

Zone 7 Works On Plan In Case Delta Water Stops

Staff at Zone 7 Water Agency is busy this week preparing emergency plans to deal with a Delta water shutoff, if it occurs as the result of a judge's ruling last week.

Approximately 80 percent of Zone 7's water supply comes from the Delta. The water is used not only by municipal water customers, but also by the Valley's booming wine industry and other agricultural producers.

Pumps employed in sending the water from the Delta to 24 million water customers statewide have been killing the delta smelt, an endangered species. The suit in which Alameda County Superior Court Judge Frank Roesch ruled was filed in 2006 by the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance.

The state Department of Water Resources (DWR), operators of the State Water Project (SWP), has been putting mitigation measures into effect to try to protect the fish. However, Roesch said in his decision that the mitigation measures by themselves are not enough.

He said that DWR must obtain a take permit from the state Department of Fish and Game to legally continue pumping. The permit would require more accountability over progress in mitigating impacts on the species. DWR has 15 days to file motions to counteract the decision. If those are not successful, the judge said he is giving DWR 60 days to obtain the take permit, or face an order to shut down the pumps.

It's not clear whether the 60-day clock

started at the time of the decision, or would begin after the 15-day court challenge period, said Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig.

Duerig said Tuesday that since Zone 7 staff became aware of the decision over the weekend, there have been staff meetings to draw up an emergency plan of operation, in case the pumps are shut down. Zone 7 stores in its underground basin the surface water that it buys from the state water project. The underground reservoir is full, after two wet winters.

Traditionally, Zone 7 officials have said that they could tap the underground reservoir for two years of constant water supply, if any emergency happens. However, Duerig said she wasn't sure two

years would be an accurate estimate now. It might be too optimistic.

There are other things to fall back on, though. Some Delta water is stored in Lake Del Valle. Some of the water there is also stored for Santa Clara Valley Water District. Since Santa Clara also receives federal water via another water project and a reservoir near Gilroy for part of its need, it might be possible for Zone 7 to work out a deal to use Santa Clara's Del Valle water.

Further, Zone 7 could ask water retailers Pleasanton and California Water Service to pump more water from their own wells for their customers. That would reduce demand for surface water from Zone 7, although it would increase the hardness in the water at the tap.

Nevertheless, if the water from the Delta is halted for a long time, the forecast definitely would be for water rationing in the Valley, said Duerig. Hopefully, though, it won't come to that, said Duerig and another Zone 7 official, Carla Nemeth.

Nemeth has been Zone 7's representative to the ongoing meetings concerning a conservation plan for the Delta. "The governor has stated that he will appeal the decision, because pumps that supply water to 25 million people can't be turned off," said Nemeth.

Zone 7, with its 200,000 water customers, is only a small part of the state. The agency is trying hard to help preserve the pumping. Zone 7 has inter-

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Partnerships Make City A Great Place

Hosterman Says in Annual State of the City Address

The power of partnerships is part of what makes Pleasanton a great place to live. The contribution of businesses to the quality of life is also significant.

Those were the themes of Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman's annual State of the City Address. The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce hosted the luncheon on Tuesday.

"Our successes begin with partnerships on a regional and local basis, as well as with agencies such as the school district and with private businesses," said Hosterman. She then provided examples of partnerships.

The Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center is a one-stop location to obtain information on home ownership. Five cities helped to make it a possibility. Currently 31 Pleasanton residents are going through the program, said Hosterman.

Solving traffic problems is another area where partnerships are important. The West Dublin-Pleasanton BART station is being built as a public/private partnership. It will include transit oriented development. The station is projected for completion in 2009.

The Tri-Valley Triangle Study Committee worked together for improvements on 580, 680 and 84. "We will continue to work for those improvements," declared Hosterman.

The Staples Ranch is yet another example of working together to create something positive for the community. The land belongs to Alameda County. Hendrick Auto Group plans new facilities for 6 dealerships; Continuing Life is proposing the largest comprehensive senior care facility in the East Bay; and the San Jose Sharks may, if the community desires, build an ice facility.

"One of our most beloved

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Olympic gold medalist Shaun White was in Livermore to take part in an assembly as part of the prize won by Lexie Orr, a third grader at Joe Michell School. Lexie was the Bay Area winner of the "California Grown" contest. He signed a guitar for Lexie during the assembly. For more on the contest and her winning entry, go to page 2.

Livermore Votes to Ban Superstores

Livermore has instituted a ban on superstores.

A packed council chambers on Monday heard the city council vote unanimously for the ban.

While most of the public comment during the meeting targeted Wal-Mart, the ban does not apply specifically to Wal-Mart. The ban applies to any store that meets the definition of a superstore.

The ordinance defines the superstore as a facility that exceeds 90,000 square feet in floor area with five percent of the floor area for nontaxable merchandise, such as groceries. The ban does not prohibit big box membership clubs or large destination oriented retail commercial uses.

The ban would effectively stop a potential 19-acre Wal-Mart center at the corner of Jack London Blvd. and Isabel Avenue. Prior to the council meeting, the store had withdrawn an application for a superstore at the site. Under the new ordinance, such an application would not be processed in the future.

The council said they favored the ban as a way to protect neighborhood shopping centers with grocery stores as anchors. The concern was that a superstore selling groceries

would take customers away from the grocery stores, resulting in the stores closing.

Planner Steve Stewart noted that there are six neighborhood centers in Livermore with grocery stores. The close of any grocery store would have a significant impact on the center.

Councilmember Marj Leider pointed out that during the recent general plan update, the committee worked hard on what to do with centers when grocery stores close. "I feel a superstore could have a detrimental affect on other centers with grocery stores as anchors," she explained.

Wal-Mart representatives had asked the council to support the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve or make superstores subject to approval on a discretionary case-by-case basis.

In a letter to the city, Wal-Mart noted that the ordinance would ban the Wal-Mart Supercenter project, but continue to permit other large scale retail uses, without any evidence that the Wal-Mart project would have different or more adverse economic or other impacts on the city." Wal-Mart said it would like to continue to have a dialogue with the

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Input Sought on Livermore Draft Cultural Arts Plan

A public review and discussion of a draft cultural arts plan for the City of Livermore will be held Thurs., April 5.

The session will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

One proposal is for the city to create a downtown arts and culture festival. The City could provide seed funding.

Other suggestions include:
• Adopt policies that encourage private individuals, businesses and nonprofits to provide cultural events and opportunities for young adults.
• Develop an arts education partnership with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School Dis-

trict, Livermore Arts Recreation and Park District and Las Positas Community College.

• Develop a communitywide arts and culture marketing program.

• Develop and expand arts and cultural facilities and spaces in the core in the first 3 to 5 years and expand into other areas of the city in subsequent years as funding allows.

Livermore has an abundance of existing and potential arts and cultural facilities to support and enhance the proposed Core Arts and Cultural District. The following is a list of those and other facilities, to be explored for expanded or future use: 500-seat

Performing Arts Center; 1800-seat Performing Arts Center; Livermore Village development, which provides spaces for artists and arts-related businesses; Carnegie Library; Train Depot; Plaza in front of the 500-seat Performing Arts Center; Livermore Civic Center Library; and the Bothwell Arts Center.

• Create a United Arts Fund and/or creation of a workplace giving program to encourage support of arts and culture from private businesses, corporations and individuals.

• Consider a variety of strategies to develop regular, accessible, high-quality arts program-

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Pleasanton Scores High Again On API

All of Pleasanton public elementary and middle schools and its two comprehensive high schools again scored above the state requirements in the annual Academic Performance Index (API).

The scores are taken from several standardized tests, which were given during 2005-06 school year. The state sets a standard score of at least 800 for the API. In recent years, the district has

achieved that number for virtually all of its schools. This year, Pleasanton's scores range from 832 at Foothill High School to 960 at Mohr elementary school. The districtwide average was 881.

The district's continuation school, Village High School, scored 590. Continuation schools are not ranked against comprehensive high schools,

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Poll Shows Strong Support To Extend EBRPD Bond

A survey commissioned by East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) shows good support for renewing the Measure AA bond tax, which was approved in 1988.

No date has been set for the vote.

Some 78 percent of 500 poll respondents in the park district's two counties said they would vote for renewal of Measure AA, provided their taxes did not go up. The measure expires next year.

No projects have been proposed yet for a bond renewal campaign. Suggestions for

projects will be collected from the public later this year, in meetings throughout the two counties, said Ayn Wieskamp, who represents Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Newark, and part of Fremont.

Although Livermore is in EBRPD now, it was not in the jurisdiction in 1988, when the bond passed. Therefore, it would not take part in the bond extension election or its benefits, if it passes.

Inclusion of Livermore in a districtwide bond would require a new bond. EBRPD wants to be

able to tell voters during a campaign that the bond measure extension won't raise their taxes. However, that wouldn't be true in Livermore, since it would be a new tax there, said assistant general manager Dave Collins.

Consistency about not being a new tax is not the only problem EBRPD would face if it included Murray Township, in which Livermore is located, in a Measure AA vote. EBRPD conducted a separate poll in Murray Township and found that support for a bond measure falls short of

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Triangle Study Committee Votes to Remove Highway 84 Improvements

The Tri-Valley Triangle Study Policy Advisory Committee approved an alternative that eliminates funding for projects on Highway 84.

The vote was 6 to 2 with Pleasanton representatives opposed. The decision was an apparent effort to convince Pleasanton to extend Stoneridge Drive.

Pleasanton has stated many times that improvements to 84 would help to take cut-through traffic off of city streets. At the same time, residents have said that extending Stoneridge would add additional cut-through traf-

fic, particularly when the free-ways are congested.

The Triangle study was launched by the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency together with the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority and Caltrans to develop a long- and a short-range plan for improvements along interstates 580 and 680 and Highway 84.

Representatives on the committee are Dublin Mayor Janet Lockhart and Councilmember Kasie Hildenbrand, Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and

Councilmember Marj Leider; Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Councilmember Cindy McGovern, and Alameda County Supervisors Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley.

The recommended plan adopted by the committee includes the following projects on I-580: westbound HOV/HOT lane and ramp metering - east of Greenville to west of Foothill; westbound auxiliary lane - First to Isabel (includes structure widening at creeks); I-680 direct connector - westbound to south-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen
The Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship at Wente Vineyards got off to a damp start on Wednesday during the Pro-Am event. In the photo, Bart Schaefer takes aim at the green on the 12th hole. Competition for the full field of 144 in the Nationwide Tour event got underway Thursday morning and continues at 7 a.m. Friday, with players starting on the first and 10th tees. Following the 36-hole cut to the low 60 and ties, play on Saturday and Sunday is to begin at 8:30 a.m. Admission for those wanting to watch the professional golf is \$10 Thursday and Friday, \$20 Saturday and Sunday, with a four-day pass \$30. Tickets for the tournament are available at Ticketmaster and Tri-Valley Safeway stores.

Pleasanton OKs Compromise Plan for Church

The Pleasanton City Council approved a compromise plan for the expansion of Trinity Lutheran Church that satisfied neighbors, but was opposed by the church.

The vote was 3 to 2 with Jerry Thorne and Cindy McGovern voting against the plan.

The compromise plan would create a drive-through lane behind a new education building to a new parking area on the other side. The new parking would be near current parking. However, there would be no connection between the two lots, preventing those using the new parking from exiting and entering from Golden Road. They would use Del Valle Parkway.

"The goal is to maintain current traffic patterns," explained acting director of planning Donna Decker. "Staff recommends the council approve the compromise plan. It balances the interest of the church and the neighborhood."

Thorne said he was concerned about the increased cost. McGovern did not want the additional paving that would result from construction of the drive-through lane, because it would remove open green spaces.

Church representatives told the council that modifying their plan would result in greater cost,

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Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



Circus and Chautauqua Tents

Before the railroad came through town, the circus arrived by horse and wagon. Probably Grizzly Adams came through alone with some of his menagerie, or with the Henry C. Lee circus en route to and from Stockton and San Francisco. The big top was set up on an empty town lot, and probably many Livermore area residents enjoyed the show. When railroads were built, the circus was no longer limited by size or distance. Barnum's first circus train in 1872 consisted of 65 railroad cars, which included long lines of flat cars holding ornately carved parade wagons, wild animal cages, chariots, and the steam calliope.

High school teacher May Nissen, born in 1884, remembered when the circus train would come to Livermore once a year when she was young. She described the event in an interview with Joan Boer in 1980. Every kid in town came down to watch the train unload and the big top go up. School was let out for the free parade. It started with the steam calliope playing music, then the trapeze performers, all dressed in pink and white and gold, sometimes riding on an elephant; next came the tigers and lions and some monkeys. "Cold shivers of delight ran through us when a lion would roar."

According to an advertisement and an article in the *Echo* on 9 September 1897, the street parade would take place at 10 a.m., rain or shine, with a grand golden steam calliope leading the way with music, a band of Scottish bagpipers, a caravan of massive carved animal cages, gilded chariots, mounted knights and ladies, clowns, camels, herds of elephants, and a breathtaking collection of fine horses. Performances were at 2 and 8 p.m.; admission was 50¢ and children paid half price. This was the Walter L. Main Circus, and the advertisement said that this was their first West Coast tour.

As recently as April 1920 the Al. G. Barnes Four-Ring Wild Animal Circus arrived in Livermore loaded on two circus trains with 52 special cars, no fewer than three calliopes, and six concert bands. The menagerie boasted 1,200 performing animals, including 550 horses and ponies, Lotus the largest hippopotamus in captivity, 30 lions, and 20 tigers. A two-mile street parade started at 10:30, and performances were given at 2 and 8 p.m. in the main tent.

Another traveling entertainment that came to Livermore and used a tent for public performances was the educational Chautauqua group. In 1916 the khaki-colored Chautauqua big top was set up for the first time in Livermore on an empty lot at First and N Streets. Season tickets for the week of May 27 to June 2 cost \$2.50 before the first performance; at the door the cost was \$3. Each day brought a variety of music—four soloists from the International Opera Company, a Russian violinist, the New York City Marine band, a male quartet, the Kaffir Boys Choir from South Africa.

The evening entertainment was a series of lectures on widely different topics: "The Forces That Failed," about the war in Europe; "The New Civic Spirit," about municipal government; "Take the Sunny Side," a humorous lecture; a lecture-recital about the French-Canadians; a lecture and motion picture about exploring the Antarctic; stories from Kentucky told in local dialect; a lecturer from the International Lyceum Association; and "Tallow Dips," given by an orator "of exceptional ability, a speaker you will never forget."

Fifty Livermore businesses had guaranteed the sale of 600 season tickets to attract the entertainers. Since the population of Livermore at the time was only about 2,000, that was a significant percentage of attendees.

The Chautauqua Movement was established in Lake Chautauqua, New York, in 1874 and continues today in that town. By 1909 it had spread throughout the country to some 103 local centers designed to bring culture and education to adults. The first Chautauqua presentations in Livermore were by the Ellison-White Chautauqua based in Portland, Oregon, which went from town to town on a summer circuit. After World War I the Radcliffe Chautauqua with headquarters in Washington, D.C., brought three-day engagements in 1920 and 1921. In 1920 the tent was set up at the corner of L and First Street near the Valley Hotel. The following year the Chautauqua events took place in Livermore's Sweeney Opera House, with its comfortable seats, rather than in a tent.

A *Herald* article conjectured that the mobile informal college was "largely a victim of the auto, which enabled small town and farm folks to conveniently attend motion picture shows and other forms of entertainment. The radio was also a factor. With the advent of the radio at home and the auto there was no longer a demand for the annual visits of the Chautauqua." Although the movement gradually retreated back to its original Lake Chautauqua center, where it is still a major institution, its lasting influence on American education is seen in the development of adult evening schools, city recreation courses, university extension courses, correspondence courses, classes for senior citizens, "great books" discussion groups, and Elderhostel.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Tory Laughton of St. Raymond's School sets up her entry in the Tri-Valley Science and Engineering Fair. Her project determined which socks hold up the best when worn for running. Her project and others will be on display at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. The public can view the projects on Thurs., March 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., March 30, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sat., March 31, from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for admission.

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Trader Joe's Opening Livermore Store

Trader Joe's opens its store in Livermore this Friday, March 30. The day will kick off at 8:45 a.m. with a ceremonial lei cutting with Trader Joe's Regional Vice President Ken Shepard, Captain (Store Manager) Miguel Lara, Mayor Marshall Kamena and crewmembers. The celebration will continue throughout the day with music, product demonstrations, food tastings and balloons.

The new store is located at 1122-A East Stanley Boulevard. The store will be open from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm, daily.

Similar to other Trader Joe's, the store will feature décor mixing traditional Trader Joe's cedar covered walls, nautical inspired elements throughout the store combined with a local Livermore flare. The new location will feature a larger than life mural of local landmarks including the Carnegie Building, The new Downtown Fountain, Bank of



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Liz sets out produce in preparation for the opening.

Italy, Altamont Windmills, The Livermore Clock, Livermore Rodeo "Muffler Man," Ruby Hills and more.

Lara comes to the new store from the Trader Joe's in Danville

and has worked for the company for more than 18 years. First Mate (Assistant Store Manager) is Jason Watson, previously of the Alameda location. Jason has been with Trader Joe's for nearly

a decade. Trader Joe's carries an extensive array of domestic and imported foods and beverages including fresh baked artisan breads, Arabica bean coffees, international frozen entrées, 100% juices, fresh crop nuts, deli items, and vitamins and supplements, as well as the basics, like milk and eggs.

Trader Joe's introduces approximately a dozen new items every week. Buyers travel to Europe, South America and Asia searching out unique products at great values. In order for an item to be sold in a Trader Joe's store, it must pass the scrutiny of a discerning tasting panel. Thousands of items are tasted each year to find products that both appeal to the culinary adventurer and microwave aficionado.

Livermore Extends Downtown Core Area

The Livermore City Council approved changes in the downtown specific plan that will allow retail and restaurants to locate in areas outside of First Street.

The vote was 4 to 1 with Marj Leider opposed.

The vote expands the downtown core area to Second Street. It also allows restaurants on second floors. Other uses allowed with a permit would be bars, nightclubs, grocery/drug stores and personal services. Personal services would not be allowed on the first floor along First Street.

One example of the change is that Second Street Plaza would become part of the downtown core.

Another change would prohibit tattoo, piercing, massage parlors, palm and psychic reading and liquor and cigarette stores in the downtown area. The Planning Commission had recommended only prohibiting cigarette stores.

The council did make one change not proposed by the staff. Any project of 40 dwelling units or more would be subject to a

complete commission/council review. The downtown plan had set the number at 75 units.

Councilmember Marj Leider commented that she believes there is merit to having new construction go through design review and the planning commission.

Mayor Marshall Kamena commented, "Livermore is considered the place to do business. We have a fast track approval that is really fast. I think we're on a roll."

Community Development Director Marc Roberts said the change is a celebration of our success. In the original plan, retail and restaurants were concentrated along First Street. "It was anticipated that there would be a need in the future to expand the area as demand arises. It was predicted a review would occur after five years. The demand has happened much more quickly than thought."

During the public hearing, there was support for the changes from those with business interest in the downtown.

3rd Grader Lexie Orr Wins 'California Grown' Contest

Lexie Orr, a 3rd grader at Joe Michell Elementary in Livermore, is the Bay Area winner of the "California Grown" Go for the Gold art contest.

As the winner, Lexie received a classroom visit and school assembly on Mar. 21 featuring gold medalist snowboarder and professional skateboarder, Shaun White. In addition to the classroom visit and assembly, Lexie also received a custom-designed skateboard -featuring her art contest entry — signed by Shaun.

Following is her "Why I'm proud to be California grown" essay that accompanied her entry:

"I am proud to be a California grown, raised and loved kid. My great grandfather Antonio was a local farmer who raised dairy cows, chickens and grew vegetables...My papa grows lemons, limes and roses. I love to help plant and watch them come alive as they grow. I am proud my family has a passion for the earth. I love seeing our hills with acres of grapes ripened for the wineries. I love seeing the bright poppies growing everywhere. We have trails with huge beautiful trails for everyone to enjoy. We have windmills for natural energy!"

The art contest is a complementary component of the "California Grown" Go for the Gold school outreach, developed by "California Grown" in conjunction with California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

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Dark Energy Research

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory supercomputing expertise helped University of Chicago scientists take an important step toward revealing the secrets of dark energy. They blew up a white dwarf star in a three-dimensional simulation of unprecedented details.

Understanding the physics of thermonuclear burn, such as that in supernovae, is of great interest to NNSA scientists responsible for ensuring the safety, security and reliability of the nation's nuclear stockpile in the absence of underground nuclear testing.

The 3D simulation was conducted by a team at the University of Chicago's Center for Astrophysical Thermonuclear Flashes (Flash Center) with assistance from computer scientists at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The simulations were run on high performance computers at Lawrence Livermore and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories.

University of Chicago scientists discussed the breakthrough simulation at the "Paths to Exploding Stars" conference in Santa Barbara March 22.

Through a better understanding of how a type 1a supernova explodes, astrophysicists hope to gain insight into the mystery of dark energy, an unknown force pushing apart the cosmos that accounts for two thirds of the aggregate energy in the universe. Type 1a supernovae are used as "standardizable candles" to determine the distance and acceleration of distant galaxies.

Some of the simulation work was run on the Livermore uP supercomputer, the unclassified piece of the ASC Purple system. ASC Purple is an IBM system currently ranked number four on the Top 500 list of the world's most powerful

supercomputers. Livermore Computing Center computer scientists assisted in making the Flash code run efficiently during the long simulation runs.

Sex Offender Alert

The Pleasanton Police Department issued information "in the interest of public safety," to allow members of the public to protect themselves and their children from sex offenders.

The information released concerns Daniel Duran, a sex offender with convictions for rape and intent to commit rape. He is currently registered with the San Jose Police Department. Duran is an Hispanic male. He is 5'10", weighs 200 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes.

Duran has been frequenting various Pleasanton real estate offices and homes for sale, posing as a potential homebuyer. He has been seen parked in front of homes for sale and looking into the windows of occupied homes for sale. Duran has contacted female real estate agents, female homeowners and their neighbors regarding properties despite being told to contact the proper listing agent. His conduct has prompted fear and concern. A citizen reviewed the contents of Megan's Law website and determined Duran was a registered sex offender and notified the Pleasanton Police.

According to the information provided by the police, there is no probable cause to arrest Duran at this time. "However, given Duran's history of sexually assaultive behavior and extensive criminal history, the Pleasanton Police Department is releasing this information."

The police suggest that anyone encountering Duran contact the police at 931-5100. Additional information on Duran can be found at www.meganslaw.ca.gov.

POLL

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the two-thirds voter approval for a Measure AA extension.

However, the Murray Township poll showed support at more than 50 percent, which could be conducive to conducting a separate parcel tax there, said Collins. A parcel tax needs approval from 50 percent of voters, plus one. It would require a vote by mail. The voting would be weighted, depending on the benefit to each parcel. For example, a single family homeowner would have one vote. Someone who owns a small apartment building with 10 units would have 10 votes, Collins said.

There has been discussion of when a parcel tax vote might take place.

Wieskamp said that if LARPD forms a lighting and landscape maintenance district, some arrangement might be worked out. "They certainly need the money, unless the state comes back with more funds. They really were hit pretty hard," said Wieskamp. She was referring to ERAF III (educational revenue augmentation fund), the state's siphoning of money from special districts to help balance its budget.

The Measure AA extension could raise about \$500 million, compared to the current bond's \$225 million. The rise in property values over 20 years is responsible for the increase. However, cost of acquiring land and

installing improvements for recreation has also risen, so the buying power of the dollars would be approximately the same as in 1988, said Collins. The current tax rate is \$8.50 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Wieskamp noted that the park district has done a good job of finding matching grants to make the Measure AA money go further. Collins said that with matching federal and state funding, the money has virtually doubled, enabling more projects to be completed.

The poll found that 92 percent of the sample were aware of EBRPD. Some 87 percent said they use EBRPD facilities at least once a year, and 34 percent at least once each week.

Wieskamp commented that what stood out to her in the poll was a greater desire for more recreational facilities. Previously, preserving and providing open space was the big concern. That aspect is still very strong, she said. However, the interest has grown for such things as a string of group camps so people can hike there, not use their cars, and still be close to home. They also want pools and lakes in hot areas for their kids.

EBRPD projects in the Valley have benefitted from Measure AA money. There was \$2.4 million provided for the acquisition of the Wauhab property near

Apperson Ridge and Sunol Regional Wilderness, and \$2.6 million for property acquisition adjacent to Shadow Cliffs Park, and for improvements for parking and swim facilities there.

More than \$12 million has been spent for acquisition and access to Pleasanton Ridge from Pleasanton and Sunol.

EBRPD gave 25 percent of Measure AA funds to cities and park districts in Alameda and Contra Costa counties on a per capita basis. Pleasanton received \$1.3 million, including funds which were used to develop the Sports and Recreation Park, Centennial Community Park, phase II of Augustin Bernal Park, and arroyo trail improvements. There was also money for the upper level sports fields near the Pleasanton school district headquarters.

Dublin received \$631,000, which was used on Shannon Park renovation, and acquisition and renovation of the Heritage Center.

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projects is the Bernal Community Park," continued Hosterman. Work has begun on several lighted sports fields.

Nandor Krause, who represents youth soccer, spoke to a partnership between the arts and sports communities to make it possible for the sports fields to be built. "When we sat down together, we found we were both interested in the other's goals and vision." There was agreement reached to support those goals.

In the coming year, Hosterman said a solar partnership that includes the City of Livermore will become more defined. In the area

of energy efficiency, Hosterman said she hopes to create an Energy Commission.

The Alviso Adobe Park represents another partnership. It includes the school district and the Museum on Main. Together they are creating history programs to educate students and the public about how the land was used over the years, including the Indian, California and Dairy periods.

Other partnerships have resulted in an agreement to maintain 500 acres of open space in the southeast hills and to move the Firehouse Arts Theater forward. Working with James

Paxson, Hacienda Business Park Owners CEO, the city is working to streamline its permitting process.

As for business in the city, Hosterman declared the local economy to be healthy. There are 59,000 jobs of which 50 percent are in tech and business services. Hacienda Business Park has a 1 percent vacancy rate. Stoneridge Mall has no vacancies. Office vacancies are below 10 percent for the first time in several years. There are 6200 businesses. Of the businesses located in Pleasanton, 85 percent have 25 or fewer employees. There are 2200 home

based businesses. "Small businesses play an increasingly important role and will be the linchpin to future economic sustainability. Assisting small start-ups will be a focus of the future."

"There is a pent-up demand for retail. The city may have to redevelop current centers to provide the space for today's businesses," said Hosterman.

The mayor was proud of the fact that the city's finance department had received awards for excellence in operational budgets for every budget since 1992. The city also received the highest smart growth score of any East Bay city from the Greenbelt Alliance.

Hosterman provided some statistics. Thirty percent of the population is under the age of 18. Seventh-three percent of the residents are homeowners. Seniors are the fastest growing segment of the population.

The mayor began her talk by

describing the climate of 1894, the year Pleasanton was incorporated. It was an agricultural community. The first American protest took place over jobs; 12,000 tailors went on strike over working conditions; Martians were ready to invade the United States according to War of the Worlds, and Coca Cola was sold in bottles for the first time.

She concluded her talk with the situation today. The 100th Congress was sworn in with the first woman Speaker, the iPhone was introduced by Apple, the war in Iraq continues with strong feelings for and against it, the 50-star flag surpasses the 48-star flag as the longest flying flag, and the final Harry Potter novel is to be issued.

"In Pleasanton we have worked very hard through partnerships to provide the very best possible place to live, work and play," Hosterman concluded.

BAN

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community and the city to discuss ideas for the site proposed for its superstore.

The majority of those in attendance spoke in favor of banning superstores. There was concern about the impact on downtown. Other concerns related to wages paid by Wal-Mart, traffic impacts, and the negative impacts of a large store at the entrance to the city. There were also remarks about Wal-Mart moving manufacturing jobs overseas, thereby eliminating high paying jobs in the United States.

Many said there was already a Wal-Mart in the city. Another one wasn't needed.

Frank Carroll told the council that he did not think past actions in the city would be consistent with construction of a Wal-Mart. He pointed to an auto auction proposal for the same site. "A large majority came out in opposition." He urged the council to consider the people who live near Isabel and the traffic impacts that would result if the superstore were built.

Resident David Hughes said he had first hand knowledge of the blight superstores cause. His

son lives in Illinois. When a superstore was built there, many strip malls closed. In Livermore, there are new shops and restaurants in downtown. "We want to see that continue, to grow and prosper," he stated.

Livermore Wal-Mart Manager Sarah Messer spoke proudly of her store's impact on the city. Messer said the company is devoted to local charities and schools. Her store has donated \$45,000 to local charities and causes.

Messer stated that the superstore, if built, would provide 300 to 400 jobs that pay \$11 to \$12 per hour. Benefits are provided for workers. Denying the superstore limits growth and tax revenues that would be used for schools and roads.

A lawyer representing the Healthy Communities Network, Mark Wolfe, spoke in favor of the ban. He said there is a wave of vibrancy and revitalization underway in Livermore's downtown. He urged the council to continue to foster the walkable downtown and not shopping that is car dependent.

Safeway employee Margery

Gophart said Wal-Mart impacts jobs and wages. Several other speakers also commented on the wages and benefits provided by Wal-Mart.

Their remarks were addressed by Beth Stevens, a Wal-Mart employee. "I believe in Wal-Mart. Not everyone can afford to shop at high end stores. I have worked there 6 years. My 80-year-old father works there." She said that medical benefits paid by Wal-Mart helped to save her father's life.

Another employee said his wages had doubled in the time he worked at Wal-Mart. There are seven health plan options. "As for destroying the downtown, there is nothing there I want to buy," said Ted Thien.

Chris Franco urged the council to adopt the ordinance to protect the unique qualities of Livermore. These include the downtown, varied housing opportunities, the vineyards and open space. "The superstore would suck business to the fringes of the city. It would cheapen the view of Livermore for vineyard visitors," according to Franco.

WATER

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vened in the suit, and is actively involved in seeking a solution, said Nemeth.

Although the state agencies involved are administrative, elected legislative representatives are interested in the court decision, too. Nemeth said that the state senate's committee on water resources held a hearing Tuesday, with the head of Fish and Game educating members about the decision.

Zone 7 hasn't made contact yet with legislators about the decision, but definitely has it on the radar, declared Duerig.

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EDITORIALS

Sisters

The Livermore-Yotsukaido Sister City Organization (LYSCO) — 30 years old this year — recently held a gala dinner to celebrate the visit of 20 students from Yotsukaido.

They were in Livermore for an eight-day visit. This cultural exchange, which involves middle school students, has been one of LYSCO's most successful programs. The dinner was a joyous affair.

The relationship between Livermore, USA and Yotsukaido, Japan is a living example of global friendship. Though the two cities are located far across the world from each other, the distance has not prevented them from developing a genuine bond.

"I hope our friendship will continue forever," said Yotsukaido English teacher Machiko Tsuruoka at the dinner.

We all share that hope. LYSCO, happy 30th!

PLAN

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ming in the Core District, establishing it as an active hub of arts programming and cultural opportunities.

- Permit and encourage street artists through modest honoraria to be paid to the artists.

The draft, called "ArtsAlive," is described as an "ambitious and visionary plan" to chart Livermore's arts and cultural development in the coming ten years. Recommendations in the draft plan were developed following interviews and workshops in the community.

Implementation of this plan will occur as funds are available. Funding is anticipated through a variety of strategies outlined above, including a fee on private development. These funds would be augmented by private fundraising, volunteer services, and by the efforts and spending of partner agencies.

Four areas of focus are proposed.

- In the first area, the unique sense of place in Livermore would be promoted. It would include the creation of a core arts and cultural district.

Within the cultural district, the city should develop and expand arts and cultural facilities and spaces in the first 3 to 5 years and then expand into other areas of the city as funding allows.

The city should support and provide seed funding for arts and cultural programming, with an emphasis on partnerships and accessibility including widely disseminated marketing, free or affordable ticket pricing, diversity in offerings and the time and place of events.

The city should facilitate the provision of support services for arts, heritage and cultural organizations and related businesses, and establish sustainable infrastructure and systems to manage and program the district, develop private funds, and provide other related services

- A second area of focus would be to ensure the visibility and vitality of cultural arts organizations, artists and arts educators.

This could be accomplished by providing operating and project grants for organizations and individual artists, creating or supporting an organizational strengthening program for non-profit arts and culture organizations, and facilitating access to capital grants program for non-profit arts and culture organiza-

tions

- Third, the city should leverage the innate ability of arts engagement to create a sense of community and lifelong learning by supporting a diverse range of publicly accessible opportunities with a special focus on youth.

This area is rooted in the belief that art-making bonds communities, encourages individual expression, and celebrates the human spirit. There was a strong consensus during the information gathering for the report that all residents of Livermore have a right to experience the arts in their daily lives.

Area three would be implemented by convening youth service providers and organizers throughout the City to evaluate and create opportunities for youth access to the arts and arts learning in and outside of school settings, in families, and in the juvenile justice system, facilitating creation of a downtown arts and culture festival, encouraging cultural events and opportunities for youth and young adults, including seeking mechanisms for mini-grants to cultural arts organizations, artists and their public and private partners, and enhancing implementation of the public art program.

- The fourth area would be to provide long-term, sustainable resources that enable the city to support the arts and culture community.

The draft notes that a study of 11 nearby cities with characteristics similar to Livermore shows that on average these cities currently devote \$4.16 per citizen per year to support arts and cultural activities (Dublin is at \$10/citizen and Walnut Creek is at a high of \$27). In comparison, Livermore spent between \$3.66 and \$4 per citizen per year. Livermore has the opportunity to establish itself as a center for arts and cultural engagement that will attract and sustain residents, business and families committed to creative, safe, tolerant and innovative communities.

The specific resource development recommendations are to: Adopt a private development cultural arts enhancement fee, increase the City's cultural arts staff, as funding is available, create a united arts fund, create a workplace giving program, and create a permanent endowment fund.

Haggerty Moves To Dublin, Where Fiancee Is On Council

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty moved earlier this month from Livermore to Dublin, where his fiancee, Kasie Hildenbrand, is vice mayor.

Haggerty's district was expanded by the board of supervisors in December. There was one census tract, the only one in the county, which was split between two supervisorial districts. The Dublin city limit divided the tract. Dublin's boundaries have been extended. Now the Dublin portion of the tract is in Haggerty's District 1.

Chris Gray, Haggerty's chief of staff, said that with the county courthouse to be built on Tassajara Road, and other activity by the county there, it made sense to make the boundary change.

Both Haggerty and District 4 supervisor Nate Miley serve on the county's surplus property authority, which has been shepherding county land transactions near Tassajara Road. "They have worked well to-

gether," said Gray.

During redistricting in 2001, the county planning staff recommended putting the whole census tract in Haggerty's district. However, Miley said that since he had the rest of Dublin in his district, he'd like to take Dublin to the eastern city limit, said Gray.

The census tract is bounded by Tassajara Road on the west, Doolan Canyon on the east, the Contra Costa County line on the north and Interstate 580 on the south. Gray said that the change worked well personally for Haggerty. New homes are being built there. Haggerty was able to expand his search for bigger quarters for his family, and still remain in his district.

Asked whether the Dublin home was chosen because it could keep Hildebrand on the Dublin City Council, Gray said that he didn't know. However, the boundary adjustment was made in December.

No date has been set for the wedding.

ZBA Makes 2 Enabling Changes For Auto Racetrack; Decision Appealed

The Alameda County Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) granted two requests by the Altamont Motorsports Park designed to facilitate its continuing program of racing at the track, which is on Midway Road next to Interstate 580.

The ZBA members voted 3-0 at their meeting March 22 to grant an overnight RV trailer permit. By a 2-1 vote, they added "drifting" to the track's conditional use permit as a form of racing permitted there.

Drifting was not in the permit, granted in 1996, because it had not emerged yet as a form of racing. In drifting, the drivers purposely break the car's rear wheels from contact with the road, and slide the vehicle's rear end.

Neighbors near the track say that such racing will attract youths from Oakland, Hayward and other areas where illegal street racing has been a problem. They fear that such youths will cut up on Midway Road, posing

a danger to road safety, and causing noise that breaks neighborhood quiet. They also worry that some of the youths might have guns and cause trouble.

Track CEO John Condren said the neighbors are talking about a phenomenon known as sideshows. He said that they have nothing to do with drifting. The track will be playing host to professional drifting teams. Thirteen racers from Japan will be flying their cars to the United States to race at Altamont this season in a drifting event, he said.

Jon Harvey, chair of the ZBA, voted against adding drifting to the permit. He told the Independent that the addition to the track's permit was beyond the ZBA's authority. He explained that it is land use policy, and may be addressed only by the county planning commission.

The track's owners have agreed to apply for a rezoning to a planned district (PD), and prepare an EIR as part of the ap-

plication. The current zoning is agriculture. Racetracks are permitted in agricultural zones with a conditional use permit.

However, Mark Cohen, attorney for track neighbors Mark and Karin Rivard, contends that the permit now recognized by the county for Condren's track operation is illegal. Legality expired in 1973, said Cohen. County zoning law clearly spelled out that any non-conforming use more than six months old would no longer be permitted.

The county takes the view that the vacant time doesn't kill the chance to apply for a new permit.

Cohen said Tuesday that he will be appealing both ZBA decisions to the board of supervisors this week, with the contention that the current permit is illegal.

The RV permit was a different situation for Harvey. He didn't perceive a jurisdiction problem

for the ZBA on that one. He told the Independent that he sympathized with Midway Road residents who objected to the noise and lights, which they said would result from allowing overnight camping in RVs at the track. Harvey said that in general "it's prudent for us to favor doing less versus doing more at the racetrack, until the bigger question of the PD application gets resolved."

Harvey said that he voted for the RV permit because it was evident that politically it would pass.

Efforts to reach the other two commissioners, Frank Goff and Larry Gosselin, were unsuccessful.

Condren told the Independent that the RV permit would add stability to the situation, because racers wouldn't be driving their RVs out of the track late at night. Typically racers travel in RV's, which they use to tow a trailer carrying their race cars.

Change in Direction in Iraq Supported by Representatives

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act by a vote of 218-214.

The US Senate on Tuesday endorsed a March 31, 2008, deadline for the withdrawal of American combat troops from Iraq with a 50-48 vote.

The House bill includes an emergency spending bill that funds the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan but demands most American soldiers leave Iraq by September 2008 at the latest.

Local representatives voted for the measure in the House.

The bill requires Iraqis to take more responsibility for success in Iraq by meeting the key secu-

rity, political and economic benchmarks established by the President and recommended by the Iraq Study Group. Failure to meet these benchmarks will mean the beginning of U.S. redeployment from Iraq and will restrict economic aid to the Iraqis.

Rep. Tauscher, Chairman of the House Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee, stated, "I am proud that Congress has come together on behalf of our troops in Iraq, our veterans, and the will of the American people to pass this bill and finally begin to change the course in Iraq. The Iraq War has already lasted longer than our involvement in World War I and World War II, yet, for the first time since this war began

Congress is refusing to hand the President another blank check for his failed policies. It's time to end what has become the Bush Administration's open-ended commitment to fighting the Iraqis' civil war for them."

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) stated, "While there have been moments of hope in Iraq, they have been overshadowed by a deteriorating situation and an increase in violence and chaos.

"There is no question that this is a difficult situation with no clear options. But I believe our plan is the most responsible course we can take. It moves our efforts in a new direction that protects our troops and honors our veterans. It uses the leverage we have available to make Iraqis responsible for Iraq, and it refocuses efforts on Afghanistan and the war on the terror," said McNerney.

He pointed out that the plan approved was developed only after discussions with military and foreign policy experts, and considering the Iraq Study Group Report's recommendations, the Pentagon's standards on combat readiness, and the growing needs of returning veterans and their families.

"It is time for a new direction in Iraq. This reasoned plan ac-

complishes just that," declared McNerney.

In a prepared statement, President George W. Bush reacted strongly to the passage of the measure, accusing the Democrats of "political theater."

"They (Democrats) set rigid restrictions that will require an army of lawyers to interpret. They set an arbitrary date for withdrawal without regard for conditions on the ground. And they tacked on billions for pet projects that have nothing to do with winning the war on terror. This bill has too much pork, too many conditions and an artificial timetable for withdrawal," Bush declared.

He said he would veto the bill if it came to his desk.

Vetoing the bill as approved would cut off funding for the war. If Bush were to sign the measure, he would receive the funding he requested, but would approve withdrawing the troops on a set schedule, something he has said he would not do.

Bush declared, "Because the vote in the House was so close, it is clear that my veto would be sustained. The Democrats have sent their message, now it's time to send their money. Congress needs to send me a clean bill that I can sign without delay."

SCORES

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They are judged by different standards.

Thirteen of the district's schools scored in the top decile of the testing statewide. The only exception, besides Village, was Alisal elementary school, which was in the ninth decile. A decile is a grouping of 10 percent.

The test results also were ranked on the Similar Schools Index (SSI). In that ranking, schools are put into categories according to socio-economic factors, such as how many families qualify for the assisted lunch program, the educational level of the parents, and ethnicity.

District public information officer Myla Grasso explained that the state takes 100 similar schools and ranks them by deciles. There may be only a few points difference on test scores between the top and bottom, but schools can wind up low on the chart, despite scoring high on the test.

For example, Lydiksen elementary school scored 894, and Vintage Hills elementary schools scored 918, but both were in the second lowest decile. With scores like those, it's apparent that Lydiksen and Vintage Hills are in a category with other schools that have high social and economic data.

Also, as scores of competing schools go up, a school's ranking will go down. That can cause

dramatic shifts in the rankings in deciles, since they are only a few points apart.

Following are the API scores and Similar Schools Rank (SSR) for each of the district's elementary schools: Alisal, with an API score of 884 and a SSR of 5; Donlon, with 910 and 6; Fairlands, 930 and 9; Hearst, 914 and 3; Lydiksen, 894 and 2; Mohr, 960 and 8; Valley View, 901 and 8; Vintage Hills, 918 and 2; Walnut Grove, 932 and 8. At the middle school level, Hart, 894 and 6; Harvest Park, 894 and 5; Pleasanton, 912 and 7. At the high school level, Amador Valley, 850 and 7, and Foothill 832 and 6.

Superintendent John Casey said that the district "is pleased with the high statewide rankings demonstrated by Pleasanton schools. These rankings reflect the work we have done to align the curriculum with state standards, and to meet the needs of individual students. We will continue to serve students in such a way as to remain a high performing district, and we value the continued support of staff, parents and students."

Later this year, the state will publish another summation of test results, known as the Annual Yearly Progress, which will include testing this spring, to show the growth achieved since last testing.

CHURCH

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jeopardizing it. The church wants to construct a one-story education building to house its Sunshine preschool program. The new structure would replace temporary modular buildings. The expansion includes a multi-purpose room addition to the existing church to be used as a meeting area for youth programs.

Neighbors were not opposed to the plan, only to the location of the education building. The proposed location would result in expansion of parking on the side of the church closest to a residential street, Golden Road, producing more traffic on the road. That, neighbors said, would make the road less safe for the people living along it. In addition to increased traffic, neighbors worried about churchgoers parking along their street.

The plan had been approved by a unanimous vote of the Planning Commission. The approval was appealed to the council by Heather Brillhart, who lives on Golden.

Brillhart, said she appealed the project because it is incompatible with the neighborhood. She and other speakers said the church had not addressed their concerns. "People are more im-

portant than buildings. Thirty percent of the traffic from the church uses Golden. If parking is added, we feel that will add more traffic."

Brillhart said predictions of increased traffic are based on the increase in membership and activities at the church. There has already been a two hundred percent increase in activities and a one hundred percent increase in membership. "The neighbors would like to work out a compromise."

Becky Altman declared that the church did their plan thinking of what is best for them. It is not best for the neighborhood.

Other residents in the area expressed similar concerns.

Pastor David Beard said the church has been working on the project for 19 months. He told the council that the preschool filled a huge need in the community. In addition, many community groups, ranging from Open Heart Kitchen to the Valley Concert Choral, use the church's facilities.

Beard said church representatives had met with neighbors and as a result had made concessions and compromises to the plan. Changes included decreasing the

size of the building and removing the second story. Lightpoles were lowered. A third entrance on Golden was removed and landscaping added. He argued that the proposal would reduce parking on the street, because it provided more on-site parking. In addition, people who drive to the church have already established how they arrive and leave.

Church members echoed many of Beard's statements.

Kenneth Lohr said that the additional costs, if the project were changed, could result in the closure of the preschool. "We don't have unlimited funds. If it gets too expensive, we will close the school. It's not automatic that we would continue if the council okays the compromise option."

The preschool director, Penna Steele, was concerned that the changes could result in problems with licensing, because it would be less safe. Because of the drive-through lane, moving traffic would be closer to the school.

Mike Serrano, a Golden Road resident, supported the staff's compromise plan. He felt that the church's plan had the potential to increase traffic on his street by 280 percent.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan, who made the motion to approve the compromise plan, said that the church is a great asset. He in no way wanted to restrict what they want to do. He felt the problems between neighbors and the church came about because they worked without the assistance of a third party mediator. "The church responded to its perception of issues. However, the church has not gotten to the core issues that the neighbors do not want the parking lots to change. The compromise lets the church expand while keeping the preschool open and it keeps the parking lots the same."

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio stated, "I think the church feels it is at the end of the process. The neighbors feel they weren't brought into the process soon enough. It's a shame. The church is a valuable asset. The thing that concerns me is that we are talking about existing traffic. Everything I have heard is that Trinity is growing. They keep adding programs as needed. That means traffic is likely to increase. I understand that the compromise offered is not a perfect solution."

MAILBOX

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'Scigence' Rich Buckley Livermore

Let's create and start using a new word that represents pursuit of scientific evidence and truth interrupted by the pursuit of a political agenda.

"Scigence" a combination of two words: "Science" and "Agenda." Phonetically it should be pronounced Scigence.

As the campaign for President warms up, we are already hearing a lot of scigence. One who practices scigence is called a "scigence," as opposed to a buffoon, or bonehead, or any other number of reckless tags we usually assign, this being a PG rated email.

"Kyoto Accords" (which has less than 1000 people in the US that have ever read it) have been revived. Look for applications in these areas: "Global Warming," new evidence that "Man is Responsible." A well crafted nexus of scigence has come together this year thanks to the imminent French panel of scigence who will guide us to their higher level of enlightenment. In the pursuit of scientific truth that just happens to have huge penalties, taxes, and redistribution of our resources to everyone else. I hate to tell you, but I think this time around the

Scigence has won for the coming election. Speak out against the scigence and you will be ostracized, your grant and research funding will be turned down, your professional papers will not be published nor given peer review. So be good, mind your Ps and Qs, and keep your mouth shut until the all-clear is given.

What I plan to do about it all is invest in Green when Jim Cramer says it's a good investment, and gives it two thumbs up. Already lined up is an onslaught of Republicans and Democrats running for office, all running as scigence.

Global Warming Herbert H. Marshall Pleasanton

Global warming is real, and I, like most rational people, support the reduction of greenhouse gases, especially if it can be shown that they are a major cause of global warming, an unproved theory. What I don't understand is the benefit of trading credits. Our atmosphere is essentially a closed system. So if I buy credits from you to offset the gas I am creating by the amount you are not creating, how does this reduce the net total gas in the system? This is a fraud and a sham; each "creator" stands alone. Instead of taking a bow for masking the gas I create I should do something real, like reduce the amount I create. Any other action is meaningless pandering.

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Response to Letter Ted Tully Pleasanton

I refer to Mr. Luty's memo in the March 8th edition regarding the Pleasanton City Council war discussion.

It is not appropriate to encourage enemies with divisive discussions about the war in the City Council or anywhere else. Those who do are simply being played like violins by the terrorists.

Wars are rarely popular and Mr. Luty recalls a very divisive and unpopular one, our own civil war. Fortunately, we had a president who had the courage to wage the war, incurring hundreds of thousands of deaths. He also took strong domestic measures, such as suspending the writ of habeas corpus, to prevent disruption from within. The result was the abolition of slavery and the preservation of the Union. The President's name was Lincoln. It is appropriate to discuss how

the repeated failures of the Clinton Administration resulted in more than 3000 civilian deaths on 9/11. This will help us to ensure that we never repeat that situation. Mr Luty will also recall that during that eight years of inaction there were more than 200,000 deaths in the breakup of Yugoslavia and 1,000,000 more in Rwanda. To use his words, these were citizens like you and me.

Tax Dollars Barbara Hempill, President Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women

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The Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women Voters is the place where citizens are making democracy work in our community. To get involved in the hands-on work of improving our community, send us an e-mail at lavlww@comcast.net, call 443-VOTE, or go to our website <http://lav.ca.lwvnet.org>.

Transportation Funding Robert S. Allen Livermore BART Director (1974-1988)

What an opportunity: the California Transportation Commission (CTC) decision on Prop 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) funding.

CMIA is less than 1/4 of 1B's authorized bonding, yet it brings serious money to I-580 - enough for three major projects. Much more 1B funding looks certain. Let's do the job right. None of this interim HOV stuff that would complicate a comprehensive job and greatly raise the cost, while doing little for Alameda County residents who pay much of the bill.

The first step should be to define and secure the needed right-of-way for the ultimate I-580 widening. Then get an I-580 bus linking an enlarged Airway Blvd. Park/Ride with every BART train, at least during commute hours (6-10 am, 3-7 pm). Connect surface streets (e.g. Dublin Blvd. with North Canyons; El Charro with Jack London and Airway Blvd.) so that the little used frontage roads can become

I-580 right-of-way.

Starting between Hacienda and the new SR 94 interchange near Isabel, build new very heavy-duty truck lanes outside the existing truck lanes. Then resurface those old truck lanes for lighter traffic and convert the inner lanes to median use HOV lanes in both directions and space for BART at grade. (BART double track ballasted track with traction power and train control in a freeway median costs about \$12.5 million/mile).

Let's do the job right and get Caltrans to defer ACCMA's half-baked interim HOV lane. Everyone would benefit.

Super Wal-Mart Needed Donna Ward Livermore

We need a super Wal-Mart in Livermore. If you are of low income or even middle income with children, you can't afford to shop in downtown Livermore, where prices are quite high. Also Nob Hill and Safeway are high in prices. I just came from Tulare, CA where they have a Super Wal-Mart and the grocery prices are half of Albertson's prices. The clothes are reasonably priced for low and medium income people with children. Please allow Livermore to have a Super Wal-Mart.

Walmart Russ McLeod Livermore

The answer is use the store that you now have in Livermore. Isn't that enough? My vote is no.

Global Warming Could Negatively Impact Crops

Warming temperatures since 1981 have caused annual losses of roughly \$5 billion for the major cereal crops, a study has found.

From 1981-2002, fields of wheat, corn and barley throughout the world have produced a combined 40 million metric tons less per year because of increasing temperatures caused by human activities.

"There is clearly a negative response of global yields to increased temperatures," said David Lobell, a Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researcher and lead author of the study that appeared online March 16 in Environmental Research Letters. "Though the impacts are relatively small compared to the technological yield gains over the same period, the results demonstrate that negative impacts of climate trends on crop yields at the global scale are already occurring."

This is the first study to estimate how much global food production already has been affected by climate change. Annual global temperatures increased by about 0.7 degrees Fahrenheit between 1980 and 2002, with even larger changes observed in several regions.

"Most people tend to think of climate change as something that will impact the future, but this study shows that warming over the past two decades already has had real effects on global food supply," said Christopher Field, co-author of the study and director of Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology.

Lobell and Field studied climate effects on the six most widely grown crops in the world - wheat, rice, maize (corn), soybeans, barley and sorghum (a genus of about 30 species of grasses raised for grain). Production of these crops accounts for more than 40 percent of global

cropland area, 55 percent of non-meat calories and more than 70 percent of animal feed.

Using global yield figures for 1961-2002 from the Food and Agriculture Organization, Lobell and Field compared yields with average temperatures and precipitation over the major growing regions. They found that, on average, global crop yields respond negatively to warmer temperatures for several of the crops. Lobell and Field then used these relationships to estimate the effect of observed warming trends.

"To do this, we assumed that farmers have not yet adapted to climate change, for example by selecting new crop varieties to deal with climate change," Lobell said. "If they have been adapting - something that is very difficult to measure - then the effects of warming may have been lower."

The importance of this study, the authors said, was that it dem-

onstrates a clear and simple relationship at the global scale, with yields dropping by approximately 3-5 percent for a 1 degree Fahrenheit increase. "A key moving forward is how well cropping systems can adapt to a warmer world," Lobell said. "Investments in this area could potentially save billions of dollars and millions of lives."

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academic curriculum with science labs, computer labs, library, art studio and full size gymnasium. In addition to participating in clubs and organizations, QLHS students visit colleges and universities, and enjoy field trips abroad to enrich their learning.

Private schools can be selective about admissions in building a school community. At Quarry Lane High School, a diverse student body is formed of academic peers who share an interest in high achievement and values. Developing leadership capacity is embodied through community service and opportunities for students to develop meaningful experiences and connections with local, national and global issues.

The Quarry Lane High School strives to develop each student's potential. Students may compete with other schools through the CIF Athletics program and they can participate in a variety of academic competitions. Quarry Lane High School is a member of the National Society for Gifted and Talented and many of its students qualify for the Johns Hopkins Math and Verbal Talent Search. The school is accredited by the National Independent Private School Association (NIPSA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The best way to decide if a school is right for your student is to visit in person to see the classes in action. Personal tours of The Quarry Lane School are available from Monday through Friday. Contact the admissions office at (925) 829-8000 to schedule your tour. Visit the website for more information at www.quarrylane.org.

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THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IS CONDUCTING A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW FOR THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY LIVERMORE SITE

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in the process of conducting a five-year review of its environmental cleanup for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Livermore Site. The primary purpose of the five-year review is to verify that the cleanup is protecting human health and the environment. The five-year review also describes DOE's progress in cleaning up the area. This is the third five-year review for the site. The first and second reviews were conducted in 1997 and 2002, respectively.

DOE's draft third five-year review report will be available for public review starting April 2, 2007 through May 25, 2007 at the Livermore Public Library, the LLNL Discovery Center in Livermore, and online at <http://www-envinfo.llnl.gov/>.

For questions or more information, please contact Phil Wong, Livermore Site Remedial Project Manager, Livermore Site Office, Environmental Stewardship Division, P.O. Box 808, L-293, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA 94550 or phil.wong@oak.doe.gov.



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SHORT NOTES

Amador DECA

The Amador Valley High School DECA team just returned from the State Career Development Conference, held in Costa Mesa. At the conference, 840 students competed for college scholarships and the opportunity to move to the final competition, International Career Development Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida April 28-May 3, 2007. Amador had 50 students attend and 30 students have qualified for the International Competition.

The California Association of Mortgage Brokers awarded \$1,000 scholarships to students active within the DECA organization. Eleven were given out with Amador students receiving five of them: Jordan Houston, Lindsey Bly, Colleen Norlander, Kevin Conway-Kerrigan and Chase Partridge.

Students competed in either a written project, or a role play scenario.

Community Service Plan: Jessica Merlin, 3rd place; E-Commerce Business Plan: Chelsea Xu and Terri Wang, 2nd place; Entrepreneurship Independent Plan: Corinne Tu, 2nd place; Entrepreneurship Written: Mike Chen, Trevor Landas, Caroline Hsia, 2nd place; Retail Marketing Research: Jordan Houston, Lindsey Bly, Colleen Norlander, 2nd place; Advertising Campaign: Avani Palvankar, Mihica Bhat, Vadehi Patal, Top 8; Fashion Merchandising: Jennifer Yan Chapter Award Program: Avani Palvankar, Mihica Bhat, Vadehi Patal, Gold Level E-Commerce Team Event: Aron Schindler, Justin Odsho, 1st place;

David Avon, Fred Young, 2nd place; Travel & Tourism Team Event: Colleen Norlander, Chelsea Smith, 1st place; Jordan Houston, Lindsey Bly, 2nd place; Bora Yuh, Sharon Jiang Sports & Entertainment Team Event: Kevin Conway-Kerrigan, Tyler Shotwell, 3rd place; Hospitality Team Event: Joey Bruno, Matt Carlucci, 2nd place; Marissa Klei, Megan Weir, Top 8; Lina Potter, Sheena Peng Finance Team Event: Josh Pann, Amrit Basi, Top 8; Raj Setlur, Mo Samman, Top 8 Sports & Entertainment Individual: Melissa Sheehan, 1st place; Brandon Cruz, Top 8;

Retail Individual - Chelsea Xu, 1st place; Mandi Thomas, Chase Partridge, Terri Wang, Leslie Watson, Caroline Hsia, Aamna Malik Restaurant Full Service Individual: Ari Kermani, 2nd place; Erica Droher, 3rd place; Jason Wright, Jessica Merlin Marketing Management: Michelle Schwem Top 8, Corinne Tu Hospitality Individual Event: Udani Kadurugumwa, 3rd place; Ali Kassam, Top 8 Mike Chen, Top 8, Trevor Landas, Alex Bilekast, Smita Narindray Food Marketing: Lisa Huang, Top 8 Business Services: Meg Huang, Top 8, Andrew Alberts Apparel Individual: Jennifer Yan Automotive Individual: Stephen Gallegos

Amador DECA will be preparing for the final level of competition, Internationals. Anyone who would like to donate to the travel expenses, please contact the DECA Advisor, Joan Thomas, cell 925-998-1056 or email joanithomas@hotmail.com.

Dance and Movement

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) is now taking registration for its Spring 2007 programs for children and adults. Among the classes and activities offered next

quarter are dance and movement classes taught by the Dancekids staff. The classes are designed to inspire a love for dance and fitness. All four classes run from April 18 to June 6 in the Palo Verde Room of the Robert Livermore Community Center, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

"Bouncin' Babies" (course #2712), was especially designed for babies ages 10 to 18 months and their parents to play and have fun together using bean bags, balls, rattles and more. The class also emphasizes the next big step in the babies little lives—pre-walking and early walking skills. Class is held each Thursday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The fee for the eight class series is \$86.

"Dancin' Boogie Babies" (course #2713), is for babies 19 to 30 months of age and their parents, who will sing and dance to lively nursery songs and show tunes. Participants will jump, run, hop and boogie away with hula-hoops, dancing scarves, parachutes and musical instruments. Class is held on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. and the fee for the eight class series is \$86.

Toddlers and pre-schoolers 2.5 to 4 years of age can move into Tiny Tot Tap/Ballet (course #2731). This joyful introduction to tap and ballet includes ballet positions and tap routines using basic steps as they develop coordination and a sense of rhythm. Ballet and tap shoes are recommended for the class, which runs Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The fee for the eight class series is \$86.

Meanwhile, budding drama queens can sign up for Little Shining Stars (course #2715), designed with 3 to 5 year olds in mind. Students will explore movement, puppetry, rhythm, mime and acting in a supportive and positive environment that is focused on the magic and fun of theater. Class is scheduled on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. The fee for the eight class series is \$86.

Older children ages 6 to 9 years can sign up for Jazz/Cheerleading (course #2719) to learn some of the basic skills of cheerleading and dance. Students will learn creative cheer techniques, choreographed dance routines, easy gymnastic moves and much more. Socks and sneakers are required. Class is held on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The fee for the eight class series is \$86.

Finally, another class of Fun Fitness Tumbling (course #2431) has also been added to the course schedule. Children 4 to 6 years of age will learn basic front and back rolls, somersaults, headstands, bridges, crabwalks and more. Fitness warm-ups and energizing exercises to music are also included, all designed to enhance coordination, motor skills, balance, strength, flexibility and self-confidence. Class is held on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. The fee for the eight class series is \$86.

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

Ask the Doctor

Endocrinologist, Mahmood Kazemi, M.D., and Chief Clinical Dietitian, Pam Wilson, R.D., MS, will answer questions about Diabetes on Ask the Doctor television show airing LIVE on Channel 30, Wednesday, April 4, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Viewers can

phone-in their medical questions for the doctors by calling TV30 at (925) 462-3030.

On this episode of Ask the Doctor, viewers will learn about recent advances in the treatment for type 2 diabetes, including new oral medications, and drugs that can improve glycemic control. The endocrinologist, Dr. Kazemi, will discuss the risk factors and symptoms of type 2 diabetes, and how it increases your risk for other serious health complications.

Ask the Doctor is sponsored by San Ramon Regional Medical Center. TV30 produces and broadcasts this program on Comcast Channel 30 in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and San Ramon. The show will be available through a live Web cast on www.tv30.org.

For the Ask the Doctor program schedule and more information, visit www.sanramonmedctr.com.

Friendship Center Volunteers

The Friendship Center in Livermore, the Tri-Valley's only licensed adult day-care program, is seeking volunteers to assist with its Monday through Friday support of adults over 50 who are unable to care for themselves.

Lunchtime volunteers who can assist with set-up and clean-up are particularly needed. Also sought are volunteers to lend their talents and/or time to assist staff in leading programs. The Friendship Center is located at the Sonoma Learning Center, Room FC21, 543 Sonoma Avenue in Livermore. Prospective volunteers are encouraged to contact Activity Director Sandra Kaya at (925) 960-2423.

Now in its 14th year, the Friendship Center serves adults over 50 years of age who cannot care for themselves during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is licensed to serve 30 adults per day with a systemic approach to their mental, emotional and physical care, blended with social and recreational activities that are supervised by a caring staff. Hot meals are provided daily by Spectrum Community Services.

The average age of clients is 80. Most have some form of dementia, such as Alzheimer's, the most common form of dementia.

WIC Changes

Axis Community Health's WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Supplemental Nutrition Program is supporting changes in federal program standards in order to counter the rise in childhood obesity and resulting diseases. A state-administered nutrition program that provides special redeemable checks for the purchase of nutritious foods, WIC also offers nutrition education and community referrals to pregnant and breastfeeding women and their young children. Its offices are located at 1991 Santa Rita Road, Suite H in Pleasanton.

"The WIC staff is excited about new legislation before the United States Congress to change the food allocations, which have not been changed in WIC's entire 37-year history," says Program Director Roberta Smith, R.D.

"The new guidelines will proactively address the problem of childhood obesity in America and will include such foods as fresh fruits, tortillas, bread and yogurt and reduce juices and other foods with high sugar content."

The proposed updated WIC food package will include fresh fruits and vegetables, reduced amounts of cheese, juice and milk, lower fat yogurt and tofu and fortified soy milk as a replacement for cow's milk. No more than 2% milk will be offered to children two years and older and to all women. The changes will help limit the saturated fat, cholesterol in WIC mothers and children's diets.

In addition to cereal, whole grains such as whole grain breads, corn/whole wheat tortillas, brown rice, bulgar, barley or oatmeal will be added.

Women and children (and children of single fathers) who reside in Alameda County and whose income is less than 185% of the federal poverty level are eligible for Axis' WIC program. Many residents of the Tri-Valley qualify for assistance, evidenced by a 30% percent increase in Axis' WIC client visits over the past five years.

Appointments are required and may be made by calling (925) 462-2365. They are available Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Bus passes are available to Livermore residents.

Easter Egg Hunt

Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop in Downtown Livermore will be hosting its first annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st, at 12:30pm. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the grass around the corner from Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop near the flagpole at the corner of South Livermore Blvd. and 1st Street.

Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop opened in early October 2006 and has received a tremendously warm welcome from the Livermore community. Woopsiedaisy will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt free of charge as a thank you to customers. There will be treats, prizes, and lots of Easter Goodies.

Max the Bunny, star of the New York Times Best Seller "Bunny Cakes," will be present at the hunt and will be available for picture taking. Max and Ruby picture books, written by Rosemary Wells, will be available for purchase. Max the Bunny will be available from 1-2pm for a free book signing.

MusicSmarts Open House

MusicSmarts Early Childhood Music Education Center is hosting an open house on Sunday, April 1, from 12pm-5pm. There will be demonstrations of class programs, materials, software and films. There will be a raffle held for one voucher for 9 months of free lessons to newly enrolled students.

The center offers comprehensive music education and talent development programs for children between the ages of 3-12+. Programs include General Music Education, Piano (group and private), Voice (group and private), Acting, and Film classes.

The center is located at 53 Wright Brothers Ave., Suite D, Livermore. For information, call 925-245-0283 or

e.m.a.i.l@www.DeborahMcQueen@OperaSmarts.com. Additional information is available at www.MusicSmarts.com.

DECA Students Winners

Thirty students from Livermore High School traveled to Orange County for the DECA State Career Development Conference. Students competed in any of thirty business career related areas, with nearly a thousand in attendance.

Bringing home awards were: Gillian Floren, first place in Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan (10 page paper); Amanda Boulton, second place in Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan (10 page paper); Scott Balfour, third place in Entrepreneurship Participating (10 page paper) and third in Hospitality Team Decision Making Event; Justen Seymour, third place in Hospitality Team Decision Making Event; Katey Nelson, Gold Award, Chapter Awards Project (100 page scrapbook of LHS Activities); Chelsea Smith, Gold Award, Chapter Awards Project (100 page scrapbook of LHS Activities); and Denise Merlin, Outstanding Advisor Award.

Top 8 Medals: Aaron Brynildson, Hospitality Management Team Decision Making; Blake Balfour, Hospitality Management Team Decision Making; Melanie Johnsen, Fashion Merchandising Promotion Plan; Justen Seymour, Entrepreneurship Participating; Brittany Shiraki, Hospitality Research Report; Shelby Schock, Hospitality Research Report; Lacey Dent, Hospitality Research Report; and Retail Merchandising Series Bridget Kline, Entrepreneurship Written Event.

A dozen of the students qualified to attend the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida. They are all raising the funds to attend that conference this April 27 - May 2, 2007. They are in need of donations to cover the costs of this cross-country trip. Any tax-deductible donations can be sent to Livermore High School, attention DECA. Make checks out to Tri Valley R.O.P.

Annual Wine Train

Each year the Livermore Rotary sponsors a fun 2-hour train ride for adults and children on the historic Niles Canyon Railway. The 9th annual Wine Train Ride will be held Sat., May 12.

Several of the Livermore Wineries will be selling glasses of wine. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, soda, and water are included in the ticket price, as well as the entertainment. Returning this year is the "Gunfighters of the Old West." Mock gun fights will take place up and down the train both on the indoor and outdoor cars.

The Rotary Scholarship Fund benefits Livermore High School and Granada High School students.

Tickets purchased before May 1 and for groups of ten or more are \$18 per person; after May 1, the price is \$20 adults, \$10 children. Please purchase your tickets in advance by calling The Travel Bug at 925-447-4300. Unless sold out, there may be tickets available on the day of the event at the Sunol Railroad Station.

Science on Saturday

"Driving a Rocket Fueled Car: 500 Miles at 400 Degrees Below Zero," is the topic for the March 29 "Science on Saturdays" lecture. Gene Berry, LLNL scientist and Ken Wendel, Tracy High School teacher will present the lecture at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.

There will be two sessions: 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m.

This talk will consider the need for alternatives to gasoline, demonstrate splitting water into hydrogen (and oxygen) and examine storing hydrogen in solid, liquid and gaseous forms. The talk also will explore the advantages, disadvantages and approaches to storing hydrogen at ultra-cold temperatures.

The physical and chemical properties of hydrogen make its use superior to fossil fuels. Producing electricity anywhere from water using virtually hydrogen is a simple, non-toxic molecule that can generate electricity or power vehicles cleanly, efficiently and even silently, if we choose. Development of hydrogen automobiles has been hindered, however, because hydrogen is much more difficult to store than gasoline. Public awareness and interest in hydrogen vehicles has grown rapidly in the past few years.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis; there is no pre-registration. Directions, maps and a complete list of lectures are available at <http://education.llnl.gov/sos/>. Science on Saturday is presented by LLNL's Science and Technology Education Program.

College Hosting MTV Personality

Las Positas College (LPC) will host Ruthie Alcaide, who starred in MTV's popular reality television series *The Real World: Hawaii*, as the guest speaker on Tuesday, April 3rd as part of the campus Diversity Celebration. Alcaide will talk on diversity and ways of encouraging acceptance for all at 3:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre at Las Positas Little College.

Alcaide, who herself represents a mix of Spanish, French, German, Hawaiian, Samoan and Filipino ancestry, grew up in Hawaii and never experienced non-island culture until she moved to the mainland to attend college at Rutgers University. There, she sought out people from different backgrounds and made new friends from all over the world.

Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer session in which Alcaide will also discuss her experience on *The Real World*.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Ross at cross@laspositascollege.edu or call (925) 424-1297.

OBITUARIES

Ronn Douglas Schlessor

Ron Douglas Schlessor died March 15, 2007 in Pleasanton. He was 45.

He was born July 8, 1961. He worked as a hair stylist and enjoyed that occupation for 28 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Alivia Schlessor and Morgann Schlessor, both of Livermore, his former wife, Denise of Livermore and a sister, Darlene Jacobson of Twain Harte.

Services were held March 25 at Peace Lutheran Church in Danville.

A memorial fund has been established at the Uncle Credit Union, 2100 Las Positas Ct., Livermore, CA 94551, for his daughters, account #2224761.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Richard King Earle

Richard King Earle died March 13, 2007 at his home in Livermore. He was 64.

The native of Oakland, CA had lived in Livermore for 38 years. He was retired from Linford Company. He enjoyed vacationing in Hawaii, taking cruises and playing golf. He coached youth soccer for 11 years and played on an adult soccer team for 20 years.

He is survived by his life mate, Charlene Proctor, children Michael Earle and Lisa Rogers, grandsons, Ryan and Thomas Earle and Brandon and Blake Rogers, and a sister, Sandy Hamilton.

A celebration of his life was held March 25 at BoaVentura Vineyards in Livermore.

Clara Zuckerman

Clara Zuckerman died March 16, 2007. She was 90.

The native of Dallas, Texas, was a resident of San Ramon. She was the granddaughter of the first permanent Orthodox rabbi in Dallas and one of six children. At the age of 16, she graduated as valedictorian of Dallas Technical High School and attended Southern Methodist University on scholarship where she graduated with honors at age 20. She

then taught elementary school and worked for the Texas State Employment Agency in Dallas.

She met and married her husband Samuel Zuckerman during World War II. After the war, they moved to California. For their first home, they chose a log cabin in Montclair. Later they moved to San Leandro, Oakland and then Vallejo. Samuel passed away in February 2000.

Clara served as the president of a number of organizations, including the Spanish Club at Southern Methodist University, her Reform Jewish young adult organization in Dallas, the Haskala Club and the East Bay Council of Jewish Women. In 1957, she joined Samuel as a broker in a real estate business. Together they sold homes for 30 years. Through the business and their involvement in various organizations, they made many lifelong friends. In her late years, Clara especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Clara is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Judi and Ron Baskett of Pleasanton, grandchildren, Lawrence Basket and Marissa Basket, her son, Alan Zuckerman, and a brother David Herman.

A memorial service was held March 20, followed by a family graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Chai Lifeline, an organization that sponsors Camp Simcha, an oncology camp for Jewish children: Chai Lifeline, 151 West 30th St., New York, NY 1001.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Jimmie Kline-Epps

Jimmie Leota Kline-Epps died March 22, 2007. She was 95.

Mrs. Kline-Epps had lived in Livermore for 35 years. She was a member of SIRRETTES #101 of Livermore. During World War II she worked for ITEL, an electronics maker. Her hobbies included bowling and traveling to Europe and the Mediterranean both cruising and land travel.

She is survived by her hus-

band Richard Epps, children Pat Steever and Kathie McPhee, stepchildren Kathleen A. Smith, Christine N. Woy, Suzanne M. Ebaugh, Richard P. Epps, Mary E. Epps, a brother Rev. R.D. Wade, sister Oleta Cherico, eleven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 27 in Livermore with her brother, Rev. R.D. Wade officiating. Burial was at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore.

Contributions to Hospice of Contra Costa, 2051 Harrison St., Concord, CA 94520 would be appreciated by the family.

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Ernest De Coite

Pleasanton resident Ernest De Coite died March 18, 2007. He was born October 12, 1917.

Ernie was a real estate broker in San Leandro for 45 years. His passions were dancing, fishing, and playing tennis and golf. He was a member of Sequoyah Country Club and Castlewood Country Club. The family would like to thank Linda DuBois and Hope Hospice for the care they provided Ernie.

He is survived by his wife of seventy years, Pauline, three children: Steven, Linda and Edward; a brother Roy, sister Helen, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sat., March 21

at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First St., Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, his family request donations be made to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568 or The Parkinson's Institute, 1170 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94089.

Nancy M. Murphy

Nancy M. Murphy went to be with our Lord on March 24, 2007. She was surrounded by her family.

Born on Nov. 18, 1933 in Chicago, IL, she made her home in Livermore for the past 44 years. She will be remembered for how she opened her home to all, her cooking, and for her love of dancing.

She is survived by her children, Jim, Steve, Brian and John Schweiger, Carol Rice, Diane Hollison and Judy Berg, eighteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and her sisters, Dolores Gebhardt, Patricia Tunney and Mary Ellen Sikora. She was preceded in death by her husband Maurice Murphy and grandson Bryan Browning.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thurs., March 29 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arthur W. Prince

Arthur W. Prince died March 21, 2007 in Pleasanton.

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The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Tuesday April 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at Alisal School in the multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The speaker, Kate Frey, will talk about her formula for creating a sustainable garden. She will illustrate the multiple aspects of appropriate horticulture for the dry California climate and busy lifestyles. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Sally at 925-417-8809.

College, You Can Make It Happen: Christensen Middle School is hosting a "College, You Can Make It Happen" seminar on April 5th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Middle school students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. Speakers will cover what students need to do now and in high school so they can successfully navigate their way to college. Speakers will also cover the benefits of a college education and how to pay for it.

Livermore High School class of 1962, 45th reunion April 21, 6 p.m. Las Positas Golf Course contact Rocco (925) 449-2627 or George (925) 447-3118 or go online at lucroc5@comcast.net

Book Sale, Friends of the Livermore Library will hold their monthly book sale on Sunday, April 1, 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 audio-visuals 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.

Valley Spokesman Bicycle Touring Club, Fri., March 30, 35 miles Pleasanton to Del Valle Dam, meet 10 a.m. at Val Vista Park, Curtis Stillins, 462-8384. Sun., March 1, giant swap meet, Dublin High School, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin, 1 to 4 p.m. Organizers: Bob and Bonnie Powers, 828-5299. Wed., April 4, 44 miles from San Ramon to Sunol Regional Park, meet 10 a.m. at Central Park, Randy Huey, 518-8439.

Local Scholarship Offered, The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch will award 2 or more scholarships (each award between \$500-\$1,500) to women who: currently live in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, or Sunol or graduated from a Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, or Sunol high school and are college undergraduates who will have junior or senior standing at beginning of 2007 college fall term and plan to complete their full course of study at an accredited four-year college or university. Deadline for application submission is 4/15/07. For application form and further information, please contact: Devon LaHar, AAUW LPD Scholarship Coordinator, PO Box 238, Pleasanton, CA 94566; devonlahar@gmail.com; (925) 548-4333.

Twin Valley Mothers of Twins Club: Meets monthly on the 2nd Tues, April 10th at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin, Ca. Our goal is to provide support, information & friendship for Mothers of Multiples (Mom's). Roundtable discussion is open to new and prospective members (a Q&A forum that deals with parenting multiples, from pregnancy on up) hosted by one of the Club's members. Round table discussion begins at 6:30 PM. The general meetings begin at 7:30 PM. Babies up to eight months and guests are welcome to the Roundtable discussions. At the general meet-

ings, newborns and breastfeeding babies only, please. For more info visit www.tvmotc.com.

Be Well yoga in Livermore has a donation only yoga class followed by a Zen meditation group. Yoga at 4:00 PM every Sunday and meditation at 5:30. Attend one or both. There is no charge only offer what you can afford. The all levels flow yoga class is taught by Teresa Novotny and the meditation group is led by Tanya Martin. 606-6631.

Mt. Wanda Wildflower Walk, Sat., March 31, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. John Muir National Historic Site. Admission free. Terrain steep. Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Bring water. Rain or unsafe conditions cancels. Meet at CalTrans Park and Ride, corner Alhambra Ave. and Franklin Canyon Rd., Martinez. Information, 228-8860.

Interested in having a child learn a second language in elementary school? Portola School will present its dual immersion Spanish/English program to interested families on Wed., April 4. Find out about this unique opportunity for incoming kindergarten students in Livermore. The information session begins at 6 p.m. in the library, 2451 Portola Ave., Livermore. For information, call 606-4743 ext. 102.

Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour, May 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring 10 Pleasanton gardens. All proceeds benefit the Valley Humane Society. Tickets are \$35/person. Contact Wendy McNeley at (925) 462-8656 for tickets or further information. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Livermore Area Blood Drive - Friday, April 13, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in the Gym. There is a severe shortage of blood in the Bay Area, and only 3% of the eligible people give blood. Please help save a life by giving blood. The process takes 1-1 1/2 hours, and snacks and refreshments are served after you donate. You must be 17 years old, and have a form of identification with you. To sign up, go to www.GiveLife.org, and use ASBURY as the sponsor code. For information contact Tom Petty at 447-1950, menu #7 (leave a message) or e-mail BloodDrive@asburylive.org.

Retired Public Employees' Association, Tri-Valley Area, Chapter 075: meeting 10:45 a.m. Thurs., April 5 at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Robert Parsons, advocate for the Peninsula Stroke Association in Palo Alto and Stanford Stroke Center, will be the guest speaker. RSVP by April 5. For further information or reservations contact Bob at 846-6563 or June at 461-0315.

Wine Country Weddings and Events Faire, Tenuta Vineyards, 633 Kalthoff Commons, Livermore, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sample food, wine, talk with people offering photography, videography, music, entertainment, floral arrangements, decor, rentals, beauty experts, etc. Information, call Jennifer Orluck at 993-2838.

Swap Meet, The Livermore Amateur Radio Klub (LARK) will hold its monthly swap meet on April 1st, from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Robertson Park in Livermore, weather permitting. The sellers' entrance opens at 6:15 a.m. Sellers spaces from \$15 to \$45 with free admission and parking for buyers. The Livermore Lions Club will be providing the food service at the swap meet. The food trailer will be located on the left hand side of the field as you enter the buyer's entrance. This is a fund raising event for both LARK and the Lions Club.

Day Trip, Take a day trip with other seniors to the Oakland Museum, visiting the 100 Families Oakland: Art and Social Change

along with permanent exhibits. We will travel via BART. Meet at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Lunch on your own at the museum cafe. Thurs., April 19, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cost: \$17 for Pleasanton residents, \$20 for non residents.

Join the Girl Scouts, ice cream sundae social to introduce girls to scouting. The event will be held in Livermore on March 31. Girl Scouts Cabin, 2800 Ladd Avenue, Livermore. No experience is necessary. Training available free of cost. Meetings are once or twice a month; annual membership fee is \$10. For additional information, contact Shelly at 243-1046 or Join@crestantblanca.com.

Electronic Waste, free public collection event March 31 and April 1, Danville Park and Ride parking lot, northwest corner of Sycamore Valley Rd. and Camino Ramon, Danville. Universal Waste Management, Inc. sponsors. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information at www.uwaste.com or call 1-888-832-9839.

Ohlone Audubon, meets April 3, 7 p.m. at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave., Pleasanton. Guest speaker Bob Stewart will discuss Southeast Arizona birds and natural history. There is no admission charge.

Shut Up and Sing, a film starring the Dixie Chicks, will be shown on Sat., March 31 at 7 p.m. in honor of International Women's Month, at The IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet starts at 6:30 PM. This event is open to the public, free or \$2.00 donation, refreshments served, wheelchair accessible, and convenient parking. A short, optional discussion follows the film. 925-462-3459.

Semi-annual Garage Sale, San Joaquin Mothers of Twins Club, Saturday, March 31st, 8am - 2pm. St. Paul's Church in Tracy, 1635 Chester Drive. Corner of Tracy Blvd & Lowell Avenue. Behind Dr. Powers Park. Children's, Women's and Men's Clothing, Toys, Equipment, Household Items and Much More! Participation is open to the public! For more information go to www.MomsWithTwins.com or email Melissa@WeGotTwins.com

RELIGION
Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Service at 10:30 a.m. Topic for April 1 is "Taking It All In." Rev. Eric Meter speaking. Information 447-8747.

Community Secular Progressive Passover Seder, 5 p.m. Sunday, April 1, The Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth Street at G in Livermore. The Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' Passover seder celebrates the heroism and courage of the human participants in the original freedom struggle of the Jewish people and in all struggles for freedom throughout the world. All of the traditional symbols are there, but their meaning is interpreted in a non-religious manner. The children ask the four questions, the four cups of wine are drunk, and a festive meal is held - all without mention of any supernatural forces affecting human lives or human history. The seder is potluck and reservations are required. A donation of \$10/adult (over 13) is requested. For reservations and food assignment, call (925) 485-1049. Non-traditional and dual-culture families are welcome.

Boundaries Workshop: Insight into ourselves and our relationships, two Thursdays, April 7, 7 to 9:30 p.m. and April 26, 6:30 to 9 p.m. George Papageorge, MFT, presents this 5-hour workshop based on the popular book "Boundaries" by Dr's Cloud and Townsend. The fee is \$40; refreshments are provided. Childcare is available if reserved by 4/12/07 for children under 12 years at \$5.00 per child per night. No refunds after 4/13/07. Contact Claudia if you have ques-

tions at 925-560-3826 or csiglin@crosswindschurch.org. Go to www.crosswindschurch.org/workshops for more information or to register.

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

United Christian Church, 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore: worship on Sunday morning at 10:30am. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. Call 449-6820 for more information.
Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

EASTER SERVICES
Easter Concert, The Temple Hill Choral Singers will perform "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" April 6 at the Pleasanton Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. This will be the opening night concert before the singers perform in Oakland and Fremont. The 32-member mixed choir will be celebrating the life and mission of Christ. Admission is free and open to the public. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the chapel.

Tri-Valley Unity Church joins with Unity Church of Castro Valley to hold a special Good Friday service, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. at the Castro Valley church, 20121 Santa Maria Ave. All are welcome. (925) 829-2733 or www.trivalleyunity.com.

Tri-Valley Unity Church celebrates Easter Sunday, April 8th at 10 a.m. with a very special service. The Tri-Valley Unity choir will perform, and the age-old mystery of that first Easter morning will be explored in the message "As It Began to Dawn." All are welcome. Rev. Mary Anne Harris, minister. Call (925) 829-2733 or visit www.trivalleyunity.com

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m. service; Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 8, 9 a.m. Information 447-1246.

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Palm Sunday, April 1, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Procession of the Palms; Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 6, noon Stations of the Cross; 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy. Information 462-4802.

CrossWinds Church, 6444 Sierra Court, Dublin. East Sunday services at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Information at 560-3800.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1215 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Palm Sunday Services, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. and April 1 at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Holy Thursday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper and Adoration of the Eucharist. Good Friday, April 6, 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion; 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Holy Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Great Easter Vigil; Easter Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Information, 447-4549.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Palm Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Passover Sunday School Seder meal at 9:45 a.m. Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. service; Good Friday, 7 p.m. features Drama "Re: Remember Me." Saturday Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. Imaging the Word. On Easter Sunday, worship celebrations at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Information, 447-8840.

Community Cafe Re-opens At Community Center

The Robert Livermore Community Center's food services will re-open April 2, just before for Spring Break week, with a new name, Community Cafe.

In addition to the new name, HOPE Services, a nonprofit agency that provides services to people who have developmental disabilities, will run the cafe. HOPE Services currently runs the Library Cafe at the Livermore Library and the Kids Cafe at the Children's Discovery Museum in San Jose. Not everything will be new at the cafe. If you enjoy the Library Cafe you will see the familiar face of its current manager, John Lafferty, who will now manage both cafes.

According to Jan Cohen, HOPE's Director of New Business Ventures, the Community Cafe menus will feature foods that are typically preferred by community center and pool users, such as hot dogs, nachos, assorted soft drinks, and ice creams, along with coffees, sandwiches, and salads. Ms. Cohen also expects to offer cafe cards to the recreation center patrons that are similar to the current Library Cafe card. Much like a school lunch ticket, users can purchase a \$20 value card for \$18, which is not only an appreciated savings but also a convenience for children and daily exercisers who would not need to carry cash to the pool.

Until summer, the Community Cafe will operate weekdays from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm and on week-ends whenever activities are scheduled at the Center. During the summer months and open pool season, the cafe will be open from 7:30 AM-6 PM on weekdays and 10-6 on weekends, as well as whenever activities are scheduled and/or the pool is open, with appropriate food choices for the activities.

"A key goal for the cafe is to train and employ local people who have developmental disabilities at the cafe," says Cathy Bouchard, Director of Day Services. "HOPE Services currently employs 12 people with developmental disabilities at the Kids Cafe with great success." Ms. Bouchard hopes to see the client workers selling bottled water and ice cream to users of the pool from rolling carts during the summer.

HOPE Services recently purchased the local Livermore nonprofit AID Employment Services under its umbrella of operations, which includes crews at Lawrence Livermore and Sandia Labs and operation of the Livermore Library Cafe. HOPE Services assists, across the generations, people with developmental disabilities to fully live and participate in their communities.

Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship Program Taking Applications

The Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship Program provides rental assistance in the form of a scholarship to full-time, low-income students and heads of households who are attending school or are enrolled in a vocational on-the-job training program.

The Housing Scholarship is currently recruiting eligible participants who can demonstrate a connection to Livermore or Pleasanton via school, housing employment, volunteer work of family ties.

Applicants who will be completing their education or training programs within 24 months must be ready and willing to transition into full-time employment and become financially self-sufficient within that time frame.

For further information contact Nelida Villanueva at 373-5313 or tricityhomeless@sbcglobel.net.

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- Friday, April 6, 7pm:** Good Friday Service, The Day God Cried
- Sunday, April 8, 9am:** Easter morning Brunch (all are welcome)
- Sunday, April 8, 10am:** Worship Celebration with special guest Jay Kent
- Sunday, April 8, 11:30am:** Youth Mexico Mission Send-Off

SPORTS NOTES



Amador Valley High School baseball player Brent Barstow has been selected to play in the 26th Annual World Baseball Tournament to be held in Culiacan, Mexico, August 6-13, 2007. The international competition includes teams from Mexico, Japan, Italy, China, Taiwan, Australia, Brazil, China Taipei and the United States.

The 15-year-old 6'1" left-hander was nominated by coaches and selected following a special tryout in which only four open roster spots were available.

Brent, a transplant from Fremont, is no stranger to high level competition, having been on a Little League team that advanced to the state championship in 2004. He played in the Babe Ruth State Tournament in both 2005 and 2006. The pitcher, first baseman/outfielder will not have the opportunity to play against some of the top 15-year-old players in the world.

Notable alumni of the world team include Alameda's Dorette Willis of the Florida Marlins.

The team will play friendship games against Fukuoka, Japan and Fresno, California, before heading to Mexico. While in Mexico they will reside with host families during the week long event. In addition to playing baseball, Brent will have an opportunity to work on his Spanish skills.

Youth Soccer

The Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club U15 boys, coached by Jerry Lanson reached the semi-finals in the Premier flight this past weekend at the Nomads Club Showcase in San Diego. The boys competed against some of the top competition in the Western Region.

The weekend started slow against a very tough FC United Select team from Illinois, but our boys came out on top 1-0. In the afternoon game against the Honolulu Bulls the United was in total control, leading 2-0 at the half and coasting to a 3-1 victory. The game Sunday morning, against a very tough Paris Saint Germain team from Cal South was played to win or bracket. The two teams played to a 0-0 tie which was good enough to win the bracket.

Ballistic played a very tough Inter FC Premier team from Utah in the quarterfinals, again, the United was up to the challenge and came out on top with a 2-1 victory, and advanced to the semi-finals where they would face one of the top 5 rated teams in Cal South, West Coast FC. The United competed head to head with WCFC for 70 very tough physical minutes before coming up short by a score of 3-2. The 2 goals that the United scored were the only two goals allowed by WCFC all weekend as they went on to win the tournament.

The Livemore Elite Xtreme Boys U-17 AC-1 Soccer team played the Stockton Flying Squirrels in the State Cup opener last Saturday. Stockton kicked off but in the first 2 minutes Angel Cortes had 2 shots on goal. A hand ball in the box in the 13th minute gave Polo Morales a penalty kick and the first Xtreme goal. Despite good midfield play by Doug Clark, Matt Freitas and Ryan Wallace and at least 9 more shots in the first half by Edreese Arghandwal, Mike Barto and others, the half ended with the Xtreme leading by one goal. Good defense by Patrick Watson, Logan Carothers, Steven Russo, and Danny Hernandez allowed only 3 shots on the Xtreme goal. In the first minute of the second half, Tyler Callaghan intercepted a Squirrel pass. He passed to Gerardo Garcia who passed to Polo Morales for the second goal. In the 16th minute after a weak corner, Patrick Watson passed to Kevin Thomas who was called for a foul near the top of the 18 yard line. Keeper Andrew Hoffman sent up the line, but it moved so that he couldn't see the shot and Stockton scored. In the 19th minute, Ricky Rojas was fouled. The free kick went to Gerardo who passed to Angel Cortes whose shot was not well cleared and Trevor Morrissey followed up and scored. The Squirrels scored in the 22nd minute and again in the 31st on counters after the Xtreme had pushed up to far and forgot about defense. The Xtreme's last chance to win came when Gerardo Garcia's goal in the 34th minute was called back for a pushing foul and the game ended in a tie.

The second game on Sunday against Santa Cruz was a must win for the Xtreme because the Flying Squirrels had beaten Santa Cruz 6 to 2 earlier. Within the first 8 minutes the Xtreme led by 3 goals. Gerardo Garcia scored on a cross from Polo Morales in the 3rd minute; Gerardo returned the favor 2 minutes later and Polo scored. Then Edreese Arghandwal scored on a cross from Logan Carothers. The Xtreme needed a goal or 2 more to insure their advancement, but none were scored in the first half. Fatigue from the earlier game against the Squirrels began to show on Santa Cruz in the second half. Within 12 minutes of the start of the half the Xtreme had scored 4 more goals. In the 3rd minute Polo scored on a through ball from Matt Freitas; Then Angel Cortes headed in Polo's cross in the 6th minute. Next Polo scored on Angel's cross and finally Polo scored from a pass by Tyler Callaghan. In the 27th minute Logan passed to Edreese Arghandwal for the 8th goal. Patrick Watson and Ricky Rojas put in stellar defensive performances along with Danny Hernandez and Kevin Thomas. Midfield hustle from Ryan Wallace, Trevor Morrissey and Doug Clark kept Santa Cruz from building much of an attack, enabling Keeper Andrew Hoffman to virtually seal through the second half. Their last goal came in the last minute when Mike Barto scored off a Stephen Russo pass and the Xtreme should advance to the second round of the State Cup tournament in 2 weeks.

The Mustang Strikers U-16 boys advanced to the Round of 16 of State Cup action, coming away with three victories. After losing goalie Ryan Rivera to an injury, George Mayer and Jay Jafarour

stepped into the goalie duties for the week-end.

In game 1 versus Mission SF JC Mexico—The Mustang Strikers came out strong with a 7-0 victory over the Mission SF JC Mexico team. Franco Cruz recorded a hat trick for Mustang, assisted by Dillon Mullaney, Michael Guillen and Shaun Daut. Adding to the scoring were Ashwin Subramanian with an unassisted goal, Alex Alvarez assisted by Jessie Rosdahl, Jessie Rosdahl assisted by Nadav Kariv and Dillon Mullaney assisted by Michael Guillen.

In game 2 versus Alum Rock Santos—The Mustang Strikers again came out strong with a 5-1 victory. Franco Cruz scored 2 goals, assisted by Dillon Mullaney and Shaun Daut. Jose Garcia assisted by Franco Cruz, Nadav Kariv assisted by John Wainscott, Jessie Rosdahl assisted by George Mayer.

Going into the 3rd game Mustang was tied with Fresno CVSA Cylcones and needed a victory to advance. After finishing the 1st half with a 0-0 tie with several scoring opportunities for both teams, the Mustang Strikers came out strong in the second half. Jessie Rosdahl scored both goals for the Strikers. He was assisted on goal #1 by Michael Janjigian and the 2nd goal Jessie hooked the ball into the corner of the net on a corner kick.

George Mayer in the nets for Mustang Strikers made several key saves to protect the shutout victory. He was helped out by the excellent defensive play of Michael Janjigian, Jay Jafarour, Tony Jorgensen, Stephen Rakowski and John Wainscott. Providing strong midfield play for Mustang were Nadav Kariv, Jose Garcia, Shaun Daut, Alex Alvarez, George Mayer & Ashwin Subramanian. Strong offensive play was provided by Franco Cruz, Dillon Mullaney, Michael Guillen, & Jessie Rosdahl.

Pleasanton Rage U15 Division 1 team completed in their tournament of the season. The Rage traveled to the Turlock to compete in the CVSA U15 State Cup. In Saturday's game against the Manteca Rangers the Rage scored early off a Brittany Carroll through pass and a Julia Frizzle shot to the deep left corner of the goal. The Rangers came back late in the first half to tie the game at 1-1. In the final minutes of the second half the Rangers scored the decisive goal on a direct kick. In Sunday's games the Rage fared better, walking away with two ties against two formidable opponents, SF Vikings Tremors and Heritage Strikers. Frizzle once again supplied the scoring punch, scoring once in each game. The final score was 1-1 in both games. The Rage played well in all three matches and out shot their opponent in each one.

Falcon Freshmen

The Foothill High School Falcon freshman squad recorded its 6th win of the young season with a 5-1 victory over Clayton Valley High School. Held to only 5 hits the boys in blue were able to combine timely hits, walks and solid base running to produce 5 runs. The offense was lead by Will Anderson with a double and two RBIs, and Brandon DeFazio with a triple, 3 walks, 3 runs and 1 RBI. Matt Owen contributed 2 singles. Falcon pitchers: Anderson and Michael Slifer scattered 6 hits over seven innings while giving up only two walks.

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results from last week:

T-Ball: The Grasshoppers took on the Sand Gnats. Liam Guensche and Nicolas Rodriguez did some powerful hitting while William Reini was fielding with style for the Grasshoppers. The Sand Gnats started on the field with Peter Taggart catching the first ball hit, and then throwing it to first. At bat Conner Mckeen hit the ball away to in the outfield and ran straight through the pitcher to second base, and then making it back to first before the ball hit the Grasshoppers mit. Liam slid in home plate to finish out our first game of the season. Sand Gnats played outstanding and the players are ready for the rest of the season. Go Sand Gnats.

AA Division: White Sox 5, Angels 2: In the season opening game, Matthew Schulze drove in the first run in the third inning. For the Angels, Andrew Bailey made spectacular fly ball catches in the outfield. Alex Scholhamer gave us wonderful pitching which gained him the privilege to take home the game ball. Top Offensive Players: C.J. Cassidy, Alex Scholhamer, and Kanishka Ramanan. Top Defensive Players: Andrew Bailey, Evan Azevedo, and Innes McEntee.

Padres 6, Phillies 7: Top Defensive: Timmy Wu 3rd base to Noah Pacheco First Base (double-play), Sahil Patel to Jimmy Ritter (double-play), Patrick Maund (Pitch two shut-out innings). Top Offensive: Jimmy Ritter, Noah Pacheco

White Sox 5, Angels 2: Matt Stiles, Joshua Ott and Jack Sanderson led the AA White Sox to victory over the AA Angels with superb pitching. The combined effort only gave up 2 runs, 3 hits and 3 base on balls while striking out 15 Angel batters. Joshua Ott had a single and a double and Aaron Wong had a single and an RBI to lead the White Sox hitting attack. Jackson Freese turned in two spectacular plays at second base in the bottom of the 6th inning for the White Sox. The score was tied at 2-2 going into the 6th inning, when the White Sox scored 3 runs to secure the win.

AAA Division: Cubs 14, Athletics 5: Ryan Hobbs hit two singles and drove in the Cubs first run of the year. Grayson Meunrens made a great line drive catch and pitched one inning of relief, striking out the last two players of the game. Ruben Mercado pitched three strong innings, doubled, and had two runs. Played a great inning at short, including an exciting diving catch.

Giants 13, Yankees 0: Ryan Ortisi and Tanner Wiese pitched well for the Yankees in spite of the score. Ryan Ortisi and Ryan Probst teamed up to turn a double play against the Giants. With a runner on first and one out in the third inning, the Giants hit a line drive up the middle that Ryan Ortisi snagged with leaping catch and then threw to Ryan Probst at first base to double off the runner. Jordan Ott had two walks and two stolen bases for the Yankees.

Padres 6, Phillies 7: The Phillies Kane Millerstrom struck out the first and second batters up. The Padres Jimmy followed that up with a 2 run hit to end the second inning. The Padres continued with phenomenal hitting as Sahil doubled. The Phillies had their share of hitters as well, but won the game because of an awesome pitching effort from Michael Horton. He held the Padres at bat to 6 and the Phillies won the game! Top Offensive Players: Robert Ota (Phillies) & Jimmy (Padres); Top Defensive Players: Michael Horton (Phillies) & Sahil (Padres)

Giants Vs Yankees: It was a well played game by both teams. The Giants came up with some great fielding by Matthew Abbey with a catch in deep Right Field, and Sanjam Sawhney made the stop at 2nd to get the out at 1st. Great pitching by Justin Gibson, Garrett Leone and Patrick Roman kept the Yankees scoreless. A solid hit into deep left center by Brett Lewis drove in the first two runs for the Giants.

Majors: Ranges 2, Mets 6: The Mets

opened their Pleasanton Foothill Little League season with a 6-2 victory over the Rangers on March 24. Grant Soyka and Kevin Buschbeck pitched three innings each, and both struck out five. Soyka added an RBI double. Max Sanderson led the Mets offensively with two hits and three runs scored. Chase Miller added an RBI single, and Logan Finley hit a triple. Top Offensive Players: Max Sanderson 2 for 3, 3 runs; Top Defensive Player: Clint Mankins.

Junior 80s: Joe Aceret stepped up big for the PFL Cards on Saturday scoring 1 1/3 innings of shutout ball after an injury sidelined the Cards starter. With Aceret allowing just one hit, the Cards offense got rolling and cruised to a 14-4 victory over the Giants. Evan Martinez was outstanding from his lead-off spot, scoring four runs and singling twice. Jacob Leffler had three hits, including a long double. Sam Aceret, Justin Showell, Kurt Kozol, and Gab Scholl all had two hits apiece for the Cards. Joe Schneider was impressive in closing out the final two outs to secure the Cards victory.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results from last week:

Junior 80 Gold: Granada 7, Danville 2. Travis Snow - 2 1b, BB, SB, R, Tyler Paggett 2 1b, Kevin Kutcher - 1b, BB, 3 SB, 2 R, Garrett Bailey - 1b, Brandon Fread - 2 BB, SB, 4 IP, Andrew Davis - 3IP, Chris Benavidez continued his usefulness play with another sac bunt to get runners to 2nd and 3rd at a critical time of the game.

Granada 13, Danville 1. Brian Jewell - 2b, 2 1b, 3 RBI, 2 R, 5 IP, Ryan Viera - 3 1b, SB, 3 RBI, R, Kevin Kutcher - 1b, BB, 3SB, 2B, Travis Snow - 2 1b, Brandon Fread - 2 1b, R, Andrew Davis - 3b, 1b, BB, SB, R, Garrett Bailey - 2 1b, SB, R, Granada brought 17 batters to the plate in the 11 run 3rd inning. Brian Jewell had a complete game from the mound (2) and a 3 RBI 2b in the 3rd.

Granada 11, SRV 5. Kevin Kutcher - 2 1b, 2 SB, 2 R, 4 IP, Andrew Davis - 1b, SB, 1R, 3IP, Austin Page - 1b, BB, SB, 2R, Brian Jewell - 2 1b, 3 SB, 2R, Brandon Fread - 2 1b, Ryan Viera - 1b, SB, 1R, Granada started off fast with 6 hits and six runs going through the order in the 1st inning.

GLL Red Sox 5, LNL Little League 10. Top hitters Red Sox Nick Davis 2 2b, 1B, Damaryni Drew 2 1b, Irs, Greg White 1 1b, Brandon Clutter 1 1b, Irs, Giants - Diaz 1 2b, Irs, Amador 1 2b, Beran 1 1b, Irs, Pitchers Red Sox Greg White 2 1p, 1h, 1k, Menezes, 2 1p, 0h, 1r, 2k, Giants Mazotti, 3 1p, 4h, 3r, 1k.

Junior 90 Gold: The Granada Gold Junior 90s team took four more wins to extend their record to 8-1. They beat the Colt 45 6-0, then swept a doubleheader with Pleasanton National/Foothill, 22-0 and 7-4, then beat Pleasanton again 10-3 to end the week. These wins make it seven straight victories for Granada Gold.

In the first against the Colts, Kyle Van Schack, Rett Cortez and Brett Wagner combined for a seven inning shutout. Eddie Horn had two hits in the game and Cortez tripled. In the first game against Pleasanton, Max Kurth went for 4 and Zach Martin went 3 for 5, as Kevin Stein and Matt Epps combined for a two hit shutout. In the second win over Pleasanton, Kurth went 3 for 3 and Van Schack picked up the win by pitching three scoreless innings in relief. In the final victory over Pleasanton, Stein went 4 for 4, Kurth had 3 more hits, and Wagner picked up the win for Granada. Timely hits were also delivered by Ryan Rogers, Adam Dickison, Austin Gavello and Casey Van Galder.

Junior 80: GLL Red Sox 7, LALL 6. The Red Sox came out on top in their extra inning game. Sebastian Martinez 5IP, 2 hits, no runs, and 8 strike outs. Red Sox: Anthony Olmo 4IP, 3R, 2H, 6K; Jacob Kirby; 2IP, 2R, 1H, 1K.

Giants 6, Mariners 4: Top Hitters Giants - Cody Thompson 1B, 2 runs; Jeff Katen 1B, 1 run; Justin Whitman with 2R, 2 1B and a towering homer over the center field fence. Justin also pitched the last three innings allowing only 1 hit, no runs and 6 strike outs.

Hitters: Martinez 5IP, 2 hits, 2 RBIs; Jacob Benavidez 1B, 2 runs; Sebastian Martinez 1B, 1 RBI; Top Pitchers: Giants - Logan Van Schack 3IP, 4R, 1H, 5K; Mariners Sean Westphal 3IP, 3R, 2H, 5K; Tyler Offill 3IP, 1R, 1H, 6K.

Cardinals 16, A's 3: Top Hitters Cardinals - Jason Silva 2-1B, 2RBI, run scored; Bryan Brinkley 2-1B; Dyanmi Lockridge 2B, run scored; A's: Matt Droege 2IP, 2 hits, no runs, and 8 strike outs. Red Sox: Anthony Olmo 4IP, 3R, 2H, 6K; Jacob Kirby; 2IP, 2R, 1H, 1K.

Minor AAA: Giants 13, Red Sox 7: Top pitcher Jake Collishaw, 5 1/3 IP strikeouts, 1 er, also for 3 with 4 rbi's 2 doubles. This was Jake Collishaw's 1st time ever to start as a pitcher at 10 years old.

A's 4, Cardinals 6: The A's Devon Sturgill pitched two innings and had 5 strike outs. Devon also had 2 bats with one single and one triple. Gino Belluomini also had two at bats with a single and two runs scored. For the Cardinals Matt Santos had 75 pitches, he was the winning pitcher. Adrian Driver had 8 strike outs. Curtis Wigginton had two base hits and Brandon Derlak a double RBI. Aaron Andrews had a single RBI.

A's 0, Cardinals 2: This exciting game went into extra innings. A's pitcher Gino Belluomini pitched 4 innings, 9 strike outs. A's Devon Sturgill had a double. Cardinals Jason Bohl recorded 10 strike outs. Llewellyn Slone doubled and Jason Bohl had an RBI.

Farm A's (Offense): Kobe Cortez, Logan Greenstein, Matt Droege, 2IP, 2 hits, Zachary Demo, Greyson Hubbs, Alec Lewis; Mariners; (Offense) Connor Sweeney, Max O'Connor, Cody Stearns; (Defense) Mark Silverthorn, Trevor Bantley, Ben Rocha; Cardinals: Christopher Machi, Brad Cahall.

Alexis Ramirez; Top Defense: Josh Lewczyk, Kyle deBord, Brandon Montoya; Cubs: Ryan Dicus, Connor Swaderer, Jordan Mello; Top Defense: Garrett West, Connor Galus; P's rats (Offense) Todd Farmer, Joseph Lestochi, Trevor Moreau, (Defense) Dylan Graham, Ryan James, Ethan Gregor; Red Sox (Offense) Samuel Miller, Seth Street, Jacob Eijansantos, (Defense) Parker Hill, Lukas Owen, David Rider; Braves - Offense: Matthew Kronmal, Colby Gibbons, Bradley Mitchell; Defense: Grant Garcia, Tyler Hatfield, Josiah Knight; Giants - Offense: Joshua Collum, Diego Dorrovan, Aidan Ackerman; Defense: Drake Demo, Jordan Collum, Jacob Keeler; Blue Jays (Offense) Alex Dukes, Brodie Wolf, Christian Johanson (Defense) Chandler Orlick, Miles Higgins, Kyle Wolghemuth; Cardinals (Offense) Daniel Granados, Andy Guel, Brian Mahoney (Defense) Colton Moran, Shane Ward;

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results from last week:

Junior Division: The LNL Giants beat the GLL Red Sox 10-5. The Sox were rallying bottom seven when left fielder, Seth Street, Jacob Fread, and Tyler Amador continued his hot hitting for the Giants with a double and single. Stevie Bender pitched three innings giving up one run, and scored twice. Anthony Mazotti pitched two giving up one, and scored one, and Frank Robles scored twice. Drew and Simon had two hits for the Sox. Davis doubled, Menezes pitched well.

Scores: GLL Red Sox 5, Top Players: PALL Yankees 3, Giants 4; Top Giants: GLL Red Sox: Davis, DeMaurier Drew, Menezes; Giants: Tyler Amador, Stevie Bender, Anthony Mazotti; PALL Yankees: Becker, Garrison, Paul; Giants: Josh Diaz, Pooch Furr, Anthony Mazotti;

Majors Division: Giants 11, A's 3: The A's started off aggressive and took a quick 2-0 lead in the first two innings, starting off with a long double to right field and an RBI by Woolsten. The Giants rallied in the bottom of the third inning with 11 runs! Kudos to Currie (hit by two pitches) and Whitney (injured while sliding home, safe!), giving credit all for the team. Schlomberg, Burke, Chandler and others had RBIs. The A's were able to shake it off, and put the Giants on defense, scoring 2 runs. But in the end the Giants won. Top Players: Giants: Alex Currie, Craig Nunes, Kyle Schlomberg; A's: Todd Littlefield, Craig Woolson, Blake Garvis;

AAA Division: Giants 5, A's 11: The A's took an early lead of 8 to 0. The Giants put in a tremendous effort and was able to come-up with 5 runs. Top Players: Giants: Chris Moussa, Brennan Dillard, Brian Martinez; A's: Sierra Levinson, Fotis Dimitropoulos, Michael Barnes;

ADivision: The Single A Giants/Astros game was full of excitement. For the Giants, William Bretz and Nicholas Ratinho had a smooth joint play to get a runner out at third. Cruz Perez had a good day hitting the ball. Ben Roller had 3 hits and made a good defensive play to tag out a runner. For the Astros, Suede Canales had 2 hits and a great defensive out. Nicholas Loyd had 2 hits and an RBI. Tyler Meadows had 2 hits and an RBI and caught a flyball to get an out for his team. Top Players: Giants: William Bretz, Ben Roller, Cruz Perez; Astros: Suede Canales, Nicholas Loyd, Tyler Meadows;

T-Ball Division: The Mighty Cardinals faced the All-Star A's at the noon game. The sun was shining as the A's started off the game with solid hitting and base running. The Cardinal's Luke Bella showed his stuff as he guarded the 3rd base line and gunned his throws to first. Sean Pascual dazzled at pitcher fielding the short shots and Zachary Harris ran the bases like a boy on a home run mission. Even though Jake Carmichael of the A's couldn't be slowed down by a minor injury as he sprinted to 3rd base. Top Players: Cardinals: Sean Pascual, Zachary Harris, Luke Bella; A's: Jake Carmichael, Todd Neizman, Evan Nystrom; Diamonbacks: To Be Done By, Manager: Austin Jacob Blaha, Matthew Kovacs, Kyle West.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results from last week:

T-Ball: Top players: Brewers: Gabriel Akins, Nathan Brian, Race Wilkins; Dodgers: Annika Green, Kyle Lam, Anthony Gomez; Athletics: Nathan Frazier, Gage Rohrbacker, Cole Meyers; Brewers: Olivia Kolindrow, Olivia Tabaracci and Miller Hindows; Athletics: Christopher Riffer, Carson Mohler, Carson Neuf; Pirates: Jacob Blanchard, Jackson Brown, Jordan Bruner.

Farm Division: Top players: Giants: Nicholas De Lisle, Ethan Fovel, Christopher Kilday, Hannah Lipp; Marlins: Drew Braudrick, Jacob Engemann, Jake Kehn; Rockies: Scott McPherson, Clay Boghossian, Brandon Paulson, Jared Michaelis, Ross Murray, Josh Murray; Royals: Jonathan Song, Mason Stuart, Jared Tavares.

Single A Division: Mets 12, Nationals 5: It was a great match up between the Mets and the Nationals, both teams worked hard on offense and defense throughout the game. The "Stand-Out" players for the Mets were Hunter Burke, Michael Butterfield and Talen Stephens for being super hitters, all three hit three for three. Michael Butterfield made a great defensive play at third base. The Nationals offense was led by Seth Evans hitting three for three while Jacob Marshall scored a run followed by Jared Hubert also scoring a run. All three were "Super Stars" for their terrific efforts. Mets - Hunter Burke (3 1B, 2 R), Michael Butterfield (3 1B, 1 R), Talen Stephens (3 1B, 1 R, 2 RBI) Nationals - Seth Evans (3 1B, 1 R, 2 RBI) Nationals - Hubert (1 R) Yankees 13, Mets 2: Cole Escovier's bases-loaded two-bagger in the 3rd inning scored 3 runs and sparked the Yankees to a 13-2 win over the Mets. Cole Escovier (1B, 2B, 3 RBI), Sean Constable (4 1B, 2 R, 2 RBI), Chase Dunn (3 1B, 2 R) - Yankees: Orioles 7, Phillies 7.

Orioles 11, Yankees 5: Devin Rowland - 1single, 2 hits, 1 RBI; Ethan Shang - 3 hits, 3 RBI; s. Cody Skinner 1 hit, 2 RBI's. The entire team worked well defensively and offensively to hold the Yankees to an Oriole win. Chase Dunn - 3 runs, 1 RBI and 1 single. Zach Hrdlicka 1 single in a big rally for 3rd and Brandon Jackson - 3 hits, 3 RBI's and 1 single.

AA Division: Astros 9, Twins 1: The Astros took command early in this 9 to 1 victory. Top Players (Astros): Larian Look pitched well; Aaron Spiller singled, HBP; Jax Mamoagoo with 2 hits. Top players (Twins): Justin McDaniel with 2 hits, Seth Higby singled, HBP. Justin Ahn single. RBI Cardinals 7, Twins 4: The Cardinals where led by Dylan Guillin, 2 doubles, Zachary Dunn 2 hits, Ben Parker 2 hits, and Nico Medina with a very important hit. The Twins where paced by Justin Ahn, 2 hits,

Patrick Schwartz, 2 doubles, and Jose Solice, 1 hit.

Cubs 3, Indians 2: Cubs: Jarrett Powell, Jared Maranon, Jacob Tidwell; Indians: Liam Radecke, Eric Meeks, Andrew Dawson. The Cubs pulled ahead in the third inning with Jarrett Powell and Jacob Tidwell both bringing runs in. A heads up double play by third baseman Jared Maranon and 2nd base Jarrett Powell helped keep the Indians from scoring in the 4th. The Indians Liam Radecke went 2 for 2 with outstanding infield defense and both Eric Meeks (1-2) and Andrew Dawson (1-2) were solid at bat.

Reds 4, White Sox 1: Armando Fagliano started off pitching for the Reds with a total of 7 strike-outs. Reds only allowed one run in the bottom of the 1st. Ryan Silvas started a rally with a triple, Griffith and Zack Stevens both hit doubles with RBIs, and David Harmonson hit a single with RBI. Silvas pitched the last three innings with a total of 6 strike-outs. Other standout plays for the Reds included a double hit by Fagliano, and a great fly out catch by Kris Jones, who also hit well and stole 2 bases. Jones also teamed up with Fagliano to stop a steal on defense, and with Harmonson to get an out on 1st that ended the game.

White Sox 8, Cubs 0: Garrett Cordisco had 2 hits and 2 RBIs, and two innings pitched. Also pitching for the Sox were Robbie Payne and Sean Stavert. Cubs standouts were Jacob Ledbetter on defense and Dominic Bartoni with two singles. Garrett Cordisco (2 1B, 1 BB, 2 RBI), Robbie Payne (1 1B, 3 SB), Sean Stavert (2 1B, 2 RBI), White Sox Jacob Ledbetter (Defense), Dominic Bartoni (2 1B) - Cubs

Astros 6, Tigers 1: The Astros and Twins maintained a 1 to 1 deadlock until the bottom of the 4th inning when the Astro bats came alive with five hits and 4 runs scored.

The Astros added another run in the 5th when Aaron Spiller scored on a double by Ryan Holmes. The Tigers were unable to answer back in the 6th. (Astros): Ryan Holmes 5 K in 3IP, 2 doubles; Trevor Davidson, triple, HR on ers, 2 RBI; Jake Peterson, single (Tigers): Matt Calgano, 3IP; Ben Kerling, 2IP; Boney Noriega, all-around great effort

Diamondbacks 15, Mariners 8: James Wilker and Chandler Shetron both went 2-3 with a double and a triple with 2 runs scored each. Daniel Cavazos pitched 3 strong innings holding the Mariners to 1 run with 8 strikeouts. Jake Trevithick paced the Mariners attack with a 3-3 night with a double and 2 RBIs. Conor Cruz had 2 walks and 2 runs scored for the Mariners.

Diamondbacks 10, Giants 4: Michael Duterte had a solid all around game going 2-3 with 2 RBIs. He also pitched 3 innings, giving up 3 runs and striking out 7. Kevin Holmes pitched 1 2/3 with 1 run scored for the D-Backs. Ian O'Brien went 2-3 with 2 runs scored for the Giants. Also for the Giants Justin McKee pitched 2 solid innings giving up only 1 run while striking out 4. Diamondbacks: Michael Duterte 2-3 (2B, 2RBI, 1R), Kevin Garcia 1-2 (1R), James Walker 2-2 (2b, 2 r) Giants: Ian O'Brien 2-3 (2b, 2r), J.J. Christian 1-1 (1r)

Reds 12, Tigers 4: Pitching for the Reds were Ryan Ball, Ryan Silvas, Truman Griffith, Armando Fagliano, and David Harmonson with combined total of 8 strikeouts. In just two innings, great teamwork between base running, stealing and hitting brought in 10 runs to seal the win for the Reds. Isaac Lignell and Fagliano stood out on offense with 3 hits and 2-3 steals each. Griffith hit a triple, Mauricio Zavala hit a double, Zack Stevens had 2 RBI hit, and Gerardo Alvarez, Taylor Crenshaw, Harmonson, and Kris Jones all hit singles.

AAA Division: Rangers 14, Mariners 5: Austin Galloway opened with a smash double to right center field. Jake Foscalina followed by driving the second pitch he saw into the left center field gap as the Rangers took an early 4-0 lead. Foscalina continued with a brilliant day on the mound. And at the plate, Jake felt a home run shy of the cycle, adding an RBI and 3 stolen bases to the cause. Steven Perry stole 2 bases and scored a run. Mike Kostalnick contributed 2 stolen bases, 2 runs scored, and earned the save. For the Mariners, Alex Peterson was stellar in the field while Cody King contributed 5 strike outs and Kieran Hill jettied around the bases adding a steal for the Mariners.

Angels 7, Rangers 6: With a hard fought battle between these two talented teams with some timely hits and defensive plays that Angels were able to pull out a 7-6 victory. Rangers: Austin Galloway had a great double, Jake Foscalina had 2 doubles, Garrett Torres RBI, Taylor Hardiman 2 base hits, Angels: Nick Fliher 3 hits with 2 doubles, Michael Brown great defense line drive catch to end game. Andre Flores great defense at 3rd base.

Giants 13, Padres 0: The Giants jumped out to an early lead thanks to strong pitching by Lance Barnsack and Justin McKee. The Giants again played stellar defense in support of their pitchers. At the plate the Giants were led by Ian O'Brien, Luis Aguiar, Justin McKee and Leroy Williams. The Padres were led by the stellar pitching of Alex Moreno. He was supported on defense by J.T. Brisco and Anthony Scallise who turned in great plays in the field.

Giants 5, A's 3: Krishnan Bhakta was the starting pitcher for the Giants and went 5 solid innings allowing only two runs. The A's countered with Taylor Wirth who was also solid on the hill. The Giants held on to the end for a 5-3 victory thanks to tremendous relief pitching by Ian O'Brien. Players scoring for the Giants were Krishnan Bhakta twice, Jaylin O'Brien, JJ Christian and Luis Aguiar once each. Scoring for the A's were Logan Casey, Nick Anderson and Anthony Lagorio.

Majors: A's 10, White Sox 8: The White Sox took the early lead, scoring 3 times in the first inning. The A's answered back with 2 runs scored. Chris Wilson hit a 3-run homer to give the White Sox a 6 to 2 advantage. The A's evened the score 6 to 6 in the bottom of the 2nd. The White Sox added another 2 runs in the 4th inning, but the A's sealed the deal by scoring 4 runs in the 5th and holding the Sox in the top of the sixth. Final score: A's 10, White Sox 8. Top Players (A's): Will Jaureguito, 3IP, 0 earned runs; Brent McKee, game-winning hit, 2 RBI; Matt Neale, hit with 2 RBI; Top Players (White Sox): Chris Wilson, 3 for 3, 3-run HR; Nick Gaul, double, RBI; Dustin Frisk, single, scored.

White Sox 6, Athletics 2: White Sox Nicholas Gaul went 2 for 2 hitting a single and a double with 2 runs scored. Chris Wilson helped out with a home run and Cody Warner got an RBI with a solid double. A's batter Will Jaureguito hit a home run to keep the game close. Will Stewart pitched 3 strong innings and Lee Wood helped the A's out with a hit to start a rally. White Sox: Nicholas

Gaul, Chris Wilson, Cody Warner Athletics; Will Jaureguito, William Stewart, Lee Wood

Yankees 5, Indians 4: The Yankees defeated the Indians in extra innings. The Yankee offense was led by Brett Oliver who reached base three times with two hits and a walk. Oliver also scored the winning run in the bottom of the 7th inning. Keith DeHollander collected three hits for the Yankees. Matt Puls hit a home run for the Indians. Tyler Dancer started for the Yankees and pitched three strong innings. Nick Ketchum followed and pitched the last four innings for the win.

Indians 5, Yankees 3: Yankees Garrett Oliver had a strong base hit along with another hit from their awesome pitcher, Nick Ketchum. Indians Brandon Robello was hot on the defense in CF stopping 2 hit hit "hoppin'" groundballs. Devin McMahon had a sweet bunt moving Indians shortstop Kyle Franco from 1st to 3rd. Franco also had a beautiful over the head catch, plus an RBI. Jackson Mancieri pitched the final innings for the Yankees, plus an RBI as he poked one up the middle to CF. Top Players: Kyle Franco, Devin McMahon, Brandon Robello-Indians; Jackson Mancieri, Garrett Oliver, Nick Ketchum-Yankees.

Juniors: The Livermore American Little League Junior 90s Giants overwhemed the combined Canyon Creek/San Ramon American/San Ramon National Junior squad 22 to 9 at Athan Downs. Dante Sblendorio led the Giant's hitters going 3 for 4 from the plate with 2 doubles and 3 runs batted in. Steven Niessen scored 5 runs and Tyler Moore pounded out a double and knock in 2 runs. Top players: LALL Giants: Dante Sblendorio, 3 for 4, 2 doubles, 5 RBIs, Steven Niessen, 5 runs scored, Tyler Moore 1 for 2, double, 2 RBIs.

Pleasanton American LL

Pleasanton American Little League results:

Junior 80s: It was a tough week for the PALL Junior 80 Yankees as they dropped a pair of 4-3 decisions to the PFL Cardinals and the LNL Giants. The first game with the Cardinals was particularly painful as the Yanks scored two runs in the top of the sixth to tie the game only to see the Cardinals win it in the bottom of the seventh. The tying rally started with a walk to Michael McKinley and then the Cards made errors on back-to-back grounders hit by Paul Leoni and Becker McGuire to score one run and another error, this time on a grounder by David Michael knotted the game. The Yankees other run scored on a Jason Silva single to left center that brought home Blake Schultz.

The second game was n't as dramatic, but it hurt just as much. After spotting

SPORTS NOTES

Maryalice Faltings Sneaky Cleats 17, Groth Bros. Chevrolet Force 6. The Force came out hitting, and were determined to challenge the Sneaky Cleats but in the end fell short. Great pitching by Haley Willford, Ceara Fisher had two singles, and good play at 1st base by Sheryn Eason.

Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Ice 13, Diablo Dental Services Flamin Hot Red Sox 9. The Red Sox Stars were Jeanette Koenig with heads up-defense and timely hitting, Jenna Hatch proved invaluable with excellent defensive skills, along with outstanding speed on the base paths.

10-Under Black Division: Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Lightning 7, Groth Brothers Bad News Babes 2. For the Bad News Babes, Cassie Campiotti had a RBI. Molly Farro hit a double, and Tiffany Rascon caught a pop fly.

Earth Safety Dynamics Black Smoke 8, Hired Guns Fastpitch Academy Hired Guns 7. In a nail biter of a game, Sophie Hartley & Hannah Bennett sparked a two-out rally with back-to-back doubles that eventually scored three runs, and Ashley Breyer had four strikeouts in 1 2/3 innings.

Hired Guns Fastpitch Academy Hired Guns 7, Groth Brothers Bad News Babes 7. In another close game that ended in a tie, Delaney Gill-Sommerhauser had a solid hit with two RBIs, Lindsey Lucivero pitched a solid inning with three strikeouts, and Grace Naylor made three outstanding defensive plays in the field.

10-Under Red Division: Diablo Dental Services Warriors 6, Faltings Racing Team Jumpstart 5. The Warriors had very strong pitching from Adeline Call giving up only one run, and striking out four batters in two innings, Isabella Fernandez also pitched well, and added a double in the bottom of the fourth inning, and Taylor Zehr went two-for-two with a double and a walkoff single for Warriors' win. For the Jumpstart, Jessica Triantos had a single, Taylor Smith had a single with a RBI, and really strong pitching from Natalie Palomo started the game off right.

Groth Brothers lost 7-2 to Hertz Equipment Rental Lightning on Saturday. Top players for the Hurricanes were Isabella Pearson with 1H, 1R, 3SB, Courtney Ganguet with 1H and ZSB and Skylir Kriz with a double that drove in 2 RBIs.

William Thompson Pink Panthers 6, Abramson & Thaeft MVPs 5. For the MVPs, Vanessa Valenti and Tara Adams defended home plate with their aggressive catching, and Taylor Lewis turned had a home run in the third inning.

Hertz Equipment Rental Lightning 7, Groth Brothers Chevrolet Hurricanes 2. For the Lightning, Megan Sanchez played great defense, Kaitlyn Davenport had an RBI single, and Haylie Hill had a RBI single in the bottom of the fourth to win the game for the Thrillerz. For the Jumpstart, Raquel Wilkins pitched well, throwing strikes and scoring one run, Rebecca Bernstein played nice defensive play at first base, and Kamallii Wetherell scored the first run of the game for the Jumpstart.

Groth Brothers Chevrolet Hurricanes 8, The Oaks Groth Smith Barons Royal Dames 6. The Royal Dames shut the Hurricanes down to two runs in the third inning, Melissa Allen tagged a runner out at second, Danielle Dufek threw a runner out at first, and Vivian Connolly fielded a grounder and threw the runner out at first.

8-Under: Brent Bowen Photography Gold Rush 9, Les Schwab Tire Center Tornados 6. In the Gold Rush, Morgan Hall, Sophia Pearson, Madelyn Krueger were the standouts. For the Tornados, Maggie McIntyre had two hard hits and made a great catch at third for an out, Kirsten Hall had three hits and threw a runner out at first, and Olivia Schormann had two hard hits and a RBI.

AP Concrete L'il Yanks 5, John J. Sullivan Toyota L'il MVP's 1. The L'il Yank played great defense & offense throughout the entire game. Savannah Vasquez pitched awesomely during the first inning, and played great defense on first base in the second inning. Sarah McNeill had an RBI both times at bat, and Arianah Nava had two hits and a RBI in the first inning.

Livermore Valley Cellars The Cheetas vs. White Lightning (score unavailable). Lauryn Souza pitched great for the White Lightning, Cassandra Chavira had a big hit and, Alekszandra Contril played a great third base.

KIKI Punk Panthers vs. Pacific Dental Care Cheetah Girls (score unavailable). The Pink Panthers were led by a key hit from Avri Kautz, three hits and great pitching by Maggie Kilday, and outstanding play at catcher by Julia Graham.

Dave Curtis Diamond Diggers 3, Denise Roper Wildcats 4. For the Wildcats, Jessica Frobose came home to score a run, Lauren Bueno caught a fly ball, and Ashley Williams scored the final run to tie the game.

Pacific Dental Care Cheetah Girls 8, Denise Rupert Wildcats 4. For the Wildcats, Madeline Hyde pitched a great first inning, Ashley Morton made a great catch resulting in a double play and also had two home runs, and Shannon Blockley made an outstanding catch for an out.

Brent Bowen Photography Gold Rush vs. Brian J. Emrich, DDS KoolKatz (score unavailable). For the Gold Rush, Regan Wiedenfeld, Ashley McKinzie, and Robyn Kammeier stood out.

T-Ball: Cindi Greci L'il Gems vs. CaDealerDirect.com Tiger Cubs. Coaches' selections - Shelby Clark, Emma Poe, Allison Scher (TC). Around the Bay Pest Control Crushers vs. John L. Sullivan Toyota Fireballs. Coaches' selections - Angelina Burkett, Amanda Craft, Hannah Uhlrich (C); Brooke Anderson, Sierra Wysock, Tyler Enderlein (F). John L. Sullivan Toyota Fireballs vs. Brent Bowen Photography Dandelions. Coaches' selections - Sierra Rose, Cassidy Bates, Jessica Zogari (F). Austin Precision Inc. Bubble Gum Girls vs. Around the Bay Pest Control Crushers. Coaches' selections - Korte Hottinger, Kayla McCleendon, Hanna Schramm (BBG); Emily March, Jodi Bryant, Morgan Waugh (C). Les Schwab Tire Center Blue Angels vs. Brent Bowen Photography Dandelions. Coaches' selections - Emma Searcy, Nicole Silva, Jordan Goodwin (BA). Les Schwab Tire Center Blue Angels vs. Cindi Greci L'il Gems. Coaches' selections - Courtney Hayes, Sierra Marshall, Lauren Martin (BA). Groth Brothers Chevrolet Rockstars vs. Austin Precision Inc. Bubble Gum Girls. Coaches' selections - Lindy Girardelli, Shelby Williams, Taylor Stamps (R); Jenny Stoner, Ashley Cole, Jessica Gresho (BBG). Groth Brothers Chevrolet Rockstars vs. CaDealerDirect.com Tiger Cubs. Coaches' selections - Kaycie Lindland, Teresa Martinez, Lauren With (R); Marissa Carpenter, Sophia Sarkis, Chelsea Warner (TC).

Christensen Wrestling
Christensen Middle School (CMS) competed in the Harvest Park wrestling tournament in Pleasanton. CMS took 12 wrestlers to the tournament and 7 won medals. Sixth graders Kevin Coburn (78 lbs) took 3rd place in his weight class. Ryan Viano (103) took 2nd place. Nathan Weinstein (106) took 2nd place winning his first match and medal. Richard Kent (113) took 3rd place. Seventh grader Matt Fiume (123) finished 4th place. Eighth graders John Cook (141) took 2nd place, winning his first medal. Drew Royster (143) took 4th place. Sixth graders Rio Castillo, Ryan Gollot and James Stalie competed in every match and deserved medals for their effort. Seventh grader Casey Crall competed in his matches but did not medal.



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Youth baseball was in full swing over the weekend as Pleasanton National Little League Junior 90s Gold took on Tassajara Valley. In the photo one of the PNLL players slides into home for the score.

Eight grader Devin Sneed (166) did not medal, but competed and won his first match with a pin.

Hart Wrestling

The Hart Middle School Huskies grabbed 13 medals, out of 23 participants, making for a very successful tournament at the Harvest Park Invitational over the weekend. Four Huskies grabbed gold medals with Perry Cheney taking first place in the sixth grade bracket, Kevin Thompson in the seventh grade bracket, and Michael Meneses and Andrew Abbey in the sixth/seventh combo brackets. Falling just short, but still earning second place was Cesar Caranveng, and Cal Dutrow. Dutrow came tantalizingly close to taking first, falling 11-10 in the championship match. Also gaining medals were Spencer Miller and Joey Silva with third place finishes, while Louie DesPrez, Titus Norton, Riley Edsen, Max Johnston and Connor Johnson captured a fourth place medal.

East Avenue Wrestling

The East Avenue Middle School wrestling team brought home 14 medals last weekend from the annual Harvest Park Wrestling tournament. The team advanced eight wrestlers to the finals claiming two gold medals. Eighth grader Lorenzo Buendia (150-lbs) and sixth-grader Nigel Pilkington (120) led the team winning titles in their weight class. Eighth-graders Mark Manus (100), Billy Hammett (140), Bahram Sherwani (145) and Dillon Mitchell (155) took second place. John Cruz (110) took third and Scott Crowder (115) took fourth place. Sixth-grader Keith Dehollander (85) and Vonte String (145) took second place. Peter Nyholm (90), Tyler Rardon (95) and Chris Buendia (180) took third and seventh-graders Brandon Disbrow (90) and Joe Crispin (225) took fourth place. Keith Dehollander had the fastest pin for the East Avenue team pinning his opponent in the semi-finals in .22 seconds.

Junction Ave. Wrestling

Junction Avenue Middle School competed in the Harvest Park Wrestling Tournament with the following results: 6th grade girl, Summer Johnson, 3rd, 77 lbs; 6th grade boys: Terry Garham, 1st, 64 lbs.; Logan Mitchell 4th, 87 lbs.; 7th grade boys: Fernando Manzano, 2nd, 102; Jacob Baxter, 2nd, 100; Jacob Vital, 2nd, 138; Troy Gomez, 3rd, 136; Frank Robles, 3rd, 144; and Quincy White, 2nd, 129; 8th grade girls: Ashley Negron, 2nd, 170; 8th grade boys: Connor Higgins, 1st, 118; Tyler Cuneo, 3rd, 112; Cole Kraft, 3rd, 114; Austin Rayford, 4th, 147; Corey Johnson, 1st, 147; Albert Manriquez, 4th, 182; Doug Lewis, 1st, 179; and Joey Bennett, 2nd, 179.

Youth Lacrosse

The Livermore Phantom Lacrosse C team split a pair of games in Elk Grove. Attackers Colling Rigby and Brandon Class each scored that tricks to lead the Phantom to a 7-2 victory over the Elk Grove Gladiators. Steven Martinez played solid in goal stopping 21 shots. Sean Vandlandingham, Zach Chapman, and David Marshall defended well to limit the Gladiator offense. Parker Wood assisted on three of the Phantom goals and Kyle zendarski also chipped in with a goal. Taylor Class and Evan Martin assisted on the other goals. The Phantom lost the first game 6-2 to the Pleasant Grove Falcons. Grant Lewis roamed the midfield as Rigby assisted Brandon Class on both of the Phantoms goals.

In PUP Lacrosse action, the 6th grade, 12-year-old boys Pleasanton Vortex took on the Granite Bay Grizzlies, losing 7 to 2. Devin Bell scored the lone two points assisted by his teammates, Jose Salas, fighting the face-offs, won the most.

The Pleasanton Lacrosse Girls Blizzard team beat the South Marin Wolfpack and Lamorinda Fire at Acalanes High School in Lafayette on Sunday, March 25. The Blizzard beat the Wolfpack with a score of 4 to 1. Excellent passes by Madison Steele and Mallory Manzano, Melissa West brought the ball down the field with amazing speed. Outstanding ground balls by Lindsey Kail. Goalie Meghan Serrano showed no fears as she blocked the Wolfpack's shots. Kirsten Jensen scored the first goal of the game from an assist by Cambi Cukar. Rebecca Dumanski, Kira Ewanich, Cierra Kocik, Kirsten Jensen scored the goals for the Blizzard. It was a fierce and physical battle against the Lamorinda Fire, but the Blizzard overcame their injuries with a 7 to 3 victory. Tough defense by Andrea Bright and Jennifer Gubner. Haley Brodnick, Cambi Cukar, Lauren Hall, Cierra Kocik, Kirsten Jensen, and Meghan Serrano scored the goals for the Blizzard. Outstanding ground balls by Sarah Monday. Strong support by Jessica Young, Jaime Rinetti, and Alyssa Marceno.

Pleasanton Phantom

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League scores from last week:

U14 - Major Rec: Team R LJK Farms Razzles 11, Sallmann, Yang & Alameda Wild Things 4. LJK Farms Key Players: Jenny Orbell 3 doubles, Julia Caravahall 4 RBIs, Marissa Milhin 2 runs scored; Alameda Key Players: Haley Boehmer 2 hits, Alicia Castelluccio 2 hits, Madison Hill 2 hits.

U12 - Minor Upper: Team R Alain Pinel Tim McGuire Stix 8, The Strong Source Hurricane 5. Alain Pinel Key Players: Corinne Valdiv 2 RBI 9Ks tag out at home, Lindsey Kail HR, Lauren Bennett defense at SS & 1B; The Strong Source Key Players: Claire Berkeley 5Ks RBI, Victoria Molina RBI, Tori Larsen caught 2 line drives.

Team R Cardinal Jewelers Panthers 8, Pleasanton Mortgage 2: Cardinal Jewelers

Key Players: Kennedy Poplawski player of the game, Haley Bradley fielding, Ali Gonsman fielding, Megan Ackasos base running, Brooke Quisenberry fielding, Pleasanton Mortgage Key Players: Andie Becker pitching, Ashley Lotozynski pitching, Nicole Bardakos base running fielding.

U10 - Mini Upper: Team R Aragon Landscaping Ink Panthers 7, Coldwell Banker John & Daisy Ng Diamond Dogs 6; Aragon Landscaping Key Players: Janelle Tanis, Jackie Long; Coldwell Banker Key Players: Kately Moore, Nicole Rasmussen.

Team R Friends of PGSL Wildcats 7, Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete Bobcats 4; Pleasanton Ready Mix Key Players: Briana McGraw single double, Jill Pluschell 4Ks single, Danielle Hammer 4Ks, Sophie Santos RBI single.

U10 - Mini Rec: Team Gary West Masonry ink Dynamite Tucker vs. Associates Real Estate Services Mad Dogs; Tucker Associates Key Players: Lauren Mader pitching defense, Lauren Schaefer 2 singles, Sabrina Dunham 2 singles, Lauren Jepson pitching.

Team Contra Costa County Public Auto Auction Panthers vs. Association Management Solutions Starlights; Contra County Auto Auction Key Players: Maddie Rush pitching defense, Jamie Vespi, Emily Bennett; Association Management Solutions Key Players: Perris Cury pitching single, Brooke Machi, Chelsea Burke.

Team E2 Automotive Group Dynamite vs. Pacific Dental Care Sharks; E2 Automotive Key Players: Malani Scates pitching, Izzy Lopez pitching, Paige Heacock fielding; Pacific Dental Care Key Players: Kailyn Coleman double, Emily Taggart pitching, Paige Sellick fielding.

Team Central Chevrolet Red Devils vs. Precision Auto Repair Mustangs; Central Chevrolet Key Players: Sophie Brunell put out at home, Molly Hamilton RBI, Molly Digriolamo RBI, Sammy Rhodes RBI; Precision Auto Repair Key Players: Juliette Chabot pitching, Sophie Ciapriano double-play, Kellie Solon RBI double-play, Brianna Reynolds RBI, Aubrey Krueger RBI.

UB - Micro Rec: Team Axial Industries All Stars vs. J.P. Builders Bombers; Axial Industries Key Players: Karen DiDio outfield hit single, Clair Bear put out at second, Amanda Rogers fielding, Sadie Groziers single, Nicole Rioridan 3 put outs in one inning, J.P. Builders Key Players: Emily Greco fielding, Arianna Cisneros 2 hits run scored, Madeline Nocar RBI.

Team Titan PCB vs. RE/MAX Accord John Rocha Penguins; Titan PCB Key Players: Nicole White fielding, Shane Hunsaker fielding, Haley Okumura pitching; Max Accord John Rocha Key Players: Caroline Clark hitting, Danielle Williams hitting, Jenyce Dutcher fielding.

Team Friends of PGSL Sharks vs. Complete Business Systems; Sharks Key Players: Courtney Dinelli, Allison Stowell, Myah Slaton; Complete Business Systems Key Players: Nicole Craven, Lauren Hermes, Annette Piptone.

UB - P Ball: Team Richard Lumber Wild Stallions vs. Pleasanton Class; Richard Lumber Key Players: Hannah Thoe fielding, Stephanie Dunlop hitting, Kate Inman running; Pleasanton Class Key Players: Rachel Pettey fielding, Megan Colbucchini fielding, Julia Balesteri hitting.

Pony Baseball

Pony Baseball results:
Livermore Indians 9, Pleasanton Royals 8: The Indians and Royals played a very tight game in Mustang Division action. The score never differed by more than one run. Alex Cupps and Ryan Ruley had 2 hits each for the Indians. James Dayton, Kameron Johnson, Joe Carr and Jacob Dayton had a hit apiece. Drew Webber, Ruley and Cupps pitched well for the Indians. The best play of the game was a double play in the third inning. Webber struck out a batter, Ruley threw the runner out at first on a dropped third strike that Johnson immediately returned to the plate to catch the runner going home.

The Yankees parlayed excellent defense and timely hitting into a 6-3 victory over a very strong Livermore Pirate team in mustang division action. Andy Duran delivered a bases loaded triple to drive in 3 runs in what proved to be the game winning hit. Jeffrey Klei and Stone Godi both pitched excellent in holding the Pirates to just 3 runs. Ruben Mercado paced a strong defensive effort by committing a double play on a hard shot line drive. Jack Connolly once again made his share of fine fielding at 1st base as well.

Pleasanton Giants Beat Livermore Indians 9-7: The Pleasanton Giants came from behind to beat the Livermore Indians 9-7 by scoring 5 runs in the bottom of the 5th inning. Moore (2B, 1B), Jackson (1B, 3B), Friedman (2B), Morris (1B), Bartolomucci (1B) and Chavez (1B) all hit for the Giants and Jackson was strong on the mound. Ryan Ruley (1B, 2B), Carson Paynter (1B, 2B), Alex Cupps (1B), Drew Webber (1B), Kameron Johnson (1B), and Jacob Dayton (1B) powered the Indian offense while Kameron Johnson (4K, 1H, 2R) and Drew Webber (4K, 2H, 2R) pitched well for the Indians.

New Records at JO

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team spent last weekend swimming locally at the San Ramon pool for their last chance to qualify for Far Westers this coming weekend. Several records were broken at these Junior Olympics, which also saw some great swims.

Brandon Chandler, Roshni Nair, and Maggie Woods did qualify for Far Westers with excellent swims.

In addition, Nick Silverthorn set a new team record in the 100 Back (1:03.65), while Rachel Knowles set a new team record in the 100 Fly (1:09.39).

Maggie Woods swam a great 500 Free

CYO Track & Field

St. Michael's CYO track and field results from last week:

600 Meters Girls: 4th Grade - Dana Anex (1st, 06:51.78), Sarah Baker (2nd, 07:24.61) 6th Grade - Rachel Leonard (2nd, 6:29.00) 7th Grade - Natalie Dimits (1st, 05:51.96), Harbeck (2nd, 05:55.32), Daniela Delledera (3rd, 06:12.48), Shelby Leary (4th, 06:57.28); 1600 Meters Boys: 4th Grade - Patryk Skowronski (5th, 08:19.54) 7th Grade - Grant Salk (4th, 06:24.88) 8th Grade - Daniel Pierson (3rd, 05:44.56), Ben Baker (4th, 07:22.44)

400 Meters Girls: 3rd Grade - Moragan Leonard (2nd, 1:27.58), Alice Aufderheide (5th, 1:39.86) 5th Grade - Kirsten Mork (2nd, 1:16.88), Michelle Hawkins (6th, 01:32.06) 5th Grade - Morgan Brandt (4th, 1:21.04) 7th Grade - Stephanie Beaulieu (1st, 1:10.94), Cassandra Dukes (2nd, 1:13.74), Natalie Dimits (4th, 1:14.81), Shelby Leary (6th, 1:28.69) 400 Meters Boys: 4th Grade - Cole Souza (1st, 1:14.71), Ian Ransom (8th, 1:39.60) 5th Grade - Luis Ramirez (3rd, 01:17.90), Angelo Strongone (6th, 01:25.75), Shawn Throckmorton (8th, 01:38.06) 6th Grade - Michael Marcotte (1st, 01:07.03), Matthew Aufderheide (5th, 01:29.66) 7th Grade - Mitchel Acton (1st, 01:03.58), Eric Clements (5th, 01:26.27) 8th Grade - Zachary Savoy (3rd, 01:04.26)

50 Meters Girls: 2nd Grade - Samantha Dukes (1st, 8.93), Adriana Sblendorio (2nd, 9.56), Isabel Minton (4th, 9.63), Shannon Kai (8th, 11.46), Katie Dabney (7th, 11.80), Grace Leary (8th, 12.66), Samantha Anderson (5th, 10.38), Isabel Stafford (7th, 11.51), Aislinn McElderry (8th, 16.01) 3rd Grade - Alexa Chavarria (3rd, 9.03) 4th Grade - Keely Harvey (9th, 9.55) 5th Grade - Hannah Stepanek (3rd, 8.93) 50 Meters Boys: 2nd Grade - Marquis Pruitt (1st, 9.10), Russell Stevenson (3rd, 9.50), Tanner Souza (4th, 9.53), Brian Cahill (5th, 10.20), Matthew Stepanek (6th, 10.30), Armando Ramirez (7th, 10.77) 3rd Grade - Malik Pruitt (1st, 8.72), Justin Brandt (3rd, 9.12), Dustin Ullom (4th, 9.39), Brandon Replogle (6th, 9.72), Quilan McElderry (5th, 10.57), Dustin Lassen (6th, 11.67) 4th Grade - Ryan Nop (5th, 8.72), Grant Billings (6th, 8.86), Stephen Kai (8th, 9.42), Marcus Acton (2nd, 8.73), Zachary Burnett (5th, 9.10), Adam Boehrer (6th, 9.13), Jonathan Davis (7th, 9.40) 4th Grade - Dylan Edwards (2nd, 8.75) 5th Grade - Matt Vickers (2nd, 8.65), Corey Castp (4th, 8.95), Alec Sblendorio (6th, 9.71), Luis Ramirez (3rd, 8.62), Andrew Nop (5th, 9.55), Jordan Weisbrod (6th, 10.58)

100 Meters Girls: 2nd Grade - Emily Hawkins (3rd, 19.94), Samantha Anderson (7th, 22.04), Grace Leary (8th, 25.76) 3rd Grade - Pamela White (2nd, 16.58), Moragan Leonard (5th, 18.41), Alice Aufderheide (8th, 19.72), Valisla, Nikki Fitzgerald and Dana Felker both scored well enough in the competition to qualify for Regional Championships to be held in San Jose April 13 to 15.

Individual highlights for Gymnfinity included Nikki placing 2nd on floor with a 9.375 on her way to finishing 6th in the all-around in the Junior B age group. Alexa Leporati placed 4th on vault in the Senior D group. Dana Felker placed 8th on bars in the Senior C group and Jamie Haines finished 9th on vault in the Junior C age group.

FULL RESULTS: Fitzgerald - vault, 9th, 8.95; bars, 10th, 8.57; beam, 7th, 8.925; floor, 2nd, 9.375; all-around, 6th, 35.825. Haines - vault, 9th, 8.6; bars, 8.175; beam, 7.775; floor, 8.875; all-around, 33.425. Felker - vault, 8.325; bars, 8th, 8.475; beam, 8.3; floor, 8.9; all-around, 34.0. Leporati - vault, 4th, 8.85; bars, 5.0; beam, 8th, 8.15; floor, 8.45; all-around, 30.45.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy sent competitors to the Level 8 State Meet held in Visalia

RESULTS: LEVEL 8 Age Group: Child D VAULT - Jordan Garza - 10th place (8.5) BARS - Jordan Garza (7.0) BEAM - Jordan Garza (8.325) FLOOR - Jordan Garza (9.0) ALL AROUND - Jordan Garza (32.825); Age Group: Jr A: VAULT - Stephanie Stamaties - 9th place (8.85) BARS - Stephanie Stamaties - 10th place (9.1) BEAM - Stephanie Stamaties (8.575) FLOOR - Stephanie Stamaties (8.95) ALL AROUND - Stephanie Stamaties - 10th place (35.475)

Age Group: Jr B: VAULT - Patricia Auel (8.325) BARS - Patricia Auel - 5th place (9.075) BEAM - Patricia Auel (8.475) FLOOR - Patricia Auel - 10th place (9.025) ALL AROUND - Patricia Auel (34.9)

Age Group: Jr D VAULT - Mandy Bakker - 9th place (8.375) BARS - Mandy Bakker (8.55) BEAM - Mandy Bakker (7.85) FLOOR - Mandy Bakker - 6th place (9.1) ALL AROUND - Mandy Bakker (33.875).

Coaches Sought

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

Football/Cheer

Livermore 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 learning the fundamentals needed. LYF&C's emphasizes proper technique and fundamentals, responsibility, accountability, and being a good person and teammate.

All coaches are CPR and First Aid certified as well as NYSCA certified. They are 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 cheerleaders in the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. In the past 5 years LYF&C has sent at least 2 teams to the playoffs each year, with one team reaching the championship 4 consecutive years. The cheer squads consistently place in regional as well as national cheer competitions. There are 5 levels to tryout for with ages 7 to 14 (football) 5 to 14 (cheerleading). Registration will be held April 12th 6-8 p.m. and April 22nd from 1-3 pm at Round Table Pizza 1024 East Stanley Blvd. "Accept the challenge" and come play for LYF&C. web-site www.eteamz.com/lyfc or call 925-454-1421 (evenings).

Ian Ransom/Christopher Lassen/Patryk Skowronski/ Stephen Ka (9th, 01:22.07) 5th Grade - Luis Ramirez/ Matt Vickers/Andrew Nop/Jeremy Williams (4th, 1:05.41), Austin Roeder/Ansel Strongone/Jeffrey Beaulieu/Alec Sblendorio (8th, 1:09.31) 6th Grade - John Stephanek/Cody Scribner/Michael Marcotte/Evan Briggs (1st, 0:58.39), Brian Lee/Justin Moore/ Matthew Aufderheide/Tyler Melgosa (4th, 1:04.17) 7th Grade - Kyle Farnas/Nathaniel Bieh/Mitchel Acton/ Garrett Stevenson (1st, 00:54.66), Derek Jansen/Eric Clements/Turner Sblendorio/Grant Salk (8th, 01:06.10) 8th Grade - Wesley Ostroski/Daniel Pierson/ Jeremy Roland/ Joshua Whit (4th, 0:58.40)

4X400 Boys: 6th Grade - Michael Marcotte/ Name Missing/Name Missing/Name Missing (1st, 5:16.59) Sprint Medley Girls: 7th Grade - Daniela Delledera/Rebekah Delledera/Shelby Leary/Natalie Dimits (1st, 2:21.00) Sprint Medley Boys: 6th Grade - Michael Marcotte/Cody Scribner/Tyler Melgosa/Justin Moore (1st, 2:13.00) 7th Grade - Mitchel Acton/Nathaniel Bieh/2172/Austin Roeder (2nd, 2:15.00)

High Jump Girls: 5th Grade - Hannah Steanoro (7th, 04.05) 6th Grade - Rachel Leonard (4th, 3.80) 7th Grade - Stephanie Beaulieu (1st, 4.60) High Jump Boys: 5th Grade - Jeremy Williams (1st, 4.70), Austin Roeder (2nd, 3.60) 6th Grade - John Stephanek (1st, 4.80), Evan Briggs (2nd, 4.50), Matt Tyler (3rd, 4.50), Cody Scribner (4th, 3.80), Tyler Melgosa (5th, 3.80) 7th Grade - Kyle Farnady (1st, 5.00), Bobby Sholl (5th, 04.20), Derek Jansen (7th, 03.80) 8th Grade - Jeremy Roland (1st, 04.70)

Long Jump Girls: 2nd Grade - Samantha Dukes (2nd, 08.02.75), Adriana Sblendorio (6th, 05.09.50), Aislinn McElderry (10th, 05.04.00), Isabel Stafford (11th, 04.06.75), Katie Dabney (12th, 04.03.00) 3rd Grade - Alice Aufderheide (3rd, 08.01.00) 4th Grade - Teresa Jimena (3rd, 09.07.05), Dana Anex (6th, 09.05.00), Jazzmynn King (11th, 07.02.75) 5th Grade - Francis Stafford (7th, 07.05.50) 6th Grade - Allison Lau (7th, 09.04.50), Skylar Burt (9th, 08.06.50) 7th Grade - Daniella Delledera (3rd, 11.06.25), Katie Gannon (4th, 11.05.00), Rebekah Delledera (5th, 11.00.00), Jessica Wolford (6th, 09.08.00), Natalie Dimits (8th, 09.05.50), Stephanie Beaulieu (10th, 09.00.50) Long Jump Boys: 2nd Grade - Matthew Stepanek (1st, 07.50.00), Brian Cahill (2nd, 07.40.25) 3rd Grade - Christopher Lassen (10th, 06.60.00), Quilan McElderry (7th, 07.20.50) 4th Grade - Dylan Edwards (4th, 24.08.00), Isabel Stafford (5th, 24.07.00) 3rd Grade - Pamela White (1st, 60.01.00) 4th Grade - Francis Stafford (4th, 60.01.00) 6th Grade - Skylar Burt (4th, 07.06.00) 7th Grade - Shelby Leary (5th, 08.54.50), Daniella Delledera (7th, 07.01.50), Ashley Lyons (8th, 07.51.50), Rebekah Delledera (9th, 07.04.00), Jessica Wolford (11th, 07.19.25) Softball Throw Girls: 2nd Grade - Marquis Pruitt (3rd, 45.08.50) 3rd Grade - Malik Pruitt (1st, 87.00.00) 4th Grade - Jonathan Davis (5th, 09.00.00), Grant Billings (6th, 08.05.50), Natalie Dimits (6th, 07.20.50) 5th Grade - Andrew Nop (4th, 07.80.00), Jeffrey Beaulieu (5th, 07.72.50) 6th Grade - Grant Salk (5th, 10.52.20) 7th Grade - Ben Baker (4th, 08.85.25) Shot Put Girls: 7th Grade - Katie Gannon (1st, 24.07.50), Ashley Lyons (8th, 18.03.00), Natalie Dimits (8th, 18.07.50)

Bowling News

Fourteen year old Erica Smith took bowlinng during league play at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Smith, Generation Gap, shattered her 153 average with games of 239-186-203 for her career first 600 series totaling 628. Gene Brull, Gene's Pro Shop, continued his hot pace with a 780 series with games of 280-258-242 followed in the ReMax Reality Cheyenne league scores of 235-257-258 and 750 set.

Glenn Coletto and team-mate Ricky Chin battled it out with Coletto posting 204-275-254 for a 769 and Chin rolling games of 232-267-266 for a 765 series. In the Eagles Renovation league, Ron Bowman led the pack with 268-257-233- 758 set. Mike Wood, ReMax Cheyenne used a 278 first game to place himself at the 718 level; Mal Cowen used a high game of 265 for his 710 set.

The Kings and Queens league saw Tim Springer roll a 708 set with highs of 267-247; Mark McCreary led the Modified Guys and Dolls league by way of his highs of 258-249-721 series; Steve Choate made it to the 698 mark with top games of 248-234- 698 set. Donna Mixers saw Shirley Di Girolamo up her 144 norm with a big 238 game and 551 series.

The Strikes and Spires saw Derek Lewis, Sr. come in with a 685 series via highs of 247-235. Roger Purta, Sunday Rollers, rolled his way with highs of 234-230-891; In the Generation Gap, John Giambone started with a 277 game followed by 223-225 for a 718 set; Anthony Norwood used a pair of 246 games for a 694 series. The Prime-Timers watched Jerry MacLeod, 146, bowl a 225 game; Harry Thompson 225 game and Rich Nickison a 219 high.

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Contemporary Dance Company Performs

Company C Contemporary Ballet will dance two performances on Saturday, April 7. One will be at 2:00 p.m. and the second at 8:00 p.m. in Pleasanton.

The appearance is part of the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents season. The performances will take place at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road.

Company C Contemporary Ballet, a repertory dance company based in Walnut Creek, is known for high voltage athleticism in its performance of innovative, contemporary ballet dances by nationally-recognized choreographers. The thirteen-member ensemble is comprised of established professional dancers of diverse backgrounds and technical accomplishment.

For the April 7 shows, Company C will perform the choreography of Donald Mahler in Antony Tudor's "Dark Elegies." Created in 1937 for London's Ballet Rambert and set to Gustav Mahler's Kindertotenlieder (Songs on the Death of Children), the work has been described as "a heart-wrenching jewel of a ballet" about grief and loss in a small community. In this work, Tudor departs from the traditional methods of story telling in ballet, such as miming and elaborate sets and costumes, and relies on the dancing to tell the



story.

"Tudor's emotionally motivated movement marked the beginning of contemporary ballet. Company C is honored to add this important work to its repertoire," says Company C Manager Angela Evans.

In addition to "Dark Elegies," Company C will perform Paul Taylor's "City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents Epitaphs" and Charles Anderson's "Hush" and "Firebird."

Three Epitaphs, created by Taylor in 1956 while he was still performing with dance great Martha Graham, is set to early New Orleans jazz music. It is performed by five dancers costumed in head-to-toe mirrored unitards and is described as "post-modern fantasy with a human slant."

Charles Anderson's Hush bridges modern dance and ballet

styles and is choreographed to the music of Bobbi McFerrin and Yo-Yo Mah. Firebird, which showcases Company C's signature athleticism, is a streamlined version of the Russian fairytale about a magical bird.

Company C Contemporary Ballet was established 2002, when choreographer Charles Anderson was invited to assemble a group of dancers to fill a vacancy at San Francisco's Cowell Theater. Under the name "Company C," the fledgling troupe performed at the Cowell and later at the Allen E. Jones Performing Arts Center in Brentwood, California.

Adult tickets to Company C Contemporary Ballet are \$15, \$20 and \$25; Student and Child tickets are \$10, \$15, and \$20. Tickets may be purchased online at www.civictickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. Group discounts are available.

Tickets are also available for City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents' season finale, Rod Piazza and The Mighty Flyers, on Friday, April 13, at 8:00 p.m.

Las Positas Musical a Retro Hoot

By Susan Steinberg

"City of Angels" bucked the trend when it opened on Broadway in 1989. Operetta-type spectacles like "Les Miz" and "Phantom" were breaking box office records and Sondheim's edgy music and lyrics were all the rage.

Suddenly two older talents from a vintage era of comic TV shows and musicals created a spoof on the "Golden Years" of Hollywood that entertained audiences, and even won a Tony Award, but didn't seem "serious" enough to go down in history.

But the opening night audience, mostly students too young to remember "Casablanca" or "The Maltese Falcon," much less old TV sitcoms, roared with laughter at the clever dialogue, double entendres, and outrageous character types; clapped wildly for the swinging jazz numbers, and sultry ballads; and cheered the ingenious stage business, frequent blackouts, and glamorous period costumes.

Penning by Larry Gelbart, famous as one of Sid Caesar's best script writers, and creator of "M. A. S. H.," the lines of the play zing out with sitcom flash, made funnier if you remember references from Betty Grable and Gene Autry to HUAC, the terror of Hollywood in the 40's.

Music by veteran jazz composer and pianist Cy Coleman rings true for those of us with a history of that period as well, from "Doo-Wop" choruses to Frankie Laine-type crooners to snappy pop rhythms and syncopations.

The plot is an old chestnut, but it works well: talented young writer goes to Hollywood, where a top producer has plans to film his novel. Writer is coerced/co-opted into dumbing down his book, simplifying and sanitizing the story, and letting the producer completely redesign the show into Tinsel-Town triteness. His wife objects, and even his own hero steps out of the script to argue with him.

The "real" world of Hollywood glitz, wheeler-dealers, and backstabbers starts to collide with the script, as each movie character also plays someone in the author's life. It's a casting tour-de-force, especially with so many major roles—all very strong actors with fine voices and styles.

Director Ken Ross has cleverly set the "reel" world of the script in black and white, with projected TV-screen backdrops, while the "real" world is realistically Technicolor. Other tricks include stop-motion sequences, and even rewinds of action and

speech for the cinematic scenes—all deftly executed by the large cast.

Having 27 people on such a small stage was a challenge, well handled by choreographer Faith Blevins, while Cindy Browne Rosefield led a tight orchestral backup and Jim Heiner's well-rehearsed chorus made complex lyrics intelligible, even when everyone was dancing up a storm.

Film-noir, the Sam Spade-type private eye, his long-suffering secretary, the femme fatale client from Hell—all receive the tribute of excellent parody, as do the hangers-on of the Hollywood scene, from script-girls to casting-couch cuties. Prize for over-the-top character of the evening has to go to Buddy Fidler, first cousin to "The Producers" top banana Max Bialystock, and every bit as hilarious.

The show, certain to be a word-of-mouth sellout, will run through April 7, with performances Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and 2 p.m. matinees on April 1 and 7. Tickets at \$14 general, \$10 Seniors and students, are available at the College Bookstore and Fine Fretted Friends in downtown Livermore. For advance reservations, call (925) 424-1812, and get show information at (925) 424-1166.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Mix It Up, March 1-31, show of artwork that uses more than one media. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.

26th annual Melodrama, Sunol Repertory Theatre will present "Taming 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. Performances are March 30 and 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.

Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers, Friday, April 13, 8:00 p.m. The performance will take place at the Amador Theater, 11155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Presents. Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers are known for their new style of blues that combines low-down Chicago grit, West Coast swing, jazz and the rhythmic drive of early R & B and rock and roll. Ticket prices are \$15, \$20 & \$25. Tickets may be purchased online at www.civictickets.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-3444, or in person at the Amador Theater Box Office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance.

Sixth Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council (PCAC) and City of Pleasanton Civic Arts invite the public to free open activities on Saturday, March 31, 2007. The Festival will be held at the CarrAmerica Conference Center at 4400 Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton. Non-registered visitors to the Festival may attend the Visual Arts Exhibit presented by the Pleasanton Art League and other regional artists from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. They are invited to visit Literary Row from 12:30-2 pm and meet, talk and mingle with talented local authors. In addition, they may enjoy music played by guitar, mandolin and mandocello artist Jim Steinkamp, PhD during the afternoon hours.

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 15. Volunteers are also needed. For information go to the Downtown Livermore, Inc. website at <http://www.livermore-downtown.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. Presented by Laugh-A-Lot Productions Presents. Dates for preliminary rounds: 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.

2007 Livermore Lives! Teen Art Expo, Teen Expo Artwork will be on display from April 2-29 in the Civic Center art gallery during regular library hours. For more information, visit the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us or contact Mary Sue Nocar at 373-5500 ext. 5583.

High School Musical, stage production of the Disney Channel movie, Christensen Middle School 9th annual musical production. Show dates are March 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.

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.

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.civictickets.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.

Suzuki Graduation Recital, Sat., March 31, 4 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton. Music students perform graduation pieces from the Suzuki repertoire from Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star to Concertos by W.A. Mozart.

Entertainment in the Pleasanton Hotel Lounge, March 29, Fred McCarty, 6-8:30; March 30, The Tornados, 8:30; March 31, Major Link, 8:30. No reservation or cover charge. Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St., Pleasanton; 925-846-8106 or go to the website at www.PleasantonHotel.com.

Easter Brunch, Garré Winery Brunch With The Easter Bunny features all you can eat buffet brunch. The Easter Bunny will visit the little ones at their tables and bring goodies from his family back at the Bunny Patch. He will be available during and immediately after brunch for pictures. Space is limited; one seating only at 11am. Easter Sunday, April 8, \$34.95 per person, children 12 & under are \$17.50, under 3 are free. Reservations are required. Garré Winery at the Martinelli Event Center, 3585 Greenville Road, Livermore. 925-371-8200. www.garrewinery.com

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Tesla Vintners, Livermore, Saturday April 7th at 1 p.m. Open to children age 12 or younger. There will be a separate hunt for the younger ones and one for the older kids. There will be arts and crafts and live music from the Singing Winemaker between each hunt. Find the "Special Egg" and win a prize. Taste wines from Fenestra, Hidden Creek, Red Skye and The Singing Winemaker. To help us plan, RSVP at 925-606-WINE(9463).

Contra Costa Wind Symphony, Paraguayan Harp and Violin virtuoso Carlos Reyes joins Maestro Duane Carroll and the Contra Costa Wind Symphony in a concert featuring the enchanting and exciting music of South America from the samba and tango to a musical tour of Machu Picchu. Selections include "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 4" by Heitor Villa-Lobos, "Brasilejo," by Edmundo Villani-Cortes, "Brazil" by Ary Barroso and "Tico Tico" by Zequinha de Abreu. 8 p.m. April 15, Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. \$18 general admission, \$15 seniors, \$12 students, on sale at the ticket office (925) 943-7469 (www.dlra.org). More information: (925) 944-5392, www.CCWindSymphony.org.

Oliver Ranch Sculpture Park, tour Sat., May 5, private collection of Steven and Nancy Oliver at their home in Geyserville. Benefit for Bedford Gallery exhibitions and programs. \$100 per person includes transportation, tour and picnic. Reservations deadline, April 12. Departure 8 a.m. Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek; return 4 p.m. For information, call 295-1418.

Works by Cynthia Lait, on exhibit at Stanford Art Spaces, Palo Alto, Feb. 16-April 19; and 201 California Street, San Francisco through April 15.

Vallejo Music Theatre, Auditions for Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music." Director: Harry Diavatis, Musical Director, Lana Poklad, Fetterly Playhouse of the Arts, 3467 Sonoma Blvd., Suite 10, Vallejo, corner of Redwood &

Sonoma Boulevard, behind Seafood City. Show calls for 7 men, 1 woman, 6 children (5-13) and women's ensemble. Prepare a Broadway show tune; bring sheet music; accompanist provided; cold read; dance. No appointment necessary. Auditions: April 13, 7pm to 10pm. April 14, 1pm to 5pm, callbacks April 16 at 7pm. Rehearsals begin April 24. Performances weekends June 29-July 22. Info: (707) 649-2787, showladydirector@netzero.com.

Enter Laughing, by Joseph Stein. Presented by Act Now! April 6-28, Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Adapted from the book by Carl Reiner, it is the riotous account of a stage struck youth who works as a delivery boy in answering machine factory. His parents want him to be a druggist, but as soon as he's saved enough money, he enlists in a hammy, semi-professional company that will put anybody in any play for the right amount of money. He is a dreadful actor. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or by telephone at 925-943-7469 (943-SHOW) Adults \$25, Seniors \$23. 17 and under \$12.50.

East Bay Traditional Jazz Society, concert three local Tri-City/Tri-Valley bands Sat., March 31, Pizza Depot, 43450 Grimmer Blvd., Fremont. Noon to 1:45: La Salle Street Band; 2 to 3:45: Chris Bradley's Jazz Band; 4 to 6: Diablo Dixie Devils Jazz Band. No cover; hat to be passed for each band. Information John Soulis, 510-657-0243 or jssouls@wwdb.org.

30th Gala Spring Art Show, Opens March 31: The Alamo-Danville Artists' Society is featuring the 2-D

works of local artists in this 30th annual show. A portion of sales go toward grants for art teachers in the San Ramon Valley School District. Opening reception and award ceremony is Saturday March 31 (4-6pm); meet the guest judge Stefan Baumann (of PBS's "The Grand View"). All work is juried-in and available for sale. Exhibit is free and open to the public through April 20th at the Danville Fine Arts Gallery (upstairs from the Village Theater at 233 Front Street). Weekly hours are Tue-Sat 12-5pm. 925-838-1959 or 510-245-7543. (www.adasart.org).



Students will paint 'Cat Napping.'

Miniature Oil Painting Workshops with Instructor Barbara Stanton. April 28th & 29th, 2007: 10:00AM-4:30PM. Where: Bothwell Art Center-2466 8th St. Livermore. \$65.00 each Workshop. Contact Barbara: 925-373-9638 or by email at microangelo@earthlink.net. Deadline to Sign up: April 23rd! These classes are geared for beginners and intermediate students. Students will be painting "Cat Napping" and "Deer Under the Oak" Limited space.

More Than Golf at Nationwide Tour Event

The Nationwide Tour golfers won't be the only professionals displaying their talents this month at the Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship at Wente Vineyards.

A food and wine pavilion will host numerous experts in handcrafted wines and gourmet food. They will provide their insight and samples during the event hosted by The Course At Wente Vineyards, March 29-April 1.

Part of the festivities include hands-on cooking shows at the Trader Joe's Demonstration Stage. Guests can watch gourmets prepare fun meals and desserts, as well as learn how to pair wine and cheese like a world-class expert. Also featured on the stage is the latest in gourmet kitchen equipment by Viking. Included are presentations by winemaker Karl Wente of Wente Vineyards; chef Jerry Register and pastry chef Lisa Shaver, both from The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards; head chef Suzy Quenneville-Orpin of Viking; and Barrie Lynn, the "Cheese Impresario." Other guest chefs include Julie McDaniel of Trader Joe's; Dory Ford of the Monterey Bay Aquarium; and Mark Ainsworth of SHOKOLAAT, who is to prepare one-of-a-kind chocolates.

More than 25 Livermore Valley wineries are participating at the Food & Wine Pavilion, the only one of its kind on the professional golf tour. The selection of wines and food, as well as demonstrations on the Trader Joe's

demonstration stage, changes each day during the tournament. Admission to the Food & Wine Pavilion for tasting and demonstrations is included with a tournament daily ticket, but wine tasting is an additional \$10 per person. For more details visit www.winecountrychampionship.com/foodandwine.html.

Adjacent to the Food & Wine Pavilion is the new "19th Hole," which will feature live jazz and pop music in a casual social setting with a no-host bar, starting at 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday of tournament week.

Proceeds from ticket sales for the tournament will benefit The Safeway Foundation, Save Mt. Diablo and other Northern California non-profit organizations and education foundations. For more details contact (925) 447-2200.

Valley Dance Theatre Holds Contest

Valley Dance Theatre is accepting entries of images to be used as a poster and on t-shirts for the upcoming show, "Raising the Barre."

Each artist may submit up to 6 images for consideration. Information: Artwork will be used as a poster and will also be placed on a t-shirt for sale by the Valley Dance Theatre. The entry deadline is April 1.

"Raising the Barre" will be performed May 26 at 7 p.m. and May 27 at 2 p.m. at the Livermore High School Performing Arts Theater, 600 Maple St.

Art entries should be in jpeg or tiff format. Work must reflect classical ballet / project a feel for springtime, and should reflect one or more of the numbers to be presented. There is a \$50 cash prize for the jpeg of the artwork. The artist name will also be listed on

'Landscapes and Mindscapes' Theme of Show

Nova Starling, a Livermore artist, photographer and graphics artist, will present a one-woman show at the SPCA, 4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin.

The show, "Landscapes and Mindscapes," features both photography and paintings by this talented and witty artist. The show runs March 22-April 19. The facility is open to the public Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1-8 p.m., and Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The show is sponsored by the Las Positas College Art Club, of which Starling is a member.

Admission to the show is free.

Jazz Performance Set at Library

Jazz musicians, The Justin Hellman Trio, perform at the Pleasanton Library from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sun., April 1.

The Justin Hellman Trio presents an exciting and fresh sound rooted in the jazz tradition. The group strives for a dynamic sound that carries a great deal of tension and release yet also possesses an element of lyricism.

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

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library are sponsoring the program. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

Valley Dance Theatre Holds Contest

the poster and t-shirt. File-size must be less than 5mb. Submit all entries to: rochellebrantes@yahoo.com. (Valley Dance Theatre: 2247 B. Second St., Livermore, CA 94550).

"Raising the Barre" is a mixed repertory featuring two full-length ballets and selected pieces of new and traditional choreography. VDT will present "The Firebird," accompanied by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. This is a story about a prince who captures a magical Firebird. Once caught, the bird begs for its life and agrees to assist Prince Ivan in exchange for eventual freedom.

Rossini's "La Boutique Fantasque" is about a toy shop that comes to life. This classic children's ballet is filled with wonderfully costumed dolls and dancing toys.

Prokofiev's "Romeo and Juliet" includes a variety of moments from fencing to the romantic balcony scene.

Rounding out the production is a new premiere of "Chaconne" with music by Vitali showcasing the skills of five couples choreographed by VDT's Partnering Instructor.

'Children Of Alcatraz' Presentation

Scott Cornfield will show and discuss his documentary, "Children of Alcatraz," at the Livermore Library on Sunday, April 1.

The film received the Best Documentary of 2005 award at the Danville International Film Festival.

Cornfield's film is the first to take a look at the families of those who worked in the prison. Joining Cornfield will be Chuck Stucker, president of the Alcatraz Alumni Association, who was himself a resident of Alcatraz as a child.

This free event will begin at 2 p.m. The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series.

The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Avenue. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermore.lib.ca.us. For more information, contact Joyce Nevins at 373-5500 ext. 5577.

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Poetry, Prose and Art Focus Of Annual Pleasanton Festival

The Sixth Annual Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, March 31. The Festival will be held at the CarrAmerica Conference Center at 4400 Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The event is presented by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and City of Pleasanton Civic Arts.

"This year's Festival is replete with opportunities for aspiring writers as well as all persons who appreciate the arts," says Festival co-coordinator Kirk

Ridgeway. "For registered attendees, we're offering an expanded schedule of workshops as well as a keynote speech by a noted poet, California Poet Laureate Al Young, and a special afternoon session with novelist Michael Chabon. For others who drop by, there will be art, music and literary delights waiting. We know it will be memorable Saturday for everyone."

In addition to workshops, contests, and celebrity appearances by California Poet Laureate Al Young and Pulitzer Prize-

winning author Michael Chabon, registered participants may attend a book signing reception and an evening banquet. The banquet will feature reading of prize-winning poetry and prose, presentation of cash awards and music by Flutes Con Moto.

Afternoon events that are free and open to the public include a fine arts show by Pleasanton Art League, a Literary Row where persons may meet and mingle with local authors, and music by classical guitarist Jim Steinke, PhD.

"art" Not Just about Art

by Susan Steinberg

It's about time! Livermore finally has its own "black box" (small house) theater. For years we've envied Pleasanton Playhouse's Studio Theater, and now finally have an intimate stage of our own. Dubbed "West End Theater," it has been newly created in the Bothwell Arts Center (formerly the Old Rec Building).

Opening this new venue is the appropriately titled play "art," the first production of Shakespeare's Associates 2007 season. The show represents a collaboration of artists featuring many different creative fields, including a juried visual arts exhibit intriguingly titled: "Is That Art?" and a gathering of audience members, wine-makers, and artists assembled at Blacksmith Square's Retzlaff Tasting Room to discuss that perennial question the first Sunday of the run.

A witty riff on artistic taste and cultural values in the modern world, "art" won numerous international awards, including an Olivier (England), Moliere (France), and Tony (USA). As three middle-aged male friends discuss the purchase by one of them of an expensive all-white painting, tempers flare, old annoyances blossom into accusations, and the fabric of amity is

stretched to the breaking point.

Eventually the audience gets the point: "There's no explaining taste," or, as the French say, "One man's fish is another man's poisson." But how do differences of opinion play against the obligation of good friends to be mutually supportive?

If a dear friend asks your judgment on an ugly new wardrobe or hateful prospective partner, how honest should you (or could you) be? And at what cost to your personal relationship? Friendships, marriages, and even political alliances have foundered on these shoals since the beginning of recorded time.

Playwright Yasmin Reza dissects the way different approaches to this delicate problem play out in real life. Tom Darter's blustery Marc is the type who would view his wife's new dress and bellow a heartfelt "HORRIBLE!" And then he would have no clue why his absolutely truthful opinion could cause such hurt feelings, hysterics, and anger on the part of his spouse.

Russ Marcel's Serge is like the confident wearer of the new outfit, who cannot understand why his nearest and dearest don't appreciate its obvious beauty, and so reacts defensively and aggressively. Yvan, perfectly nuanced by Bryant Hoex, is the eternal uneasy pleaser, and tries two different diplomatic approaches, essentially telling each friend what he wants to hear when they are alone with him. Quite predictably, when, together again, both cite his opinions, they are equally furious and end up dumping their wrath on him, the failed peacemaker.

It's such a common social dynamic, and resonated clearly with each listener, as I heard many of them remark after the show.

Especially familiar was the "heat-of-the-moment" remark, when one person goes just a step

too far and blurts out an unforgivable truth, such as "I never did like your mother..." Once that Rubicon is crossed, there's no turning back from the vicious response sure to follow, all polite or affectionate restraint vanishes, and even long-standing relationships shatter like fine porcelain.

Can a friendship be salvaged after such hurtful candor has so painfully wounded each participant? Like a marriage, it's so much more difficult to mend a broken relationship than to rupture it in the first place. Audience members will have to judge the surprise ending's plausibility for themselves.

Having viewed two productions of "art" including the NYC original, I have the highest praise for the wonderful timing in this version. The lines breathe more naturally and the pauses give these three top-notch actors a chance to use their unusually expressive faces to maximum effect. Their physical reactions are the real script here.

As famous musicians have remarked, it's not so much how one plays the written notes; what's most important are the spaces in between. And in this show, the grace notes between the words are even more expressive and impressive than the text itself. See for yourself at this weekend's final performances at the Bothwell Arts Center, 8th and G Streets in Livermore. Shows are on Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 1 (no fooling), at 2 p.m. Tickets at \$25 general, \$20 seniors, teachers, and military, and \$15 students, are available on the website at www.shakespeareassociates.org, or by calling (800) 838-3006. Come thirty minutes early to enjoy that provocative lobby exhibit entitled "Is It Art?" and decide for yourselves.

Foothill Hosting Festival of the Arts 2007

The Visual and Performing Art Department of Foothill High School presents Festival of the Arts 2007, as part of Art is Education, a month-long celebration of youth arts learning in Alameda County.

Over 500 pieces of student art will be on display from Monday, April 2nd through Thursday April 5th during school hours. To celebrate the outstanding work created by Foothill students, a reception will be held on Sunday evening, April 1st, from 6pm to 8pm. Local artists and teachers will be brought in to judge the artwork. Awards will be presented at the Sunday reception.

The art students have decided to also add a fundraiser to the Festival this year. They are supporting the "Empty Bowls" project. The mission of Empty Bowls is to create positive and lasting social change through the arts, education and projects that build community. Empty Bowls was started in 1990 when a high school art teacher in Michigan helped his students search for a way to raise funds to support a food drive. By the following year the originators had developed this concept into the "Empty Bowls" Project. Since then Empty Bowls events have been held throughout the world, and

millions of dollars have been raised to combat world hunger.

The basic idea for Empty Bowls is simple. Students create ceramic bowls, then serve a simple meal of soup and bread. Guests choose a bowl to keep as a reminder that there are always Empty Bowls in the world. In exchange for a meal and the bowl, the guest gives a suggested minimum donation of ten dollars. The ceramics students of Foothill High School have been creating bowls to sell at the Festival of Arts. The Foothill catering department will be creating and serving homemade soup and bread during lunch on April 3rd.

Great Variety from the Livermore-Amador Symphony

By Nancy O'Connell

A large audience filled the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday night for the spring concert offering of the Livermore-Amador Symphony. The music performed covered a span of over 140 years and provided its listeners with a rich tapestry of orchestral sounds.

Composed when he was just 20 years old in 1807, Carl Maria von Weber gave the world a masterpiece in his Symphony #2 in C Major. In the opening movement, the *Allegro*, a beautiful woodwind passage was accompanied by the violins. Although this symphony is still in the classical style, a melodic flute solo played by Nathan Wong gave a hint of the romanticism which Weber displayed in his later compositions.

The *Adagio ma non troppo* had a long viola solo expertly played by Hazelle Miloradovitch, and later a haunting melody was heard in the oboes as performed by Eva Langfeldt and Larry George.

In the third movement, the *Menuetto* the strong first violin section shone, with good intonation and uniform bowing. In the last movement, the *Scherzo*, the first violin passage was answered by the bassoons. A beautiful French horn solo was accompanied by all of the strings playing quietly. This was followed by the full orchestra in a forte fortissimo section. After this loud and enthusiastic showering of sound, a surprise was in store. Instead of ending with a bang, the symphony drew to a close with a whimper, a mere whispering of tonal effects.

The familiar Fantasia on "Greensleeves," as elaborated upon by Ralph Vaughn Williams in 1929, mirrored a movement

in other lands such as Hungary. In 1904 Williams realized that English folk songs were not being preserved. He began to collect many of them, just as Bela Bartok and Kodaly did in Hungary. All three composers used these songs they discovered in their own music. A beautiful work, this Fantasia, featured harp passages played superbly by Wendy Tanis. The cellos and violins in turn played the famous melody. A memorable flute solo was accompanied by the harpist.

Samuel Barber's "Knoxville: Summer of 1915" followed. I grew up hearing tales of Barber's childhood and musical growth. His father, a physician in West Chester, Pennsylvania, and my aunt, a hospital Superintendent of nurses, worked together for years. She was a frequent guest in the Barber home. Each time young Sam returned from studying at the famous Curtis Institute in Philadelphia my aunt observed his deep love for music.

As interpreted by Dr. Barnes and the stunning soloist, Tiffany Cromartie, soprano, Barber's "Knoxville" sprang to life. The petite and slender soloist had a glorious voice, full and rich. Her diction was clear, and her words were supposedly those of a small child. She captured the child-like wonder in her singing. One could hear the street noises of the streetcar going by as she sang James Agee's prose poem, "A streetcar raising its iron moan; stopping, belling and starting; rousing and raising again its iron increasing moan..." Her voice rose effortlessly over the entire orchestra. Her high soprano with

the first violins, two high voices together, created haunting sounds. She could be heard even over the entire French horn section. What might have sounded dissonant in Barber's time now evoke an earlier musical time. Composed in 1947, the music might have shocked some of its listeners then, but now it is like a gossamer print - a photo of an earlier era seen in sepia tones.

For an encore, she sang "Skylark," composed by Hoagy Carmichael and arranged for Frank Sinatra by Nelson Riddle. With full orchestra, her rich soprano filled the hall. For a moment we were transported to another time, another venue.

After the intermission, "The Grenadiers" by Richard Arnell was a showcase for brass choir. Some surprising syncopation was heard - trumpets blowing, French horns sounding forth, trombones solemnly declaring - all the magnificent sounds of the brass were displayed in turn.

Then the final work came, the "Grand Canyon Suite" by Ferde Grofe, which began with an ethereal high violin passage in "Sunrise." There was a lovely English horn solo played by Larry George. In the excellent program notes, Grofe described how he got up at dawn to watch the sunrise. "At first it was very silent and then, as the day got brighter, the sounds of the natural world began." His sense of awe is eloquently captured here.

Programmatic, the "Painted Dessert" features mysterious sounds: muted trumpets, tremolo violins, an English horn solo, and vibrant orchestral sounds, followed by instruments imitating bird songs. "On the Trail" began forcefully, then had the famous violin solo. Sally Dalke's bow danced over the strings and later

sounded like donkeys braying, a theme then echoed in the bassoons. Paul Kasameyer, on a synthesizer, had a keyboard solo which sounded a bit like a marimba, but more like something artificial. It's akin to biting into ersatz ice cream instead of a rich, dark chocolate.

"Sunset" began in the horns quietly echoing each other. The triangle rang softly as the violins played high harmonics. Then the glorious full orchestra entered, sounding like a movie score. The harp and the concertmaster, accompanied by unusual percussive effects, closed this section, followed by "Cloudburst." This began peacefully with full, rich sonorities. The cellos were way up in the stratosphere in high thumb position. The first cellist, Ken Windler, had a solo against a quiet drumming, almost a pulsing, then one heard lightning, thunder, and rain pelting down as the violins rapidly pizzicato. Trumpets, horns, tympani, and cymbals clash as the storm builds to an enormous climax, then the storm abates briefly. Earlier themes from "On the Trail" return to tie all of the movements together, and the magnificent Grand Canyon Suite closes after building to yet another triumphant climax.

A rich evening of so much diverse talent from our own Livermore-Amador Symphony and a glowing tribute to Dr. Arthur Barnes, who has guided the orchestra for nearly 40 years. At the reception afterwards, a birthday cake was cut in his honor, and he quipped, "Where are my 32 candles?" Anyone can see there is something strange afoot with this math. Was he not even a babe in his mother's womb when he began conducting?

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. VG07313907
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
5672 Stoneridge Drive
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Jonathon & Stephanie Stubbles filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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A 1937 Willys Coupe owned by Bob Cross of Tracy was one of the 3000 custom cars and hot rods on display at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton last weekend during the Goodguys 25th All American Get Together.

Tri-Valley to Host First Employment Fair

The Tri-Valley's first Employment Fair will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The fair will promote living and working in the Valley. This is the first regional employment fair in the Tri-Valley.

Las Positas College, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, the Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center, and the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon are presenting the event.

Event coordinators are currently recruiting employers interested in participating in the fair, to be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444

East Avenue in Livermore. The fair will present an opportunity for job seekers to interact with industry leading employers in the Tri-Valley.

Employers will have the opportunity to interview on-site at the fair, in conference rooms near the main exhibit area. A special employer's lounge will be available throughout the day. To download an employers' registration form and access online information, please visit www.laspositascollege.edu

For more information please contact, Lettie Camp at Las Positas College at (925) 424-1423. Booths need to be secured by February 28, 2007.

Hundreds of job seekers from entry to senior level are expected to attend the fair. The employment fair will include free career seminars on generational job searching, resume writing, interview skills, and how to plan for and manage your retirement. Admission and parking is Free.



PET OF THE WEEK:

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Quarry Lane High School Ready to Open

Quarry Lane High School, the only private secular K-12 school in the Tri-Valley area, is poised to occupy its new facility in the summer of 2007. The 71,000 square foot state of the art school will house both the high school and the middle school.

Michele Cole will serve as director of the facility. Cole has been serving public and private educational communities as both a teacher and administrator for over 30 years. In addition, to K-16 experience in the United States, she has taught in Israel and Switzerland.

She says of teaching, "To be a model school, you have to be constantly involved with reaching, refreshing yourself. You have to be authentic."

The new facility is located in Dublin at 6363 Tassajara Road. It will, in addition to traditional classrooms, feature a gym, science labs, art studio, library, senior lounge, and athletic fields. This facility, in combination with the existing facilities, will expand the school to encompass over 100,000 square feet of interior educational space.

The facility will enhance and extend the rigorous and broad college preparatory curriculum offered at Quarry Lane. Throughout the school, including high school, the lower students to teachers ratio allows for a sense of community and student support.

Currently, the school is a candidate school for the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The IB programme, originating in Geneva, Switzerland as a response to the needs of children of the diplomatic corps community, is the "gold standard" in college admissions. It requires students to study courses across six areas of academic discipline: native language, second language, individuals and societies, experimental sciences, mathematics and computer science, and the arts.

Example of a typical freshman schedule would include English, math (geometry), science (biol-

ogy), social studies (world history), and two electives (a required foreign language, and one elective in art, band, choir, drama, journalism/yearbook, P.E. or sport activity).

The typical sophomore would take English, math (algebra II), science (chemistry I), social studies (geography, AP European geography) and two electives (required foreign language, and one in art, band, choir, drama, journalism/yearbook).

Additionally, diploma candidates participate in Community, Action and Service (CAS), write an original 4,000 word research paper and study a unique philosophy-based course Theory of Knowledge. Assessment of student achievement is by both the classroom teacher and external examiners, and includes exams at both the higher levels and subsidiary levels.

There are only 3 schools offering this program in the Northern California area. In addition to the Diploma Programme at the high school level, the Middle Years Programme and the tenants of the Primary Years Programme drive the curriculum for K-8.

Approximately two-thirds of all Quarry Lane students qualify for gifted instruction (GATE). However, in addition to class work, CIF sports and co-curricular activities, all students from K-12 participate in community service projects. These projects are teacher-led in the primary grades but student-led and designed in the Middle School and High School. Because the school has an international population, philanthropic activities focus on local, national and international needs.



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