

Two Would Commit To Interim Service On Board

Two of the four applicants for appointment to the vacant seat on the Pleasanton school board are offering themselves as an interim school board member, who would serve only until the regular board election in November 2008.

Former Pleasanton councilmember Steve Brozosky and former Pleasanton school trustee Clark Gunson both commented on their application forms that they are interested in serving in an interim capacity.

The other two applicants, Marty Scalise and Robert Gehl, made no mention of an interim appointment. Both applied last time, when the board appointed Chris Grant in February to succeed Steve Pulido, who became a judge.

During those interviews, both candidates were called forward into the second round of the board's interview process on the night of the appointment. However, neither were finalists.

The appointee this time will replace Juanita Haugen, who died March 5. The board deliberated at its meeting March 27 about whether to go to a special election in November 2007, keep the seat open until November 2008, or make an appointment. The board decided to make an appointment, to save the estimated \$110,000 to \$150,000 of a special election.

Trustees also said that they did not want to operate until November 2008 with only four members. However, several trustees did talk about appointing

an applicant who would agree not to run in November 2008. That would eliminate any perceived advantage of an appointed incumbent running for re-election then. The board decided to leave it up to applicants to state whether they were interested in being appointed on an interim basis, or not.

Brozosky said in his application that "many in the community" approached him about the appointment and urged him to apply on the interim basis. He said that those people know well "that the incumbent has an advantage in an election." By filling the seat "with someone like me, who will not run as the incumbent, a group of well-meaning residents can run in the next election, and debate the issues and ideas to help bet-

ter our schools."

Gunson served alongside Haugen on the unified district board from 1988-'99. He lost the seat in the 1999 election. He was also on the former elementary school board from 1982 to 1986. He cited his experience as a trustee as a good background to serve in an interim capacity until the November 2008 election.

A retired CPA, he also pointed to his fiscal expertise as a help on school budgets. "I believe that by doing this (interim role), the community of Pleasanton would have the opportunity to elect a new school board member without prejudice," Gunson wrote.

All four candidates mentioned their links to the schools through their chil-

dren. Gunson's children are grown now. Brozosky has one in high school and another in college. Gehl has a high school student and a graduate, and Scalise has two elementary school children.

All mentioned various community youth activities, in the past or present. Scalise serves on the district's excellence committee. Brozosky served on the city's youth master plan implementation committee and is a 4-H leader. Gunson coached youth sports and served in a leadership role in the Boy Scouts. Gehl is on school committees connected to Amador Valley High School marching band and the AVHS Friends of Music.

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Gardens Could Be the Next Development Amenity

Livermore could become the first city in the Tri-Valley, and one of the few so far in California, to encourage developers to install a new amenity in their developments — the community garden space.

City Councilmember Tom Reitter attended a conference at UC Berkeley recently that discussed how urban edge agriculture can be linked to smart growth. One topic mentioned was that cities could encourage developers to bring in garden space with their subdivisions, just as they do now with parks, schools, and other amenities.

The link to smart growth is twofold, said Reitter. One is that food would be grown locally, instead of having to travel hundreds of miles. Eliminating that extra transport would create less greenhouse gas.

Reitter asked at a recent council meeting to have the council's energy and environment committee look at the idea, because of the energy saving. "Studies have shown that some food moves 5000 miles before it is consumed. The U.S. is still an exporter of wheat and corn, which is not worth much per pound. We import fruits and vegetables. We depend on imported food," said Reitter.

To counter that, some places, such as Orange County, are planting fruit trees in public rights of way, to provide a local crop, he said.

The other advantage of hav-

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A bicyclist enjoys the acacia trees blooming along North Livermore Avenue. The trees were planted almost 116 years ago. They could be removed to allow access to a proposed cemetery.

Extension Would Alter Traffic Patterns

The public will be able to weigh in on the results of traffic modeling with and without the Stoneridge Drive extension.

The Pleasanton City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint workshop to discuss the results on Tues., April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the city council chambers. The modeling is part of the city's general plan update process.

Results of the modeling show that building the extension does not reduce the number of level of service E and F intersections in the city. However, it does reduce

the delay at most of the intersections, which also reduces the level of mitigation necessary to maintain acceptable levels of service.

In addition, building the Stoneridge extension, according to the staff report, results in a significant redistribution of traffic volumes. This provides relief on such routes as Hacienda Drive, Santa Rita Road, and Valley Avenue between Santa Rita Road and Busch Road. Traffic would show an increase on Stoneridge Drive east of El Charro Road. Approximately 10

percent of the traffic on Stoneridge would be cut-through traffic, according to the modeling.

The extension reduces total peak hour volumes and cut-through trips on Valley Avenue and Stanley Boulevard. However, it does not significantly reduce the proportion of cut-through traffic on these roads.

In modeling the Stoneridge extension, three land use options were used. One was the land use preferred by the council, which

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School District Considers Selling Surplus Properties

By Patricia Koning

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is considering what to do with three parcels of unused, vacant property. The largest parcel, at 13.5 acres, is located on Calderia Drive across from Robertson Park, and could be worth more than \$10 million.

The most recent assessment put the property's value at \$8.1 million. However, trustee Bill Morrison, who is also a real estate agent, estimates the property is worth roughly \$3-400,000 per acre, or \$10-12 million.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District has expressed interest in obtaining the site, which is adjacent to Robertson Park. The park district would like to build several sports fields as well as neighborhood park amenities on the 13.5 acre site.

The school district bought this parcel for \$6.2 million in 2001 during the implementation of the South Livermore plan. The idea was to use the property to house an elementary school that would serve the burgeoning South Livermore population.

"By 2002 it was becoming clear that there was no growth potential in the South Livermore area," says Director of Facilities Floyd Wilson. "By 2003 we were already talking about closing schools."

Plans to build a school on the South Livermore property were scrapped. The school district pays \$81,000 per year as an unused property penalty assessed by the State of California.

"The State doesn't want school

districts in the land speculation business," explains Wilson.

The school district also owns two smaller parcels. The 1.1-acre Inman Property is located at the corner of Doolan and Collier Canyon Roads. This parcel is in the "Greenbelt" area, a protected and non-developable area between Livermore and Dublin. However, city services such as water and sewer have recently been installed. According to the school district report, there are rumors that Collier Canyon Road would be extended to Dublin. Such a project might result in the rezoning of the area, which could significantly increase the property's value.

Any rezoning would require a vote by the public to change the urban growth boundary.

The current assessment sets the parcel's value at \$12,000. If zoning laws change that number could jump as high as \$700,000. It is currently zoned at one house per 100 acres.

One potential use of the Inman Property would be to house the proposed Community Day School. The site is physically removed from other schools in the district. It is easily accessible from Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton. A bus route already runs near the site.

The 2-acre May School property is located 1.25 miles east of North Livermore Avenue on May Road. The area is currently zoned for agriculture and the property is valued at \$12,000. Because of the remoteness of the site, District administrators do not feel it

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Systems Reduce Possibility of Terrorist Attack

The probability of a successful terrorist attack on the BSL-3 facility at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is so uncertain that the possibility of such an event cannot be accurately quantified. That is the conclusion of a draft Revised Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Construction and Operation of a Biosafety Level 3 Facility at the Lab.

The proposed building has already been constructed and all facility-related equipment installed.

In addition to the biosafety facility at the main site, consideration is being given to construct both a level 3 and level 4 biosafety facilities at Site 300. In January 2007, the Tracy City Council voted to oppose the bio-lab at Site 300.

The environmental review for

the main site facility concluded that the systems and technologies in the proposed facility would likely reduce the probability and consequences of a bio-terrorist act against the public in general.

The document was prepared in response to an October 2006 Court ruling requiring the U.S. Department of Energy to con-

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Livermore Winery Might Be Subject For Reality TV

"A Day in the Life of a Winemaker" might be a TV reality show on the horizon. Livermore could be the location.

Thanks to a Pleasanton native's Hollywood contacts, the show just might happen. If it does, the venue would be Tenuta Vineyards, a 25-acre winery, which is on Kalthoff Common, at the edge of Livermore, near Vallecitos Road and Ruby Hill. Tenuta Vineyards is the

Valley's third largest winery. It produces 20,000 cases, although only 2000 have the Tenuta label. Some 16 wineries are clients, with Tenuta Vineyards crushing the other wineries' grapes and bottling them under the wineries' labels.

Film crews were at Tenuta Vineyards one weekend last month, filming some of vineyard owner Nancy Tenuta's interaction with customers, and even getting some

hidden camera shots of buyers' comments about wine, said Rich Rollins, who helps his friend Tenuta on weekends at the winery.

Rollins is a buddy of Joe Kenny, who owns Cannery Productions in Los Angeles. When Kenny was visiting Rollins a few months ago, he heard Tenuta talking about her various jobs at the winery. She holds wed-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Jefferson is held by Natalie Giordano (back) while Wendy McNelley scratches his chin. Mr. Whiskers eyes the camera. Both cats are living in "Kitty City" at the Valley Humane Society and are available for adoption. The expanded facility is opening on Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information, see page 12.

Mentoring Suits Golf Team Girls To A Tee

A group of girls ages 10 to 15 are picking up many golf skills, now that they are members of the Girls Golf Tee Party. They will try their hands at a new skill April 22 — mentoring.

The club, with members mostly from Pleasanton and Livermore, will be playing at the Pleasanton Fairways, a nine-hole course in the Pleasanton Fairgrounds racetrack infield. The girls will be in friendly competition with several women golfers from RADD, the Recreational Activities for Developmentally Disabled, a Pleasanton city service.

For a couple of RADD members, the competition will be about their whole game. For three others, there will be skill set competition, such as putting or chip shots.

The RADD women have some

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Pleasanton Begins Search for Next Poet Laureate

The City of Pleasanton is now accepting applications for its fifth Poet Laureate to serve as a public advocate for the appreciation and advancement of the literary arts. The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30. The selected person will hold the honorary post from May, 2007-April, 2009.

Pleasanton's next Poet Laureate will succeed the late Charlene Villella, Jim Ott, Kirk Ridgeway and Cynthia Bryant, who holds the post currently. He or she will be called upon to provide poetry at civic events such as dedications and public ceremonies, coordinate the bi-monthly Century House Poetry Readings and serve as an active

member of the Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival planning committee. In addition, the new Poet Laureate will act as a resource and liaison between the Civic Arts Program and local schools, literary and community organizations.

Candidates for the Poet Laureate position must be Pleasanton residents who have published poetry deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee. They must demonstrate affiliation with local schools, literary organizations and other entities associated with the advancement of the literary arts and they must be prepared to serve a two-year term without compensation.

"The Poet Laureate program

has been embraced by our community with great enthusiasm over the past eight years. All of our Laureates have enriched the program with their specific interests and talents and we're eager to see what the new Poet Laureate will bring to literary community," says City of Pleasanton Civic Arts Manager Andy Jorgensen.

The program has enjoyed significant success in raising public awareness of poetry and demonstrating the City's support for the literary arts and for organizations that work to enrich the community's cultural life. In 2001, the program received honorable mention at the 22nd An-

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A new covered horse arena at Robertson Park in Livermore will be ready for the annual Spring Stampede. For information about the stampede, see page 8.

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan



Earth Day: Species to Remember

Natural history is certainly a part of local history. Starting in 1996 a bald eagle pair at Del Valle Regional Park has raised one or two eaglets each year for almost a decade in a huge nest at the top of a pine. Our national symbol is a scrappy, feisty bird that fights for its share of fish, carrion, and roadkill. A biologist studying the pair at Del Valle saw the female leave her nest and attack a bobcat, successfully retrieving the ground squirrel that the bobcat had captured. Wildlife specialist Joe DiDonato called her "a big, aggressive bird." An Alaskan native, she had been raised in captivity and released near Big Sur in 1991; she wears a transmitter that permits researchers to track her. A ranger recently said that the pair was still at Del Valle, but their nest's current location is unknown.

The trout-rich reservoirs in the Bay Area attract bald eagles until breeding season begins in early spring, when they fly north to nest near salmon runs in the Northwest and Alaska. This pair was the first to establish permanent residence in the Bay Area. Thus, even locally, the big bird is making a comeback from the disastrous effects of DDT. Although removed from the endangered list, the bald eagle remains a threatened species.

The Livermore Valley is home to a number of endangered species. One of these is the red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*), our largest native frog, made famous by Mark Twain in his short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." This amphibian has a speckled, reddish-brown body with black striped legs that are red on the bottom. Before gold miners clogged California streams with mud in the 1800s, the red-legged frog was common from Canada to Mexico. It has continued to lose habitat as wetlands have been filled in for ranching, roads and housing. In 1896 the bullfrog was introduced to California and soon spread widely. Unfortunately, the bullfrog likes to eat red-legged frogs. In 1996 the red-legged frog was placed on the Endangered Species List.

The Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus*), another endangered species, favors chaparral and scrubland in the foothills as its habitat. A diurnal species, it is plain dark brown or black above, with an orange stripe on each side; its length varies from three to five feet. Rocky outcroppings are important for the snake to hide from predators and withdraw from heat or cold, and to find its favorite food—lizards. Although other whipsnakes are found in California, the Alameda variety is found only in the San Francisco Bay Area. In Alameda County, 60% of the land has been designated as critical habitat for it and the red-legged frog.

Another endangered species is the burrowing owl (*Athene cucularia*). About 9 to 10 inches tall, this year-round resident is easily distinguished by its long legs. Preferring open grassland, it often nests in the abandoned burrow of a ground squirrel, although it may dig its own in soft soil. It is boldly spotted and barred with white on a dark brown background. Its tail is short, its eyes yellow. When it is upset, its alarm cry sounds like a rattlesnake. Mostly diurnal, the burrowing owl is also active at dawn and dusk. It preys on insects, small mammals, reptiles, small birds, and carrion. The burrowing owl population has been greatly reduced by the poisoning of ground squirrels and habitat loss caused by increased residential and commercial development. At Garaventa Wetland Preserve off Vasco Road, LARPD built about 15 mounds with interior tunnels, with the hope that they would attract burrowing owls at that site, and several owls have been observed in the area.

The San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*) is an endangered mammal in the valley. It is a small brownish-gray animal with a black-tipped tail and large ears. Its height varies from about 9 to 12 inches; an average male weighs only 5 pounds. Like the burrowing owl, the kit fox prefers open grassland and has suffered from the loss of this habitat. Livestock grazing depletes the natural ground cover, which reduces the rodent and small mammal population on which the fox preys. The kit fox, mostly nocturnal, becomes active at sunset. In the wild it lives only about 2½ years. During studies made in the Vasco before the construction of Los Vaqueros Reservoir, a small population of kit foxes was discovered. The Contra Costa Water District is trying to preserve it.

Some of the land to the northeast of Los Vaqueros Reservoir has saline-alkali soil that often floods on its surface in the rainy season. The palmate-bracted bird's beak (*Cordylanthus palmatus*), an endangered plant in the snapdragon family, enjoys this habitat. Covered with short hairs that excrete salt crystals, the plant has an external grayish-green appearance and blooms from May to October. This population in Alameda County is one of only two still extant. Modern drainage systems and residential development have sounded the knell for this little species.

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E-Waste Collection Slated at Fairgrounds

Electronic Waste Management (EWM), a state-approved collector, and the City of Pleasanton are sponsoring a free disposal and recycling event in conjunction with Earth Day.

E-waste can be brought to the Alameda County Fairgrounds, in Pleasanton, Earth Day weekend, Friday, April 20 from noon to 5 p.m. and, Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Any California business, school, government agency, organization, and/or resident is welcome to bring their unwanted and dispose of it. All items collected will be recycled by a state-approved recycling company. There is no limit to the amount of people can bring. Among the items that can be dropped off are TV's, computers, monitors, computer components, power supplies, telephone equipment, scrap metal, wire, and much much more. Items that cannot be accepted are household appliances, microwaves, smoke detectors, furniture, or household or car batteries.

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EWM/ACQ is a state-approved participant in a state-funded program to collect and recycle electronic waste. The state-funded program, run by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, was created as a result of the passage of SB 20 and SB 50. This program, funded by way of a surcharge on new computer components, was established for the purpose of collecting and recycling certain types of old electronic waste (also

called) that have been used in California. As set forth by SB 20/SB 50, licensed recyclers and collectors taking part in this new recycling program must adhere to strict requirements with regard to how the material is processed and recycled. For more information on the program, visit www.erecycle.org.

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Charter School Sixth Graders Share the Gift of Reading

by Patricia Koning

Sixth graders at the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) will be reading lots of stories to the younger students at the school for years to come. However, the middle schoolers won't be wearing out their voices; thanks to some basic technology, they've created audio CDs of popular early reader books that are now available in the school's library.

"The goal was to complete a service learning project in which the students would use some basic technology to help out the school," says LVCS middle school technology teacher Michelle Fitts.

The idea, called the Read Along CD Project, was simple enough. Working in pairs, the students played the role of either voice talent or editor.

Using Windows Sound Recorder and a microphone, the voice talent read the book, one page at a time. Then the editor added sound effects, compiled the files using iTunes, and burned a CD.

"Recording the audio was challenging because it had to be perfect," says Fitts. "Just finding quiet spots for all the students to do their reading was difficult."

The voice talent wound up spread all over campus, using other teachers' classrooms during the prep periods and even the boys and girls locker rooms.

"Being the voice talent was



LVCS sixth graders work on creating an audio CD recording of a book.

much harder than it seemed, because you had to read perfectly and have the right tone of voice and pacing," says Alyssa Proudfoot, an LVCS sixth grader.

The editors got creative with their sound effects, using radar pings and splashes to indicate the end of the page. If they could find a sound that was better than the reader, such as a horse neighing or cow mooing, they used it.

"Being the editor was a lot of work," says sixth grader Carina Salcedo. "I really wanted to do justice to the excellent work of the voice talent."

Earth Day Events in Pleasanton

The public is invited to celebrate Earth Day on Sat., April 21 at the Pleasanton Sports Park, Parkside Drive at Hopyard Road. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Pleasanton and Zone 7 Water Agency. The festivities take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the central snack shack.

Event-goers will receive prizes and be invited to visit different stations to learn how the key elements of a healthy environment work and how to keep them from being polluted.

Participants can: learn household tips to keep toxics from entering the environment; see how to help fight pollution in the local stormwater drainage system,

learn why water conservation is critical, find out how important the groundwater basin is for the local drinking water supply, and discover ways to use fewer chemicals in gardening from Master Gardeners.

The Pleasanton Ad Hoc Trails Group will be on hand to talk about the local trails. Cub Scouts and other individual volunteers will be cleaning along the creeks. High School students with the Tri-Valley Regional Occupation Program will share their knowledge about creeks and creek critters.

In Livermore, Zone 7 will be staffing a booth at the Earth Day Celebration at Robertson Park.

Livermore Plans Clean-up

Livermore's Beautification Committee, the City of Livermore, and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) are hosting this year's Earth Day Event starting at Robertson Park this Saturday, April 21st.

Everyone is invited to join in the day's events, whether it is volunteering to help clean-up Arroyo Mocho, Las Positas River, and Sycamore Grove/Veteran's Park, or to come out to Robertson Park to learn about sustainability and becoming more earth-friendly.

Volunteers will have their choice of which area to work and will receive organic cotton T-shirts. Registration is at 8:30 am at Robertson Park. Breakfast and BBQ lunch will be provided for those who register in the morning, and drinking water will be provided.

Transportation will be provided from Robertson Park to the clean-up sites, and participants

will return to Robertson Park at about 11:30 for lunch and activities.

From 11:30 to 2:00 pm there will be a BBQ lunch for participants, and live music from Generation Blue, www.generationblueband.com. There will be displays and information tables by more than 20 earth-friendly vendors, and children's activities and games.

For more information, please visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us, and click on Earth Day Clean-up, or call LARPD at 373-5700.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Focus on Transportation

Rep. Ellen Tauscher (Calif.-10) and Rep. Jerry McNerney (Calif.-11) spent a day last week in the Tri-Valley focusing on the transportation needs of northern California by taking a helicopter tour of congestion areas and hosting a Transportation Summit attended by decision-makers at the local, state, and federal levels.

Tauscher and McNerney were joined by their colleague, Chairman Peter DeFazio, who heads the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, the panel charged with making spending decisions for the nation's roadways.

"Congressman McNerney and I invited Chairman DeFazio for two reasons; to give our communities' transportation leaders the opportunity to have a dialogue with the person who will have the responsibility for allocating federal transportation dollars when the next bill comes before Congress, and so that the Chairman could see first hand what we in the Bay Area are dealing with everyday," said Tauscher.

McNerney stated, "The transportation needs of the Tri-Valley and other cities in the Bay Area have never been greater. We're all spending more time in traffic and less with our families, and today's summit allows us to draw attention to our successes as well as the future transportation needs of the region."

McNerney and Tauscher hosted the Transportation Summit: Spanning Counties, Issues, and Solutions to highlight the successes of transportation projects in the Bay Area and Central Valley and to bring attention to the needs of one of the most congested areas in the country.

Other than McNerney and Tauscher, speakers at the event included Rep. Peter DeFazio, Chairman of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee; Will Kempton, Director, CA Department of Transportation; Steve Heminger, Executive Director of MTC; and Andy Chesley, Executive Director of San Joaquin COG.

Marijuana in Livermore

A call from the Contra Costa County District Attorney's office to Livermore Police regarding potential illegal firearms resulted in uncovering a large scale marijuana growing operation.

Livermore police were told that monitored phone calls from an inmate, Kevin McFadden, led police to believe that McFadden was storing illegal firearms at his residence, 3913 Santa Clara Way, Livermore. McFadden is currently in custody in Contra Costa County for violation of court orders; he is a convicted felon. A search warrant for the residence was then obtained.

When the warrant was served, no one was found in the house, and no illegal firearms were located. However, it was discovered that three rooms in house were dedicated to growing marijuana. Two of the rooms had a total of (42 mature) marijuana plants growing. A bonus room in the house was set up to grow another 100 plants. There was evidence in the bonus room that a recent harvest had occurred. McFadden did possess a Medicinal Marijuana Growing Certificate.

During this investigation, police discovered that the PG&E meter was bypassed, and numerous building code violations occurred.

Under California State Law, a certified mari-

juana grower is allowed to grow (6) mature plants or (12) immature plants. A complaint will be sought against Kevin McFadden for illegal marijuana cultivation and theft of PG&E services.

Mayor's Mobile Office Hours

Pleasanton residents shopping at the Farmers' Market last Saturday took time to share their thoughts with Mayor Jennifer Hosterman at the first of her "mobile" office hours. According to Hosterman, topics ranged from traffic and housing to the need to preserve open space.

"I'm glad this was such a success," said Hosterman. "I got to talk with people who don't usually get a chance to speak with their elected officials. Most people don't have the time to make a special trip to city hall. The next step will be to find more locations around town where we can provide access that fits people's schedules."

Hosterman will again be at the Farmers' Market this Sat., April 21 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. In addition, she holds drop-in office hours at city hall, 123 Main Street, on Fridays in April from 1 to 3 p.m.

Livermore Real Estate Roundup

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce's Real Estate Roundup 2007 will be held at the Shrine Event Center, Tuesday April 24, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This annual event is open to the entire community. It is designed as an update on new Livermore residential and commercial real estate developments and other issues of local interest.

Real Estate Roundup includes a bus tour of new Livermore developments as well as a trade show and networking opportunities, a prestigious panel of speakers and lunch.

- Topics and speakers include:
- Chuck Edell, 2007 President of Bay East Association of Realtors: "Residential Real Estate Overview"
 - Kai Matsuda, Union Bank of California: "Economic Trends on the East Bay/Tri Valley Area and their effects on Real Estate"
 - Paula Rowland, Prime Retail: "Prime Retail Mall at El Charro"
 - Dave Best, Shea Homes: "The Evolution of a Development Project - Montage"
 - Michael Parker, Exterra Realty Partners: "Development of Montevina"
 - Julie Hansen, O'Brien Homes: "O'Brien Homes and Livermore's Arroyo Crossing"
 - Mike Callahan, Callahan Properties: "Livermore Developments by Callahan Properties"
 - Kevin Roberts, City Economic Development Director: "Downtown Livermore - There's More Here...and More to Come"

Tickets are \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members for the lunch program, and \$65 for members and \$75 for non-members for the bus tour and lunch program

For further information or to make reservations, call the Chamber at 447-1606.

Correction

In last week's article, "Livermore Teachers Blame Lack of Respect for Workday Conflict," the proposal offered by the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to the Livermore Education Association is for a 7.5-hour on-site workday, inclusive of lunch, not a 7-hour on-site work day, inclusive of lunch, as the article states.

Valley Employment Fair Set

The Tri-Valley's First Employment Fair will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the Robert Livermore Community Center at 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The Cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, and San Ramon are joining with Las Positas College and the Livermore Area Recreation & Park District to sponsor this free event.

The Employment Fair is designed to provide Tri-Valley residents with tools, information and opportunities to secure a job - from job and internship opportunities to seminars on finding a job and career development. Attendees are encouraged to bring a resume.

This year's regional employment fair offers over 40 top Tri-Valley employers including Activant Solutions, Inc., Bay Area Rapid Transit, Cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon, Coast Radio Company, Inc., Comcast Cable, Contra Costa Co., Contra Costa Times Newspaper, Community Services, Compass Care Services, Fireside Bank, Form Factor, Fremont Bank, Hardwoods Specialty Products, Hedy Holmes Staffing, IAP World Services, Jack in the Box, Jacob Technology, KKDV, KKIQ, and KUIK Radio Stations, Kaiser Permanente, Kelly Scientific/Services, Las Positas College, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Livermore Area Recreation & Park District, Livermore Police Department, Mobil Modular/McGrath, PRIMERICA, RentCorp, Robert Livermore Community Center, Sandia National Laboratory, Securitas Securities Services, Sybase, Inc., Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center, UNCLE Credit Union, US Bank, Valley Care Medical Center, Verizon Wireless, Washington Mutual Bank, Wells Fargo, Wente Vineyards and many others.

A full listing of the companies attending and their job listings can be found at www.laspositascollege.edu

In addition to the exhibiting employers, the Tri-Valley's #1 Employment Fair will offer four seminars scheduled concurrently, at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Topics include: Generational Job Search: Everyone Has Something to Offer; Writing an Effective Resume & Personal Resume Evaluation; Conducting a Win-

ning Interview: Techniques to Get You Hired; and Manage Your Finances to Plan for Retirement.

Representatives from the VA Benefits/Employment Development Department, SCORE, and the East Bay Society for Technical Communication will be on-site to assist job seekers.

For more information go to: www.laspositascollege.edu Use the Search "Employment Fair" for event information and directions.



Ask Kathleen

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A You're smart to think green! All the items you listed are considered household hazardous waste (HHW) and can pollute landfills & waterways. You can take HHW to the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste (ACHHW) facility in Livermore. For information on how to handle & package HHW and for hours & directions, please contact ACHHW directly at (800) 606-6606 or visit household.hazwaste.org. WM curbside customers can recycle motor oil on regular pickup days by placing WM jugs of oil at curbside. Call WM at (925) 447-1300 for jug delivery.



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The applicants will be interviewed by a community screening panel at 6 p.m., April 19. The panel will be comprised of teachers, classified employees, administrators, parents, and members of the business community. The

panel's comments will be passed to the school board.

The board will interview the candidates at 5:30 p.m. April 24. An appointment is expected at that meeting. Both meetings are open to the public.

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EDITORIALS

Alternative To Iraq Forum

Though the Pleasanton City Council backed off from holding a forum on the Iraq war, the Pleasanton poet laureate has stepped forth on the issue, producing an anthology of poems about the war.

Cynthia Bryant, whose two-year stint as poet laureate ends May 31, sees the anthology as a way for the people of Pleasanton and other communities to speak to the people of Iraq. She plans to distribute the book in Iraq, at no charge to readers there.

To date 185 persons have submitted 250 poems. Deadline for submissions is the end of May.

As a way to get involved in the dialogue about the war, the poems are a worthy alternative to the forum. Poetry has the power to stir the deeper and more personal emotions and thoughts. This book's contribution is likely to be a meaningful one.

Big Move By Film Festival

It's film festival time in Livermore, with the California Independent Film Festival (CIFF) presenting movies and special events every day from morning to night through Sunday.

Some bonafide stars will appear, among them Loni Anderson, who will receive the festival's Lifetime Achievement Award.

In its ninth year, CIFF is taking a big step. It's been an autumn event up to now. The April date, it's envisioned, will give CIFF access to a greater number of freshly released works, especially those submitted to Sundance, the festival that kicks off the independent film season.

Derek Zemrak, CIFF president/founder, and his band of festival organizers are driven by a genuine love of cinema. They've created an event that is one of the highlights of the year, with the best years yet to come if the new schedule proves successful.

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dings and cooking classes at the winery, in addition to the late summer crush, and all the work for the other wineries.

Kenny was so enthused about Tenuta's work as the subject of a reality show that he shopped the idea to Warner Brothers, which was interested. Kenny returned to Tenuta Vineyards on St. Patrick's Day weekend with a crew of nine, including four camera operators.

Kenny plans to shoot again this month, then shop around some edited film. If a contract is signed for the show, there could be anywhere from six to 15 episodes, Rollins said.

Tenuta said that the filming was hectic for her. That's really the idea behind the whole show's proposal. "Chaos sells. We have a lot of that around here. There are a lot of issues that come up every day. They are rarely under your control. That's what the public will be interested in," said Tenuta.

She gave the example of the outdoor party set for the winery last Saturday afternoon. There were 80 people scheduled for outdoor festivities that celebrated someone's 40th birthday. It rained that day. So Tenuta and her crew had to move furniture out of the tasting room, where 30 or 40 people were enjoying themselves, and set up the room so that an extra 80 would also have a good time.

Part of the attraction for a TV audience will be the many interesting people who visit the winery, said Tenuta. They sing along with Rollins' karaoke DJ efforts, sing a lot, and talk loudly, the way people do when they are having fun. However, you never know what will happen on top of that. Some wine equipment might spring a leak, and suddenly there is wine everywhere. It's all part of the chaos that Tenuta gets to control. Audiences presumably will love to see how she does it.

Kenny and his TV crew wanted Tenuta to talk about the food her caterers prepare, and about the people who were coming in for a party. "I know what they are looking for. They want drama. I like things to be controlled and running smoothly. It's the opposite of what they are looking for, so I have to jump out of my normal skin, be creative,

and get the job done," she said.

Commenting on the prospect of whether it will get on the air, Tenuta said, "They're professionals. It's costing them a lot of money. I don't think they'd be doing it unless they thought there is a real possibility of putting it together."

A couple of the production company members left Pleasanton on the morning after the filming, and flew to Chicago. There they talked to executives from big production companies about the idea. "You film for a few days to come up with 20 minutes, and hope to appeal to the bigwigs," said Tenuta.

Rollins and Kenny were close friends in the class of 1983 at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. Both went on to film school at San Jose State, and wound up in Hollywood to gain film experience. "Ever since I was 12, I knew I wanted to work in the film industry," said Rollins.

Rollins became a coordinator on movies. He worked on "Back to the Future 3" and "Diehard 2," and other movies. "Years from now, I can look at 'Back to the Future,' and my name will be on the credits. It gave me an opportunity to meet Michael J. Fox and Steven Spielberg," said Rollins.

Rollins left Hollywood in 1991, and returned to Pleasanton. He taught at Dublin's extension high school. Then he switched to waiting tables at Wentle Vineyards in the daytime, and operating a DJ business at night. He fell and hurt his back in 1996, and that changed his work life. He went through rehabilitation. However, the injury took him off the path of fulfilling a dream about getting a master's degree in film school and teaching scriptwriting and film production in a community college.

He turned his adversity into a new career. He came up with the idea of selling medical industry products. "It's neat to be in that environment. With the doctors' help, I provide things to help patients feel better. A lot of the patients I work with have (back) fusion surgery. I tell them, 'I had the same surgery and look at me, how well I'm doing. It turns into a 30 minute discussion, what can you do and what you cannot do,'" said Rollins.

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sider the potential environmental impacts of terrorist activity against the facility. The lawsuit was filed by Tri-Valley CAREs.

Three terrorist acts were considered: 1) a terrorist attack resulting in facility damage; 2) a theft of pathogenic agent by a terrorist from outside of the Lab; and, 3) a theft of pathogenic agent by an insider.

Deliberate facility damage with the intention of releasing small tube-stored samples or working cultures of pathogenic agents would be possible if an individual were able to gain direct access to the facility or cause a catastrophic breach of all containment systems. For example, a suicidal plane crash could breach the facility's containment. Depending on the time of day and the type of research underway, a loss of containment could result in a release of pathogenic materials. The report notes that it is probable that the organic biological material would be destroyed by any resulting fire. Similarly, an explosive device delivered by a vehicle or an individual on foot could breach facility containment with a subsequent partial release of the biological material. The review found that a successful terrorist attack involving facility damage and loss of containment is not expected to occur due to the extensive layered security programs at the Lab.

Because pathogenic agents are available in nature and other, less secure locations, operation of the Lab's BSL-3 facility would not make pathogenic agents more readily available to an outside terrorist, or increase the likelihood of an attack by an outside terrorist.

Another potential problem involves the surreptitious removal of a small vial containing a few milligrams of a select agent, or material swabbed from a vial. This could be accomplished by a motivated, technically competent insider with access to the locked storage freezers. The report found that the material, if it were removed, must be managed in a way that maintains the virulence or infectivity during production, storage, transportation and dispersion. According to the review, accomplishing these requirements was difficult even for long-term and well-funded programs in the former Soviet Union and other state-run programs.

The review document notes that this scenario is not expected to occur at the Lab due to human reliability programs, security procedures, and management controls at the Facility. However, the environmental review did not say it could not happen, only that it would be very difficult.

"The U.S. Department of Energy has determined the probability of a successful terrorist

attack on the Biosafety Level 3 facility is extremely low," Livermore Site Office Manager Camille Yuan-Soo Hoo stated. "In addition, the purpose of the work to be conducted in the facility will be to develop systems and technologies to reduce the overall probability and consequence of a bio-terrorist act against the public in general."

The U.S. Department of Energy is seeking public comment on the Draft Revised Environmental Assessment. The 30-day comment period ends May 11, 2007.

The U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, has the responsibility to assist national programs to reduce and counter threats from weapons of mass destruction including nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. According to a press release, bioscience work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in support of these missions requires work with infectious agents such as viruses, bacteria and other biological materials. Much of the proposed work must be performed with Biosafety Level 3 containment and protection.

The draft is available for public review and comment from the U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Livermore Site Office, at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., and at the National Nuclear Security Administration/Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Public Reading Room, Discovery Center, Building 6525, located at the East Gate entrance off Greenville Road, Livermore, CA (925) 422-3272; and on the web at www-envirinfo.llnl.gov/

Written comments should be sent to: Samuel Brinker, National Environmental Policy Act Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Livermore Site Office, M/S L-293, P.O. Box 808, Livermore, CA 94551-0808 or sent via e-mail to samuel.brinker@oak.doe.gov or by fax to (925) 423-5650.

Once the public review period ends and comments are collected and reviewed, the U.S. Department of Energy will either publish a final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact or determine the need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

BIOTECH RESEARCH FACILITY

The Department of Homeland Security sent its "site selection" team to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300, located on Corral Hollow Road near Tracy. The team is evaluating locations on which to con-

struct and operate a biotech agent research facility.

The proposed bio-facility is slated to cover 500,000 square feet. It would have both BSL-3 and BSL-4 capacity. Biosafety Level-3s experiment on infectious or exotic pathogens that are potentially lethal, such as live anthrax, plague and Q fever. Biosafety Level-4s are reserved for extremely exotic biological agents for which there is no known cure, such as Central European tick-borne encephalitis. The biological research is expected to spread across a minimum of 30 acres to accommodate large animals, according to the agency's request for proposals in the federal register.

The Department of Homeland Security is studying 17 locations, and will choose 2 to 5 "finalists" in June 2007, according to agency officials. One of the selection criteria, says DHS, will be "community acceptance." The agency defines the potentially-affected community as "living within a 60-mile" radius, which includes the City of Tracy, the metropolitan Bay Area and the upper Central Valley.

Tri-Valley CAREs has already collected 2,000 petitions opposing the bio-lab. Working Assets asked its local customers if they would be willing to pay a small

fee to send a letter-gram telling Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to stop the bio-lab — and more than 3,000 responded "yes."

"What part of 'no' does the Department of Homeland Security not understand," asked Tri-Valley CAREs' executive director, Marylia Kelley. "Site 300 is not an appropriate location for conducting research on deadly pathogens."

Tri-Valley CAREs and its allies believe that Site 300 is the wrong place to experiment with these deadly pathogens. Site 300 is on the cusp of the Central Valley to its east and the metropolitan Bay Area to its west. An accident there could devastate the economy in California's agricultural and ranching heartland. The group points out that Site 300 is vulnerable to both earthquake and fire.

Loulena Miles, the staff attorney at Tri-Valley CAREs, stated, "Collocating 'bugs and bombs' will raise suspicions worldwide about the intent of the U.S. biodefense program. This, too, could have a corrosive effect on universal acceptance of the treaty." The Biological Weapons Convention is the international treaty to prevent the spread of bioweapons. The U.S. is a signatory.

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good skills, and are trying to raise money to go to China this fall for the Special Olympics, said Patti Bodnar, one of the Tee Party's advisors. The RADD women are good, said Bodnar. One of them was a gold medalist at the summer Special Olympics, she said. "That's something that attracted our girls (to the idea of having a match). They share the love of the game, said Bodnar.

Bodnar explained that bringing the Tee Party girls to the point of mentoring disabled golfers will introduce them to community service. "That was the way I started when I was young. I assisted with a track and field group. By doing that and volunteering, it becomes a way of life, because it's so gratifying and rewarding, and that continues into adulthood," said Bodnar.

The Tee Party club was formed last November by several women whose daughters are crazy about golf, including Bodnar. Her daughters Sabrina and Natalie are members. There are 22 girls on the team. They are acquiring an education in golf by playing various courses, and also learning the rules.

Golf is "in" with a new generation with girls, with people like Pleasanton's own Paula

Creamer and Hawaii's Michelle Wie bringing a certain style to the game. They are making golf more interesting for young girls. "They love them because they dress cool. They are cute, and are interested in the same kinds of things, like going shopping," said Bodnar.

An e-mail touting the upcoming golf day said to "Please pink it up, Bling Bling!" Asked whether that's because of Creamer's custom of wearing pink at every match, Bodnar said it was really "a girlie thing." However, Creamer is definitely a Pleasanton girls golf role model.

Creamer played on the Pleasanton Middle School team. That's a big reason that girls at that school like to sign up for golf. All three of Pleasanton's middle schools have golf teams, which are co-ed. Pleasanton Middle School is the high water mark for the girls, because they have six of the 12 spots on the team.

The middle school teams are part of a league that has Livermore middle schools Christensen, Junction Avenue and East Avenue. There are also schools from Dublin and San Ramon who participate.

GARDENS

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ing community gardens as an amenity would be the provision of fresh food. That would help homeowners' lives, both as to nutrition and the chance to do some gardening. With the great interest in the Tri-Valley in Farmers Markets, this looks like an idea whose time has come, said Reitter.

Reitter already has mentioned the idea to a developer, who is proposing 50 condominiums near Vasco Road. The developer listened politely, but made no commitment, said Reitter.

A homeowners association could be the vehicle to ensure ongoing maintenance of such gardens, much as subdivisions' maintenance are governed by the covenants and restrictions assigned to housing deeds, Reitter said.

SUBDIVISION GARDEN SUCCESSFUL IN DAVIS

Sibella Kraus, a UC Berkeley staff member who helped organize the conference that Reitter attended, said that the city of Davis successfully worked with a developer in the 1970s to cre-

ate gardens as part of a subdivision there. The gardens are still there. Property values have appreciated because of them, she said.

The concept is a win/win situation, said Kraus. The gardens can take advantage of recycling of water and green waste. Besides supplying food, the gardens add to the beauty of the viewshed, she said.

Adding agriculture to a city is much like adding a golf course, said Kraus. Both are amenities, and there are markets for both. "Agriculture at the edge of cities needs to be seen as part of a municipal infrastructure. We should not be trying to have it support itself on agriculture production value, because there is a whole series of other values it contributes. You have to look at trade-offs in the whole structure," said Kraus.

Reitter said that from his impressions at the seminar, people are paying far more attention to food and how it is grown. "Congress this year is seeking more input on the farm bill. Some of the groups that promote agriculture have been contacting them. In the past they just heard from the big, industrial corporations

who do most of the farming in this country. Now they are hearing from a broader spectrum," said Reitter.

McNERNEY APPOINTS AGRICULTURE ADVISORS

Along those lines, Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, announced last week the creation of an agricultural advisory board for his office. It consists of growers, ranchers, and others connected to agriculture, including a farm bureau representative.

Sunol rancher Tim Koopman is one of the members. The others are from the Central Valley, which is the vast bulk of the agricultural portion of the 11th Congressional District. "Whether they're from the Central Valley or the Tri-Valley, I've heard from people all over who say we need to do more for California agriculture, and I couldn't agree more," McNerney said.

"We have grape growers in Lodi, cattle ranchers in Linden, and almond producers in Manteca. They all need to have input in federal programs. That's what I will be able to provide with the agriculture advisory board," McNerney said in a press release.

McNerney spent one day visiting with farmers and others in

agriculture to discuss the farm bill reauthorization. He had lunch with farmers in Stockton, and visited almond producers in Manteca, wine grape growers in Lodi, and an organic farmer in Brentwood. McNerney plans to meet with members of his panel several times throughout the year. In addition, he and his staff will consult with members as issues and bills arise in Congress.

Besides Koopman, members of the advisory board are Jeff Colombini, Lodi Farming Inc., Lodi; Dennis Gogna, O.G. Packing, Stockton; Frank Faria, dairyman, Escalon; and Mike Robinson, farmer and feed store owner, San Joaquin Delta islands. Other members are John Fugazi, owner of orchards and row crops, Linden; David Phippen, almond grower, Manteca; Tom Burlando, Diamond Walnut, Linden; Bruce Fry, Mohr-Fry Ranches, Lodi; Ricky Zolezzi, peach and cherry grower, Linden; and Thomas J. Guido, Triple-E Produce, Stockton. Also on the panel are Kenny Watkins, second vice president, California Farm Bureau Federation; William "Bud" Bensley, an agricultural credit officer, and Gina Hultquist, U.S. Agriculture Bank.

Just recently, the Tri-Valley Triangle Traffic Study Policy Advisory Committee voted to remove Highway 84 improvements from the package of projects. The vote is viewed as an effort to force Pleasanton to build the Stoneridge extension.

The city council has indicated support for removing the extension from the general plan. No final vote has been taken, pending the results of traffic modeling. Even if the road were removed from the general plan, under a memorandum of understanding with Alameda County, which owns the property, the right-of-way would be retained.

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would be suitable for the Community Day School.

The District pays to the State an annual unused property fee of \$5,000 for each of these smaller parcels, nearly half of the current assessed value of each property.

Before any decisions can be made about the disposition of the three parcels, the District must establish a 7-11 Advisory Committee. Such a committee would be comprised of teachers, parents, local business persons, and community members with representation for environmental and en-

gineering issues. The committee also must be racially and economically balanced.

The District employed a 7-11 Advisory Committee when determining how to use the Arroyo Mocho and Almond Avenue school sites after those schools were closed.

The committee will look at possible uses of the sites, including minor usage that might eliminate the unused property penalty, such as a farm for FFA classes. The committee will make

a recommendation to the Board as to the highest and best uses of the three properties, which could include selling them.

Any proceeds earned from the sale of the properties must go back into the District's Capital Improvement budget, not the general fund. The Capital Improvement budget is about \$20 million annually (there are fluctuations from matching State funds), so an influx of around \$10 million would have a big impact.

"There are a lot of capital improvement projects, which could use that money. We need to rebuild about half of Livermore High School," says Wilson. "And we have portables all over the District that need replacing. They only have a life span of 20 years."

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SHORT NOTES

Internet Predators

Child Care Links presents "Internet Predator Prevention Workshop" with Officer Gary Berg on April 30, at 7 p.m. The Internet has become a part of children's lives as an educational tool and as a way to communicate with others around the world. With this technology come some dangers. Learn about on-line risks, on-line victimization, characteristics of a victim/suspect, applications used to exploit children (i.e. MySpace, Yahoo, etc.).

There is no charge. This workshop is co-sponsored by the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. It will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

For information, contact Sara Gonzalez at 417-8733 or www.childcarelinks.org.

Nia Dance

Earth Day, Sun., April 22, will feature a Nia Dance Fund-raising for Save Mount Diablo from 2 to 4 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day by learning about Save Mount Diablo and take part in an afternoon of Nia, a "fusion" fitness class based on dance and martial arts. Ron Brown, Executive Director of SMD, and Charla Gabert, SMD Board Member, will make short presentation about SMD's mission and activities. Seven new Nia instructors from the Bay Area will then lead routines that showcase the variety and joy of this mind-body-spirit fitness practice.

Light drinks and snacks will follow. (Nia is a barefoot workout; however, if you want to keep your shoes on, please wear soft soled non-marking shoes.) Suggested donation is \$20. For information, call Charla Gabert, 925-256-2568 - 099688; Charlagabert@yahoo.com; and Shelly Ross, 510-653-8995 Meet at Renaissance Club Sport, 2805 Jones Rd. W.C.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo

On Saturday, April 21, 2007, the Livermore Police Department and the Livermore Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) will host a free Bicycle Safety Rodeo for the elementary school children of Livermore. It will be held at Mendenhall Middle School, 1701 El Padro Drive, Livermore between 10am and 2pm.

The event consists of a bicycle inspection, where basic safety issues such as brakes, tire pressure, seat height and handlebar tightness are checked and corrected if necessary. Children then have their helmets checked, and are instructed how to wear them correctly. This is followed by a brief bicycle safety video. There are then about six stations where children can try things like riding a slalom course and a road course with various common obstacles.

Reservations are not required. For additional information, please email bikesafety@gmail.com.

This bicycle safety rodeo is co-sponsored by the Livermore Police Department and the CPAAA, an organization of members from the community who have graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. For more information about the Citizens Police Academy, please visit www.livermorepolice.org.

Celebrating Green

On April 26, the Alameda County Green Business Program (GBP) is celebrating 10 years of Environmental Values at Work through business certification. The anniversary event, held from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Jack London Aquatic Center, will honor more than 35 newly certified Green Businesses along with the original 10, and will salute the past decade of the program's local environmental progress.

The evening will feature a presentation by Donald Simon, partner at Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP, the country's first green-certified law firm. Simon, a national leader in the green building industry, co-founded the firm's Green Business Practice Group and is president of Build it Green, a regional nonprofit providing technical information and education. He will discuss the state's recent AB32 legislation and offer specifics on the "Business Role in Combating Climate Change."

During the celebration, the Alameda County GBP will recognize 38 new certified Green Businesses in 10 cities that have demonstrated their environmental commitment through regulatory compliance, conservation of water and energy, waste reduction and recycling efforts, and pollution prevention practices including Checker's Catering & Special Events (Livermore) and Zzipes of Pleasanton (Pleasanton).

These honorees join the ranks of more than 950 green-certified companies in the Bay Area.

Tickets for the 10-year anniversary celebration, sponsored in part by Blue Sky Cleaners, Community Bank of the Bay, Oakland Magazine and StopWaste.Org, are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. To RSVP and pay online: www.greenbiz.ca.gov/gala.

LARPD Programs

The summer program guide published by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is now accessible online at www.larpd.dst.ca.us. The program features hundreds of classes, activities and children's camps with descriptions of each.

Hard copies of the 48-page brochure will be mailed to Livermore residents during the first week of May. Registration for summer camps and classes is possible online, by mail and fax on Wednesday, May 9. Walk-in and phone in registration begins on Wednesday, May 16. For more information, please call (925) 373-5700.

PPIE Student Grants

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation has announced the latest round of PPIE Student Grants. Seven Pleasanton Unified School District students have been selected to receive funding for their Student Grant projects.

The PPIE Student Grant program, now in its seventeenth year, promotes positive learning experiences inside and outside the classroom, and supports co-curricular and extra curricular student activities and projects. General guidelines require each application to be student authored, to have a teacher sponsor and the site principal's approval. To better support student interests, two grant cycles are offered, the first in the fall semester and the second in the spring semester.

PPIE Foundation also offers Education Grants for Pleasanton Unified School District employees to fund projects that are student-focused, that promote creativity and innovative thinking, and that offer expanded learning opportunities to students. Grant requests are accepted in amounts up to \$2500.00.

PPIE Foundation Student Grant Awards, 2006-2007, Cycle #2:

Foothill High School Robotics & Technology Club, Niral Bhavsar - Foothill High School, \$500, support for the construction of an Electraction endurance race car to compete in the Electraction races; Amador Valley High School - DECA International Conference, Mike Chen, \$250, Support for students to attend the DECA International Competition in Orlando, FL; Amador Valley High School - DECA International Conference, Caroline Hsia, \$250, Support for students to attend the DECA International Competition in Orlando, FL;

Doolan Elementary School Robotics Club, James & David Kozuch, \$500, Funding to support the expansion of the Robotics Club - purchase educational kits/parts; Amador Valley High School - Business & Finance Academy Job Expo, Rachael Kroneder, \$250, Support for the AVHS Job Expo providing employment opportunities for summer & long term; Amador Valley High School - DECA International Conference, Trevor Landas, \$250, Support for students to attend the DECA International Competition in Orlando, FL; and Amador Valley High School - "We The People" National Competition Carl Schlachte / Elizabeth Smutz, \$500, Support for students to attend the "We The People" National Competition in Washington DC.

Character Workshop

Amador Valley Adult and Community Education and the Pleasanton Community of Character Committee will host a free workshop for business and community leaders.

The workshop, titled "It Takes Everybody to Build a Community of Character," will be offered on Monday, April 23, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., at the Amador Valley High School library. The purpose of the session is to educate community and business leaders about what community of character means, how to apply it to their organizations, and how to make changes within an organization. The workshops are based on the community-agreed character traits of Responsibility, Compassion,

Self-discipline, Honesty, Respect, and Integrity.

A highlight of the workshop is sharing successes. A panel including Pleasanton City Council member Jerry Thorne, ACCUSPLIT President Ron Sutton, Pleasanton Middle School Vice Principal Jon Vranesh, and Tri-Valley YMCA Executive Director Kelly Dulka will be participating in the workshop to share their character experiences.

To register, call 925.426.4280 or go to www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted. For more information about Community of Character, go to www.communityofcharacter.org or contact Ellen ellen@bumblebeemarketing.net.

Wine Release

Hidden Creek Winery will release a 2005 Napa Valley Syrah on Sat., April 21. The event will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. at Tesla Vintners.

The wine has a great nose with bold rounded Syrah fruit flavors. This wine has structure so can be aged or you can enjoy it with a great steak tonight.

Meet Jim Frost, the winemaker for Hidden Creek wines and also enjoy his other wines including Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Viognier, Sangiovese and Pinot Noir. Have bottles signed.

Call 925-606-WINE(9463) for more information.

Native Plant Sale

The Regional Parks Botanical Garden hosts its 29th annual sale of California native plants on Saturday, April 21, 2007, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sale offers the public a once-a-year opportunity to select from an unmatched diversity of native plants, including trees, shrubs, groundcovers, perennials, grasses, bulbs, ferns, and annuals, many of which are unavailable in the nursery trade. The sale features plants to fit conditions in any Bay Area garden, with experts on hand to provide advice and gardening tips. Volunteers will sell books, seeds, and refreshments.

All proceeds from the sale directly benefit the Regional Parks Botanical Garden.

For more information, please visit www.nativeplants.org or call (510) 841-8732.

Animal Rescue Events

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is sponsoring two special events, one in April and the other in May. The first is a fundraising event at Tommy T's. The second is an Adoption Faire at the East County Animal Shelter.

Tommy T's Comedy fund-raiser Sunday will be held April 22nd at 8 p.m. This will be a night of comedy for felines, canines and other animal friends at Tommy T's Comedy Club, 5104 Hopyard Rd. in Pleasanton. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Performer for the evening show at 8 p.m. will be Bryan Kellen. Tickets are \$20 each plus a two item minimum (food and/or drink). Tickets may be obtained by calling Jim Walker at (925) 397-4300.

There will be an Adoption Faire at East County Animal Shelter on Saturday May 5th. The shelter is located at 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. Adoptions will be available from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

The Faire Includes A professional dog trainer on-site will offer advice on dog behavior. Expert advice from experienced volunteers in choosing the right bunny or cat for your home. Low-cost Spay/Neuter certificates. Dog Adopters will receive free, 3 in-home professional dog training sessions. Dog bed, Leash & collar. Cat Adopters will receive free cat toys. Free hot dogs and drinks will be served.

Duck Races

The 15th Annual Duck Races are scheduled for April 28 at Robertson Park in Livermore from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Over a total of \$5000 in cash prizes will be given away during the races.

This is a fund-raiser for Livermore schools and nonprofit groups.

Carnival booths, food and beverages will be available.

There will be two Little Duckie Races for kids 12 years of age and younger. These races are free with a parent present. Prizes will be awarded compliments of Livermore McDonalds.

The Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermore Y's Men Club will float plastic ducks on the Arroyo Mocho at the park (near the rodeo grounds). Tickets are five dollars per entry. They can be purchased from Livermore PTA organizations or write to Livermore Duck Races, PO Box 48, Livermore, CA 94551.

For more information, call 449-1315 or 443-4541.

Fair Parade Entries Open

The Alameda County Fair's annual opening day parade, happening Saturday, June 23, is taking entries. The one-mile route will wind through historic downtown Pleasanton. All official parade entrants will receive free admission to the Fair.

Entrants are encouraged to share and represent the sounds that stir pleasant memories of those carefree summer days - tying right into the 2007 Fair theme "The Sounds of Summer."

The 2006 parade hosted a record of 92 entries, 10 bands, oversized balloons, floats and entertainers from jugglers to the roller derby. This year's parade is already shaping up to be bigger than last years with more surprises in store for all ages alike.

Parade Entry Applications are now available online or by contacting Nicole Hankton at (925) 426-7511. All interested parties are urged to apply.

For more information about the Alameda County Fairgrounds, the annual Fair, and the 2007 Fair Concert Series, please visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com or call 925-426-7600.

John Muir Earth Day

This year's John Muir Earth Day Celebration on April 21 hosts a Muir Family Reunion, a gathering of the descendants of John Muir at Muir's home. The John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez will showcase the day's activities, and, for the first time, events will include citywide outdoor adventures.

The John Muir Birthday-Earth Day Festival at the John Muir National Historic Site will feature exhibits, entertainment and a special birthday presentation at 2 pm. Activities will take place from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission to the Festival is free.

The John Muir Earth Day Celebration features activities for people of all ages and physical abilities. Sponsored by the John Muir Association, the National Park Service and the John Muir Festival Center, the Celebration's goal is to inspire others to be passionate about nature and its preservation, as was John Muir throughout his life.

Free activities include a Wildflower Walk led by NPS Lead Park Ranger Tad Shay, the dedication of a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail at the John Muir National Historic Site (beginning at 8 a.m.), and the John Muir Birthday Earth Day Festival.

Festival activities include more than 40 interactive exhibits, music and dancing, mural painting, and much more. Admission to the Martinez Historical Museum located downtown at 1005 Escobar Street is also free.

The John Muir National Historic Site is located at 4202 Alhambra Av-

enue at Highway 4 in Martinez. For directions to the Muir Site, visit www.nps.gov/jomu. Free parking is available at the UFCW Local 5 across from the Muir Site at 4121 Alhambra Avenue.

Credit Union Youth Week

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against financial ignorance. UNCLE can help children better understand how to achieve better rates, lower fees, and extra attention to make sure all members know how to manage money. UNCLE will celebrate National Credit Union Youth Week from April 22-28. The theme for 2007 is "Stash Your Cash @ the Credit Union."

To celebrate 2007 Youth Week UNCLE will be giving away an iPod Nano to one lucky youth member. Please stop by any branch location for details on how to enter.

For more information, contact Laura Olson, Marketing and Business Development Manager at (925) 447-5001 ext. 1185.

Annual Youth Food Drive Gets Underway

The Fifth Annual Tri-Valley Youth Food Drive will take place beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday April 21, rain or shine. All food donations go to local food pantries.

More than 80 youth service groups with up to 1200 youth volunteers will be collecting nonperishable items at single-family homes in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and Alamo.

The volunteers will be collecting nonperishable items that include but are not limited to, canned food, dry food in boxes, items in glass containers, rice, nuts, beans, flour, soup mixes, sugar, peanut butter, dried fruit, pasta, drink mixes, coffee and boxed food. The food drive cannot accept items that require refrigeration.

This year the Youth Service Council will run the food drive. A high school class at the Athenian High School started the Youth Service Council. It was formed to allow high school students from multiple schools and organizations to run major community service projects as one team.

Girl Scouts and high school students will manage the six col-

lection sites where the public can also drop off food donations.

The sites are Tri-Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Avenue Livermore; St. Michael's Church, St. Vincent de Paul, 458 Maple Street, Livermore; Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton Showers of Blessings Church, 6930 Village Parkway, Dublin Greenbrook Elementary School, Harlan Ave. and St. Helena, Danville San Ramon United Methodist Church, 902 Danville Boulevard, Alamo.

The PW Markets, 1600 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, a major sponsor, is donating 30,000 grocery bags for the donations. The bags will be distributed during the week before the food drive.

To contact the food drive, leave a message at (925) 998-6513, davidbahr@sbcglobal.net

The Youth Service Council, a nonprofit corporation run by student volunteers and created to assume the leadership role for youth-run community service programs in the Tri-Valley area is a coalition of Tri-Valley public and private high school leadership students managing youth service programs.

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SPORTS NOTES



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The 13th annual Livermore Stampede draws the top high school women's softball teams. Archbishop Mitty of San Jose defeated Foothill High School 5 to 4 in 8 innings to win the championship. Livermore High School captured third place with a 4 to 1 win over crosstown rival Granada. Livermore pitcher Kellyn Trummer winds up for the throw.

Soccer State Cup

The Mustang Strikers U-16 Boys played Bay Oaks in the Round of 16 of State Cup action coming away with a win and advancing to the quarterfinals next weekend.

In pouring rain and playing with field player George Mayer as the goalie, Mustang started off strong, but Bay Oaks scored two goals in the first half. Going into the second half, Mustang came out strong and Franco Cruz answered back with a hat trick. He was assisted by John Wainwright, Dillon Mullaney and Michael Guillen for the goals. Bay Oaks put on pressure to the end and goalie George Mayer came up with several key saves in the final minutes as Mustang held off Bay Oaks.

Providing strong defensive support was Michael Janjigian, Jay Jafarour , Tory Jorgenson and Rene Hernandez. They were assisted by Nadav Kariv, Jose Garcia, Alex Alvarez, Shaun Daut and John Wainwright who played excellent midfield for Mustang. On the attack for Mustang creating scoring opportunities were Ashwin Subramanian, Gunes Rosdahl, Dillon Mullaney, Michael Guillen & Franco Cruz.

Phantom Softball

Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League scores from last week:

U14-Major Rec: Pleasantonhomes.com - Purple Pack; Ken's Painting - Stompers; Pleasantonhomes.com Key Players: Ali Rodriguez, Rachel Calk single Ken's Painting Key Players: Nicole Thompson 2 RBIs, Laney Turay defense, Macey Partridge 3 Ks.

U12-Minor Rec: Stainless Distributors - Dolphins 3, Tanner Insurance Brokers - Rebels 1; Tanner Insurance Key Players: Nikki Costello defense, Kennedy DeRossett defense, Roxy Moran defense Stainless Distributors Key Players: Sydney Payne hitting, Jazzzy Perez hitting, Katie Schwartz pitching

U6-T-Ball: CMC Mortgage Key Players: Lacey Becker hitting, Lexi Trucco hitting, Aliyah Baxter fielding; State Farm Insurance/Leslie Wolf Key Players: Savannah Calres hitting, Erika Lipscomb fielding, Hannah Swain catching.

Fischer Swims at Nationals

Brandon Fischer, a junior at Granada High School, and a year-round swimmer for the Pleasanton Seahawks, has set some swimming goals that are becoming true right before his eyes. Brandon began swim competitively until age 11 1/2. His favorite stroke is the breaststroke. His times also prove that it's the stroke that he's best at. When Brandon was a freshman, competing at a Far Western meet in Concord, California, he remembers swimming his heart out and making his first Spring National and US Open cut in the 100 meter breaststroke. He looks back and recalls not knowing that he made any cuts, just that the swim fast and had fun in the process. Now almost three years later, Brandon has gone to three National meets and two US Open meets, and continues to love what he does. When Brandon says, "I live to swim," he means it. He attributes his success to hard work, focus, his inner drive and determination, and also to his Coach Steve Morsilli.

Although Fischer has always been a natural in the water, he said that his "inner drive and will to never give up" are really what make him excel in swimming. "The speed and technique comes from the hard work and commitment," said Fischer. "I really like to go to practice each day. Most of my friends think I'm crazy to want to practice so hard." Fischer estimates that he practices 30 hours per week, which includes swimming mornings, afternoons, and Saturdays, as well as a daily dry land workout. Though his intense schedule is demanding, he finds a way to balance all his activities and school work, and even has some time to take art classes and enjoy time with his family & friends.

At Sectionals in Long Beach, California in early March, Fischer medaled in 2 of his 6 events. In the 200 yard breaststroke, he came in 2nd place with a new Summer Nationals cut of 2:01.77. He placed 4th in the 100 yard breaststroke. "I was out-touched by four-tenths of a second by a 23-year old swimmer."

Fischer just returned from competing at Spring Nationals in New York, where he was the only boy who represented Pacific Swimming and the Tri-Valley area. He swam four individual events, including the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke, and the 200 and 400 IM. He was seeded 16th and 14th in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, out of about 64 swimmers

in each event and swam some impressive races. Fischer says, "It was another great learning experience that I can build upon and hopefully improve."

Fischer is currently ranked 13th in the Nation in the 100 and 200 breaststroke for his age bracket as 17/18. Brandon is still five-tenths away from an Olympic trials cut in the 100 breaststroke and about one second away from the 200 breaststroke cut. He said he's going to try not to think of his cuts but just to have fun and do what he enjoys doing. Fischer said, "Don't let anyone stand in your way or pull you down, just believe in yourself, listen from within, and follow your dreams."

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results from last week:

Minor AAA: Cubs 6, Giants 13; Cubs Hitters: C. Wiggington 2 singles 2 runs scored, D. Carlson 3 walks 1 run scored; Cubs Hitters: Zac Botelho 1 home run, 1 walk, 1 run scored; Isaiiah Mendez 1 home run, 1 walk Christian Stultz 1 double, 1 single, 1 run scored; Cubs Pitchers: M. Santos 3 innings 5 strikeouts, C. Wiggington 1 inning; J. Martinez 3 innings; B. Derdak 1 inning; Cubs Pitchers: Michael Paiva 2 innings, 3 strikeouts; Isaiiah Mendez 3 shutout innings 6 strikeouts; Jake Collishaw 2 innings, 3 strikeouts; Zac Botelho 1 inning 2 strikeouts (pitching debut)

Majors: A's 10, Cardinals 4. Top Hitters A's - Max Renga 2B; Jayson Heist 3B; Ryan Mathia 3B, Cardinals - Jason Silva 1B; Dyan Lockridge 1B; Jacob Lutz 1B; Top Pitchers A's - Brandon Jeffers 4IP, 3H, 2R, 3K. Bryan Brinkley 4IP 8H, 5R, 4K.

Mariners 13, Red Sox 2 - Top Hitters Red Sox - Matty Proetel - 1 2B, 1 RBI. Mariners - Sebastian Martinez - 2 1B, 2 RBI, 1 run scored; Tyler Offill - 1 1B, 2 RBI, 3 runs scored; Top Pitchers - Mariners - Tyler Offill 2IP, 5K, 1H; Sean Westphal - 3IP, 5K, 0H, 0 runs allowed.

Giants 1, Cubs 2. Top Hitters Cubs - Kyle Campiotti - 2B; Ryan Flayler - 1B, run scored; Kyle Tracey - 2B, 3B, RBI; Jacob Youngman - 2B, Giants - Logan VanSchaack - 1B; Dylan Tupper - 1B. Top Pitchers Cubs - Kyle Campiotti 4IP, 1H, 1R, 7K; Ryan Flayler 1P, 0H, 0R, 0K; Giants - Justin Whitman 6IP, 5H, 2R, 11K; Logan VanSchaack 1IP, 1H, 0R, 1K.

Cubs 3, Mariners 0. Top Hitters Cubs - Taylor Downey - 1B, run scored; Kevin Rogers - 2B, run scored; Mariners - Brandon Self - 1B; Jack Trudeau - 1B; Tyler Offill - 2 1B; Matt Hilgen - 2B. Top Pitchers - Mariners - Tyler Offill 3IP, 3H, 3R, 4K; Sean Westphal 2IP, 0H, 0R, 4K. Cubs - Kyle Campiotti 5IP, 4H, 0R, 7K; Taylor Downey 1IP, 1H, 0R, 2K.

Farm: A's (Offense) Logan Greenough, Michael Thaeete, Ryan Wright (Defense) Sebastian Lechner, Austin Price, Matthew Reddick; Blue Jays (Offense) Robert Sandoval, Brandon Yocham, Miles Higgins (Defense) Brodie Wolf, Chandler Orlick, Kyle Wohlgemuth; Cardinals Top Offensive Players: Gustavo Arreola, Anthony Barrow, Andrew Divita. Top Defensive Players: Andy Guel, Shane Ward. Cardinals Players of the Game: Tyler Young, Colton Moran. Braves Top Offensive Players: Dominic Shepherd, Aaron Udoutch, Trevor White. Top Defensive Players: Christopher Irwin, Cameron Sanchez, Jason Snell; Giants (Offense) - Shane McDonald, Luke Morrisroe, Brian Cuy (Defense) Sean Croghan, Mitchell Rocoeto, Cade Shortridge. Red Sox (offense) Lukas Owen, Parker Hall, Dillon Pedro, (defense) Samuel Miller, Seth Street, Jacob Eljansantos

Minor AA: Giants 1, A's 11. Top Hitters Giants - Connor Gibbons 1B, RBI, hits from Sean Haggerty and Harrison Goold. Run scored by Samuel Heaton. Top Hitters A's - Jack Walker - 1B, 3B, 2 runs scored; Justin Walker - 3B, 3 runs scored; Alex Furtado - 1B, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored; Timothy Kelly - 2 1B, 2 RBI, 1 run scored; Lowell Garrett - 2B, 2 RBI, 1 run scored. Top Pitchers - Hayden King - 2IP, 5K; Anthony Miller - 2IP, 5K. Top Pitchers A's - Alex Furtado - 2IP, 5K, pitched a perfect inning in the 2nd; Justin Walker - 2IP, 3K, pitched a perfect inning in the 3rd. A tough game for the Giants today. Nice plays made by Giants' Hayden King who caught a fly ball at first base, and A's Carrel Lowell who also caught a fly ball.

TeeBall: Giants (Offense) Justin Baer, Joshua Collum, Jordan Collum (Defense) Nicholas Gregovich, Diego Dorrovan, Aidan Ackerman; Cardinals (Offense) Cameron Schrader, Devin Shah, Drake Small (De-

fense) Jason Wiggington, Daniel Pryor, George Zika

Minor A: Cardinals - Top Offense Kyle deBord, Brandon Montoya, Matt Zukowski - Top Defense Nick McClendon, Dominic Bricker, Christopher Machi; Red Sox - Top Offense Matt Benavidez, Jack Lutz, Andrew Clutter - Top Defense Garrett Hart, Caleb Nale, Tim Evans.

Livermore Smoke

Livermore Smoke Girls Softball Association results from last week:

Livermore/Pleasanton Senior Division: Bill Aboumrak Re/Max Red Devils 11, Pleasanton Team #1 2. For the Red Devils, Nikki Walters went two-for-two and scored twice. Deven Meadows also went two-for-two and scored a run by stealing home plate, and Alyson Campiotti had a triple and scored a run.

Middle School Black Division: All Star Sports Sneaky Cleats 7, Santa Rita Chevron Black Attack 4. The Black Attack nearly made up for a tough first inning but came up short to the Sneaky Cleats. For the Black Attack, Kayla Smith had a pair of singles to lead the way, while Marina Van Vliet and Korrina Botelho pitched three innings of one-run ball.

Santa Rita Chevron Black Attack 10, AMS, Net, Inc. The Mob 9. The Black Attack and The Mob were in another close battle going right down to the wire. The Mob had a 5-4 lead into the last inning, when The Black Attack bats came alive with five hits and six runs to take the lead for good. The Mob would come back to score one, and had the tying run on third when the last out was recorded on a pop out to second. Leslie Carlson was on base all three times with a double, single, and a walk, as was Kathleen Thaeete and Kayla Smith with a pair of singles and a walk.

Middle School Red Division: Meredith Real Estate Brokers Orange Crush 14, Olson Construction Gold Rush 11. The Orange Crush rallied from a 10-2 deficit to win in their last at bat. For the Gold Rush, Megan McEntee and Amanda Morris each hit a home run and had two RBIs, and Sam Waddle had a triple and two RBIs.

10-Under Black Division: Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Lightning 5, Earth Safety Dynamics Black Smoke 4. For the Blue Lightning, Paige Walker pitched a strong inning with a strikeout and allowed no runs. Cassandra Knowlton played great defense and sawing the bat well, and Kaiti Lortie pitched one inning, caught a foul ball as catcher and roped a double.

Interstate Concrete Pumping Blue Lightning 6, Hired Guns Fastpitch Academy Hired Guns 5. For the Blue Lightning, Bayleah Julson had two hits and scored two runs, Isabel Velarde pitched an inning with a strikeout and played great defense, and Kristin Paulazzo was catcher for 4 innings and threw out a runner at third.

10-Under Red Division: Faltings Racing Team Jumpstart 10, John L. Sullivan Toyota Wildcats 7. For the Jumpstart, Jessica Triantos with a single, and Emily Block and Sydney Hardman each scored twice.

The Oaks Group, Smith Barney Royal Dames 7, Faltings Racing Team Jumpstart 5. For the Royal Dames, Sierra Hoggatt shut down the Jumpstart after they got an early lead, and kept them scoreless for the third and fourth innings. Kelsey Livingston played solid at first base and catcher and also had a great hit, and Mary Ellum also did a great job. For the Jumpstart, A well-played but tough game included Emily Block with a RBI, Taylor Smith with another double and a RBI, and Sydney Hardman with a run scored. Crawford Family Thrillerz 7, William Thompson Pink Panthers 3. For Pink Panthers, all the girls played an excellent game and have improved considerably. Victoria Gewardjan, Maya Barnum, and Samantha Schwartz all guarded the strike zone and reached base.

Warriors 6, Hertz Equipment Rental Lightning 9, Diablo Dental Services Warriors 6. The Warriors had offensive help from Gissel Manzano who had two singles and a RBI, Ariana Taylor had a hit and a RBI, and Taylor Zehr went two-for-three with a triple, and a single, and drove in two runs.

8-Under: Pacific Dental Care Cheeah Girls vs. Diamond Diggers. For the Cheeah Girls, Ashley Williams scored two runs, Emma Zika scored a run, and Katelyn Rose pitched an excellent game. Pacific Dental Care Cheeah Girls vs. Brent Bowen Photography Gold Rush. A well-played but tough game included Emily Block with a RBI, Taylor Smith with another double and a RBI, and Sydney Hardman with a run scored. Warriors 6, Hertz Equipment Rental Lightning 9, Diablo Dental Services Warriors 6. The Warriors had offensive help from Gissel Manzano who had two singles and a RBI, Ariana Taylor had a hit and a RBI, and Taylor Zehr went two-for-three with a triple, and a single, and drove in two runs.

T-Ball: CaDealerDirect.com Tiger Cubs vs. Les Schwab Tire Centers Blue Angels. Coaches' selections - Megan Mossinger, Lindsey Phillips, Savannah Stevenson.

Business Women Golf

The 2nd Annual Business Golf for Women will be held Tues., June 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Poppy Ridge Golf Course in Livermore.

Join other business women and golf enthusiasts for a day of networking, education, golf, and fun! Bring clients, prospects, and team colleagues for an event that promotes golf for women and promises to increase appreciation, knowledge, and enjoyment of golf as a business tool.

The schedule includes registration, a continental breakfast, guest speakers, golf clinics, lunch, 9-hole golf tournament and a networking reception with awards, wine tasting and prizes.

Wear golf attire, casual clothing and golf or tennis shoes. Bring clubs or request a rental set (no fee).

Cost for the full day is \$99 or with three or more \$79 each. For the seminar and clinic only the fee is \$49 per person. For information, call 456-8201 or go to www.poppyridgegolf.com.

California Gymnastics

California Gymnastics Academy competed in the Region 1 - Regional Championships April 12 - 15, 2007. Competition for girls was held in Santa Clara and for boys in Honolulu. Brandon Jessup qualified for the Junior Olympic National Championships to be held in Oklahoma City, OK May 13-15, 2007.

RESULTS: GIRLS - LEVEL 8: Age Group: 12E VAULT - Stephanie Stamatates (8.75) BARS - Stephanie Stamatates (9.1) BEAM - Stephanie Stamatates - 7th place (9.25) FLOOR - Stephanie Stamatates - 16th

place (9.2) ALL AROUND - Stephanie Stamatates - 9th place (36.3); Age Group: 13C BARS - Alexa Hernandez - 13rd place (9.125) BEAM - Alexa Hernandez - 4th place (9.275); Age Group: 13D VAULT - Patricia Auel (7.925) BARS - Patricia Auel - 6th place (9.925) BEAM - Patricia Auel - 13rd place (9.325) FLOOR - Patricia Auel - 14th place (9.25) ALL AROUND - Patricia Auel - 8th place (35.525).

BOYS - LEVEL 8 Age Group: 14-15 FLOOR - Nicholas Canaparo (7.5) POMMEL - Nicholas Canaparo (6.85) RINGS - Nicholas Canaparo (7.5) VAULT - Nicholas Canaparo (7.25) PARALLEL BARS - Nicholas Canaparo (7.9) HIGH BAR - Nicholas Canaparo (6.5) ALL AROUND - Nicholas Canaparo (43.5).

BOYS - LEVEL 9 Age Group: 12-13 FLOOR - Brandon Jessup (8.575) POMMEL - Brandon Jessup (6.65) RINGS - Brandon Jessup (8.25) VAULT - Brandon Jessup (8.525) PARALLEL BARS - Brandon Jessup (7.6) HIGH BAR - Brandon Jessup (6.7) ALL AROUND - Brandon Jessup (46.3).

BOYS - LEVEL 10 Age Group: 14-15 FLOOR - Nicholas Crowfoot (7.15) RINGS - Nicholas Crowfoot (6.05) VAULT - Nicholas Crowfoot (7.9) PARALLEL BARS - Nicholas Crowfoot (5.25) HIGH BAR - Nicholas Crowfoot (5.25).

Gymfinity Gymnastics

Nikki Fitzgerald and Dana Felker of Gymfinity Gymnastics competed in the Level 8 Region 1 Championships held April 13th to 15th in Santa Clara. Athletes from all over Northern California, Southern California, Arizona, Utah and Nevada were in attendance.

Results: Fitzgerald, age group 13C - vault, 3rd, 9.325; bars, 8.575; beam, 8.625; floor, 9.075; all-around, 9th, 35.6. Felker, age group 16A - vault, 8.1; bars, 8.375; beam, 8.4; floor, 8.1; all-around, 32.975.

Soccer Players Sought

The Livermore Elite Rumpage 92, a U15 Division 1 Girls team, is looking for serious players to put together a competitive team for the 2007-08 season. Tryouts will be held April 22nd and 29th from 8:00am-10:00am at Las Positas College (3033 Collier Canyon Road) located in Livermore. Please contact Sara Giroto 925 337-0080 with any questions.

Youth Basketball

In MVP Flight fourth grade girls basketball action the Octilligonos entire team played tenacious defense and picked up their first victory by a score of 20 to 1. High scorers were Amanda Montano and Shannon Rosemark with 6 each. Also scoring for the Octilligonos were Kelly Borden, Danielle Dufek, and Anna Neitzel.

Sandlot Baseball

Sandlot Baseball is looking for players who are age 17 to 19 and are willing to play up to 30 games this summer. Pitchers and catchers are needed. All positions welcome. For information contact sandlotbaseballone@hotmail.com.

Bowling News

Greg Manchester rolled a bowlers dream game at Granada Bowl in Livermore. Manchester, 188 average in Eagles Renovations Match League, rolled twelve strikes in a row for a perfect career 300 game. The same league was Lydia Coatney post games of 238-224-219 for her big 681 series.

Youth bowler, Justin Evans in the Generation Gap, came in with his career first 700 series of 710 with 264-234-212. In the ReMax Reality league, Mark McCreary led with an eleven strike game of 279 to with 257-233 for a 769 series; Gene Bruhl, Gene's Pro Shop, league bowled a 735 series with games of 264-257-214; Ricky Chin was close by with a 279 game to go with 244-202 and a 725 set; Mal Cowen had highs of 247-246 on his way to 711. The Classic looked up to Jim Ferrero with 244-239-215 and a 698 total.

The Sunday Rollers had John Graf post a 713 series with 245-233-235; John Giambrone, Modified Guys and Dolls accomplished a 690 feet with 243-224-223. Steve Reitz upped his 184 norm with a USBC award winning 285 game and 679 series. Youth bowler Mike Pendleton, 161 par, bowled a 243 game with a pair of 202 games for his seasons high 647 series. The Lab League had an excited Tony Mendoza as the 138 average came in with a 208 game and 531 set.

Jr. Olympic Goal

Bryan Chow, a junior at Granada High School, will be competing this year as an unattached runner.

His goal is to run in the National Junior Olympics later this year. He opened his track season in the 5000 meters at the Chabot College Relays. In a field of 20 Division 1, open, and JC runners Bryan finished in an impressive 12th place with a personal best time of 15:33.

Two weeks earlier Bryan placed 17th overall at Emerald Nuts Run across the Bay a 12k road race. The race was 7.2 miles. Bryan was only 51 seconds off the American Record for his age with a time of 40:14 a 5:23 mile pace. Bryan has been training this year with the help of Real Estate agent and US track and Field Coach Brian Davis who has also been training former Granada High, and Florida State stand out Laura Melendez. Laura has been training to qualify for the Olympic Marathon Trials in Boston next year.

F.A.S.T. Registration

Registration for the Foothill Area Swim Team (F.A.S.T.) will be on April 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Laguna Oaks Pool, 2700 Lylewood Drive, Pleasanton. Swimmers of all abilities from under age six to eighteen are encouraged to join. F.A.S.T. is a member of Tri-Valley Swim League, a summer recreational league.

For more information, please see www.fastdolphins.us or call Shari Liebman at 600-8266 or Susanne Wagner at 461-1505.

Water Polo Clinic

High school coach Larry Rogers will conduct a special one day water polo clinic on Saturday, May 5, at the Robert Livermore Community Center pool. Rogers is the director of the nation's number one ranked high school water polo team from Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose.

Coach Rogers and members of his star water polo team will provide participants with coaching and strategy tips at the clinic, which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the pool, located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

The clinic is open to the public at a cost

of \$15 per athlete, which includes one free Finis H2O polo T-shirt. Coaches may attend for free with at least one athlete in attendance. To register, please call Sharon Grant at (925) 37

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

Ranchers Kick Off Season With Two Weekend Games

The Tri-Valley Ranchers, a professional football team playing in the National Indoor Football League (NIFL), will launch its season with two games in one weekend.

Coach Michael Greer states, "It's something that has not been done before in professional football."

The opening game will be Fri., April 21 against the San Bernardino Bucking Bulls. On Sunday, the Ranchers will take on the Los Angeles Lynx.

Games are played at 6 p.m. at the Amador Pavilion at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton

To help introduce the community to the team, those attending Friday will be able to see the Sunday game at half price. Kids under age 12 wearing their youth league uniforms will be admitted free. The first 1000 fans will receive a special give-away.

"After the game, fans are invited to meet the players. They can talk to them and collect autographs. It's a way for us to meet the community," said Greer.

Coaching the team is Michael Greer. He talked about the team and league during an interview.

The NIFL includes both running and passes with about 60 percent of the plays passing. There are limitless formations available. The offense can come out in an "I," a shotgun, have two backs in motion, line up two tight ends, and so on. Unlike its bigger brother, the NFL, three players can go in motion at one time. A linebacker must mirror the quarterback at all times. "It is a much

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 22nd from 1-3pm 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).

more exciting, quicker game," Coach Greer says of the NIFL.

There are eight men on each side with each team having a 22-man roster. Linemen are three-on-three. Greer's line would match up with any pro team for size, with five or so tipping the scales at 300 pounds and over. Doug Sams (6'3", 380 pounds) played for the Buffalo Bills in the NFL.

Play is on a 50 yard field with two end zones. The area is 28 to 32 yards wide, depending on where the games are played.

The league is in its seventh year. With 24 teams it is the largest indoor league. This year there are seventeen start-up teams with much more expansion to come, said Greer. There are four other California teams, three in Los Angeles and one in San Diego.

As for his plans for how the Ranchers will play, Greer declares, "I want to put up 68 points a game. We will not carry a kicker. I am not interested in kicking. There will be no field goals for us."

For additional information or to purchase tickets, go to www.trivalleyranchers.com or www.NIFL-football.com.

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OBITUARIES

Rudy Enriquez

Rudy Enriquez died unexpectedly on April 21, 2007 at his home in Pleasanton. He was 52. He was born Jan. 20, 1955 in Huntington Park, CA. He had lived in Pleasanton for 33 years. He graduated from Sunset High School in Hayward in 1973.

Rudy is survived by his parents Richard and Linda Benson of Pleasanton, sisters Jill Felts of Pleasanton and Julie (George) Avila of Livermore, a brother Anthony (Rebecca) Gonzales of Pleasanton, and nieces and nephews Susan, Michael, Andrew, Alyssa, Rachel and Ashley.

A private service will be held in Johnsville, CA.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Melvin "Duke" Bishop

Melvin Oliver "Duke" Bishop died April 7, 2007 in Pleasanton. He had lived in Livermore for 72 years.

He was a retired glassblower from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

A memorial service was held May 6 at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

William "Bill" Beisley

William "Bill" Beisley died on Good Friday, April 6, 2007 at the age of 82.

A native of Oakland, he had lived in San Leandro and Livermore. He served as an Army engineer during World War II. Bill worked at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for over 30 years on many projects and was well known as "Mr. Linac."

He is survived by his wife, Marie; children Thomas, Lora, Jenelle and husband Darryl, and Jim and wife Gabriella; grandchildren Jennifer and husband Jay, and Izabella; great grandchildren, Cody and Emily; sister Joyce Tolerton; best friend Ray Jewel and many other friends.

Family and friends gathered for a celebration of his life on April 17.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Lula Mae Andrews

Lula Mae Andrews died peacefully on April 9, 2007 at her son's home in Dublin. She was 72.

The native of Guthrie Center, Iowa and lived in Pleasanton for 32 years. She was proud that she was able to attend college and have a career as an accountant for 29 years. She was also a devoted mother, grandmother and homemaker. Her passions were her grandchildren, golf and sewing. Lula was a member of Valley Christian Center in Dublin.

She is survived by her children Susan (Jeff) Cromwell, Shara (James) Peri, and Kevin (Michele) Andrews, and grandchildren, Brenton, Ian, Collin and Shayle Cromwell; Sonora, Camryn, and Thomas Andrews; and Jacob, Regan and Jack Peri.

A memorial service was held April 16 at Valley Christian Center in Dublin.

Donations may be made in memory of Lula Mae Andrews to Valley Christian Center, 7500 Inspiration Dr., Dublin., CA 94568.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Helen A. Haselton

Helen A. Haselton passed away peacefully April 12, 2007 at the age of 77. She was surrounded by her family and friends.

Helen was employed as a quality assurance representative for 20 years at Stromberg Carlson in Rochester, New York before relocating to Northern California. She then worked at Tri Cor in San Ramon and retired in 1991 from the United States Department of Defense. After retirement, Helen enjoyed an active life in the Sunny Glen Senior Community where she served as "Pool Sheriff," among various other duties. She made many wonderful friends playing pinocle and bingo at Sunny Glen and the San Ramon Senior Center. Helen could often be found leaving

"donations" at Cache Creek or shopping at Mervyn's.

She is survived by her best friend and fiance Al Morini, daughter and son-in-law Vicki and David Gordillo, her "Cissy" Dawn Roney and niece Michele Esparza (Greg), sisters Nancy Ripka (Ron) and Faye Norris (Jim), her grandchildren, Carli Van Epps, Shavonne LaPlaza and Danielle and David Gordillo, and great grandchildren, Carson and Sara Rose Van Epps and Dylan Gordillo-Wright.

A celebration of her life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sat., April 21 at the Sunny Glen Community Center, 9000 Craydon Circle, San Ramon.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Helen's name to Hope Hospice, 6500 Dublin Blvd., Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Jon Warren Morano

Jon Warren Morano died April 10, 2007 in Tracy. He was born February 28, 1958 in Burbank, CA.

Jon was heavily involved in the band at Crosswinds Church in Dublin. He loved music, especially playing the guitar, piano and singing. He loved to write his own music. His true passion was his children and what he did for them and everyone truly came from the heart.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, son Michael and daughter Nicole; parents Joseph and Shirley, brother Thomas Morano of Grass Valley and sister Bonnie Goodfriend of Acton.

A celebration of his life was held April 18 at Crosswinds Church in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Jon to Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin, CA 94568.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Margaret Schmitz

Margaret Schmitz died peacefully April 15, 2007 in Livermore.

She was raised in Illinois and moved to Livermore in 1970. She worked as a customer service representative for Comcast for almost twenty years and more recently worked at Costco. She loved talking with people, collecting stamps, and participating in her family's activities. Margaret will be remembered as a friendly, gentle woman.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Jim; daughter Michelle Romero of Stockton, a son, Jeff Schmitz of Livermore sisters, Joyce DeKoster and Katherine Odenwald, both of Illinois, and Emily Teur of Rio Vista and a grandson, Anthony Schmitz of Livermore.

A chapel blessing service will be held at 11 a.m. on Fri., April 20 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore.

Eileen M. Hanley

Livermore native Eileen M. Hanley died April 16, 2007. She was 96.

She was born Aug. 30, 1908, the youngest of six children. She attended St. Michael's School and Livermore High School. Eileen then attended San Jose State where she received her teaching credential in 1929. She taught in Hollister, French Camp, and Stockton.

After Pearl Harbor, Eileen passed the entrance testing for the Navy. However, after talking to her brother, who was a Marine, she became one of the first women to be sworn in to the Marine Corps in San Francisco. She trained at Mt. Holyoke College, where she reached the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. She served as a recruitment officer in both Los Angeles and San Francisco.

After 1945, Eileen went to Washington, D.C. where she trained as a special service officer. When she returned to San Francisco she became the assistant to Colonel Pat Hanley, who had just returned from service in the South Pacific. After leaving the service as a major, Eileen and Colonel Hanley were married in 1947. She continued her education at San Francisco State and the University of California, earning masters degrees in special education

and administration. She joined the Berkeley Unified School District as a special education teacher at Longfellow School as principal until her retirement in 1968.

After her husband passed away in 1966, Eileen became very involved in her parish, St. Mary Magdalen in the Dominican Laity, and in the Berkeley Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by nieces Colleen (Art) Sobrero of Sonora, Maryann Twohey of Carmichael, Peg (Connie) Frydenald of Livermore; nephews John Robert Kelly of Groveland, Raymond (Pat) Mahoney of Stockton, James (Sandy) Mahoney of Stockton, Don Twohey of Fair Oaks, Tom (Margo) Twohey of Vienna, VA and the Hanley nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas Mathew Twohey and Elizabeth Doolan Twohey, sisters Lauretta Kelly in 1990, Marie Mahoney in 1996 and Donna Twohey in 2001; brothers Cyril Twohey in 1987, and Lowell Vincent (Matt) Twohey in 1990.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thurs., April 19 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Burial with honors will be at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno at 2 p.m. on April 19.

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Frank Whitney Dodd

Frank Whitney Dodd died April 13, 2007 following a brief battle with lung cancer. He was 86.

He never had a pair of shoes until he was 12. He never had a cavity. He made his own way - born in Minnesota then moved to Texas with his mother, Carolyn and was adopted by a chiropractor in 1923, raised in Texas in good times and bad. He was a commissioned officer in World War II in Europe and the Pacific.

He attended Purdue University. He graduated with a double degree in physics and engineering from Texas A&I in 1947. He had his wife Suzanne raised four children in Portland, Oregon and in Livermore. He worked for 25 years as a mechanical engineer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

He was instrumental in building both the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Portland and the former Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Livermore. He loved to fish and never cared whether he caught anything. He loved working with his hands, especially with wood.

In current times he was very concerned for the health of the United States and peace in the world. Both a conservative and a progressive, his outlook was let's work together for peace, for what is fair and right, and for dignity for all. He helped both to make the peace and to keep the peace.

He is survived by his children Mark Whitney of Oregon, Thomas Clayton of New Zealand, Carol Jeanne (West) of Santa Cruz, and David Glenn of Petaluma, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2002.

A memorial service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore on Sat., April 21 at 5:30 p.m. He will rest at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, alongside Suzy, their kindred spirits to meet and fly together, once again.

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BULLETIN BOARD

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Passport to Pleasanton 2007 multicultural festival is being held on Saturday, April 28th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Families are encouraged to attend to see live performances, taste foods, play games and learn about the many world cultures represented in Pleasanton. Admission is free and there is no need to register. For free parking, enter at Gate 8 on Valley Avenue. For more information, contact the Pleasanton PTA Council at 846-3257 or www.pleasantonpta.org.

Semi-Annual Fashion Presentation Fund-raiser, Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women, April 26 at Nordstrom Cafe, Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton. Pat Lees, Nordstrom personal Touch manager and wardrobe consultant will present the program. She will show the latest in business and social wear along with accessories and footwear suggestions. 6 p.m. registration, 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7:15 p.m. (on the third level). Fee \$27 per person includes dinner, dessert, beverage, program, tax and gratuity. Reservations required by April 23. Information 829-3505. Funds support scholarships for local re-entry women with goals in college.

Celebration, Thursday, April 19, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Tri-Valley CARE's volunteers and petition signers are invited to help celebrate achieving the goal of 10,000 signatures for CARE's petition campaign to "Stop the Department of Energy From Doubling Plutonium Storage and Usage at Livermore Lab." Festivities and food precede CARE's April Meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. For more information, (925) 443-7148.

Singles Wine Tasting Party, Single professionals of all ages are invited to meet new friends who appreciate fine wines. Sunday, April 29, 2007, 1-3pm, at Rios-Lovell Estate Winery, 6500 Tesla Rd., in Livermore. \$10 at the door includes wine tasting, accompanied by light hors d'oeuvres first hour. Adults of all ages are welcome. This event is sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, a non-profit organization. Anyone wishing more information may call 415/507-9962 or visit www.ThePartyHotline.com.

Forest Farms Home Docents sought, 16-acre historic park in San Ramon is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Docents should enjoy history and meeting new people. No experience needed. Interested individuals are invited to attend a docent training session on Tues., April 24, 7 p.m. at Forest Home Farms, 19953 San Ramon valley Blvd., San Ramon; 973-3283.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., April 21, Walnut Creek, Alamo Hills, Blackhawk, meet 10 a.m. at Heather Farms Park Community Center, Joan and Dan Johnson, 933-9649, canceled if raining. Sun., April 22, 65 miles, Dublin High School start ride with Yosemite tour riders to outskirts of Tracy, meet 8 a.m., Peter Rathmann, 828-1973. Anyone planning to ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Livermore Library Board meets 7 p.m. Thurs., April 26 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Scrapbooking Fundraiser for Alisal PTA on Saturday, April 21, 12pm - 8pm. \$45 fee includes lunch, dinner, snacks, drinks, classes, games, contests, goody bags, prizes, use of stamping supplies and die cuts. What a fun way to raise money for a Pleasanton School and get your scrapbooking done. Contact Susanne Breckenridge, Close to my Heart instructor, at 925-461-3374 or sbrecken@hotmail.com.

The Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets Tues. April 24 at 10am, Heritage Estates Retirement Community, 900 E. Stanley Blvd. Livermore. The group meets the fourth Tuesdays of each month. May's meeting will be May 22 at the

same location. Peripheral Neuropathy generally presents itself initially as tingling, pain or numbness in the feet or hands. It is often hard to diagnose and is sometimes called the most common disease you've never heard of. All are invited to attend who wish to learn more about this disease. Contacts are: Lorene Stack, 447-6158 or Ann Laye, 443-4098.

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Dr., Pleasanton Tuesday, April 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Roberta Gonzales, CBS 5 News Team will emcee the luncheon at Castlewood Country Club. The community is invited to attend this special event to show appreciation towards members of their staffs. Fun, music, great food and fabulous prizes. A King and Queen of Mardi Gras will be crowned at the luncheon. To reserve a seat or to nominate a favorite Mardi Gras King or Queen, call Wendy Gutshall at the Pleasanton Chamber, 846-5858 or visit www.pleasanton.org. Cost to attend is \$35 per person; sponsor a table of (8) for \$400.

The Political Book Discussion Group will be meeting in the Board Room of the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center Branch, from 7-9pm on Tuesday April 24. The book for the month will be *The End of Poverty* by Jeffrey Sachs. Talk, listen, learn about our nation's policies and their effects. Read the book. Defend or disagree. Discuss. All are welcome.

Augustin Bernal Hike/Meditation for Women, Pleasanton Ridge, Pleasanton. 4.5 miles with an approximate elevation gain of 800 feet. Sat., April 21, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee \$18. Contact Sue Evans by phone 925-989-4113 or email with questions. Sign up via fax or in person through the Pleasanton Recreation Dept. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/recreation/current-activities-guide. The fee also includes a group digital photo.

Primavera Dinner Dance, hosted by Italian Catholic Federation, Sat., May 5, St. Michael's Hall, 372 Maple St., Livermore. No-host cocktails 6 p.m., dinner by Chef Tony Martinelli 7 p.m., Dance to the music of JB Smooth Sounds. Raffle prize. Tickets \$27 per person. For reservations, call Helen 462-3798 or Maureen, 846-4488. By April 29. Benefit for Tri-Valley Scholarship Program and other ICF charities.

Computer Training Classes, free, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Searching the Internet, Sat., April 21, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Classes are hands on, first come, first served in the community meeting room B. Information at the Adult Information Services Desk or call 373-5505.

Bring Back the Natives Garden Tour, May 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alameda and Contra Costa County gardens. Free passes to 60 gardens and native plant nurseries; special educational events. Information www.BringBackTheNatives.net. Registration is required by April 25.

Wildflower Train, Ace Club will host a wildflower train and wine tasting with Christy on Sun., April 22. The trip will be between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the Niles Canyon Railway, with boarding at 6 Kilkare, Sunol. Cost is \$10 members, \$30 non-members (includes membership). Information at <http://www.ace-club.com>, irena@ace-club.com or Mark at 408-849-4749. This year the ride will include a stop off in Niles for lunch. The train leaves at 12:00. Ace Club is Silicon Valley's Adventure and Social Club.

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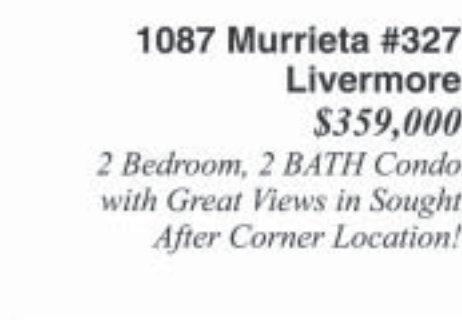
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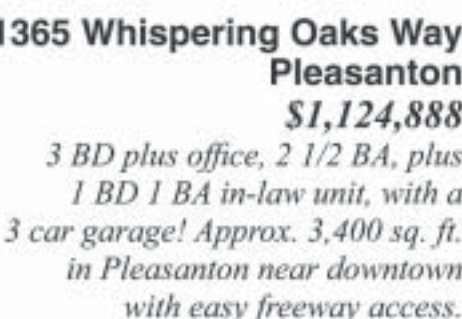
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nual City Livability Awards, a nationwide competition sponsored by the United States Conference of Mayors.

Among the many activities undertaken during its first eight years, Pleasanton's Poet Laureates program has nurtured partnerships with local school teachers to instruct students about writing poetry and sponsored the popular Century House Poetry Reading series that host poets from around the state for the public's enjoyment. In cooperation with the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, the program created the successful Poetry, Prose & Arts Festival, which recently presented its sixth day-long event.

Interested residents may apply for the Poet Laureate post by submitting the following: four original poems, a one-page letter of interest and a resume indicating active participation in promoting the literary arts in the community. In addition, candidates must submit an outline of their visions - goals, projects, activities - for the Poet Laureate Program during the tenure of the position, May, 2007-April, 2009.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies for Pleasanton Presbyterian Church

The congregation of Pleasanton Presbyterian Church will break ground Sunday, April 22 on its new campus in Pleasanton.

The new site is located on Cornerstone Drive in the Ironwood development that is being built by Ponderosa Homes. The church site is at the corner of Valley Avenue, Busch Road and Cornerstone Drive.

The morning will begin with a 9:30 a.m. worship service at 4300 Mirador Drive. The service will break at about 10:15 and members will travel to the new Ironwood site for the groundbreaking and the conclusion of the worship service.

The groundbreaking will begin at about 10:45 a.m. It will be followed by a reception at the Ironwood Gardens community center.

San Jose Construction is general contractor and will be building a six-classroom wing, a coffee house with two additional meeting rooms as well as a 6,000-square-foot Sprung structure. Worship and youth activities will be housed in a Sprung structure. The six classrooms will house both the church's Sunday school as well as a significantly expanded pre-school program offering a wide variety of preschool options for families in the Tri-Valley.

The campus will be fully wired to provide state-of-the-art video in every room. The first phase includes a worship center/community performance venue

Something For Everyone At Stampede

The Annual Spring Stampede will be held April 28 and 29 at the Livermore Rodeo Grounds in Robertson Park, Livermore. It will be the first time the public will see a show under the new horse arena cover.

The California State Horsemen's Association Region 5 presents the stampede. The public is invited to attend. The only charge for the public is a nominal vehicle parking fee.

The following events will take place during the weekend:

A gymkhana will be held Sat., April 28 in the arena starting at 9 a.m. following opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m.

Also on Saturday will be a team penning "Fun"raiser Runs from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in the main arena. This is a kickoff off to raise funds for team penning. This is a competition where riders and their horses separate out cattle in timed competition.

On Sunday, April 29 the opening ceremonies will take place at 7:45 a.m. The horse show including halter, showmanship, leadline, English and Western classes will be held in the show arena starting at 8 a.m. Team penning will also take place on Sunday with the event beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Both days there will be a vendors alley open offering tack, jewelry, clothing, services, crafts and more. The Cafe will offer lunch.

Winery trial rides will be available both days at a cost of \$45 per person. Reservations are required. Bring your horse and ride on a guided tour through the vineyards, stopping at selected wineries for tasting and hors d'oeuvres. The fee includes a souvenir wine glass. For information, contact Kim at 937-1243 or kimberztaz@comcast.net.

For information about the stampede go to www.springstampede.org or www.csharegion5.org.

A selection committee comprised of a Civic Arts commissioner, a representative of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, faculty members from Pleasanton high schools and Las Positas College and representatives of local literary organizations will review all application packets, applying the following criteria: Poetic skills in the writing and presentation of poetry; Participation and leadership in the poetic community; Competency and/or knowledge in organization and direction of literary events; Visibility and respect in the community for poetic activities and abilities; Effective interpersonal and organizational communications for public and press relations; Availability and flexibility to implement, coordinate and meet the purposes and intent of the Poet Laureate position; and, Enthusiasm for the poetic arts and viable vision for tenure as Poet Laureate.

After a preliminary screening, selected finalists will be invited to present their poems and visions to the Selection Committee in person on May 10, 2007.

that will be completed as additional funding is available. It totals more than 10,000 square feet.

Construction is expected to take 280 days. All landscaping and parking will be completed in the first phase, giving the campus the look of "a church in a park."

It will be the third permanent home for Pleasanton Presbyterian Church, which is a congregation that has been worshipping in Pleasanton for more than 125 years. The church's original facility at 100 Neal Street now is home to Lighthouse Baptist Church. In 1977, the church moved to its current campus at 4300 Mirador Drive.

The Presbyterian church will continue to worship at its current site Sundays until December. A blended service with a classical influence is held at 9 a.m. followed by a contemporary service at 10:30 a.m.

For information about Sunday's groundbreaking, please contact Tim Hunt, church elder, at 925-786-8364 or Pastor Mike Barris at 925-846-4436.

The church can be contacted at 925-846-4436 or on the web at www.pleasantonpres.org.

Tri-Valley Youth Court Looking for New Logo

A \$250 contest is underway to develop a logo for the Tri-Valley Youth Court.

The contest is open to high school students in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. Deadline for logo entries is May 21, with the winner to be announced at the end of May.

The logo will be used for envelopes, letterhead, business cards and the like. Logo submissions must be made digitally. For a full list of specifications, students can check the website, www.livermorespromise.org, or phone Kathy at 606-7564.

Tri-Valley Youth Court is scheduled to begin sessions in the Fall at Alameda County Superior Courthouse in Pleasanton. The courts will be run by youths under the supervision of adults. In general, cases will be limited to crimes not involving weapons or major violence.

Goal of the Youth Court will be to help young people "become more responsible for their own actions through cooperation with their peers and their community, and to experience resti-

A recommendation will be forwarded to the Civic Arts Commission for approval and the final appointment will be made by the Pleasanton City Council.

All application packets must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2007. They may be mailed or delivered to: Andy Jorgensen, Civic Arts Manager, Department of Parks & Community Services, City of Pleasanton, P.O. Box 520, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. *Postmarks will not be accepted.* For more information, applicants may call Andy Jorgensen at (925) 931-5347.

Science Fiction Just One of Themes Tackled by Independent Film Makers

First World, an original science fiction epic, has been nominated as Best Screenplay in the California Independent Film Festival scheduled for April 14 - 22, 2007 in Livermore.

Written by Mark Lund, *First World* is a fictional account of the early years of NASA, when the United States discovered a vast and advanced civilization on the Moon in the early 1960s with its first space probes. This discovery was classified. False images of the Moon were transmitted during all the Apollo missions. When the Earth mission of this new civilization was discovered, political forces demanded that President Nixon suspend the space program. It is now the year 2018 and the Chinese government has announced it is making its first manned mission to the Moon. What does this civilization represent? Who knows about its existence? What is their mission? And to what lengths will they go to protect Earth and our way of life?

"I have always been a huge supporter of the space program as well as a fan of numerous classic science fiction films and TV series," said Lund. "With *First World*, my idea was to present what would happen if we actually discovered an advanced civilization within our own celestial backyard and then covered it up. The screenplay involves the conflux of world governments and religion within, I believe, a plausible storyline."

To bring *First World* to life, Lund not only wrote the 135-

page screenplay, but also produced a 25-minute short film and a 2-minute trailer. The trailer can be viewed at www.myspace.com/firstworldmovie.

Lund is no stranger to the written word or the entertainment industry. He is perhaps best known as one of the three judges on FOX's *Skating with Celebrities*. Lund has also appeared as an analyst for the sport of figure skating over the last decade on numerous networks. During the 2002 Winter Olympics he was one of the first to identify "the French judge" in what has become known as Skatagate.

The California Independent Film Festival runs through Sun., April 22. Film lovers will have the opportunity to see six films that screened at Sundance this year, in addition to a wide range of other shorts. Saturday morning there will be a special selection of films for children at the Vine Theatre. Viewers will have to choose which films they want to see during the different time blocks to aid in logistics.

Blocks will range from \$8 to \$10 per block, with \$20 passes available per day. Tickets can be purchased by calling 925-362-9734.

Early Music Series Concludes at College

Las Positas College wraps up its second annual Early Music Series this month with internationally recognized professional musicians in a historically informed performance of works.

The final concert in the Series is scheduled on Saturday, April 21. The Farallon Recorder Quartet concert will feature hauntingly austere works from the Middle Ages along with the rich harmonies and sparkling rhythms of the Renaissance, the graceful counterpoint of the Baroque, and new works for recorder

quartet from today's composers.

This repertoire will include works by 14th century French composer Guillaume de Machaut; 15th century composers Heinrich Isaac and Gilles Binchois; 16th century composers Morales, Cabezon and others; 17th century composer Girolamo Frescobaldi; 18th century composer Johann Sebastian Bach; and current day composers including Osvaldo Lacerda and Paul Leenhouts.

The performance will take place in the Las Positas College Library, Building 2000, and begins at 7:30 p.m. with a pre-concert talk. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$15 for the general public and \$5 for students. For further information please call Marilyn Marquis at (925) 424-1209 or visit the Las Positas College Early Music website at www.lpclearlymusic.org

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Gala Event Honors Loni Anderson

Barbara Eden to Join in Festivities; Comedian John Byner to Emcee



John Byner

Loni Anderson who first gained her national celebrity status when she played Jennifer Marlowe on *WKRP in Cincinnati* will receive The 2007 California Independent Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award on Sunday, April 22.

On hand to help honor her will be fellow actress and friend Barbara Eden.

Eden says the two met when they both appeared on a Bob Hope special. "I really got to know her. We have been very close the last 14 or 15 years," says Eden.

Asked to reveal something about Loni that the public might not know, Eden laughed, "I'm saving all of that for the ceremony. I am going to talk about Loni. I don't think she knows I'm coming."

Both are blondes. Both starred in popular television series. Edén in "I Dream of Jeannie," a role she says she was surprised to be given. "I kept seeing all these beautiful, tall brunettes were being testing for the role. I was sent a script. I asked my agent, 'are you sure they know what I look like?'" What followed was lunch with Sidney Sheldon during which he reportedly told her, "You're my Jeannie."

The show has never been off the air. "I love her," Eden says of Jeannie. "She's very easy to live with." Her time on the show was lots of fun, the "happiest time of my life." She keeps in touch with both co-stars, particularly Larry Hagman, who also lives in California.

Edén said she is happy to be part of the ceremony honoring another friend, Loni Anderson. "She did the same thing for me at a recent dinner."

Anderson stated. "There is no preparation for becoming a celebrity, for the attention it brings."

Edén too offered advice for anyone interested in an acting career. "Study. Everyone thinks they will be discovered. There are skills you have to hone - such as acting. It doesn't hurt to dance a little and sing a little," she declared.

Her own plans include continuing to tour in "Love Letters" with Hal Linden. She will also be appearing in two feature films written by her niece Katherine Fugate.

Actor, Comedian John Byner will host the Loni Anderson Gala in Livermore.

The presentation will take place during a gala event on Sunday, April 22, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore.

This special evening includes dinner and wine from the Livermore Wine Country and a career highlight and tribute of Ms. Anderson with some special surprise guests. Barbara Eden is also scheduled to attend. Tri-Valley Bank sponsors this event.

John Byner is an actor, comedian and impressionist who has had a lengthy television and movie career.

He has appeared in numerous television and movie productions and also has a voice over career.

Tickets to attend the gala on Sun., April 22 in Livermore are \$50. They can be purchased in advance by calling Tim Neeley at 925-362-9734, at the Film Festival's Livermore Office: Old Theater Mall, 2222 Second Street Suite 3 or online at www.caindiefest.com (http://www.caindiefest.com).



Photo - Eric Wood

Cast members of the Pleasanton Playhouse's production of "Grease" are (right to left) Danny Guzman (Sonny), Vanessa Lucero (Jan), Leslie Noel (Marty), Derek Smith (Roger), Tom Tusler (Danny), Katy Kaul (Rizzo), Jesse Garcia (Doody), Patrick Dixon (Kenickie), and Liz Marsh (Frenchy). The musical runs April 20-May 6, at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. For tickets or information, call 462-2121 or go to www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

LAA Celebrates 50 Years with Spring Show

The Livermore Art Association (LAA) will be celebrating its 50th anniversary at its annual Spring Show on April 21 and 22. The show will be open for public viewing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave, Livermore.

The show will feature 250 pieces of art, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, fiber arts, pottery, woodcarving, photography, jewelry and more. Various

artists will be demonstrating during the show.

The public is invited to a reception, with food, wine, music, and the presentation of awards to the artists on Saturday evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The reception is special this year, because LAA is 50 years old. Admission is free.

This year, LAA is sponsoring student tours on April 18-20. Livermore classrooms have been

invited to view the show with an art docent before the show opens to the general public. As artists, LAA members are interested in promoting the arts to our youth. For information on the student tours contact Linda Beach at 925 449-4226.

The Spring Art Show is open to all artists in the area. For information call (925) 449-9927 or check our website at www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org.

Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. Tickets \$17-\$38. 943-7469. www.leshercenter.org.

Early Music Series. Las Positas College Library, 7:30 p.m. Sat., April 21. The Farallon Quartet. The group will perform a wide variety of musical styles from Medieval and Renaissance to commissioned modern pieces. Tickets for the general public are \$40 for the three-concert series or \$15 per individual concert, \$12 for the series for students and \$5 per individual concert. Checks should be made payable to the Las Positas College Foundation and mailed to: Early Music Concerts, Attn: Marilyn Marquis, Las Positas College, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Orders received after the Monday prior to the concert will be held at the door.

Cinema at Wente Vineyards - Field of Dreams. Thurs., April 26. Dinner and the movie \$39 (plus tax and gratuity). Movie only tickets are also available for \$9 per adult and \$5 per child (12 and under). Proceeds benefit the California Independent Film Festival. Wente Visitor's Center, Arroyo Road, Livermore. Movie begins at 7:30 pm For more information and ticket sales, call the box office at 925-456-2400.

Bay Friendly Garden Tour. Sun., April 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. self-guided tour of 40 private and public gardens throughout Alameda County. Sponsored by StopWaste.org. Free. Registration required. Tour guide will be provided. Register online by April 19 at www.BayFriendly.org or call 510-444-SOIL.

Worthington Gallery West. "Unifying Threads" international textile show, through April 21, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 739-J Main St., Pleasanton, 485-1183. www.worthingtongallerywest.com. Art Wine Design, Fri., April 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everything You Wanted to Know About Buying, Hanging, and Lighting Art Plus Wine Tasting - Gourmet Appetizers - Interior Redesigner Tips Featuring Oasis Grille

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Pleasanton Chamber Players.

concert is set for Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, corner of Hopyard and Del Valle. Pleasanton. Program, "Memories of Music," includes works by Mozart, Michelson, Holy, Tournier, Menotti, and Golljov for strings, clarinet, flute, harp and percussion, including the world premiere of "...softly through the night...memories of music..." by Fremont composer Helena Michelson and a 2:30 pm pre-concert talk by the composer. How much: tickets are \$15 in advance (at Towne Center Books and Ingram & Braun in Pleasanton, Fine Fretted Friends in Livermore), \$18 at the door, children free. Additional information: (925) 600-1331 or dominiquepiana@comcast.net

Pacific Chamber Symphony

concert on Thurs., April 26 "Landscapes." Lawrence Kohl conducts. The program will include works by Kodaly, Mendelssohn and Daniel David Feinsmith's world premiere "Anointed." 7:30 p.m. Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tickets are adult \$15 and youth (center aisle), students \$10, grades under 18 - \$15, and special: purchase 4 tickets \$75 and save. For tickets, call (925) 931-3444.

Playwrights' Theatre.

"This Is Not My Life," staged reading of an existential comedy by San Francisco playwright Adam Sandel, in which eight actors portray 38 characters. Playwrights' Theatre is a program of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service. 3 p.m. May 6 Old Barn at Tao House, Danville. Tickets \$25 at 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek, 943-7469 or www.dlrca.org.

Grease.

Pleasanton Playhouse, April 20-May 6, 2007. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Curtain time on Fridays and Saturdays is 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. For tickets or information, 462-2121 or www.pleasantonplayhouse.com.

Diablo Light Opera Company.

The Music Man, April 6-May 5. 8 p.m.

and Bodegas. Worthington Gallery West, 739 Main St., Pleasanton; tickets \$10 in advance before April 17, \$20 at the door. Half of proceeds will benefit the Firehouse Arts Center of Pleasanton.

Studio Remembers Kurt Vonnegut

April Salon Remembers Kurt Vonnegut

4th Street Studio presents its monthly Saturday Salon on Saturday April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 4th Street Studio, 2235 Fourth Street, in Livermore.

"This month's salon is a Kurt Vonnegut (who exhorted writers to find their own voice) kind of event. Interpret that as you wish. Everyone is a featured writer; everyone has up to 10 minutes to share their work. And so it goes," according to Karen Hogan, studio founder.

The public is welcome. People are welcome to just come and listen as well. For more information, contact Karen Hogan at 925 456-3100 or by email at 4thstreetstudio@pacbell.net.

Poets Showcase At Towne Center

Poets' Showcase presents Everything Poetry Poets on Wed., April 25 at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton.

Martha Meltzer, Peggy Messerschmidt, Carol Marshall, Scott Gioranni, Alice Knight, Tamara Grippi and Cynthia Bryant will read their own poetry as well as poems of favorite poets for National Poetry Month

The event is hosted by Cynthia Bryant, Poet Laureate of Pleasanton. Information is available by email at PoetLane@comcast.net on the web www.poetslane.com or by phone 925-398-8846.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street.

Livermore Poet Laureate to Present Celebration of Poetry at Bothwell Arts Center

Connie Post, Livermore's Poet Laureate, offers an opportunity to celebrate the poetry of David Alpaugh and Richard Silberg.

Each author has a new book out. Each contributes a great deal to poetry in the Bay Area. The celebration will be held Sun., April 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street Livermore. Featured readers will begin at 2 p.m. Open Mic will take place following the featured readers, after a short break

Light refreshments will be served. There is a \$5.00 admission fee

David Alpaugh's poetry, fiction, drama, and criticism have appeared in more than a hundred literary journals and anthologies. His first collection, Counterpoint, won the Nicholas Roerich Poetry Prize from Story Line Press, and his chapbooks have been published by Coracle Books and Pudding House Publications. His essay "The Professionalization of Poetry," serialized by Poets & Writers Magazine, drew hundreds of emails and wide discussion on the Internet. He has taught at the University of California Berkeley Extension; publishes the Carquinez Poetry Review; and hosts a popular poetry reading series in the San Francisco Bay Area. His new book Heavy Lifting has just been published by Alehouse Press.

Richard Silberg was born in New York City in 1942. He received his BA from Harvard and his MA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State University. A poet and critic, he is Associate Editor of Poetry Flash and host of Poetry Flash's reading series, an institution in Berkeley, California. His poetry has appeared

in The American Poetry Review, Denver Quarterly, Volt, Parthenon West Review, and New American Writing. His poetry collections include Deconstruction of the Blues (Red Hen Press, 2006), Doubtless (California Poetry Series/Heyday Books, 2000), Totem Pole (3300 Review Press, 1996) and several others. Deconstruction of the

Blues was honored with a 2006 PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Literary Award.

Richard Silberg's Deconstruction of the Blues has been nominated for the 2007 Northern California Book Award.

For more information, contact Connie Post at Connie@Poetrypost.com or livermorepoetlaureate@hotmail.com.

Studio 7 Opens New Exhibit

Studio 7 Fine Arts will be exhibiting a selection of paintings by James Leonard from April 21st through May 6th.

The gallery will host an artist reception on Saturday, April 21st, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free to the public.

One of California's leading abstract expressionist painters, Contra Costa resident James Leonard works with acrylics on canvas using bold horizontal and vertical strokes and strong color to reach the viewer's emotions. He describes his work as complex in scope, yet quiet in interpretation.

"Art has always been the focus of my life," he says. "As such, art, like life, is a process. Just as our lives unfold in unique and beautiful ways, so do my paintings have their own unique individual expression. As an artist, I strive to guide each painting to its fulfillment. The process is like a circle, without beginning or end."



Yours and Mine by James Leonard

Exhibited in Europe and the U.S., Leonard's work is part of many corporate collections, including NASA's Stennis Space Center and Lifoka Grafische in Holland.

For more information about Studio 7 Fine Arts or the exhibition, please call 925.846.4322 or visit www.studio7finearts.com. The studio is located at 400 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton,

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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Patrick E. Reynolds
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 26, 2007. Expires March 26, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2138. Publish March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393517
The following person (s) doing business as Selway Outfitters, 1031 Alison Circle, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Donald Paul Seibel, 1031 Alison Circle, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Donald Paul Seibel
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 26, 2007. Expires March 26, 2012.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 392754
The following person (s) doing business as Industrial Motor Control Solutions, 3940 Hillside Ave., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Britt Lee Wilson, 3940 Hillside Ave., Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 1, 2007
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Britt Lee Wilson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 9, 2007. Expires March 9, 2012.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393132-33
The following person (s) doing business as 1)Vinayard Staging 2)Tri-Valley Staging, 724 Newbury Street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Titan Group Holdings, LLC., 724 Newbury Street, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by limited liability company
Registrant has not yet begun

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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Kimberly A. LaRosa and Anthony J. LaRosa
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393690
The following person (s) doing business as D.H. Gomes Construction, 639 Enos Way, Livermore, Ca 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Duane Harry Gomes, 639 Enos Way, Livermore, Ca., 94551
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Duane Gomes
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 28, 2007. Expires March 28, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2142. Publish April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 392766-67
The following person (s) doing business as 1)Fantasy Sound 2)Fantasy Sound Services, 2614 Old First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Kevin M. Dennis, 829 Arbor Ct., Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 21, 2000.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Kevin M. Dennis
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 9, 2007. Expires March 9, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2143. Publish April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2007.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 384727-28
The following person (s) has (have) Abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: 1)Fourth Street Storytellers 2)Unusual Evenings Productions located at 2109 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550
The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on August 31, 2006, in the County of Alameda.
Shakespeare's Associated, Inc. 2109 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550
This business was conducted by a corporation
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Lisa Tromovitch
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 21, 2007.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393686-87
The following person (s) doing business as 1)Mobile Office Management 2)MOM, 1710 Mallard Ct., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Lisa Dalene Brown, 1710 Mallard Ct., Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Lisa Dalene Brown
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 28, 2007. Expires March 28, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2145. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393392
The following person (s) doing business as Advanced Therapy Massage Company, Sybase Fitness Center, 2 Sybase Dr., Dublin, CA 94568 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Tracy Kramer, 10742 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Tracy Kramer
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 22, 2007. Expires March 22, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2146. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393051
The following person (s) doing business as Community Cafe, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Hope Services, 30 Las Colinas Lane, San Jose, CA 95119
This business is conducted by non-profit organization
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Raymond Abe
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The Independent Legal No. 2147. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393619
The following person (s) doing business as Power House Sales & Marketing, 541 Hanover St., Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Eric H. York, 541 Hanover St., Livermore, CA 94551
Tamara M. York, 541 Hanover St., Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by husband and wife
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393427
The following person (s) doing business as Lady Ink Promotions, 670 Mulqueeney Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Saundra Merth, 670 Mulqueeney Street, Livermore, CA 94550
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 15, 2007.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Saundra Merth
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transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 27, 2007.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Eric H. York
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on March 27, 2007. Expires March 27, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2148. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 348617
The following person (s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name Tri Valley Test Only Center, 1739 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on May 24, 2004, in Alameda County under the file number 348617.
Thomas M. Lyons, 2681 Farnsworth Dr., Livermore, CA 94551
This business was conducted by an individual
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Thomas M. Lyons
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 2, 2007.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 393926
The following person (s) doing business as Tri Valley Test Only Center, 1739 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Martin Hernandez, 1737 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Martin Hernandez
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The Independent Legal No. 2150. Publish April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 394449
The following person (s) doing business as Picazo Vineyards Farming, 741 Kalthoff Common, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Jose J. Picazo, Jr., 741 Kalthoff Common, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/Jose J. Picazo, Jr.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on April 13, 2007. Expires April 13, 2012.
The Independent Legal No. 2154. Publish April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 394362-394363
The following person (s) doing business as 1)Fine Fretted Friends 2)Fretted Friends, 2181 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Michael F. Ferrucci 508 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 20, 2004.
Signature of Registrant: /s:/Michael F. Ferrucci
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The Independent Legal No. 2152. Publish April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2007.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 394443-394445
The following person (s) doing business as 1)Realty550, Inc. 2)Realty550, 3)Appurtenant Business Services, 14 Jami Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Realty550, Inc., 14 Jami Street, Livermore, CA 94550
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Signature of Registrant: /s:/David Dreffs
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This business is conducted by an individual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 394217
The following person (s) doing business as Lady Ink Promotions, 670 Mulqueeney Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner (s): Saundra Merth, 670 Mulqueeney Street, Livermore, CA 94550
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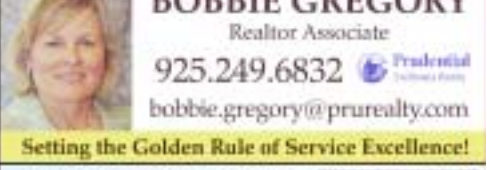
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The action was fast as Las Positas College Ultimate team (dark uniforms) took on Stanford in the sectional tournament April 14 and 15 at Independence Park in Livermore.

Valley Humane Society To Double Capacity With New Building

Valley Humane Society will open its new short-term facility April 25 at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

It is in Stanley Business Park, which is at Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue. The new building is 2120 square feet, and will replace the old facility at 273 Spring St., which occupied only 800 square feet, and is now closed.

Capacity for accommodating cats will double to about 30 or 40, said executive director David Stegman. Dogs are kept in foster homes. Potential adopters see

them on weekends.

However, once a permanent facility is built in two to four years, on a lot next to the new rented short-term modular, there will be room to house dogs. That facility will cover 5000 square feet. VHS owns the lot.

The lot on which the new temporary facility sits is owned by the city. It is being leased at a discount rate to the nonprofit group. VHS has only a temporary permit for the new modular building, because some phone and power-line work must still be done.

Stegman estimated that everything should be ready by July for a permanent occupation permit. Once the utilities are brought in from their lines at the street, they will be adaptable to serving the future building. That will save VHS money, because it's cheaper to obtain the permits now, said Stegman.

Stegman said that VHS has been raising funds for many years for the new and future buildings, and will continue to do so. Small donations have meant as much as gifts from estates, grants, and charitable trusts.



PET OF THE WEEK

Tess is a 1 to 2 year old Border Collie who is described as "like butter"! She is extremely sweet and loving, and craves attention and petting. She was found as a stray, but seems to adore children, and gets along with cats and other dogs. True to her breed, she has herding instincts and is very intelligent, and would benefit greatly from proper, positive training to provide her with structure and confidence. She is spayed, housetrained and sleeps in a crate at night, but has a fear of vehicles, and gets car sick. For more information on Gonzo or to arrange to see him, please call Valley Humane Society at 925-426-8656. Valley Humane Society holds mobile pet adoptions for dogs and cats at Pet Extreme in Livermore every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Bay-Friendly Gardens On Display in Livermore

Free, self-guided garden tour showcases natural gardening techniques

By Jenny Tatone

A handful of Livermore residents recently discovered the beauty of creating environmentally conscious gardens that work in favor of Mother Nature. On Sunday, April 29, they will put their results on display by opening their yards to the public as part of the Fourth annual Bay-Friendly Garden Tour.

"There are a lot of inspiring gardens on this tour," said Livermore resident Kat Weiss, who owns a gardening and landscaping business. "People can get some really great ideas on re-

ative reuse and how to live a little differently and more lightly on the land through a not only sustainable but also beautiful garden."

Along with the Livermore gardens, the tour showcases 10 other clusters of gardens throughout Alameda County.

Weiss designed five of the six Livermore gardens that will be open to the public as part of the tour. The tour demonstrates how gardeners and landscapers used sustainable, holistic approaches for redesigning their yards to conserve natural resources and

adapt to their local environment while still boasting beauty and charm.

Featured Livermore gardens display drought-tolerant, locally adapted plants well suited to hot, dry summers, decks and trellis made from recycled and reused material, wine barrels and stock tanks for collecting rainwater, patios made by reusing broken concrete, and recycled mulch to minimize weeds and act as an attractive groundcover.

"Bay-Friendly is a holistic approach to gardening in which gardeners use compost and mulch, choose drought tolerant plants and avoid toxic pest controls," said Jeanne Nader, Bay-Friendly Garden program manager. "It's also about diversity in style.

Gardens on our tour illustrate that," she continued. "We have a home where front lawns were replaced with vibrant perennials, another home with chickens, bees and fruit orchards and another featuring succulent gardens with salvaged materials as art."

Bye, bye lawn

Weiss advises her clients and other budding gardeners to rid their yard of as much lawn as possible. "Lawns are a resource and time hog," she said. "Also, think of creative ways to reuse materials you don't want, such

as concrete slabs or patios.

Weiss recently tore out a concrete RV driveway outside her home, reusing and staining the concrete—along with sandstone and flagstone—for a decorative terrace built in her backyard. She also built a wooden trellis out of her mom's Redwood deck, which she replaced with a new Trex deck made of recycled plastic content.

"My mom's garden is also featured on the tour," Weiss said. "Her old deck was made into mulch, which covers her entire yard."

Her mom's garden also showcases a newly planted garden, native bulbs, oats and wild flowers.

Weiss' garden, which she has been renovating for about four years, is also featured on the tour. Her yard is 90 percent native; her two apple trees are the only non-natives remaining. Weiss' garden includes poppies, four kinds of salvias, monkey flowers, recycled tree trimmers, a full vegetable garden, wine barrels and a horse trough for collecting rainwater and a compost tumbler. "I recycle everything from the kitchen," she said.

The tour lets participants see first-hand just how doable and fun creating a Bay-Friendly Garden can be, inspiring gardeners—or aspiring gardeners—to transform their valley garden

LHS Selected As Distinguished School

Four schools from Alameda County have been named California Distinguished Schools by the California Department of Education on Monday. Livermore High School is included on the list.

"Being recognized as a California Distinguished School is one of the highest honors a school can receive, and those who have been chosen should take great pride in the achievement," said Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Sheila Jordan. "The state has exceptionally high standards for the recognition. Very few schools are selected each year, and to be selected is something teachers, parents, students and administrators should take great pride in."

Schools eligible to apply for the Distinguished School honor are judged based upon their Academic Performance Index, (API), California Department of Education (CDE) and the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA).

The Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) validated information provided by the schools that applied. ACOE of-

officials interviewed administrators, parents, teachers, students, community representatives and district personnel. A report of the site visits was reviewed by Superintendent Jordan and then forwarded to CDE for a review and final decision.

The four schools will be honored during a ceremony on May 18 at an awards ceremony and dinner at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. Each campus will also be presented with a plaque and flag and will be permitted to use the title "California Distinguished Schools" for the next five years.

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