



Joel Kinnamon

College District Names New Chancellor

The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has named Joel L. Kinnamon to the position of chancellor. This announcement follows a six month national search in which Kinnamon was one of three finalists.

Kinnamon is expected to begin his position on July 1. He replaces Susan Cota, who is re-

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Last year's ceremonies in Pleasanton.

Ceremonies to Honor Veterans

Livermore VFW Post #7265 will hold Memorial Day programs at the three Livermore cemeteries on Mon., May 28.

The first program is scheduled at Roselawn Cemetery on North Livermore Avenue. It begins at 10 a.m. with an invocation by Pastor John Bost, Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

The second ceremony will be at St. Michael's Cemetery in East Avenue at 11 a.m. with an invocation by Fr. Raymond Sacca of St. Michael's Church.

The third ceremony in the program will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery, East Avenue, immediately following the event at St. Michael's Church. It will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. with an invocation by Pastor John Bost.

Other organizations participating in the program are the DAR, the CAR, Boy Scouts of

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A young fan checks out the B-24 Liberator.

WWII Bombers To Land at Airport

World War II bombers will make their annual visit to Livermore over the Memorial Day Weekend.

The planes will be there Sunday, May 27 through Tuesday, May 29. The display of the aircraft that helped win the war commemorates the brave young men and women who built, maintained and flew them.

The planes are no longer part of the military, but are instead operated by the Collings Foundation (a 501c3 nonprofit educational foundation) as The Wings of Freedom Tour, an annual 120-city nationwide tour. Planes include the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and Consolidated B-24 Liberator heavy bombers,

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Reitter to Leave Livermore Council

Tom Reitter is resigning from the Livermore City Council. He will be leaving the council at the end of June.

Reitter said that he is retiring from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory after 34 years working as a mechanical engineer.

He and his wife plan to live in Marin County.

Reitter spent seventeen and a half years on the council. He was first elected in 1989 as a slow growth candidate. He first ran in 1987, losing by 41 votes to Cathie

Brown.

I ran for council, because of the level of growth, he recalled. "I was concerned about the large greenfield development being approved by a pro-development council. I didn't want to sit around and do nothing."

If the Livermore council decides not to appoint someone to fill out his term, four seats on the council will be on the ballot. Only Councilmember John Marchand would be left on the council.

Asked what he saw as his greatest accomplishment, Reitter said he tried to get the city more involved in neighborhood issues. He thinks he has been successful. Before, the focus was on greenfield development, growing outward, rather than focusing on what was happening within the city.

One of the factors that helped change the way the city addressed issues was the establishment of an urban growth boundary (UGB). "I think the UGB has

put the city in a much better position," said Reitter. Livermore can focus on living like a mature city with fixed boundaries and improving what's within the UGB.

The one thing he said he was not able to accomplish was obtaining water for North Livermore. "That will be a tough one," he commented.

During his term on the council, the city has moved forward with revitalization of the downtown; a new 500-seat performing

arts theater will open this fall; a new movie theater has opened; new restaurants and shopping opportunities have been established.

His efforts also helped to defeat the Livermore Trails Pardee development in North Livermore.

As for what he plans to do during his retirement, Reitter said he didn't have any plans. "It will take a while to get the house ready to sell."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Roses were in full bloom in front of this Pleasanton home.

Cities Take Another Step Toward Doolan Canyon Preservation

Livermore and Dublin are making progress in their attempt to preserve as many as several thousand acres of open space in Doolan Canyon. East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) may also join the effort.

Representatives of the two city councils and EBRPD met two weeks ago. Representing Livermore were Councilmembers Tom Reitter and Marj Leider. From Dublin, Mayor Janet Lockhart was present. Councilmember Tim Sbranti is a member of the committee, but was not at the meeting. Ayn Wieskamp was there for the park district.

They instructed the city staffs to look into preparing a habitat preservation plan, and involving many other Valley agencies, including Zone 7 Water agency.

The Livermore-Dublin liaison committee also signed off at the meeting on the 13 points from their original Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was created in 2002. The MOU came about as the result of a conversation between Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart.

Livermore was concerned about Dublin's eastward expan-

sion in 2002. Kamena did not want to take the path of litigation to assert Livermore's interests in the area west of the city and north of Interstate 580. Lockhart agreed, and the liaison committee was created. It drew up the MOU, and listed the 13 points of concern about Dublin expansion and other issues, including the Livermore airport buffer zone.

Most of the issues were resolved in 2002, when conditions were set for the Braddock & Logan development, which will be the eastern-most development in

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Initiative Seeks to Preserve Staples Ranch for Public Use

A group calling itself Friends of Pleasanton has launched an initiative they say will preserve publicly owned lands for public use.

Others see the initiative as an attempt to remove the Stoneridge Drive extension from the city's general plan. In listing uses for the land, there is no mention of a road in the initiative.

The properties that would be impacted if the initiative were approved are Staples Ranch and the railroad right-of-way in downtown Pleasanton. Both are owned by Alameda County.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman has come out in opposition to the measure, which she said would damage Pleasanton's relationship with its neighboring cities.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio also is against the initiative, because she said it is not in the best interest of the community.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena said the initiative came as a surprise. "I think it's an interesting idea. However, the county owns the land. There is a pending purchase by Hendricks Auto," said Kamena.

Asked about the potential for Livermore to annex Staples Ranch, Kamena stated, "If Pleasanton does not annex the area, Livermore would be interested in doing so."

Councilmember Matt Sullivan said he had mixed emotions. "On the one hand it is some-

what disruptive to what the city and county have been working on, to put a plan together to develop Staples Ranch. From that standpoint, the initiative could cause us some problems." Sullivan said that on the other hand, it's within the rights of citizens to put forth an initiative or voter referendum on any policy or decision the city council makes. In addition, he understands that Livermore may be making a move to annex the land. "It is in our sphere of influence and within our urban growth boundary because citizens are exercising their rights in a democracy. To think other jurisdictions may try to usurp that right is somewhat disconcerting."

Three residents are spearheading the initiative drive. Matt Morrison, Anne Fox, and Bimal Sangari filed a notice of intent to circulate the petition, "Open Space, Park Land, and Green Belt Initiative," with the city clerk last week. They hope to begin collecting signatures sometime in the next two weeks. The goal is to have the measure on the November 2008 ballot.

Morrison said that the initiative does not exclude the roadway use. The extension could be built.

Those who believe the goal is removal of the road, theorize that without commercial development, Pleasanton wouldn't need the extension, nor be interested

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McNerney Wants Livermore VA Expanded For More PTSD Care

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton) hopes to arrange a meeting personally with Veterans Affairs Secretary James Nicholson to talk about keeping facilities open at the Livermore Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC).

McNerney last week in a letter to Nicholson reminded him that the secretary has said he is willing to "consider reprogramming" the Livermore facility, "if a sufficient need could be demonstrated."

McNerney, a member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, referred to the increasing number of cases of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) among Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. He said that Livermore would be a good place to treat PTSD. He emphasized the tranquility of the rural setting of Livermore VAMC as being ideal to treat the disorder.

PTSD is an emotional disorder, which usually involves nightmares, insomnia, anger and problems coping with people in civil-

ian society. It was first given the name when combat veterans returned from the Vietnam War. "Shell shock" in World War I and "battle fatigue" in World War II and the Korean War are said to be earlier manifestations of it.

Counseling for PTSD is already a part of the outpatient services at the Livermore VAMC. However, Nicholson decided several years ago to close the outpatient clinic. It will remain open only until new clinics are built in the Central Valley and the Eastbay. There is no announced date for that effort.

Nicholson has the power to reverse that earlier decision about Livermore clinic closure, said VA spokesperson Kerri Childress.

McNerney said in his letter that the VA should keep the Livermore campus open for the future demand for PTSD counseling, which is expected to increase. McNerney said that the

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Ksenia and Margaret Antonoff checked out produce at the Livermore Farmers' Market. The market, located near Carnegie Park, opened for the season last Thursday. It is open Thursday evenings.

Council OKs Second Home Depot

A controversial new Home Depot was approved by the Pleasanton City Council last Tuesday.

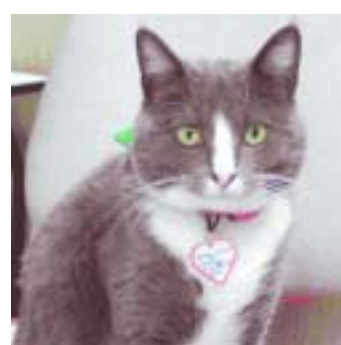
Also included in the new shopping center will be a Starbucks, Longs Drugs and other smaller retail and service businesses.

The controversy related to its location at the busiest intersection in Pleasanton, Bernal Avenue, Stanley Blvd., and Valley Avenue, raising concerns about increased traffic and noise. The developer, Regency Centers, is required to make improvements at the intersection and pay \$2 million in mitigation fees to build road improvements "as the city feels are necessary." In the future, the developers will also be required to participate in funding the El Charro/Stanley Blvd. intersection when El Charro is extended.

The vote was 4 to 1, with Matt Sullivan opposed. Sullivan wanted to complete a plan for the entire east side before making a decision on the use of the 16-acre

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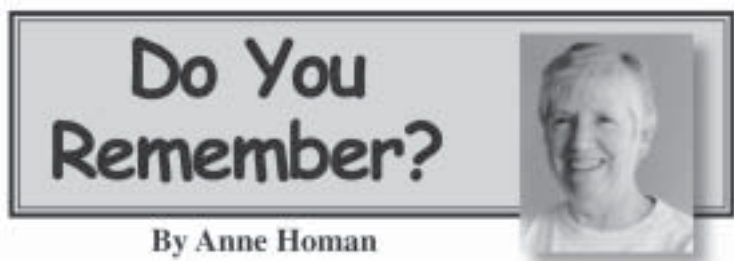
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PET OF THE WEEK

Dolce is as sweet as her name. Her family moved away and didn't take her with them, and she misses their love and attention terribly. She is four years old, and a very good girl. She is friendly and outgoing, and gets along with other cats. She would probably do best in a home without small children, and she has never been with dogs. Visit Dolce 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.



By Anne Homan

Niles Canyon Railway

The train whistle blew two longs, a short and a long, and the bell clanged as the railbus approached a crossing in Niles Canyon. A wigwag signal high on a metal pole by the side of a road moved back and forth. Members of the Tri-Valley History Council seated in the restored Skunk car originally built in 1926 for the California Western between Willets and Fort Bragg were enjoying the ride. Our engineer that day was Doug Campbell, the conductor Stan Bringer and the brakeman Ray Crist. Alan Frank, curator and chief of the museum division of the Pacific Locomotive Association, acted as the tour guide on our ride between Sunol and Niles.

The original rail line through the canyon along Alameda Creek was started by the first Western Pacific Railroad Company and finished by the Central Pacific Railroad in September 1869. The line completed the transcontinental railroad to the San Francisco Bay. The Y at the canyon's western end could either take passengers south to San Jose or north to a waterfront terminal at Alameda Point where they could take a ferry to San Francisco. Alan Frank called our attention to some square wooden telegraph poles along our route that have survived from 1869.

A town soon built up around the Central Pacific freight terminal at the Y. It was named for Addison C. Niles, a judge and former railroad attorney. The Central Pacific eventually became part of the Southern Pacific railroad system. The SP gradually transferred much of its traffic to a main line that went north through Benicia and Martinez; the Niles Canyon track became secondary. SP did not spend much money or effort in modernizing the Niles Canyon line. Many of the original cut stone bridge abutments, culverts and retaining walls built by the early Western Pacific in 1865 remain on the first 20 miles of right of way from Niles toward Sunol. Alan believes that this railroad line is one of the best preserved segments of the original transcontinental railroad; it has hardly changed in 140 years.

The Southern Pacific stopped its operations on the line in 1984, pulled up the metal rails, and deeded the land to Alameda County. An organization of volunteer railroad buffs, the Pacific Locomotive Association, entered into an agreement with the county and began rebuilding the rail line in 1987. The railroad bed was still in good shape. The group reconstructed the track between Sunol and Brightside. On May 21, 1988, passenger operations began on a mile and three-fourths of track called the Niles Canyon Railway.

Our train ride several weeks ago went from Sunol to Niles and back, on seven miles of track all laid by the members. Alan reminded us that early railroaders boasted they could lay a mile of track in a day; Alan said that the local volunteers are happy if they can lay a mile in a year. In the process of reconstruction, they have come across artifacts of the first workers—shards of Chinese bowls, an opium pipe, a hand drill used to make holes for the gunpowder that would blast out rock.

Our journey took us over two bridges—Farwell Bridge and Dresser Bridge. The original bridges at these sites were wooden covered bridges; both are now metal. Farwell Bridge was built in 1896. At the Dresser site the bridge was damaged by a landslide during the 1906 earthquake and replaced that same year. From our ride starting in Sunol, engineer Doug Campbell drove the railbus backwards with the help of a video monitor; the conductor and the brakeman seated at the rear watched carefully for problems. Someday the organization hopes to have a round house and turn table at Niles.

On the forward ride back up the canyon from Niles, we stopped at Brightside. This former station, once the site of a resort hotel, is now the railway's corporation yard. About 100 pieces of rolling stock acquired by the Pacific Locomotive Association are housed here. Association members work daily to restore cars and engines. We looked at some of the old cars that were being restored. The interior of a dining car included finely machined and finished mahogany side panels and tables; its ceiling had a series of fancy light fixtures. Taped to a window was a copy of the original plans of the car interior obtained from the Pullman Company. Standing right next to one of the old steam engines and putting my hand on it gave me a palpable sense of its enormous size and power even when it was silent.

The organization is planning to construct a replica of the 1870 depot at Niles. The 1884 depot with a small gift shop is at Sunol. Alan Frank is working on putting together a train museum with railroad cars—a post office/baggage car will house an office, and freight cars will serve to archive the collection and for public displays.

The Pacific Locomotive Association has about 600 members and maintains a web site (www.ncry.org) and a monthly newsletter, the "Club Car." Anyone interested in trains can join. Alan says, "especially those willing to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty." The members run trains for the public every Sunday during the summer with four departures from Sunol and Niles for the 40-minute ride; the first two Sundays of the month the cars are pulled by steam engines. In late November and the month of December the big money raiser is the Train of Lights, a night time ride through the canyon for the holidays.

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

Pleasanton to Celebrate Community of Character

Community of Character Week will be celebrated in Pleasanton June 3 to 9. Highlight of the week will be a luncheon to include a special tribute to the late Juanita Haugen.

Special guest speaker for the Thurs., June 7 luncheon will be Steven Menzel of International Association of Character Cities.

The luncheon, slated from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. is open to the public. It will be held the Hilton Pleasanton at the Club. A video honoring Haugen, co-founder of the Pleasanton Community of Character, and announcement of a newly created Juanita Haugen Civic Engagement Award, will be featured.

A special luncheon presentation by Director International Association of Character Cities, Steven Menzel, will detail "What a Community Must Be Built On." Other featured presenters will include: Pleasanton City Council member, Jerry Thorne; ACCUSPLIT President Ron Sutton; Tri-Valley YMCA Executive Director Kelly Dulka; Pleasanton School District Senior Director Rich Puppione; and, Pleasanton Middle School Vice

Principal, Jon Vranesh. Luncheon tickets are \$35 per person. They are available at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Avenue, or online at www.communityofcharacter.org. Reservation deadline is June 1. Payment is required with reservation.

A number of other events will also take place during the week including the Excellence in Education Awards to be presented on Wednesday, June 6, 3:30-5 p.m. at Pleasanton Presbyterian Church. A by-invitation-only VIP reception follows at Mt. Diablo National Bank. Faith-community activities will be announced at a later date.

Community of Character was founded in 2002 as a coalition under the direction of Pleasanton Unified School District Trustee Juanita Haugen. This volunteer committee is jointly supported by the City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and various service and faith organizations. For more information about Community of Character, visit its website at www.communityofcharacter.org

New Look for Valley Humane Society

Valley Humane Society unveiled a new face for the organization. The updated look includes a new logo featuring an animal face already dubbed the "cadog" for its resemblance of both a cat and a dog simultaneously.

The logo is part of a larger branding and marketing effort undertaken by Valley Humane Society in response to comments solicited from the community during a feasibility study in early 2006. The study was commissioned to explore the level of community support for construction of a permanent facility. They are currently headquartered in a temporary shelter near their own land on Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

Valley Humane Society hopes the new brand will raise awareness within the community about their work as an animal welfare organization, and increase the use of their program and service offerings. Additional changes will roll out over the next several months to update the organization's website, newsletter, and promotional materials.

The new logo will be on display at Valley Humane Society's outreach booth on June 6 during Downtown Pleasanton's 1st Wednesday street party. T-shirts and other merchandise sporting

Annual Dinner And Auction On Calendar

The Livermore Heritage Guild will host its Annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday, May 26.

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 of items is 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.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Click It or Ticket

The Pleasanton Police Department, along with other local and state law enforcement agencies, are joining highway safety officials through Memorial Day to launch an aggressive seat belt enforcement campaign known as "click it or ticket."

The new emphasis is to hopefully convince more motorists to buckle up - both day and night.

"Clearly more drivers at night than during the day are taking the attitude 'it will never happen to me.' However, the risk of a fatal crash actually goes up significantly at night," according to Pleasanton Police Traffic Sergeant Michael Collins.

Sergeant Collins noted that regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

Stepped up law enforcement activities, including saturation patrols all hours of the day, will be conducted.

"Seat belts clearly save lives. Wearing your seat belt costs nothing. So if you don't want to risk a ticket, or worse, your life, please remember to buckle up day and night," said Collins.

For more information, contact Sergeant Collins at 931-5186 or www.nhtsa.gov/link/ciot.htm.

Rapid Bus to BART

Wheels is hosting an informal open house on May 24 for the public to learn more about the new Rapid Transit service, scheduled for implementation in the fall of 2008. The new Rapid is designed to move passengers through the Route 10 Corridor to the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station faster, more efficiently and in greater comfort.

The meeting will be from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Livermore City Council Chambers, 3575 Pacific Ave.

Rapid Transit Features:

- New 40' modern, low-floor hybrid coaches for greater passenger comfort.
- All-day service (6 am - 7 pm) with 10-15 minute frequency in addition to current local 10 service.
- Transit signal priority so coaches spend less time waiting at red lights.
- Most station stops on the far side of inter-

sections to make operations more efficient.

- New shelters and other streetscape enhancements to make the wait more comfortable.
- Better information at station stops, including electronic signs with next coach arrival information.

To be added to the Rapid contact list, send email and street address to: frontdesk@lavta.org or by mail to Wheels, 1362 Rutan Court, Suite 100, Livermore, CA 94551, Attn: Rapid.

Bill Deals Fee Payments

The state Assembly voted 57-5 Monday to pass a bill authored by Assembly Member Alberto Torrico (D-Newark) that would defer fees on some affordable housing projects in California.

AB 641 would require local governments to defer the payment of local fees until the developer has received a certificate of occupancy for any housing development in which at least 49 percent of the units are affordable to low and/or very low-income households.

Some of the typical impact fees that would be deferred under AB 641 are electricity and gas service connection fees, sewer connection and impact fees, water connection and impact fees, special district fees, and community/capital facilities fees.

AB 641 would not apply to school fees, Quimby Park fees, fees collected under development agreements, and certain processing fees.

The bill is supported by affordable housing advocate organizations throughout California, including the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Housing California, Gray Panthers CA, Western Center for Law and Poverty, and the Affordable Housing Clearinghouse.

Corrections

The cost reported last week in a story about the Pleasanton school board incorrectly stated the cost of broadcasting Pleasanton City Council meetings on the internet. The city initially paid \$15,000, including staff time, to set up the service and start it. However, the annual fee subsequently to continue the service is \$5000, according to assistant city manager Steve Bocian.

Former County Supervisor Wilma Chan did not write Measure C as indicated in a story last week in the Independent. She said she did vote with her colleagues to place it on the ballot.

Zone 7 Awards \$23 Million Contract for Demineralization

Zone 7 Water Agency took an important step toward building the Mocho groundwater demineralization facility by awarding the construction contract to GSE Engineering.

The board voted 6-0, with director John Greci abstaining, to hire the firm at a total cost of \$23 million. Greci said that he abstained because his nephew works for Carollo Engineers, the firm doing the design work for the project.

The facility will be on Zone 7 property at Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive. The reduction in salt will help meet a state mandate to keep the ground-water basin below a certain level of salt content. It also will help bring salt levels down in west Valley drinking water.

The successful contract bid was 2 percent over engineers' estimates. The other two competing bids were 17 percent and 20 percent higher than GSE's bid.

The board also heard a report on progress on Stream WISE (Waterway Improvements Supporting the Environment). It's the new name for the Stream Management Implementation Plan (SMIP). Implementation of the plan is on time. Staff has met with 13 government agency representatives, and heard about their top priorities for the plan.

Stream WISE is the launching of the agency's Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP), which is designed to integrate flood control with such things as natural habitat preservation and stream-side recreational opportunities, such as trails.

In asking questions about Stream WISE, director Jim Kohnen berated a staff member.

For example, he told the staff member in a snappish voice that she should keep in her head all of the answers about the Stream WISE program.

Reached for comment Tuesday, Kohnen was asked if he was angry at the staff member. "It sounded that way, but I really wasn't. I was just trying to get the best information I could. It was frustration," he said.

Director Greci told the Independent on Tuesday that he is concerned about Kohnen's public treatment of staff members from time to time.

"I'm very uncomfortable with his attitude toward staff. He is too brash," said Greci. He said that Zone 7 will be having a retreat in which the board will be working to get to know each other better.

"It's obvious after this behavior Wednesday night, that this off-site (retreat) is greatly needed," he added.

STUDENTS HONORED FOR THEIR CONTEST ENTRIES

The directors also honored six students from Livermore and Pleasanton for their artistic work in a contest focused on water awareness.

Danielle Dixon of Livermore High School and Anne Wallem of Amador Valley High School won for their photos. Brett Thompson of Granada High School won for his watercolor of a downtown Livermore Fountain, and Christine Chen of Foothill High School was a winner for her watercolor of an arroyo scene. Essay winners on the theme of "Climate Change, the Future of California's Water Supply" were Zuri Njoka of Granada High School and Dora Scott form Amador Valley High School.

All of the winners received gift certificates for Stoneridge Mall.



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.

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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.

DOOLAN

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Dublin. It is near the Contra Costa County line. The MOU points "were lying around" for five years. The meeting earlier this month was a good time to look them over and make certain they were complete, said Lockhart. They have all been retired.

Much of it simply had to do with letting Livermore know what Dublin intended to do, and committing to that in legal development plans, said Lockhart.

One point dealt with the airport protection area. Dublin identified 92 acres of a future study area. Dublin will submit any land uses there to the Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission, which it must do anyway, said Lockhart. Basically, the commission won't allow housing or schools within that area. That would resolve Livermore's concerns.

Another point had to do with a mitigation monitoring plan for east Dublin. The suggestion for a habitat mitigation area in Doolan Canyon grew from the

mitigation monitoring plan at the meeting two weeks ago, said Lockhart. Livermore has been interested in locating a mitigation area, and brought it up at the committee meeting. None of the land is in public ownership. However, planning ahead is important, said Lockhart.

The plan won't be a formal habitat conservation plan, which is a legal document for environmental preservation and mitigation. However, it will include an inventory to discover how much of Doolan Canyon could serve as species mitigation habitat for development projects in the Valley. Typically the study would look at wildlife corridors and the presence of plant species that may be threatened or endangered.

"It's one of the last really rural kind of areas left (in the Valley). It does have habitat. We could make it an acceptor-to-receiver site," said Reitter. He meant that development projects that would destroy endangered

or threatened species habitat must acquire land elsewhere to preserve the same species, in a ratio several times greater than one acre of dedicated habitat per acre of destroyed habitat.

Developers who plan to build a 40-store shopping mall west of the Livermore airport, near El Charro Road, have some wetlands. They likely will need mitigation for habitat, said Reitter. They are within the Livermore city limit.

EBRPD board member Ayn Wieskamp of Livermore was also at the meeting. She said that Dublin has some road projects that might benefit from a habitat mitigation area. Livermore's Isabel Avenue connector to Interstate 580 may also need mitigation.

Wieskamp said that EBRPD is interested in helping with open space preservation, primarily with trail development in the hillier regions of Doolan Canyon. She said that trails there would fit into the whole network

of trails planned for the Valley.

The EBRPD board held a special meeting last week, and updated its trail master plan map. The trail map has not been adopted formally yet. Wieskamp said that she "was pleased to see Doolan Canyon on (the map)." She added that she thinks use of Doolan Canyon for species mitigation "is a wonderful use."

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EDITORIALS

Depot Acquisition

When the Livermore City Council recently unanimously approved using in lieu housing funds to acquire the old Southern Pacific depot, several citizens questioned whether this was an appropriate use of the in lieu money.

Eric Uranga, director of housing and human services, explained that the acquisition paves the way for Livermore Village, a housing development with 28 low-income and 56 medium-income units. The depot will be moved to a yet to be determined site. Yes, this is an appropriate use of in lieu funds, Uranga said.

We would note that the acquisition ensures the preservation of the historic depot, whose fate would be uncertain as long as the property remained in private hands.

In providing affordable housing and saving a beautiful piece of Livermore history, acquisition of this site will serve the cause of downtown revitalization in a big way. The money couldn't have been spent better.

Downtown Murals

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) has established a fund to support the Pleasanton Downtown Association's (PDA) mural program.

PDA wants to cover downtown with murals, the first of which, a work by Gary Winter, is emerging on the north side of Strizzi's at Main and St. Mary's Streets.

Greg Reznick, PCAF president, said, "We believe these murals will significantly enhance the character of downtown Pleasanton. We are pleased to have the opportunity to partner with PDA in supporting this important community project."

Murals are one of the most public of all art forms. They tell stories and bring color to grey walls. Murals inspire a rich sense of culture and heritage. This is indeed an important community project.

INITIATIVE

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in paying for it.

According to the three sponsors, the intent of the initiative is to amend Pleasanton's General Plan to protect any undeveloped public lands within the urban growth boundary larger than 25 acres from development and urban sprawl. The goal is to preserve public lands for open space, park land, and/or greenbelt, and provide a permanent green belt between Pleasanton and Livermore on publicly owned land. Park land uses would include sports fields, sports facilities, parking, day care centers, youth organization facilities, and cultural art facilities, as well as public trails for public use.

Fox, Chair of the Pleasanton Planning Commission stated, "Placing large-scale retail centers on publicly owned lands is not the best use for our little remaining public open space. These types of development at the edge of town degrade the aesthetic character and identity of local communities, result in urban sprawl and air pollution, and encourage disinvestment of established core commercial centers within our existing charming, vibrant and pedestrian-friendly downtown."

Currently, a development plan is being reviewed by the City of Pleasanton for the Staples Ranch. It would include an auto mall, senior housing, other commercial uses, and a community park. The property includes the right-of-way for the Stoneridge extension.

The downtown land, owned by the county, is being eyed for use as parking.

The initiative would disallow the sale and transfer by a public agency to another party of any publicly owned lands before the voter adoption of the measure.

Morrison said that the initiative would not prevent the extension of Stoneridge Drive or parking on the downtown property.

According to Morrison, the initiative prevents Pleasanton from allowing or supporting commercial development on the property. If the county were to go ahead with development on the Staples Ranch, Pleasanton would not be allowed to provide services.

Morrison said he is aware that Livermore could annex Staples Ranch if Pleasanton does not. However, he believes, "That

would be a very long process if that were to happen." He refers to approval by LAFCO that includes removal of the land from Pleasanton's sphere of influence.

Asked about the loss of sales tax if the auto mall weren't built, Morrison replied, "Publicly owned land has value to the community other than monetary. There are privately owned lands where commercial development could be built, providing the needed sales tax to the city."

He declared, "We are a group of concerned residents who want to protect the remaining publicly owned undeveloped lands within our community from urban sprawl and commercial projects that add more regional traffic to our already overcrowded city streets. We are passionate about permanently protecting the little remaining open space between Pleasanton and Livermore for future generations."

The initiative was inspired by Measure V, the Bernal measure that preserved over 300 acres for community use, by preventing additional commercial or housing development.

Hosterman stated, "This so-called open space initiative is a thinly veiled attempt to jeopardize Pleasanton's efforts to achieve regional cooperation on transportation solutions. Among other things, it overturns the city council's decision to keep the Stoneridge Drive extension in the general plan."

She said that she had worked to achieve consensus on what is best for Pleasanton on tough development issues. "This initiative undermines all of the work. It is destructive and shortsighted," added Hosterman.

Cook-Kallio said she was concerned that a particular neighborhood would put its own interests above that of the city and the region. "This is a weak and misguided attempt to remove the Stoneridge Drive extension from the general plan and in the process puts the entire Staples Ranch project in jeopardy."

"I appreciate the right of the people to participate in the decision making process. However, this particular initiative is divisive and a waste of resources," added Cook-Kallio.

More information is available about the initiative by emailing friends@pleasanton@yahoo.com.

MAILBOX

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

Airport Claims Brett M. Wayne Livermore

Let's review the latest absurd claim by opponents of the Livermore airport - that since the City has no legal authority to prevent someone like FedEx from operating out of the airport, enabling a full-service FBO to sell fuel and rent a few hangars will somehow magically transform the airport into an airline and regional package distribution hub?

FedEx is currently the world's largest operator of A310, DC10, MD11, and B727 aircraft. FedEx also has existing orders or options on another thirty Boeing 777 Freighters. It would be physically impossible to land any of these large aircraft at Livermore.

A fully-fueled and loaded DC10 weighs over 430,000 lbs. and requires an 8,600 foot runway. A Boeing 777 freighter exceeds 750,000 lbs and requires a 10,000 foot runway. Livermore's longest runway is just over 5000 feet and has a pavement strength of only 60,000 lbs.

Of the entire FedEx fleet, about the only aircraft they own that could operate from Livermore would be the smaller propeller-driven Cessna 208 Caravans, F27s, or ATR-42s. Considering their extremely limited capacity (a Caravan can carry less than 3,000 lbs) and the thousands of dollars per hour required to operate them, do you honestly think that someone like FedEx would even consider making multiple flights between Livermore and their distribution hub in Oakland when all those trips could be accomplished in less time using a single semi-truck that probably costs them less than \$100 for the trip?

Just because the City has no legal authority to stop something doesn't mean it makes economic sense. Absurd claims that the sky will suddenly darken from the shadows cast by airliners and package freighters is nothing more than a scary fairy-tale being propagated by opponents of the airport.

If you would like to learn more, including a review of the noise measurements of the new Eclipse-500 very light jet, please visit our web site at <http://www.lvk1200.org>.

Nuclear Proliferation Burke Ritchie Livermore

Two principal risks are associated with nuclear power: nuclear waste and nuclear-weapons proliferation. The opponents of nuclear power have been concerned overwhelmingly with the risk due to nuclear waste. 9/11 has changed this mix. The risk of nuclear weapons proliferation is high because plutonium, which can be used to make a nuclear bomb, is a by-product of a nuclear-power reactor.

The post 9/11 risk analysis is therefore profoundly changed, and it has become necessary to "persuade" certain nations not to pursue the "peaceful use of atomic energy." The public seems to believe that only weapons-grade-enriched uranium poses a threat. The burn of non-

weapons-grade enriched uranium for use in a power plant produces enough plutonium over time to make plutonium bombs. This is what the Iranian president likely meant when he said: time is on our side.

One needs weapons-grade uranium enrichment only in time of war when time is of the essence. The burn of one ton of low-grade enriched uranium for use in a power plant over one year will produce 10 kg of plutonium by-product, which is enough for one bomb. In the early days of atomic energy Robert Oppenheimer and others argued that nuclear-weapons work should not be secret.

They recognized that nuclear research as a secret of war, in which deception is a tool used to win, would forever close the door to open, transparent discussion on this subject. In a post 9/11 world the risk of nuclear terrorism changes the outlook for nuclear power profoundly: the proliferation risk has totally trumped the risk due to nuclear waste.

Thank You Carol Beddome Executive Director

Open Heart Kitchen, Inc. would like to thank the generous people of the Tri-Valley area who support our programs through donations to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and the Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Ball.

We are very grateful recipients of \$18,736.50 from the Pleasanton Weekly's 2006 Holiday Fund, in which the Tri Valley Community Foundation matched donations. This money will go a long way in supporting our hot meal programs that provide nutritious, hot meals, free of charge, to those in need in our local community. Last year, Open Heart Kitchen served over 130,557 meals and approximately 59,000 of those meals were served to guests in Pleasanton and Livermore. The Pleasanton Weekly campaign will help us to serve 15,000 meals in 2007!

Open Heart Kitchen's share from the Ruby Hill Giving Thanks Charity Ball proceeds—\$30,000—will be used to fund the weekend box lunch program for elementary-aged school children. Open Heart Kitchen is currently distributing approximately 1,000 boxed lunches every week through the Weekend Box Lunch Program to children in Livermore who are receiving federally-subsidized lunches during the school week. The Charity Ball grant covers 324 of these children and provides for two lunches every weekend for one school year!

It is difficult to imagine the thousands in our area who are living on a daily basis without the funds to meet their minimum nutrition needs. There is no other non-profit agency addressing hunger in the Tri-Valley area to the broad extent that Open Heart Kitchen does. Our success in reaching out to those in need is made possible by the generous donations of those who care.

Stem Cells Connie Cox Pleasanton

In an article I recently read by Senator Feinstein, she constantly referred to "stem cells." I am so weary of politician's, and our press', constant lack of clarification regarding stem cells - specifically whether or not they are referring to embryonic or adult stem cells.

There is a crucial, significant difference between adult and embryonic stem cells, and to lump them all together in headlines, editorials and articles is confusing at best, and is actually dishonest and inaccurate reporting. As a mother of a Type 1 (Juvenile) diabetic, no one wants to see diabetes cured more than I do. Unfortunately, all of the attention is on embryonic stem cells, which, in over 30 years of research, has produced ZERO results! Adult stem cells, however, are currently being used to treat over 72 conditions including, cancer, nerve cell regeneration, liver disease,

There are proven results, and an even greater promise, with adult stem cells, which also have an almost limitless supply of locations to harvest from - nasal passages, bone marrow, body fat, blood cells, and more. Cord blood cells are also proving successful, being harvested from the discarded umbilical cord at birth.

Embryonic stem cells have shown NO results, and the fact is, research does not show any promise of cure on the horizon. In reality, the opposite is true, with embryonic stem cells causing untreatable complications in many cases. Combine the non-existent embryonic stem cell success rate with the fact that it destroys what would become a human child if left to develop (Many, many babies are being born from donated "discarded" embryos in the "Snowflake" baby program.) and you reach the obvious conclusion that embryonic stem cells are not the "magic bullet" they are so highly touted to be.

My research on this issue has convinced me that my son's best, and quickest, hope for a cure is in the verified science of adult stem cells, not the fantasy of a cure from embryonic stem cells.

I-580 Planning Robert S. Allen Former BART Director Livermore

I-580 is badly congested and bound to get worse. The cure is a well planned, integrated program to upgrade I-580, not the piecemeal approach planned by Caltrans and ACCMA (Alameda County Congestion Management Agency).

ACCMA's interim eastbound HOV (carpool) lane in the median would do little good for Alameda County folk who would pay most of the bill. It would mainly speed a few Central Valley carpoolers home at Alameda County expense. Instead of plunging ahead on that project, which would have to be torn out and replaced in a few years to do the other planned I-580 work, I urge the ACCMA and Caltrans to plan an integrated project.

My main objection to ACCMA's project: it would greatly complicate, delay and raise the cost of extending BART to Livermore. BART in a widened freeway median, first to West Livermore near Isabel and later to near the truck scales and an ACE intermodal station west of Greenville Road (aimed at Mountain House and Tracy), makes a lot of sense. If a median strip were available, BART trackway would cost about \$12.5 million/mile (ballasted double track, power, train control, ductwork, and fencing) in today's dollars.

Failure to provide such a strip in conjunction with the extensive work planned for I-580 would be extremely foolish. Se-

curing right of way for I-580 widening should take priority over a nearly worthless project like what ACCMA proposes.

Food Drive Success Pej Estakhri, Youth Service Council President; Rebecca Fortelka, Youth Service Council Vice President; Lauren Kang, Alameda Chairwoman; and Jill Murphy, Contra Costa Chairwoman

The Fifth Annual Tri-Valley Youth Food Drive was held on Saturday April 21. More than 1200 youth volunteers from all over the Tri-Valley participated in a program that covered over 30,000 homes reaching all seven towns in the region. Over 33,000 food items were collected.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to the Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Youth Ministry groups and other youth service organizations that have made this program possible.

We would like to thank everyone throughout the community for embracing this program and making it an enormous success including our main sponsors, PW Markets, Tri-Valley Herald, Pacific Communications, Shannon Dunn Graphic Design Web Design and All-Safe Storage in Dublin.

During this time of economic stress, local charities and low-income families are often hit the hardest by budget cuts. Your donations come at a time when they are most needed.

Your generosity to the Youth Food Drive will help meet our Tri-Valley Food Pantries' non-perishable food needs for the next few months.

With your continued support we expect to expand this program each year until we reach all of the single-family homes in the Tri-Valley.

We will be back again on April 20, 2008 for the Sixth Annual Tri-Valley Youth Food Drive.

Landscape Districts Alex Douro Livermore

A year ago or so the City of Livermore asked our "Landscape District" (Portola Glen - Edinburgh / Highland) to vote on whether or not we wanted to spend more money for better landscaping. The residents chose to keep spending at the same level, i.e., no increases or any "better" service. So, rather than maintaining our neighborhood at the same level of beauty, the city chose to punish us and reduce us to "limited" maintenance status.

The large grass area on Edinburgh is dead-brown, with grass uncut for who knows how long. Many of the broadleaf weeds are over one foot in height. The trees along Edinburgh are thirsty and looking like they are on their last legs. Several have died in the past year. Rather than replanting, the City simply cuts them down and leaves. Quite frankly, the area looks more like the weed and wild grass open fields near the old water tank north of Edinburgh than a nicely maintained neighborhood. Why has no one from the city noticed that over the past 3 months the grass has been growing, then dying?

Now the City of Livermore wants us to vote to spend even more money to upgrade our landscaping. They want more money just to bring it up to where it should have been all this time based on what we were paying!

Today, I was told that if we

HOME DEPOT

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site. He also noted that the traffic study did not look at weekend traffic and the impact of Shadow Cliffs and California Splash on traffic. "Ultimately, you need community support for me to vote for this project. I don't think you have the support. Emails run at 90 percent in opposition," said Sullivan.

Other councilmembers and the mayor supported the project, because they said the center would provide a gathering place in an area of Pleasanton where none exists. They also felt that the numerous conditions placed on the conditional use permit would mitigate many of the concerns raised by residents.

A conditional use permit (CUP) established the conditions. Early in talks with neighbors, there were complaints about the design of the project. That led to a redesign. The new look, said Director of Planning Jerry Iserson, is more in keeping with Pleasanton. The architecture for Home Depot is unique to the company in that it is not the traditional big box.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern commented, "I think it is a good project. There are more conditions than I've seen with any other development. If the CUP needs to be pulled, it

will be pulled. The developers will have to live up to the conditions."

Among the conditions is one that requires delivery trucks to enter and leave the center without going through Pleasanton. They are required to use Isabel Avenue to reach Stanley Blvd.

Several speakers pointed out that this requirement is unenforceable. State commerce laws allow delivery trucks to reach their destinations by the most direct route. It was noted that with two Home Depot stores, trucks are not going to go back out on I-580 to travel from one to the other to make deliveries.

City attorney Michael Roush said he believes the truck requirement can be enforced. "It will be an educational process. Over time, I think the requirement will be largely observed." Home Depot must have a monitor on site to make sure it is observed.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne commented, "As far as I am concerned the project has banned truck traffic. I firmly believe we can deal with it."

Two Home Depots was a second issue. Comments indicated a belief that the community could not support two stores. The first one would likely be closed.

The city conducted a fiscal

analysis. Emily Wagner noted that other communities have two feasible Home Depots. They include Milpitas, Mt. View, Colma and Concord.

The study found that the new store would generate \$530,000 per year in sales tax revenue. Twenty percent of the sales would come from the existing store; and ten percent from other businesses in the area. The net increase in sales tax would be \$370,000.

Property tax revenues would be \$100,000 the first year and increase by 2 percent a year. Other revenues from various fees would provide \$20,000 for a gross increase in revenues to the city of \$490,000 per year. Re-gency had predicted \$1 million per year.

The study also looked at cost to the city to provide services. The range was between \$115,000 and \$190,000 leaving a net fiscal positive to the city of between \$300,000 and \$375,000.

Councilmember Sullivan wondered about the long term impact. He said a study published by Iowa State found, with the exception of population growth, there is a fixed market for these types of stores. The study also found that over time the market

becomes saturated with similar uses such as Lowe's."

Wagner, who conducted the economic study, said a growth in the need for building supplies is anticipated. That's because the housing stock is aging. Owners will start to look at upgrades, repairs and expansions.

Residents were split on the support for the project. Mrs. Jensen said, "I'm for the project. I live on Valley. Traffic is horrible during commute hours. At other times there is no problem."

Joe Rose said, "This type of store is needed on this side of the city. It's a four mile drive to the other Home Depot."

Nancy Allen was most concerned about truck traffic and the ability of the city to enforce the condition. She also raised the issue of whether two Home Depots could exist. She suggested the city have Home Depot sign a penalty clause that would protect the city if the old store closes.

Darrell Walterson said he spends \$50,000 a year at Home Depot and has seen the traffic it generates. "I'm a contractor. I vehemently oppose the new store."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, stated, "I think it's a beautiful project. It is a good fit in that location."

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MAILBOX

don't vote yes, that our level of service will drop even more. How much lower than "no-service at all" can it get? I was also told that the City must reduce our watering by over \$900 this year - so every other tree and shrub in the neighborhood will die too. What kind of scare tactics are those? We all expect a certain level of service from our government, and I am certainly willing to pay my FAIR SHARE to get good service, however, the "pay up" or watch your plants die mentality that the City currently is displaying will not get my yes vote at anytime in the near or far future.

Bring my neighborhood back up to the level of beauty that it has had for the past 15 years first - then, maybe, I will consider spending more - if you can show me you will actually give me more.

Cut-Through Traffic Thomas Jefferson Livermore

In recent years Pleasanton has vigorously pursued the reduction of cut-through traffic.

At the May 15 City Council meeting Pleasanton approved a Home Depot center at the Valley/Bernal Avenue/Stanley Boulevard intersection. Amazingly, one of the conditions of approval was that all Home Depot and vendors' delivery trucks use Stanley Boulevard and Route 84.

Thus, rather than use a Pleasanton freeway exit for deliveries which would result in no cut-through traffic, Pleasanton has

instead required that delivery trucks cut through Livermore, negatively impacting Livermore's traffic.

Pleasanton's action with this Home Depot condition of approval and its failure to move ahead with a Stoneridge Drive extension are evidence that Pleasanton will not cooperate in addressing regional traffic issues.

Livermore and other neighboring municipalities should keep this in mind and act accordingly in the future.

Pay for School Deficits Rainey Smith Livermore

So I see in the 5/17 issue of the Independent that Pleasanton schools have a \$36 million shortfall for upgrades to educate the children who will run this country/world in the future. I am writing to offer a potential solution that will not cost the taxpayer anything extra.

The state is currently spending millions (I believe its over \$50 million?) to widen Hwy 84/Vallecitos Rd on the East side of I-680. Rather than ripping up 100+ year old oak trees and paving over yet another beautiful California hillside, why don't we invest that money in our future and in our children? I am one of the few Californians anymore who was actually born here. I'm proud to be a native Californian. But, I truly don't understand our apparent need to pave over every inch of nature that we can. Is it not possible to have a balance of nature vs city? Must all na-

ture be in national parks rather than just a gorgeous valley that really is the highlight of my daily commute?

By widening Pigeon Pass to 4 lanes (which looks like they end just short of the nuclear facility. How is that merge going to be?), we will only double the amount of cars and semi's that use the road. It will not be an easier commute...I think the amazing new intersection at Vallecitos and Isabel proves that. Sure its a little faster now...but its not the intersection...its the timing of the light! You still stand very good odds of being at a near stop from almost the intersection of Isabel and Vineyard...and that near stop goes all the way to the top of the pass. However, if we disallowed semi's on the narrow, curvy road with a steep pass in it...the problem would be mostly alleviated. One semi at 6:30 am creeping over the pass at 10 mph pretty much brings the commute to a stand-still until after 9 am...its funny how that works. I respect the drivers of the semi's and their desire to have a shorter/faster drive...but when commuters feel that cutting off or tailgating a semi is acceptable...is it really easier?

I say we call off the widening of Hwy 84/Vallecitos Road. Let's make an investment in our future generations instead of simply spending money on a road that will need to be maintained for the rest of its existence. Rather than thinking of how much easier the commute will be (which is a short-term semi-truth)...let's think

of our futures and our children. Education is so much more important than driving faster or cutting 5 miles off of our commute. I'm sure its "too late." But as yet only a few trees have perished for the project and a simple fence has been put up. Let's call a mulligan and start over!

Global Warming J.L. Emmons Pleasanton

Stanley Kubrick's character Colonel Jack D. Ripper only drank rainwater because fluoridation was a communist plot. His paranoia and authority under Plan R sent Major Kong on his wild ride. That was the time of the Cold War and MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) with the Russians was America's biggest fear. Since the Soviet Union's collapse, the experts have warned us that the "end of days" is now near due to overpopulation, acid rain, ozone depletion, Alar, electromagnetic fields, NutraSweet, Y2K, food irradiation, and now the latest dire prediction, Global Warming. Oscar winner Al Gore tells us in *An Inconvenient Truth* that crops will be destroyed, category five hurricanes commonplace, and sea levels will rise 20 feet, hence The Doomsday Clock was moved two minutes closer to midnight.

Maybe Dr. Strangelove had it right. He proposed that we could live underground for over a hundred years in mine shafts. Of course only the smartest and strongest of us would be chosen and there would be a ratio of say ten women to one man. The women would be young, attractive and fertile and the men would have to offer their prodigious service. Personally, I find this a much more satisfying alternative than changing to fluorescent bulbs, only using one sheet of toilet paper per visit, driving a Prius, or becoming a Carbon Neutral Metrosexual. I'm now convinced that the answer to Global Warming lies with the Military Industrial Complex. As General Buck Turgidson proclaimed, "Mr. President, we must not allow...a mine shaft gap!"

Thank You Lon Gregory Livermore

On May 3, 2007, sixteen veterans from the Livermore VA Hospital enjoyed a day of fishing and camaraderie at Shadow Cliffs, Pleasanton.

This activity was a great success and provided our fellow veterans with an opportunity to enjoy an outdoor event and experience the joys of fishing and spending time with friends. Such efforts are not successful, because of one person, but the collective efforts of volunteers, hospital staff, and other community organizations.

A special thank you to the following organizations and individuals: Peter Alexander, fisheries program manager; East Bay Regional Park District; Taff Vidales, board member Let's Go Fishing Ministries; Renee Chastian, RTA, VA Hospital; Forsters of America; Ladies Auxiliary of San Leandro Post 819; Tressie Jacobson; Gordon Cleaver; VFW Post 7265 - Bill Dayton, commander; and Ben Pitts for the great fish fry on Friday, May 4.

Thank you for your time and your efforts in making the lives of those who served our country a little better.

Regrettable Decision Dave Lowell Livermore

Last week's decision by the Pleasanton City Council to approve zoning for another Home Depot store in Pleasanton was a very regrettable decision. Beyond the questions of traffic and any other issues, a major question is why Pleasanton needs a

second Home Depot. A Home Depot is a destination store where purchases are large and customers are willing to drive many miles to find the right item or save money. Every one in Pleasanton is within easy driving distance of the Pleasanton Home Depot.

One reason Home Depot may want to build a second store in Pleasanton is to discourage a competitor, like Lowes, from opening there. In my opinion, Home Depot, with thousands of stores, can afford to reduce profits in two stores or even lose money in those stores to keep a major competitor from gaining a foothold. In the meantime, two losing stores won't affect the bottom line of the parent company to any degree, but will squeeze the excellent independent merchants in Pleasanton, like Richerts Lumber, The Workbench, Lights of Pleasanton and Western Garden Nursery. These local merchants have better products and service but cannot afford to lose any sales to the giant corporations. They don't have the millions of dollars of capital reserves that huge chain stores have. This is the story in much of the rest of a homogenized America where all the stores are the same across the country. It should not have been the story in Pleasanton if the City Council had made the right decision to reject the Home Depot proposal.

Fair Tickets Help Fund Pleasanton Downtown Mural Project

The Alameda County Fair and the Pleasanton Downtown Association are partnering together to promote both the Fair and the Downtown Mural Project. For each advance ticket purchased by June 20 at any of five participating businesses in downtown Pleasanton, \$1 will be contributed to the Pleasanton Downtown Association's new Mural Program.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) recently kicked off the Mural Program with a scene of Pleasanton in the early 1900s being painted on the north face of Strizzi's Restaurant by well-known local artist Gary Winter.

The PDA's Mural Committee is reviewing artists' designs and working with local building

owners to finalize other downtown mural locations. Money donated from the Fair advance ticket sales will help defray costs for the program.

PDA Executive Director Christine Saldivar said of the partnership with the Alameda County Fair, "PDA's Mural Program is already making downtown Pleasanton even more of a destination for residents and visitors. The funds raised by advance tickets sales will help us move ahead more quickly with the creation of more murals throughout downtown."

Advance tickets to the Alameda County Fair can be purchased at the following downtown Pleasanton locations until June 20: Clover Creek, 670 Main Street; Domus, 652 Main Street;

Sincerely Yours Cards and Gifts, 711 Main Street; Three Dog Bakery, 335 St. Mary's Street; and Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street.

Advance tickets cost \$6 for adults (age 13 and over), \$5 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$4 for children (ages 6 to 12). Tickets purchased at the gate during the Fair cost \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$6 for children. The Fair runs from June 22 through July 8.

For more information on PDA's Mural Program, call 925-484-2199. Artist Winter encourages people to stop by Strizzi's Restaurant, at the corner of Main and St. Mary Street, to watch him put the final touches on his mural over the next couple of weeks.

Oldies but Goodies bring in the \$\$\$



**Livermore's Citywide Garage Sale
Saturday, June 23, 2007
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Call (925) 447-1300 by June 8 to sign up for this one-day only event!



Ask Kathleen

Kathleen Minser, Waste Reduction Specialist, offers advice about the 4Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle, rot (compost).

Q: My neighbor asked me to join her family in the upcoming Fifth Annual Citywide Garage Sale. How does it work?

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SPORTS NOTES

CYO Track & Field

St. Michael's/St. Charles Track & Field Club competed in the Diocesan Championship Meet on May 11 and 12, at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

GIRLS 1600 METER: 4th Grade - Dana Anex (4th, 06:59.6), 7th Grade - Natalie Dimits (2nd, 05:45.8)

GIRLS 400 METER: 3rd Grade - Pamela White (7th, 01:25.0), 7th Grade - Natalie Dimits (3rd, 01:07.0)

BOYS 400 METER: 6th Grade - John Stephanek (4th, 01:04.3), Michael Marcotte (7th, 01:11.9)

GIRLS 50 METER: 3rd Grade - Alexa Chavarria (7th, 8.94)

GIRLS 100 METER: 7th Grade - Natalie Dimits (3rd, 01:07.0), 8th Grade - Tynesha Campbell (3rd, 33:36.0)

BOYS 100 METER: 7th Grade - Kyle Farnady (2nd, 04:48.0), Mitchel Acton (3rd, 07:12.0), 8th Grade - John Kuchac (5th, 33:36.0)

GIRLS 800 METER: 5th Grade - Alyssa Stevenson (3rd, 02:49.9), 7th Grade - Rebekah Delledera (4th, 02:44.4), 8th Grade - Amanda McNary (3rd, 02:43.9)

GIRLS 200 METER: 3rd Grade - Pamela White (2nd, 34.23), 5th Grade - Alyssa Stevenson (4th, 33:36.0)

BOYS 200 METER: 6th Grade - Michael Marcotte (4th, 21:36.0), John Stephanek (5th, 12:00.0), 7th Grade - Mitchel Acton (3rd, 40:48.0), 8th Grade - (5th, 24:00.0)

GIRLS 4 x 100 RELAY: 7th Grade - Daniela Delledera, Natalie Dimits, Rebekah Delledera, Jessica Wofford (4th, 06:00.6)

BOYS 4 x 100 RELAY: 6th Grade - Tyler Melgosa, Michael Marcotte, Evan Briggs, John Stephanek (2nd, 43:12.0), 8th Grade - Josh White, Zachary Savoy, Caleb Knight, John Kuchac (5th, 51.71)

GIRLS HIGH JUMP: 5th Grade - Kristen Mork (2nd, 3' 10")

BOYS HIGH JUMP: 5th Grade - Jeremy Williams (1st, 4' 8"), 6th Grade - Matt Tyler (2nd, 4' 4"), EVAN BRIGGS (3rd, 4' 4")

BOYS LONG JUMP: 5th Grade - Jeremy Williams (5th, 12' 8.25"), 6th Grade - Michael Marcotte (2nd, 13' 11.5"), Matt Tyler (4th, 13' 3.25"), 7th Grade - Daniel Replogle (3rd, 14' 11")

GIRLS SOFTBALL THROW: 7th Grade - Monica Acton (8th, 101' 6")

BOYS SOFTBALL THROW: 3rd Grade - Malik Pruitt (6th, 97' 2"), Cody Scribner (3rd, 133' 5")

GIRLS SHOT PUT: 7th Grade - Monica Acton (1st, 32' 7.75"), Katie Cannon (4th, 26' 3.50")

BOYS SHOT PUT: 8th Grade - John Kuchac (2nd, 36' 2.5")

Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U18 United got their Norcal spring season off with a split in Manteca. Game one was versus Placer, and BUSC got off to a very quick start. David Norton got hauled down in the box after beating his mark, and Ballistic was awarded a PK. Alex McArthur had his try blocked, but gathered in his own rebound and put it home for an early 1-0 lead in the 4th minute. Bad luck came in the 21st minute courtesy of the wind. A high cross held up longer than expected, and CK Brett Webber stayed up as long as he could while it descended. He managed to punch it but not as far as he would have liked, and Placer knocked it in. Webber kept the game tied with a lightning-quick save with one hand in the 34th minute. In the second half, an attempted Ballistic clear was blocked and deflected right to an attacker at the 18. He gathered it up and put netted it in the 60th minute for the 2-1 final.

Game two pitted Ballistic against the Reno Rebellion. Committing early to the attack, Tigran Napetian led the charge with a low drive in the first minute that the Reno keeper stopped with a dive. The tone was set for the first half, with BUSC doing everything but scoring. High shots, corners, posts, direct kicks were all to no avail. Reno almost got in their only strong entry to the BUSC half in the 18th minute. Webber came out and challenged the Reno forward one-on-one and made the stop. The second half found more of the same, with better results. A constant BUSC attack forced a corner in the 43rd minute. McArthur dropped it to Min-Joon Oh, who finished for the 1-0 lead. In the 52nd minute, Mike Florian's direct kick led to a minute of incessant pressure, including an almost own-goal by Reno. Finally, another corner rebounded off the post, and Florian finished for the 2-0 lead. Reno tried to respond, and in the 60th minute, succeeded in halving the lead. With his defender knocked down, Webber came out to help and was knocked down himself. A Reno attacker took advantage of the open net, and the game tightened. Ballistic did not let Reno back in it, however, led by backs Jay Jafarpour and Justin Mullaney. A give and go give and go found Tommy Glascock and Matt Carlucci saw Carlucci finish in close for the 3-1 final.

Tri-Valley Blaze

The Tri Valley Blaze U12 Girls Fastpitch Softball team played in the USSSA World Series Qualifier this past weekend in Fremont.

In game one pool play, the Blaze came away with a win over the Manteca She Devils. McKayla Saavedra took command on the mound for the Blaze holding the She Devils to just one hit and striking out 10 batters. Key hits for the Blaze included Adriana Segovia's RBI triple and a single, Saavedra's 2 RBI Double, and Ocean Garcia's RBI Single. In game two, the Blaze suffered a loss against the San Luis Obispo Shockwaves. Blaze pitcher Danielle Lafosse pitched hard on the mound. Strong defense by outfielders Breauna Herrera and Heather Smith and third baseman Alyssa Lanza. In the third pool play game, Saavedra once again was on her game striking out another 10 batters, but unearned runs and silent Blaze bats resulted in a loss from their opponent the Pride of Morgan Hill.

Bracket Play: Central Valley Bandits 6, Tri Valley Blaze 5. Despite a display of strong pitching, offense and defense, the Blaze could not hold on to the win as the Bandits proved to be the more hungry team. McKayla Saavedra once again was a gem on the mound striking out 8 Bandit batters and giving her a total of 28 K's in 3 games. Tight defense from Blaze players Adriana Segovia, Rachel Norman and Danielle Deerneck. Offense came from the bats of Breauna Herrera with an RBI single, Rachel Norman an RBI double and aggressive base running and a steal home by Nicole Evans.

Two Perfect Games

Nick Rose and Joe Monastiero rolled perfect 300 games in league play at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Rose, youth bowler, with a 167 average rolled his career first 300 game as the lefty excited all the bowlers. Monastiero, ReMax Reality League, rolled his second Granada Bowl perfect game and finished with a 720 series.

Greg Kwasiak was the overall hottest bowler with back to back big 700 series - in the Classic he rolled 253-269-241-763 and came back in Kings and Queens loop with 247-275-231-7853. Nancy Pendleton led the women for the week as the 165 average bowled highs of 258-229 for her seasons high of 638. The ReMax Reality Cheyenne league saw Ken Santorio and James Dennis Murphy, battle it out with Santorio posting 257-266-215-738



Members of the Pleasanton Girls Blizzard Lacrosse team brought home first place medals from the 5th/6th Grade Northern California Lacrosse Tournament last weekend. The team went undefeated during the season.

total and Murphy 267-234-234- 735 set.

Dan Crisp, Granada Mixers used highs of 258-222 for his placement at 688. Andy Fund, Kings and Queens, became an USBC award winner for his triplicate game of 1989. Les Knott, Sirs and Strettes, upped his 107 norm with a 166 game and 429 series. The Valley Family and Friends league followed Thad Ryan's 707 series with games of 261-221-225.

Foothill Freshmen

The Foothill High School freshmen ended the season on a losing note to rival Amador Valley. Falcons scored first, however the Dons scored last and more often en route to a 14-1 win. Austin Mann scored the lone Foothill run in the top of the 1st. A walk to Mann, a single by Michael Hisaka combined with an Amador fielding miscue brought across the run. Jake Bussani had a great but single in the 2nd inning but was left stranded at 2nd. The Falcons had a chance to get back in the game in the top of the 3rd on consecutive singles by Mann, Hisaka and Theo but quickly stalled as Mann was out at the plate for the 3rd out. The only other Foothill offensive threat came in the final frame when Andrew Brazzi doubled to left and consecutive walks to Miller and Chao loaded the bases, but the Dons pitcher bore down striking out the final to Falcon hitters.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results from last week:

The Granada Gold Junior 90's pushed their record to 22-4 with six straight victories over the last two weeks. The first win was 8-1 over San Ramon, as Eddie Horn went for 4, Zach Martin had two hits, and Brett Cortez, Brett Wagner and Adam Dickinson all pitched well, limiting San Ramon to just two hits. Then it was a 7-3 victory over Pleasanton American, as Cortez had two hits and Horn tripled. Granada then swept a doubleheader from Tassajara. The first game finished 8-3, as Cortez, Horn and Kevin Stein all had two hits. The second game ended 13-2 in favor of Granada, as Horn had three hits, and Max Kurth and Dickinson added two each. Next up was Pleasanton National, and again Granada came away with the victory, 11-1. Kyle Van Schaack pitched three innings of shut out ball, and Wagner went 3-4 at the plate. Horn continued his hot streak, adding a double and a triple. The final win came 14-15 over the Colt 45's, as Ryan Rogers' based loaded, walk off double clinched the game for Granada in the bottom of the ninth. That clutch hit was Rogers' fourth of the day. Casey Van Galder also contributed key hits during the winning streak, as did John Linney, who doubled twice and turned in some fine defensive plays.

Minor AAA: The Giants defeated the Cardinals 13-11 over the Giants. The Giants opened with two runs in the first but the Cardinals responded with three in the bottom of the first. The Giants put together a few runs each inning but the Cardinals put up an 8 run inning in the bottom of the third. The Giants battled back with 5 runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth and managed to hold the Cardinals off in the bottom of the sixth to win the game. Giants hitters: Devyn Kelly with a single, double and a triple, Isaiah Mendez and Austen Gibbs with triples, Michael Paiva and Jake Collishaw both with doubles. Giants Pitchers: Jake Collishaw one inning two strikeouts, Isaiah Mendez with three innings and three strikeouts, Devyn Kelly with two innings and two strikeouts. Cardinals hitters: Llewelyn Stone reached base 3 times with a fielder's choice, single and a double. Jason Bohl reached base three times with 2 walks and a double and Clay West reached base twice with a double and a single. Cardinals Pitchers: Llewelyn Stone with 3 innings and 6 strikeouts, Jason Bohl with one inning and 2 strikeouts, Michael Bohl with 2 innings and one strikeout and Nick Lind with one inning and two strikeouts.

The A's won a hard-fought victory over the Giants after six innings of tough pitching by Devon Sturgill. Giants hitters: Michael Paiva and Isaiah Mendez each with triples. Giants Pitchers: Jake Collishaw with 4 innings and 8 strikeouts, Devyn Kelly with 2 innings and 5 strikeouts. A's Hitters: Aaron Stoien with a double and Garrett Voigtsberger and Dakota Rogers each with a single. A's Pitchers: Devon Sturgill with 6 innings and 13 strikeouts, Aaron Stoien with 1 inning and 2 strikeouts. Other Highlights: Gino Belluomini threw a runner out at home to keep the Giants from scoring a crucial run.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results from last week:

T-Ball: Dodgers: Evan Capurro, Annika Green, Matteo Crivello; Pirates: Jacob Blanchard, Jackson Brown, Jordan Bruner. **Farm:** Royals: Chase Bertoldo, Kevin Lee, Jared Tavares; Marlins: Jacob Engemann, Jake Kern, Tucker Lyons; Rockies: Joshua Murray, Andrew Scull, Garon Michaelis, Grant Hillicka.

A Division: Red Sox 8, Yankees 7 Red Sox defense played tough with Bobby Payne assisting in 2 outs, catcher Tyler McMahon with his 4th foul catch at the plate and Daniel Crisp snagging a fly at 3rd. Trenton Weidner had a beautiful diving catch at 2nd. Yankees Erik Mork w/RBI's followed by Noah Stewart's RBI. Sean Constable had 2 base hits scoring 2 runs taking the lead in the 4th. Red Sox Jonah Wagner, Mallory Jones, Cole Fairhurst and Daniel Crisp each w/RBI's tying the game in the 5th. Austin Hosmer's triple drove in Tanner Paiso for the winning run. Top Players: Daniel Crisp, Bobby Payne, Austin Hosmer-Red Sox Erik Mork, Sean Constable, Noah Stewart-Yankees

Braves 22, Devil Rays 12 Devil Rays quick defense was no match for the Braves hard hitting. Jarod Heise contributed with Grand Slam, followed with a home run to finish with six RBI's. The Devil Rays try their best to come back but the Braves timely defense stopped them. Braves turned a very well executed double play to end the fourth innings. The kids earned ice cream because of this play. Team Braves: Jarod Heise One GRANDSLAM, Home run 6 RBI's, assisted in 4 4-5-3 double play, Jensen Le Blank 1/3, Tristan Gillman 2/3 Team Devil Rays: Sean Rolandar, 3 hits, Alex, forgatsch, 3 hits, Jackson Powell 3 hits.

Mets 14, Nationals 2 The Mets had a great game powered by Jordan Bureess who had a run, 3 singles and 2 RBI's, Gerardo Cabassa played great defense at 3rd base, Andrew Barrett hit 2 doubles, 2 RBI's and 2 Runs. The Nationals worked hard and were led by Ryan MacDonnell who had 2 hits, J.C. Langerud showed awesome defense catching a fly ball and Justin Nunes displayed fantastic efforts in every inning.

Braves 11, Phillies 10 It was a very close game and the battle for the first place. The Phillies were up by 1 run at the bottom of the 4th, but the Braves managed to come back and win the game. Nathan Tabarraci made an excellent catch to end the sixth inning. Logan Cole from the Phillies at shortstop made an excellent play to keep the Braves from scoring. Tyler Gonzalez made an excellent diving catch on 1st base. Jaime Osorio started the come from behind rally with a double and one RBI. Team Braves: Jarod Heise game winning RBI, Jose Mariscal was 3 hits/2 runs, Jaime Osorio scored winning run, Team Phillies: Mike Asifoy Double, Triple, 2 runs, Logan Cole Great Defense, Bobby Caneline 2 hits/2 runs.

Red Socks 4, Orioles 12 Top Players for Orioles: Lucas O'Brien - 3 Hits, 1 Double, 1 RBI Justin Hill - 3 Hits, 2 RBI Nathan Barney - 3 Hits, 2 RBI. Outstanding defense for the Orioles were Kaine Montez, Lucas O'Brien and Logan Koch for the victory against the Red Socks. Top Players for Red Socks: Bobbie Payne - 1 Double, 1 RBI Cole Fairhurst 1 Double, 1 RBI Mallory Jones - 1 Hit, 1 RBI. Great plays by Trenton Weidner with a pop fly at 2nd in the 5th inning and an assist in the 6th inning.

Ethan Shang - 4 Hits, 2 bases, 3 RBI's Lucas O'Brien - 4 Hits, 2 bases, 3 RBI's Lazarus McAtee: 2 bases, 1 Run Scored. The Orioles were able to hold their win with great defense from Justin Hill at 1st base, Kaine Montez at 2nd base and Logan defended plays at 3rd. Top Players Mets - Jordan Bureess: 1 Single Michael Butterfield: 3 Singles Brandon Williams: 3 Singles, 3 RBI's. Outstanding defense players were Julian Chavira with a great play in outfield for an out at 2nd and Jordan Bureess defended as pitcher.

AA Division: Indians 3, Cubs 5 The Cubs and the Indians played a great defensive game with the Cubs pulling ahead in a late rally. The Indians offense was led by Steven Mohler (2,2), Kyle Archer (2,2) and Nick Penrod (3,3), but the Cubs outfield was working well, with many outs at first base and great home plate coverage by Conner Parkerson, Jared Maranon for the Cubs contributed with a sacrifice hit that advanced 2 runners in the 4th. With the game tied in the 6th, the Cubs Jarrett Powell laid down a bunt which started the rally, resulting in 2 additional runs and win for the Cubs. Indians: Steven Mohler (2,2), Kyle Archer (2,2), Nick Penrod (3,3) Cubs: Conner Parkerson (RBI), Jared Maranon, Jarrett Powell

Twins 0, Cubs 10 The Cubs came out swinging against the Twins Friday night. The Cubs Joey Hajduk started a 2nd inning rally for the Cubs with a smoking hit to center field. Bryce Disbrow went 2 for 3 and Garrett Smith knocked out a homerun in the 4th to secure the Cubs lead. The Twins Cole Jacobs pitched well, with 3 strike outs. Jose Solis for the Twins was a force with good batting and a stolen base. But strong pitching by the Cubs Jarrett Powell and Jacob Tidwell resulted in 7 strike outs and contributed towards the win for the Cubs. Cubs: Joey Hajduk, Bryce Disbrow, Garrett Smith, Twins: Cole Jacobs, AJ Ruth (2 hits), Jose Solis

White Sox 4, Indians 2 Top Players: Dominic Fosciana (1 3B, 1 2B, 2 RBI, Defense), Robbie Payne (1 2B, 1 RB, Defense), Craig Mains (1 RBI) - White Sox Baily Wirtz (2 1B, 2 RBI, Defense), Alex Jensen (1 1B), Liam Radocke (1 1B, Defense)

Reds 17, Twins 2 The players and fans braved a cold windy evening to watch great efforts by both teams. Armando Fagliano, Zack Stevens, and Gerardo Alvarez pitched great with 1 SO each, supported by great catching by Isaac Lignell. Hitters/RBIs included Fagliano (2S, 1D), Ryan Silvas (1D, 1S), Truman Griffith (2S, 5B, 1HR.), David Harmonson (1S), Kris Jones (2S), Christian Morris (2S), Ryan Ball (1S, 1D), Mauricio Zavala (1S, 1D), Lignell (1S, 1D), Stevens (1S), Taylor Crenshaw (2S), and Alvarez (1D). Standout players for the Twins were Patrick Schwartz and Jose Solis with 1 nice hit each, and Cullen Wheaton with 2 great hits.

Reds 9, Cubs 3 Reds and Cubs played an exciting game with the Reds winning in a late game rally. Taylor Crenshaw, Ryan Ball and Truman Griffith pitched great with 11 SOs combined. Hitter included Ball (3S), Ryan Silvas (2S, 1 HR.), Griffith (2S, 1W), Zack Stevens (2S), Kris Jones (1S, 1D), Christian Morris (1S, 1D), David Harmonson (2S), and singles by Mauricio Zavala, Isaac Lignell, and Crenshaw. Great defense support by Jones, Harmonson, Armando Fagliano and Gerardo Alvarez.

AAA Division: Mariners 10, Angels 8 Austin Hoggatt (2-3) made some big hits along with Jake Trevithick (3-3) and a big hit

from Niko Falabella to take a 10-8 victory in a very exciting game. Connor Cruz was clutch on defense with a double play along with strong pitching performance from Kenny Williams to close out the game, despite a strong comeback from the Angels. Thomas Brown and Jake Stoneham each with a double for the Angels.

Mariners 8, Giants 5 Tito Quihuis' bat was on fire today for the Mariners with two Triples and an exciting attempt at an inside the park homerun. Niko Falabella slugged a DBI in the 3rd inning and Casey Peterson doubled to start off the extra inning rally for the Mariners. Casey also had a smoking single-handed double play.

Majors: White Sox 4, A's 0 The White Sox held off the A's on Saturday by a score of 4 to 1. Great pitching by Jacob Payne and defense by Kyle Walbridge kept them in the game. Jaxon Williams had two RBI's to lead the team to victory. Good pitching by A's pitcher William Stewart and defense by Anthony Dubberly kept them in the game until the end. Scott Chapeta also helped out in the offense. White Sox: Jacob Payne, Jaxon Williams, Kyle Walbridge A's: Scott Chapeta, William Stewart

White Sox 10, Yankees 4 The White Sox beat the Yankees by a score of 10 to 4. Good pitching by Yankees Tyler Dancer and a home run by Joe Halliwell kept the game close. Keith DeHollander also added to their offense. But good defense by White Sox Nicholas Gaul and offense by Pooja Patel and Chris Wilson sealed a win for their team. White Sox: Pooja Patel, Nicholas Gaul, Chris Wilson, Yankees: Joe Halliwell, Keith DeHollander, Tyler Dancer.

Youth Lacrosse

Capping off an undefeated season, the Pleasanton Girls Lacrosse Blizzard team brings home first place medals at the 5th/6th Grade Northern California Lacrosse Tournament on Saturday, May 19, at Mace Ranch Park in Danville.

The Blizzard began the tournament with an easy victory over South Marin White with a score of 9 to 1. The competition heated up on the semifinals against their own Pleasanton Twister team. The Blizzard advanced to the finals with a victory 8 to 5 over the Twister.

The toughest game was the battle for first place against the hometown favorite Davis Cross Fire. The Cross Fire was noticeably bigger against the Blizzard's predominantly 5th grade team. Rebecca Dumanski was the first to score for the Blizzard. The score was tied at the second half; Cambi Cukar makes the assist to Andrea Arden for the goal. Cierra Kocik's speed, Evan Murphy's interceptions and Lindsey Kail's aggressive plays created an amazing defense. Excellent ground balls by Jenny Gubner. The Blizzard's endurance dominated the second half with a 4 to 2 victory. Cambi Cukar finished with 5 goals in the tournament. Kira Ewanich, Kirsten Jensen, Lindsey Kail and McKalee Mooney each scored 3 goals. Andrea Arden, Haley Brodnick, Rebecca Dumanski, and Evon Murphy also scored for the Blizzard. Goalsies Molly Crozer, McKalee Mooney and Meghan Serrano did an outstanding job blocking the shots.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results from last week:

Juniors: LALL A's vs. Giants: LNLG Giants started an new winning streak with a 12-2 win over LALL A's. Cole Blackwell and Pooch Furr drove in four runs each. Blackwell tripled and Tyler Amador doubled. Mike Sindicic drove in two runs and scored two. Brandon Beran, Frank Robles, Nadeem Gross and Scott Vargas each scored two. Brandon Beran was the winning pitcher. Vargas and Anthony Mazotti also pitched well. For the A's, Brandon Arata singled in one run, D. Walsh had their other hit and Steven Monaghan pitched well.

LALL A's (2) Giants (12): Tassajara Cardinals (5) Giants (20), San Ramon Navy (0), Giants (29), PNLL Cardinals (5), Giants (10), GLL Red Sox (2) Giants (5), Giants (2), SRVLL Giants (1), Giants (5), GLL Red Sox (8); Giants (15)-LALL A's (4); Top Players: LALL A's: Brandon Arata, Steven Monaghan, D. Walsh; Giants: Cole Blackwell, Pooch Furr, Michael Sindicic; Tassajara Cardinals: R. Denemy, J. Furlong, T. Galletty; Giants: Brandon Beran, Josh Diaz, Scott Vargas; San Ramon Navy: JJ Chadwick, Andrew Kravariotis, Kyle Schuck; Giants: Anthony Mazotti, Frank Robles; Scott Vargas; PNLL Cardinals: Brian, Jeremy, Ryan Zander; Giants: Cole Blackwell, Pooch Furr, Anthony Mazotti; GLL Red Sox: DeMaurier Drew, Simon, White; Giants: Stevie Beran, Brandon Beran, Josh Diaz; Giants: Brandon Beran, Pooch Furr, Nadeem Gross; SRVLL Giants: Alex, Andrew, Kevin; Giants: Stevie Beran, Frank Robles, Michael Sindicic; GLL Red Sox: DeMaurier Drew, Dustin Simon, Greg White; Giants: Cole Blackwell, Michael Sindicic, Scott Vargas; LALL A's: C. Carter, Steven Monaghan, Brendan Sauer;

Majors: Cardinals vs. Giants: The Giants jumped out to a 4 run lead in the first with baschits coming from Matthew Greeny, Kyle Schlomg, and Nate Burke. The Cardinals got back into the game scoring a couple of runs with base hits coming from Craig Royster, and a key base hit from Austin Hall. The Giants held a one run lead going into the 6th inning. Brandon Olson scored the tying run on a fielders choice. Then Ben Pearson scored the winning run when JT Tudino drove

the ball to second base scoring the winning run.

Scores: Cardinals (7)-Giants (6); Cardinals (1)-A's (5); Cardinals (1)-A's (5); Giants (8)-Dodgers (2); Giants (8)-Dodgers (2); Giants (3)-Dodgers (6); Cardinals (7)-Astros (1); Dodgers (3)-Cardinals (17); Dodgers (2)-A's (4); Giants (2)-Astros (7); Dodgers (7)-A's (2); Giants (13)-Cardinals (0); A's (4)-Cardinals (6); Dodgers (12)-Cardinals (13); A's (0)-Astros (13); Cardinals (2)-Giants (0); Astros (4)-Dodgers (0);

Top Players: Cardinals: Craig Royster, Brandon Olson, Austin Hall; Giants: Kyle Oliveri, Kyle Schlomg, Craig Nunes, Cardinals: Reed Odzinski, Joey Martin, JT Tudino; A's: Craig Woolson, Jason Barrow, Steven Chappel; Cardinals: Reed Odzinski, Joey Martin, JT Tudino; A's: Craig Woolson, Jason Barrow, Steven Chappel; Giants: Luke Quesada, Craig Nunes, Tyler Wallis; Dodgers: Mike Walls, Dalton Miller, David Gomez; Giants: Luke Quesada, Craig Nunes, Tyler Wallis; Dodgers: Mike Walls, Dalton Miller, David Gomez, David Gomez; Giants: Scott Buskey, DB Vidal, Jose Gonzalez; Dodgers: Kyle Oliveri, Jason Shanley, Peter Whitney; Cardinals: Austin Hall, Craig Royster, Brandon Olson; Astros: Robbie McLeod, Cody West, Joseph Inzrillo; Dodgers: Salvatore Glaviano, Jake Williams, Dalton Miller; Cardinals: Henry Robbins, Joe Martin, Nick McCuen; Dodgers: Justin Agness, Jose Gonzalez, Bobby Griffin; A's: Josh Lester, Jason Barrow, Todd Littlefield; Giants: Craig Nunes, Matt Vidal, Mike George; Astros: Alex Davis, Mitch Licata, Kevin Hayes; Dodgers: Jose Gonzales, Jake Williams, Josh Sanders; A's: Craig Woolson, Austin Gomes, Austin Hummel; Giants: Matthew Greeny, Tyler Wallace, Luke Quesada; Cardinals: Chad Wilkinson, Joey Martin, Andrew Lord; A's: Craig Woolson, Todd Littlefield, Jason Barrow; Cardinals: Craig Royster, Brandon Olson, Reed Odzinski; Dodgers: Josh (JJ) Johnson, Jake Williams, Dalton Miller; Cardinals: Ben Person, Daniel Slominski, Craig Royster; A's: Todd Littlefield, Kevin Humes, Austin Hummel; Astros: Kevin Hayes, Cody West, Rob McLeod; Cardinals: Chad Wilkinson, Daniel Slominski, Joey Martin; Giants: Kyle Schlomg, Nate Burke, Matthew Greeny; Astros: Rob McLeod, Logan Testerman, Alex Davis; Dodgers: Justin Agness, Scott Buskey, Jake Williams;

AAA Division: Giants vs. Dodgers: After one inning of play the Giants squeaked by with a win by one run. Then the game of the day began. The Giants were having a super game. Chris Moussa hit a grand slam in the first inning. Way to go Chris. Kevin Siegel had a great hit in the fourth. Isaac Dugger caught the game ending fly out in left field. (1); Dodgers: Jervis Roberts, Chandler Miller, and Kuhn hit singles.

Scores: Giants (11)-Dodgers (5); A's (12)-Giants (7); Giants (2)-Nationals (5); Diamondbacks (0)-A's (16); Giants (5)-Diamondbacks (4); Giants (12)-Diamondbacks (4); Dodgers (5)-A's (15); A's (3)-Astros (5); Nationals (10)-Diamondbacks (10); A's (4)-Dodgers (2); Giants (9)-Astros (8); Top Players: Giants: Chris Moussa, Kevin Siegel, Isaac Dugger; Dodgers: Jervis Roberts, Chandler Miller, Kuhn; A's: Ryan Barnes, Tristen Thalhuber, Gabriel Culver; Giants: Michael Myers, Dalton Moreno, Robert Quitorio; Cardinals: Chris Moussa, Michael Myers, Michael Ditzel; Nationals: Frank Perez, Jordan Ratino, Zackary Cantrel; Diamondbacks: Robbie Quezada, Ryan Rogers, Brett Withrow; A's: Frankie Kirsch, Tony Galindo, Fotis Dimitropoulos; Giants: Erick Salgado, Chris Moussa, Michael Ditzel; Diamondbacks: Devin Badger, Charlie Torres, Zack Kline; Giants: Rob Quitorio, Matthew Wells, Erick Salgado; Diamondbacks: Zack Kline, Devin Badger, Jay Telles; Dodgers: Connor Spalding, Timmy Ragusa, Kuhn; A's: Tristen Thalhuber, Justin Weir, Sierra Levenson; A's: Tristen Thalhuber, Justin Weir, Jacob Rakester; Astros: Mitchell Mayo, Harrison Mayo, Parker Reynolds; Nationals: Brett Allen, Zack Cantrel, Stone Ryan; Diamondbacks: Nathaniel Marlin, Ryan Rogers, Thomas Navarro; A's: Fotis Dimitropoulos, Jordan Dowd, Devin Bernatich; Dodgers: Connor Spalding, Jervis Roberts, Timmy Harris Jr.; Giants: Harrison Mayo, Mitchell Mayo, Hayden Goldstein; Astros: Brian Martinez, Vincent Rizzo, Isaac Dugger;

AA Division: A's vs. Cardinals: The A's had great pitching from both Trevor Valone and Brandon Boyle. Justin Mitchell had a game to be proud of. Cardinals - Elizabeth Bukus had a great steal at home. Zach Hayden was amazing at the mound, as well as a double, 2 singles and lots of stolen bases. Harrison Wayne had 2 singles, an RBI, and stolen bases.

Top Players: A's: Justin Mitchell, Brandon Boyle, Trevor Valone; Cardinals: Zach Hayden, Elizabeth Bukus, Harrison Wayne; Giants: Holden Tanner, Chance Manning, Daniel Laronde; Cardinals: Zachary Hayden, Harrison Wayne, Richard Warner; Astros: CJ Lewandowski, Scott Williams, Brandon Salgado; Dodgers: Ian Barnes, Darian Hampton, Kyle Helsel; Giants: Trevor O'Neill, Andrew Romero, Miguel Loza; A's: Brandon Boyle, Nathan Gooby, Kenny Landauz; Cardinals: Russell Stevenson, Justin Pettis, Joshua Forshaw; Dodgers: Kyle Helsel, Brett Wilkinson, Connor Burke; Astros: CJ Lewandowski, Scott Williams, Addison Westbrook; A's: Andrew Swaim, Jonah Muter, Donivan Winters; Cardinals: Ryan Muser, Elizabeth Bukus, Harrison Wayne; Mets: Zachary Marshall, Dalton Seymour, Trevor Dyer; Giants: Trevor O'Neill, Miguel Loza, Andrew Romero; Mets: Jacob Rasmussen, Frank Gomez, Isaac Lopez; Astros: Scott Williams, Brandon Salgado, Adolfo Ramirez; Cardinals: Josh Forshaw, Ryan Winsor, Justin Pettis; Astros: Paul deLanda, Addison Westbrook, Scott Williams; Giants: Joshua Garza, Shastina Wilson, Kyle Helsel; Cardinals: Jonas Elam, Zach Patterson, Joshua Forshaw; Dodgers: Darian Hampton, Cole Waddle, Kyle Helsel;

A Division: Astros vs. Nationals: It was a well matched game between the Astros and National. Aaron Noriega caught a blazing line shot and a pop up. He also had two unassisted plays at first. John Moran was a hitting machine. Nicholas Lloyd made three amazing unassisted plays at second base. Vassilis Dimitropoulos, Daniel Ladderhouse, Brandon Krimsky put on an incredible display of

hitting for the Nationals and played solid defense. **Top Players:** Astros: Aaron Noriega, John Moran, Nicholas Lloyd; Nationals: Vassilis Dimitropoulos, Cody Voisin, Brandon Krimsky; Dodgers: Koa Barr, Omar Makhlaf, Reese Kerstetter; A's: Jon Berry; Magnum Resler-Miller, Keaton Simo; Astros: Nicholas Lloyd, Arion Ford, Tyler Ferrick; Cardinals: Jakeob Gooby, Charlie Riddings, John Locke; Nationals: Justin Siegel, Jordan Mossinger, Brandon Krimsky; Astros: John Moran, Dominic Rivera, Suede Canales; Astros: Tyler Meadows, Jacob Licata, Aaron Noriega; Giants: Blake Lujan, Nicholas Ratino, Jacob Sale; Cardinals: Michael Friesen, Hayden Hansen, Michael Moore; Dodgers: Kellen Bowen, Youki Chiba, Joel Cook; Dodgers: Tanner Gomes, Koa Barr, Omar Makhlaf; Nationals: John Eric Wilcock, Justin Siegel, Hunter Calkins; Astros: Suede Canales, Nicholas Lloyd, Jaren Dietsch; A's: Mason Walzer, Josh Goldstein, Wesley Williams; Astros: Nicholas Swanger, Jacob Licata, Ian Slominski; Dodgers: Javier Guerra, Youki Chiba, Ryan Castillo; Astros: Tyler Meadows, Dominic Rivera, Tyler Ferrick; Cardinals: Jakeob Gooby, Charlie Riddings, John Locke;

T-Ball: Mariners vs. Giants: Both of these teams came out and rocked the diamond. The fans in the stands and the coaches on the field were witness to excellent and accurate throwing, fielding line drives and fantastic catches by the basemen. We were all thoroughly impressed at watching these T-ballers put on a show, great game kids.

Top Players: Mariners: Blake Burrell, Trent Testerman, Niles Moy; Giants: Marcus Robles, Jayden Mosby, Kyle Winkler; Astros: Justin Rasmussen, Grant Dufek, Matthew Heartford; Nationals: Blake Freeland, Ian Humes, Ronald Martindill; A's: Grant Ikeda, Antonio LaManna, Todd Neizman; Dodgers: Jeremy Snyder, Daniel Ladderhouse, Zachery Armstrong; Padres: Jack Altman, Riley Altman, R.J Lynch; Nationals: Jacob Nixon, Jarret Baucke, Jordan Beakey; Cardinals: Marcus Majia, Colton Berlin, Sean Pascual; Nationals: Jack Wilson, Christian Pitcher, Jeremy Theobald; Nationals: Jacob Nixon, Ronald Martindill, Jordan Beakey; Marlins: Nathan Hanscom, Quinn Smalling, Anthony Ostrander;

Pleasanton American LL
Pleasanton American Little League highlights from last week:
T-Ball: Yankees vs. White Sox: Yankees played an outstanding game against the White Sox with powerful hitting and fantastic fielding. Cameron McMullen was an exceptional player with accurate fielding and throwing. Andre Maciel and Alex Benito had some strong hits.
Yankees vs. Athletics: Yankees played an outstanding game against the A's. John Garcia fielded a line drive to 3rd base and made a great throw to 1st baseman Brandon Bello. Brendon Bello also had an excellent game at fielding and batting. Camden McFarlane exhibited great batting skills with powerful line drives in the 1st and 2nd inning.
Red Sox vs. Rangers: A great day on the ball field for the Red Sox! Owen Lahr impressed with a tremendous hit in the 2nd inning; just one of his great moments. Cody Vaeth showed real strength at the plate and fielded with awesome skill. Jake Gebb proved the 3rd inning was his best with play after play to 1st base.
Farm B: Athletics vs. White Sox: Jackson Hager and Blake Theofanopoulos worked great as a team fielding from the pitcher's mound and first base. Sean Bettencourt had 3 strong hits and got on base.
Twins vs. Angels: The Twins continue to play great baseball. Eric Thomas hit hard toward center and also fielded at 1st base to put out an Angels batter. Nikolas Torre made a great shot through second base, fielded at second base and got a batsman out. Matthew Schulz fielded at third base and got 3 Angels batters out at the top of the first inning.
Twins vs. Angels: The Twins played a sharp and exciting game. Their over all performance was excellent. Logan hit a drive through second, fielded at 1st base at the top of the 2nd inning, got a couple of batsmen out. Josh Mozz was able to strike the ball perfectly and also was sharp at 3rd base. Blake Zimmerman fielded at pitchers mound and got a batsman out.
Athletics vs. White Sox: Jaden Orr demonstrated great fielding skills stopping the ball, and throwing to Matthew Chang who caught it at second to close the play - twice. Scott Renton had 2 great hits to get on first base.
Red Sox vs. Yankees: The Red Sox played against the Yankees on Saturday with a great game of fielding & hitting. The team was at their best with big sluggers, Mike, Coby, Nick, Matthew, Noah, Paul playing the ball out among the outfielders on almost every turn! The fielding was strong, with a great hustle and pick by Mike to get the ball. Coby made a great play to the 1st baseman for one of the outs. Lucas made a huge throw from 3rd to 1st

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solid defense. Continuing with his power stroke, Stefan Goff pounded three doubles. Patrick Herz legged out two doubles and made several great plays in the field. Donovan Mayer hit the ball well, but also played an exceptional first base catching everything that came his way.

Minor AA: Twins 5, White Sox 16; Shortstop Brendan Matkovich started the Twins' first double play of the season by dashing behind the mound to backhand a pop-up behind the pitcher's mound and firing to first baseman Phillip Herrera to pick off the retreating runner — one of 10 infield outs recorded by the Twins in a 16-5 loss to the White Sox. Second baseman Anthony Minaise sandwiched a pair of grounders into outs around a comebacker to pitcher Gumar Langenhuizen ending the second inning. Langenhuizen ended the next inning by inducing a grounder to short, snaring a liner and coaxing a hard drive to shortstop. But the heart-stopper came when centerfielder Brandon Dodak chased down a sinking fly with the bases loaded to end the fifth inning.

Angels 10, Twins 5: The Angels came out ready to play ball. Ryan Myers started out on the mound and struck out two batters. The Angels also had some excellent hits. Colton Stevens, Tyler Muniz and Jack Reynolds all produced hits in the bottom of the 2nd inning to help the Angels obtain the lead. Blaise Fitzgerald came in the 4th inning and held on to the lead for the Angels win.

Indians 20, Athletics 6: The Indians broke their losing streak in a spectacular way and trounced the A's. Andrew Kroll began the Indian scoring by stealing home in the first inning and again in the third. Grant Huggins had an excellent handle on pitching and Jake Molz' last turn at bat tipped the scale to 20 for the Indians.

Indians 7, Angles 14: Although our Indians were batting well and fielding a number of good plays, Saturday's game was plagued by numerous errors that gave the game to our opponent. Memorial moments included a fine inning pitched by James Kozuch who delivered two strike-outs and a quick play to first, and Brian Collins and Ryan Hanscom who each caught a pop fly that touched the stratopher.

Minor AAA: Angels 8, Indians 7; Greg "Hoss" White delivered a dramatic 2-out, 2-strike, bases loaded game winning RBI in the bottom of the 6th as the Angels completed another thrilling season. Memorial moments, winning by an 8 to 7 margin over the Indians squad. Jacob Nelson started and pitched two superb innings, yielding only one run, and Danny Terry came out to help put out an Indian rally, going a strong 1 1/3. Jake Kinney pitched the final innings to close things out, putting out an Indian fire in the top of the sixth.

Red Sox 3, Angels 9: Offense: Chase Henley singled twice and had 2 RBIs; Will Pickelt lined a double and scored twice; Blair Pacini, Kyle Colbacchini and Parker Moberg each had 1 single (Parker also scored on a passed ball in the 6th inning). Both teams led 6 runners stranded. Pitching: Parker Moberg, 3 innings, 6 earned runs, 7 hits, 2 walks, 5 strikeouts; Chase Henley 2 innings, 3 earned runs, 2 hits, 4 walks, 6 strikeouts; Angels 9 vs. Red Sox 3; Jacob Nelson started and Jacob Kinney combined to hold the Red Sox to just 6 hits and three runs, as the Angels completed a four game season sweep of a tough Red Sox squad.

Red Sox 9, Rangers 7: The Red Sox offense erupted for 3 runs in the 4th and 6 runs in the 5th to outscore the Rangers 9 to 7. Offense: Chase Henley smashed 2 doubles, scored once and drove in 3 runs; Blair Pacini hit 2 singles, scored twice and drove in 2 runs (he also made 2 fielding assists and had an unassisted double play); Christian Pricer and Will Pickett both singled twice, scored twice and drove in 1 run; Parker Moberg singled and drove in a run; Jake Wilson singled and scored. Pitching: Will Pickett 3 innings, 2 earned runs, 1 hit, 6 walks, 4 strikeouts; Parker Moberg 2 2/3 innings, 5 earned runs, 7 hits, 0 walks, 3 strikeouts; Chase Henley 1 1/3 inning, 1 strikeout.

MAJORS: Red Sox 1, Rangers 2: The Red Sox played their most exciting game of the season but could not hold on for the win. The Red Sox scored the first run of the game in the first inning with an excellent slide in by Nick Goldstein. The Rangers came back in the 3rd with a run to tie the game. The game would remain a tie through the 9th inning when the Rangers pulled ahead by one run. The Red Sox played an excellent defensive game. The pitching trio of Kyle Greenan, Brian Hus and Jimmy Doyle struck out a total of 12 batters. The Red Sox's infield: Cameron Myers, Nick Goldstein, Justin Cruz and Ryan Meisenheimer did a fantastic job at fielding grounders and pop fly balls to keep the runners from advancing. The outfield team of Jason Menger, Matt Westcott, Drew Gentry and Ryan Hoffmann contributed with outstanding fielding.

Yankees 20, Athletics 6: The Yankees and A's battled back and forth early in the game as they exchanged the lead. The Yankees broke the game open in the 5th and did not look back. At the plate some impressive performances from Ryan Mahoney who went 3 for 4, JP Parisi who went 2 for 3, and Trent Morgan went 2 for 2 with 1 B&B and HBP. Ryan and JP each had a double.

Yankees 4, Indians 2: The Yankees riding a 2 game win streak came out with confidence and determination. A balanced attack led the Yankees to the win over the Indians. On the mound Ryan Mahoney went 6 1/3 innings holding the Indians to only 2 runs. Jordan Cain came in and closed out the victory for the Yankees. Some impressive defensive plays by John Paul Parisi kept the Indians from scoring on many occasions and stopped a few scoring chances. On offense Christopher Kinney was the scoring machine. Christopher hit a home run and a triple. Alex Zwingle and JP Parisi each went 2 for 3 at the plate.

Junior 80s: Athletics 6, Yankees 9: The A's and Yankees treated the Pleasanton fans to an action packed game Thursday night. At bat Anthony Shiell went 3 for 3 with 1 stolen base. Matt London roared an RBI double scoring Kevin Anderson. Drew Clawges, Taylor LaPorte and Kevin Anderson all went 1 for 2 with all scoring a run for the A's. Defensively, Hwi Kim caught 2 pop ups and started a double play while playing in the infield. Jack Rogers, a skilled 1st Baseman played sound ball throughout the game. The game ended with Cole Hanley stopping a Yankee cold in his tracks at home plate.

Athletics 6, Athletics 5: The A's started out behind but by the 3rd inning took the lead and maintained it for the remainder of the game — final score 6 to 5. Once again Josh Rosenblatt dominated the mound for the first 5 innings followed by Hwi Kim, who closed out the game. Anthony Shiell was a natural at 1st base with solid defense and heads up play with 4 put outs. Catcher Cole Hanley and 3rd Baseman Billy Donahue made the final out for game in a run down to prevent the tying run from scoring. At bat Drew Clawges and Hwi Kim swung heavy bats and roped in doubles. Drew led the team in RBIs, followed by Ryan Campbell and Hwi Kim. Cole Hanley led the team with stolen bases.

Junior 90s: Phillies 7 vs. Phillies 6: The players: PALL Jr. 90's Gold vs. Tassajara Jr. 90's Gold. Pleasanton with an 11-player roster walked out with the "W." Connor Farrell got the start on the mound and held Tassajara scoreless for three of four innings, getting and letting his teammates "take care of business." Only one Tassajara run crossed the plate. PALL turned two DPs: inning two, 4-3-2 play (Zach Piona-Michael Herman-Joe Herman) and inning three, 7-5-2 play (Kevin Phtengsai-RJ Anderson-Herman). Both times, Catcher Herman planted himself in front of home plate and applied the tag to deny Tassajara from scoring. Anderson came to pitch after Farrell walked the first batter in the fifth inning. Then it was all Jay Coles in the final two innings of the game; although he allowed a Tassajara runner to tie up the game (6-6) in the sixth. PALL scored in the seventh for the win.

Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League results from last week:

U18 - Senior Rec: Borg Redwood Fencing - Wicked 10, RE/Max Accord/Sheila Cross - Zebras 5. Key Players: Borg Redwood Fencing: Kim McNally, Caitlin Gray, Amanda Reed RE/Max Accord/Sheila Cross: Brittany Jones, Katie Robichaud, Christina Takahashi

U14 - Major Upper: State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf - Misfits 14, Richert Lumber - Shamrocks 2. Key Players: State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf: Divya Lambah, Nicole Santana, Whitney Banker Richert Lumber: Nicole Woo, Sarah Machado, Madyson Benz Highlights: Good pitching, solid defense and an aggressive offensive attack helped the State Farm Insurance/Leslie Misfits beat the Richert Lumber Shamrocks 14-2 on Saturday. State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf -

Misfits 5, www.pleasantonhomes.com - Purple Pack 4. Key Players: State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf: Christina Schuler, Kacey Higgins, Akiko Osborne Pleasantonhomes.com: Vanessa Medina, Allie Rodriguez, Lauren Welco Highlights: One of the best played games of the season. Solid defense and strong pitching held the offenses at bay. The Misfits held back a strong rally by the Purple Pack in the last inning as the tying run made it to third base before a strike out ended the game.

Richert Lumber - Shamrocks 10, Ken's Painting - Stompers 9. Key Players: Richert Lumber: Maddison Holland, Haley Zavatero, Sarah Machado, Ken's Painting: Victoria Bantz, Elena Montauti, Laney Turay, Madeline Bush Highlights: In their best game of the season, Richert Lumber came from behind in their last at bat to defeat Ken's Painting. Sarah Machado contributed 2 RBIs. Big hits in the final inning by Nicole Woo, Sara Mason, Madyson Benz, Stephanie Brennan and Maddison Holland delivered three runs for the win. Catcher Haley Zavatero made a picture perfect tag at home to stop a threat. Ken's Painting chalked up two double plays. Vicki Bantz hit bases clearing, 3 RBI double and Madeline Bush contributed another 3 RBIs. Pitcher Briana Brown held the Richert Lumber team to three runs through the first half of the game.

U14 - Major Rec: Sallmann, Yang & Alameda - Wild Things 11, LJK Farms - Razzles 9. Key Players: Sallmann, Yang & Alameda: Madison Hill, Samantha Miller, Kayla Furphy LJK Farms: Kaitlin Oltman, Jenny Meisenheimer, Jenny Orbell Highlights: Sallmann, Yang & Alameda had a great game, winning 11 to 9. Madison Hill had a homerun with 1 RBI and great fielding. Kayla Furphy had 3 runs and as catcher threw out a player at second, Samantha Miller had 3 hits with 2 RBIs and caught the game ending fly ball. LJK Farms' Kaitlin Oltman had 3 singles getting three runs. Jenny Meisenheimer had 2 RBIs with a double and 1 run. Jenny Orbell had 2 RBIs, a double and 1 run. Great playing by both teams.

U12 - Minor Upper: Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire - Stix 16, The Strong Source - Hurricanes 0. Key Players: Alain Pinel Realtors/Tim McGuire: Krista Williams, Corinne Valdiv, Maddie McGuire, Roni Stone, KT Bindert The Strong Source: Erika Norton, Dhairini Clare, Kelli Finn, Marissa Riordan, Victoria Molina **U12 - Minor Rec:** RE/Max Accord/Ron Landis - Oreos vs. Tanner Insurance Brokers - Rebels Key Players: RE/Max Accord: Jonelle Balducci, Kalesha Liete, Paige Jones, Tanner Insurance Brokers: Shelby Richmond, Lisa Ghiringhelli, Cressa Duarte Highlights: RE/Max Accord's Jonelle Balducci and Kalesha Liete provided great hitting scoring three runs in support of Paige Jones. Shelby Richmond scored twice and Lisa Ghiringhelli and Cressa Duarte provided excellent defense for the Tanner Insurance team.

Belden Consulting - Hot Tamales 13, RE/Max Accord/Ron Landis - Oreos 3. Key Players: Belden Consulting: Kelsey Matsume, Britney Cooper, Danielle Deike RE/Max Accord/Ron Landis: Kalesha Liete, Kyra Costa, Catherine Cochran **U10 - Mini Upper:** Friends of PGSL - Wildcats 13, Aragon Landscaping - Pink Panthers 7. Key Players: Friends of PGSL: Bailey Costello, Kassie Kochan, Hanna Mallie Aragon Landscaping: Janelle Tanis, Maddy Franzella, Kiley Stowell Highlights: Bailey Costello scored 2 runs, and had a double. Kassie Kochan went 3 for 3 and pitched a good game. Hanna Mallie started 4 bases and 2 runs. Janelle Tanis showed off her pitching skills. Maddy Franzella had 2 hits. Kiley Stowell pitched a few great innings.

Coldwell Banker/John & Daisy Ng - Diamond Dogs 11, Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete - Bobcats 10. Key Players: Coldwell Banker/John & Daisy Ng: Jennifer Ng, Katey Moore, Ryan Harding, Jenna Crawford Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete: Kyra Sexton, Brian McGraw, Alana Mendez Aragon Landscaping - Pink Panthers 13, Coldwell Banker/John & Daisy Ng - Diamond Dogs 13. Key Players: Aragon Landscaping: Kenzi Schlag, Jaclyn Long, Nicole Gilbreth Coldwell Banker/John & Daisy Ng: Jennifer Ng, Isabelle Adams, Katie Jefferies Highlights: These two teams played an action packed game to decide who would take first place in regular season play. Nicole Gilbreth and Kenzi Schlag had 2 hits each. Jennifer Ng went 2 for 3 and Katie Jefferies hit 2 doubles.

U10 - Mini Rec: Tucker and Associates - Mad Dogs vs. Precision Auto Body - Mustangs Key Players: Tucker and Associates: Taylor Campbell, Jenna Orozco, Mackenzie Curran Precision Auto Body: Kellie Solon, Aubrey Krieger, Sophie Ciapriano Highlights: Tucker & Associates' Taylor Campbell did a great job fielding with a big catch at 1st base - Jenna Orozco-Great Job Pitching - Mckenzie Curran - Great Job batting. Precision Auto Body's Kellie Solon-Great Hitting Aubrey Krieger - Great Hitting and Fielding Sophie Ciapriano - Great Pitching Louisa Dubose - Great Hitting and Fielding

J.Lohr Winery - Pirates vs. EZ Automotive Group - Dynamites Key Players: J. Lohr Winery: Isabel Perlman, Emily Meier, Abby Sage EZ Automotive Group: Quinn Maxwell, Paige Heacox, Shelby Carter. Friends of PGSL - Crushers vs. Central Chevrolet - Fireballs Key Players: Friends of PGSL: Emily Roskopf, Rachel Usen, Celine Germain Central Chevrolet: Molly Hamilton, Sabrina Sterner Madrie McGarry.

La Bella's Pool Service - Blues Hurricanes vs. Friends of PGSL - Dynamites Key Players: La Bella's Pool Service: Ashley Permon hitting, A.J. Low, pitching, Ashna Sasuja double Friends of PGSL: Nina Harpell hitting, Lauren McNamara hitting, Chloe Smith fielding Precision Auto Body - Mustangs vs. Association Management Solutions - Starlights Key Players: Precision Auto Body: Juliette Chabot, Isabel Skinner, Sophie Ciapriano Association Management Solutions: Adrianna Harris, Bridget Beck, Marissa Underwood.

J. Lohr Wineries - Pirates vs. Pacific Dental Group - Sharks Key Players: J. Lohr Wineries: Madison Avery, Olivia Gonsman, Ariana Brooks Pacific Dental Group: Kailyn Coleman, Emily Taggart, Nicole Lupo **U8 - Mini Rec:** LJK - Wildcats vs. Axial Industries - All Stars Key Players: CKI: Abby, Rebecca, Amy Axial Industries: Danica, Nicole, Sophia Friends of PGSL - Blue Jays vs. RE/Max Accord-John Rocha - Penguins Key Players: Friends of PGSL: Gianna Barletta, Mia Battaglia, Megan Rittler RE/Max Ac-

cord-John Rocha: Tori Field, Paige Fortunati, Meghan Pickett.

RE/Max Accord/John Rocha - Penguins vs. Axial Industries, Inc. - All Stars Key Players: RE/Max Accord/John Rocha: Jenyce Dutcher, Meghan Pickett, Danielle Williams Axial Industries, Inc.: Karen DiDio, Sadie Grozier, Nicole Riordan.

U6 - T-Ball: Richert Lumber - Wild Stallions vs. State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf - Dalmations Key Players: Richert Lumber: Emma Mosen, Kate Inman, Isabel Mayfield.

Livermore Smoke

Livermore Smoke Girls Softball Results: **Livermore-Pleasanton High School Division** Karen Huntoon Realtor Blue Angels 16, Storm 7. WP - Kelsey Engel, 2B - Chelsea Larson 2, Britanni Marston, Victoria Rowell, Lee Schellenberger (BA), HR - Engel (BA), 3 hits - Jessica Davis, Rowell, Larson (BA), 2 hits - Lauren Bailey, Dyana Burton, Engel, Emma Grim, Marston (BA), 3 RBI - Burton, Larson (BA), 2 RBI - Bailey, Grim, Rowell (BA).

Stamped Zebbras (Pleasanton) 15, Karen Huntoon Realtor Blue Angels 8, 2B - Britanni Marston (BA), 3B - Kelsey Engel (BA), 3 hits - Emma Grimm (BA), 2 hits - Jessica Davis, Engel, Ciarra Trujillo, Bradie Rosa (BA), 2 RBI - Engel, Marston (BA). Karen Huntoon Realtor Blue Angels 2, Chaos (Pleasanton) 0. WP - Chelsea Larson, 2 hits - Jessica Davis, Britanni Marston, Lee Schellenberger, Tori Toth, Larsen, Bradie Rosa (BA).

Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League highlights from last week:

AAA Division: Giants 4, Cardinals 3: The Giants and the Cardinals played into extra innings. The score was 3-3 going into 7th inning. The Cardinals had the go ahead run on third base with two outs in the top of the 7th inning and Anthony Trucco on the mound pitched the batter into a 4/3 ground out to keep the Cardinals scoreless for 4 innings in a row. The bases were loaded in the bottom of the 7th with no outs and Giants clean up batter Scott Simpson coming to the plate. Scott hit a hard grounder through the infield sending the winning run home. Giants hitters: Alex Williams with a single, Joe Danckert with a big hard hit double, Scott Simpson with 2 singles and 2 rbi's, Geoffrey Wiederecht with a nice rbi single, Andrew Griehshammer with a rbi single, and Ryan Gedwill with a smashed single. Great defense plays made by the Giants today by: Andrew Griehshammer with a nice caught pop up in centerfield, Chris Goldhawk as catcher threw a bullet down to Alex Williams at first to pick off the runner leaving off.

Pirates 4, Giants 17: Big singles tonight from Ryan Gedwill, Matt Rooney, Joe Danckert and Andrew Griehshammer. Anthony Trucco had 3 singles, Alex Williams had a double and a single, Scott Simpson had 3 doubles, Geoffrey Wiederecht had a double and 2 singles, Hunter Milano had 2 singles, Chris Goldhawk had 1 double and Francis Dunne had 1 double. The Giants team had a great night at the plate recording 12 singles and 7 doubles total. Base running was on tonight with heads up running from everyone who reached base. Joe Danckert at played tough defense making good throws and great grabs. Alex Williams and Scott Simpson played great 2nd base making nice grabs and throws. Francis Dunne played great at third. Our outfielders played tough and were ready on every pitch, great job from Andrew Griehshammer, Geoffrey Wiederecht, Hunter Milano, Chris Goldhawk, Ryan Gedwill, Matt Rooney, and Rushan Vipan.

AA Division: Cardinals 10, Giants 9: The Giants, down by five in the last inning, scored 4 before the final out was made. The Cards pitchers, James Cowick, Bryce Veit, Alec Baughman, and Bobby Kaufman kept the Giants in single digits to secure the win. Jimmy Kaufman, Bobby Kaufman, and Drew Highfill accounted for all of the hits and scored 6 of the 10 runs. The number 4 hitter, James Cowick, walked 4 times, scored twice, and drove in 2 as did Joshua Halperin and Alec Baughman. The RBI leader was Bryce Veit who walked 3 times driving in a run with each at bat.

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results from last week:

T-Ball: The Bats played the Lugnuts. The Highlight of the game was Brett Davis hitting a pop fly over the heads of all the players, landing way out in the field. The Bats played the Hooks in the T-Ball Division. Star hitters of the game were Josh Replege, Spencer Griffith, Owen Chapman and Joe Cupero. Collectively, Chase Rodrigues hustled to work hard at every play that came his way and Matthew Kryslar had a great throw from 3rd base to make the play at 1st base.

The Grasshoppers took on tough competition at Saturday's game against the Lugnuts. Shan Dhesai displayed his impressive fielding skills. Connor Ivata and William Reni slammed the ball for home run hits. **Farm:** The Rivercats played against the Owls. Ethan Brice and Devin Cox led off the 3rd inning with base hits, and Sean Sexton drove them home with a double deep into left field. Sean had an outstanding game for the Rivercats, switch-hitting and batting left-handed in the fourth inning for another RBI base hit to center field. **A Division:** Cubs vs. Athletics The Cubs continued to show off their fielding with every player helping out the team on defense. David Brooks was the first player to pitch for the Cubs and made 3 quick outs. David also started a double play by stabbing a hard line drive at the pitching mound and quickly throwing out the runner at first base. Alex DeTrane batted lead off and got the Cubs offense going with 3 solid hits. Alex "Lefty" Laurence extended his hitting streak from the previous week reaching base 6 straight times over the last 2 games.

AA Division: Phillies 9, Angels 4: Kane Millerstrom & Michael Horton both pitched 2 shut-out innings each. Jonathan Dourneau got his second home run of the season. Kane Millerstrom hit for a double & received an RBI. Jake Vanwagoner hit a

grounder for an RBI. Robert Ota was named player of the game for his fly ball catch in the outfield. Top Offensive Player Jonathan Dourneau; Top Defensive Player Robert Ota.

Padres 10, White Sox 6: An excellent game played all the way around for the Padres. The boys showed up in full form and really played hard against the first place White Sox. Outstanding offensive and defensive play by all, the hitting effort by Jimmy Ritter, Timmy Wu, Matt Gates, Sahil Patel and a steal home from Noah Pacheco added up a total of 6 runs. The Padres pitching effort was key as well totaling up 8 strike outs led by Patrick Maude (5) and Jose Garcia (3). Top offensive players: Matt Gates, Single for 1 RBI; Jimmy Ritter, Single for 2 RBIs; Timmy Wu, Single for 1 RBI; Sahil Patel, Single for 1 RBI; Top defensive players: Patrick Maude, 5 strike outs; Jose Garcia, 3 strike outs; Game Ball awarded to: Matt Gates.

Padres 9, Phillies 9: The highlight of the game came at the bottom of the 6th when the Phillies had a man on 2nd & 3rd, 2 outs and their top hitter was up with two strikes, after a wild pitch by Jose Garcia, the Phillies tried to steal home that resulted in a pickle with catcher Matt Gates and 3rd baseman Regis Lachance. Lachance chased the runner going toward home and put the tag on him for the out. Top offensive players: Trevor Holt, top for 3 RBIs; Matt Gates, Single for 1 RBI; Regis Lachance, Single for 1 RBI, and a steal home for a score. Top defensive players: Trevor Holt, Double Play; Regis Lachance, Tagged runner out stealing home for game ending tie. Game Ball awarded to: Regis Lachance.

Padres 10, White Sox 6: Ethan Lipsker, Jack Sanderson, Jaiurus Woodson, Joshua Ott and Hector Vega led the White Sox offensive attack. The four White Sox pitchers, Jaiurus Woodson, Sam Cukar, Tommy Serrano and Jack Sanderson struck out 8 Padres batters. Ethan Lipsker made two great plays at shortstop. Eddy Lipsker earned the game ball for his outstanding play.

White Sox 9, Angels 8: The game saw five lead changes. In the top of the sixth inning, the White Sox scored three runs for the win. With two outs and the White Sox down to their last strike, Hector Vega had the biggest hit of the season with a hard hit single to right field that drove in Aaron Wong and Sam Cukar with the tying and go ahead, and eventually, winning run. In the bottom of the sixth inning after the first two batters were retired by an unassisted play at first base by Jaiurus Woodson and a strike out of an Angel batter by Matt Stiles, the Angels mounted a comeback attempt of their own. With the tying and winning runs on base, the Angels comeback fell short as Matt Stiles and Jaiurus Woodson of the White Sox teamed up to retire the last Angel batter, Hector Vega (1B and 3 RBI) and Matt Stiles (1B and 1 RBI and great pitching) received game balls for their outstanding play.

AA Division: Astros 5, Giants 13: For the Giants, Brett Lewis was 3 for 3 at bat with his 2nd hit a stand up triple. Patrick Ronan hit a pop fly in right, Nick Soldati and Mihir Naik gunned down a steal attempt at 3rd. Garrett Leone and Collin Richardson stopped another steal attempt at home. **Cubs 1, Giants 9:** Great pitching by Garrett Leone holds the Cubs scoreless for two innings. Quick thinking by Mihir Naik turns a hit to 1st Base into a double play by throwing out the lead runner at 2nd to Ryan Gronlund. Another double play was turned when Sanjam Sawhney gets the pop fly in Left field and throws out the runner at 2nd to Kenny Saxe. Collin Richardson picks out two from behind the plate. Justin Gibson hits the fence on one bounce.

Yankees 18, Cubs 12: Kyle Peterson, Jordan Ott, Brandon Martinez, Sam Arnold, Ryan Probst, Zeké Burgemeister, Greg Miller and Ryan Ortisi were the offensive stars for the Yankees. Kyle Peterson hit a booming triple to right field, had two singles, scored four runs and drove in one RBI. Jordan Ott hit a towering Little League home run to left field (a triple and an over throw), hit a single, two walks, scored two runs and drove in one RBI. Brandon Martinez had two singles, was a hit by a pitch and scored three runs. Sam Arnold had a double, a single, a walk, scored a run and drove in 2 RBIs. The four Yankees pitchers, Ryan Probst, Ryan McDonald, Jordan Ott and Zeké Burgemeister pitched great and struck out seven Cub batters. Ryan McDonald threw out a runner at second base from his right field position stealing a hit away from the Cubs batter, Kyle Peterson, Brandon Martinez and Zeké Burgemeister earned game balls for their outstanding play.

Cardinals 4, Cubs 2: Cards had another win against the Cubs starting the game with a double by Jake Wilgus but no score. Collin Blaney showcased his skills at the pitchers mound and Morgan Johnston snagged a ball at short stop. Chet Koziol hit a double in the 2nd advancing Brock Gustafson who had a base hit and RBI with Koziol for the 1st score. Matt Weir came in with a hit and an RBI with Gustafson to score. Weir coming on strong again with defensive play catching a high fly ball in left field and in the 5th, Koziol hit a double bringing in Stephen Chipman to score. Johnston took the pitchers mound in the 5th striking out a Cubs player. Scott Rasmick got a man out at 3rd and Blaney caught a high fly ball in center for the 3rd out.

Cardinals 12, A's 11: A's started out the 1st inning with a score by Stephen Chipman thanks to a base hit by Scott Rasmick. Chipman continued on offense taking the pitchers mound striking out A's players and catching a high fly for the A's 3rd out. In the 2nd inning, the Cards scored 4 more runs. Matt Weir hit a huge double in the 3rd inning for an RBI Morgan Johnston had a strong hit in the 3rd for 2 RBIs. Johnston continued stealing 3rd and finally home to rack up another run. Blaney hit a double and an RBI with Nagai to score. In the final inning Jake Wilgus hit for an RBI with Chipman to score and Blaney brought in the winning run with an RBI and Rasmick to score.

Cubs 12, Yankees 18: Zachary Stubbs went two for three at the plate, with two singles, an RBI, and two stolen bases, including a steal at home. Stubbs had outstanding play in the field, one worth mentioning is when he fielded a fast chopper to second and threw to home to catcher Nate Gipson who tagged the runner out. Gipson also went three for three, all singles. Tyler Winger's bat was hot Monday night, he went two for two, with a walk and three RBIs.

Cubs 2, Cardinals 4: In the bottom of the third Jacob Richey nailed a line drive single just inside the third base bag. Later that inning he stole home for the first Cubby run of the game. Solid play in the field rounded out a great game for Richey. Starting pitcher

Shaun Kienhofer pitched four strong innings, striking out four batters, and allowing only two runs.

Majors: Mets 10, Rockies 0: AJ Curtis, Logan Finley, Kevin Viggall, and Louis Desprez each had two hits in the Mets' 10-0 victory over the Rockies on May 19. Grant Soyka added a two-run single and also pitched four hitless innings. Aside from hitting two singles, Curtis hit two sacrifice flies and pitched a scoreless inning of relief. Finley hit two doubles and made a nice running catch in left field.

Giants 6, Rangers 5: The game began to take shape for the Giants' offense in the third inning when Daniel Kim smacked a huge single into right field followed by a single by Ben Case. The rally began in the 4th with a single by Sam Wagner, 2 RBI double by Nick Mendonca - limited only by the HR fence, single RBI double by Ryan Maund, single by Richard Vanderbil and 2 RBI double by Ben Case. The winning run was knocked in by Derek Banister with a single RBI double in the 5th. Flawless defense in the 6th held the Rangers with precision fielding by Sam Wagner, Derek Banister and Parker Dalton. Sam Wagner earned the game ball with 4 innings of consistently solid pitching in addition to a strong single and stellar fielding backing up at home plate for a critical out on a steal attempt.

Junior 80s: The PFL Junior 80's Cards pounded the PALL Yankees 12-5 behind the strong pitching of Justin Shotwell. Shotwell pitched 6 1/3 innings allowing only one earned run and striking out 10. The Cards got the offense going early as Jacob Leffries and Hunter Capilla had key hits in the three run first. Sam Aceret added two hits while brother Joe Aceret was 1-1 with three runs scored. Shotwell helped himself by going 2-3 and scoring twice. Gabe Scholl drilled a double to round out the Cards attack. The Cards ran their record to 11-1 and opened a five game lead over the second place Yankees.

Fastpitch Tryouts

The Tri-Valley Blaze girls 12-U softball team is looking for a pitcher and a few skilled players to finalize the roster. Currently registered with ASA and USSSA, the team is a competitive traveling team committed to improving the skill level of players. Practices are held in Livermore on T, W, T on competition weeks and Sat. on off weeks. If interested, contact Gill Herrera at 383-4708 or go to the website at http://eteamz.active.com/tri-valleyblaze.

Youth Basketball

In MVP Flight 4th grade girls basketball action the Octilligonos lost a tough-fought game to Hard Court Gold on Sunday. The Octilligonos were down by 10 at halftime but never gave up, narrowing the lead to 26-20 before time ran out. Nicole Alcaraz led the scoring with 6 points, followed by Molly Farro, Amanda Montano, Grace Naylor, and Shannon Rosemark all with 4. Also playing well for the Octilligonos were Kelly Borden, Danielle Dufek, Delaney Gill-Somerhauser, Anna Neitzel, and Samantha Trask.

Dash for Cash Criterium

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

Racers must have racing licenses. They 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 runs 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.

Baseball Camp

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

Football/Cheer

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

The football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVYFC). DVYFC is one of the strongest youth football conferences in Northern CA. It consists of 16 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In the past 5 years LYF&C has sent at least 2 teams to the playoffs each year, with one team reaching the championship 4 consecutive years. The cheer squads consistently place in regional as well as national cheer competitions.

Golf Outing

Carden West School will host its annual fundraising dinner/auction on Friday, June 1, 2007, at Castellow Country Club in Pleasanton, beginning at 5:00 p.m. A new addition this year is an afternoon golf outing that will precede the evening event. The public is welcome.

The golf outing will begin at 12:00 noon and open to both beginning and advanced golfers. The evening event will begin with cocktails at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a live auction at 7:00 p.m. Auction items include a weekend at Lake Tahoe, tickets to sporting events, collectibles, electronics, a Vespa scooter and many personalized items made by Carden West students. Individuals and businesses may participate as hole sponsors at the golf tournament and table (for 10 guests) sponsors at the dinner/auction for \$250 each. Sponsorship of two tables is \$400. Donations of goods or services are also welcome, and are tax deductible. Contact the school for information, 925-463-6060.

Individual tickets are \$200 for the golf outing (which includes the dinner/auction) and \$65 for the dinner/auction only. They may be purchased at Carden West School during regular school hours, 8:30-3:00 p.m. or by calling 925-463-6060.

Carden West, located at 4576 Willow Road in Hacienda Park in Pleasanton, Calif., is a private nonprofit, nonsectarian school that offers toddler-5th grade educations as well as extended care and summer camps for all age groups.

Women's Golf Week

A day of golf instruction or tournament play, great food and wine, golf fashion show, demos and professional speakers will be presented at The Course at Venice Vineyards, June 2 to 9 during American Express Women's Golf Week.

VA

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VA also should continue to operate another facility in French Camp, in San Joaquin County, in the eastern end of his 11th Congressional District.

Keeping Livermore VAMC open would head off a move by the VA to shut down much, or perhaps all, of the campus. Also under consideration is the closure of the 120-bed skilled-nursing care facility. That's a separate decision, which has not been made yet by Nicholson.

If part or all of the Livermore campus is shut down, the VA would retain the property, but entertain proposals for other uses, under leases. The intent is to keep the rural character of the property, VA spokespersons have said.

In considering the shutdown of the skilled nursing facility, Nicholson faces several options. One is to rebuild the facility from the ground up to bring it up to date for advanced medical procedures. Another is to shut it down and build one instead in the Central Valley. The Livermore facility would remain open until the Central Valley operation could be built.

Another alternative is to build in both areas. However, this is considered unlikely, because demand would not support cost in the VA's budget, according to a consultant's report.

A series of hearings were held at VAMC over the past year-and-one-half. Tri-Valley veterans and politicians urged keeping the Livermore nursing home. Central Valley residents called for construction in their area. Many speakers at the hearings pleaded for facilities in both areas.

After his election, McNerney appeared at the last Livermore hearing in February, and urged rebuilding of the skilled nursing facility on the Livermore campus. His next-door-district neighbor, Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Alamo), made a statement from

Washington to do the same thing. The facility is in Tauscher's district.

The VA's review of facilities is part of a nationwide look at closing some sites that may be outdated or poorly located. In many places across the country, retiring veterans with reduced income, and young veterans building families are moving far away from population centers to better afford housing, said VA spokespersons.

That's true in the Eastbay. Many veterans have been moving to the Central Valley. Also, veterans in the Eastbay find it harder to drive to the Livermore facility along Interstate 580 because of the increased traffic congestion, said the spokespersons.

VA AGREES P.T.S.D. FACILITIES NEEDED
Childress, the VA spokesperson, said that she agrees with McNerney "100 percent (about PTSD counseling need), and so does the leadership of the health system. There is a need for PTSD care in the Central Valley and at Livermore. We are in the process of expanding mental health (nationwide)."

There are more than 200 such counseling centers in the VA nationwide. A new counseling center will be opening in Modesto in 2008, the only new one in California, she said.

Asked about demand, Childress said that the VA is meeting current need through the outpatient counseling, and also a 40-bed residential facility for men in Menlo Park. The more severe cases, who can't be returned yet to society, go to Menlo Park. That facility also takes men who are on active duty, and referrals from Camp Pendleton.

There is also a residential facility in Menlo Park for women veterans. Childress said that many of them are not there for PTSD, but for trauma related to sexual abuse in the military.

Based on the VA's experience

with the Vietnam War era, clinicians are expecting a rise in need for PTSD treatment between five and 10 years after veterans return from combat, said Childress. Ideally, the VA wants to get veterans into counseling as soon as possible after they return from war. "Veterans think they can handle the problem by themselves. If we can touch them at that point, we can make them realize there is hope. We want to get them before they begin a downward spiral, before they lose a job, and a spouse and get on drugs," said Childress.

CLINICS BEING LOCATED NEAR MALLS

To attract more veterans, the VA is locating its counseling clinics in such places as shopping malls. It's partly for convenience, but also psychological. The VA doesn't want them near a VA hospital, because there may be resentments about being in an institutional setting, said Childress.

Childress also agreed with McNerney about the beauty of the Livermore grounds and their tranquility. However, it's a difficult location for outpatient care, because most veterans are moving to the Stockton-Tracy area. "I'm not saying that (keeping Livermore open for PTSD clinic) can't be done. The issue is still location. The final decision is up to the secretary. I know McNerney feels strongly about keeping the Livermore campus open and active. We are pleased to have a congressman who is so truly interested. I think that from his heart, he is interested in veterans and veterans issues. It's a benefit for us."

"Regardless of what happens to Livermore and the nursing home, we will expand PTSD care in the Livermore area (Eastbay) and the Central Valley. We agree with the Congressman on need," declared Childress.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Care Packages for Soldiers - May 26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. assemble care packages for local soldiers. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz (intersection of Valley Ave.), Pleasanton. Donations requested but not required; all items will be supplied.

Retired Public Employees' Association, Tri-Valley Chapter 075, meets 10:45 a.m. Thurs., June 7 at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Dale Schauer will be the speaker. He will present a slide show on the Tahoe Rim Trail. RSVP by June 5. For information and/or reservations, contact Bob at 846-6563 or June at 461-0315.

Homebrewing Club, "Mad Zymurgists," based in Dublin/Pleasanton, covers Tri-Valley. Next meeting Thurs., June 14 at Hopchek, 5398 Dougherty Rd. #7, Dublin. 6:30 to 8 p.m. For info call Hopchek at 875-0246 or email Brian Cooper at brewerian@sbcglobal.net or visit www.madzzyurgists.org. Regular meetings are held at pubs and other sites in Dublin and Pleasanton.

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Tuesday June 5th, at 7 p.m. at Alisal School in the multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The speaker will be Christy Smith. Christy will be talking about the Arizona Garden at Stanford University. Visitors are welcome. For more information contact Sally at 925-417-8809.

Clean Your Clutter Day, hosted by the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117 on Sat. June 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The lodge will be collecting monitors, televisions, cellphones and ink jet cartridges free of charge. A fee of \$1 will be charged for cellphone accessories, phone chargers, and digital cameras; \$5 for CPUs, printers, VCRs, stereos, microwave ovens (small to medium), and \$15 for copiers and large fax machines. The lodge is located at 940 Lakspur Dr., Livermore. For information, call the Elks Lodge at 455-8829.

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.

Free public tours of Ravenswood Historic Site are provided on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, except December. Tours are conducted by docents wearing 1890's costumes and include the two 19th century houses and the grounds. Also open to the public are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Hours are noon to 4:00 p.m. (last tour starts at approximately 3:15.) Ravenswood is operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and is located at 2647

Arroyo Road, Livermore. The next four dates are May 27, June 10 and June 24 (closed on May 13 for Mothers' Day). Call (925) 443-0238 for more information, or visit the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

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: A total of 1,724 students graduated this May from the University of Idaho. These include 1,139 baccalaureate degrees, 102 law degrees, 69 doctoral degrees, 42 specialist degrees and 372 master's degrees. Among them are Anne Rae Fortner of Livermore, who received a MFA in creative writing; and Megan Dyanm Parsons of Pleasanton, who received a BA in foreign languages - French option. Brian Joseph Jason, a resident of Livermore, graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration on Sat. May 5. Jason was joined by more than 1,300 graduates at the winter commencement. Chloe Stull-Lane was among more than 1500 St. Olaf College students recognized for academic achievement at the college's annual Honors Day convocation on Fri., May 4. Chloe Stull-Lane, was a former Livermore resident and her grandparents live in Pleasanton. She is a senior majoring in American Racial and Multicultural Studies.

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Topic for May 27 is "Justifying Force, the Ethics of Using Our Power." Sonya Sukalsi, intern minister, speaking. Information 447-8747.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The

church and reading room are located at third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

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. Upcoming sessions: May 24, June 14, 28; July 12, 26; and Aug. 9, 23. All are welcome. Questions? For additional information, contact Joan Bell at 828-6864. Group open to all regardless of religious affiliation.

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

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

Coming Fully Alive as You Age II, series offered by Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore on Mondays, June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 2. Noon to 1:30 p.m. \$5 per session; lunch provided for \$5. Preregister by May 29. Topics include Relationships; communication and intimacy; Journaling for life discernment; Rituals in later life - a path to developing inner life; Meditation, movement and dance; and Guided Autobiography. Facilitator is Judith Pruess-Mellow, executive director of Senior New Way. Information, call 447-1950.

Deepening the Connection: Couples Workshop, June 11, 6:30-9pm, at CrossWinds Church, Dublin. Blaine Carman, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, facilitates this workshop. Cost is \$40 per couple (or \$35 if registered by June 4); childcare is available, reserved by June 4; Go to www.crosswindschurch.org/deepening for more information or to register, or contact Claudia at 925-560-3826 or csiglin@crosswindschurch.org.

OBITUARIES

John A. Button

John A. (Jack) Button died Tuesday morning, May 15, 2007, from pulmonary fibrosis at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek. He was 75 years old.

A resident of Livermore, since 1956, Jack retired in 1990 from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory after 35 years of service. He also served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a member of the Masonic Order in Olean, New York, and an avid bridge player.

Jack leaves behind his loving wife of 56 years, Lois Button; daughters Adelle Button-Bell, Marlyn Peacock and Michele (Shelley) Decoteau; sisters-in-law Naida Connery and Nadine Button; grandchildren Dan, Greg, Nikki, Diana, Athena and Crystal; and seven nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend a 3 p.m. memorial service at the First Presbyterian Church, Fourth and L Streets in Livermore, on Thurs., May 24 (Jack's 76th birthday).

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Robert Ward Bainer

Robert Ward Bainer died May 16, 2007 at his home in Livermore. He was 56.

A native of Kansas, he had lived in Livermore since 1995. Mr. Bainer was employed at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a geologist. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia of Livermore, parents Loren and Nina Bainer of Fremont, children Ellen Bainer of Orinda and Russell Bainer of Chicago, stepsons, Jonathan Fey of Pleasanton and Steven Fey of North Carolina, a brother, Scott Bainer of Virginia, sisters Shari Lejsek of Shingleton, and Cynthia Dwinells of Texas, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers Michael in 1985 and Jeffrey in 1992.

Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Thurs., May 24 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. Funeral services will be at noon on Fri., May 25 at the same location with Rev. Berni Fricki officiating. Burial will be at Irvington Memorial Cemetery in Fremont.

Carolyn R. Keperling

Carolyn R. Keperling passed away May 6, 2007 at the age of 91.

She was born in Pennsylvania on Feb. 1, 1916 to Margie and George Roth. Carolyn was a longtime resident of Livermore.

Her husband, Harold, preceded her in death in 1976. She is survived by her daughter, Tonya Gehret and her husband Barry Gehret, of Bermuda Dunes, CA.

Carolyn was a long-time employee of the Dublin Branch of the Alameda County Library. She was a member of the 1971 Alameda Court Grand Jury, member and Past-President of Las Damas Club, 1970-71 and the Livermore Women's Club, 1973-74.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

John F. Vomacka

Long time Tri-Valley resident John F. Vomacka died May 9, 2007. He was 43.

John was an expert marksman and gun collector. He spent his free time at the beach, the gym, or riding his Harley. John loved deeply and never had a harsh word for anyone. He will be missed by his biker brothers, friends at the Fellowship, and Lu Lu, the love of his life.

He is survived by his aunts and uncles Ted and Larissa Vomacka of Antioch, Bill and Karen Vomacka of North San Juan, Jim Vomacka of Rocklin and Marlene Martin of Rocklin; stepmother Phylis Vomacka of Grass Valley, brothers Dean Vomacka of Tucson, AZ, and Steven Conley of Grass Valley and Joy-Ann Mickey of Santa Cruz; stepson Joseph Smythe of Pleasanton and devoted partner Lourdes (Lu Lu) Smythe of Pleasanton. He was preceded in death by his father John Vomacka and his grandmother Anna Vomacka.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Nicholas Aaron Sellick

Nicholas Aaron Sellick, "Nick," passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2007 in a tragic motorcycle accident in Livermore.

Nick graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2004. He loved to ride his motorcycle and he enjoyed 4-wheeling and fishing.

He is survived by his parents, Bart and Linda Sellick, his identical twin brother Stephen; and

his devoted girlfriend Katie Esplin, all of Pleasanton.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave Livermore.

Joseph A. Higgins

Joseph A. Higgins died May 12, 2007 in Pleasanton. He was 58.

The native of Salt Lake City, Utah, had lived in Pleasanton for 15 years and Southern California for 37 years. He served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife Catherine Higgins of Pleasanton, his mother Myrna Bills of Oregon, daughters Carrie Higgins of Pleasanton and Katie Higgins of Livermore, sisters Peggy Valko of Central California and Barbara Cleaver of Oregon, a brother, Tracy Higgins of Oklahoma, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, James Higgins.

A private memorial service is planned.

Donations are requested to a local hospice agency
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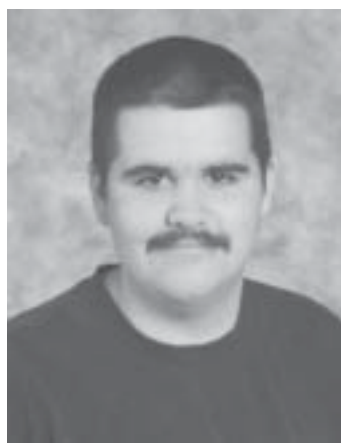
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Andrew Marantan (left) and Benjamin Upp are scholarship winners.

Livermore High Seniors Awarded NSTec Scholarships

By Patricia Koning

Andrew Marantan and Benjamin Upp, both seniors at Livermore High School (LHS), are the inaugural recipients of the National Security Technologies Engineering & Science Scholarship. Both students will receive \$5,000 towards their college expenses.

Andrew will attend Stanford University this fall. He has not yet declared a major. However, he thinks he'll probably go into physics or chemistry. "I'm interested in how the world works," he says. "As a kid I wanted to play with extension cords and light bulbs."

Andrew is also open-minded when it comes to potential careers. He says science would be a great career, but he thinks politics could also be interesting.

Benjamin will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where he'll major in computer science. He credits his engineering teacher, Mr. Waltz, with developing his interest in engineering and computers.

Benjamin wants to pursue a career working with robotics and artificial intelligence. He's already had some experience under his belt, having served as the team captain and chief programmer for LHS's robotics team. The team took first place in the Woodland Hills Regional Robofest contest and earned a trophy for Best Presentation at the World Robofest Championship in April.

The scholarships are provided by National Security Technologies LLC (NSTec), a contractor to both Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratory with a Livermore Operations office. The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) ran the selection process.

"Our intention is to encourage bright young minds to pursue science and engineering careers," says Mary P. O'Donnell, NSTec's director of mission support services. "We hope that our scholarship recipients may become future interns and, following the completion of their degrees, even members of our professional team."

To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants were required to have a minimum 3.5 GPA and a plan to pursue a degree in science or engineering at a four-year college or university. Demonstration of financial need was also considered.

Andrew and Ben were honored at the Livermore School Board meeting and at the LHS awards banquet earlier this week.

100th Birthday Celebrated

Rudolfo (Rudy) Gonzales Dulay celebrated his 100th birthday on Sunday, May 20 at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore.

Congressman Jerry McNerney sent a letter of congratulations. The letter said, in part, "I am proud of our country's veterans, and I thank you for your dedicated services as a member of our nation's armed forces. There is no greater sacrifice than to place oneself in harm's way in service of our great nation."

Dulay was born on May 20, 1907 in Manaoag, Pangasinan a northern region of the island of Luzon, Philippines. He was an only child but has numerous Manaoag cousins including the Gonzales, Dumpit and Duran families. In 1935, he joined his Dumpit cousins and moved to the United States; they were one of the first Philippine immigrants to work in California.

In June 1945, Rudy was inducted as a corporal with the first Filipino Regiment of the US Army in California and was stationed in Leyte. He returned to California in December 1945. After his service in the Army, Rudy worked as a cook in the Woolworth restaurant on Market Street in San Francisco until he retired at age 65.

Rudy is described a kind, loving and generous man and a real social butterfly. He has a "happy go lucky" attitude which he attributes his long life. Although he was married a few times (perhaps, at least 5 or 6 times and is currently unmarried), he has no children of his own. His family would often say that in addition to his collection of coins and stamps, Rudy collected wives. Rudy would often be chosen as godfather to several children of friends and relatives. He was always invited to parties where he would volunteer to cook his famous fried chicken; he made the best in the world!

His closest relatives in the San Francisco area are the families of the late Florentino Dumpit, his nephew. Rudy now stays at the nursing home in the Veterans Hospital in Livermore.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Christensen Middle School (CMS) eighth grade Honors Core class took on a project to support Stand Up For Kids, a nonprofit organization that helps homeless and street kids. They collected clothing, canned food, and recycled items. In the photo, class members hold the check they will send to the organization.

Memorial Day Weekend Events at Wineries

Fenestra Spring Fling

Fenestra Winery invite the public to celebrate the Memorial Day Weekend with a day in the country. The "Spring Fling" takes place May 26, 27 and 28, noon to 5 p.m. each day. This event will be held at Fenestra Winery, 83 Vallecitos Road, Livermore.

At the "Whites Sale," every white wine will be at a special sale price for this weekend only. There is no charge for this event.

Winemaker Lanny Replogle will introduce eight new releases: 2006 Verdelho, 2006 Sauvignon Blanc - Livermore Valley, 2006 Sauvignon Blanc-Contra Costa County, 2006 Semillon, 2006 White Riesling, 2004 Pinot Noir, 2003 Petite Sirah and a dessert wine, the 2006 Sweet Viognier. "We are very pleased with these wines," said Replogle.

Fenestra Winery is located six miles from the Livermore 84 exit

off Interstate 680, on the left side of Vallecitos Rd (formerly Highway 84). The winery is open for tasting and sales every Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5:00 PM. For information, phone 925-447-5246, e-mail _info@fenestrawinery.com or view the web site _www.fenestrawinery.com.

Wine Release

Charles R Vineyards, release of new zinfandel and 2005 cabernet sauvignon on May 26 and 27, noon to 4:30 p.m. at the winery. Charles R Vineyards, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., Livermore. Information is available at 454-3040.

The winery notes that poppies are blooming. Look carefully and you may see red poppies and purple vetch - and always the rabbits and quail.

Open House

Thomas Coyne Winery will host an open house and wine tasting on May 26, 27 and 28. The winery will be open from noon to 5 p.m. each day.

Five new wines will be released. A selection of fine fruits and cheeses will be served. Paintings by Sylvia Verange will be on display May 26 and 27.

"The winery will be selling 'bottle your own wine' on May

26 and 27. The cost is \$4 if bring own clean wine bottle; or \$4.50 if the winery supplies the bottle.

Thomas Coyne Winery is located at 51 E. Vallecitos Road in Livermore. For information, call 373-6541.

John Christopher Cellars

On Saturday, May 26th, T. Lane and the Nitehawks will perform live at Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore. This band plays Blues, Blues Rock, Ballads and Jazz.

On Sunday, May 27th Off the Record will be playing classic rock music live in the courtyard.

Both bands start at 1 p.m. and will play until around 4 p.m.

On Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day), John Christopher Cellars will be open regular tasting room hours (12:00 - 5:30 PM).

The winery will also have complimentary food and wine pairings featuring some of its top reds, including Epic which recently was awarded a gold medal at the Riverside International Wine Competition. It was one of only 2 golds awarded in this wine category.

John Christopher Cellars is located at Blacksmith Square, 25 So Livermore Ave., Suite 103, Livermore; information at (925) 456-WINE (9463).

SHORT NOTES

Operation: SAM Drop-Off

The Museum on Main Street is an ongoing drop-off place for donations for Operation: S.A.M., a non-profit volunteer organization that sends packages to American troops to show support to those deployed all over the world, especially those in Iraq and Afghanistan. The museum is located at 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Needed are white cotton tube/crew socks, wash cloths, bug repellent, Tylenol, Baggies (qt. & gal. zip lock), sun block, Visine, Tums, small envelopes, AA batteries, CD's, DVD's, hand-held computer games, foot powder, anti-fungal medicated cream, Chapstick, travel-size toothpaste and mouthwash, travel-size glasses, small word puzzle books, Crystal Light/water flavorings, T-shirts (green, tan sizes M - XL). Snack foods most requested are protein bars, trail mix, nuts/seeds, jerky, Slim Jims, letters (please do not seal). All items should be small or travel size. A letter of encouragement accompanies all packages sent to the troops.

Operation: S.A.M. currently has a large supply of shampoo, conditioner, paperback books and magazines. Hotel travel-size soap does not travel well but small containers of liquid body wash and hand sanitizer are good replacements.

Military Chaplains in Iraq and Afghanistan assist in the distribution of the "Comfort Packages" to our troops that receive little or no mail from home.

Cash Donations are gratefully accepted to help pay for postage. Personal checks for postage can be made payable to: Operation: S.A.M., P.O. Box 2992, Livermore, CA 94551

For more information contact the museum (925) 462-2766 or Operationsam@comcast.net, www.operationssam.org.

Instructors Sought

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. The program is looking for instructors for Taiko drumming, dog training, senior fitness, dance, and guitar. Any other course ideas are appreciated. Phone (925)606-4722 or stop by 1401 Almond Ave. Livermore.

Pond Trek

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will lead

a "Pond Trek" on Sat., May 26. Meet at Veterans Park at 2 p.m.

There is a whole other world down at the pond with critters strange enough to make some of the movie aliens look pretty tame. Come on down and help explore while learning a little about the critters and then venture into "The Pond Zone." Bring a towel, shorts and wading shoes (no barefoot wading). Good for all ages.

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

June at Wente

George Benson & Al Jarreau opens the 21st Annual Concert Season on Wednesday, June 13, followed by the Diana Krall on Tuesday, June 19.

Wente Vineyards' "Fresh Tracks" hiking series in partnership with the East Bay Regional Parks District travels to Ardenwood Regional Park in Fremont, while "Top Gun" kicks off the Summer Cinema at Wente Vineyards outdoor series of movies under the stars.

The Concerts run through September 12. The roster of performers including world-renowned singers, ensemble acts, and comics, combined with fine-dining and a magnificent outdoor setting in Livermore Valley wine country. For more information visit www.wentevineyards.com or call (925) 456-2424. To purchase tickets visit www.ticketmaster.com.

July includes: Steve Winwood; July 5, Chris Isaak; July 12; Gladys Knight; July 24; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (with Swing Dance Party); July 26; Hootie & The Blowfish; July 31; August: George Carlin (adult content); Aug. 8; UB40; Aug. 15; Los Lonely Boys; Aug. 16; Huey Lewis & The News; Aug. 29; Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons; Aug. 30; September: Vince Gill The Friends and Family Tour Featuring Amy Grant and The Del McCoury Band, Sept. 6; and Doobie Brothers and Peter Frampton, Sept. 12.

FRESH TRACKS. A hiking & luncheon series in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District offers new way to stay fit through a monthly series of healthy hikes held in area regional parks, followed by lunches provided by Wente Vineyard.

Every third Saturday through September, there will be a 1 and a half hour naturalist-led hike at select regional parks. Participants will 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. Pre-registration required.

Saturday, June 16, 10 am to 1:00 pm OR 11:30 am to 2:30 pm Ardenwood Regional Park, Fremont. For information visit ebarks.org. Alameda and Contra Costa county residents fee \$40 age 12 and up, \$38 age 62 and older; nonresidents: \$44 adults, \$42 seniors. Photographic Art By Albert Edgerton will be displayed at the Estae Winery tasting room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore through June. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For information call 925-456-2305.

Scholarship Winners

The Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117 recently honored scholarship winners selected by the lodge.

First place winners, Chen-Chen Phang and Joshua Y. Liu, each received \$1000; and second place winners, Rebecca Paddock and Daniel Schwarze, \$750 each.

The lodge also donated a flag to the Livermore High School Future Farmers of America.

2007 Scholarship Winners

Four scholarships, each worth \$1,000, were awarded to three high school seniors and a Las Positas College graduating student. Steffany Galbraith, Foothill High School; Sara Mufich, Amador High School; Katherine Stark, Livermore High School; and Tiffany Jansen, Las Positas College were presented with plaques and honored at a luncheon of the Tri-Valley Retired Educators in Dublin on May 15. The scholarships are awarded annually to students who are planning a career in education.

The recipients were chosen from among a number of well-qualified and worthy applicants. Each has made impressive contributions to school and community and has acquired significant experience working with high school peers, tutoring at elementary and college levels and volunteering in the community. Each has been inspired to pursue a career in teaching as a result of tutoring experience, leadership activities, exemplary teachers, and

love of a particular subject.

The Tri-Valley Division of the California Retired Teachers Association funds the scholarships from member donations and proceeds from raffles. The members give high priority to encouraging young people and those in continuing education, who are well qualified, to consider careers in education.

Group to Help Fund Senior Programs

The "Friends of Pleasanton Seniors Donor Advisor Fund," has been created to enhance programs and facilities offered to local seniors. The organization works in partnership with the Tri-Valley Community Foundation.

Over 5,000 individuals participate annually in activities at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

The City of Pleasanton operates the Center and provides professional staff to coordinate its programming. However, like many public tax-supported programs, the Center needs private contributions to reach its potential in helping seniors maintain healthy and independent lives. Tax-deductible donations would assist with the purchase of additional resources to enhance programs and improve the building's activity areas, including the lobby, library, wood shop and computer station.

Contributions to the Friends of Pleasanton Seniors Donor Advised Fund can be sent to Friends of Pleasanton Seniors, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

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Beat Generation Poets Featured At Century House Reading

"Beat Generation" Poets will be the guest at the Century House Poetry Readings on June 3. Featured will be San Francisco Poet Laureate Jack Hirschman and well-known Bay Area poet Latif Harris, both of whom were active in the 1960s Beat Generation movement.

The reading is sponsored by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts and hosted by Pleasanton's Poet Laureate. The reading will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Century House is located at 2401 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, Calif. Civic Arts is a program of the Department of Parks and Community Services. Admission is \$5.00.

Hirschman, a prominent figure in American poetry who has published his first book in 1953, was named San Francisco Poet Laureate in January of 2006. A resident of San Francisco's North Beach, he emerged as a poet during the Beat Generation of the 1960s and continues to live the bohemian lifestyle that made the neighborhood famous.

Hirschman has published more than 100 books and chapbooks that include translations from poets in nine different languages. His masterwork, *The Arcanes*, is a 1,000-page edition of his longer poems and has been published in English in Italy by



Jack Hirschman (top) and Latif Harris will be featured poets.



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Harris met most of San Francisco's North Beach poets of

the "Beat" revolution and has been a unique voice of poetry ever since. Many of his early works were influenced by poets such as Paul Eluard and Phillip Lamantia, who read at the infamous Six Gallery, home of the first HOWL reading. Mr. Harris also studied with the lyric poet Robert Creeley in New Mexico and attended graduate school at the University of Essex in England. He is the editor and publisher of the Golden Anniversary Edition of *Beatitude* to be published this August.

Following the guest readings, attendees may participate in an open mic segment. Each poet may read one favorite or original poem of 40 lines or less. Light refreshments will be served during intermission.

The Century House Poetry Reading series will continue on the first Sunday of even numbered months with the naming of the new Pleasanton Poet Laureate. The next is scheduled for August 5, 2007. Everything Poetry and the Third Thursday Open Mic, programs of Cynthia Bryant, past Poet Laureate, have been discontinued.

For more information about all Civic Arts poetry events, contact Michelle Russo at 931-5350 or mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

LVO Star Shines in Berkeley

By Susan Steinberg

Another Livermore Valley Opera tenor has been wowing Berkeley Opera audiences and is headed for great new experiences at San Francisco Opera in the fall.

Jimmy Kansau, the sweetly sincere Nemorino of LVO's "Elixir of Love" delivered a memorable performance and won many local fans. For this opera-goer, his heartfelt rendition of the famous "Una Furtiva Lagrima" was a show-stopper, topping many rote versions by world-renowned singers.

In Berkeley Opera's "Romeo and Juliet" Jimmy tackled another romantic hero, but one so well-known as to be a daunting challenge. Especially in BO's new production, which daringly combined Amanda Moody's original English "rendition" of the lyrics and a new spoken text (mostly original lines from the play) by conductor Jonathan Kuhner and director John McMullen. A brilliant concept, but difficult for everyone involved.

The entire cast had to relearn an opera usually sung completely in French, and get their mouths around some pretty complicated and rapid-fire Shakespearean spoken dialogue. Even more difficult for a non-native speaker like Jimmy Kansau, but his passionate delivery of every syllable was impossible to fault.

Seeing and hearing his exquisite Juliet, Elena Krell, it was easy to believe Romeo's instant adoration. A lovely raven-haired porcelain portrait of a Renaissance princess, she sang sweetly and spoke her famous lines with feeling and understanding, embodying the swift transition from girlish innocence to passionate daring and heroic self-sacrifice.

Another cast stand-out, also

an LVO favorite, was John Minagro as Lord Capulet, father of Juliet. His commanding presence and masterful acting was amply showcased in LVO's production of "Tosca" as the coolly-menacing Scarpia. Deftly nuancing his powerful voice from courtesy to cruelty, he was the ultimate Evil Nemesis, and our LVO audiences loved it.

As Capulet he had the more sympathetic role of a typical patriarch, arranging an advantageous marriage for his young daughter, and furiously confounded by her refusal.

Gounod's opera provides Capulet with several notable arias, including one of tipsy reminiscences about his own youthful amours. Here Minagro's rich voice and dramatic ability combine in a delightful personal cameo that also helps explain his hospitable courtesy to the gate-crashing young Romeo, and his strong rebuke of nephew Tybalt's furious urge for vendetta. This scene helps endear him to the audience, while his anger at Juliet's spirited refusal to wed seems as believably volcanic as that of his nephew.

Other noteworthy singers included Richard Mix, whose magnificent basso was afforded too small a role as the Prince of Verona. Igor Viera as Mercutio held the stage with an extended "Queen Mab" aria and later a wittily ribald ballad to taunt the macho Capulets. Andreas Froelich made a believably earnest and amorous Count Paris, Juliet's would-be bridegroom.

Bass John Bischoff, new to Berkeley Opera contributed an impressive combination of sympathetic acting, fine vocal production, and admirable enunciation of Shakespeare's words in the key role of Friar Lawrence. J. Scott Browning sang well as

Tybalt, but I have never really accepted Gounod's choice of a higher male voice for the one operatic villain. Perhaps it's just being too accustomed to the traditional rule of vocal designations: "high for heroes, bass for baddies."

Enormous appreciation is due to everyone involved in creating a magical stage setting, costumes, and lighting, despite a small venue and minimal budget. Special thanks to Dave Maier, who directed the very convincing duels, (another unusual challenge for the singers).

Finally, my hat is off to multi-talented Jonathan Kuhner, BO's conductor and artistic director, who guided the concept of this new version of a familiar classic. He and his two gifted partners have succeeded in restoring much of Shakespeare's peerless poetry and avoiding the usual stilted translations of insipid French recitative.

Even Gounod himself had intended to use spoken dialogue, but realized that by strict French rules, this would relegate his works to "Opera Comique" status and preclude its being performed as "Grand Opera," (which is why an opera like "Carmen" exists in both forms). Amanda Moody's re-invention of the arias themselves is a true labor of love, bringing welcome fresh vigor to the familiar characters without morphing it into another "West Side Story."

But at the end of the day, it was the principal singers who carried the performance to glory, and the audience obviously gave its heart and most prolonged ovations to Jimmy Kansau. Although he'll be busy with a number of SF Opera productions this fall, let's hope he makes a return bow here at the new Performing Arts Theater in the nearest future.

Shakespeare Camp for Kids in Pleasanton

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival will once again hold two summer Shakespeare camps for youth in Pleasanton. Both sessions will be held at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Avenue.

The first session, for ages 7-13, will be held weekdays from July 23 - August 3, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The second session, for ages 12-18, will be held weekdays from August 6-August 17, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Each two-week session includes a series of performance-oriented workshops where children will learn about acting and improvisation, voice projection, Shakespearean language and set and costume design. Instructors are well-trained adults, many with college degrees in the theater arts and acting experience.

At 2:00 p.m. on the final day

of each camp, campers will stage their own mini-performance of a Shakespearean play for family and friends. A cast party will follow the performance.

"It's amazing to see what can be accomplished in two weeks and parents are always astonished when they see their children perform," says Executive Director Toby Leavitt. "Because we focus on a different Shakespearean work each year, many campers, more than 75%, come back every summer to learn something new. Most of them say that camp is their favorite summer vacation experience and some have attended camp for five or six summers."

Cost for each Shakespeare Camp session is \$395. Aftercare is available for 7-13-year-olds at an additional charge of \$125.

Registrations are now being

accepted by phone at 415-558-0888 with a credit card or by mail. The registration form may be downloaded at www.sfshakes.org/pdf/BASC/camp_registration.pdf and submitted with payment. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. The camps often sell out, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Children's Arts Festival, hosted by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts on Sunday, June 3, from noon to 4 p.m. The event will take place at Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton, Calif., adjacent to the Pleasanton Senior Center. Children will be invited to participate in interactive arts activities such as painting, origami and jewelry making. Musical entertainment will be provided by young performers from this year's Youth Music Festival. Admission to this event is free. For more information, call the Department of Parks & Community Services at (925) 931-5340.

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

Bay Area Women Artists Group Art Show April 28 - June 2. Vanessa Barrett, Joanna Crawshaw, Toby Tover Krein, Cynthia Lait, Linda Ryan, Gail Ruvalcaba. Worthington Gallery West International Fine Art 739 J. Main St. Pleasanton, (925) 485-1183 www.worthingtongallerywest.com.

Shakespeare in the Vineyards and under the stars, The Comedy of Errors, Livermore Shakespeare Festival opens the gates an hour before show time for picnicking at Retzlaff Estate Winery. The Comedy of Errors is a robust comedy with two pairs of mix-matched twins, entwining desire with hi-jinks and past loss with present laughter. The setting is Rancho California, especially appropriate for the vineyard setting in an area that was once the wine producer for Mission San Jose. Four weekends July 12th - August 4th. For information: www.LivermoreShakes.org. Tickets go on sale May 15th: 800-838-3006. Preview/Family Night - Thursday, July 12th, 2007 at 7:30 PM: \$20. Opening Night - Friday, July 13th, 2007 at 7:30PM: \$50/\$45 Regular Performances: Saturday July 14th, F/Sat July 20 and 21 at 7:30PM, F/Sat July 27 and 28, and F/Sat August 3/4 all at 7:30PM: \$30/\$25 Special Sunday performances/Family Nights or Groups on Sundays July 22nd and 29th at 6:30 PM; \$30/\$25.

Broadway Chorus concert, May 25-27 presented by the Pleasanton Playhouse Broadway Chorus. Friday and Saturday 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Ticket prices: adults, \$15; seniors over 60, \$13; juniors under 18, \$10. Information: 462-2121 or 484-4486 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

One Act Plays presented by drama students of Las Positas College on May 25 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.laspositascollge.edu/performingarts.

Valley Dance Theatre: Raising the Barre, May 26-27. Accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony pit orchestra, VDT will present the children's ballet *La Boutique Fantasque* and excerpts from *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Firebird*. Livermore High School Theatre, 600 Maple St., Livermore. Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets \$18 adults, \$15, students and seniors. Valley Dance Theatre 925-243-0927.

Art in the Vineyard, May 27, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Art demonstration, sales, entertainment, wine tasting.

Historic Home Stroll, May 27, Museum on Main fund-raising event, \$20 per person. The museum is located at 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. For information, call (925) 462-2766.

Contra Costa Wind Symphony, "Passport to Eastern Europe" featuring music of Hungary, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Poland, including premieres of works by Fryderyk Hidas and selections by Bartok, Dvorak, Edward Elgar, and Cesarini. Susan Vollmer, French Horn soloist. 8 p.m. June 10, Lesh Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets - \$18 general admission, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, on sale at the ticket office (925) 943-7469 (www.dlrca.org). More information: (925) 944-5392, www.CCWindSymphony.org.

Death Trap, Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre, June 1-24. The Studio Theatre is located at 1048 Serpentine Lane, Suite 309, Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. For tickets or information, call 462-2121 or go to www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Children's Art Festival, Sun., June 3, noon to 4 p.m. Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Free admission.

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

Pleasanton Art League annual show, June 18 to 22, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasan-

ton. Public invited. No admission charge. Reception, June 18, 5 to 7 p.m.

Ed Kinney Lecture series: June 21: Pleasanton Explodes the Growth Years of the 70's and 80's. Panel includes Jack Bras, Ted Fairfield, Roger McClain, and Ken Mercer. The Museum On Main in Pleasanton. Lectures are at 7 p.m. at the museum. Reservations are requested. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. Memberships available for purchase. The museum is located at 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. For information, call (925) 462-2766.

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Poetry On Canvas is involved and committed to promoting art, as well as good health and well-being in the community. The 23 Annual ValleyCare Golf Tournament is raising funds for Emergency Room Expansion. The tournament will be held Friday, June 1, 2007, at The Course at Wente Vineyards. There will be an Awards Dinner and Live Auction to follow. Poetry On Canvas has donated an Oil on Canvas Original art work for the Auction. Any questions on Sponsorship or how you can take part, please call 925-373-4560.

show in New York City and received three awards in The Pastel Journal's annual competition. Tina is a Signature Member of the Pastel Society of America and the Pastel Society of the West Coast as well as a member of the Portrait Society of America. This meeting is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Blacksmith Courtyard is planning a series of concerts to enjoy while tasting wine and shopping. The schedule: Saturday May 26th - T.Lane and the Nitehawks; Saturday June 9th - Keith Brown/Tim Skelton - Acoustic Blues; Sunday June 24th - Roger Kardinal; Saturday June 30th - Craig Pettit's Project. Blacksmith Square is located at the corner of So. Livermore and Railroad Avenue in downtown Livermore.

2007 Danville area open studios, Sat. and Sun., June 2 and 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit 42 talented artists at 16 locations throughout Danville, Alamo and San Ramon. Sales go toward raising funds art program grants in the San Ramon Valley School District. A central exhibit displaying examples of participating artists' work can be viewed at the Danville Public Library (400 Front Street) from 1-7pm Friday - Saturday (June 1-3). Brochure maps are available at several businesses in the area and at the Danville Public Library. Contact Helena Cali at 925-837-1003 for more info.

The Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit has new exhibits at the following Pleasanton locations: ValleyCare Regional Oncology Center on W. Las Positas Blvd., Me & Mai Friend's Deli Cafe on First Street, Vogue Hair Studio on Sunol Blvd., and R. E. Realty Express on Hopyard. Main Street locations include Bank of America, Towne Center Books, and Keller Williams Realty. All PAL paintings at these sites are available for sale to the public. A portion of the proceeds supports PAL's community education programs. To participate in the Public Art Circuit as an artist or as a site partner, contact Lisa Davis at 925-518-4436.



'Green Jacket' by Tina Moore.

Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League, General meeting and art demo, June 18, Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Avenue, Livermore, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature an art demo by noted pastel artist and teacher Tina Moore. Tina has been a professional artist and teacher for over 25 years and has works in many private collections throughout the U.S. and Canada. She was accepted into the Pastel Society of America's annual

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Art teacher Mark Oatney and second grader Tony Eschen in front of two of Tony's projects.

Everyone's an Artist at Livermore Valley Charter School "Art among the Dragons" Showcases Student Work

By Patricia Koning

Last weekend the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) transformed its multipurpose room into an art gallery, showcasing hundreds of original works by students for the annual "Art among the Dragons" show. "I want the kids to have a sense of ownership of their creativity and their creations, and see value in their uniqueness," says Mark Oatney, an art teacher at LVCS. "Ultimately, I want these kids to think of themselves as artists when they grow up."

Almost every student at LVCS shared at least one piece in the show, with many displaying multiple works. Second grader Tony Eschen created four entries—two drawings, a tiger sculpture created from paper maché, Sculptie, and other materials, and a miniature clubhouse made of Popsicle sticks.

He drew inspiration for the clubhouse, which he made in the after-school art club, from the Magic Tree House series of books. Over the summer he plans to make another Magic Tree House for the school's library.

LVCS students, with the exception of kindergartners, regularly attend art class with a specialist. Oatney teaches elementary school art, along with fourth

and fifth grade math and reading intervention. Regina Levya teaches middle school art, along with seventh grade core.

"Teachers often get to see a project come to full fruition and the joy it brings their students," Levya says. "It is not always possible to share these moments as they occur. This exhibit allows friends, family, and staff to see the success of our students."

Oatney says the show also provides a learning opportunity for the adults.

"It's a chance to share the brilliant, innovative, preconception-free creativity of their young minds, so that all of us jaded elders can pick up some new tricks," he says.

Levya heads a fashion design club for interested students in fifth through seventh grade. Club members are learning how to illustrate fashions, work with fabric, and consider the mechanics of designing. Projects range from small purses to decorated shoes to elegant dresses.

Levya is seeking help in writing a grant to acquire sewing machines, patterns, and materials to accommodate students serious about design and clothing construction. Donations are welcome.

Oatney runs the after-school art club twice a week. The ses-

sions are staggered by grade level; each grade level has two sessions over the course of the school year.

Both Levya and Oatney come into art education with professional experience. Levya's background includes a stint as a sketch artist and designer for the fashion house Marchant, designing and selling original jewelry through her business The Artists Collection, and working as a freelance illustrator.

Oatney is a professional photographer whose work is published in international publications, such as National Geographic. To see Oatney's work—along with the work of his students—visit www.oatney.com.

Another reason for the art fair is to gear up the students for the Alameda County Fair. Last year LVCS had more first prizes, best-of-class, and judge's favorites than any other elementary school in Alameda County. Last year 150 children entered about 250 items. Oatney is expecting at least 250 students to submit their work this year.

Roxanne Kuske, a parent of an LVCS third grader, organized Art among the Dragons. Nor-Cal Janitorial, Bagel Street Café, and the Livermore Trader Joe's supported the event through donations of goods and services.

Art in the Vineyard Set for Sunday

The Livermore Art Association will host the 35th Art in the Vineyard on Sunday, May 27th. This event has become a tradition in the Livermore Valley. It is held at the Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. It will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

A \$15.00 Wine tasting fee includes a commemorative wine glass. (\$10.00 for Club Wente members). Wine tasting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Food and refreshment will be offered by Wente Vineyards and Strizzi's Restaurant for a nominal fee.

Live easy listening music will be provided by Vested Interest. Art demonstrations will be held throughout the day.

Participating Artists: Margo Kirkewoog, Arnold Kirkewoog, Barbara Johnson, Barbara Stanton, Carol Hart, Claudia Bobba, Cleo Marohn, Dana Loveless, Debbie Wardrope, Dee Haag, Diane Rodriguez, Edmee Keele, Eugenia Zobel, Fran Chuba, Gail Rubalcava, Gary Anderson, Gina Kaiper, Hooshang Yashar, James Burgos, Jerrilyn Augustis, Jessie Spears, Jim Riley, Karen Fleschler, Kathleen Hill, Lawrence Gipson, Lenore Kreit, Linda Beach, Linda Jeffery Sailors, Lisa Rigge, Marge Barta Atkins, Maria Talacona, Michel Ecton, Mike Malinowski, Mindy Goldman, Norma Webb, Nova Starling, Patricia Brown, Richard Wilt, Ron Rigge, Sally Haig, and Seymour Yashar.

Mystery with a Twist, 'Deathtrap,' Opens

The Pleasanton Playhouse Studio Theatre presents Ira Levin's "Deathtrap" June 1-24.

Full of plot twists and turns, "Deathtrap" is as comical and witty as it is suspenseful, keeping the audience laughing and guessing until the final moments of the play.

Playwright Sidney Bruhl's (Derrick Silva) career is at a stand-still. Though he was once a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, his recent works are failures and have led to a shortage of funds. He struggles desperately to find a remedy for his current dry spell until he receives a script written by student Clifford Anderson (Eric Inman) while teaching a seminar at a nearby college. The script is a thriller that Bruhl is convinced will be a Broadway hit. He sees it as a cure for his stagnant career. With the help of his wife Myra (Katie Potts), he devises a plan to steal Anderson's work by offering to collaborate on it. Anderson quickly accepts the offer, but shortly thereafter, the partners learn that things in the Bruhl home are not as they seem.

The play also features Katherine Justice as Helga Ten Dorp and Drew Fowler as Porter Milgrim.

"Deathtrap" is produced by Jo Ann Loitz and directed by Eric Neiman. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays June 1-24, at the Studio Theatre, 1048 Serpentine Lane #309, Pleasanton.

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

Valley Dance Theatre 'Raising the Barre'

The Valley Dance Theatre presents its spring show, "Raising the Barre," in May.

The program features two full-length ballets and selected pieces of new and traditional choreography. Performances will be May 26 at 7 p.m. and May 27 at 2 p.m. at the Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore.

Assistant Director Margaret Kenrick will present her new choreography of Stravinsky's "The Firebird." The ballet will be accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Dancers will wear new costumes created by award winning textile and costume designer Caryne Mount.

Rosini's "La Boutique Fantasque" tells the story of a toy shop that comes to life. This classic children's ballet is filled with beautifully costumed dolls and dancing toys. Choreography is by Director Betsy Hausberg. Music is played by the Livermore-Amador Symphony.



Photo - KC Johnson Photography
Amy Dykes and Doug Johnson dance "The Firebird."

Act I of Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet" adds romance and a little swashbuckling to the program as it includes both fencing and the balcony scenes. Rounding out the program is a new premier of "Chaconne," with music by Vitali showcasing five

couples dancing the choreography of CDT's Partnering Instructor Doug Johnson.

Tickets are \$18 adults, \$15 for seniors and students (age 13 and up), children 12 and under are admitted free. To order tickets, please call 243-0927.

Help Costume 'Comedy of Errors'

Livermore Shakespeare Festival Invites Community to Participate in Costuming The Comedy of Errors

"I believe in community involvement in the theater," said Cathie McClellan as she looked over the space at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Livermore where Livermore Shakespeare Festival will be offering a costuming class this summer. "I do love my job (designing costumes). Teaching others the craft is very gratifying."

The six-week class in costume design and construction begins June 4th and runs through the opening of the show, July 13th. Students will learn skills in dyeing and glazing and jewelry making, then work in conjunction with the theater company to produce costumes and accessories for the Shakespeare in the Vineyards production of The Comedy of Errors. The show plays outdoors July 12 - August 4th, at Retzlaff Winery in Livermore. The setting for the show is

Rancho California. The costume designs will include colorful painted shawls and skirts, perfect for students to work on to hone their skills.

"We have such a large space, it's great to be able to share it with the community in some way," said Reverend Lynn Morlan who was giving the theater professionals a walk-through of the facility.

McClellan, with over 20 years professional experience in costume design and technology, teaches in the Theatre Arts Department at University of the Pacific.

Lisa A. Tromovitch, Livermore Shakespeare Festival director, who also teaches at the University, has forged a partnership between the Theatre Arts Department and the Shakespeare Festival company. "Many Shakespeare Festivals nationwide have, or have had, long-standing relationships with universities. It's a very successful model," noted Tromovitch.

McClellan, for example, has worked at Utah Shakespearean Festival and Shakespeare Santa Cruz, both of which are a part of a university. Professors McClellan and Tromovitch will be joined by scenic designer Professor Randall Enlow, as well as several student interns. Interns will act and broaden their skills by assisting either the director or one of the designers.

The Livermore Shakespeare Festival production, Shakespeare in the vineyards will perform The Comedy of Errors this summer at Retzlaff Winery. Gates will open an hour before show time for picnicking. The Comedy of Errors is a robust comedy featuring two pairs of mix-matched twins. The play entwines desire and hi-jinks, past loss and present laughter, with ridiculous and joyful results.

To register, contact education@ShakespearesAssociates.org For information go to www.LivermoreShakes.org.

Broadway Chorus Adds a Sing-Along Segment

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.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$13 seniors, and \$10 for

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Staff Added as LVPAC Gears Up Opening of Theater

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has named David Dial as General Manager and Kimberly Moore as Director of Development.

"These are exciting times as we make preparations for the gala opening celebration of the 500-seat theater in early October," said Len Alexander, Executive Director. "David and Kimberly bring extensive experience and vitality to our organization. We are pleased to have them on our team. As the clock ticks down to our first public performances, we will be expanding our professional and volunteer staff to handle the many activities that a new performance space requires."

As General Manager, David Dial oversees day-to-day operations, including the move to the new theater, staffing, and user/tenant relations. Dial has more than 20 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations. He was formerly Vice President of Operations for the Computer History Museum and, since founding Dial & Associates in 1995, has been a consultant to non-profit and arts-related organizations for operational planning, program development, technology integration, and project management.

Dial has also guided the development of programs and facilities at San Francisco's Yerba Buena Center for the Arts and Zeum, a hands-on arts and technology museum for kids and families, prior to and during their opening phases. Recent activities include board membership for the California Association of Museums, board membership for the Business Arts Council of San Francisco, and advisory commit-

tee membership for the Non-profit Finance Fund of San Francisco.

As Director of Development, Kimberly Moore is responsible for both the capital campaign that funds the construction of the new theater and the annual fund that supports operations. Moore has been working with the Performing Arts Center on its marketing and special events committees. She has more than 15 years of experience in sales, marketing and development with a background in a variety of fields including business services, high-tech, real estate, multi-media and entertainment. Moore is also an independent contractor with Valley Properties. She currently is an Ambassador for the Livermore Chamber of Commerce and is the Public Relations Officer on the Board of Directors for the Livermore Marketing Association.

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center is a partnership between the City of Livermore and the non-profit Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Inc., which was created to build and operate the Center's two theaters. Construction of the 500-seat facility started in February 2006 and is scheduled for completion in September, 2007. Also planned in a second phase is an 1,800-seat regional theater. In addition, the Center operates the Bothwell Arts Center, an arts incubator that provides classroom, studio and rehearsal space for area artists, students and arts organizations.

For more information, contact the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center at (925) 373-6100 or go to the website: www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Community Band Performing At Presidio on Memorial Day

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will be providing the music for the Presidio Memorial Day Ceremony at the Presidio in San Francisco. The program will begin at 10:00 AM. This is the third year the Band has been invited to play for the ceremony.

Prior to the ceremony, the Band will be performing selections such as "America," "Concord March," "Officer of the Day March," "Civil War Sketches," "Hamilton Field March," "The Unknown Soldier," "Screaming Eagles," and "God Bless America." For the Ceremony, Director Bob Williams has selected "America the Beautiful," "Armed Forces Salute," and "Amazing Grace." After the ceremony the Band will play "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Semper Fideles March," "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." "The Stars and Stripes Forever" will end the program.

CHANCELLOR

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tiring after six years as chancellor and more than 30 years in higher education.

Kinnamon, 45, has been the district's vice chancellor of educational services and planning for the past five years. As chancellor, he will fill the top vacancy in the district which operates Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. The two colleges together serve more than 21,000 students in the East Bay Area. He will become the fourth chancellor to lead the district and the youngest chancellor in the California Community College system.

"Kinnamon has demonstrated excellent leadership skills through all he has accomplished in our District. Throughout his tenure in the district he has de-

veloped a keen sense of the colleges and the directions in which they need to move. The Board feels strongly that he will continue to build on the district's reputation as a leader in higher education," said Arnulfo Cedillo, board president.

Prior to serving as vice chancellor, Kinnamon served as provost (CEO) of the Southeast Campus of Tulsa Community College.

Kinnamon received his Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from Nova Southeastern University; his Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University and his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Economics, Business/Marketing Concentration, from Oklahoma State University.

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and the North American B-25 Mitchell medium bomber.

Only nine B-17's (out of 12,000+ built) are airworthy in the United States, the B-25 is one of only a handful flying, and the B-24 (out of 18,000+ built) is the sole example left flying in the world.

The display will take place at the Terminal building (636 Terminal Circle) next to the Control Tower on Sunday, May 28; 3:00 to 5:30 PM, on Monday & Tuesday, May 29 & 30; 9:00 AM - 5:30PM.

On the Wings of Freedom Tour, these aircraft are available for walk-through tours and up-close inspection for a donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. To experience these aircraft in their truest form, 30-minute flight experiences aboard the aircraft are also available. A ride in the B-17 or B-24 is a \$425 tax-deductible contribu-

tion per person. The B-25 is a \$400 tax-deductible donation per person for a seat in the front of the airplane, and a \$325 tax-deductible donation per person for a seat in the waist gun section. For flight reservations, please call 800-568-8924.

For additional information about the Livermore stop and directions call: Kevin Ryan 925.462.4371.

The B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 are the most recognizable bomber aircraft of WWII. Their mission was the daylight strategic bombing campaigns over Europe.

The B-25 Mitchell is a smaller twin-engine medium bomber that served in every theater of WWII. It was used for low-level bombing and ground attack in the Pacific and medium level bombing raids of airfields, train depots, and transportation infrastructure in the European campaign.

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American, and the American Legion.

The public is encouraged to attend. It is an opportunity to remember and honor service men and women, both past and present.

PLEASANTON

In Pleasanton ceremonies to honor veterans will be held starting at 11 a.m. at the Pleasanton Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Sunol Blvd.

Veterans groups participating include Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237.



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