

Livermore Agrees to Purchase Historic Farm

The City of Livermore has reached an agreement to purchase the historic Hagemann Farm on Olivina Avenue. The sale is based on the city finding funds for the \$1.8 million purchase price.

The city council on Monday autho-rized staff to seek out funding sources, programs and both public and nonprofit

partnerships to acquire the site. The city has a six month option period at no cost with two additional six month extensions, at a cost of \$75,000 per extension, to explore funding options.

One potential source of funding is a California Cultural and Historical Endowment grant.

Members of the public were enthusi-

astic about the prospect of having the city purchase the site.

John Stein suggested that while the staff said no general fund monies would be used, that using general fund money in a reasonable amount would be appropriate to preserve a part of Livermore's heritage. Historian Anne Homan noted that the

ranch house is the oldest wooden building in the area. It was built using spruce brought around the horn from Maine. When the land was purchased by the Mendenhall family, additional rooms were constructed using California red-"While the land is surrounded wood. by development, it still has the feeling of a farm. Perhaps it would be a place for

the Midway School."

Midway School, an historic structure, has been donated to the Livermore Heritage Guild. A site is being sought to move the school. The school is currently on the Mulqueeney Ranch.

Hagemann Farm today consists of about 4.5 acres of what was once a large agricultural estate dating from the 1800s. The original land grant to the Bernal and Pico families covered over 60,000 acres and stretched from Mount Diablo to Sunol. Over the last 170 years, many historically significant names have been associated with the site, including Pico, Bernal, Mendenhall, Hagemann, and Livermore.

The site includes one of the oldest

remaining farmhouses in the Tri-Valley, built in 1837. There are also historic barns, workshops and other outbuildings. The site qualifies for potential listing in the California and National Registers of Historical Resources as a historic district.

The former owner, Carl Holm, a direct descendant of the Hagemann family, sold the property to pay off an estate tax liability debt. The asking price was \$3.9 million. The city had considered purchasing the land, but determined it could not afford to do so at that price.

At one point, a proposal to develop the site was submitted to the city. It included a request to remove the historic protections from the property's west half to allow for a residential subdivision of the east half. The application was withdrawn and the property placed on the market. It was sold to Steve Bosch, a local residential real estate developer.

According to the staff report, Bosch evaluated the historic significance of the site and determined it was unlikely any development would be approved. He then entered into negotiations with the city to have the city purchase the land.

Under city ownership the entire site would be preserved and become a municipal historic park.

Mayor Marshall Kamena commented, "We will have a lot of fun planning the site, once we get it.³

College Mentor Program To Help Young Students

Las Positas College and the Las Positas College Foundation have created the College Bound Scholars (CBS) Program for middle school students. Working together with local K-12 districts. the program targets select middle school students from the Tri-Valley region and pairs them with college and community mentors who will guide them into postsecondary education.

The mission of the College Bound Scholars program is to increase the number of first generation college students enrolling in higher education, specifically Las Positas College. The program will match public middle school students from Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore with community mentors who will support and encourage them. A \$1,000 scholarship is invested in the name of each participant at the beginning of the six year term of the program from 6th grade to college. Upon successful completion of the program each student will receive the invested funds, plus interest, as they transition out of the program and into college.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to reach out to middle school students in the Tri-Valley and help them prepare for college," said Pam Luster, vice president of student services at Las Positas College. "Our community benefactors have been very generous in support-ing this program and I believe that speaks to our community's



David Anderson, Angelo Marcelino, Darylen Terry, Catherine Kennedy, and Carena Schmidt hold the trophy the team received for winning the state title.

'People' Team Raising Capital To Compete in U.S. Capital

By Ron McNicoll

Teamwork propelled 30 civics students at Amador Valley High School to first place in the state meet of the "We the People" competition in Sacramento Feb. Last year's team fell only 10 points short of winning the national championship out of 1080 point total. Each year, the team is comprised of only seniors. So, this is a new group that has to go

on their own. They will also reach out to residents for pledges to do all that they can to help, said Brian Ladd, the faculty adviser to the team.

Early contact efforts already

Pleasanton Council Takes Aim at 70 Projects

The Pleasanton City Council has approved a list of projects they plan to tackle over the next two years

The 2007-08 work plan is the culmination of input from the city's various commissions, the public, and a council workshop held in January

City Manager Nelson Fialho referred to the work plan as a roadmap for staff in allocating time and funds.

There are fourteen categories under which are listed a total of 70 projects. They are not prioritized in any order. Several councilmembers suggested that future work plans should priori-tize projects in order of preference

Councilmember Cindy McGovern said there may be too many projects. She would like to see some kind of priority system. She was willing to try the system for a year to "see how it goes. If we can't get projects done, we may need to hone some of this down," she stated.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan was interested in a process that provided a better way of obtaining input from the various commissions. He also wanted to look at a prioritizing system in the future. He noted that the council has done a lot in the last two years. "We do have our work cut out for us.

get done."

Fialho summarized the categories. He talked about several projects that are underway or new to the list.

One category is the general plan update. Seven elements have been completed. Still to be completed are land use, circulation, noise, air quality, and regional planning. A water element has been added. Fialho noted that the decision to add a water element is based on information that several agencies have been successful in obtaining grants when they were able to show plans for future water use and infrastructure.

Fialho said of the update process, "A lot has been accomplished over the last two years. The goal is to complete the update this year.

Economic development is another area of focus. There will be continued support by the city for expansion of the Stoneridge Shopping Center. Implementation of the Staples Ranch MOU is on the list of projects.. Another goal would be to host an economic summit to include everyone in the community.

On the Bernal Property, work is proceeding on restoring Bernal Creek, building lighted sports fields, and completing the Valley Avenue underpass (due to open in March).

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9. They hope that their same spirit of hard work and cooperation will succeed in raising \$40,000 to pay their way to the national finals in Washington, D.C. at the end of March.

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for the gold, both in the sense of the first place trophy and the money needed to send them

The students will be thinking

have paid off. Residents Jerry Pentin and Jim Ott, who is a Pleasanton school board member, are both avid cyclists. They will be in a Death Valley bicycle ride

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman agreed, "We have accomplished much in the last two years. This list is outstanding and a little unwieldy. It's a long, long list of things the council would like to

New to the Bernal category is a plan to finance the Bernal park. A consultant has been hired to measure community support for a bond measure to construct the

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Advisory Board Formed to Aid **The Firehouse Arts Campaign**

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation (PCAF) has formed a Community Advisory Board in support of the Firehouse Arts

Center Campaign. Members of the advisory board include newly elected Congressman Jerry McNerney, representatives of the business community, the arts community, educational organizations, the City of Pleasanton and other prominent citizens.

They include John Casey, school superintendent; William Cody, fire chief; Nelson Fialho, city manager; Martin Inderbitzen, attorney at law; Ted Kaye, CEO Las Positas College Foundation; Toby Leavitt, executive director San Francisco Shakespeare Festival; Deborah Acosta McKeehan, former city manager; Weldon Moreland, CPA; Eric Nostrand, owner HopYard Alehouse and Grill; Jim Ott, presi-dent and CEO of UNCLE Credit Union; James Paxson, president Hacienda Business Owners Association; Robert Randick, managing partner, Randick O'Dea & Tooliatos LLP; Christine Salidivar, executive director Pleasanton Downtown Association; Charlotte Severin, artist; and community members Tim Hunt, Joyce Shapiro and Denise Watkins.

Greg Reznick, President of PCAF, said, "We are thrilled to have the support of so many prominent community members for this important project for downtown Pleasanton. These people share our vision for a new public arts facility that will enhance the vitality of downtown, provide economic benefits to our community, enhance arts education opportunities for our children and youth and provide lo-

The Local Impact of **No Child Left Behind**

By Patricia Koning

Lawmakers talk about it on the news and school administrators complain about it, but what exactly is No Child Left Behind? More importantly, how does it affect the Livermore School District?

President George W. Bush de-scribes No Child Left Behind (NCLB) as the cornerstone of his Administration. The legislation, which President Bush introduced in January 2001, aims to improve school performance through increased accountability.

Critics of NCLB, who some-times call it "No Child Left Untested," say that it requires too much testing, unfairly holds schools accountable for student performance, and is inad-

equately funded. Kelly Bowers, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for the Livermore School District, believes the concept behind NCLB is good. However, the law is flawed in implementation.

"I am all for holding schools accountable and making sure we serve and meet the educational needs of all students. Program improvement is something we focus on constantly, no matter what the standardized test results are," she says. "However, many requirements of this law are not adequately funded or uniformly applied. The consequences and sanctions associated with NCLB apply only to the schools and districts with significant numbers of socioeconomically disadvantaged students.

To meet NCLB, schools and school districts must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) each year. AYP is based on four criteria: 95% or better participation rates; percentage of students scoring proficient or above in

English/Language Arts and math; growth on the Academic Performance Index (API); and graduation rate for high schools.

The 2006 percent proficient rate for California is approxi-mately 35%, meaning that about 1 out of 3 students must be scoring at proficient or better. There are five levels of scoring: Advanced, Proficient, Basic, Below Basic, and Far Below Basic. The goals for percent proficient rates rise by about 10% annually un-til the 2013/2014 school year, when all students must be scoring at proficient or greater in both

math and language arts. Livermore School Superin-tendent Brenda Miller says a huge issue with NCLB is the ac-countability model used. The State of California's API measures the academic performance and growth of schools based on standardized test results.

Schools are responsible for meeting an annual growth target, typically a 1% increase or 5 points. The statewide perfor-mance target is an API score of 800 (out of a possible 1,000). There is no across-the-board deadline to meet that target.

"We prefer the growth model because it allows schools to make growth and receive credit for improvement, even if they have not vet reached their target," says Miller.

GROWTH IN LEARNING NOT RECOGNIZED

Numerically significant groups of students at a school or school district also must meet participation rate and percent proficient requirements. The District as a whole has significant numbers of students (defined as 100 or more students with valid STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting) scores) in the socioeconomically disadvantaged, (See NO CHILD, page 5)



Students perform a group song.

Arroyo Seco Fourth-Graders Sing and Dance Their Way through African-American History

By Patricia Koning Arroyo Seco students celebrated Black History Month with an energetic, fact-filled assembly on the importance and relevance of African-American history. Fourth-graders from Lisa Wilson's, Amy McCarthy's, and Jonathan Ruff's classes were the stars of the show.

Wilson wrote the script for the performance based on her experience teaching in East Oakland for seven years. She observed that such events were a very positive experience for both students and teachers, and thought it could benefit Livermore students as well.

"This is one way to educate students culturally and provide recognition for our growing Af-rican-American population," she says. "Events like this one give students confidence, bring par-ents to school for a positive reason, and improve teacher/parent communications.'

The performance featured dialogue between the students about the importance of African-American history. The students pointed out that such history played a role in driving to school today, as the traffic light was invented by African-American Garrett

Morgan. Many kids probably have George Washington Carver to thank for their lunches. Carver is credited with inventing peanut butter, as well as revolutionizing

farming methods.

Interspersed with the history lesson were songs capturing the historical eras from slavery to Motown. The kids started off the show with the traditional African children's chant "Miss Mary Mack." This was followed by "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" from the slavery period and "Get on Board Little Children," a song of the Underground Railroad.

The civil rights movement was highlighted with an emo-tional rendition of "We Shall Overcome" and the traditional chant "Little Sally Walker." The kids switched into pop culture with "For Once in My Life" by Ray Charles, the crowd-pleaser

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California Property at Only \$1.25 an Acre!

When the Mexican-American War was over and California had become part of the United States, U.S. surveyors excavated a hole on Mount Diablo's southern peak in 1851 as the central survey point for land in northern and central California and Nevada. From this point they ran an east/west base line as well as a north/south meridian. Ensuing surveys divided the surrounding land into a grid of townships, each six miles square, which are in turn divided into 36 square 640-acre sections. These townships were drawn around the existing Spanish and Mexican land grants; for example, Robert Livermore's Las Positas and the Bernal family's El Valle de San Jose.

The sections can be divided into halves (320 acres) or quarters (160 acres). A piece of property is located with these aids. For example, a person might own 320 acres: the east half of section 12, township 1 north, range 2 east. This is abbreviated as T1N/R2E. "North" indicates that the property lies north of the point at Mount Diablo's summit, and "east" that the property lies east of the point. Once the available land had been surveyed and divided into townships, California settlers had three methods for claiming land.

One was called "preemption." An American citizen 21 years of age or older could choose ("preempt") an unclaimed area of not more than 160 acres (one quarter section), settle there and make improvements. Later, the citizen could purchase the land from the federal government for \$1.25 an acre after establishing proof of settlement.

The law allowing this sort of claim went into effect in 1852; in the mid-1870s the preemption price rose to \$2.50 per acre. On Feb. 5, 1875, schoolteacher Francis R. Fassett was granted the patent to 160 acres he preempted in the southwest corner of section 33 T2S/ R2E. The western border of the claim was Beck Road, now North Livermore Avenue.

The Homestead Act of 1862 permitted another type of claim. An American citizen 21 years or older could choose a maximum of 160 acres, and the land was free except for minimal filing fees. The homesteader had to live on and cultivate the property for five years. Within the next two years, proof of actual settlement and cultivation had to be filed, with testimony from the claimant and two witnesses.

A homesteader who did not want to wait this long to own the land officially could at any time, after six months of settlement, "prove up" and pay for the land with cash or scrip. Sheep raiser Michael Mulqueeney received the patent for his homestead on Nov. 20, 1877; with certificate #810, he received 160 acres of section 12 T3S/R3E intersected by Patterson Pass Road.

Government scrip—paper issued by the U.S. government that entitled the claimant to a selected amount of public land for a certain fixed price—provided the third means of becoming a landowner. Agricultural college land scrip was one type. To encourage and help pay for the establishment of agricultural colleges, the federal government gave a certain amount of public land for individual states to sell. The resulting federal scrip could be sold by one state to another or to individuals.

Between 1862 and 1903, holders of this scrip acquired 1,397,760 acres of California public land at \$1.25 an acre. On Jan. 5, 1972 Midway hotel owner Franz Haera used scrip issued for agricultural colleges in the state of New York to purchase 160 acres, the northwest quarter of section 32 T2S/R4E.

Another type of scrip was the military bounty land warrant. A veteran could settle on and purchase 160 acres at the price of \$1.25 an acre with military scrip issued by the federal government. After March 1852 these military bounty lands were made assignable, and a citizen could sell the scrip or buy it from a broker. Rancher Ebenezer Cockerton was not a soldier, but he bought two military warrants and purchased the southeast quarter of section 18 T2S/ R3E, 160 acres in the Altamont on Sep. 6, 1876.

Adam Fath immigrated to the United States from Bavaria and served in the U.S. Army as a blacksmith from 1846 until 1856, during the war with Mexico and later in Northern California. After he left the army, he moved to the Livermore Valley and, using his own military bounty land warrant, received the patent to 160 acres in section 9 T3S/R2E on April 10, 1876. This property is just to the east of the intersection of Junction Avenue and Old First Street. The house he built there, the first private home in what became Livermore, is still on the continuation of Old First Street, Gardella Plaza. The final step in all claims—preemption, homestead or scrip purchase—was a patent affirming ownership issued to the settler by the western headquarters of the federal land office in San Francisco or the governor's office in Sacramento. Owners of the Spanish and Mexican land grants did not use fences to define their immense land grants. This led to many misunderstandings, when new settlers came after California statehood and claimed what they assumed was open land. (Readers can reach me at am3homan@yahoo.com.)

Granada Black Students Launch Speaker Series



Nican Robinson (left) and DeVon Hardin talked about playing basketball and attending school at UC Berkeley.

The Black Student Union (BSU) at Granada High hosted members of the University of California men's basketball team Tuesday.

An estimated 300-400 students attended the event, held in Granada's Small Gym during lunch period. They heard talks by DeVon Hardin, who himself is from Livermore, and Nican Robinson, a transfer from UCLA.

The two guest speakers discussed life at Cal, from the academics to the social life, as well as what it's like to play sports at the Division I level.

The program was the first of a monthly speaker series planned by the Granada BSU. The group felt it was important to hold the event as part of Black History Month.

"The Granada BSU has been remade this year. Tuesday's event marks their first official public event," explained Michael Hardin, a leader of BSU's adult advisory group and father of DeVon Hardin. "One of their goals is to bring in an interesting speaker to talk with the student body once a month or so."

Hardin said the turnout at

LPC Express Goes Weekly

Las Positas College (LPC) student-produced newspaper "Express" is now being published on a weekly basis. The change took place at the beginning of the spring semester and steps up production from bimonthly to weekly.

Readers can look for the student newspaper most Fridays that school is in session. The Express regularly garners awards in General Excellence and for individual reporting from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. The Express, now in its 18th year of publication, was started under the direction of Abby McCann, who still teaches at Las Positas College.

The move to take the Express to a weekly publication was spearheaded by the new Editor-In-Chief, Lauren Barnard, and the ongoing production editor, Jeff Bennett. Student journalists on the Express staff expect that with a weekly schedule, they will be able to keep the student body apprised in a timelier manner about topics such as school sports, Associated Students of Las Positas College (ASLPC) activities, campus news and entertainment.

press can be viewed at www.lpcexpress.org_through College Publisher, the largest interactive network of online college newspapers in the nation. The parent company of College Publisher, Y2M, was recently purchased by MTV Networks, adding more clout to the youthmarket appeal of the company, which now adds Internet to its information resources. A study conducted by Y2M reveals that 77% of college students surveyed read the print edition of their campus paper at least once per month and 57% read it online. (PR Week (US) (August 14, 2006): p12. From General Business File ASAP.)

Tuesday's program was "awesome.

In a statement of purpose, the BSU says it aims "to foster a sense of community among all students of the African-American culture at Granada High School.

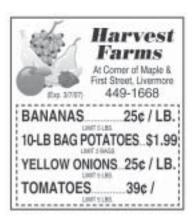
"Our mission is to stimulate the intellectual, political, cultural and social growth of all Granada students," continues the statement. "Through enrichment programs such as general meetings, the BSU speaker series, our leadership and mentoring program, and community service, we seek to educate ourselves and the larger Granada community in hopes that awareness will spark action and ignite change in our community. "In addition, the Black Stu-

dent Union shall serve as a resource to all other groups on campus."

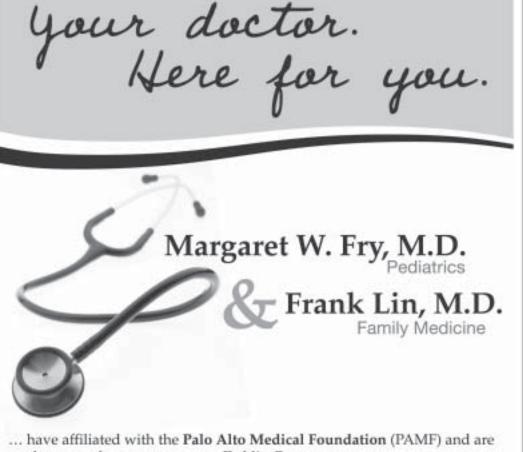




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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Transit Fair Slated

A Transit Fair will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Fri., March 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives from Wheels, Pleasanton Paratranist Service, BART, Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, County Connection, and the Pleasanton Police Department will be on hand to provide the latest transit information and options.

The fair will also include a lecture presented by the Pleasanton Police Department on public transportation safety awareness, opportunities to discuss the Americans with Disabilities Act with transit representatives, refreshments, door prizes, and more

The Center's Snappy Cafe will also have a St. Patrick's corn beef lunch available for purchase at \$3.50 for seniors and \$5 adults. Paid reservations for the lunch must be made by Wed., March 14 at the senior center front desk.

For more information, call the Senior Center at 931-5365. The Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Online Auction of Property

Alameda County Treasurer/Tax Collector Donald White has announced plans for the county's online auction to sell tax delinquent parcels of property. The auction will take place at www.bid4assets.com March 21 through March 22, 2007.

Interested persons may preview the properties on the website through March 20. If a potential bidder does not have internet access, an offline bid form is available from the tax collector's office, 1221 Oak Street, 1st Floor, Oakland.

The properties for sale are located primarily in Oakland. To be eligible to participate in the auction, a budder must pre-qualify with a \$5000 deposit. More information regarding the online auction is available at www.acgov.org/treasurer/ index.shtml.

Most Unaffordable Housing

Despite a cooling housing market that allowed prices to fall slightly, California still remained the most unaffordable state in the nation during the fourth quarter of 2006, the California Building Industry Association reported last week.

CBIA's analysis of the quarterly National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index found that during the fourth quarter of the year, affordability actually declined in five of the 28 California metro areas surveyed. In 18 metro areas less than 10 percent of the homes could be afforded by families earning the median income there.

Wes Keusder, CBIA's Chairman and owner of Costa Mesa-based Keusder Homes, said the report verifies what most Californians already know all too well: affording a home in California is becoming more and more out of reach.

California's homeownership rate is 57 percent, 13 points below the rest of the nation. A CBIA study found last year that this homeownership gap means that 1.6 million California families are being denied the benefits of owning their home, including the fact that homeownership is the biggest source of wealth creation for most families across the nation.

Keusder noted that nationally, 41.6 percent of homes are considered affordable and that in 98 metro areas across the country, at least half of the homes are still affordable. In comparison, affordability is greater than 25 percent in only one California metro area - Butte County.

Keusder said that housing affordability would

in Government Award from the Satellite Industry Association.

The award recognizes those in government who have done the most to modernize the nation's export control laws to recognize the role that satellite technologies play in the nation's economy, video distribution, and national and homeland security.

Also receiving the award this year is Maj. Gen. James B. Armor (Director, of the National Security Space Office). Previous recipients of the Satellite Leadership in Government Award include Senator Ted Stevens (2006) and Admiral James O. Ellis Jr., former Commander of US Strategic Command (2005).

UC Cited for Nuclear Safety Violations

The Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) notified the University of California of multiple nuclear safety violations that occurred at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The University of California was the contractor responsible for managing and operating the laboratory when the violations occurred in 2005.

Due to the University of California's statutory exemption from such penalties at the time of the violations, no civil penalties were issued in this PNOV. However, had the exemption not been in place, DOE would have issued a fine of \$1.1 million based on the number and severity of violations and this would have been the single largest civil penalty in the history of the enforcement program.

The Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) cites multiple violations of the department's nuclear safety requirements associated with operational events and performance deficiencies at the laboratory.

Specific citations were identified in the areas of work planning and control, adequacy of procedures, training, quality improvement, assessment programs, safety basis, and radiological and contamination controls. The PNOV noted that many of the deficiencies were programmatic and long-standing in nature, and had been the subject of previous enforcement actions directed to the laboratory.

In March 2005, several workers received small intakes of radioactive material while performing decontamination operations at Building TA-50-66. In July 2005, a worker at the laboratory's Sigma Facility inadvertently contaminated himself and transported radioactive contamination to several locations offsite and out of state. An inspection performed by DOE's Office of Independent Oversight in November 2005 also identified multiple deficiencies in the laboratory's implementation of environmental, safety and health programs.

In June 2006, the responsibility for management and operation of the laboratory was transferred to the Los Alamos National Security, LLC, which will have responsibility for implementation of corrective actions. With this transfer, the statutory exemption from civil penalties no longer exists for any future Price-Anderson violations at the laboratory.

Congress At Your Corner

Rep. Jerry McNerney (CA-11) has announced the next installment of the Congress at Your Corner program, designed to allow constituents to meet and discuss issues with Rep. McNerney in the places where they already shop and recreate.

'Instead of asking community members to come to one of my offices, I am going to go to them to make it as easy as possible for them to see their Member of Congress," Rep. McNerney said. "I am committed to meeting with residents throughout the district so that I can effectively serve them and address their needs.' Congress at Your Corner part of an ambitious effort to reach out to residents of California's 11th District. McNerney and his staff will be on hand to discuss issues on residents' minds, listen to their opinions, and aid them in finding solutions to any difficulties they may encounter in dealing with federal agencies.

Livermore First Street Changes Earn An Award of Excellence development Association gives

The Livermore Redevelopment Agency has been awarded the California Redevelopment Association (CRA) Award of Excellence for its successful redevelopment project—First Street Streetscape Improvement Project. This project is the winner in the category of Public Spaces and Linkages and is one of eight projects honored this year for major contributions to California communities.

Livermore's First Street Improvement Project has created a pedestrian-friendly streetscape environment, and set the stage for revitalizing the downtown core.

Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, said, "The Streetscape Project has not only changed the physical characteristics of Downtown, but it has enhanced the community's spirit, and has been instrumental in attracting businesses to locate in our Downtown.'

Livermore's downtown was historically the heart of the community, the economic hub, and the civic and cultural center. In the 1950's, major stores and offices migrated from the downtown business district to outlying areas. In 1960, First Street was designated as State Route 84, which became clogged with vehicular traffic and created a pedestrian obstacle in the downtown area. Highway 84 has been

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tion." The project is funded by the Las Positas College Foundation through a grant underwritten by a donation from the Foresters Court #77 of Livermore, an organization that attributes its roots to Robin Hood and the Ancient Order of Foresters in England and is committed to community services and philanthropic endeavors. Additional funding from Sandia National Labs supports activities and materials for the program.

In the first phase of the pro-gram, K-12 school districts in Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore will identify a total of 30 sixth graders using several criteria including socioeconomic need, first generation in family to attend college, potential to succeed in college and residency. Following the selection process, mentors will be matched with students; then the program will get underway.

In April, the college is sponsoring a "Meet Your Mentor"

moved off of First Street.

The First Street improvements include a central water feature, shade trees, new landscaping, park benches, planter pots, and information kiosks. In addition, a series of large trellises were built to create a unique streetscape.

Mayor Kamena and representatives of the Livermore Redevelopment Agency receives the Award at the 2007 CRA Annual Conference and Expo in Long Beach on February 28.

CRA is a statewide, nonprofit corporation comprised of more than 350 redevelopment agencies and more than 310 private sector firms.

Each year the California Retions.

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desired amenities, according to Fialho.

The Vineyard Corridor area is developing in a way the city can be proud of. "It is a beautiful gateway into Pleasanton," said Fialho. Still to be completed is the water infrastructure.

Affordable housing projects will include an updated housing element and a workshop to discuss housing strategies.

The city has made some progress with traffic issues, said Fialho. These include the Tri-Valley Triangle Study of regional improvements. He anticipates a recommended regional plan would be ready sometime in March.

"A fun area," said Fialho, "is the quality of life category." This includes the Alviso Adobe Park, preservation of 500 acres of open space in the southeast hills, moving forward with the Firehouse Arts Center construction in 2008, and competing the Veterans Me-morial Building renovations. New projects include redevelopment of Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks in the downtown, finding a permanent location for the AČE train station, and working with the Museum on Main to operate the Alviso Adobe Park.

Public safety projects include upgrading radio communications equipment and establishing a police substation in the Stoneridge Shopping Venter area. The Callippe Preserve Golf



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Course has been completed and is a huge success, pointed out Fialho. As part of the project, the city is to build a Happy Valley bypass road. Fialho said a preferred alignment as recommended by a task force will come to the council within the next 30 to 60 days. A financing plan will be discussed.

Other categories on the list include fiscal sustainabilty, environmental awareness, youth programs, city services and public information.

Under the environmental category consideration will be given to climate protection programs under ICLI. The city will also look at new garbage rates and

new recycling programs. Improved city services will include a more streamlined development review process.

Councilmember Jerry Thorne asked how the fee study was progressing.

Fialho explained that a consultant is looking at the city's fee structure. "When it comes to cost recovery, the city is at the bottom of the barrel. We don't charge the full cost for a service. We plan to look at whether we want to raise the fees and if so, how much. The general fund has been subsidizing almost one hundred percent of the development services. The idea that development pays for itself does not exist when it comes to services.

be improved by enacting needed reforms that would make it possible for homebuilders to build enough homes to house the state's growing population - especially more homes designed for firsttime buyers.

Senator Denise Ducheny introduced legislation, SB 303, that would make sure that jurisdictions plan for housing and zone enough land to meet their housing needs for the next 10 years.

Award for Tauscher

This week, Chairman of the Strategic Forces Committee of the Armed Forces Committee, Rep. Ellen Tauscher received the Satellite Leadership

Upcoming Congress at Your Corner times and locations: Manteca, Sat., March 3, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Main Street Café, 1351 N. Main St., Manteca; and, Danville, Sat., March 3, 4 to 5 p.m. Safeway, 3496 Camino Tassajara Danville.

Students Receive Trees As Part Of Arbor Day Observance

In observance of Arbor Day, the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club and Alden Lane Nursery will provide a special program to all second graders in Pleasanton during the first two weeks of March.

California Arbor Day is observed on March 7th in commemoration of the birthday of Luther Burbank.

Burbank is well known for developing improved varieties of flowers, fruits, grains and trees. Arbor Day is observed to celebrate the importance of trees and

the great benefit they provide to our well being. During presenta-tions to the 2nd graders, Club members encourage the children to identify the many uses of trees and tell how trees make our environment better.

An important part of the presentation is gifting each child with a seedling to adopt. They will be shown how to plant and care for the seedling. Children are encouraged to place the seed-ling in a pot until a permanent home is identified.

Alden Lane Nursery donates

all the Coast Redwood tree seedlings for the program; the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers provides financial support for the printed materials. The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club prepares the seedling labels, tags and sorts the seedlings for distribution to the schools and provides the Pleasanton presentations. The program is made possible because of the cooperation of the elementary school teachers and staff who arrange for the presentation and supervise the on-site event.



Awards Night, CBS students and their parents will meet their mentors, and LPC students will work with the CBS students to participate in college activities, tours and awards.

Las Positas College is located at 3033 Collier Canyon Road in Livermore.



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EDITORIALS

LARPD At 60

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

Events and discount fees are planned through the year, including 60-cent gym and pool days in the summer and many special programs oriented to 60-yearolds. LARPD is soliciting stories and memories for a 60th anniversary "memory book." (If you have something to share, send it to 60years@larpd.dst.ca.us)

Originally known as the Livermore Area Park Recreation and Parkway District, the agency was established by a vote of the Livermore electorate in 1947. The name was changed to the present one in 1959.

Reaching 60 didn't come easy. Just a few years ago state cutbacks were falling hard on small independent agencies like LARPD. The Livermore district's very survival seemed in doubt.

However, LARPD weathered the crisis and today is not only still breathing, but enjoying a renaissance. LARPD has become the go-to agency whenever some need arises in the community. Day care, alternative sports and regular sports, the arts, the stewardship of open space gems such as Sycamore Grove Park — the list of what LARPD does seems limitless. The birthday party should be joyous.

Movies

The art of film making is on a roll here.

Foremost, there's the annual California Independent Film Festival in Livermore (this year slated for April 14-22). In addition, other special cinema events have begun taking place through the year, with an especially rich selection going on right now. Two movies from the Contra Costa International Jewish Film Festival are being shown at Livermore's Vine Cinema this week. A free program on "Bollywood," India's vibrant film industry, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Pleasanton Library. Then at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15 local film maker Scott Cornfield will come to Pleasanton's Museum on Main Street to show and discuss his documentary "Children of Alcatraz."

The cinema trend adds sparkle, diversity and an international breadth to the Valley's cultural scene. We hope it grows.

Zone 7 OKs Budget, Honors Departing Manager

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency's budget for 2007-08 has the stamp of approval from the agency's board of directors. Directors voted 6-0 to approve the \$189 million budget at their meeting Feb. 21.

Director Bill Stevens was absent.

The operating expenses portion of the budget totals \$69 million. It is the portion supported by revenue from water rates. Overall the cost of acquiring water will be going up \$2 million in the budget. A price increase of \$2 per acre foot from the state water project (SWP) is in part responsible for the boost. There also will be more water acquired, because of new water storage capability, which Zone 7 has acquired from the Cawelo Water District in the Central Valley.

The budget shows that Zone 7 is still on target for an 8 percent increase in the water rate, which won't be set until October, and made effective Jan. 1.

Besides the state's increased cost of water, there is also a need to raise the rates to fund the money devoted to replacing pipelines and other equipment that wears out. Directors two years ago set a 10-year goal to gradually increase the water rate to ensure enough money to cover the rising cost.

The capital improvements portion of the Zone 7 budget will rise from \$50 million in the current fiscal year to \$120 million. The fund varies widely from year to year, as construction projects are begun or ended. A major share of the cost in the 2007-08 budget is \$74 million for work on the Altamont Pipeline treatment plant, which is due for completion in June 2009. Because population growth caused the need for expansion to a third water plant, the cost is paid from the connection fees that the agency charges developers.

Some \$8.8 million of the capital improvements budget will be

Commissioners Question Mayor's Choice

Members of the Pleasanton Planning Commission were upset with the mayor's selection to replace Brian Arkin on the commission.

At last Tuesday's city council meeting, current and past planning commissioners voiced support for the current alternate Greg O'Connor, rather than Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's selection, Kathy Narum. (Narum has been a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. She served as Jerry Thorne's treasurer in his reelection campaign.)

election campaign.) Several of the speakers accused the mayor of punishing O'Connor for supporting her opponent in the last election. There mayor during her campaign. Fox said that in 2006, O'Connor gave \$150 to Steve Brozosky mayoral campaign. Fox felt that refusing to appoint him to the commission was payback for that donation. "I believe that working on or contributing to a campaign should not be part of the criteria to be a planning commission member," Fox declared.

Hosterman replied, "I am absolutely flabbergasted that you think this is politically motivated. I've appointed many people who have opposed me." She noted that she had originally appointed O'Connor as the alternate.

ther commissioner. Phil Blank stated, "The appointment is at the mayor's discretion. She doesn't have to explain the reasons to us." However, Blank then said that Hosterman had not even contacted O'Connor about her plans to appoint someone else. O'Connor found out when the current council agenda was posted online, explained Blank. The action was not in the spirit of our community of character. There was no compassion, no respect or integrity. I believe this could have the appearance of being political. As a planning commissioner I don't want to have to worry about who I support in the next election," added

commissioner. It is a task the mayor has earned. I can see how some people may think this is political," stated Sullivan.

Sullivan than pointed out that Mary Roberts was recently appointed to the Tri-Valley Conservancy by the mayor. Roberts served as the chairman of the mayor's opponent in the last election.

McGovern than raised the issue of changing the policy of how commissioners are selected. She felt there should be greater agreement on an appointment before the council is asked to ratify it.

Sullivan stated, "I'm not interested in changing the process." No one else spoke to the posdevoted to work on the Mocho demineralization project in Pleasanton. It will pull some of the salts out of the aquifers near the wells that serve Pleasanton and Dublin. It is expected to lead to lower salt content in the drinking water for those cities.

The board passed the budget with no criticism and little comment.

APPRECIATION FOR MYERS

The Zone 7 staff, with many of them in attendance, presented Myers with a belt buckle with a Zone 7 logo on it and Myers' name engraved in it. It was a big Western style buckle, in keeping with Myers' preference for wearing blue jeans and riding horses.

Staff member David Houts spoke for the employees during the presentation, when he said, "You helped us with our careers, and even lifted some of us beyond the careers we envisioned for ourselves."

Myers, who typically deflects compliments about his work, said he owes much of the credit for any success to "old school directors who have had the best interests of the community in mind." He singled out former director John Marchand, now a Livermore city councilmember, as a role model for him. He mentioned former directors Hugh Walker and Phil Wente for their leadership on the board.

Myers also singled out another former director, David Layton, who was a leading in pushing for the Zone 7 policy of having 100 percent reliability. The term means that there will always be enough water, even in prolonged droughts.

On the current board, John Greci thanked Myers for his leadership. "You've been a leader with a visionary approach," he said.

Board president Jim Concannon read a resolution that cited Myers' major accomplishments. Concannon, a veteran of four terms on the board, had to choke back some emotions to read it all the way through.

Director Sarah Palmer presented Myers with a bouquet of flowers, and later gave another bouquet to Myers' successor, Jill Duerig, who was unanimously promoted by the board from assistant general manager in January. Myers looked at the board,

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cal residents with a multitude of arts and cultural opportunities here in our own community."

The Firehouse Arts Center, due to open in late 2008, will provide a public arts facility in Pleasanton with a 240-seat theater, art gallery space, two large art classrooms and a grand lobby. Advisory board member Ted Kaye, CEO of the Las Positas College Foundation noted, "The new

Council OKs Infill Neighborhood

and said, "Jill might be our greatest accomplishment."

There was also a plaque presentation from Bert Michalczyk, general manager of Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD). Conveying the sentiments of the DSRSD board and staff, Michalczyk said that Myers deserves much credit for looking ahead to ensure an adequate water supply for the Valley for the next 25 years.

Pleasanton city staff member Steve Cusenza presented his city's plaque. He thanked Myers for leadership in looking ahead to an anti-drought water supply, and for helping initiate measures that will lead to improved water quality in Pleasanton and Dublin.

The Livermore City Council already honored Myers at one if its meetings. Marchand presented him with the city's plaque.

Firehouse Arts Center will be a gem that will draw people into downtown Pleasanton. It will provide art and cultural experiences that touch our emotions and bring us together as a community for years to come."

Reznick added, "The involvement of these influential community members demonstrates the type of leadership that is needed in this community as we evolve to the next level."

A 510-unit neighborhood on just over 37 acres was approved by the Livermore City Council at its meeting on Monday. The vote was 4 to 1 with

The vote was 4 to 1 with Councilmember Lorraine Dietrich voting a "vehement no."

The project is located at the edge of the city's industrial area along Brisa and South Vasco Road. The site is adjacent to the ACE train station, so is considered infill transit oriented development.

Dietrich stated, "The project is a technically competent and somewhat attractive plan. The location gives me great pause. There are industrial uses to the west, east and south. The whole purpose of zoning is to separate incompatible uses. I don't see where people live and heavy industry as compatible. Proposals like this are why I did not support the general plan. It is fundamentally a bad idea."

Two of the members of the general plan steering committee are now part of the council, Marj Leider and John Marchand. They were pleased that the project fulfills one of their goals. Leider commented, "In the general plan update, we tried to find infill sites where people could walk to work. People who will live in this development will be close to jobs in industry and at the Lab. They will be able to walk or bike to work. I am really happy. This was one of the infill site we found. It helps meet our housing element goals without greenfield development."

Leider also pointed out that the site is in close proximity to a lot of housing. Marchand noted that since the

Marchand noted that since the city is not continuing sprawl development, there is a need to find infill sites. "This development is close to work places and a transit site. It makes a good fit."

David Early, the consultant for the general plan update, was also the consultant for the Brisa Street neighborhood. He described the proposal to the council.____

The land is zoned at 14 to 18 units per acre. It includes requirements for transfer of development credits and inclusionary housing.

The site is divided by Brisa

Street. Each side has housing clustered around a small park. The parks include a playground, picnic tables and a recreation area. The housing consists of four types: duplexes, row townhouses, cluster townhouses around a parking court, and mixed flats and condominiums.

Resident John Stein felt that the overall design was fine. However, he felt that the surrounding uses and busy streets made the location a bad one.

An opposing view was offered by Bob Baltzer who thanked staff for following through with work done by the general plan steering committee. "We were told no one will build houses out there. It's crazy. Now they are building houses."

Mayor Marshall Kamena added, "We have heard that infill projects are difficult. They are absolutely worth it when done properly. This vision works for this site. It provides a variety of housing, development credits, and is close to the ACE train. Workers may be able to walk to their jobs. It's a great idea."

fills one of their goals.

were also questions raised about the process used to make the appointment.

It was the second time Hosterman has passed over O'Connor for the regular seat on the commission.

Hosterman's selection of Narum was endorsed by the council, 4 to 1. Cindy McGovern was the "no" vote. She agreed with planning commissioners that O'Connor should have been the choice. Other councilmembers said little about the persons involved, pointing out that it is the mayor's right to select the planning commissioners. Mary Roberts, a former plan-

Mary Roberts, a former planning commissioner, said she had no quarrel with Narum being on the planning commission. She was concerned about the failure to move O'Connor from alternate to regular commission. "That is the regular procedure. The new person should be the alternate."

Roberts pointed out that the commission will be dealing with some tough issues in the coming months, including the certification of the general plan EIR. O'Connor has been involved with the process and would not have to catch up on the issues.

Hosterman said, "I find it uncomfortable to talk about an individual's qualifications. I don't want to have a lot of discussion about Mr. O'Connor. I want to talk to him. I haven't had the opportunity to do so. I have sound reasons for making my choice."

Current commissioner Ann Fox praised O'Connor's work on the planning commission. She said he had been serving as a regular member since Arkin resigned last November. "He comes to all the meetings and studies the issues whether he is voting or not. To pass him over twice is a slap in the face."

Fox called the decision a political one. She noted that Hosterman's choice the first time O'Connor was not chosen to serve as a regular commissioner had developed a website for the He also noted that if an alternate continues to be passed over for a regular appointment, it may be difficult in the future to recruit qualified individuals to serve as alternates.

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Brian Arkin spointment. Arkin O'Connor's appointment. Arkin stated, "He has no political agenda. He is a very balanced person in his decision making who articulates his decisions well."

Hosterman said she agreed that O'Connor has fulfilled his task on the commission well. She stated, "I have an interest in adding as much balance to the planning commission as soon as possible. I feel my choice is a good one."

McGovern said that the first time O'Connor was passed over for appointment, she questioned the decision. "I owe him an apology that I didn't stand up for him last time. I support O'Connor moving up to becoming a regular member. Narum has done a yeoman's job on Park and Rec. Being an alternate on the planning commission could not be a bad thing."

Only one of the current councilmembers has served on the planning commission. Matt Sullivan said he understands the feelings expressed by those who spoke. "However, the mayor is in the leadership position. It is the mayor's discretion to appoint the



sibility of a change in policy.

Hayashi to Host Town Hall On Health Care

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward) is hosting a Health Care Town Hall on Thursday, March 1st at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The town hall session will provide the community with an opportunity to hear directly from Assemblymember Hayashi, who sits on the Assembly Health Committee, learn about each of the various health care proposals being discussed in the legislature, and voice comments and concerns about the current state of our health care

Assemblymember Hayashi will address several bills she has introduced in the legislature that focus on mental health and children's health. The meeting will also be her first health care discussion since announcing her plans to form the Office of Suicide Prevention under the Department of Mental Health.

Following an overview of the major health care proposals and the Assemblymember's health care bills, the audience will have an opportunity to ask a panel of health care experts to provide knowledge on a wide variety of health care topics. Panelists include health care professionals and health policy leaders: Richard Thomason, United Healthcare Workers; Dave Kears, Alameda County's Health Care Services; Sharon Cornu, Central Labor Council of Alameda County; Rudy Cockerham, Chabot College School of Nursing; Marcy Feit, Valley Care Health System; and a representative from Kaiser Permanente.

Hayashi serves the 18th Assembly District, which includes San Leandro, Hayward, Dublin, most of Castro Valley and Pleasanton, and a portion of Oakland, as well as the unincorporated areas of Ashland, Cherryland and San Lorenzo. (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.).

El Charro Development Save Our Hills Spokesperson Jean Rozsnyai

Livermore City staff has just completed a Specific Plan for 16 properties on 250 acres bordered by I-580 to the North, El Charro Road to the West, mining quarries to the South and the Livermore Municipal Golf Course, open space and Livermore Airport to the East. An Outlet Mall is planned for 45 acres of this Specific Plan.

In order to accommodate all this development, a General Plan Amendment is being proposed which would seriously affect the Scenic Corridor protections. If this GP Amendment passes, most of the view of the hills in this area will be gone. An overwhelming percentage of our citizens on many occasions have voted to protect the scenic nature and views of Livermore's unique resource. Many of our elected officials have supported the scenic corridor protections in their election platforms.

The El Charro Project will be a huge undertaking in our city and it will impact everyone, whether you are a golfer or a pilot, or just trying to navigate our city streets and the I-580.

Although this plan is rather quickly under way, nothing thus far has appeared in our newspapers and only a few citizens are aware of it. If you have concerns, voice your opinion to our mayor and city council members. A final vote is scheduled for May 24.

You may read the Draft Environmental Report and the Specific Plan in the Civic Center Library.

Iraq War Discussion Mike Duarte Pleasanton

I just returned home from speaking at the February 20, 2007 Pleasanton City Council meeting. The Iraq War discussion was on the agenda and numerous citizens attended so their voices could be heard. Abraham Lincoln once said, "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time." This quote crossed my mind when Mayor Hosterman and Councilmember Sullivan were voicing their reasons for backing off the discussion.

A few short years ago, these two local politicians and former Councilmember Campbell - at the urging of several non-Pleasanton residents - jammed through a motion to send a letter of criticism to our federal government against the Patriot Act. I commented then that they were going down a slippery slope and it would haunt them in the future. Well, it happened tonight. The council backed off their stated objective concerning an Iraq War discussion as they faced numerous citizens who did not believe they should be discussing national issues.

Hosterman and Sullivan stated they only wanted to encourage a community discussion about the war, but I do not believe this for one moment. I believe they wanted a discussion that would back up their positions against the war and they would use it to pass some sort of worthless resolution just as they had done with the Patriot Act. It was nice to see my fellow citizens stick up for responsible and focused local government. We took control of the city council just like the founders planned.

Iraq War Discussion Paulette Kenyon Pleasanton

Contrary to the misinformation pipeline, the public forum on Iraq proposed by the Pleasanton City Council was never intended to be a debate. The goal of this proposed forum was to serve as an open-ended, citizen guided, community effort to explore what this war means to us and to discover ways that our community can support our troops and our veterans.

For example, I have an idea that I wanted to share with people of having some of us sew cooling scarves made out of desert camo material and sending them to our troops. Being cooler could save a soldier's life. Fred Norman belongs to a group that encourages cities to adopt seriously disabled Iraq veterans. I know he has wanted to bring this up to Pleasanton; and, the forum would've been perfect for that. A veteran who spoke at the city council meeting said he was excited to share his ideas to streamline help to veterans just coming back.

I know Jennifer and Matt had envisioned giving people this forum so that we as a community could do the somethings that are easier to do as a community, rather than by ourselves.

However, a fairly large, loud, and vocal group of people (many of them former Steve Brozosky supporters) made sure that we will not be having this public forum. And, Steve Brozosky's former campaign manager and self-appointed secret police, Dan Carl, got up, insulted Jennifer, then, announced that he is planning to conduct a new sweep of Jennifer's and Matt Sullivan's emails. For them, I guess, the election still isn't over.

And, whether or not this forum is beneficial or not was not nearly as important as how they could twist it to use against her. Jennifer said, "I'm sorry that you didn't trust me to do the right thing." She went on to say that she had hoped that if this forum were successful and citizens enjoyed it, she thought Pleasanton might be able to do forums like this on a variety of topics. That would've been so great! I don't understand what Steve's followers hope to gain by denying our community this opportunity. I think it's a tragedy.

Incorrect Caption Joe Brabant Pleasanton

Today I showed up at the Sunday tough rugby match and the guys were calling me Matt. When I was let in on the joke I was told that in a photo of some of us touch rugby players (article by Robert Several, pg 17, March 2007 - I'm wearing the wool hat) I am described as Pleasanton City Councilmember Matt Sullivan.

I assure you it was good for a few laughs during the touch match. Furthermore the rugby group would like me to use my stature to put in a good word for rugby with the Pleasanton City Council.

Thanks for the article, I think it is great to get the young and the old rugby players out for a run together!

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students with disabilities, English Language Learners (ELL), Hispanic/Latino, African-American, Asian, and Filipino subgroups.

Aschool that fails to meet AYP for two consecutive years goes into Program Improvement (PI). In the first year, schools must revise their school plans. Parents are eligible to transfer their children to a non-PI school with paid transportation. If a school stays in PI for 4-5 years, sanctions can include removing staff, decreasing management authority, extending the school day or year, and restructuring the school's internal organization.

PI only applies to schools and school districts receiving federal Title 1 funds. Livermore currently has five Title I schools: Junction Avenue Middle School and Marylin, Mitchell, Portola, and Jackson Avenue Elementary Schools. Of those schools, Portola and Marylin are in PI.

Both schools met their schoolwide API targets in math and language arts. However, Marylin's ELL and Hispanic/Latino subgroups did not meet federal languages and math targets. The socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroup did not meet its language arts target.

Portola's ELL, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and Hispanic/Latino subgroups did not meet federal language arts targets. All subgroups met math targets at Portola.

Junction became a Title 1 school at the start of the current school year, a decision Bowers says required careful consideration. The school is entitled to the extra funding. However, taking Title 1 money exposes the school to federal sanctions if it does not meet AYP.

Last year, Junction did not meet AYP because its Hispanic/ Latino, socioeconomically disadvantaged, and ELL subgroups did not meet the percent proficient goals in both math and language arts. It is unclear if Junction will go into PI if it does not achieve AYP this year. Bowers says she's received conflicting answers on the issue.

The Livermore School Board recently approved a seven-period day for all students at Junction, making it the only middle school in the District with this schedule. Trustee Anne White describes this action as a proactive attempt to keep the school out of PI.

The new schedule will take effect next fall and extend Junction's school day by about 50 minutes. The longer day will allow intervention or an elective for sixth graders. Seventh and eighth graders can take two electives or one elective if they are in an intervention class.

"One of the sanctions under

quirement causes problems in California, because state law allows parents of students in grades 2-11 to exempt their children from taking standardized tests. Livermore schools have typically met the participation rate requirement.

Last year Altamont Creek Elementary, which raised its API score by 34 points to 842, did not meet one AYP criteria because the participation rate in the students with disabilities subgroup was too low. NCLB consequences do not apply because the school does not receive Title 1 funds.

Assessing students with disabilities is complicated under NCLB. Students with disabilities who take state assessments with the modifications prescribed in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) are deemed "non participants" for purposes of calculating school participation rates for AYP. They are automatically given a Far Below Basic score of 200 for the school or district's API calculations. API is one of the four criteria used as indicators for the AYP as well, so the score of 200 affects both API and AYP, but does not affect the individual child's score.

MAKING SENSE OF REQUIREMENTS

On this issue, the CSBA asks, "If it makes sense to design individual education goals and programs for students with disabilities, doesn't it also make sense to measure their academic achievement using specialized instruments?

Some adjustments have been made to allow for the needs of students with disabilities. However, critics say the reform is not complete. Severely disabled students can take the California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA), up to a statewide maximum of 1% of all students in the state

The California Department of Education is developing a similar alternative test for students with moderate cognitive disabilities called the California Modified Assessment (CMA). Federal regulations for the CMA are expected to be finalized early this year. The stated purpose of the CMA is to provide students with disabilities greater access to the California Standards Tests (CST).

LOW SCORES FOR **NON-PARTICIPATION**

Participation rate and its effect on overall scores becomes more complicated in high school. To take a CST, the basis for API and thus AYP, students must be enrolled in a course in that sub-

iect area An analysis of Livermore's test scores for the 2005/06 school year showed that both Granada and Livermore High School (LHS) lost API points because of students who did not take a Math CST. The report found that 89 LHS students did not take a Math CST, resulting in a loss of 18-36 API points. Granada lost 28-56 API points because 157 of its students did not take a Math CST.

Failure to take a CST results in an automatic score of 200, or Far Below Basic. The issue becomes far more complicated after examining why students are not taking the CST.

To take the Math CST, students in grades 9-11 must be enrolled in a math class for the entire school year. Yet state graduation high school requirements only call for two years of math.

Ğranada's block schedule also adds an interesting twist. On the block schedule, students take just three or four classes each semester. Each class represents a year's worth of work. Some advanced math students are able to complete the entire math sequence before their junior year. These advanced students, who are not allowed to take the test because of their course schedule, automatically receive the lowest possible score.

This impacts the school's participation rate, even though schools legally cannot test those students.

"So let me get this right," said White at a recent board meeting. "We are not allowed to test them, yet they still count as a non participant? This is ludicrous.

The District is looking at several remedies to this particular issue. Students who have completed Algebra II can take the Summative High School Mathematics Test, which counts for API/AYP, even if they are not enrolled in a math course. "We just have to make sure we get these students tested," says Bowers. "Sometimes teenagers don't understand how important these tests are for schools.

The District is considering increasing the graduation requirement to three years of math. The Dublin Unified School District recently increased its graduation requirements to match the University of California admission requirements. The change, which calls for six semesters of math, will go into effect for the class of 2012

Another option is introducing a math class with broad appeal to encourage students to fake three years of math, similar to Granada's Forensic Science class. As a result of the new forensic class, which is not required, nearly all of Granada's freshmen now take science.

Trustee Kate Runyon suggested an excel-based math class, focused on science or business, as a course that might have both broad appeal and practical applications.

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STATE HAS MORE **NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS**

Assessing ELL students is another California-specific issue, as the state has more non-native speakers than most other states. Currently students who have been in school for more than one year are required to take the regular assessment tests.

The 2005/06 school year was the first time that ELL was considered a numerically significant subgroup in Livermore. A new assessment under development, California English Language Development Test (CELDT), would allow students to be tested in Spanish. Livermore is participating in a pilot program for the CĔLDT.

The CSBA says the problem with assessing ELL students is that by definition, students in this subgroup do not have sufficient mastery of the English language to be proficient on standardsbased tests. When they achieve that proficiency, they are no longer considered ELL.

Ăs students move out of ELL, new students who have not yet learned English repopulate the subgroup. As a result, the proficiency requirements of this group can never be met. CSBA believes that NCLB should focus on growth relevant to that subgroup.

"We need to take the stress off the child that doesn't know En-glish well," says White. "We should be testing progress in a more fair way.

In January, White attended the National School Boards Association's Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference in Washington D.C. At the conference board members gave members of Congress advice and direction on educational issues, including NCLB and the Dis-abilities Education Act.

President Bush is committed to reauthorizing NCLB this year. In response, the California School Board Association (CSBA) has launched a "Fix NCLB" campaign with the goal of "fixing NCLB to ensure it achieves the laudable goals it was created to meet.

Some 1,000 trustees representing school boards across the nation attended, with about 70 from California. This is the first year that California has sent more than a handful of school board representatives to the conference. California is unusual in that all of its educational interests, from unions to school boards, are working together to solve the issues.

Community Center 'Elbow Room' Open to Families

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) has opened the "Elbow Room" family fun center to the public. It is open six days a week.

The room was previosuly used as a teen center. Located in the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore, the "Elbow Room" offers activities such as pool, air hockey, foosball and board games. The center also features Wii, the fifth video game console re-

leased by Nintendo that has a wireless controller. It can be used as a handheld pointing device that can detect motion and rotation in three dimensions. Another "Elbow Room" option is Guitar Hero II, one of the most popular Playstation II games during the recent holiday season. The game allows for solo lead guitar, or create your own band and then go on tour, starting out in a Midwest high school battle of the bands and progressing to bigger venues that finally culminate at Stonehenge in England. The game venues now feature lighting and pyrotechnics that are synched with the music.

The "Elbow Room" is open on a drop-in basis each Monday through Thursday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on school release days from noon to 6:00 p.m. The fee is \$2 per person. Children ages 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult or sibling age 15 and up and all participants must have a completed waiver form on file. For more information, please call (925) 373-5729.

Bills Address HOT Lanes, Baby Safety

Assembly Member Alberto Torrico (D-Fremont) has reintroduced a bill to extend the time mothers have to surrender their babies safely at designated sites to prevent infant deaths caused by abandonment. The bill is part of his legislative agenda, which also focuses on High Occupancy Toll lanes, special education, affordable housing and outreach to the limited English proficient population. Torrico represents District 20, which includes portions of Pleas-

anton.

AB 81 extends the 72-hour safe surrender baby (SSB) provision to 30 days, giving mothers a chance to recover and clearly consider their options, while also accounting for various mental-health related issues including postpartum depression. AB 81 provides funding for a public awareness campaign to inform mothers that SSB is a safe and confidential option. Additionally, this bill offers grants to county social service agencies that have safe surrender public awareness programs and creates a 1-800 number in multiple languages.

AB 574 would remove sunset dates on High Occupancy Toll lanes in Alameda and Santa Clara counties, allowing both counties to bond against future revenue to help build the lanes sooner. It also allows Alameda County to operate three rather than two HOT lane projects, and grants Santa Clara County the ability to enter into public-private partnerships to operate its HOT lanes.

A HOT lane is authorized, but not yet built, to operate on the Sunol Grade segment of Highway 680. The highway tolls would be collected in a similar fashion to that used to operate the Fastrak collection of Bay Area bridge tolls. Single occupant vehicles would be allowed to access the lanes by paying a toll.

AB 641 would assist the financial feasibility of constructing affordable housing by requiring the deferral of some local fees on housing projects where at least 49 percent of the units are affordable to low or very-low income households. The fees would be deferred until construction is completed.



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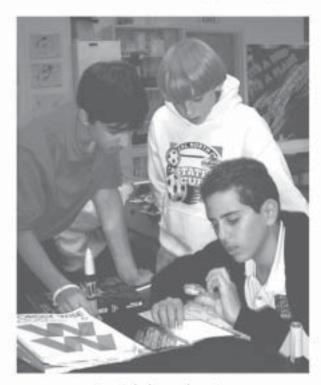
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SHORT NOTES

New Red Skye Wine

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Red Skye owners and winemakers Mark and Betty Christopulous will release a new wine on Saturday March 10.

The 2004 Ruby Hill Zinfandel will be introduced during a special event to be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at Tesla Vintners Tasting Room.

This wine is aged for 27 months on 60% new French and American oak. You'll find an elegant combination of oak and fruit, structured by a solid backbone of tannin. Look for undertones of cocoa, blackberry, and baking spice. Goes great with fine chocolate, grilled pork, or hearty soups,

Taste Red Skye wines paired with various cheeses, and learn from the winemaker himself how to pair great wines with fine cheese, and what makes a great pairing. Other Red Skye wines such as Sau-

vignon Blanc, Syrah, and Sunset Red a delicious blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cab Franc will also be available for tasting ..

Reservations are required. No fee for this event. Please RSVP by Wed. March 7th. Please call 925-606-WINE (9463) to make reservations.

Irish Dance at Library

The Pleasanton Library will resound with the sound of tap as the flashing feet of students from The Moore School of Irish Dance perform on Saturday, March 10th at 2 p.m. as part of the library's series. Dance & Sing Around the World! Adding to the festivities will be Irish songs and fiddle tunes.

The Moore School of Irish Dance is based in Walnut Creek. Two of the students, Annie Geasa and Janelle Dorcy qualified to compete this June in the Nationals.

Dance & Sing Around the World! is a free series of dance and music programs for children that celebrates Pleasanton's international heritage. This program is open to all ages. Reg istration is not required.

For more information about library programs, please check the library's website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/ services (library/programs-events-child.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue.

About the Birds

Pre-Spring Feathered Fling is the topic of a nature program presented by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) ranger staff on Sun., March

Meet Ranger Pat Sotelo at 8 a.m. at the Nature Area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. This bird walk (yes, it's a birdwalk)

will last about two hours. A few binoculars and field guides to lend. Beginning birders are encouraged to attend. Can-

celled if raining. There is a \$3 per vehicle parking fee. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs. Participants may call (925) 960-2400 for more information.

Family Science Night

Andrew J. Christensen Middle School will sponsor its first Family Science Night on March 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The science faculty have amassed a collection of family activi-ties that will keep students, their parents and community members open eyed

for the whole evening. Family Science Nights pop up at Bay Area middle schools a few times a year thanks to dedicated science volun teers from the community. But Christensen Middle School can boast But their own homegrown science craziness: the science rock band. Scientific Jam, a perennial favorite at these events, is actually led by one of Christensen's own science teachers Jeff Hale. So the tie-dye garbed rockers will be playing

to a home crowd that evening. The science projects of all of the students in the school will be on display for public viewing and the creators will be available to answer questions. In addition, many weird, but intriguing hands-on and demo science activities will be ready for action. These include the liquid nitrogen ice cream, lots of chemistry "magic," a plastics recycling project and a portable planetarium. The event pulls together a line-up

of volunteers, from Lawrence Liver-more National Lab, Sandia National Lab, the California Section of the American Chemical Society, corpora-tions like Dow Chemical, Celera Diagnostics and Chevron Texaco, and from TOPScience, an organization of retired

scientists volunteering in the schools. "We're really excited about our first Family Science Night", says Ms. Regina Brinker, a 6th and 7th grade science teacher at Christensen and one of the event organizers. "The staff, our students and the volunteers have put in a lot of work to provide this amazing program for the community." The school is located at 5757 Haggin

Oaks Ave., Livermore.

Ask the Doctor

Orthopedic surgeons, Hieu Ball, M.D. and Vikram Talwar, M.D., will answer questions about Back Pain and Treatment on "Ask the Doctor," airing live on Channel 30, Wednesday, March 7, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Viewers can phone in their medical questions about these topics during the broadcast by calling TV30 at (925) 462-3030.

Up to 90 percent of all Americans will experience back pain sometime in their lives. Tune in to "Ask the Doctor" to learn about common conditions that cause back pain and some of the latest minimally invasive surgical treatments. The orthopedic surgeons will discuss symptoms, causes, diagnosis, and treatment for several conditions, such as herniated and degenerating discs, and spinal stenosis. They will also describe

artificial disc replacement surgery. This show, produced in coopera-tion with San Ramon Regional Medical Center, is the second in TV30's "Ask the Doctor" series. Robert Litman, M.D., family medicine specialist, will serve as the medical commentator. For more information, visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Black Diamond Mines

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) ranger staff will lead a youth trip to Black Diamond Mines Regional Park on Sunday, March 11, from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. The trip is designed for youth 12 to

16 years of age, who will explore one of the old mines on the 5,717 acre preserve, and hike some of its 47 miles of trails through the grassland, forest, chaparral and stream vegetation of the North Bay hills. In the spring, the hills at Black Diamond are covered with some of the most remarkable wild-flower displays in the Bay Area. The preserve also supports a healthy wildlife population with more than 100 species of birds, from the rare golden eagle to the meadowlark, and two rare animal species, the white-tailed kite and the Alameda whip snake.

Participants are encouraged to sign up with friends and be ready to see a side of the Bay Area they haven't seen before. Transportation is provided. Please register on-line at www.larpd.dst.ca.us or by phone at (925) 373-5707. The fee is \$30.

Police Promotions

Pleasanton Police Chief Michael Fraser recently announced five promotions in the department. Lieutenant Eric Finn was promoted to the rank of Captain; Sergeants Craig Eicher and Michael Elerick to the rank of Lieutenant, and Officers Joseph Leonardo and Leigh Ridgers to the rank of Sergeant. All of the promotions were effective Feb. 24, 2007.

Finn began his law enforcement career with the Alameda County Sheriff's office in 1988 as a deputy sheriff. He was sworn in as a police officer with the City of Pleasanton in July 1990. He was promoted to Ser-geant in 1997 and Lieutenant in 2002. His assignments have included patrol, SWAT, DARE officer, field training officer, bicycle officer, traffic sergeant and administrative lieutenant. He is currently the department's Community Oriented Policing Instructor. He has a master's degree in public administration and is a graduate of the FBI Na-tional Academy #219. He and his wife Karey and their four children live in Pleasanton.

Eicher began his career in Pleasanton in December 1989 as a Police Reserve Officer. He was hired as a police recruit and started the Rio Hondo Police Academy in April 1991. Upon completion of the academy. Eicher was sworn in as a police officer. His assignments include bike patrol, field training officer, motor officer. detective and detective sergeant. He has a masters degree from Saint Mary's College. He and his wife, Kim, have two children.

Elerick began his law enforcement career as a police office with the City of Richmond from 1991-93. He was hired as a police officer in Pleasanton in April 1993. His various assignments include SWAT member, personnel and train-ing, detective, field training officer and his current assignment as administra-tive sergeant. He earned a bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's College. He and his wife, Patricia, have two sons.

Leonardo was hired as an entry level police officer in August 1989. His assignments include SWAT member, DARE officer, bike patrol, narcotics officer, field training officer and his current assignment, detective. He and his wife, Rana, have four children. Ridgers became interested in a ca-

reer in law enforcement after being an Explorer, Reserve Police Officer, dis-patcher and police officer with the Piedmont Police Debarment. He was hired by Pleasanton in November 1989. He has served as a motor officer, field training officer, and detective. Ridgers currently services as treasurer of the Pleasanton Police Officers' Association. He and his wife, Eve, have three children.

A swearing in ceremony was held Monday at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

iPods for Soldiers

Members of Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore wrapped up their "iPod for Soldiers" project. Local fami-lies and friends gathered to pack individual boxes with 400 iPods to send to men and women currently serving in the military all over the world.

Since last fall when this project began, a small group of wives of sol-diers, families and friends have donated \$109,000 to Cornerstone Fellowship towards the project along with contributions from Apple, DHL, Speck Products, and Handle with Care. Each package will include one 30GB

Video iPod pre-downloaded with sermons and other spiritual aids, 3 iPod covers and a DVD with a special message from the Cornerstone family. For additional information or to

help put an iPod in the hands of a soldier, please go to www.cornerstoneweb.org and click on "iPod for Soldiers."

Diabetes Seminar

San Ramon Regional Medical Cen-

presents a free educational seminar, 'Advances in Diabetes Treatment,' Thursday, March 8, from 7:30 p.m. to p.m. Endocrinologist, Mahmood Kazemi, M.D., and Chief Clinical Dietitian, Pam Wilson, M.S., R.D., will speak in the South Conference Room in San Ramon Regional's South Build-ing, located at 7777 Norris Canyon

Road. Learn about recent advances in the treatment for type 2 diabetes. What are some of the new oral medications, and which drugs can improve glycemic control? Our endocrinologist will discuss the risk factors and symptoms of type 2 diabetes, and how it increases your risk for other serious health com-

plications. There will be information about the recently completed Diabetes Prevention Program study that conclusively showed that people with prediabetes can prevent the development of type 2 diabetes by making changes in their diet and increasing their level of physical activity.

Space is limited. Reservations are required. For reservations, call

800.284.2878 or on-line at www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Kindergarten Registration

Children who will be five (5) years old on or before December 2, 2007, are eligible to attend kindergarten in Livermore starting in August, 2007. Call the school in your attendance

area for an appointment for one of the days listed below. To learn your atten-dance area, contact Student Services at 606-3206, 606-3207, or go to www.livermoreschools.com under Street Guide.

Altamont Creek, March 6, 7, 20, 21, 8:40 – 3:00, 454-5575; Arroyo Seco, March 13, 14, 15, 8:30-3:00, 606-4700; Croce, March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 8:30-3:30, 606-4706; Jackson, March 20, 21, 22, 8:30-4:00, 606-4717; Marylin, March 12, 13, 14, 15, 8:45-3:30. 606-4724: Michell. March 13 14, 15, 8:30-4:00, 606-4738; Portola, March 26, 27, 28, 8:30-3:30, 606-4743; Rancho, March 12, 13, 14, 8:00-3:00, 606-4748; Smith, March 20, 21, 22, 23, 9:00-3:30, 606-4750; Sunset March 5, 6, 7, 8, 8:30-4:00, 454-5625.

DARWinners

The National Society Daughters of the American revolution sponsors the National History Essay Contest, the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest, and the Good Citizens Awards for students.

Josefa Higuera Livermore DAR sponsors the local American History Essay Contest for Grades 5 to 8, the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest for grades 9 to 12, and the Good Citizens Award for high school seniors. The winners of these awards were hon-ored at a meeting held Feb. 3 at Asbury Methodist Church.

Winners of the 2006-2007 American History Essay Contest are: 5th grade Steve Wang, Altamont Creek Elementary; 6th grade, Jessica Estrada Our Savior Lutheran School; 7th grade Jamison Cortez, Our Savior Lutheran; and 8th grade, Kayla Marchini of Cov-enant Heart Christian School. The stu-dents read their winning essays on the theme, "Jamestown Colony Is Settled." They received a \$100 US. Savings Bond, a certificate and a gift. Their respective teachers, Mrs. Akin-Abott, Mrs. Dirks, Mr. Adams, and Mrs. Marchini each received a \$50 cash award and a gift.

Estrada's essay is the 6th grade winner in the DAR District IV Competition. Her paper has advanced to the

DAR State Competition. Receiving certificates of participa-tion in the American History Essay Contest were Mitchell Jakubka, Altamont Creek; Jan Fedilis, Brandon Disbrow, Camile Jackson, Abigail Peterson, Alaina Porter, Maddie Raiche, Alessandra LeJeunesse, Nancy Le, and Gerish Kowligi, all of East Avenue Middle School. The winner of the 2006-07 Chris-

topher Columbus Essay Contest was Kyle Marchini of Covenant Heart Chris-tian School. The topic for the essay was At Sea or at Home: Different Perspectives on the Voyage to the New World."

Kyle received a \$250 cash award and a gift. His essay was the winner in the DAR District IV Competition and has been forwarded to the DAR State Competition.

judges for the two contests The were Sharlene Boyer, Joe Medeiros, Linda Hoover, and Suzanne Peterson.

The Good Citizen Award winning essay theme was "Our American Heri-tage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It." The award of \$1000 was presented to the winner, Melissa Gutierrez of Livermore High School. As part of the contest, letters of reference showing she had a variety of interests in school activities and service to the community were provided. She also provided a transcript and responses concerning her future plans.

Immunization Clinic

Axis Community Health offers drop-in immunization clinics for lowincome and uninsured families. A winter clinic will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 3. All immunization clinics are held at Axis' Pleasanton location only, 4361 Railroad Avenue.

The clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured. Families enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care programs are also eligible. Parents are required to bring their children's immunization records and any information they may have about family in-come and medical insurance, including Medi-Cal. There is a charge for some immunizations. Immunizations for children are also

provided during regular weekday clinic hours at the Pleasanton and Livermore locations by appointment at (925) 462-1755.

District Honored

The Pleasanton Unified School District is one of twenty-seven public school districts being honored by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) and Sodexho

USA. The 2007 National Civic Star Award, recognizing innovative schoolcommunity partnerships that result in enriched student achievement, is being given to PUSD for the Community of Character program. The award high-lights the importance of community involvement in the educational process and encourages schools to seek sustain-able relationships within their local

communities. The 2007 National Civic Star Awards will be presented at AASA's National Conference on Education, March 1-4, in New Orleans. At the conference an overall winner will be announced from the 27 state-level recipients. All state recipients along with the overall winner will be recognized during both a conference general session and a special private award cer-emony hosted by Sodexho. In addi-tion, all the winning programs will be profiled in a supplement to an upcom-ing edition of The School Administrator

OBITUARIES James Lee Bohanna

James Lee Bohanna passed away peacefully on February 20, 2007, in the arms of his wife of 43 years, Gloria, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 65.

He was the president and CEO of Bohanna & Pearce, Inc. and a retired Captain, U.S. Navy.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons Scott Bohanna and Todd Bohanna, grandsons, Zack and Lars Bohanna, a sister, Denese ohanna and daughters Kim Bohanna and Kelly Brownlee, his mother-in-law Evelyn McBuderus, a daughter-in-law, Belinda, and numerous nephews, nieces and dear friends.

April 14 in his backyard to celebrate the things he loved.

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Juan Kot

Juan Kot died February 21, 2007 in Oakland. He was 60.

The native of Paraguay had lived in San Leandro for 23 years, moving there from Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he had lived for 24 years. He was a devout born again Christian. He

She was born Dec. 23, 1913 and raised in the Livermore area where her heart always remained. She thought of her childhood in Midway on the Haera Ranch and her teen years in Livermore. The family moved from Midway to Livermore where they lived on East Avenue and Nielsen Lane, named after her grandfather, Jorgen Nielsen. Her mother and father, Mame and Amore Haera and brother Bob, along with her grandparents, remained on the almond ranch and brick home for

many years.

retiring over age 75, which she consid-

ered an early retirement. She was a

hard working and life loving woman

ter Janis (Dan) McCarthy, grandchil-dren, Kevin, Coleen (Bob) Bosserman,

and Lynne (Don) Nance, great grand-

children, Danny, Alex, Matt and

Lauren, a great great grandson, Logan,

sister and friend, Bubbles Haera and

sons Niel (Sharon) and Ray (Linda),

were held. Internment was at Chapel

of the Chimes, Hayward. She lived

happily in Hayward for many years

until passing in Marin County where

her final days were spent among fam-

ily. Please remember her in your

William H. Roeben, Jr. died Feb-

He was raised in Visalia, where his

ruary 22, 2007 in Walnut Creek. He

father owned a fruit packing company.

He retired from the Alameda County

Fairgrounds after 20 years and was

thoughts and prayers.

was 68.

William H. Roeben, Jr.

At her wish, no formal services

and dear friend Ronda McCarthy.

Dorothy leaves her family, daugh

until the very last days of her life.

looking forward to traveling the United States. He was an avid NASCAR fan, loved skeet shooting and deer hunting. He was a member of E. Clampus Vitas, a men's fraternal organization for historical preservation.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Roeben of Livermore, son Brent Roeben and daughter Shann Bryan of Visalia, three stepchildren, Denise Gil, Derek Rooney and Dena Berg of Livermore, nine grandchildren, brothers Bob Gentry of Utah, Ray Gentry of Visalia and Jim Gentry of Soquel, and

Doug ventured to Alaska, the Yukon, and northern British Columbia, where he worked during the late 1930s and 1940s at a trading post selling goods to Native Americans and trappers in exchange for furs. He helped ferry items by river to the coast and back. He returned the States during World War II and joined the Navy where he was trained as a submarine torpedo man. He never served in that capacity. However, he did work aboard a destroyer and as a Seabee in the Philippines and

throughout the South Pacific.

search of work. He joined the carpenters' union and worked as a carpenter on many local projects until his retirement in 1977. A skilled craftsman, he made furniture for family and friends. He was an active member of the Cambrian Park Church of the Nazarene where he held many positions.

In the last several years, Doug lived in Castro Valley with his wife Gerri. After her confinement to a nursing home, he lived with sons and their families at various times in Livermore, Pinole and Sacramento.

A memorial service was held February 24 in Pleasanton.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 7000 Village Parkway, Suite E, Ďublin, CA 94568, or Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568

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Darwin S. Clayton, Jr.

Darwin S. Clayton, Jr.'s battle with leukemia ended on Sunday, February 18, 2007. He passed away peacefully surrounded by family and loved ones. He remained optimistic and confident throughout his course of treatment and was especially comforted by the 24-hour care of his wife of 20 years, Beverly.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Darlene (Sandy) and Chuck Kelly, niece Tamie Kelly, sons and daugh-ters-in-law, Ed and Theresa Isaacs and Randy and Karen Isaacs, son, Eric Sutherland, daughter Jennifer Mauldin, five granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews. Darwin built the Clayton's Pest

Control business. He truly cared about meeting the needs of his customers and spent countless hours planning and organizing his day to accommodate each one. The San Francisco 49ers lost one

of their most dedicated fans. He had an amazing recall of all facts pertaining to 49er game statics. He enjoyed taking his family to Maui and to Disneyland. He loved animals. He had amazing interest in backyard creatures. Only the finest Diamond Walnuts were given to those squirrels in his care.

Darwin loved the community of Pleasanton, which he called home for

40 years. The family would like to invite those who shared Darwin's life to a celebration. There will be a day-long Hawaiian Luau/49er tailgate part on

worked as a teamster. His hobbies included fishing, gardening, carpentry and stamp and coin collecting. He is survived by his wife, Marta

Susana Kot, daughters Myrian Elizabeth Neciuk and her husband John of San Mateo, Rosana Mariel Neciuk and her husband Ricardo of Pleasanton, and Veronica Laura Kot of San Leandro, a brother Pablo Kot, sisters, Nadia Kulinka, Ana Daciuk, Eugenia Nieczyporuk, Lidia Hurin and Maria Kot, five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held February 26 at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton. Burial was at Chapel of the Chimes Cemetery in Hayward.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Dorothy Hedrick

California native Dorothy Hedrick passed quietly away on February 21, 2007. She was 92.

She had lived in Pleasanton for 35 years. Dorothy was active in the Danish Sisterhood of America for 63 years. She was also a member of Danish Society Danebod #16 of Livermore.

She is survived by her son Charles "Skip" Ward of Florida, daughters, Carol Hansen of Pleasanton, and Dee Metz of Tracy, seven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. There are many others who referred to Dorothy as mom or grandma over the years. She had devoted her life to the care of children and was a foster parent to many when she resided in Oakland an in later years provided child care for several local families.

No formal services are planned at this time. Her remains will be laid to rest at Oakmont Cemetery in Lafayette next to her husband Cecil "Skeets" Hedrick.

Memorial donations to a charity of choice would be appreciated by the

Arrangements by Callaghan Mor-

Dorothy E. Haera (Backman-Boughtin) died in Kaiser Hospital on January 24, 2007 at the age of 95.

Dorothy attended Livermore High WA. School and was voted "Miss Liberty, and later Rodeo Queen in her senior year, an event she always cherished. She moved to Oakland, where her Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore. husband Oscar Backman was in busi-In lieu of flowers, donations can be ness. He preceded her in passing. She made to the Diabetes Association. later married Edward Boughtin, her companion until his passing. She

Doug Johnstone worked as a retail clerk for many years,

Doug Johnstone, retired carpenter and cabinet maker, died peacefully on February 17, 2007 in Pleasanton, after a seven week battle with pneumonia. Doug, born Leon Douglas Johnstone, was 92.

He was born August 23, 1914 in North Dakota, the second child of Leon Thomas and Jennie Johnstone. His brother Thomas preceded in death as did half sisters, Babe, Lois and Jane. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Gerri Johnstone of Livermore, son Charles Johnstone and wife, Lou, of Livermore, son Thomas Johnstone and wife, Julie, of Pinole, stepson William Geffrey and wife Mehl of Sacramento, stepson Robert Geffrey of Arizona, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is also survived by a half brother, Bert (Bud) Johnson of Aberdeen, WA, and a halfsister, June Sommer of Sacramento.

Doug's father died when Doug was only 10 days old. Doug graduated from high school in 1933 in Okolona, Mississippi, while living with his Aunt Lillia. During the Depression, he served in northern Minnesota as a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Along with his friend, Steve Garvey,





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a sister, Ronnie Sullivan of Ŝoquim, After the war, he settled in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. He operated Funeral services will be held at 4 his own cabinet shop and worked for .m. Thurs., March 1 at Callaghan

local contractors. Many of the cabinets he created over 50 years still adorn the homes of that midwest town. The family moved to San Jose in 1962 in

He will be honored at a memorial celebrating his life at 11 a.m. on Sat., March 3 at Cambrian Park Church of the Nazarene, 2575 Coit Dr., San Jose. In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to the church.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.





The Human Services Commission of the City of Pleasanton has set Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., in the Pleasanton Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, as the time and place for a meeting to consider the following matter:

Presentation from Nonprofit Agencies and Recommendation to Allocate Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2007 (2007-2008). Following the hearing, the Commission will formulate a funding recommendation for review by the City Council at a separate meeting to be held in April.

Notice is hereby given that the above hearing shall be held and all persons concerned shall be heard by the Human Services Commission.



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SPORTS NOTES



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pony Baseball

The Tri Valley Red Sox 14U team

received the Runner Up trophy in the Presi-dents' Day Super NIT Tournament. The journey included a nail biting win (2 to 1) over the Pirates, to advance to the final round of

the tournament. Justin Brunnett hit a spec-

tacular home run to put the first run on the

board. Under pressure Tyler Cook came through with the RBI to win the game.

Pitchers Tyler Cook, Greg Shehtanian, Troy Stetson, Jack Pilling, and Drake Rivenes

held the Pirates to one run. The championship ended up in a rematch against the Lookouts.

Excellent infield defensive plays by Ryan Kochan, Sean Gallagher and Keaton Housman

with outfield plays by Aaron Hafford and Jackson Zarubin kept the game competitive. The Lookouts defeated the Red Sox in the final championship game (6 to 4) to give the

Red Sox the "Runner Up" trophy, placing the team as the 4th seed in the Triple AAA

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is currently looking for football coaches at all levels for the 2007 season. Livermore Youth Football is a part of the Diable Velley Youth Football Conference

Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference, and is an elite travel team with players ranging

in age from 7-14. Anyone interested in coaching please go to Mossaday@comcast.net

California Gymnastics Academy com-peted in the Spirit of the Flame Challenge hosted by West Valley Gymnastics in Campbell, February 23-25.

RESULTS (by event): LEVEL 7: Age Group: 11-12 yrs old VAULT - Jenny Yang (8.5) BARS - Jenny Yang - 7th place (9.225) BEAM - Jenny Yang

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Gray - 7th place (34.9); Erin Gray - 8th place (34.8); Megan Ouyang - 9th place (34.65); Emma Rigl and Brianna Jessup - T10th place (34.575); Melissa Parker (33.7)

California Gymnastics

category for Northern California

Football Coaches

for information

The Sky Martial Arts Academy, Las Positas College and American Martial Arts Association hosted the 8th Annual American Open International Taekwondo Tournament Championships last Saturday at the college. The competition included both Poomse and Sparring competitions.

Baseball Gear Sought

Peter Goritz, a member of Boy Scout roop 941 and a junior at Granada High School, is currently working on his Eagle Scout project. He is collecting donations of gently used baseball equipment and cleaning/ refurbishing it so it can be donated to an organization called Pitch in for Baseball. organization called Pitch in for Baseball. They are a nonprofit organization which distributes the gear to communities in the US and abroad, who cannot afford to purchase gear for their players. One of the areas Peter hopes to help is those leagues that were hit by Hurricane

Katrina. To date, Peter has received a great response from Livermore American Little League, Granada Little League and the Pleas-anton/Livermore Little League. He will have Boy Scouts at the opening day ceremonies for Granada Little League (March 3rd) and Pony (March 10) to collect donations of gear and monetary donations. He is hoping to hear from the other leagues in Livermore and Pleasanton so he can arrange to collect donations there as well.

For information, send an email to Peter at goritz@comcast.net.

Youth Soccer

Livermore Elite Xtreme Boys U-17 Class 1 soccer team took 3rd Place in Gerald

Badella Memorial tournament this weekend. The Livermore Elite Xtreme played the Sacramento United Extreme in the tournament opener. Kevin Thomas couldn't suit up because of an injury. Polo Morales couldn't play because of a previous red card. Sacramento took the opening kickoff and passed down the right wing, but the Xtreme back line of Patrick Watson, Logan Carothers, Tyler Callaghan and Danny Hernandez stepped up to catch them off side. The Xtreme scored in the 15th minute when Mike Barto couldn't control a pass but Sacramento failed to clear and Gerardo Garcia crossed to Trevor Morrissey for the goal. No further scoring occurred in the first half and the Xtreme led by a goal. The next 2 goals came within 2 minutes of each other. First Matt Freitas passed to Angel Cortes who crossed to Ryan Wallace for the score in the 17th minute. Then 2 minutes later Angel crossed to Felipe Cabrera who headed the ball into the net. Sacramento scored when Doug Clark's errant pass to Ricky Rojas was intercepted. The shot deflected into the goal spoiling Andrew Hoffman's shutout. The Xtreme scored once more in the 34th minute on a Ryan Wallace pass to Felipe and won the game 4 to 1. Game 2 against the Central Valley Cy-clones was tougher, but the Xtreme was up to it. Good midfield play by Trevor Morrissey, Matt Freitas, Ryan Wallace and Doug Clark provided opportunities for Felipe Cabrera, Mike Barto and Gerardo Garcia to score without result for 25 minutes. Then Angel Cortes scored the best goal of the tournament by volleying the ball into the net on a dead run from Logan Carothers' cross from beyond the midfield stripe. The outstanding defense of Ricky Rojas, Patrick Watson, Tyler Callaghan, and Danny Hernandez gave Keeper Andrew Hoffman a shutout. The Xtreme had their second victory by a single goal. On Sunday morning the Xtreme couldn't control the midfield and lost to the Nevada Strikers. In the 24th minute, the Xtreme Surfaces in the 24th initiale, the Attente fullbacks left the back-door open Strikers scored by heading in a cross to the far post. In the second half the Strikers scored again on abreak-away; Keeper Andrew Hoffman came out but couldn't prevent the score and the Xtreme was relegated to the consolation game The Xtreme won consolation game 2 to 1 over Stockton Flying Squirrels to take the 3rd place trophy. For most of the first half, midfielders Ryan Wallace, Matt Freitas and Trevor Morrissey sent balls forward without results. In the 35th minute Mike Barto picked off an errant pass and pushed it through to Felipe Cabrera whose shot deflected to Polo Morales who scored. Polo scored again in the 8th minute of the second half on a pass from Ricky Rojas. Despite stellar defense by Gerardo Garcia, Patrick Watson, Logan Carrothers, Doug Clark and Danny Hernandez, after the second goal, the Xtreme began to push up leaving minimal defense. Tyler Callaghan, the last defender, slipped allow-ing the Squirrels to score. Angel Cortes had two scoring chances, but neither went in. The momentum seemed to shift to the Squirrels, but keeper Andrew Hoffman made two good saves to help win the Xtreme 3rd place. The Livermore Elite Titans, U13, Division 1, took second place in the Cal North CYSA State Cup tournament this past weekend. The Titans advanced from a field of 71 teams to the championship game. Al-though, the Titans lost to a strong Santa Clara team 3-0, the season ended on a high note.

(#803) 51-35 on Sunday afternoon in the San Ramon Valley High School gym. SM/SC had also defeated St. Joan of Arc (#806) 35-22 on Saturday in the semifinal game of the National Division. Both teams had finished ahead of SM/SC in regular season play but SM/SC defeated both teams by double digit

In the semifinal game against St. Joan of Arc (#806) on Saturday SM/SC was led by Justin Brauer who led all scorers with 15 points on 5 of 7 shooting from behind the 3 point arc. Jacob Goodness also had 10 points, 4 assists, 2 rebounds and 3 steals; Jacob Hohl had 7 points, 7 rebounds; Zach Edwards added 10 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 blocks and 2 points.

In the championship game on Sunday against St. Joan of Arc (#803) it was all Jacob Hohl who constantly got open underneath and led all scorers with 29 points, 10 re-bounds and 2 blocks; Jacob Goodness also had 7 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 blocks; Zach Edwards added 9 points, 11 rebounds and 6 assists; Ryan Rogers also added 6 points, 7 assists 4 rebounds and a added 6 points, 7 assists, 4 rebounds and a steal. Both the semifinal and championship games were marked by a SM/SC tough zone defense which held their opponents to scores well below their season average. Steven Dubberly, Mike Griffin, Kyle Phillips and Jeffrey Stanford all contributed defensively and with team effort for both playoff victories.

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) 7th grade girls (team 7005), the 2006-2007 Tri-Valley League National Divi-sion Champions, defeated St. Isidore (team 7006) to win the CYO basketball playoff championship game 25-20. It was an all out team effort by CCOP both offensively and defensively. A low scoring game at the half, 4-4, was attributed to the quick defensive moves by Jessica Morosoli, Vivian Hare, Emily Alberts and Kelly Parsons. Blocks under the hoop by Michelle Mann kept a tall St. Isidore's team under control. CCOP went on to outscore St. Isidore 21-16 in the 2nd half. The high scorer was Lauren MacDonnell (11 points) with teammates Lyndsay Godwin (8) points, 6 rebounds), Nicole Ponzini (4 points, 7 rebounds) and Sydney Okumura (2

Sponsors Exemptions Annnounced for Wine County Championship

World Amateur team member.

he was 44th on the Order of Merit.

Tour in its only Bay Area stop.

The Bay Area influence on the 2007 Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship at Wente Vineyards continues to grow. Officials of the Nationwide Tour event March 29-April 1 announced that Pleasanton's Joel Kribel has received one of four sponsor exemptions to play in Northern California's premier golf, food and wine event.

Two other sponsor exemptions have been awarded to international tour veteran Tom Gillis and San Jose tour pro John Ellis. The tournament has not announced its final sponsor exemption.

Among the players who have confirmed to play at Wente Vineyards are 2004 U.S. Ryder Cup Team member Chris Riley, Hank Kuehne, whose 2006 season on the PGA Tour was limited to nine events because of a back injury, and two-time PGA Tour winner Mark Wiebe from San Jose, who turns 50 in September. "Hometown favorites" Todd Fischer of Pleasanton and Ricky Barnes of Stockton are already committed to play in the Wine Country Championship

Kribel, who turned 30 in January, played the PGA Tour in 2003 and 2004. Last year he finished No. 98 on the Nationwide Tour money list, with \$53,279, with two season-best finishes of tied for 11th. Now living in Scottsdale, Kribel is in his ninth year as a tour pro, recently playing in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. A fourtime college All-America at Stanford, where teammates included

chipped in with a base hit. The Lady Dons got solid pitching perfor-mances from both Douglas and Masajlo as the two combined for nine strike-outs and two two combined for nine strike-outs and two walks. Douglas pitched the first three innings striking out four, walking one and giving up one hit while limiting Arroyo High to no runs. Equally impressive was Masajlo who finished the game striking out five, while allowing one walk. Arroyo scored three unearned runs. Rayna McMullen had a good game during her stint at second base. She had bree put outs including all three in the first three put outs including all three in the first inning.

Middle School Basketball

East Avenue Middle School 7th grade girls basketball defeated Charter, 46 to 24. The East team got rolling on offense in the second quarter with Ashley Holmes (6 pts, 4 rebs, 4 stls, 2 blks), Alyse Kline (14 pts, reb, 5 stls) and Shannon Sunnergren (2 pts, 12 rebs, stl) leading the way. McKenzie Hubert had an outstanding game pulling down 12 rebounds and scoring 5 points. Sami Schiller had a triple double with 13 pts, 14 rebs, 10 stls, and a blocked shot. Great hustle and team

stis, and a blocked shot. Great hustle and feam defense by Jamie Elliott (reb), Erin Walthall (2 pts), Katy Jones (4 pts, 3 rebs, stl) and Jessica Beckwith (reb, stl) in the second half to hold off the good shooters of Charter. East Ave MS 8th grade girls basketball got past Mendenhall, 39 to 10. The defense for East was awesome with Brooke Betts (4 pts, 3 asst, 5 stls), Kaitlyn Taylor (6 pts, 10 rebs) and Veronica Carza (4 rebs, 4 assts, 4 rebs) and Veronica Garza (4 rebs, 4 assts, 4 stls) leading the way. The hot shooting of Carrie Melrose with 12 points and M'Kenna Kettenhofen with an additional 13 pts gave East a comfortable lead. Caitlin Taylor and Kelly Fryendal combined for 4 points in the second half. Audrey Brooks and Kathryn Rambo were excellent on defense to seal the

win. East Ave. MS 7th grade girls basketball defeated. Mendenhall, 26 to 18. Alyse Kline dereated. Mendennall, 20 to 18. Alyse Kline had a big game for East nailing three from beyond the arc in a 13 point effort. Blocking shots and playing great defense for East was McKenzie Hubert (2 pts, 3 rebs, 4 blks), Sami Schiller (2 pts, 8 rebs, 6 stls, 2 blks) and Achley Habras (2 pts, 4 rebs, 2 stls, blk) Ashley Holmes (2 pts, 4 rebs, 3 stls, blk). Playing tough down low was Shannon Sunnergren (3 pts, 8 rebs, stl), Katy Jones (2 pts, 6 rebs, stl) and Jessica Beckwith (2 pts, 3 rebs). Great defense and passing by Erin Walthall (4 rebs), Julie Walsh and Jamie Elliott (2 rebs, stl) sealed the win for East.

Football/Cheer

Livermore Youth Football & Cheer Liv-ermore Youth Football & Cheer (LYF&C) is a full contact football league that has been established for more than 30 years. The league teaches the fundamentals of both football and cheer that are needed to make the transition into high school. The league works with the local high schools to ensure participants are emphasizes proper technique and fundamentals needed. ETP&C S emphasizes proper technique and fundamen-tals, responsibility, accountability, and be-ing a good person and teammate. All coaches are CPR and First Aid certified as well as NYSCA certified. They are

While the field of tour pros fills, so are spots in the two pro-am tournaments, March 26 and 28 — each day featuring teams of four amateurs are paired up with a touring professional. There are a limited number of amateur spots available for individuals and groups. For more details, call (925) 447-2200 or e-mail tournament director Chris Conway at chris@winecountrychampionship.com. Tickets for the tournament are available at Ticketmaster and Tri-Valley Safeway stores. On-line orders benefit various local nonprofit organizations, go to www.winecountrychampionship.com/ tickets.html

in the second quarter to pull ahead, but the Phantoms fought back in a well played game. Mike Herlihy had two assists, Evan Martin 1 goal, Zacahry Swinford 1 goal, and Kyle Zendarski 1 goal. David Marshall and Zachary Chapman played stellar defense as goalie Storen Martinge had 15 caves in goal

Bowling News

Steven Martinez had 15 saves in goal

Another bowler was perfect in league play at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Darin Smith, Modified Guys and Dolls League, rolled twelve straight strikes and added another 300 game to his bowling resume. Youth bowler Casey Albert in the Generation Gap, started with a 258 game followed with 236-207 for his 701 series. The Cheyenne were led by Mushy Machado and James Dennis Murphy with 721 sets. Machado using games of 245-244-232 and Murphy a pair of 247 games with 227

Greg Kwasniak collected a pair of 700 sets in the Kings and Queens - 236-278-205-719 total and in the Cheyenne a 708 series with highs of 258-247. Omar Yumal, Reno Gamblers, upped his 158 norm with a 245 game. In the Monday Mashers Erik Dempsey became a USBC award winner for bowling 100 plus pins over his 172 average with a career high game of 275. Kari Estabrook, Valley Family and Friends, took honors as the 165 averager posted a 248 game. The Sunday Rollers followed John Graf

with is 277 game and 693 set; John Cortese finished with a 267 game and 671 total. Nancy Pendleton, 165 norm Generation Gap, rolled a 245 game and 586 set; youth bowler Payton Giambrone finished with a 623 series with games 214-206-203. Friday Prime timers were led by Fred Starry, 167, with his 236 game and 142 averager Bill Vance came in with a 200-513 series.

Gymfinity Gymnastics

The Gymfinity Gymnastics team com-peted in the West Valley Spirit of the Flame invitational held in San Jose this past week-

Highlights for Gymfinity included Victoria Enos bringing home the floor title in level 5 competition and Haley Brott

placing first on bars in level 6. LEVEL 4: Age 7 to 8 - VAULT: Katie Mathers, 11th, 8.55; Annie Allen, 8.5; Savannah Chrupalo, 8.225. BARS: Mathers, 11th, 8.2; Allen, 8.05; Chrupalo, 7.65. BEAM: Allen, 10th, 8.25; Mathers, 7.675; BEAM: Allen, 10th, 8.25; Mathers, 7.675; Chrupalo, 6.8. FLOOR: Allen, 11th. 8.3; Mathers, 7.75; Chrupalo, 7.85. ALL-AROUND: Allen, 11th, 33.1; Mathers, 16th, 32.175; Chrupalo, 18th, 30.525. Age 9 -VAULT: Baylee Hill, 8th, 8.275; Shannon Payne, 9th, 7.85. BARS: Hill, 8th, 7.8; Payne, 9th, 7.4. BEAM: Hill, 8th, 7.25; Payne, 6th, 8.175, AUL - AROUND: 8.25; Payne, 6th, 8.175, AUL - AROUND:

 A.25; Payne, 9th, 6.8. FLOOK: Fill, 5th, 8.25; Payne, 6th, 8.175. ALL-AROUND: Hill, 7th, 31.575; Payne, 9th, 30.225.
LEVEL 5: Age 7 to 8 - VAULT: Victoria Enos, 2nd, 8.6; Isla Andrews, 5th, 8.1. BARS: Andrews, 4th, 8.575; Enos, 6th, 7.25. BEAM: Enos, 5th, 8.3; Andrews, 7th, 7.85. FLOOR: Enos, 1st, 8.75; Andrews 7th, 7.9. ALL-AROUND: Enos, 4th, 32.9 Andrews, 5th, 32.425. Age 9 - VAULT: Sara Vukojevic, 11th, 7.8. BARS: Vukojevic, 11th, 6.75. BEAM: Vukojevic, 11th, 6.45. FLOOR: Vukojevic, 11th, 6.65. ALL-AROUND: Vukojevic, 11th, 27.65. Age 10 - VAULT: Rebecca Meister, 3rd, 8.8; Celina Manfarrei, 4th, 9.775: Melica: Carbar, 5th Moufarrej, 4th, 8.775; Melissa Graber, 5th, 8.725; Amy Morrison, 8th, 8.575; Sabrina Chaco, 8.0; Rachel Pombo, 7.85. BARS: Meister, 7th, 8.8; Graber, 9th, 8.625; Mouster, 7th, 8.8, Graber, 9th, 8.025; Moustarrej, 10th, 8.5; Morrison, 8.225; Chaco, 7.725; Pombo, 7.5. BEAM: Graber, 8.15; Morrison, 8.05; Moustarrej, 7.525; Meister, 7.4; Pombo, 6.575; Chaco, 6.35. FLOOR: Moufarrej, 7th, 8.85; Graber, 9th, 8.8; Meister, 11th, 8.75; Morrison, 8.675; Chaco, 7.3; 11th, 8.73; Montison, 8.673; Chaco, 7.3; Pombo, 7.0. ALL-AROUND: Graber, 9th, 34.3; Meister, 12th, 33.75; Moufarrej, 14th, 33.65; Morrison, 15th, 33.525; Chaco, 18th, 29.375; Pombo, 18th, 28.925. Age 11 -VAULT: Carina Salcedo, 4th, 8.225. BARS: Salcedo, 5.5. BEAM: Salcedo, 7.35. FLOOR: Salcedo, 6.7. ALL APOUND: Salcedo Salcedo, 6.7. ALL-AROUND: Salcedo, 27.775. LEVEL 6: Age 8 to 10 - VAULT: Angelica Leporati and Gabriella Lemoine, T3rd, 8.775. BARS: Lemoine, 6th, 8.15; Leporati, 10th, 7.7. BEAM: Lemoine, 6th, 8.85; Leporati, 8th, 8.675. FLOOR: Lemoine, 5th, 8.55; Leporati, 8th, 8.25; ALL-AROUND: Lemoine, 4th, 34.325; Leporati, 8th, 33.4. Age 11 - VAULT: Haley Brott, 3rd, 8.8; Moira Andrews, 6th, 8.575; Gabby Schulz, 8th, 8.5. BARS: Brott, 1st, 8.6; Schulz, 8th, 7.35; Andrews, 10th, 6.75. BEAM: Brott, 7th, 8.325; Schulz, 10th, 8.05; Andrews, 80. FLOOR: Brott, 3rd, 27.775 8.05; Andrews, 8.0. FLOOR: Brott, 3rd, 8.425; Schulz, 6th, 8.3; Andrews, 10th, 7.55. ALL-AROUND: Brott, 3rd, 34.15; Schulz, 8th, 32.2; Andrews, 11th, 30.875. Age 12+ - VAULT: Taylor Fleer, 7th, 8.55. BARS: Fleer, 6.65. BEAM: Fleer, 6.8. FLOOR: Fleer, 7.4. ALL-AROUND: Fleer,

Tiger Woods, Kribel's amateur career included the finals at the 1997 U.S. Amateur, the 1997 U.S. Walker Cup team and being a two-time

flown more than a million miles in his career, which began in 1990.

Gillis played on the PGA Tour in 2003 and 2005, and last year was in 23 Nationwide Tour events, missing the cut at Wente Vineyards.

Ellis most recently has played on the Canadian Tour, where last year

for a total purse of \$625,000 in the fifth event of the 2007 season.

Competition is 72 holes and features top players on the Nationwide

The international field of 144 is to compete at Wente Vineyards

Gillis, 38, is a former member of the European Tour who has

13th, 29.4. LEVEL 7: Age 9 to 11 - VAULT: Valentina Barbalinardo and Brianna Camacho, 711th, 8.7. BARS: Barbalinardo, Camacho, 111th, 8.7. BARS: Barbalinardo, 6th, 9.325; Camacho, 8.65. BEAM: Camacho, 6th, 9.2; Barbalinardo, 8.725. FLOOR: Barbalinardo, 11th, 9.175; Camacho, 9.1. ALL-AROUND: Barbalinardo, 11th, 35.925; Camacho, 15th, 35.65. Age 12 to 13 - VAULT: Ashley Eastman, 5th, 8.85. BARS: Eastman, 8th, 9.025. BEAM: Eastman, 6th, 9.0. FLOOR: Fastman 6th, 9.375 ALL-AROUND: Eastman, 6th, 9.375. ALL-AROUND: Eastman, 6th, 36.25.

LEVEL 8: Age 12 to 13 - VAULT: Nicole Fitzgerald, 3rd, 8.85; Jamie Haines, 8.075. Fitzgerald, 3rd, 8.85; Jamie Haines, 8.075. BARS: Fitzgerald, 10th, 8.45; Haines, 4.65. BEAM: Fitzgerald, 9th, 8.7; Haines, 7.85. FLOOR: Fitzgerald, 8.675; Haines, 8.5. ALL-AROUND: Fitzgerald, 7th, 34.675; Haines, 17th, 29.075. Age 14+ - VAULT: Alexa Leporati, 6th, 8.5; Dana Felker, 10th, 8.3 BARS: Felker, 6th, 8.35; Leporati, 9th, 8.05. BEAM: Felker, 7th, 7.95; Leporati, 7.35. FLOOR: Leporati, 8.125; Felker, 7.95. ALL-AROUND: Felker, 9th, 32.55; Leporati, 10th, 32.025.

10th, 32.025. LEVEL 9: Age 15 - VAULT: Kimmie Lisiak, 8.1. BARS: Lisiak, 10th, 7.725. BEAM: Lisiak, 7.7. FLOOR: Lisiak, 8.0. ALL-AROUND: Lisiak, 13th, 31.525.

Track and Field Sign ups

Athenian Athletics is accepting applications for youth athletes between the ages of 7-17 for the upcoming track and field season. Athletes 18 and older are also invited to join the club and train during our adult sessions.

Practices are held year round and are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays. For practice time and location, please visit www.athenianathletics.com or call Coach Rik Richardson (Home) 1-925-862-0855 or (Cell) 1-925-518-9356.

Benefit Golf Tourney

Livermore High Baseball will host its 1st annual Benefit Golf Tournament at Poppy Ridge Golf Course on Fri., March 16.

Scramble format is at 1 p.m. The \$150 fee includes golf with cart, lunch, range balls, winner, clubhouse credit and door prizes. For information, call Coach Dave Perotti at 586-2811.

Special Olympics

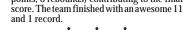
Amador Valley High School will be the site for the Special Olympics Regional com-petitions in Basketball, Track & Field, and Volleyball.

The basketball event will be taking place at Amador (and Pleasanton Middle School) on the weekend of March 31 and April 1. Last year the Pleasanton community provided over 300 volunteers for this weekend. The track and volleyball events will be at

Amador Valley on Saturday, May 5. Volun-teers are needed that day as well.

CYO Basketball

The St. Michael's/St. Charles (SM/SC) 8th grade boys (#804) won the CYO basket-ball championship of the National Division by defeating St. Joan of Arc 8th grade boys



SM/SC 4th grade girls American League team lost their first-round playoff game to a very strong team from St. Isidore's. After falling into a 10-0 hole early, the girls go to track, especially on defense, and were able to make a great game of it from that point on. Rachel Braun had a strong game defensively, and Grace Naylor and Shannon Rosemark and Grace Naylor and Shanhon Roseniark each stood out with solid all-around perfor-mances. Ultimately, the girls just couldn't close the gap against St. Izzy's swarming defense, and lost 16-8.

Run Like the Wind

The City of San Ramon will host the inaugural Run Like the Wind in San Ramon. The ½ Marathon & 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, March 25, at the San Ramon Dougherty Station Community Center. "Run like the Wind" will benefit middle and high school athletics in San Ramon, as well as Agape Villages (a local nonprofit organiza-tion serving foster children and their caretak-

This event features a run, or a walk, for every member of the family, including the 5K run or walk or the ½ marathon (13.1 miles). The 5K and ½ Marathon are both paved and fast courses through the rolling hills of San Ramon's established and recently constructed planned communities (east side of highway

Trophies will go to the top male, female, and team finishers of each race. In addition, medals will be awarded to all ½ marathon finishers. Medals are also given three deep in designated age groups for both male and female participants (check application or Web

remaie participants (check application of web site for age-groups). Entry fees Pre-Registration: 5K Single: \$20.00 5K Family Rate: \$17.00 per person (3 or more people, must register at the same time) 5K Family Competition Rate: \$17.00 per person (minimum of 3) Half Marathon Single: \$40.00 (ages 12 and up) Half Mara-thon Team: \$35.00 (minimum of 6) Race-day Registration: Check-in and race day registration oneens af 600 a m at the

race day registration opens at 6:00 a.m., at the San Ramon Dougherty Station Community Center 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, in San Ramon—same location of the races' start and finish lines. The Half Marathon Race will start at 7:30 a.m., with the 5K Run / Walk beginning at 7:45 a.m.

For more information and/or an application, www.runlikethewindinsanramon.com. There is also information about the race's pre-night dinner, hosted by Leadership San Ramon; Run like the Wind" free Training Clinic;

family registration; race-team competition registration and scoring; course maps; and much more.



LEVEL 8: Age Group: 12-13 yr olds VAULT - Stephanie Stamates and Alexa Hernandez - T6th place (8.6); Jordan Garza (8.05) BARS - Alexa Hernandez - 4th place (9.2); Stephanie Stamates - 7th place (8.65); Jordan Garza - 8th place (8.625) BEAM -Alexa Hernandez - 1st place (9.055) *EL* Ind Garza (8.55) FLOOR - Alexa Hernandez - 3rd place (9.275); Stephanie Stamates - 9th place (8.925); Jordan Garza (8.775) ALL AROUND (8.923); Jordan Garza (8.7/5) ALL AROUND - Alexa Hernandez - 2nd place (36.25); Jordan Garza - 10th place (34.0); Age Group: 14+ yr olds VAULT - Mandy Bakker (8.35) BARS - Mandy Bakker - 7th place (8.175) BEAM - Mandy Bakker - 7th place (8.35) FLOOR - Mandy Bakker - 5th place (8.85) ALL AROUND - Mandy Bakker - 5th place (33.755)

(33.725)LEVEL 9: VAULT - Keri Mack - 3rd place (8.8); Katie Kinser (8.225) BARS - Keri Mack - 2nd place (9.0); Katie Kinser - 6th place (8.45) BEAM - Keri Mack - 6th place (8.3); Katie Kinser (7.0) FLOOR - Keri Mack - 1st place (8.9); Katie Kinser (8.45) ALL AROUND - Keri Mack - 1st place (35.0); Katie Kinser (32.125).

JV Softball

The Amador Valley High School JV Dons used a six run third inning to beat the visiting Arroyo High School Dons by the score of 6-3 to win their second scrimmage of the year. The Lady Dons' bats came alive and batted around in this big inning. Haley Douglas opened the inning up with a hit followed by a Macy Masajlo base hit. Nicole Sisneros followed them by getting a hit driving in one run. Carli Kachel got a hit knocking in a RBI of her own. The highlight of this big inning was Emma McGuiness' tworun RBI triple followed by Beth Aselage's two run home run. Rayna McMullen and Douglas (second hit of the inning) finished off the offensive barrage of the inning by each adding a hit.

Kachel and Aselage also had two hits for the game. Also getting a solid hit to center field in the game was Kelsey Martin, but was thrown out due to injury. Janine Kalepp also required to attend coaching clinics each year to strengthen their knowledge of the game.

Football and cheer squads have been very successful in the highly competitive Diablo Valley Youth Football Conference (DVYFC). The league consists of 16 "city" teams that attract the best football players and cheerlead-ers 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. There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading). Registration will be held March 15th from 6-8 pm at Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. Information at web-site www.eteamz.com/lyfc or call 925-454-1421 (evenings)

Pleasanton/Livermore PONY Baseball is sponsoring an Umpire Clinic for PONY Baseball's Spring Season, Saturday 3/3/07 at Amador Valley High School Boys JV Base-ball Field from 1pm-3pm. Highly qualified adult umpires will be on hand to train aspiring up and coming high school age umpires for PONY Baseball, Pinto and Mustang Divi-sions. Dan Hughey's Bay Area Umpiring Crew will be leading the session and provide instruction on PONY Baseball's National Rules as well as Pleasanton/Livermore's Rules as well as Pleasanton/Livermore's local addendum.

Youth Lacrosse

C team opened the season with a tough 10-



"General Meeting Announcement" 2007 16U Summer Team

Tigers Baseball announces their general meeting to present plans for their 2007 summer baseball season. Early registrations will be taken for their "open clinics" sessions to be held for players of league age 15 and 16, born on or between May 1, 1990 and April 30, 1992.

Who: Any player age 15 - 16 years old, born on or between May 1, 1990 and April 30, 1992

When: Wednesday, April 4, 2007 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: Pleasanton Tennis Complex - Club House 5801 Valley Avenue Pleasanton, CA 94566

For information: www.pleasantonpony.com

Tigers Baseball is a select baseball training program affiliated with Pleasanton/Livermore Pony baseball working in cooperation with well known professional trainers from The Total Player Cantar in Pleasanton. Tigers Baseball provides an opportunity for dedicated young players to develop and learn baseball from some of the finest baseball instructors in our area.

asked to please contact Kent Young, Volun-teer Coordinator, (925) 413-0378 or zenkent@comcast.net.

Golf Tourney Tickets

The Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship Tournament will be held at The Course at Wente Vineyards from March 29 – April 1. This tournament showcases the PGA

Nationwide Tour featuring "up and coming' golf stars.

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) and Pleasanton Schools Education Enrichment Foundation (PSEE) will be partnering with the school organiza-tions to sell tickets to this tournament. The tickets are \$30.00 each and will allow the ticket holder to access the grounds for all 4 days of the tournament! This event will also feature food and wine, art and performances from the local community, and more! Please contact Nancy Bronzini, PPIE

amhassador nbronzini@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or (925) 846 3520, or contact the PPIE office at (925) 846 5620 or mail@ppie.org, to purchase your tickets.

GolfTournament

The Livermore High Baseball Team is having a fund-raiser golf tournament on March 16th at Poppy Ridge Golf Course at 1:00. The cost is \$150 and it is a scramble format. Fee includes: range balls, cart, lunch, dinner with auction, clubhouse credit, door prizes. All the money benefits the baseball program at LHS.

For more information, please call Coach David Perotti at 925-606-4812 x2438 or go to www.eteamz.com/LHSCowboysBaseball and click on the golf tournament link. Sponsorship opportunities are also available



BULLE<u>TIN BOARD</u>

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.

Red Cross seeks service groups, The American Red Cross holds bi-monthly or quarterly blood drives at several locations in the Castro Valley/Livermore/Pleasanton Dublin area. Any faith or community group looking for a service project that doesn't require a big time commitment but has a major community impact, your assistance would be most welcome at these blood drives. Groups would be invited to "adopt" a drive in your community. Examples are locations such as Las Positas College (1 time a year), Asbury Methodist Church (6 times a year) and other, similar locations. The group's members would be trained to welcome and help donors sign in and/or to offer thanks and customer service in the refreshment area after donations are complete. Most blood drives run about six hours (two shifts of three hours each), with two to three people needed per shift.For further details, please call Blood Services /Anne Blackstone at (510) 594-5165.

Tri-Valley Conservancy Board of Directors meets 7 p.m. Thurs., March 8 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. Book Sale, Friends of the Livermore

Library will hold their monthly book sale on Sunday, March 4, from 12:00 noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Fiction and non-fiction books, magazines and audiovisuals are sold at deep discounted prices and there will be a table of free books. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. books will be sold for \$ 2.00 a shopping bag full of books.

Computer Training Classes, free, Liv-ermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Schedule: Introduction to the Internet, Sat., March 3, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or Tues., March 6, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.; Searching the Internet, Sat., March 10:15-12:15, or Tues., March 10:15-12:15, or Tues., March 13, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.; Beginning email, Sat., March 17, 10:15 to 12:15. Classes are hands on, first come, first served in the community meeting room B. Informa tion at the Adult Information Services Desk or call 3 5505.

Health Care. On March 4. at 11:30 a.m. during the coffee hour in the community the first Presbyterian Church in Livermore, the Livermore-Amador Valley branch of the League of Women Voters will be showing the DVD "The Healthcare Solution: California OneCare." It is presented by Health Care for All—California and Health Care for An—California and OneCareNow.org., California's 365-City Campaign for Universal Health Insurance. The DVD presents in 23 minutes an expla-nation of why Californians need Sen. Sheila Kuehl's bill, SB840, to be signed into law. It passed both houses of the legislature last corsion put to be vietod by the Concerne ssion only to be vetoed by the Governor. All are welcome.

All are welcome. **Coffee and Conversation with the experts,** Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. March 13 topic is "Home Equity Conversion, Stay in Your Home." ECHO, a nonprofit housing counseling agency will present the program. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Fee \$1.25 residents, \$1.75 nonpresidents

Tri-Valley Macintosh Users Group meets 7 p.m. on Thurs., March 15 at the Amador Valley High School Library, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. All are welcome. There will be a vendor demonstration of MacScrapbook's iRemember (MacScrapbook.com). Following the demonstration there will be a raffle and question and answer period. Check www.clubtmug.com for more information Check and

Armchair Travelers, Thurs., March 8 at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Erna Grasz will give a slide show presentation on her recent trip to Africa entitled, "Climbing Kilimanjaro and Tanza-nian Safari." Adults are invited to this free program, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Informa-tion, 373-5500.

Financial Management... Attend TVC's Center for Commercialization & Entrepreneurial Training on Wednesday, March 14th from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (registration/continental breakfast at 8 am). This session explores raising capital, understand and using the financial statements, preparing budget projections and proforma financial statements, dealing with the various tax issues and applications, and company valuation. Technology Ventures Cor-poration (TVC) provides consulting and support services to technology start-ups. TVC's training sessions are free to attendees and will be held at the Carr America Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton. Please register online at: http:// www.l23signup.com/ calendar?org=techventures. For more infor-mation, contact TVC at 925.960.1600 or TVC.CA@techventures.org. Service news: Air Force Airman Jon C. Gally has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Gally is the son of Kris Kone-Millan of Livermore. The airman is a 2006 graduate of Livermore High School. Livermore-Amador Genealogical So ciety, general meeting 7:30 p.m. Tues., March 13, Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Anne Homan, au thor, will talk about her new book, "Historic Livermore, California: A to Z." Visitors are welcome. No charge. Information www.l-ags.org or 447-2318. 2007-08 Title VII Indian Education **Program** public hearing on grant application on Tues., March 6, 7 p.m. American Indian Center, 298 Junction Ave., Livermore. Public is invited. This program in public schools in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol is funded by the Indian Education Act of the U.S. Dept. of Education to meet the aca-demic and cultural needs of American Indian students. Information, call Mary Puthoff at 606-3405 Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., March 3, 40 miles Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek to Crockett, meet 10 a.m. at Heather Farm, Dan and Joan Johnson, 933-9649. Club meeting Wed., March 7, 7:30 p.m. Pleasanton Cyclepath, 337-B Main St., Pleasanton Tri-Valley Republican Women Fed-erated, Tom Del Beccaro, the newly-elected Vice Chairman of the California Republican Party, will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, March 8 meeting. It begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Pleasanton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton. New members and visitors are welcome. Reserva tion deadline is March 2. Call (925) 426-1995 Fantasia Latina Gala Night, March 24th, 7pm-midnight, San Ramon Parks and Community Services. 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Dinner and dancing. Live music by the South-American orchestra "Nostalgia" playing real salsa music. Donation \$40 per person. Formal attire is required. For tickets call Cecilia Valent 925-487-5675 or 925-455-9420 or Ada Pestana 925-930-7408 or 925-457-3222. Fund-raiser for Panamerican Roundtable of Contra Costa and Alameda, a non -profit organization that raises money for scholarships. Excellence in Education Awards Pleasanton PTA and Pleasanton Unified School District, sponsored by Steven M. Chew, DDS. The community is encouraged

to nominate a special teacher, administrator or staff of the PUSD for the award. Applications are available at each school site and a www.pleasantonpta.org. Nominations must be received by March 23, 2007. Honorees will be celebrated at a public ceremony on June 6, 2007. For more information, contact Kim Chew, 462-4891.

San Ramon Newcomers luncheon. March 15, noon. Luncheon and speaker. Open to new and established residents of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Danville and Livermore. Contact 735-3508 or go to http://newcomers.home.comcast.net for information

Mad Hatter's Tea, Assistance League® of Amador Valley, April 28, noon to 4 p.m. Tea and sandwiches, and spring fashion show presented by Chico's. The afternoon's activities include a hat contest, raffle, and the sale of lucky teacups. Shrine Event Center in Livermore. It will benefit Assistance League of Amador Valley's many philanthropic projects, including Operation School Bell*. Ninety percent of all net proceeds go toward philanthropic projects. For further information contact Annette at 925-462-5275 or Rickie at 925-846-3922 or email alamadorvalley@yahoo.com. Additional in-formation is available on the web at www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org. Annual Spring Fling, fund-raiser for

Annual Spring Fing, Internation for Rancho Las Positas Elementary School. Sat., March 10, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Shrine Event Center, Livermore. "It's An Adventure Around the World," with silent and live auctions, raffle prizes, casino tables, no host bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and more. Tickets \$35 includes \$20 in casino money, one 50/ 50 raffle ticket, 3 prize raffle tickets, a complimentary cocktail. After Feb. 26, ticket price will be \$40. Information, contact Me-lissa Schaible at 455 5000 lissa Schaible at 455-5833 or ranchofundraising@sbcglobal.net. **RELIGION**

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. March 4 is Stewardship Sunday with the program, Gifts of Love, 10:30 a.m. Information 447-8747.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sun-day worship. Information 447-1950. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Liv-

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

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

Catholic Community of Pleasanton, bereavement support ministry meetings on March 8, 22; and April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton in the chapel, 4001 Ston-eridge Dr., Pleasanton. All are welcome. Questions? Please call Kim at 735-3741.

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

Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective, Mondays at 7 p.m., March 7-28 at St. Clare's Church. The Sessions are: March 7: Storytelling: Listen-ing to our lives. March 14: Theology for the Practice of Simplicity. March 21: Your Money or Your Life: The Place of Money in Modern Life. March 28: Broader Impacts of Modern Life. March 28: Broader Impacts of Our Everyday Food Choices. Each participant will need a journal and a copy of the book Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective. Copies of the book are available at Towne Center Books on Main Street in Pleasanton. All are welcome, regardless of faith. Classes are free and meet at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. in Pleasanton. Call the church office at (925) 462-4802 for information or to register.

Couples And Family Relationships Conference : Unlock the secrets to quality couple and family relationships, including parenting techniques, at this unique learning experience. First Presbyterian Church 2020 Fifth Street Livermore California. March 31, Runsureet Livermore California. March 31, 8 a.m. to noon. \$39 per person (\$59 after March 1). www.kivaspirit.org for registra-tion and information. Kiva Counseling Group (925) 485-9370 United Christian Church, 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worships on Sunday morning at 10:30am. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fri-days. The community is welcome. United CČ is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information. Ecumenical Family Lenten Retreat, Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Asbury Methodist, First Presbyterian and St Asbury Methodist, First Presbyterial and St. Bart's Episcopal are hosting an Ecumenical Family Lenten Retreat on Monday, March 5th though Thursday, March 8th at St. Charles Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Ave. Fr. James DiLuzio brings alive all of the drametican uncomplexent in of the the dramatic power and soaring promise of the original Gospel preaching by sharing Luke's Gospel as the early Church heard it - as stories handed down from memory through an "oral tradition," enhanced with music and singing. Each morning at 9:30 am Fr. Di Luzio will present a discussion of Stages of Faith Development in the Bible in the church. Monday-Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the church, Father will present Luke Live! This is a presentation for all ages, 7 to 107. And finally on Wednesday at 3:30 pm in the church, our children K-5 have their own version of Luke Live! done for them. Fellowship will follow all sessions in the Borromeo A free-will donation of \$5/session is appreciated. For more information contact Julie at upcatholic@aol.com. Boundaries with Teens ... When to Say Yes, How to Say No! March 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore. Contact Greg Brown for more information 925-447-4333 Communication Workshop will be presented by George Papageorge, Licensed MFT, over 2 Monday nights: March 5 and 12, 6:30 - 9:00pm each evening at CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin. \$45 per person, \$80 per couple. The purpose of this workshop is to help partners communicate better about day-to-day issues and resolve their conflicts. You will learn 11 practical, simple, highly effective skills that will change the way you talk and listen. Go to www.crosswindschurch.org/workshops for more information or to register, or call Claudia Siglin at (925) 560-3826. Optional skills coaching session available March 19; \$10 per person. Community Purim Party, Sun., March 4, 10:30 a.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth Street at G in Livermore. Purim is a celebration of the survivial of the Jewish is a celebration of the survivial of the Jewish people and, like mardi gras, an excuse for costumes and revelry. TVCJ's Purim party features games and crafts, baking of the traditional three-cornered cookies called " Hamantashn," folk dancing, a funny play and a costume parade for people of all ages (with prizes!). Tri-Valley Cultural Jews hosting; S10(houseshold for nonmembers Paserra-\$10/household for nonmembers. Reservations preferred, 485-1049 CulturalJews@aol.com. 01 tions

Pleasanton Chamber Players' Perfect Performance

By Susan Steinberg

Valley music-lovers owe a debt of gratitude to Dominique Piana, the indefatigable founder and sparkplug of the glorious Pleasanton Chamber Players.

This is a superb network of professional musicians and teachers who gather at infrequent intervals to perform gems of the chamber repertoire, and are kind enough to let the public listen.

Although busy with their orchestral commitments, they enjoy the small ensemble music making in an intimate setting, as chamber music was meant to be played. Their listeners can share not only their fine artistry, but also the joyful zest of their interactions, as if guests at a private gathering.

The group's recent concert was cleverly titled "2 to 4 of-akind," and featured such unusual pairings of "like instruments" as two flutes, four celli, or two clarinets, as well as several vocal duos.

Fourteen musicians showcased a wide variety of selections ranging from 17th Century Bach and classical 18th Century composers to such romantic figures as Schubert, Schumann, and Mendelssohn, opera composers Bellini, Verdi, and Offenbach, and even a thoroughly modern Jake Heggie.

The program offered something for everyone's taste, like a tempting assortment of musical hors-d'oeuvres. Not to imply that the selections were lightweight or trifling. On the contrary, the virtuosity required for each piece was impressive, and testified to the many hours of rehearsal necessary to achieve the effect of ease.

The double-flute and doubleclarinet duets were especially delightful. Their carefully attuned interactions were like musical conversations between two dear friends, with the audience happily "eavesdropping" on their fun. And the sonorities of a

full quartet of celli provided a heavenly sound - a rare combination almost never experienced by concert-goers.

The vocal selections also illustrated the fine art of skilfull harmonizing in the familiar "Barcarolle" from Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman." In contrast, the same singers demonstrated impressive technical mastery of florid bel-canto style in the duet from Bellini's "Beatrice di Tenda.'

Adding to the warm intimacy of the afternoon was the obvious camaraderie of friends enjoying making music with each other, and the spontaneous personal comments that introduced each selection, making the audience feel part of their friendship.

Performers included harpist Dominique Piana; flutists Karen Stasko Veca and Teresa Orozco-Petersen; clarinetists Joseph Bonfiglio and Gary Sears; cellists Laurence Granger, Gay Hagen Dunn, Peter Bedrossian, and Jim Aikin; baritone Robert Steiner; soprano Sarah Franklin, and mezzo-soprano Lisa Scarborough.

Sensitively-nuanced piano accompaniment by Mary Martin and Priscilla Carter Granger proved a particular delight to this listener. Such intuitive phrasing in supporting and complementing the various performers is a rare pleasure to hear in recitals these days.

Enthusiastic applause from an appreciative audience kept the artists returning for numerous bows. It was a well-deserved tribute for their unique contribution to our Valley's musical scene.

This reviewer is eagerly awaiting the next concert on April 29, which will feature the premiere of a work composed specifically for the Pleasanton Chamber Players. It should be yet another musical milestone for this eminent ensemble.

& ENTERTAINMENT ART

Harvey, Asbury Players, March 2, 3, 9, 10, and 11, 2007. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7 general ad-mission, \$5 for seniors and children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at Country Charm, 1601-B Railroad Ave., Livermore, For addition ticket information, please call 455-1048. Mix It Up, March 1-31, show of artwork that uses more than one media Livermore Library, 1188 So. Liver-

more Ave. Del Valle Fine Arts, March 3, 2007: The Fry Street Quartet, Quartet-in-Residence at Utah State University, and winner of the Millennium Grand Prize at the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition 8 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, Fourth and South L Streets. Tickets \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors over 62 and full-time students; free for children and students through high school. For ticket in-formation phone: 925-447-2752 or 925-443-5470.

Authors and Arts Program Series, March 7, 7 p.m. author Peter Schrag, "California: America's High Stakes Experiment." Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. Friends of the Livermore Library. Information, 373-5505. 26th annual Melodrama. Sunol Rep ertory Theatre will present "Taning the Wild, Wild West in a Dress, or....Let's Give the Villain the Slip," adapted from a play by Billy St. John and directed by Klay Kunkel. Perfor-mances are March 10, 16, 17, 23, 30 & 31 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Sunol Glen School at 11601 Main St. in Sunol. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be ordered on line at www.sunol.net or by calling (925) 862-0664 for further information. Tickets can be purchased at Elliston Vineyards & Little Valley Winery tasting room on Saturdays and Sundays between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning February 10. So hiss and boo and have a laugh with the whole family.

Wine County Festival open to local artists and businesses, The 16th Annual Livermore Wine Country Festival, May 5 and 6 in downtown Livermore. Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Application deadline is March 1st. Volunteers are also needed. For information go to the Downtown Liv-ermore, Inc. website at http:// www.livermoredowntown.com. Killer Laughs Comedy Competition, Tommy T's Comedy and Steakhouse, 5104 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton; info 227-1800. Each show will feature a special guest comedian after the competition. Pre-sented by Laugh-A-Lot Productions Presents. Dates for preliminary rounds: March 6, 1; semi finals: March 20, 27; finals: April 3 featuring nine comics. All shows start 8 p.m.; doors open 6 p.m. \$7 cover plus two item minimum. For More Information Call (925) 264-4413 or e-mail john@laughalotproductions.com. Chinese cooking demonstration and wine-tasting benefit to support the Valley Dance Theatre. Sunday, March 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. After-noon with lots of food and festivities in Ruby Hill featuring wine tasting and a demonstration of how to cook Chinese food at home. Reservations are \$50 per person (limited capac-ity). Informal attire requested. Adults only. Call 925-243-0927 for reservations. Early registration: The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and City of Pleasanton Civic Arts announce the opening of early registration for the Sixth Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival on Saturday, March 31. The Festival will be held at the

CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Adult registration includes two workshops, sessions with California Poet Laureate Al Young and author Michael Chabon, afternoon events that are open to the public, and meals, including the evening awards banquet. The adult fee is \$80 before March 3 and \$95 after. Youth Poetry & Arts registration includes a morning poetry workshop and the public afternoon activities. Youth fee \$15 prior to March 3 and \$20 after. Teen Prose registration includes two workshops, the Al Young and Michael Chabon sessions, and the afternoon public activities. Early registration for teens is \$25; After March 3, the fee is \$35. Adults, teens and youth who wish to enter the Festival's poetry contests must submit their entries with early registration. Early registrations and payments must be postmarked on or before March 3. Registration forms may be downloaded from the Pleas-anton Cultural Arts Council website at www.pleasantonarts.org or ob-tained by contacting Michelle Russo at (925) 931-5350 or mrusso@cí.pleasanton.ca.us.

2007 Livermore Lives! Teen Art Expo. Livermore residents in the sixth through twelfth grades are invited to submit a piece of original art visually expressing a distinct perspective of their lives. Media including painting, sculpture, photography, textiles and collage are eligible for this exhibit. Entries will be accepted Mon., March 5 through Sun., March 25 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. Artwork will be shown as space allows. Teen Expo Artwork will be on display from April 2-29 in the Civic Center art gallery during regular library hours. For more in-formation and to access applications, visit the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us or contact Mary Sue Nocar at 373-5500 ext. 558Š

The Secret Garden, Willows Theatre Company production. February 23 through March 25th, at the Willows Theatre, 1975 Diamond Boulevard, Concord. Tickets are \$33-\$38 with discounts for students (6-18), seniors (65+), groups (10+), and Preview

performances. To purchase tickets

call (925) 798-1300 or visit the Wil-

lows Theatre Company Web site at www.willowstheatre.org. Perfor-mances are Wednesday and Thurs-day at 7:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m., with matinees

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Saturdays

urday March 24 and 31, 2-4pm, Bring to the first class: Roll of 1" masking tape, full newspaper issue,

scissors, a couple of wire hangers.

This class is taught by artist MJ Wil-son and is free to the public, but

reservations are a must. Must attend

both days due to drying and time required.Call: Worthington Gallery

West (25) 485-1183 wgallerywest@sbcglobal.net. Worthington Gallery West Interna-tional Fine Art, 739 J. Main St.,

High School Musical, stage produc-tion of the Disney Channel movie. Christensen Middle School 9th an-nual musical production. Show dates are March 23, 24, 30 and 31 at 7 p.m.

All shows are at Livermore High School Performing Arts Theatre, 600

Maple St. Tickets are \$7 orchestra

level and \$5 balcony level. Seating at Livermore High is assigned. Tickets

can be purchased at Country Charm in Livermore at 1601 Railroad Ave., or by calling Kathy Pehrson at 925-

443-1931. Tickets may be available

at the door 30 minutes prior to the show.

at 2 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. Papier-mache Whimsy Classes, Sat-

Valley Concert Chorale auditions, by appointment, for experienced singers interested in singing with the chorus on Monday, March 19 in Livermore. The Chorale is looking for singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary, from folk to jazz. If you have sight reading skills and enjoy singing exciting and challeng-ing music, call 925-462-4205 to

schedule an appointment. 44th annual coin show and sale, Livermore Valley Coin Club on Sunday March 11, from 10 am to 5 pm. Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive, Spring-town in Livermore. More than 30 dealers from all over Northern Cali-fornia will offer gold, silver, and base metal coins from the United States and foreign countries. Admission is free. Lunch service will be available. Raffles. For further information please call Stephen Kramer at (925) 422-3794.

Ed Kinney Lecture series: March 15: Children of Alcatraz; speaker is Scott Cornfield, film maker and Pleasanton resident. The Museum On Main in Pleasanton. Lectures are at 7 p.m. at the museum. Reservations are requested. \$5 members/\$10 non-members. Memberships available for purchase. The museum is located at 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasan ton. For information, call (925) 462-2766.

Valley Concert Chorale, "Three Tab-leaus of Fauré:" the "Requiem," "Messe Basse," and "Cantique de Jean Racine," will be the program on Saturday and Sunday, March 17 at 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L Streets, Livermore & March 18 at 3 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton. Tickets \$20 adults and \$17 seniors. Students 18 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. To purchase tickets, call (925) 866-4003 and leave a message, or send email to send to

tickets@valleyconcertchorale.org. Spring Concert, March 18, Pleasanton Community Concert Band 2 to 4 p.m at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Free. Information: 846-5897 www.pleasantonband.org. or

Authors and Arts Program Series,

2: Barber: Knoxville: Summer of 1915, Tiffany Cromartie, soprano, soloist; Grofe: Grand Canyon Suite. Ticket information, 447-4924.

Michael Chabon, March 31, 8:00 p.m. at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Presented by City of Pleasanton Civic Arts. Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.civicartstickets.org. Information: 931-5361

Del Valle Fine Arts, March 31, 2007: Denise Djokic, cellist; and David Jalbert, pianist. 8 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, Fourth and South L Streets. Tickets \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors over 62 and full-time students; free for children and students through high school. For ticket information phone: 925-447-2752 or 925-443-5470.

Art, the winner of the Evening Standard Award, Olivier Award, and Tony Award, will be presented by Shakespeare's Associates, Inc., at the Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and H in Livermore. Performances will be March 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and April 1. Curtain times are Fridays and Sat-urdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 gen-eral admission, \$20 for seniors 65 and over, and military ID, and \$15 for students 18 and under. Tickets are available on the web at www.shakespearesassociates.org or by calling 1-800-838-3006. Con-current Abstract Art Exhibit. Danville Community Band Concert,

A Musical Journey Around the World, 2 p.m. Sun., March 4 at the Blackhawk Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville. Program includes various musical selections by inter-national composers from several countries. Programs at museum are free with paid admission. Informa-tion www.blackhawkmuseum.org or 736-2280.



Author Speaks on 'California's Experience'

Peter Schrag, author of "Paradise Lost: California's Experience, America's Future" and most recently, "California" America's High-Stakes Experiment," will present a program in Livermore on March 7.

The program will be held at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. It begins at 7 p.m.

Longtime education writer and a weekly columnist for the Sacramento Bee, Schrag will focus his talk on "The New California and the Next America," and other topics explored in his books.

There is no admission charge. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of a series of author and arts events.

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



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March 18, 2 p.m. author Frances Mayes, "Under the Tuscan Sun." Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission (tickets required). Friends of the Livermore Library. Information, 373-5505.

City of Angels, Las Positas College musical, March 22-April 6 on campus, 3033 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore. Play won 1990 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Music and Lyrics, and Best Book. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925-424-1100.

March 24, 8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. Vaughn Williams: Fantasia on Greensleeves; Weber: Symphony No.

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The cast of "The Mikado" in rehearsal.

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Livermore Valley Opera Presents Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado

Livermore Valley Opera continues the celebration of its 15th season with Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado.

Performances will be March 10 and 17 at 8 p.m. and March 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. at the Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple Street.

The story of The Mikado revolves around a young fellow named Nanki-Poo (Jonathan Smucker) who has banished himself from the little town of Titipu. Nanki-Poo, it seems, has fallen in love with a beautiful young lady called Yum-Yum (Krista Wigle). Unfortunately, Yum-Yum is engaged to be married to her guardian, the tailor Ko-Ko (Robert Sholty).

However, when Nanki-Poo hears that Ko-Ko has been condemned to death for the capital crime of flirting, he hastily returns to Titipu, only to learn that Ko-Ko has not only been granted a reprieve, but has been promoted

to the post of Lord High Executioner. Apparently, those in power, wishing to slow down the rash of executions, reason that since Ko-Ko was next in line for execution, he can't cut off anyone else's head until he cuts off his own!

The Mikado (Paul Sinasohn), however, soon takes notice of the lack of executions in Titipu and decrees that if no executions take place within the time of one month, the city shall be reduced to the status of a village. Ko-Ko, desperate to avoid cutting off his own head, vows to find a substitute, and as luck would have it, just at that moment, Nanki-Poo wanders onto the stage with a rope determined to take his own life rather than live life without his beloved Yum-Yum. Ko-Ko immediately seizes on this opportunity and offers the young lad one month of luxurious living at the end of which he would be relatively painlessly decapitated. Nanki-Poo agrees on the condition that he is married to Yum-Yum right away so that he can spend his last month in wedded bliss. But just as the wedding celebration begins, a law is discovered, much to Yum-Yum's distress, which decrees that a condemned man's wife must be buried alive with his corpse!

The Mikado has already proven to be an audience favorite. The Mikado was originally staged at the Savoy Theatre in London on March 14, 1885 and is widely considered to be the jewel in the G&S crown.

Producer Kathleen Breedveld has assembled a talented cast for this production. Dr. Philip Manwell will present a pre-opera lecture at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$40. Infor-

mation or tickets available at 960-9210 or the website at www.livermorevalleyopera.com.

Performances are March 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 at Sunol Glen School Theatre, 11601 Main Street, Sunol. All perfor-

> St. John and directed by Klay Kunkel.

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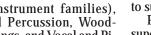
The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has established special arrangement with the Livermore Valley Winegrowers' Foundation, host of the Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship to provide financial support for several of the Tri-Valley performing arts organizations that will use LVPAC's new 500-seat theater beginning in October of this year. The Wine Country Championship will be held March 29-April¹ at The Course at Wente Vineyards. It is the fifth stop on the **PGA** Nationwide Tour. By visiting the Championship's website at www.winecountrychampionship.com, arts supporters may purchase PGA event tickets and designate 1/2 of the purchase price to support their favorite performing arts group. Participating groups in-clude the California Independent Film Festival, Del Valle Fine Arts, Livermore Valley Opera, Valley Concert Chorale and Valley Dance Theatre. "We are delighted to be able to provide additional ways to help the performing arts groups that will use our theater generate new income for their activities. By purchasing tickets to the Wine Country Championship, local arts supporters can enjoy the best in professional golf while supporting their favorite performing arts group," said Len Alexander, LVPAC's Executive Director. "We're committed to bringing exciting arts and entertainment activities to Livermore and the Tri-Valley. Partnering a world-

events (instrument families), Brass and Percussion, Woodwinds, Strings, and Vocal and Piano

Solo and Ensemble Festival Set

for "Art" music. Performance literature therefore will consist of "classical" repertoire. Students may perform either as a soloist or as part of an ensemble (duet, trio, etc.).

Entrants will have five minutes to perform a selection in front of a judge. All judges are public school educators known for their expertise as musicians and teachers. After the recital each soloist/ ensemble receives comments and a rating which compares their performance against a standard for their age group. Ratings range from needs improvement



The purpose of a Solo & En-semble Festival is to foster a love



Ronda Ropes (left) as Melody Plunkett and Ron Smith as Colt Revolver, Jr. rehearse for Sunol's annual melodrama performance.

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The Sunol Repertory Theatre has been presenting a melodrama every year for 25 season.

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Music Program will

host a Solo and Ensemble Festi-

val for LVJUSD music students

at Mendenhall Middle School on Sat., March 3. This is the

45th year the Livermore District

Music Staff has hosted the festi-

The festival at Mendenhall Middle School runs from 8:30

a.m. until 4:30 p.m., followed by

a command performance at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, lo-

cated at 1385 South Livermore

participate annually. Partici-pants must be music students in

the district music program. The

festival is divided into four

Approximately 300 students

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Avenue.

Season 26 performance is entitled, "Taming the Wild Wild West in a Dress or Let's Give the Villain the Slip.⁷

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served seating. They can be pur-chased at Elliston Winery and The show is adapted by Billy Road in Sunol on weekends be-tween 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. or online

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Performers that demonstrate superior musicality may receive a Command Screening. A command screening is a second op-portunity to perform in front of a screening judge. Of these screenings, 12-15 performers will be selected for a formal evening performance at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in the sanctu-

ary. The Command Performance represents a cross-section of the district's music program and will feature performers of all age levels and instruments.

All events and performances, including the evening command performance are open to the pub-lic. Admission is free.

'Discovery and Awareness' Theme of Show

"Discovery and Awareness" is the theme of an exhibit of works by Sara Zimmerman to be held at Alexander's Main Street Gallery March 3 through 17.

Born and raised in the Bay Area, acrylic painter Sara Zimmerman returns to the area for her first exhibit of her artworks in this region. Colorful, bold, and lively, Sara's acrylic paintings encompass contemporary modernism and science illustration with a spiritual touch depicting scenes and silhouettes of flowers, trees, fish, etc. soaring above Tahoe and other natural landscapes. Zimmerman's works have been shown in Reno and throughout the Tahoe region. This is her first exhibit in the Bay Area.

An artist reception will be held on Saturday March 3, 2007, 4 to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge.

Alexander's Main Street Gallery is located at 610 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. It is open seven days a week. Call for hours at 925-846-6015.

Writers Club to Host Pulitzer **Prize Nominee**

California Writers Club, Tri Valley Branch will host Pulitzer Prize nominee Jana McBurney-Lin at a special event on Satur-day, March 17 at 11:30 am.

McBurney-Lin will discuss her first novel, *My Half of the Sky*.

Charlotte Cook from Komenar Publishing will discuss the publishing aspects and answer questions.

Reservations are required as the event is expected to sell out.

SF Comedy Competition in Pleasanton

A past San Francisco Comedy Competition finalist in the Best of San Francisco Comedy will perform in Pleasanton on Satur-

day, March 10, at 8:00 p.m. The evening's headliner will be 2003 Competition Finalist Rob Little, whom The Detroit Free press selected as Michigan's "Best Up and Coming Come-dian." Appearing with Little will be Drake Witham, a surprise host and a special guest.

City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents will host the performance at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasan-



"The Best of San Francisco Comedy show is a perennial fa-vorite," says Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgensen. "It's a great opportunity for Tri-Valley residents to enjoy top-notch comedy talent very affordably and close to home. We're looking forward to enjoying a relaxing evening of fun and adult humor with our audience again this year.'

Little's outlook on life is summed up in two words, pure optimism. His ability to see things in a positive light has served him well as a comedian. After being fired from his job as a computer programmer for encouraging his coworkers to "quit

your job and follow your dream," Rob launched a successful career in standup comedy. He earned the title of "finalist" in both the Seattle and San Francisco International Comedy Competitions and has entertained at clubs, festivals and corporate events.

Currently, he is gaining na-tional recognition through television commercials and appearances on shows like The Best Damn Sports Show Period, Last Call with Carson Daly and Comedy Central. Last year, Little won

a reality show on CBS called Fire Me Please and took home the

\$25,000 prize. Tickets to the San Francisco Comedy show are \$15, \$20 and \$25. They may be purchased online www.civicartstickets.org up to three hours prior to the perfor-mance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office. Group dis-counts are available. This show is appropriate for adult audiences.

Tickets can be purchased

online at www.bethemek.org/

Beth Emek to Present Rock Concert

Congregation Beth Emek is hosting a rock concert by the internationally-acclaimed Jewish rock band Dan Nichols & E18hteen on Saturday, March 17 at 6:30 pm. The concert, one of the biggest undertakings in the congregation's history, will be held at Beth Emek's facility at 3400 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

Jewish themes and values have always been communicated through music. Beth Emek's rabbi, Richard Winer, and members of the congregation realized that Jewish youth in the area hunger to hear those themes presented in a way that speaks directly to them. Dan Nichols & E18hteen answer this need by presenting the spirit of Judaism in a modern rock format.

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Dan, who remains engaged in the Jewish musical world through his work as a cantorial soloist at congregations in North Carolina and Five, and others. E18hteen's cofounder Mason Cooper has written and produced television and film themes and been involved in the careers of George Michael, Bernie Taupin, and Stevie Wonder.

The concert is open to anyone interested in hearing spiritually inspired, high quality rock at the door. All advance tickets must be purchased by February 19 and reserved ticket sales end

dan_nichols or at the Beth Emek office at 3400 Nevada Street in Pleasanton Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday from 9AM to 2PM. For more information, call Congregation Beth Emek at 925-931-1055 or e-mail programs@bethemek.org.

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ues, is slated to open in October of this year and will serve as home for a number of Tri-Valley performing organizations. In ad-dition, the theater is expected to host visiting performers from around the Bay Area and beyond along with conferences, public events lectures and seminars.

Luncheon will be held at Girasole Grill, 3180 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. The cost is \$18 for members, \$25 guests. Contact Fred Norman at Fnorman300@aol.com or 925-462-7495 by Wed., March 14 for reservations.

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music. Advance ticket prices for reserved seating are \$36. Prices for general admission tickets for adults are \$18 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the door; for teens \$16 advance and \$18 at the door; and for seniors and youth (ages 3-12) \$10 advance and \$12

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The following person (s) doing business as Creative Fmbossing, 2535 Kellogg Loop, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Lauri Braudrick, 2535 Kellogg Loop, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by:an individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.

Signature of Registrant: /s/:Lauri Braudričk This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on February 15, 2007 Expires February 15, 2012. The Independent Legal No. 2126. Publish March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2007. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 391696

The following person (s) do-ing business as Cottage Preschool, 359 Jensen Street, Livermore. CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following Leslie Wirth, 2567 Tapestry Drive, Livermore, CA 94550 Steve Wirth, 2567 Tapestry

Drive, Livermore, CA 94550 803-7043 This business is conducted by:husband and wife

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb ruary 1, 2007.

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Signature of Registrant: /s/:Leslie Wirth This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on February 14, 2007 Expires February 14, 2012. The Independent Legal No 2127. Publish March 1, 8, 15,

22. 2007. ORDERTO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME ase No. VG07309577 SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 5672 Stoneridge Drive Pleasanton, CA 94588 TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS: Petitioner Martha Vanessa Garcia Grover filed a petition with this

names as follows Present Name: Martha Vanessa Garcia Grover Proposed Name: Vanessa Maass 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted (CAL*SCAN) NOTICE OF HEARING a.Date: 3/20/07 Time: 2:00PM Dept: 707 b.The address of the court is: 5672 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588 3a.A copy of this Order To Shop around for rates. Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county: The Independent Dated:February 2, 2007 63)CAREGIVER /s/:Judge Alice Vilardi Judge Of The Superior Court The Independent Legal No. 2116. Published February 8, 15, 22, March 1, 2007. ANIMALS/PETS 1) CATS/DOGS ADOPT A DOG OR CAT, for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at 925 426-8656 Tri-Valley Animal Rescue hosts cat and dog adoptions at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Cat adoptions are at Dublin Pet Food Express on Saturdays from 12 to 4 PM (excluding 4th Sat) and on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM. Adoptions at Dublin PetsMart on Saturdays from 12 to 4 PM and on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM, dog adoptions on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 PM and rabbit adoptions on the 2ⁿ and 4th Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 PM. For more information please www.tvar.org or call (925) 7)FOUND FOUND CAT Manx Cat found in Livermore Area. 925 449-FOUND CAT Adult Female Spayed.. Tabby Tortoise Shell Call ASAP. Mix. East, Vasco Vicinity. No collar/no micro chip. Call 925 447-4964 to identify. dent 9)LOST 243-8000. LOST CAT. in Pleasanton Neal & Entrada. Long, White hair Male, blue eyes, shy but

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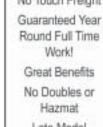
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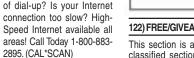


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After eight days leading the peloton of 144 elite, international cyclists that included Olympic medalists and world champions, Discovery Channel Pro Cycling Team's Levi Leipheimer (USA) was crowned as champion of the 2007 Amgen Tour of California today with a total time of 24 hours, 57 minutes and 24 seconds. A resident of Santa Rosa, Calif., Leipheimer is the second consecutive Californian to win the title. Stage three of the tour, between Stockton and San Jose, went through Livermore. Riders in a sixteen man break-away head up Patterson Pass. Jason McCartney from Team Discovery is the front rider in this photo. He finished third in the race, 54 seconds behind the winner.

WE THE PEOPLE

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March 3. Each has pledged \$1 per mile for their 105-mile course.

The pledge money has been expanded. Pentin, a past president of Pleasanton North Rotary Club, asked the club to donate to the civics team, based on the mileage he will cover on the bike ride. He received nearly \$1000 in pledges. Pentin said that anyone interested in making a donation can get in touch with him at 846-6066 or 846-4555. E-mail is jerry@pentin.com.

Ott also offered to be a contact, at 447-5001, ext. 1103.

Another donor has been the Chinese-American Council. The organization collected the money at a booth at their recent fair in Pleasanton, where they celebrated the lunar New Year. The civics class has also begun writing grant applications, said Ladd.

IT'S A LIFESTYLE, NOT **JUSTACOMPETITION**

Teamwork is one of the things that stands out about the "We the People" experience, said team member Carl Schlachte. "Because it takes a lot of time and effort, we become a community. It's not like writing a paper. These people are my best friends. I have 30 people I know I can hang out with," he said.

Typically, many of the students are on the civics team because they have an interest in history and current events. That was Schlachte's case. He said, "I was always interested in politics. In the eighth grade, I drew a political cartoon lampooning Alexander Hamilton. Now, it's more an idea of using this information to further my knowledge of politics." Whether or not he pursues political science, law or some other field in college, Schlachte said that the result of his work on We the People has been acquisition of better speaking and thinking skills. "We're lucky to have five seconds to answer questions

from judges. Thinking on our feet is very important. If you stumble while you're speaking, it hurts in competition," he said.

Summing up the competition's effect on him, Schlachte said, "I have become a person more comfortable under pressure. It's a good development process. Everyone changed in some way.'

The team started conducting its research and preparing its talks in earnest last fall, though some got a start in the summer. Aggregately, the 30 students combined for a total of 15,000 hours of research and speech preparation, said adviser Ladd. Another 10,000 hours will prepare the team for the finals.

Amador Valley was not the favorite going into the state competition. However, the hard work paid off, said another team member, Bianca Poncedeleon. "I knew we worked as hard as we possibly could. We were well-prepared. (The research and preparation) is the equivalent of all our homework put together," she said.

Once they were at the state contest, the students could tell how it was going for them by the judges' comments after a speech. "If they have a lot of criticism, then it probably didn't go so well. If they are stumbling to find something, then you know it's good," she said.

take part in the competitions. The students examine the colonial era and its influence on the nation's founders and on government today. Students delve into current conflicts over constitutional issues, such as freedom of the press, and learn the history of the expansion of civil rights and civil liberties.

Ladd said that attention is also paid to "what makes good citizens. How do we influence other countries, and how do they influence us?" This is all done in a non-partisan context, he said.

We the People is voluntary. A relatively small number of schools take part. Amador was one of three that competed in the 11th Congressional District (CD). After winning at the congressional district level, Amador Valley beat winners from five congressional districts, before achieving the state victory.

Members of the team are David Anderson, Adam Bacal, Olga Beltsar, Mika Bhatia, Yvonne Chi, Tyler Creighton, Aaron Diggins, Robert Doxey, Alexene Farol, Wesley Garwood, Alex Hall, Emma Holmquist, Lauren Ivey, Garima Kalra, Catherine Kennedy, Taylor Lane, Christopher Loncarich, Devin Maguire, Angelo Marcelino, Elena Moreno, Bianca Ponce de Leon, Prachi Priyam, Carl Schlachte, Carena Schmidt, Elizabeth Smutz, Darylen Terry, Linda Wan, Frederick Young,

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"Hit the Road Jack" by Ray Charles, and Aretha Franklin's 'Respect.'

Throughout the performance, each of the 64 students shared information about one famous African-American on whom they are doing a research report. The personalities featured ranged from the historical—such as Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Sojourner Truth—to the modern, such as Barak Obama, Colin Powell, and Condoleezza Rice.

Many students chose entertainers, writers, and sports stars from the past and present. Arthur

Kitchen Needs Volunteers

Open Heart Kitchen is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve meals.

Open Heart is a non-profit meal service with programs in Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton. About 2500 meals are served every week It would not be possible to

serve over 10,000 meals each month without the help of the community.

Volunteer opportunities in-clude the following: Pleasanton: senior hot meal

program at Ridgeview Com-mons; weekdays, 3 shifts available; hot meal programs at Trin-ity Lutheran Church Fridays 4 to 6:30 p.m.; Pleasanton Farmers Market, produce donataoins col-

Ashe, Venus and Serena Williams, Michael Jordan, Bessie King, Louis Armstrong, Ray Charles, Oprah Winfrey, Alice Walker, and August Wilson were among the personalities pre-sented.

The students wore traditional African scarves made from kente cloth and kufi hats. They decorated the stage area with maps of Africa and flags of each African nation.

For the grand finale, the performers marched off the stage and through the multipurpose room to the traditional African chant "Hoya Hoye.'

lection Saturdays 12:30 to 2 p.m. Livermore: Hot meal progrm at Asbury Methodist Church,

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 shifts available; Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Thursdays 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; weekend box lunch program, Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Thursdays 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; box lunch distribution, Fridays 2 to 3 p.m. at Joe Michell, Marylin Avenue and Portola el-

ementary schools. Dublin: Weekend box lunch program distribution, Arroyo Vista Apartments, Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Dianne Adamson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 580-1619 or dadamson@openheartkitchen.org.



PET OF THE WEEK

Sparks is a very playful, friendly, and energetic 2-year old Pomeranian mix. We don't know what other breeds are in his lineage, but it is something larger, as he weighs 28 pounds. He loves to play outside, chasing toys and going for walks. In his previous life, he was kept outdoors, but since he has moved to his foster home, he is making rapid progress on his house training and leash training. An active family with another friendly dog would make a very happy home for Sparks. For more information, call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656. Mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats are held at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.







CONSTITUTION **STUDIED IN DEPTH** Allen Yu, Alex Zhu. The team is coached by Brian The topic for We the People is the U.S. Constitution. That's the Ladd. subject matter for seniors in Cali-

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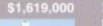
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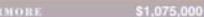
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By Appointment 5bd/4ba, 3,541+/-sf highly upgraded home. Dazzling pool nestled in one of Livermore's prestigious neighborhood.

By Appointment Stunning remodel, prime location! Next to park land/situated on cul de sac, Large side yard access, extra garage/workshop.



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