Wingspan Press. They point out that it's easier than ever before and costs a fraction of what it once did. "Fiction, business, spiritual, how-to, more and more people are discovering that new technology and the Internet allow them to publish and market their books simply, quickly, and economically with Print-on-Demand.

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The Bothwell Center's West End Theater is located at 8th and H Streets, Livermore

Restropective Of Artist's Work

A Retrospective of Paintings by Sherman Chinsky will be on display at The Big White House Winery May 12 through June 30.

A reception with the artist will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Fri., June 1, refreshments, appetizers and wine will be served.

Chinsky passed away in 1996. His daughter, Denise Chinsky-Kifer, is a Livermore resident.

The winery is located at 6800 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

Audience Sing-Along Planned

An audience sing-along will be part of the Pleasanton Broadway Chorus concert program.

The title of the May 25, 26 and 27 performance is "Join In the Song, A Broadway Sing-along."

The concert will feature music spanning decades of great Broadway Musicals, starting with *Showboat* all the way through to *Spamalot*. The Broadway chorus, along with Rendition, the Children's Chorus and the Cosmopolitan dancers will present the show.

The May 25 and 26 concerts begin at 8 p.m., the May 27 presentation at 2 p.m. in the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 395405 The following person (s) doing business as Pleasanton Pet Sitting, 2888 Gray Fox Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Leisa Giguere, 2888 Gray Fox Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed. Signature of Registrant: /s/Leisa Giguere This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on May 3, 2007. Expires May 3, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2165. Publish May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2007.			FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 394913 The following person (s) doing business as H & K Communications Associates, 1553 Fontonette Place, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Helen Shun Weim 1553 Fontonette Place, Livermore, CA 94550 Karl Albert Weim 1553 Fontonette Place, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by husband and wife. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 23, 2007. Signature of Registrant: /s/Helen Shun Weim This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 23, 2007. Expires April 23, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2168. Publish May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2007.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 394911
The following person (s) doing business as Helen's Hair Design, 5580 B Springdale Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94588 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Helen Shun Weim 5580 Fontonett Place, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 23, 2007.
Signature of Registrant: /s/Helen Shun Weim
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 23, 2007. Expires April 23, 2012.
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. 386567
The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name All Occasion Flowers & Gifts located at 260 Garnet Dr., Liver-

more, CA 94550
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 10/11/2006, in Alameda County under file number 386567.
Steve Beauchamp, 260 Garnet Dr., Livermore, CA 94550 This business as conducted by: individual /s/Steve Beauchamp
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 26, 2007. The Independent Legal No. 2162. Publish May 10, 17, 25, 31, 2007.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHARLES A. MATHEWS Case No. VP07320998
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **CHARLES A. MATHEWS**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: **ANTHONY MATHEWS** in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **ANTHONY MATHEWS** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the

decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **JUNE 18, 2007 at 1:30PM in Dept. 707 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, 5672 STONERIDGE DRIVE, CA 94588. GALE/SCHENONE HALL OF JUSTICE**
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court be-

fore the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a **Request for Special Notice** (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A **Request for Special Notice** form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: DAVID A. BROWN CSB 94941
Law Offices of David A. Brown
Plaza Two, Hilltop Office Park
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Richmond, CA 94806
The Independent #2159
Publish April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2007

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Grant Will Help Colleges Assist Bay Area Employers

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has received a grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to implement a new Workplace Learning Resource Center. The District will receive \$205,000 annually for five years to support Bay Area employers by providing occupational needs assessments and customized skills training.

Focusing on employees and the workplace, training will be available on many subjects including workplace English and basic literacy, teambuilding, sexual harassment, conflict resolution and supervisory training. "Many of our clients come to us seeking these types of training programs," said Julia Dozier, director of contract education and economic development for the District.

The Center will serve a portion of the Bay Area comprised of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, Solano and Sonoma Counties.

Additionally, the project will have a strong emphasis on technical assistance for community college economic development and contract education personnel.

The grant is part of a statewide initiative to build long-term, sustained relationships between community colleges, labor and industry.

The District was awarded the competitive grant based on its solid reputation as a regional leader. With a decade of experience delivering training services to public and private organizations throughout the Bay Area, the District's Economic Development and Contract Education Department will manage the Center. The Department is an integral part of the District's economic and workforce development efforts emerging from its two colleges, Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore.

The project also features partnerships with Napa Valley and

Solano Colleges, the Bay Area Painting and Decorating Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, the Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center, the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board, the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County, the City of Dublin and several manufacturing employers.

The Economic and Workforce Development Program was established in 1991. In 1996 economic development became one of the primary missions of the California Community Colleges. The purpose of the Program is to advance the state's economic growth and global competitiveness through education, training, and services that contribute to

continuous workforce improvement, technology deployment and business development consistent with the state's regional economies.

For further information about the Center or to schedule customized training, please contact Julia Dozier at 925-485-5234 or at www.tdsolutions.org



PET OF THE WEEK

Scarlet is a very loving one-year old princess. She likes lots of attention and loves to play like a kitten and nap like a baby. However, she's pretty tough and can hold her own when she needs to. She had a rough first year, having a litter of kittens, and being ignored and underfed. Now she just needs a home of her own where she can be the love of someone's life. She would do best in a home with older children and without other cats. Visit Scarlet at Valley Humane Society's new Adoption Center at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton's Stanley Business Park Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm, or call 925-426-8656 for more information. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Pleasanton Teacher of the Year Selected

Linda Gullick, health teacher at Foothill High School, has been selected as Pleasanton Unified's Teacher of the Year for 2007/08.

Linda has been with Pleasanton Unified since 1999. Before entering the field of education, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from U.C. San Francisco and worked as a registered nurse for twenty-two years in areas such as surgery, oncology, and newborn nurseries. In 1998, she received her credential from Chapman University. She

worked as a student teacher in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District before coming to Foothill High School the next year as a health teacher.

During her time at Foothill, Linda was instrumental in developing the Health and Bioscience Academy, a leader of the character program, and a member of the School Site Council. She interacts with others through TEC, the Tri-Valley Education Collaborative and has worked with teachers at Amador Valley on the joint

Health Faire.

According to her nomination form, Linda is "passionate about her students and her teaching. She is committed to providing authentic experiences that change students as learners and as people."

Linda will now go on to compete for the Alameda County Teacher of the Year honor.

Farmers' Markets OK 'No Smoking' Policy

As the spring season gets under way, nine Alameda Farmers' Markets announced that effective immediately, smoking will now be banned within a 30 foot perimeter of the market during its hours of operation. The announcement comes as part of a new policy adopted by the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association to make all 45 of its Bay Area markets smoke-free, including those in Livermore and Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton Farmers' Market is year-round on Saturday mornings in downtown.

The Livermore Market opens for this season, today, Thurs., May 17. It is located at Carnegie Park, 3rd and J Streets in downtown.

"Our new smoke-free policy will help protect the health of the numerous residents who shop for fresh foods at our market each week," said Thomas Dorn, Market Manager of the Livermore Farmers' Market. "We truly feel that our markets are a part of every one of the local communities they're held in and this policy really goes hand-in-hand with our drive to promote healthy lifestyles."

The policy was first proposed six months ago by Breathe California, a non-profit dedicated to fighting lung disease, and Smoke-Free San Mateo County Advocates, a group of students from Skyline College and the College of San Mateo. Since then, the two groups have consulted with the staff at the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association, helping draft a model policy and providing information on the benefits of a smoke-free policy. Last month, the association's board voted to adopt the smoke-free policy for all 45 of its markets.

"We commend the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association for their commitment to protecting the health of their customers," said Michelle Loya-Talamantes, the project coordinator with Breathe California. "We are proud to have worked with them and hope that their leadership will encourage other groups and businesses to address the dangers of secondhand smoke."

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Gates open each day at 10 a.m.

The games are sponsored by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Tri-Valley Scotian League. They take place at Robertson Park, the home of the Livermore Rodeo, between Arroyo Road and Cannon Blvd.

The Livermore Games will feature a full schedule of Scottish events, including athletic competitions, sheepdog demonstrations, gathering of the clans, pipe bands, the ancient Gaelic game of shinty, historical re-enactments, a variety of dancing, wine tasting, and foods.

Guests of Honor and the Honorary Chieftain for the 2007 Livermore Games will be Captain Scott Walsh, of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

Among the groups re-enacting history will be the Knights of Avalon with a jousting tournament; Highlander Warriors will perform sword fighting demonstrations. The Tenth Legion Fretensis represents the Roman Legions led by Julius Caesar. There will be a training camp and a demonstration of the life of the Roman soldier. Gordon Highlanders bring their Gatling gun and historic battles.

Featured band will be the Scottish ceilidh band Box O' Bananas, who perform with a twist of rock. Also on the schedule are Tempest, Thornhill Road, Golden Bough, Pete Daldry, Neil O'Neill, and the Browne Sisters and George Cavanaugh.

Clans will be on hand to provide information. There will be a Children's Glen with activities that may be appropriate for children toddler age and up but will also have activities for children of all ages.

Tickets are \$15 for one day or \$20 for two days; children and seniors \$10; parking \$5.

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