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## Fair grabs 20 first-place awards

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PLEASANTON — The Alameda County Fair Association continues to celebrate 2005 by reaping rewards based on last year's success.

The 2005 Alameda County Fair, which brought in more than 403,000 guests for its 17-day event, took home 41 industry achievement awards during the Western Fairs Association's 83rd annual convention in San Diego last week.

The 41 awards were the result of 47 entries submitted for consideration. The fair received 20 first-place honors.

Among the first place awards was the top honor for its Employee Safety Training Program, which successfully prevented injuries to 706 employees who worked the fair.

Operation: POSTCARD, which provided members of the community the opportunity to show their support for U.S. troops by signing double-sided postcard banners, was the "Best New Idea This Year."

During the convention, Alameda County Fair Chief Executive Officer Rick K. Pickering was sworn in as WFA Treasurer. The Alameda County Fair Association also recently announced two additions to its board of directors.

Oakland's Nell Barnett served on the board in 1995. She has also been a member of the Martin Luther King Jr. and New Oakland committees.

Livermore's Jack Kavanagh, president of Jack Kavanagh Liquor and Beverage Corp., is a founder of the Bank of Livermore and was on the Oakland/Alameda County Coliseum board of directors for eight years.

The 2006 Alameda County Fair will run from June 23 through July 9. For more information, visit <http://www.AlamedaCountyFair.com> or call (925) 426-7600.