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 Section A is filled with information about arts, people, entertainment and special events. There are education stories, a variety of features, and the arts and entertainment and bulletin board.

Wind Firm Can Keep 828 Old Turbines Up 3 More Years

Altamont Wind Inc. (AWI) won permission to keep its 828 old wind-turbines operating in the Altamont until 2018 on a 3-2 vote by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisors Scott Haggerty, Nate Miley and Richard Valle voted for the extension; Wilma Chan and

Keith Carson were opposed. The vote reverses the unanimous decision of the East County Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) not to grant the extension. AWI president Rick Koebbe told supervisors that if he cannot have the extension, he would have to shut down the operation.

AWI was supposed to

end the old turbines later this year, and start repowering with new turbines. The new turbines would produce more power overall and kill fewer endangered bird species. AWI had agreed in 2013 to make the change.

The company needed more time to put everything in order to be able to proceed, Koebbe told su-

pervisors. There has been a delay in negotiating for new transmission lines.

A larger number of environmentalists spoke at the podium. Generally, they said that AWI has been too slow to repower, and should not be given any more time.

Among the speakers opposing the extension, was Mike Lynes of Golden Gate

Audubon Society said that his group opposed the permit extension in 2013, but did not litigate, because of faith in the decision then that the turbines would come down in 2015. He asked for rejection of the AWI application.

Haggerty's reasons for granting the extension included the fact that AWI is

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Pleasanton Council Sets Priorities

The Pleasanton City Council approved work plan priorities for the 2015-16 year.

A public workshop was held in early March to review the existing work plan and consider new priorities over the next two years. The council approved the new plan at its March 17 meeting.

The work is designed to inform the community of the council's shared vision of high priority projects and to provide the city manager with the policy direction needed to manage city resources.

The plan does not rank projects. They are divided into broad categories, such as the Bernal Property, quality of life, economic development, and the general plan.

Projects for the Bernal Property include construction of Phase II, completion of a dog park, preparation of a community farm master plan, and additional native

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Livermore Housing Element Oked

The Livermore City Council approved the city's updated housing element at Monday's meeting. It will now be sent to the state for certification.

Changes required by the state included a clarification of zoning for transitional and supportive housing. The city already allows for this type of housing. However, the state noted in its review of the draft housing element that the city should amend its code to allow transitional and supportive housing to be treated as residential uses.

Transitional housing provides living accommodations for up to two years. The residents at these shelters are typically connected to a rehabilitation program, including substance abuse and mental health interventions, employment services, individual and group counseling, and life skills training. An example in Livermore of transitional housing would be the Bluebell Apartments.

Supportive housing provides a permanent location that is affordable, linked with on-going supportive services, and gives formerly homeless residents the opportunity to live in the facility on an indefinite basis. The Carmen Avenue Apartments represent this type of housing.

The city's new housing element covers the years 2015 to 2022. The state requires housing elements to be updated every eight years. A draft is sent to the state for comment. The comments include proposed revisions, which are to be incorporated into the housing element. It is then sent to the state for certification. The deadline for approval is May 31, 2015 in

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Tamara and Christopher Warren show the footprint from one of the elephants they worked with in Thailand.

Living with Elephants Called A Vacation to Remember

By Carol Graham
 For Tamara and Christopher Warren, one vacation memory stands out among the rest.

"We have many favorite parts of this experience, but what stands out most was being able to walk with the elephants to the Mun River, where we waded in the water with them and scrubbed, splashed and listened to them communicate their happiness through squeaks, a light touch on our heads

with their curious trunks, or a shower of water sprayed all around us," recalled Tamara.

Instead of taking a luxury vacation this year, the Livermore couple opted to spend February 16 - 22 in Thailand volunteering with the Surin Project, an organization dedicated to improving the living conditions of captive Asian elephants.

"Wanting to travel to take care of and interact with elephants has been on

my bucket list," explained Tamara. "This was a working vacation, where we paid a fee (\$425). The monies went to help feed and care for the elephants."

The Warrens joined nine others from countries as widespread as Germany, China, England and Australia. They'd rise at 7 a.m. to help the mahouts (elephant caregivers/owners) clean enclosures, cut sugarcane and walk the elephants.

Although upwards of

200 elephants live on the government-owned reserve, only 15 or so are part of the Surin Project.

"The elephants who are not part of the project are chained up by both feet and pretty much stay chained seven days a week. It's heartbreaking," said Tamara. "The elephants who are part of the Surin Project are only chained by one foot and are taken off of their chains at least four to five times a day

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Dublin to Help Schools with \$66 Million Savings

By Ron McNicoll
 The Dublin City Council unanimously approved two actions that will lead to providing the city's school district with sites for elementary schools in the Jordan Ranch and Dublin Crossing development.

Savings for the school district are expected to be \$66 million. In the Jordan Ranch subdivision, located east of Fallon Road, near Central Parkway, the school district will forego purchase of an 11-acre site reserved for school use in the city's specific plan.

That site will be occupied instead by 110 residential units. Staff said that the residences on the site will not add to the developers' 510 or so units for the entire subdivision. Instead, the density will be spread out over the total acreage, and therefore lowered on a per-acre basis.

The school district will use a 10-acre parcel on the south edge of Central Parkway for the school. The parcel has been reserved for a park. However, the city has agreed to split the use with the school district. Park usage will be compatible for both students' and neighbors' needs.

The district will lease its school site from the city at a nominal fee, yet to be negotiated. Superintendent Steve Hanke said that it takes four years to build a school, including the plan-

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Zone 7 Unblocks Yuba Water Deal for DSRSD

By Ron McNicoll
 Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and Zone 7 Water Agency have worked out an agreement to help ensure that DSRSD will have enough water to meet the needs of its customers in Dublin and the Dougherty Valley portion of San Ramon during this calendar year.

Zone 7 had blocked DSRSD's proposal to purchase water from the Yuba County Water Agency, sending an objection to the Federal Bureau of Reclamation.

Zone 7 stated in its objection that its contract with DSRSD requires that the district buy water from Zone 7. An exception requiring DSRSD to purchase water from Zone 7 could be made, if Zone 7 cannot supply the water. However, that would not be known until mid-April, when the state makes a final determination of how much water it will allocate to wholesale water contractors, Zone 7 officials have said.

The DSRSD board voted

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Wildflowers dot the open spaces in the Tri-Valley. Pictured above is a field in North Livermore.

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PET OF THE WEEK
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Father's Death Inspires Effort to Buy Defibrillators

By Carol Graham

Greg Solberg has many memories with his father at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club.

"Catching lizards as a child, bacon shoots, pioneer fairs, hunters' safety class, and," says the 28-year-old, "the last minutes of my father's life."

On March 3rd, Greg, father Niles and stepmom Alice were at the rifle range when moments into the second round of live-firing, Niles collapsed.

"I immediately yelled, 'Call 911!' as I caught my father and placed him on the ground," says Greg. "Checking his responsiveness, breathing and pulse, I realized the need to start CPR. A retired nurse quickly came to my side and we began two-person CPR. In the midst of it, I asked if the range had an automated external defibrillator (AED). Unfortunately, it did not."

The paramedics arrived and took over, but at the hospital an hour later Niles was pronounced dead.

"Making funeral arrangements shortly after leaving the hospital, family members and I wanted to do a 'In lieu of flowers...' thing," says Greg, who suggested starting a GoFundMe account to provide AEDs at the range. "Everyone thought that it was the right thing to do."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Greg Solberg at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club holds up one of the automated external defibrillators he helped to purchase.

The initial goal was to raise \$2,500 which would fund two AEDs (one at the shotgun range and one at the rifle range), eight years' maintenance costs, and CPR/AED training for all employees and range masters.

"Crowd-funding was initiated on social media. Most family shared, and their friends shared. We also printed posters with tearable links to the campaign," says Greg. "The response was overwhelming in a good way; we reached our goal in the first week! Our family is so humbled that people

believe in the campaign."

The fund has, at the time of writing, raised \$3,420 prompting a revised goal of \$5,000 which will provide AEDs to other gun clubs and ranges in rural areas.

"I'd like to tell donors thank you for believing in the campaign," says Greg. "The funds will be used expeditiously and responsibly."

Niles, 68, was a longtime resident of Pleasanton who most recently resided in Salida, CA. "He worked hard, but was passionate about his hobbies," says Greg. "He was a calm, pre-

paring with him when he got off work when I was a kid."

Greg is currently a Veteran Representative at Las Positas College. After graduating from Amador Valley High School in 2005, he served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marines from 2008-2012, was a Military Occupational Specialty Observer 0861, and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 with the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, "Dark Horse."

"My dad always taught me to find the good parts of any situation - even the worst," says Greg. "He would be proud knowing we were providing AEDs for remote areas. As an Eagle Scout, U.S. Marine and first responder, it feels right knowing that we can save someone's life in the future."

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Pleasanton Council Approves New Pact with Police Officers

The Pleasanton City Council approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Police Officers Association.

The current contract expired May 31, 2014. Negotiations have been ongoing. Once a tentative agreement is reached, the city introduces the key elements of the proposed MOU, receive input from the public and allow for open discussion. Public input was solicited on March 17, 2015. No one from the public spoke.

No vote was taken at the time. However, all of the councilmembers indicated they would support the MOU when it came up for a vote on March 24.

The financial impact totals approximately \$ 1.85 million through FY 2016/2017. Of this amount, \$260,000 will be spent in FY 2014/ 15. The general fund contingency will be used to

address the 2014-15 costs since they were not included in the budget.

The new MOU will be retroactive to January 2015. It will expire May 31, 2017.

The Pleasanton Police Officers Association includes all of the 73 sworn law enforcement personnel, comprised of 13 police sergeants and 60 police officers.

The association received no cost of living increases in the last contract. The proposed contract includes three separate wage adjustments of 3% effective January 2015, June 2015 and June 2016.

The agreement reached with association members also calls for classic member contributions to California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to increase by 1% in June 2015 and 0.5% in June 2016 for a total member contribution of 10.5% by the end of the MOU. New member's

(those recently hired) contribution will remain at 11.5%, the amount required by state law.

The city's goal is for both new member and classic members to contribute 50% of the normal cost, (the costs associated with the current year's benefits). The law allows agencies, after good faith bargaining and completing the impasse procedures, to impose this provision up to a maximum of 12% in 2018.

Ken McNeill, president of the Pleasanton Police Officers Association, told the council that association members believe the contract is good, fair and equitable. Ninety percent of the membership voted in favor of the contract, he added.

Councilmember Kathy Narum stated that she is happy to be giving police officers raises and making the contract retroactive to the first of the year.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Alameda County to Host Apps Challenge Cash Prizes Awarded to Winners

Fire Destroys Mobile Home

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) with assistance from the Alameda County Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire on March 22 in the 1800 block of Montecito Circle in the City of Livermore at 04:00 p.m. On their arrival, they found a double wide mobile home with fire coming out of the front windows. The bulk of the fire was extinguished in the first 20 minutes and completely extinguished by 5:00 p.m.

The fire started in the kitchen. The exact cause is under investigation. Total damage is estimated at \$135,000. The home was not inhabitable. The lone occupant was able to find housing with family.

The mobile homes on the left and right side had minor fire damage to their exteriors.

A total of 17 firefighters from the LPFD and Alameda County Fire Departments worked at the scene.

Automobile Hits Pedestrian

On March 19, Pleasanton Police Officers responded to Hansen Dr. at Hopyard Rd. of a reported automobile vs. pedestrian collision at the crosswalk.

The pedestrian was transported to Eden Hospital with severe injuries, where the person was reported in stable condition. The driver of the vehicle is cooperating with the investigation.

Hansen Dr. at Hopyard Rd. was closed for approximately one and half hours and reopened at 4:30 pm.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with information that might be associated with this incident is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 925-931-5100.

Pleasanton Police Report

Pleasanton Police Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person and vehicle at the Aquatic Park on Black Ave on March 18.

The subject provided false identifying information to the officers. He was found to be in possession of a stolen laptop computer, various forms of identification from over a dozen people, credit cards and financial documents not in his name that he apparently opened in other people's names. He also had various items of drug paraphernalia.

The suspect was identified as a registered sexual offender residing in Manteca. There were no allegations of inappropriate contact with any people or children in the park.

The subject was identified as 35 year old Manteca Resident Andrew Jonathan Hardy. He was arrested and booked in jail for identity theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, providing false information to a police officer and possession of stolen property.

Also on March 18, police received a report that a suspicious person had entered the rear yard of a residence as soon as the residents left. He then approached the front doors of several other houses and tried to open doors to vehicles that were parked in driveways. The caller provided a detailed description of the suspect and where he was traveling.

Officers surrounded the area and located the subject behind a business. The subject provided false identifying information to officers and had just hidden an expensive bicycle in shrubbery. The subject was arrested for prowling and possession of narcotics. The investigation is continuing as there might be additional victims of theft or burglary.

The subject was identified as 20 year old Roman Phillips from Sacramento.

Alameda County will continue its push for greater community participation and government transparency on Saturday, April 25, at the Alameda County Apps Challenge 2015.1. This unique day-long event is designed to challenge the public to create web and mobile applications using Alameda County open data sets. The Apps Challenge will run from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, April 25 at James Logan High School, 1800 H Street, Union City.

Alameda County Apps Challenge 2015.1 is the fourth community hackathon sponsored by Alameda County in its effort to increase citizen engagement and broaden public understanding of local government by opening access to data created and kept by County agencies and departments.

The upcoming Apps Challenge is being co-hosted by the offices of Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi and County Supervisor Richard Valle, whose district includes Union City. The event is produced and managed by Alam-

eda County's Information Technology Department.

A grand prize of \$3000 will be awarded to the most inventive and user-friendly app or concept that benefits Alameda County residents, businesses and visitors. A second prize of \$1500, a third prize of \$500 and honorable mentions will also be awarded.

The Apps Challenge is part of a nation-wide movement stemming in part from President Obama's Open Government Initiative, which directed government agencies to increase transparency and implement open data policies.

At the Apps Challenge, Alameda County invites participation from residents of all skill levels and age groups: professional and novice developers, high school and college students, seniors, and residents with no technical background but a passion for civic engagement. Each team at the hackathon will include a mixture of coders and "idea" people working together to create functional apps or develop app concepts.

Participants in the April

25 event will have access to the nearly 180 data sets available through the Alameda County Data Sharing Initiative at <http://data.acgov.org>. The data covers a wide range of topics, including public safety data, a listing of Certified Green Businesses, public health data, maps of senior services and more.

Alameda County's first three Apps Challenges were held in Castro Valley, Berkeley and Dublin. All three events drew more than 400 participants and resulted in dozens of clever apps, many of which continue to be used in the community. Prize-winning apps included:

- AC BookIt! – a clever mobile app that allows users to check if a book is available in the Alameda County library system, reserve the book and get the library's address. Available on the Apple App Store.

- ACcess Help – a mobile app that helps users prepare for a disaster and find help in a calamity's aftermath.

- Green By Me – an app that allows users to locate

green businesses across Alameda County

- ACPR Finder - an app developed by high school students that sifts through County Parks and Recreation Data to provide useful information about local parks, trails and recreation facilities.

The cost to participate in Alameda County Apps Challenge 2013.1 is \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors. Government employees may participate for free. For more information about the Apps Challenge and to register for the event, please visit: <http://code.acgov.org>.

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EDITORIAL

Changing Perceptions

The Practical Film and Media Workshop, whose students have developmental disabilities, had their work showcased at the Vine Cinema this week.

The Workshop, a nonprofit that provides life skills and work-related training to adults with developmental disabilities such as autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy, is located in Livermore.

The film, *Uno*, tells about a friendship between two men, one with autism and one who lost his leg in the Persian Gulf War. Each has struggles to overcome in learning that going it alone in life is sometimes not the best approach.

Work on *Uno* began last August, when five students developed and wrote the script over a six-week period.

Instructor Hester Wagner said that she continues to be impressed by the focus, talent and motivation of the students. "They are super talented and capable."

The program helps to shift the public's perception of what individuals with disabilities are capable of accomplishing.

Changing that view, along with educating the students, makes the Workshop a valuable asset to the community.

More information can be found at www.futures-explored.org or www.inclusion-films.com.

Livermore Council Hears Complaints About Police Tactics

Supporters of the Tree of Life cannabis collective in Livermore attended Monday's city council meeting to protest what they called heavy-handed police tactics.

Their complaints revolved around a raid at the business on March 12 during which police served a search warrant and seized marijuana, money and computers at the Airway Blvd. site. Supporters of the collective said that the police had destroyed the building. The damage was not necessary, they stated. They also claimed that patients who had come to purchase cannabis had been terrorized by the episode.

The owner, Ramin Ahmed had been arrested two days earlier on suspicion of money laundering and sales of marijuana.

According to a published story, quoting Sgt. Steve Goard, a police spokesman, Ahmed was found with \$28,000 in cash and steroids, for which he did not have a prescription.

Ahmed was among those who spoke Monday night. He stated, "The allegations against me are false." He added that the facility is now closed. He called the raid "an attack on our patient community."

Other collective supporters spoke on behalf of Tree of Life. One stated that the tactics of the police had spread fear among our community. It was suggested that the money and man hours used to shut down the collective could be better used on such issues as removing graffiti.

Jacqueline McGowan, who has attended council meetings in the past, said that she had been arrested. She said that allowed her to have a conversation with some of the law enforcement personnel. She stated that they were moved by

some of the stories she told of the need for medical marijuana to ease pain and the symptoms of some conditions such as epilepsy.

"There has to be a way we can come together on this. Every time I think we are making progress, we take giant leaps backwards. I can't stop crying. They can't keep taking medicine away from sick people. I don't know what to do anymore."

She added, "One patient was detained and handcuffed. Once she recovers from the trauma, I plan to direct her to speak to the ACLU."

McGowan concluded, "You're on the wrong side of history on this."

Mayor John Marchand noted that in 2007, the city council passed an ordinance prohibiting dispensaries as a land use in Livermore. "Tree of Life knowingly opened in violation of the ordinance."

At an earlier council meeting, Councilmember Laureen Turner had asked staff to look into how Livermore might allow and regulate dispensaries. Turner, a registered nurse, said she had seen the benefits of medical marijuana.

However, at a subsequent meeting, Turner said that staff should hold off on preparing a report that looks at regulating medicinal marijuana in Livermore.

Turner said that a new state bill, AB266, would likely answer all of her questions.

The bill would establish within the Department of Consumer Affairs a Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation. The bureau would license and regulate dispensing facilities, cultivation sites, transporters, and manufacturers of medical marijuana and medical marijuana products, subject to local ordinances. The bill would require a background check of applicants.

Campaign for State Senate Seat Begins

Democrats Susan Bonilla and Steve Glazer were the top two finishers in the March 17 election to replace Mark DeSaulnier as the representative of the 7th District State Senate. As neither received more than 50 percent of the vote, they will face each other on May 19 in a run-off election for the seat.

Glazer was the top vote getter with 37,664 (33.7%), followed by Bonilla, 27,728 (24.8%); Joan Buchanan, 25,147 (22.5%); Michaela Hertle, a Republican, 18,008 (16.1%); and Terry Kremmin, 3,175 (2.8%). All but Hertle are Democrats. Hertle dropped out of the race early, endorsing Glazer. Bonilla fired the first round in announcing a series of new endorsements, including Congressman Eric Swalwell.

Swalwell said, "Susan Bonilla is an effective coalition builder who is solving problems and getting results for East Bay families. She's a proven leader who has improved local schools, balanced budgets, and supported small business growth in our region."

Bonilla's campaign earlier announced endorsements by former State Senator and Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, former Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, and the California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus's broad coalition of Assemblywomen and State

Senators.

Buchanan has also endorsed Bonilla. She sent out a statement following the election on March 17 that read, in part, "While last night's results weren't what we were expecting, I am incredibly grateful to all of you for believing in me, your time and all your hard work."

"I'm proud of the campaign that we ran; I'm proud that we stuck to our pledge to run a positive-only campaign; and I'm proud of how many of you truly took to heart our shared vision for a better future."

She said called Bonilla to congratulate her. "I ask you to support her bid to be our next State Senator," added Buchanan.

Glazer said he believes he received the most votes for several reasons. "I am a fiscally conservative, socially progressive centrist Democrat who was able to build a broad based coalition of Democrats, Republicans and Independents who want to elect a problem solver rather than a status quo politician."

In the upcoming campaign he plans to discuss his positions in favor of increased support for public schools and universities, local road and transit improvements and against an unfunded high speed rail system. "I have a successful track record of protecting the environment, including our open space lands, rivers, bays and old growth

redwood forests."

He added, "We need a senator who will strongly represent the needs of our community and who will stand up to the entrenched powers in the legislature."

Asked about the independent expenditures in the campaign, reported at over \$2 million, Glazer declared, "The deception and manipulation of the Republican vote by the BART unions and their allies had an impact but failed."

"Given that I was the most underfunded campaign, I certainly benefited from the independent expenditure campaign by the California Chamber of Commerce and Bill Bloomfield. I cannot coordinate activities with them, so I only saw their activity through the legally required disclosures to the Secretary of State and what we found in the mailbox."

Bonilla said of the election, "I'm honored by the strong vote of support my campaign received in the primary, even in the face of false attacks by special interests."

She continued, "We've continued building momentum, winning major endorsements from former Orinda Mayor Gregg Wheatland, former Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, and Congressmember Eric Swalwell. With growing support from across the district, our campaign is focused on

substance and solutions, not rhetoric. That's what voters are looking for, and that's what we need in the State Senate."

Two Democratic Clubs, who had endorsed Joan Buchanan in the primary, have voted to endorse Bonilla. The Diablo Valley Democratic Club met the day after the primary and voted, while the TriValley Democratic Club voted by e-mail.

Diablo Valley President Karen Cohen summarized her club's feelings related to the endorsement, "Susan Bonilla is the candidate we can count on to champion public education and oppose the hugely expensive and environmentally hazardous double tunnel project."

Tri-Valley President Ellis Goldberg added, "Susan Bonilla's record and experience made endorsing her an easy choice for club members. Democrats know Glazer is in the pocket of the Chamber of Commerce representing big corporate interests. Republicans don't trust Glazer because he is a Democrat and can't be relied on when the chips are down. Glazer will not be able to reach across the aisle."

Glazer represents a strategy by the Chamber of Commerce of electing Democrats in name only by dividing segments of the party. "If this strategy works in SD7, as it has in other places in the state, the Chamber will continue to fund the strategy," stated Goldberg.

WIND

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a relatively small company with a smaller financial base compared to the three nationally operating Altamont power firms that are moving ahead with repowering.

Haggerty also asked Koebbe questions about a county-appointed scientific panel's findings concerning bird deaths. It included data that supported the BZA rejection of the extension. Koebbe said that computations and research in it were wrong.

Haggerty, who has been leading an effort to create a California Community Aggregate (CCA) entity in the county, also liked the fact that with AWI's wind turbines would provide more opportunity to obtain green power for the CCA.

Both Haggerty and Miley pressed two staff speakers from the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) about their backing for not extending the permit, and whether the board authorized them to be there. They said the EBRPD board has not taken a stand on the AWI permit issue.

EBRPD staff has been monitoring raptor kills in the Valley west of the Altamont. It owns part of Bushy Peak Park on the western edge of the Altamont.

Haggerty pointed out EBRPD allows turbines on some of its properties, which have the potential to kill birds. One of the EBRPD staff explained that they were grandfathered in on property acquired by the park district.

Miley said he found it "insulting" that EBRPD would come to a supervisors' meeting, not look at the other side, and tell us what we need to do.

"I don't understand why folks blame AWI. The birds die even when the turbines are not going. I find it incredulous," said Miley. He was referring to statistics that showed most of the bird deaths occur in winter, when turbines are shut down.

Valle focused on the health benefits of clean power, such as wind power. He said that in his district's south Hayward area, there is

a 50 percent greater hospitalization rate for asthma than the county average. "It's a shocking number. It's more (important) than 50 golden eagles, or burrowing owls," he said.

Valle also referred to the children of current AWI employees, whose families would be hurt by lost paychecks.

Carson made no comment about his "no" vote. Chan said she is a strong supporter of labor in the county, and repowering is an acceptable way "to deal with bird deaths." "I would have preferred a shorter period of time (for extension). I don't think there has been enough progress toward repowering," she said.

Several representatives of unions urged permit extension. One said that with the union AWI workers are "the most productive workers in the county." He doubted that it would take the entire 3-year period to finish repowering.

One rural Livermore landowner said that if AWI's

appeal were denied, he would have no one to negotiate with to remove the old turbines that are there now.

An attorney from an environmental law firm said the BZA made the right decision in saying that economic benefits did not offset the bird kills.

Dick Schneider told supervisors that the Sierra Club, Save Mount Diablo, the Audubon Society, the county's scientific panel for the Altamont, the attorney general's office, and "even the San Francisco Chronicle, are urging you to reject the appeal."

A representative from the state Attorney General's office, which has been involved with the Altamont since a major agreement in 2005, said that she "strongly encouraged the supervisors to support the BZA decision."

The vote on March 24 will come back to supervisors again at a planning meeting in April for insertion of its findings into the record.

WATER

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unanimously at a special meeting March 19 to commit to buying this year's water supply from Zone 7. However, directors hedged against potential Zone 7 failure to deliver, by saying they will continue to pursue the agreement with the Yuba County Water Agency to buy 1500 acre feet (AF) of water. The water would be delivered to DSRSD via EBMUD pipelines. EBMUD serves the western portion of San Ramon, and can link to DSRSD.

DSRSD is obtaining the water through a special circumstance. Yuba cannot sell the water to Zone 7, because Zone 7 is a participant in the Yuba Accords. Zone 7 last November renewed its annual membership for another five years. That boosted its potential Yuba purchase from 550 AF to 850 AF.

However, the Dougherty Valley portion of DSRSD, in Contra Costa County, is not part of Zone 7. In effect, DSRSD is buying the water to serve Dougherty Valley, so that means a like amount of Dougherty Valley water can be used elsewhere in Dublin, said Michalczyk.

The water won't come as cheaply as Zone 7 deliveries. Zone 7 water costs DSRSD

about \$1000 per acre foot (AF). The Yuba water would cost \$1800. Yuba would receive \$500 per AF from DSRSD. The cost of EBMUD transportation and storage would take up most of the remaining \$1300 per AF, said DSRSD general manager Bert Michalczyk.

The Yuba agency, near Marysville, north of Sacramento, has one-time water available this year. Evaporation in transit and storage would likely reduce the 1500 AF to about 1250 AF, said Michalczyk. That is about 10 percent of the 12,650 AF that DSRSD requested last fall from Zone 7.

On the DSRSD side of the discussion, Michalczyk said that waiting might have meant not taking advantage of the Yuba opportunity.

If the Yuba water were not needed, DSRSD can sell it to another agency this year, or perhaps store it for one more year, said Michalczyk.

Michalczyk said there should be no trouble selling the water, if DSRSD decides to do so. EBMUD itself would be a likely customer, in view of the accelerated rationing program that EBMUD was expected to approve this week.

DSRSD will spread the cost across its customer base. It's too early for the DSRSD board to make a decision about whether water rates would go up because of the Yuba contract. However, Michalczyk said that the cost should be low enough for the DSRSD general fund to absorb the cost, without having to raise water rates.

In discussing the ability to meet DSRSD water requests, Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig named the underground water basin and contracts with two Central Valley storage districts as resources.

The underground basin has been supplying Zone 7 with about 10,000 AF annually in recent dry years. With the state saying it will turn on the tap this year, with four times more water than last year, Zone 7 will be able to move water in exchanges between districts accomplished on paper. Water that Zone 7 has stored in two Central Valley water districts wouldn't send the water north to Zone 7. Rather there would be an exchange using water coming to them from the Delta to go instead to Zone 7.

Duerig expects that Zone 7 will meet the requests of

all Valley water retailers, which include Livermore, Pleasanton and California Water Service, as well as DSRSD.

However, there won't be certainty in meeting 100 percent of requested amounts until mid-April, said Duerig. The state does not make its final estimate of State Water Project allocation to its member contractors until then.

Last year, the state had forecast zero water early in the year, then increased it to 5 percent, which it met, but only after Sept. 1.

This year, the state in early March set an estimate of 20 percent availability, four times more than last year's 5 percent, which is good news, if it holds, Duerig told DSRSD.

The DSRSD board met for 1½ hours, and came out of closed session three times to ask questions of Duerig and Zone 7 board president John Greci. The Zone 7 board met in closed session for 2½ hours on the previous night, after its regular meeting public portion. The result was a letter that was sent the next morning, notifying DSRSD about Zone 7's willingness to lift its objection to the Yuba water purchase.

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Lab and GE Receive Funding to Develop Open Source

General Electric (GE) and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) recently received \$540,000 to develop open source algorithms that will improve additive manufacturing of metal parts. The award is from Amer-

ica Makes, the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute that's focused on helping the U.S. grow capabilities and strength in 3D printing. America Makes is funding the GE Global Research and

Lawrence Livermore project to develop additive manufacturing (AM) technologies that allow more public and private sector organizations to enter the field. The project intends to develop and demonstrate software algorithms that

will allow selective laser melting (SLM) to produce metal parts that are high quality and durable. SLM is a metal powder-based AM process where a 3D part is produced, layer by layer, using a focused, high-energy laser beam to fuse the metal powder particles together. Currently, there is no common approach to SLM that comprehensively reduces problems associated with this method such as surface roughness, residual stress, porosity and micro-cracking. Without careful optimization of the process, these issues may cause parts to fail.

In an ideal system, different layers would demand different laser scanning speeds and powers because the powder environment is changing as the layer-by-layer buildup proceeds. Leveraging the capabilities of Lawrence Livermore's High Performance Computing and its expertise in lasers, Matthews and his GE colleagues are developing software algorithms that will be compatible with all 3D printers that produce metal parts. This software

will be able to control the scan laser's parameters - such as beam size, scan rate and power - on the materials, its powder characteristics and the detailed shape of the part being printed. Because the software will be available to the public, Matthews hopes it will lead to more breakthroughs in the AM industry.

"If we can lower the barriers to entry, we can help U.S. companies, universities and research labs make further advances in additive manufacturing," he said.

GE and LLNL are tasked by America Makes to develop the software algorithms in the next 18 months. LLNL researcher Gabe Guss is also working with GE and Matthews on the project.

DUBLIN

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ing process. The district will also lease from the city another joint school/park site in Dublin Crossing, a development that will occupy 187 acres of the Camp Parks site. Developer SunCal has the right to build 1995 units in the plan.

The Dublin Crossings school will share a 12-acre site that has been designated solely for a park. The deal is expected to save the district another \$33 million.

By adapting the site so that usage can be split between school and park, the developer received certain accommodations in the Dublin Crossing Specific Plan. A five-acre neighborhood park was eliminated. The designation of 1.5 acres of Chabot Creek as open space was changed to park. That enabled an expansion by 1.5 acres of a medium density residential parcel next to the community park.

In addition, a 13-acre site changed from mixed use to general commercial/high density residential. The total maximum allowable residential units in Dublin Crossings will remain at 1995 units.

Hanke called the approvals "unprecedented" in California. With Gov. Jerry Brown refusing to bring a measure to the state ballot to finance school construction costs, Dublin needs the help to build the schools, said Hanke.

He said that the district

will use developer fees from all over the city to help pay for the Jordan Ranch school construction. Also, the school board is considering a bond measure, possibly in cooperation with the city.

Less is known about financing for the Dublin Crossings school. The hope is that state funding would be available in the future. A coalition is working to put an initiative on the ballot in 2016 for a statewide school bond.

Several speakers addressed the council about the loss of the park land acreage. They pointed out that the deals have left Dublin with a deficit in its overall parkland acreage goals.

However, Assistant City Manager Linda Smith said at the March 17 meeting that staff is preparing plans for a new parkland general plan designation, passive natural parks. In addition to having a different recreational value than existing parks, the sites are expected to cost less.

Informing the council about the future school picture, Hanke said that the district will expand from the current 9250 students to more than 11,000 in five years. The district already is using portables, and will add more in the future.

Dublin High School's current enrollment of 2000 students is expected to go beyond 2500, "and could even reach 3000 in five years," said Hanke. It's pos-

sible that some of the enrollment will be drained away by forming a magnet school, he said.

Fallon Middle School has 1200 students now, and may reach 1400 to 1600 in the next two years. Amador Elementary School will be open by then. It may be switched from a K-5 to a K-8 to help keep the middle school enrollment down.

The Jordan Ranch school will be open in five years as a flex school, capable of going to K-8. That may also be true of the Dublin Crossings school, which isn't expected to open until 2021 or 2023, he said.

Part of the school district's cooperation in the two school/park site agreements involves reserving a certain number of dates for community events at the new 500-seat Dublin High School theater.

The council also looked at revisiting the East Dublin plan to see whether to make any changes in land uses and densities. After hearing from several audience speakers who encouraged a new look at East Dublin, with an eye toward reducing residential densities, the council asked staff to come back with options that it might consider for a review of the plan.

An audience speaker said that slowing down growth on lands that are not vested for development could slow the impact on Dublin's schools.



Heather Collins, from Metropolitan Water District, Congressman Eric Swalwell and Livermore Mayor John Marchand at last week's AWWA "Fly-In" in Washington, D.C.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of the national American Water Works Association (AWWA) "Fly-In."

The "Fly-In" provided an opportunity for water professionals from around the United States to impress upon Congressional members the importance of water quality and water infrastructure.

The California "Fly-In" delegation visited forty Congressional offices in two days discussing drought-related topics. The delegation also talked about the "Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA)," which reduces construction costs for local water projects.

Other water-related concerns included research on algal toxins, chemical spill response and cybersecurity.

"Cybersecurity is particularly important for the Tri-Valley since much of the nation's cybersecurity work occurs here at Sandia and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories," stated Marchand.

As a water chemist and former water board member, Marchand had participated in a number of past "Fly-Ins."

The AWWA covered the trip costs.



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Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission: The Youth Advisory Commission brings together the youths and adults, and private and public sectors of the community to address responsibility for the care, health, safety, welfare and education of Livermore's young people. *Meets: 1st Monday at 7:00 pm, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. Next meeting: April 6, 2015*

Applicants to City Advisory Bodies are required to attend at least one meeting of the Advisory Body applied for prior to submitting an application and must reside within the City limits. For an application or more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 925-960-4200 or visit www.cityoflivermore.net/advisorybodies.

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SPORTS NOTES



Christensen Middle School had 4 wrestlers qualify at Saturday's Harvest Park wrestling tournament, for next year's Tournament of Champions in Loomis. From left to right are 7th graders Chris Bepple, 1st place, Nicholas Tran, 2nd place, Kyle Ericksen 3rd place and Spencer Tadokoro (not pictured), 2nd place.



East Avenue medalists at the Harvest Park wrestling tournament were (front) Marcus Shepard, Ralph Ramos, Alex Scott, Brennan Songey; (back) Matt Anderson, Chris Miller, Josiah Ventura, Angel Martinez, Brian Peeso, Cheyanne Smith and Ian Richardson.



Tri-Valley Elite (TVE) wrestling club has been preparing for the always-tough State wrestling tournament, held in Fresno, CA. Twelve TVE boys traveled to the Selland Arena where they competed for the opportunity to place at the State Championships. TVE had its first State placer ever when EJ Parco (age 9) wrestled 6 matches, placing 7th. That performance was followed-up by Carter Bailey (age 12), who wrestled 9 matches and came away with a 6th place finish. The second day of the tournament saw Kyle Parco (age 14) advance to the semifinals of the State tournament, before finishing in 4th place. Pictured are Caleb Tatad, EJ and Kyle Parco, Carter Bailey, Sal and Anthony Barbalinardo, Donovan Lucente, Devon Shah, Casey Cox, Timothy Cowan, Troy Wilson, Nolan Sira and coaches Bailey, Barbalinardo and Cowan.



The West Coast Wild U17G, ranked number one in the nation, beat out four top ranked teams to defend and keep their title. The ladies proved themselves once again against some of the toughest competition in the nation at this past weekend's prestigious Players' College Showcase. The Wild went 3-0-1 against teams from Southern California and Washington. Pictured is midfielder Emily Allum clearing a ball out of the backfield.

East Avenue Wrestling
The East Avenue Middle School wrestling team had eleven medalists at the Harvest Park wrestling tournament held on March 21. East Avenue advanced six wrestlers to the championship finals wrestling two gold-medals.
Over 400 wrestlers from 25 middle schools competed in the tournament.
Sixth-grader Ian Richardson (160-pounds) and seventh-grader Josiah Ventura (175) won gold medals in their weight divisions. Both

Richardson and Ventura had impressive tournaments, pinning all their opponents to claim gold medals. Sixth-grader Angel Martinez (105) and Matt Anderson (165) both advanced to the championship finals taking second place in their respective weight class. Seventh-grader Chris Miller (110) had a good tournament going 2-1 and taking second place. Eighth-grader Marcus Shepard took second place in his weight class. Shepard advanced to the championship finals with two pins for the day.
Alex Scott (70) and Brian Peeso (120) each took third place and Brennan Songey (80), Ralph Ramos and (130), Cheyanne Smith (Hwt) each took fourth place in their weight class. Marcus Shepard had the fastest pin for the team pinning one of his opponents in 12 seconds in the first round. Richardson and Ventura both qualified to the Tournament of Champions next March 2016.

Christensen Wrestling
The Christensen Middle School wrestling team had a very successful day at the Harvest Park T.O.C. qualifying tournament in Pleasanton on Saturday. With over 20 schools competing, the 8th grade boys team brought home a 2nd place trophy. The girls team also brought home a trophy by finishing in 3rd place, the highest placing ever for Christensen in the girls division at Harvest Park. The 6th+7th grade boys team missed a trophy by only 2 points, but still had a great showing finishing in 4th place. The team earned a total of 19 medals, and had 10 in the finals, both school records for this tournament.
Continuing the trend of setting school highs, the team qualified 4 wrestlers for next year's Tournament of Champions held in Loomis. They were all 7th graders. Chris Bepple grinded out a 2-0 victory in the finals. He was perfect on the day with 3 wins and finished in first place. Nicholas Tran pinned his first two opponents to make the finals. He finished the day with a 2-1 record and a 2nd place medal.
Spencer Tadokoro overcame a 4 point deficit in the third period, to win 8-6 in overtime in the semifinals. He finished in 2nd place with a record of 2-1. Kyle Ericksen battled back from a difficult semifinals match by pinning his next 2 opponents in a combined total time of 58 seconds. He came in 3rd place with a 4-1 record. 8th grade team captain Phillip Tran finished in 1st place for the third time this season. His record was 3-0 and had 2 pins. Fellow 8th grade team captain Brandon Archer was also perfect on the day with 3 wins, 1 by technical fall and earned a first place medal.
8th grader Ethan Montesinos made the finals for the third week in a row. He lost a very close match 3-5 and came in 2nd place with a 2-1 record. Joseph Fields had his best tournament of the year by winning his first two matches, one by pin to make the finals. He came in 2nd place with a 2-1 record.
8th grade team captain Mya Waechter won her first 2 matches by first round pin. She wrestled a state



Jordan Fritz prepares to tag Calvin Fletcher on a play at the plate in a Granada Little League game between the Majors A's and Rangers. Photo - Bill Nale



Livermore Phantom lacrosse U9 Black played a great game against Alameda Lacrosse U9 on Sunday, March 22nd. To start the game off, Alistair Bealer assisted Blake Wilkinson for the first score. Teamwork by Alistair Bealer to Ryan Doko produced another goal. Josh King scored the third and final goal with an assist from Andrei Gran. Plays on offense by Anna VanEsseen and Devin Shumate and great defensive plays by Roger Mayhew and Takumi Romero led to the win. Vinny Melissare provided a skillful win with his face-off and both goalies made beautiful saves time and time again in the photo is Vinny Melissare with his face-off win.



The Livermore Girls Softball Association 8u Dolphins enjoyed their game.



The Livermore Phantom U13 Purple collected another win this past weekend defeating Lamorinda Bolts, 11-7. The Phantom defenders stepped up with another great performance as their goalie providing many key saves. On attack, the Purple team was able to advance the ball from end to end to gain open shots on goal. Pictured is Ben O'Connor creating a turnover from his defensive position.

placed in the finals and nearly pulled an upset, but lost 5-7 in overtime. She was 2-1 and finished in 2nd place. 7th grader Jessica Bepple won her first 2 matches, 1 by pin to make the finals. She finished in 2nd place with a 2-1 record. Despite breaking 2 fingers in his last match, causing him to injury default the match, 7th grader Owen Hopkins finished with a 2-2 record and came in 2nd place via tiebreaker rules. He had 1 pin.
First year 8th grader Ian Sylvester won his first two matches, 1 by major decision, the other by pin and made the finals. He had a record of 2-1 and finished in 2nd place. 8th grader Praneeth Nandamuri was 3-1 with one pin and finished in 3rd place. He showed great sportsmanship by allowing a wrestler who was disqualified for being 45 minutes late, wrestle him in the consolation semifinals. He won that match in overtime. After losing a close 1 point match in the semifinals, Angel Romo won his last 2 matches to finish in 3rd place. His record was 3-1 and he had 1 pin. Luke Van Buuren, 8th grade, had a record of 3-1 and finished in 3rd place in the varsity division, his first time in that division.
After losing to a state finalist in her semifinals match, 8th grader Zakiya Clark came back to finish in 3rd place. She was 3-1 and had 2 pins. 7th grader Jordan Bets avenged an earlier loss in the season by beating his last opponent 10-2. He finished with a record of 3-1 and had one pin. 6th grader Montserrat Arevalo finished with a record of 2-2 and came in 4th place. Wrestling in his first tournament ever, 6th grader David Stoneham finished in 4th place with a record of 2-2. The team is hosting the Tri Valley League Championship tournament this Saturday at Livermore High School.

Pleasanton Rage
In its Spring League opener hosted by De Anza Force 00G Black at Creekside Park in Cupertino, Pleasanton Rage Orange 00 came away with a decisive 7-0 win.
Eleven minutes after the opening kick-off, Rage forward Lucia Castaneda passed the ball to teammate Lauren Londono, who fired it straight into the lower left corner to find the back of the net. Throughout the game, De Anza

Force strikers pressed forward, but they were met by the impenetrable Rage defensive squad of Samara Ayoob, Emma Monson, Julianna Pereira, Ariyana Walling, and goalie Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf. On a breakaway, Rage midfielder Hannah Gossett drove the ball back into Force territory, where she fed the ball to Brooke Delaney, who shot from 25 yards out. The ball rolled past the outstretched fingertips of the Force goalkeeper for a second Rage goal. A few minutes later, forward Gabriella Smith deftly moved laterally across the field, dribbling the ball past defenders and the goalkeeper to score a third Rage goal.
The second half began with several Rage shots stopped by the De Anza Force defense, until Rage midfielder Hunter Faria assisted Castaneda on the fourth Rage goal. The fifth game goal came when Rage defender Sarah McKeever snapped up the ball off a corner kick by Isabella Clark, and fired it into the goal. Minutes later, McKeever again inserted herself in the middle of the action with an assist to teammate Castaneda, who scored her second and Rage's sixth goal of the game. The De Anza Force goalkeeper made multiple brilliant saves off shots by the Rage offensive unit that included Allison DeFazio, Ashley Lopez, and Jessica Stubbs. In the final minutes of the second half, Delaney crossed to Clark for the final Rage goal.
West Coast Soccer
The West Coast Wildfire U15G soccer team traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada for the Players College Showcase this past weekend. The Players Showcase is one of the largest college recruiting opportunities in the country. College coaches from many of the top universities come to this annual event to identify up and coming youth players who can potentially play and compete at the collegiate level.
The Wildfire battled top ranked teams from Minnesota, Irvine, Honolulu, and New Mexico for an impressive 3-0-1 tournament record. Missing the semi-finals by only one point, the Wildfire finished 2nd in their bracket.
In their first game of the tournament, Wildfire out scored the Minnesota Fusion with a 2-0 shutout. In their second game, Wildfire faced a



Pictured is the 8th grade CYO St. Michael/St. Charles girls 8th grade basketball team. The team finished in first place in their division. Pictured are (back, from left) Mallorie Stiner, Abby Andrews, Jessica Keane, Jackie Arnold, and Amanda Price; (front, from left) Jordan Briggs, Emily Andrassy, Vanessa Barone, and Jane Abele.



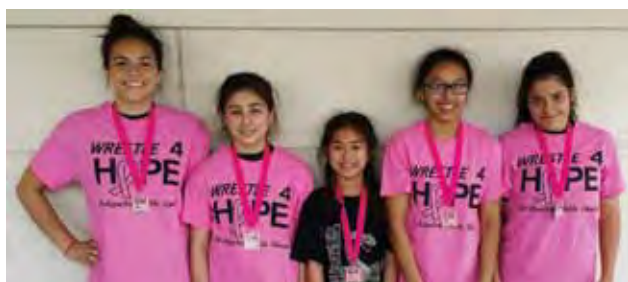
Livermore National Little League Single A Giants' catcher ready to receive the throw.



The Livermore Phantoms U-11 Team played two really close games this past weekend, edging out their opponents by a single goal in each game. Hats off to Bodhi English for scoring the game winning goal in both games and showing outstanding sportsmanship on and off the field. The Phantoms faced the Fremont Spartans on Saturday, taking a 10-9 victory. Goals Scored by Conner Lemmons, Lucas Wallin, Ben Operin and Bodhi English. Outstanding offensive play by Jack Hansen. Saves by Alec Phillips. In Sunday play, they faced the Walnut Creek Warriors and came away with a 7-6 victory. Goals scored by Kinsey Claudino, Bodhi English and James Foley. Assists by Kinsey Claudino and James Foley. Saves by Alec Phillips. Outstanding defensive play by Josh Gnovel, Aiden Noonan, Malachi Schalitz and Jonathan Van Essen.



The West Coast Wildfire U15 competed in their third college showcase of the year the past weekend in Las Vegas. In their second year at the Players' College Showcase, the Wildfire showed strong and impressed college coaches from around the country. The girls battled top ranked teams from Minnesota, New Mexico, Southern California, and Honolulu. Pictured is the West Coast Wildfire U15G team.



Cyclone wrestling sent 5 girls to compete in Sunday's Wrestle4Hope tournament in Vallejo. From left to right are 8th grader Mya Waechter, 2nd place, 6th grader Ximena Pulido, 4th place, 5th grader Jalen Bets, 4th place, 8th grader Zakiya Clark, 1st place and 7th grader Jessica Bepple, 2nd place.

tough Southern California team from Irvine, the Pateadors. In one of the most physical games of the weekend, the match remained at a stalemate until mid-way through the second half. With 15 minutes to go, the Wildfire scored off a Pateador penalty in the box to claim a 1-0 victory. The Wildfire's next opponent was the number one ranked team from New Mexico, the Rush. The Rush scored first off a long ball down the middle. Wildfire answered with a goal to tie the game 1-1. Late in the second half, the Rush caught another long ball break giving them the go-ahead goal and a 2-1 win over Wildfire. In the final match of the tournament, Wildfire faced a very physical team from Honolulu, the Bulls. Within the first five minutes, Wildfire scored giving them a 1-0 through most of the match. Completely dominating, the Wildfire developed numerous offensive attacks and finally executed on a second goal with ten minutes to go. Wildfire wrapped up the tournament with a 2-0 shutout over Honolulu.
The U15 Wildfire team was one of four teams West Coast Soccer Director of Coaches Troy Dayak took to the Players College Showcase. The U16

Wonder, U17 Wild, and U19 Katz also had an impressive showing beating out some of the top teams in the country. The U17 Wild, the number one ranked team in the country, defended its title against other top ranked teams to secure their first place ranking. The West Coast Soccer Club capped the 2015 Players College Showcase with one of the strongest showings by any competitive club in the country.
The teams from West Coast Soccer club now begin spring league where they will compete against top teams from Northern California. The club has an open invitation for competitive soccer players to join one of our 20+ boys and girls teams. Visit www.westcoastsoccerclub.org for more information or contact Coach Dayak directly at doc@westcoastsoccerclub.com

Granada Little League
Granada Little League results from last week:
T-Ball: Ran the first timers hit the ball hard and ran the bases fast against the Cardinals. Great start to their first season. Players include Angela Gates,

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Andrew (in gray) and Gabriel Alviar demonstrate the sport of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Amador High Brothers Qualify for Brazilian Jiu Jitsu World Tournament

By Ron McNicoll

Two Amador Valley High School students have qualified for a world championship competition to be held in Abu Dubai.

Andrew Alviar, 17, a junior and brother Gabriel, 14, a freshman, attend Amador. Both have competed in wrestling in the school district, but they are making their names in another sport, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

The two have won national championships in the martial arts discipline at their age and weight levels. It was quite a climb from their early involvement, when they posted mediocre records, said their father, Robert Alviar.

Robert Alviar took his boys aside, and asked them if they wanted to be really good at the sport. They did, so he put them through a training regimen. After six months, the difference was noticeable. The boys said that they still practice and learn three or four hours per day. They take weekends off. After their dad's training, the boys started winning tournaments. Gabriel captured a Pan-American tournament twice, earning gold medals at ages 12 and 14. When he was 9, he finished second for the silver.

The gold at 14 was Gabriel's most recent win against international competition. It qualified him for the world championships in Abu Dubai, either later this spring, or in the fall, said

Robert Alviar. The choice will be up to the contestants.

Most of the national competitions have been in Los Angeles. Flying to the Persian Gulf tournament will take more time, so it's a matter of fitting a schedule, said Robert Alviar.

Andrew also is qualified for the Abu Dubai competition. He won gold twice, and went into the expert division of a fighting organization called Grappler's Quest at age 11. In a tournament in Las Vegas, where 3000 competitors were participating, he went up against eight opponents and won.

Andrew competed against Texas regional champions, winning gold from the North American Grappling Association. The martial arts styles include Brazilian jiu jitsu, but also other maneuvers.

The boys both started in a karate school at age 6 in Livermore, where the family was living at the time. After the family moved to Pleasanton, the trip was inconvenient, so they dropped out. However, while riding in Dublin one day, they passed a Brazilian jiu jitsu academy, got in touch with the owner, and were introduced to the martial art.

The academy owner Ralph Gracie, immigrated to the East Bay in 1995 from his native Brazil. He had a successful professional career in the Brazilian form of jiu jitsu, which varies from

traditional Japanese ju jitsu. Robert Alviar described Gracie's success and status in Brazil as comparable to retired American prize-fighter Sugar Ray Leonard's reputation.

Gracie told The Independent that he is the third generation in his family to compete in Brazilian jiu jitsu. He said that his father brought the sport to Brazil where there is a style named Gracie Brazilian jiu jitsu after the family.

Brazilian jiu jitsu is described as a martial art, combat sport, and a self defense system that focuses on grappling and especially ground fighting.

Gracie praised the Alviar youths, saying that they "work super-hard. Their will to keep going is phenomenal. If they keep going like they have, they will be world champions in the future."

Andrew said that his dream is to eventually go into Mixed Martial Arts at a professional level, and perhaps operate academies of his own where he can teach martial arts.

Demonstrating that the flexibility of athleticism trains people for many skills, both boys performed in the dance chorus of Amador's production of "Legally Blonde," which finished its run March 20-22.

Andrew said he has "always loved to dance." His drama teacher encouraged him to try out for the musical.

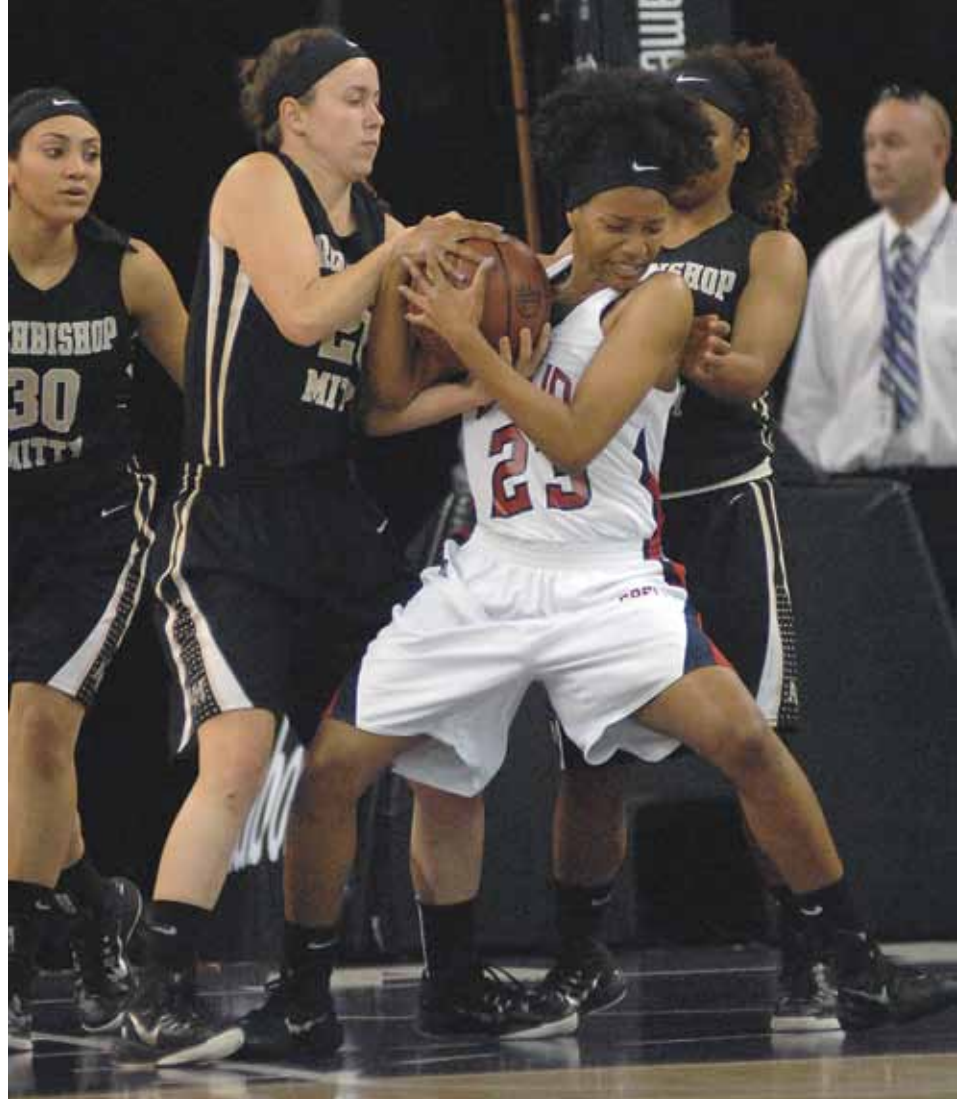


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Dublin High School women's varsity basketball team lost 63 to 49 to defending champion Archbishop Mitty in the Northern California Division II final. The Lady Gaels led at the half in the game played at Sleep Train Arena in Sacramento Saturday morning.

Festivities Planned to Commemorate First GHS-LHS Football Game

Plans are underway to commemorate the first time Livermore High School and Granada High School met on the Livermore High School Football Field to play varsity football game.

This year, on Friday, November 6, 2015 the Livermore Cowboys and the Granada Matadors will square off in the 50th anniversary of that historical game. Since that first game in November 1965, which Livermore High School won 20-13, the game has evolved into one of the best and fiercest rivalries in the State. Coaches for that game were Don Couch (Livermore), Bob Springer, (Granada), and with their staff, Tom Davis, Many Braz, Dick Lloyd.

Dino Certa, 1966 alumnus recalls that "the entire town" was at the first game. Downtown Livermore was a

virtual ghost town. The town loyalties were split down the middle when Granada High School was built in 1963, and approximately one-half of the 1963 Freshman Class left Livermore for their new cross town high school, Granada. Since then, the rivalry, school spirit and bragging rights have continued to bring the community together.

As a kick-off to the 50th game, the 50th Anniversary Game Committee has organized a number of activities and events. There will be a tailgate BBQ before the game, commemorative t-shirts on sale, pre-game ceremonial coin toss with the original members, coaches, and cheer squads of the 1965 teams, half-time ceremony introducing players through the years, and post game festivities. The Committee is reaching out to every

Livermore and Granada High School player, coach, and cheerleader who has participated in any of the 50 games. Please contact any member of the organizing committee for details.

The 50th anniversary committee members include James Petersdorf, Livermore High School Athletic Director, Clark Conover, Granada High School Athletic Director, Kristin Waters-Meyer, LHS Alumni Board Member, class of 1987, Bob Bronzan, retired Assistant Superintendent, Max Eckert, Livermore High School Alumni Board Member, class of 1967, and Dino Certa, Livermore class of 1966. The Committee welcomes more participants. Please contact Dino Certa 408-691-5215 certad@comcast.net.

Go to the Livermore and Granada High School web sites for more information.

Brayden Costa, Caden Teczon, Elijah Radack, Ethan Rago, Jacob Gates, Jesse Hunziker, Jude Kowal, Levi Ruppert, Myles Rosales and Rylan Boricchio.

ADivision: Cardinals vs. Orioles: Top defense: 1st inning saw a double play by Kyrer Hutton(P) to Anthony Ponce(1B), with an overthrow to second base Lane Curtin(LCF) threw the ball to Austin Kralj(SS) tag the runner heading to third. Zachary Lindstrom(SS) made an unassisted tag in the 2nd. In the first game of the season a game ball was given to Anthony Ponce for pitching a no-hitter in the 3rd inning. First batter called out on a foul-tipped third strike caught by catcher Carson Williams, followed by a strike out of the next 2 batters to retire the side. A second game ball was given to Lane Curtin who pitched the 4th and final inning. Giving up 2 hits to the first 2 batters. Lane kept the inning scoreless by striking out the next 3 batters to end the game. Top hitters: Austin Kralj, 2-3, 1 RBI; Logan Rothe, 2-2, 1RBI; Carsen Williams, 1-2, 2 RBIs.

AA Division: Diamondbacks vs. A's: Diamondbacks' Mason Sprague made a great hit to center field and stole second. Drew Hansen hit a 2 run RBI. A's Liam Manley pitched a great inning and also hit a triple tying the game in the 1st.

Yankees 10, Diamondbacks 9: Offense for the Yankees was started with a base hit by Colton Williams. Dawson Kerezzi hit a double for two RBIs, Jonah Boutwell had a total of two base hits and two RBIs, Nicolas Bist had a base hit with an RBI, Logan Robinson had a base hit with one RBI. Defense for the Yankees: Marco Gozon fielded the ball for an out at first base, Justin Levine caught a great game behind the plate with some really exciting plays. Zachary Berg was the starting pitcher with two great innings, Matthew Newbould closed the game with another two great innings.

Giants 13, Yankees 2: An outstanding game was played between the visiting Giants and home team Yankees. The pitching tandem of Jacob and Seth Sanchez shutout the Yankee lineup holding them scoreless in the first three innings. Tyler Palma pitched strongly in relief to close out the game, striking out every batter he faced. Charles Jorgensen and Tyler

Kennedy turned in solid pitching performances as well for the home team Yankees. The Giants made an impressive defensive showing, including Grady Phillips and Seth Sanchez turning a remarkable double play to end the 2nd inning. Offensively for the Giants, Jacob Sanchez led the assault going 3 for 3 with 5 RBI along with leadoff hitter Grady Phillips recording 2 hits and reaching base in all 3 of his plate appearances. On offense for the Yankees, Matthew Newbould and Jonah Boutwell had monster drives to the outfield and Tyler Kennedy also had a notable day at the plate.

Diamondbacks vs. A's: Diamondbacks' Mason Sprague slammed a hit to centerfield and stole second. Drew Hansen's hit accounted for 2 RBIs. A's Liam Manley pitched a great inning and also hit a triple tying the game in the 1st.

The Cardinals opened the regular season with back-to-back wins. On Saturday, 3/21, the Cards defeated the A's 9-8 in a thriller. Nathan Blanton started for the Cards and pitched two scoreless innings, striking out five. Jacob Freitas earned the win in relief, striking out the side leading into the bottom half of the last inning with the score tied, 8-8. Freitas then drew a key one-out walk, stole two bases, and was driven home when Luke Schwarz took an outside pitch the other way for a game winning RBI on a ground ball to the second baseman. Joey Keeler collected two hits and Freitas, Blanton, Ayden Duffin, Paul Beasley, Gavin Bates and Kyle Clements all contributed with key hits throughout. Two days later, on 3/23, the Cardinals notched their second win over the Giants, 8-5. Blanton was stellar again on the mound, pitching two scoreless innings and striking out six. He also recorded two hits and two RBIs. Dominic Franco scored two runs and in the third, after a line drive single, rounded first and worked himself into a pickle, drawing three throws after finally sliding safely into second and continuing a five-run rally begun by sharply hit singles from Aiden Clarin and Conor Forde. Freitas and Schwarz pounded RBI singles in the same inning to bolster an impressive string of seven straight hits by the Cardinals. Keeler extended his hitting streak to five games with two hits and two RBIs.

Duffin also recorded two hits. Freitas earned the save by striking out four of the eight Giants he faced.

Majors: Giants 16, Rangers 6: Giants jumped out to an early lead on the Rangers and captured a 16-6 victory. The game was decided quickly as the Giants scored 13 runs in the first three innings. A steal of home by Stephen G and a steal of home by Colton T in the first inning and a two-run double by Antonio R, an RBI double by Isaias G, an RBI single by Andrew L, and an error during the second inning fueled the Giants' early offense. The game was back-and-forth heading into the second, with four lead changes. Antonio racked up four RBIs on three hits for the Giants. The Giants got the win even though Dylan M didn't last long on the hill. Dylan was replaced after 1 2/3 innings. Dylan surrendered five hits and six runs. In the bottom of the first, the Giants grabbed the early lead, 2-0. The Giants got things going when Steven singled. A few plays later, Stephen stole home. The Giants increased their lead with six runs in the third. A single by Jack H ignited the offense, scoring Andrew B. That was followed up by Antonio's single, bringing home Dylan.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League game highlights for week ending 3/22:

Majors: Major Pirates 3, Major Giants 1: For the Giants: James Foley was successful getting the runner out during a pickle. Darrin Jackson's hit plated an RBI. Austin Statham played great defense at first base making multiple outs. For the Pirates: Carter Purl pitched an outstanding 5 innings only allowing 1 run. Anthony Molleson had two base hits up the middle and pitched the 6th inning, recording a save. Anthony McCune played an all around good game making an impressive out at 3rd base and making contact at the plate. Jonathan Lindberg had a skillful bunt single.

AAA Division: Athletics 7: Giants 14: For the A's Kedar Patel pitched a great game with 70+ pitches in the first four innings striking out several Giants. Great base running by Ben Rho and Thomas Schamp. Thomas also threw hard at the mound for 3 straight strike outs in the 4th inning.

Dominic Gozzo was amazing behind the plate as catcher for the A's. For the Giants, Kyllter Green had a triple with 3 RBI'S. On the defensive end, Giants' Christian Codero held 2nd base steals like a brick wall. Louis Wright made the last out with an infield pop-fly.

AA Division: Red Sox vs. Nationals: The Red Sox looked great in their game against the Nationals with strong pitching by Jake Sekany, Dylan Jones and Jace Whatley combining for 13 strike outs. Leading the way offensively, was Dainel Sabino Corral with a line drive single to left field and Jace Whatley with the game winning RBI single.

Rangers vs. Giants: The Giants and Rangers battled in a close game. Sefh Freitas led the Rangers, pitching two outstanding innings, recording two strikeouts and three straight outs in the second inning. He swatted a two run home run and was a steady presence behind the plate. Grant Vonheeder and Dylan Garcia made excellent defensive stops in the first. Grant made a great catch, and Dylan cleanly fielded a hard hit ball and stepped on first base to record the tough out. Grant hit the ball hard throughout the game. Dylan added a base hit in the bottom of the first and was robbed of another on a great play by the shortstop on a line drive in the 4th. Beckett Kohn hit the ball well twice, missing out on hits due to outstanding fielding by the Giants. Jack Eaton smacked a double in the second. He played tough defense, making an excellent play at third base to record an out in the third. Enzo Battaglia and Trevor Straume added hits for the Rangers.

Pirates vs. Rangers: The Rangers' bats were on fire against the Pirates. DJ Santiago got things started for the Rangers, leading off with a single and eventually scoring. Trevor Straume was 3 for 3, smacking two doubles. Grant Vonheeder knocked three hits, including an RBI double in the third. Jack Eaton was outstanding at the plate, going three for three with two RBIs and a double. Enzo Battaglia pounded two hits. Cody Terpstra added an RBI double. Quinten Wetzel also had an RBI single. Beckett Kohn sliced a line drive base hit up the middle and scored his first run of the season. Sam Milochik took not just one, but two for the team, getting hit by pitches

the 6th. Cody Terpstra had a strong outing in all phases of the game. He pitched the 2nd inning, recording three strikeouts. He had a well-hit single in the 5th, and played aggressive defense throughout the game. Dylan Garcia bagged two singles, including an RBI. Samuel Milochik had a nice hit to start the final inning. As a batter, Grant Vonheeder made solid contact with

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Roads Closed During Race

The community can expect traffic delays in the morning on Saturday March 28th with the second annual Livermore Half Marathon taking place that day. The race starts at 8am in downtown Livermore. The runners will travel south from the downtown on South "L" St, over the Arroyo bridge and continue south on Arroyo Rd. They will then turn west on Concannon Blvd. to Holmes St. where they will turn and travel south on Holmes St. to Wetmore Rd. The race will turn onto Wetmore Rd. and then enter Sycamore Grove Park. The runners will exit the park onto Arroyo Rd. where they will travel north to Wetmore Rd.

The race will then turn onto running trails before winding through Robertson Park and entering back onto South "L" St. at the Arroyo bridge. The runners will travel north on South "L" St. before turning east on Second St. to McLeod St, and then through the finish line on First St. The first runner is expected to be at the finish line around 9am, and all runners should be off the course by 11 am.

It is anticipated that over 3000 runners will participate in this year's Livermore Half Marathon. Runners from nearly 25 different states have already registered to take part in the race.

The intersections of Fourth St. at South "L" St, and College Ave. at South "L" St. will experience significant traffic delays during the race. The Livermore Police Department advises motorists to avoid these intersections, and the downtown roadways, from 8am until 11am. The best alternative route to use will be Railroad Avenue.

Beginning at 2am on Saturday March 28th, First St. will be closed between South "L" St and S. Livermore Ave. This section of First St. will remain closed until about 3pm.

Beginning at 6am, First St. will be closed from Maple St. to South "L" St. S. Livermore Ave. will be closed between Railroad Ave. and Third St. Second St. will be closed from Maple St. to South "L" St. These sections of roadway will remain closed until about 12pm.

At 7am, the southbound lane of South "L" St. will be closed from Second St. to Arroyo Rd. The southbound lane of Arroyo Rd. will be closed from the Arroyo bridge to Concannon Blvd. The #2 lane of eastbound Concannon Blvd will be closed between Arroyo Rd. and Holmes St. The #2 lane of northbound Holmes St. will be closed from Concannon Blvd to Wetmore Rd. With the exception of South "L" St, these roadways should re-open at about 9am. The southbound lane of South "L" St. will remain closed until about 11:30am. When these roadways are closed, traffic will not be able to cross over them.

The Livermore Police Department advises everyone to plan accordingly to minimize being disrupted by the race.

Questions regarding traffic control for the race can be sent to Lt. John Hurd at jhurd@cityoflivermore.net

For information on the Livermore Half Marathon, visit www.runlivermore.com

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the ball. Quinten Wetzell also hit the ball hard and was just beaten out of a base hit by a strong fielding play by the A's pitcher. He added a pair of strong innings pitching. Seph Freitas hurled a scoreless inning with a strikeout. Finally, DJ Santiago celebrated his birthday with a base hit.

A Division: Nationals vs. Dodgers: The Dodgers had some heavy hitters in this game. Mason Pappas ripped a line drive down the 3rd base line for an RBI. Also for the Dodgers, Noah Nunez had a huge hit to start out the game with a double. Both players were 4 for 4 at the plate. The Nationals showed a spirited effort, highlighted by Zander Denis' unassisted triple play and solid hitting by the entire team.

Yankees vs. Nationals: For the Nationals, Nicholas Baxter had lead-off singles in the first and second innings. Defensively the Nationals were catching the ball; Zander Denis caught a foul tip from behind the plate and Anthony Yazurlo at first made a nice pick-up and beat the runner to first base. For the Yankees, Jessie Peterson caught a high pop fly ball and Michael Mussari helped on offense driving two ground balls to the outfield for base hits.

A's vs. Red Sox: The A's and the Red Sox played a great game; they played hard and had fun. For the A's, Chase Johnson hit a line drive to left field and made it safely to 1st base. Jamier Snowden stopped a powerful grounder down the 1st base line to get the runner out. For the Red Sox, Jayden Altizer had a rocket hit to left field for a trip around the bases. Phillip Siebel made a great play at second for the out and Josh Morales had a hit to get on base.

T-Ball Division: Rockies vs. Athletics: The teams put together a good effort fielding & batting. Joshua Ghere stopped 5 grounders and got two outs at first base from the pitching position. He also hit 3 singles and drove in 3 runs. Landon Borja hit 3 singles, drove in 1 run and loaded the bases twice.

Dodgers vs. Phillies: Dodgers' players are definitely showing their hard work out on the field. Reno Bolyard and Tyson Headley worked well together on the offensive side, making sure to stop Phillies' balls

and getting them to the correct bases in time. Dane Pappas continues to hit big at-bats and hustles quickly around the bases.

Dodgers vs. Yankees: Dodgers versus Yankees was a close battle. Carlo Traverso was a consistent defensive player, always following the ball and throwing it to where the action was. Seth Fuller added to his great batting average with several runs batted in. Imani Prior showed impressive fielding by stopping the Yankees ball for the out.

Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association:
Diamond Divas at Purple Panthers: Rachel Fuller had a great inning on the mound, striking out 2 Purple Panther batters and also contributed at the plate with a hard hit single. The Divas also had singles by Lilliana Borja, Kaitlyn Stewart and Sara Yoder.

Diamond Divas vs. Red Hots: Jaeydn Gilliam stopped a screaming ground ball to make an out at 2nd. Other key defensive plays were made by Hannah Yudman at 3rd and a 4-3 put out between Victoria Whitelock and Rachel Fuller. Offensively the Diamond Divas had a big 2nd inning with singles by Lilliana Borja, Victoria Whitelock and Hannah, an RBI by Hailee Letteer and a 2 RBI double by Kaitlyn Stewart.

8U: Dolphins vs. Purple Panthers: Dolphins played a hard fought contest against the Purple Panthers this past weekend at Joe Michell Field. Dolphins' players again impressed their coaches, parents and spectators with their selfless play, back up and overall team hustle. A standout effort came from Grace Heskett who led the team with her hustle and performance. She had two key hits in the game in addition to her excellent fielding play as a catcher. Saida Skeen, Clare Gavin and Delaney Cockrell, Jordan McCafferty, Casey Reil, McKenzie Wisely, Maile Ngyuen and Lauren Ngyuen all registered key hits in the game.

Earlier in the week McKenzie Wisely and Lauren Ngyuen made incredible plays in the field. Both players turned double plays in the same game.

Goodguys Get-Together Set at the Fairgrounds

Goodguys Rod & Custom Association is poised to kick off the car show season with the 33rd All American Get-Together on March 28 and 29.

The event brings together over 3,000 candy colored and chromed hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars, trucks of all years American made and powered vehicles.

Goodguys events originate back to 1983, when official car nut Gary Meadors founded Goodguys as a way to get car people and hot rod aficionados like him together to show off their cars, trade ideas, listen to some live music and have a little fun. The vision behind the Goodguys events was simple: to welcome all genres of American car enthusiasts with a lean towards V8 powered, low-to-the-ground eye catchers like hot rods from the 30s & 40s, lead sled customs from the 50s, Muscle Cars from the 70s as well as the new breed of American Muscle like 5.0 GT Mustangs, Z28 Camaros, Chargers, Challengers and everything in between.



At the 33rd All American Get-Together in Pleasanton, fans will get a close up glimpse of just how eclectic the modern day hot rodding scene is though in spirit – the Goodguys core message is unchanged after over 30 years – having fun with cars.

Ares of American made and powered hot rods, customs, classics, trucks g-machines and more glistening with candy colors will sprawl through the scenic Alameda County Fairgrounds. One of the highlights of the event is the display of the indoor custom car show

and the competitors for the Custom of the Year award. The Custom of the Year award, open to vehicles '36 to '72, allows for all styles & genres, from traditional to modern to radical. John D'Agostino, Famous designer and American car builder from Discovery Bay, CA, will showcase two entries, Pantheon, a 1968 Buick Riviera Coupe Resto Mod, and Elvis III, a stunning '59 Cadillac built by Italian builders, Celebrity Customs.

The Goodguys Auto-Cross features a closed performance race course, where vehicle speed & agility meet

to battle it out in a weekend long fastest-car-wins contest of speed & skill. Two time Indy 500 winner, Al Unser, Jr and 9 time Pikes Peak Hill Climb winner, Roby Unser will race for Team Speedway in the Pro Class of the AutoCross all weekend at the event.

There are fun things for the kids to do, too at the 33rd All American Get-Together. There's even a model car program sponsored by Revell plus the PPG coloring contest and other kids' games.

The Goodguys 33rd All American Get-Together gates are open Saturday from 8am to 5pm and Sunday 8am to 4pm. General admission is \$20, kids 7-12 \$6. Alameda County Fairgrounds parking is \$10. Visit www.good-guys.com to purchase event tickets or to register a show car. Call Goodguys @ (925) 838-9876 for more information. \$17 general admission tickets are available at good-guys.com until midnight, 3/27 only.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results from last week:

6U: Plaza Loans vs. GFI Stainless: Plaza Loans hosted GFI Stainless in this 5th game of the 2015 PGSL season. Plaza Loans combined good defense with great cheers and support for their teammates to make this a really fun game. Katherine Chen made 2 awesome defensive plays at first base and had a nice at bat in the 3rd inning. Kate Breen got 2 hits off Coach Carlos and Jensen Goodell kept the streak going with a super hit for Plaza Loans late in the game. GFI Stainless did a great job with their bats. Maddy Bona had the hit of the game, starting off the game with a power hit to deep right field. Gianna Gutierrez had a monster throw from 3rd to 1st and Urvie Belday did a nice job behind home plate. Top Players: Plaza Loans - Kate Breen, Katherine Chen, Jensen Goodell; GFI Stainless - Urvie Belday, Maddy Bona, Gianna Gutierrez.

8U: Active Family vs. Schlicher Orthodontics: Active Family: Taylor Oxle hit a double, Brooke Felbinger made a double play by catching a fly ball then throwing to first to get the runner at 1st out. Schlicher Orthodontics: Olivia had an exceptional base hit; Maddy Miyamoto had an exceptional base hit. Top Players: Active Family - Taylor Oxle, Brooke Felbinger; Schlicher Orthodontics - Olivia, Maddy Miyamoto.

Gourmet Works vs. Active Family: Gourmet Works: Caydence Likeness hit a double; Abby Harmon pitched well. Active Family: Emma Vollgraf hit a double; Maggie Mickaels had great play at first. Top Players: Active Family - Maggie Mickaels, Emma Vollgraf; Gourmet Works - Abby Harmon, Caydence Likeness.

Handles Gastropub vs. Schlicher Orthodontics: Top Players: Handles Gastropub - Caitlyn Burgess, Leila Dixon, Megan Lewis; Schlicher Orthodontics - Jenna Ager, Piper Bailey, Maddy Miyamoto.

Pleasanton Police Officers Association vs. Onward Mortgage Services: Pleasanton Police Officers Association faced Onward Mortgage Services on Saturday in a high-scoring game. Each time the girls stepped up to the plate, they were ready-to-hit. Emily Dubon celebrated her birthday with two solid innings pitching for Onward Mortgage. Alyson Schaeffer had a two-run RBI and ruled second base, making three outs in one inning for Pleasanton Police Officers Association. In addition, Sasha Gorrepati made a clean out at first and had a two-run RBI. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Emily Bull, Katherine Foster, Madison Notari; Onward Mortgage - Presley Bledsoe, Brianna Dowling, Emily Dubon.

Middle School Teal: Dietz & Watson 12, Tim McGuire Realty 2: The game was marked by solid defense and fundamentals on both sides. For Tim McGuire Realty, Hannah Loeffler caught a great game, Natalie Maedler was aggressive on the bases, and Rachel Bussey had a timely base hit. For Dietz & Watson, Sammie Gray caught a nice game and threw a runner out at second base, Megan Schuerlein made a great catch in left, and Angelina Amador was slick at both corner infield positions. Top Players: Dietz & Watson - Angelina Amador, Sammie Gray, Megan Schuerlein; Tim McGuire Realty - Rachel Bussey, Hannah Loeffler, Natalie Maedler.

VEP Healthcare 14, Summit Financial 13: VEP Healthcare opened a 9-3 lead as Lacy Becker struck-out five of the first six batters she faced, Sammie McClain recorded two hits

including a double, and Maci Briggs caught a line drive in left field. Summit Financial came on strong, scoring five runs in each of the third and fourth innings. Jasmine Ramirez had a great hit and provided solid defense behind the plate. Sadia Kahn had two hits as a rookie, and Katie Jones had a hit and a walk to keep the rally going. Top Players: VEP Healthcare - Lacy Becker, Maci Briggs, Samantha McClain; Summit Financial - Katie Jones, Sadia Kahn, Jasmine Ramirez.

VEP Healthcare 14, San Jose Boiler Works 6: VEP Healthcare remained undefeated in regular season play with three great hits from Lacy Becker, two strong innings on the mound from Cynthia Arriaga, and a great double-play when Kat Garber caught a pop-up and fired the ball to Ruby Stinson who ran down the runner for the second out. San Jose Boiler Works' standouts included Emily Sanchez who recorded two strikeouts, Audrey Simmons who pitched two great innings, and Kristina Cuevas behind the plate who saved a run and recorded an out on a VEP Healthcare player trying to steal home. Top Players: VEP Healthcare - Cynthia Arriaga, Lacy Becker, Katalina Garber; San Jose Boiler Works - Kristina Cuevas, Emily Sanchez, Audrey Simmons.

Run for Education
The 3rd Annual Pleasanton Run for Education, benefiting the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE), takes place Sunday April 12, 2015. ClubSport Pleasanton returns as Title Sponsor. All races begin and end at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

This year's race offers two new distances to challenge everyone - from the casual walker, to the novice runner, to those training for their first marathon. In lieu of a half marathon option, the 3rd Annual Run for Education offers three race distances: 5K, 10K and 15K. The Kids' Challenge for ages 12 & under has also expanded and will offer two distances: 1/2K and 1K.

Last year, the event raised over \$80,000 in net proceeds, all of which benefitted the Pleasanton schools. This year, the committee's goal is to raise \$100,000.

To register to run, volunteer or sponsor the event, please visit www.ppiereun.com. To learn more about PPIE, please visit www.ppie.org.

Trails Challenge
The Diablo Trails Challenge will be held Sun., April 19. This trail run includes distances of 5K, 10K, half marathon and 50K.

Hosted by Brazen Racing, this fundraising run for Save Mount Diablo showcases just a fraction of the Diablo wilderness' beauty and helps Save Mount Diablo to preserve, defend and restore more land for you, wildlife and future generations to enjoy.

The 5K, 10K and Half Marathon will all begin and end at Castle Rock Recreation Area in Diablo Foothills, Walnut Creek. The 50K is a point to point run and will begin at Round Valley Regional Preserve, following the Diablo Trail through Morgan Territory Regional Preserve, Mount Diablo State Park and finishing in Castle Rock Recreation Area. All races will be professionally timed. The 50K starts at 7 am and all other races will begin taking off at 8:30 am. All runners receive medals and T-shirts after the race.

Goto www.savemountdiablo.org/activitiesforinformation.

Pace for Peace

Tri-Valley Haven's Spring Pace for Peace-Hope Run will be held Sat., April 18 at 8 a.m.

The 5K/10K Hope Run course will go through Livermore's wine country. Race day registration starts at 7:00 am at 3663 Pacific Avenue in Livermore. To register online follow the link at www.trivalleyhaven.org. All proceeds go to local survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and homelessness served by Tri-Valley Haven and to our abuse prevention programs.

For more information and to download pledge forms please visit The Haven's website: www.trivalleyhaven.org or contact Lisa at (925) 667-2728.

Proxy pledge donations or sponsorships may be sent to: Tri-Valley Haven - Pace, 3663 Pacific Ave, Livermore, CA 94550.

Half Marathon

Livermore Half Marathon will be held March 28.

Race organizers encourage runners to register soon for the 13.1 mile race through the scenic vineyards of Northern California.

Recently named the Livermore Destination Event Partner of the Year, the race start, finish and RunLiv Wine and Music Festival will take place in historic Downtown Livermore.

Weekend highlights include the RunLiv Expo and RunLiv Wine and Music Festival featuring wine from local wineries, beer from Eight Bridges Brewing Company, and the best food and music Livermore has to offer.

To register or access more information about the Livermore Half Marathon, visit www.runlivermore.com.

Nominations Sought for Coach of the Year

Is there a high school Coach this academic year who made a differ-

ence in sports training and will also have a positive impact on the rest of a person's life? There is a chance to thank that person by nominating him or her for the Tri-Valley Sports Final Outstanding High School Coach of the Year Award.

"This will be the fifth year of our outstanding high school athletic awards for students," said TV30 Executive Director Melissa Tench-Stevens. "The coach motivates and provides guidance to the students and many times their support is so powerful it influences the students for the rest of their lives. We thought it was important to recognize the coach's dedication with this award."

To nominate a favorite coach, go to www.tv30.org and click on the banner at the top of the website. Fill out the short form. The winner will be announced at this year's Tri-Valley Sports Final Outstanding Athletic Awards Event taking place on May 28, 2015 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The deadline to submit the nomination is May 1, 2015.

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PRIORITIES

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tree plantings along the Marilyn Kane Trail.

The general plan projects on the list look at development on the Eastside, as well as a fairgrounds master plan. The plan for the fairgrounds is underway. It includes consideration of opportunities to privatize certain segments of the facility for land use development to accommodate visitors such as a hotel/conference center.

The Eastside planning process has been controversial. One concern is the need to move the urban growth boundary to accommodate the development. An initiative approved by voters, prohibits moving the urban growth boundary without consent of the voters. Staff has suggested that the adjustment is minor and would not require a vote. Another issue relates to the proposed housing, which opponents say is not needed. The city is able to meet its housing obligations on land currently zoned for development, they state.

In another general plan project, LAFCO has asked the city to initiate a comprehensive feasibility analysis to enable the extension of city water to the unincorporated Happy Valley area.

In the category of affordable housing, the city will continue to redevelop Kottinger place to provide new housing for seniors. In addition, an analysis of financing alternatives available for workforce housing will be conducted.

Quality of life options include acquisition of the vacant site owned by San Francisco that is adjacent to the city's library. The city has \$1.9 million in reserve for this purpose. It is one of the locations proposed for a new library. A civic center-

library master planning effort will continue.

Other proposals include enhancing the programming at the Alviso Adobe Park, converting the Calippe Trail to multi-use, and adding two additional tennis courts at the Tennis Park. Also under consideration would be adding bocce courts, considering the design and construction of a community-teen center, enhancing cultural diversity connections and expanding outreach to non-profits. The council also decided to support Sunflower Hill in identifying options for special needs housing.

In the downtown, the goals would be to expand and improve parking, enhance awareness of the Firehouse Arts Center, create a signature downtown arts event and add WiFi.

A member of the public who spoke at the council meeting suggested a train quiet zone be established at the Castlewood crossing. He noted there were 15 to 20 trains a day honking their horns, creating a significant quality of life impact.

Gary Mellow, a representative from the ACE train who was in the audience, said that in a quiet zone trains are no longer required to honk their horns. Crossings are made fool-proof using four gates instead of two and erecting an island so cars can't drive around the gates. He suggested that ACE expansion plans will require mitigation, creating an opportunity to consider a quiet zone as mitigation for additional service. That would be a positive for the community. ACE will work with the city, if the city is interested, he added.

City Manager Nelson Fialho suggested ACE representatives work with the city engineer on the issue.

LIVERMORE

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order to qualify for regional grants.

Each housing element must identify land where housing can be built. The city does not have to build the housing, only zone for it. ABAG assigns each city regional housing needs allocation numbers in a variety of income categories. In Livermore's case, 2729 units would be accommodated in the next eight year cycle. Of the housing total, 839 would be very low income; 474 low income, 496 moderate income, and 920 above moderate income.

According to a staff report, there is plenty of land zoned to meet the numbers with no changes in housing policies. Zoning is in place for 4,425 units.

Last year the city issued only 96 permits. At that rate, only 680 units would be built over the next five years.

Livermore's population is projected to increase by 7,032 people to 88,000. The population would include 8,350 seniors and 6,000 persons with disabilities; 25 percent of households are expected to be very low or low income, earning less than \$67,000 a year. In addition 50 percent of renters and 40 percent of homeowners are paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing. An additional 8100 jobs are expected to be added.

A section of the housing element includes efforts to provide programs that assist in making it possible for people to find places to live they can afford. Livermore offers such programs as home repair loan and grant programs, rental assistance and homeless services, as well as a down payment assistance program.

Councilmembers suggested that greater outreach

is needed to make people aware of the availability of special programs. Frances Reisner, Health and Human Services Senior Management Analyst, noted that few use the down payment assistance because of the increasing cost of housing. The price of housing makes it difficult to obtain a loan.

Councilmember Stewart Gary suggested posting the programs in a more prominent location on the city's website. He noted, "I watch in dismay the ever increasing cost of housing. Blue collar entry level is falling further and further behind." He asked the staff to seek innovative ideas to bring back to the council for policy

guidance.

The draft element also includes wording that homelessness should be dealt with on a regional level. This includes the following; participate in and foster regional cooperation and partnerships to address regional housing issues related to affordability, homelessness, and special housing needs; and continue to coordinate with other local jurisdictions to provide for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and operation of emergency housing for families.

Mayor John Marchand pointed out that all of the shelters in the Tri-Valley are located in Livermore. He wondered why, if state law

requires them, there aren't any located in other cities in the area.

City Manager Marc Roberts noted that the zoning is provided in all cities. However, it takes a private group with a passion for such programs to make them happen. In Livermore, the city has partnered with people to provide the needed resources.

Marchand pointed out, "There is greater and greater demand on the philanthropic community and the city. The state needs to provide resources to meet its mandates, not just for housing, but for the ongoing needs of the people who require special services."

Researchers Awarded Contracts for Rocket Propulsion, Space Launch Vehicle Work

Two recent contracts worth nearly \$1.5 million that have been awarded to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) have brought the Laboratory back into the rocket development business.

The Lab's high performance computing capability and advanced large-eddy simulation codes will be used to model rocket engine combustion in future liquid-propellant rocket engines.

Under a \$750,000 "seedling" project, LLNL intends to tie these simulations to advanced manufacturing, exploring the possibility of reducing the time and cost required for the design, manufacture and testing of rocket engines.

Among the program's goals are flying 10 times in 10 days, flying to greater than Mach 10 at least once, and launching a representative small payload to orbit. The program also seeks to reduce the cost of access to space for 3,000- to 5,000-pound payloads to

less than \$5 million per flight. Current space launches can cost from \$50 million to almost \$500 million per launch.

If successful, this work could help reduce U.S. reliance on Russian rocket engines for the launch of critical national security payloads.

Livermore designed and fabricated a rocket vehicle, powered by an LLNL engine, was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1994. It was conceived and designed by aerospace engineer John Whitehead and his team, which included collaborators from Aerojet, for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, predecessor of today's Missile Defense Agency.

"We are excited by these awards because they provide the Laboratory with the opportunity to use its unique capabilities to make a difference in access to space, which is important to our national security," said Bill Bruner, the Lab's NASA/

commercial space relationship manager.

The Next Generation Rocket (NGR) project is a development effort by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

The Lab also is a partner with the commercial space company, Masten Space Systems (MSS), of Mojave Air and Space Port in Southern California, on DARPA's Experimental Spaceplane (XS-1) program.

The Masten-led team, which includes engineers from LLNL's Engineering Directorate, was awarded one of three Phase 1 contracts for this project, along with teams led by Boeing and Northrop Grumman.

The \$700,000 will enable LLNL to provide high-performance-computing-based modeling and simulation support to the company in its effort to design an affordable, reusable first stage for an orbital launch system for civil, commercial, Department of Defense and other national security customers.

OBITUARIES

John Rogers

John Rogers, a lifetime resident of Livermore, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2015. He was 87.

John was a WWII Veteran serving from 1943-1947 in the US Army's 2nd Infantry Division which saw battle at Normandy Beach on D-Day as well as the Battle of the Bulge. John was a true patriot and a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post 7265.

John worked as an Explosive Technician at Sandia National Laboratory and has been retired for 30 years.

John enjoyed long camping trips in their motor home, target shooting at the Livermore/Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club, rooting on his SF 49ers, the Livermore Rodeo, and spending time with family.

John is survived by his wife of 66 years Elaine Rogers; daughters Karen Morgan of Shingle Springs, and Shirley Prokosch of Zephyr Cove, NV; five grandchildren April Goins, Kevin Prokosch, Danny Prokosch, Amber Winterstein and Audrey Bosworth; five great grandchildren; sister Marie Ott of Livermore, and brother Clarence Rogers of Manteca.

Visitation and memorial services were held at 12:30pm on Monday March 23, 2015 at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore, CA.

John's favorite charity was VFW National Home for Children. <http://www.vfwnationalhome.org>

Jacqueline Thomas

Jacqueline Thomas, 84, of Livermore, passed away peacefully at home on March 14, 2015. A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 28, 2015 at 1:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore.

Jacqueline was born on October 10, 1930 in Porterville California and was raised in the small community of Northfork, California. Jacqueline's family moved to Oakland, California in 1942; where she met Dale Thomas. Jacqueline and Dale were married on her eighteenth birthday and moved to Livermore in 1959; where they raised two children.

In the late 1960s, Jacqueline went to work for the Livermore Unified School District; where she drove a 79 passenger school bus. She had a love for children and said driving a school bus was the best job ever. In 1973, Trinity Baptist Church started a bus ministry and Jacqueline was the first driver. She later became their bus driver trainer and served in this ministry until 1981.

In 1981, Jacqueline and Dale retired and traveled by RV: mostly in California and Oregon. In 1990, they returned to Livermore and lived their remaining years here. Dale predeceased Jacqueline on Labor Day, 2006. Jacqueline is survived by her children, Janice Blair and Scott Thomas; her grandchildren, Tabitha Correia, Quincy Kowolik, Jacob Blair, Hunter Thomas and Logan Thomas; and by her

great-grandchildren, Aidan Correia and Jack Correia.

Robert Gordon Johns

Robert Gordon Johns was born May 30, 1919 in Utica, New York as the second youngest of 6 children. In 1943, he married Audrey Coppins, with whom he would spend 66 years of marriage. Together they had one daughter, Linda. When Linda was very young they ventured to California via Los Alamos, New Mexico where they stopped and lived for a few years. In Livermore, he had a long career in cryogenics at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. He later started his own business, Johns Technology Inc. (JTL), which he operated with his wife. He was a brilliant self educated man who was successful at everything he attempted and had a lifetime of many accomplishments.

After retirement, Robert and Audrey enjoyed some traveling and eventually moved to Thousand Oaks, California, to be near their daughter and granddaughter, and now two great grandchildren. Robert passed away on March 17, 2015, just two months shy of his 96th birthday. He is predeceased by his wife (2009), his parents and all his siblings. He will be buried next to his wife at Odd Fellows Memorial Cemetery in Livermore.

He will always be remembered for his wit, his intelligence and his kindness

and generosity to his family and all who met him. The world has lost "one of the good guys."

Georgia Anna Guaydacan

Georgia Anna Guaydacan, 59, of Livermore, passed away unexpectedly on March 12, 2015.

She was born to the late Joseph and Margaret Aragon, October 11, 1955, in Las Vegas, NM. Georgia grew up in Oakland and Hayward, and graduated from Hayward High School in 1973. She married Rick Guaydacan in 1981 and resided in Livermore, CA for many years.

Retiring from AT&T in 2009, Georgia worked for them for 36 years beginning as a Directory Assistance 411 Operator in high school and went on to hold various other positions throughout her career. She enjoyed and appreciated the many co-workers and friends she made at AT&T and still kept in contact with many of them.

Georgia loved the wine country lifestyle and she either worked or volunteered

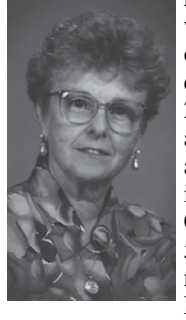
at many Livermore Valley wineries and the events they held.

Georgia is survived by her husband Rick Guaydacan, daughter Aleese Guaydacan and grandson Logan "Little Man" of Livermore; her stepson Robby Guaydacan and his wife Mavi and daughter Robbie Lynn of Hayward; her sister Roberta Sobbe and her husband Rod of Madera; her sister Lisa Gabrielson and her husband Brian of Sonora; and her nieces and their families, Jody Melendez and Melissa Holguin of Bakersfield, and Elizabeth Sobbe of Madera.

Her kind heart and beautiful spirit were loved by many and she will be forever in our hearts. When you think of her, please raise a

glass in her memory.

No services are being held; a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



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SHORT NOTES

UNCLE Donates

UNCLE Credit Union has donated more than \$3,249 in 2014 to two charitable organizations that serve the East Bay, Tri-Valley Haven and Children's Miracle Network.

The Credit Union raised funds through offerings available to its members, including its annual Skip-a-pay promotion and a new discount program in partnership with Sprint that has provided savings of more than \$40 million to members of credit unions nationwide since its inception. UNCLE

opted to give all revenue generated from the Sprint Credit Union Member Discount Program directly to Children's Hospital Oakland, a Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

"We're dedicated to helping our members reach their financial goals while upholding the value of service to the greater community," said Harold Roundtree, UNCLE Credit Union CEO.

Centerpointe

Centerpointe Church will celebrate Holy Week with

daily devotions led by Pastor Mike Barris at 9 a.m. March 30-April 3.

Centerpointe will hold regular services at 9 a.m. (blended with choir) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary with band) on Palm Sunday, March 29. Childcare for kids five and under will be provided at the first service with regular Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday services will be led by the band and the choir at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Families are encouraged to worship together.

There will be no regular Sunday School on Easter.

Maundy Thursday service on April 2 will be a Christ in the Passover themed Seder at 6:30 p.m. Child-care is provided Sundays at the first service.

For more information, please see www.centerpointechurch.org or call the church at (925) 846-4436.

Nature Stories

Nature Stories in the Park will be presented on Sun., March 29 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park

District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Amy and representatives from the Livermore Library at 1 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Rd.

Pack a picnic blanket and come to Sycamore Grove Park for a special storytime featuring stories about nature. Rangers and special guests from the Livermore Public Library will entertain families with children's books about nature and wildlife. There may even be a visit from the famous Smokey Bear. Canceled if

raining. Families that RSVP for this special program by Friday, March 27, will be given a free parking pass for the day. Call 925-960-2400 or email valleywilds@larpd.org to RSVP. Drop-ins are welcome, but will be required to pay the \$5 per vehicle parking fee.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified.

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Apr 2 Maundy Thur.	7 pm. Agape Meal and Foot Washing
Apr 3 Good Friday	Noon/6:30 pm. Stations of the Cross 7 pm. Eucharist
Apr 4 Easter Vigil	7 pm. Lighting of the Paschal Flame 8 pm. First Eucharist of Easter
Apr 5 Easter Sunday	10 am. Choral Eucharist Egg Hunt & Refreshments with mimosas

(Childcare available for most services.)

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SPECIAL SERVICES PLANNED

Easter Week

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PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 29
(Blessing of Palms at all Masses)
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All liturgies for Palm Sunday will begin outside.

The Sacred Triduum

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
Noon Stations of the Cross
1:15 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday
7:00 p.m. Good Friday, Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service
8:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil of the Holy Night

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5
Church: 7:30, 9:00, & 10:45 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Moran Hall: 9:15, 11:00 a.m.

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29th
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Children (K-6th) Program, 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
7:00 pm Communion Service, Sanctuary
(Childcare available)

Good Friday, April 3rd
7:00 pm Service, Sanctuary
(Childcare available)

Easter Sunday, April 5th
9:00 am and 11:00 am Traditional Worship
Resurrection Celebration in the Sanctuary
Children & Youth Program, 9:00 am
ASL Interpreter, 9:00 am Service

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. HG15760177

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner:
Rajan Sohal
filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name:
Ahana Monga Sohal
Proposed Name:
Aahana Monga Sohal

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 5/8/2015
Time: 8:45 AM
Dept: 503
b. The address of the court is:
Hayward Hall of Justice
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3.a. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
The Independent Newspaper
2250 First St
Livermore, CA 94550

Dated: February 26, 2015
/s/: Winifred Y. Smith
Judge of the Superior Court

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. 483430

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: California Hair - Nails, 4082 East Ave, Livermore, CA 94550.

The full name of Registrant: Duyen To, 2742 Merchant Ct, Tracy, CA 95377
Signature of Registrant: /s/: Duyen To
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 2, 2015. Expires March 2, 2020.
The Independent Legal No. 3770. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015.

1. Petitioner:
Supriya Sohal

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 501738
The following person(s) doing business as: William Anderson Construction, 11475 Silvergate Drive, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): William Anderson, 11475 Silvergate Drive, Dublin, CA 94568

This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 15, 2015.
Signature of Registrants
/s/: William D. Anderson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2015. Expires February 24, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3771. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 501783
The following person(s) doing business as: Sun Pointe Services, 5643 Charlotte Way, Apt. 161, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Phillip Yecny, 1727 Lucrulia Ct, San Jose, CA 95122 (2) Eric Yecny, 5643 Charlotte Way, Apt. 161, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by a General partnership
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.
Signature of Registrants
/s/: Phillip Yecny
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 25, 2015. Expires February 25, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3772. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 501232
The following person(s) doing business as: Eastern Medical Center, 5933 Coronado Lane, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Teresa T. Shen PHD LAC Inc. A professional acupuncture corporation, 5933 Coronado Lane, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/22/2009.
Signature of Registrants
/s/: Teresa Shen LAC CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 10, 2015. Expires February 10, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3773. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 501224
The following person(s) doing business as: Affordable Custom Signs, LLC, 5675

Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Affordable Custom Signs, LLC, 5675 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by a Limited liability company
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.
Signature of Registrants
/s/: James Miller, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 10, 2015. Expires February 10, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3774. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 501734
The following person(s) doing business as: Spools & Seams, 3908 Madeira Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shawna DeLucio, 3908 Madeira Way, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.
Signature of Registrants
/s/: Shawna DeLucio
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 501690
The following person(s) doing business as: Fit For Life, 2525 Secretariat Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeffery King, 2525 Secretariat Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/10/2010.
Signature of Registrants
/s/: Jeffery King
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 24, 2015. Expires February 24, 2020. The Independent Legal No. 3776. Published March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 501873
The following person(s) doing business as: MDx HR Solutions, 5186 Mt. Tam Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vicki S. Miller, 5186 Mt. Tam Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant began to transact business using the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 19, 2015.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CHARLES JUNIOR MOHN, aka CHARLES J. MOHN
Case No. RP15761562

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Charles Junior Mohn, aka Charles J. Mohn**

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **David C. Mohn** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: **David C. Mohn** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. () The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: **April 22, 2015**
TIME: **9:30 AM** DEPT: **201** at: **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Probate**

7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. (X) Attorney for Petitioner:
David A. Bromley
319 Diablo Rd., Suite 100 Danville, CA 94526 (925) 362-1445

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 501958

The following person(s) doing business as: L2 Properties, 2300 1st Street, Suite 316, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Leoniel V. Apostol, 341 E. Legacy Drive, Mountain House, CA 95391 (2) Lisa Rabino, 5874 Emily Way, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by Co-partners The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. Signature of Registrants :s/ Lisa Rabino

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The following person(s) doing business as: Katie's Wash and Fold, 1804 Montecito Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

(1) Katie Hartz (2) Jesse Hartz, 1804 Montecito Circle, Livermore, CA 94551

This business is conducted by Married Couple The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above.

Signature of Registrants :s/ Katie Hartz

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 502054

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Signature of Registrants :s/ Paul Phuong Nguyen

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Broker Compensation: Who Gets How Much?

By Cher Wollard

Ron and Kathy have decided to hire Michelle, a Realtor with Tri-Valley Home Sweet Home Realty, to sell their Livermore home.

They make an appointment for Michelle to view the property and discuss price and marketing strategies. While she is there, they sign a contract to list the house.

If you had asked Ron and Kathy, they would have told you their agreement is with Michelle. Actually, they have just hired the Tri-Valley brokerage of Home Sweet Home Realty to sell their property.

Michelle is their designated agent. However, if something should prevent Michelle from helping them complete their transaction, or if Michelle should leave the company, they would still be under contract with Tri-Valley, which would be obliged to provide them with another agent.

Confused? So are Ron and Kathy until Michelle explains to them that California law requires real estate agents to be affiliated with brokers in order to conduct business.

Listing contracts are made between sellers and brokers, with licensed real estate agents like Michelle serving as the brokerage's representative. Even agents with broker licenses sometimes affiliate with another broker, for brand recognition, economies of scale or to reduce their liability.

Ron and Kathy had heard that real estate agents are always paid 6 percent of the sales price. They assumed all of that money would go to Michelle.

Michelle explains there are no laws regulating how much commission brokers or their agents can charge. In fact, the law precludes brokers from colluding with one another to set fees.

Broker fees typically range from 4 percent to 8 percent, depending on region, property type and what services are offered. In most residential transactions, all broker fees are paid by the sellers.

Some agents include many services designed to get the property sold quickly and at the highest price possible. Some provide only bare-bones service. Still other agents offer services a la-carte selections.

Whatever fee is paid, it is usually split 50-50 between the buyer's and seller's brokers, but it doesn't have to be.

Some listing agents keep a larger share, since they usually have more upfront costs than buyers' agents. In a strong buyer's market, listing agents may offer more than half of the commission to the other side in an effort to attract more showings.

Sometimes listing agents reduce their commission if they represent both sides of the transaction or if they are also going to help their sellers purchase a home.

In any case, both the amount and the allocation of commissions must be specified in the listing agreement, which the sellers sign.

Michelle tells Ron and Kathy she charges 6 percent, with half -- or 3 percent -- being offered to the buyers' broker.

Ron and Kathy are impressed with Michelle's knowledge and with her marketing proposal, so they agree to her terms. They also agree to paint the interior, make a few repairs and have the home staged, as Michelle recommends.

After reviewing the comparable properties and market analysis provided by Michelle, Ron and Kathy decide to list their home at \$679,950.

Michelle's strategies pay off, and within 10 days, Ron and Kathy have three offers on the property.

After negotiations back and forth, they accept an offer from Brian and Cary for \$700,000. Brian and Cary are represented by Tom, an agent with XYZ Realty.

At closing, 6 percent of the sales price is deducted from the sellers' proceeds.

The escrow officer writes checks for \$21,000 each to Tri-Valley Home Sweet Home Realty and XYZ Realty, as indicated on commission demands submitted by both brokerages.

Tri-Valley is a locally owned franchise of a national real estate company known as Home Sweet Home Realty. A franchise fee -- let's say 6 percent -- is taken off the top, leaving \$19,740, to be divided between the brokerage and the agent.

This division is known as a "split." Agent splits vary widely, usually from 50-50 to 95-5, depending on brokerage policies and the agent's productivity. Some brokerages pay higher splits, but charge more in monthly fees. Others do the reverse.

Some brokerages offer more freebies -- administrative assistance, regional advertising, marketing materials, I.T. support -- than others. Some brands pay 100 percent commissions, but then charge per transaction fees plus fees for other services.

Michelle is a solid, experienced agent, but not one of the very top producers. Her split is 80-20.

That means her gross commission check will be 80 percent of \$19,740. Out of that, Tri-Valley will deduct any fees she might owe. For example, the brokerage may charge her a monthly fee that covers her office phone, website, etc., and fees for things like copies or faxes. She may also pay a per-transaction fee for such things as signage, property websites and administrative services.

In this case, Michelle is assessed \$442 in fees, leaving her with a total of \$15,350.

In the weeks before receiving this paycheck, Michelle has already spent \$700 to stage this property, \$300 to have it professionally photographed and a video created, \$150 on postcards and flyers, and \$200 on print advertising. If the transaction doesn't close, she will be out this money, plus her time and effort. If it does close, her net earnings before taxes will be \$14,000.

Out of this, Michelle will pay her annual associations and MLS dues, errors and omissions insurance, automobile expenses, licensing fees, marketing expenses, postage and supplies, ongoing training, and, of course, taxes.

Michelle met her clients at an open house, but if Ron and Kathy had been referred to her by an out-of-area agent or through an Internet lead service, or if they were working with a relocation company, a referral fee of anywhere from 10-50 percent would have been taken right off the top of that \$21,000. For example, a referral fee of 25 percent would have reduced Michelle's gross to \$11,402 and her pre-tax net to \$10,052.

Tom, who represents the buyers, is a junior agent in a team at XYZ Realty. XYZ is a small, local brokerage with no affiliation with a larger company, so Tom does not pay a franchise fee. He does, however, share his after-split commission with the lead agent in his team.

Tom's split is 60-40, meaning of the \$21,000 Ron and Kathy pay to the buyers' side, XYZ Realty will receive \$8,400. Tom's team will receive \$12,600, of which Tom gets to keep 75 percent, for a total of \$9,450. XYZ will deduct another \$650 in charges from Tom's check, giving him a gross pre-tax commission of \$8,800.

Tom works primarily as a buyers' agent. His biggest pre-tax expenses are related to showing property -- auto lease, insurance, gasoline, etc. -- in addition to marketing costs, annual fees and insurance.

All told, Michelle and Tom each spent about seven weeks working with their clients -- three weeks before going into contract and four weeks to close of escrow. During this time, they brought buyer and seller together, negotiated price and terms, oversaw inspections and repairs, and led them through the transaction.

This transaction, the clients, the Realtors and the real estate companies are all fictitious. But scenarios like this go on every day.

If you have questions about how the real estate industry works, contact your local Realtor today.

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Drysdale Properties, in Livermore.

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ELEPHANTS

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for different activities.

"As soon as they get off the chains they run right to their friends. They have their own little groups and are very verbal. It's really, really fun to hear them talking with one another."

For the elephants not part of the project, life isn't as good. Most are shackled all day with little more to do than to stand in the blazing sun.

"Their chains are short so the elephants can't get a running start to break them off," said Chris. "They spend most of their days spinning around in circles."

Further, those elephants are often used by their mahouts for economic profit, forced with piercing bull hooks to beg in city streets or give rides to tourists.

"Even though elephants are strong animals, their spines are not. When you put saddles on them and seat six people across, it's very damaging to their backs," said Tamara. "Most elephants in the wild will live 60 to 65 years, but in captivity they'll barely make it past 30."

The brutal conditions cause many elephants to develop nervous ties, as was the case with Tamara's favorite Tang Mo.

"The name Tang Mo means watermelon because she is a little, round elephant. Before she came into the program she was abused so she had this little dance she would do when she was on her chain - back and forth, it was just constant," said Tamara. "That was what she



Washing the elephants was one of the highlights of the trip. The couple is shown with one of the elephants (at right).

would do to calm herself down."

Since the Surin Project neither owns the elephants nor the land, they cannot force change but instead focus on positively influencing the living conditions of the elephants while providing sustainable economic revenue for the mahouts, thereby eliminating the need for torturous training and tricks.

"People don't realize there's a lot of violence in training the elephants," said Tamara. "You can hear about elephants on chains all day long, but until you see it, you don't know how heartbreaking it is. We were definitely out of our comfort zone."

Yet the positivity of the trip outweighed the tough parts.

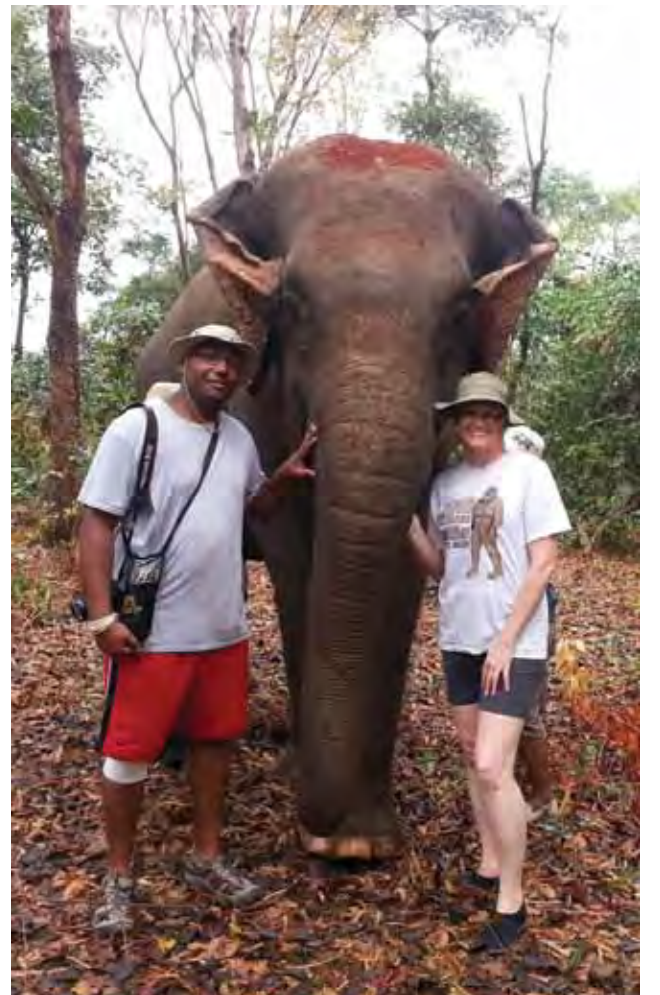
"We did a mahout Olympics, playing some of the games they do - like slingshots, knuckle bones and elephant poo golf," said Chris, laughing. "We did a farang (foreigner) show, where everybody in the program had to perform something from their country and get the mahouts involved with it. We tried to think of the silliest thing we could, and since we both like to dance, we did the Stanky Leg hip-hop dance."

"The funniest thing was the oldest mahout, who was almost 70, was always playing hip-hop music and wear-

ing sunglasses, so we called him Hollywood. When we were doing our show we brought him up, and he was having a great time," added Tamara. "Another day, we visited a local school to help teach English to the students. For the mahouts, we left a lot of clothes and Ghirardelli chocolate - they love that! They were really appreciative of anything that was given to them."

But for the Warrens, it always comes back to the love of the elephants.

"Each elephant had its own personality. These magnificent creatures have many feelings - they mourn, they show joy and happiness, and they build strong friend-



ships with one another," said Tamara, noting that she and Chris are planning to return next year. "We miss all the elephants. I think of them throughout my day and they bring a smile to my face."

"It inspires me to keep fighting for their rights, and getting others on board to help. Together, we can make a difference."

For more information, visit www.surinproject.org.

ValleyCare to Open Breast Cancer Foundation Boutique

ValleyCare is opening a HERS Breast Cancer Foundation boutique on April 7, 2015, located within the ValleyCare Health Library in Pleasanton.

This specialty boutique will offer prosthetics, bras and camisoles, and compression garments for those patients with lymphedema. A certified fitter ensures that each woman is given personalized care and is properly fitted. Many insurance plans will pay for all, or a portion, of the garments, so HERS Breast Cancer Foundation will bill insurance directly and help clients receive the maximum benefit.

"We are excited to be opening this boutique, which is a result of our partnership with the HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, a local, non-profit organization whose name stands for Hope, Empowerment,

Renewal and Support," says Denise Estrada, manager of Cancer Services and Patient Resources.

The boutique is staffed by HERS Breast Cancer Foundation staff and volunteers. It will initially be open every Tuesday from 10am to 5pm. Appointments will be necessary for garment fittings.

Vera Packard, MD, executive director for the HERS Breast Cancer Foundation and a former breast cancer surgeon, is passionate about helping breast cancer survivors feel whole again. "We currently have these services at Washington Hospital in Fremont and Stanford Health Care in Palo Alto, and I am excited that we are expanding and offering this service here in the Tri-Valley," Packard says. "The HERS acronym says it all. We're here to Empower these women with Hope,

Renewal and Support."

In addition to the HERS Breast Cancer boutique, the American Cancer Society will continue to offer new and already styled wigs at no charge. The ACS Wig Shop is open Monday- Thursday, 10am to 4pm. Trained volunteers and staff assist clients in the selection and fittings of the wigs. Appointments aren't necessary, but are encouraged. "Since the Library is located just upstairs from the Cancer Center, we are pleased to offer a convenient shopping experience for our cancer patients" adds Estrada.

The ValleyCare Health Library also continues to provide the many services it always has such as: a certified cancer patient nurse navigator; comprehensive medical databases; literature on a wide array of medical and health topics; support

groups; various items to check-out for use in classrooms; knowledgeable volunteers and a comfortable environment.

The HERS Breast Cancer Foundation boutique is located within the ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd, suite 270 in Pleasanton. Please call 925-734-3315 for appointments.

Changes in Transportation to Be Explained

Changes in transportation resources require public updates from time to time.

All agencies assisting seniors in the Tri-Valley will provide an update at a session on April 28, 2015 from 10am until noon in the Palo Verde Room at the Livermore Community Center located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore, CA.

Agencies including Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Livermore Amador Valley

Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of Wheels bus service, and the Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) will discuss an array of transportation services available to seniors and the disabled. Agencies will be offering assistance with travel training showcasing how best to board available public transportation services. Senior Clipper Cards will also be issued at

the event, free of charge. Attendees will learn how to use the cards on the system.

New services and upcoming events will be highlighted as well as an opportunity to sign-up for a group field trip traveling on board both the WHEELS bus and BART systems.

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Symphony Features Pleasanton Flutist Annie Wu

by Patricia Boyle

The Livermore-Amador Symphony continues its fifty-second season with "Fantastic Flute!" on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore with Lara Webber conducting. The concert will feature Pleasanton native, flutist Annie Wu, performing François Devienne's Flute Concerto No. 7 in E Minor. In addition, the program includes Aaron Copland's "Our Town" and Jean Sibelius' Symphony No. 1 in E Minor.

The evening will open with Aaron Copland's "Our Town." Copland was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1900. He died less than forty miles away in Tarrytown, NY in 1990, after living in such far-flung places as Mexico, Europe and Africa. During his travels, Copland spent time at the MacDowell Colony, an art center in rural Peterborough, NH, the same location at which Thornton Wilder wrote his play, "Our Town." The serene music of Copland's composition comes from

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'Cabaret' Performances Scheduled at Las Positas College

The Las Positas College Theater Arts Department will open the musical Cabaret on Friday, April 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre, located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

The original production of Cabaret, directed by Harold Prince and choreographed by Ron Field, opened on Nov. 20, 1966 at the Broadhurst Theatre in Manhattan. The production became an instant Broadway hit, and had an impressive 1,165-performance run. It went on to enjoy multiple revivals, including the most recent on Broadway with Allen Cummings, and garnered tremendous success in the film adaptation starring Liza Minnelli.

Cabaret is a musical with a book by Joe Masteroff, based on John Van Druten's 1951 play, I Am a Camera, and Christopher Isherwood's book The Berlin Stories. The musical duo of Kander and Ebb (of Chicago fame) bring familiarity and complexity to the music, with recognizable songs such as "Cabaret," "Maybe This Time," and the "Money Song."

The setting is 1931 Berlin as the Nazis are rising to power. Cliff Bradshaw, a young American writer, meets an English girl, Sally Bowles, who is working in the Kit Kat Klub as a singer and hostess. At the same time, boarding house owner Fraulein Schneider and her admirer, a Jew-



Cast of Cabaret, Photo - Latent Image Photography

ish greengrocer named Herr Schultz, become engaged during the early rise of the Nazi party in Germany, shining a light on the personal tragedies of one of history's darkest hours. This musical, though filled with humor and sincerity, carefully examines the complacency of the citizens of Weimer

Republic Germany during the rise of Hitler, as well as the complex individual and personal responses to the impending War.

Uniquely staged in the round in a small Black Box theater with audience participation and interaction, Las Positas College's Cabaret encourages the public to become less of a

viewer more of an active participant. Dancers interact and flirt with audience members and New Year's Eve is celebrated with humor and joviality; but all the while the audience is too familiar with the history that is unfolding before their eyes, leaving them torn between exuber-

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Museum Talk Describes Hearst Connection to Pleasanton

By Carol Graham

Long before William Randolph Hearst strode into architect Julia Morgan's office in 1915 announcing he was tired of camping in tents on the hill in San Simeon and wanted to build "something a little more comfortable," he'd already mastered the art of understatement.

Two decades earlier, William had written his mother, Phoebe Apperson Hearst, asking to build a country residence on the family's ranch in Pleasanton. Phoebe wrote back, saying, "Yes, as long as you don't build anything too large."

The San Simeon lodge would become the majestic Hearst Castle, while the Pleasanton country home had become the Hacienda del Pozo de Verona, a 53-room palatial estate situated on more than 450 hillside acres upon which the Castlewood Country Club now exists.

And so began the Hearsts' indelible connection with Pleasanton.

Museum on Main's Ed Kinney Speaker Series Presents "An Evening With Hearst Castle Historian Victoria Kastner" took place on March 10th at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. Kastner addressed a sold-out audience, sharing stories about the Hearsts, their fortunes, their works and their homes - with a special focus on the Hacienda.

"This was such a special place, Pleasanton, to all the Hearsts," said Kastner. "George bought the ranch, William Randolph commissioned the architect who built it, and Phoebe lived in it and died in it. It was a working ranch with livestock and a poultry farm, but was

also a beautiful Mission Revival estate, elegantly furnished with Phoebe's collections including paintings, sculpture, furniture, musical instruments, and Native American rugs and baskets."

The name Hacienda del Pozo de Verona (House of the Wellhead of Verona) was inspired by the carved limestone wellhead Phoebe and William had purchased in Verona, Italy and installed in the center of the Hacienda's courtyard. On weekends, Phoebe frequently hosted 40 to 50 guests who would alight at the Western Pacific Railroad's Verona Station and amble along Verona Road before crossing the Verona Bridge (which still spans the Arroyo de la Laguna) to join their hostess. Over the years the list of guests included presidents, royalty, artists, composers and movie stars.

"This is the place Phoebe did so much of her entertaining," said Kastner. "It was a working ranch but also a place to celebrate the outdoors and the beauty of the landscape."

Yet Phoebe was not merely a society hostess. From her modest upbringing in Missouri, Phoebe rose to millionaire status through the mining efforts of husband George whose knack for and success in mining earned him the title "the boy the earth talked to." At his death in 1891, Phoebe's wealth was estimated at \$250 million, a staggering sum in those days.

"Phoebe was a woman of extreme self-determination and drive," said Kastner, adding that as a girl, "She sold buttermilk from a cart for five cents a gallon. It was said she held the buttermilk in her left hand and



Victoria Kastner at the Firehouse Arts Center

a book in her right. She was already teaching when she was 19."

Phoebe's passion for learning led her to support many progressive education developments. She was instrumental in making the University of California, Berkeley the illustrious institution it is today and was the first woman appointed to the Board of Regents. She provided scholarships to women, established free libraries in mining towns, and helped found the PTA.

"After she died in 1919, the Hacienda was sold but the wellhead was not," said Kastner. "William brought it to San Simeon where it is displayed in the gardens near Casa del Mar, the largest of its three guest cottages."

For more than thirty years, Kastner has been dedicated to learning, writing and speaking about the Hearsts. As the Historian at Hearst Castle, she teaches guide staff, writes articles, and oversees all aspects of restoration and maintenance on the buildings and gardens. She authored a trilogy about the estate's entire history: Hearst Ranch: Family, Land, and Legacy; Hearst Castle: The Biography of a Country House; and Hearst's San Simeon: The Gardens and the Land.

"Hearst Castle belongs to all Californians, having been donated by the Hearst Corporation to California State Parks in 1957," said Kastner. "The corporation donated 13 miles of the Hearst Ranch's magnificent

coastline to California in 2005, ensuring it will never be altered, and operates the 82,000-acre Hearst Ranch under a conservation easement (overseen by the California Rangeland Trust), ensuring it will always remain a working cattle ranch."

Museum on Main's popular speaker series is a monthly program offering portrayals of and insights about intriguing historical characters, including Mark Twain, Babe Ruth and Albert Einstein.

"Victoria had joined us a number of years ago to give a talk on the Hearst family and their connection to Pleasanton," said Jennifer Amiel, Museum on Main's Director of Education. "Kastner is by far the most knowledgeable person on

the Hearst properties and Phoebe Hearst. The local crowd is always interested in Pleasanton's connection to the Hearst family."

Upcoming presentations of "An Evening With . . ." include Susan B. Anthony, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Andrew Carnegie, Pleasanton public art benefactors Gary and Nancy Harrington, and Harry Houdini.

"On Tuesday, April 21st, we'll recognize the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War with 'An Evening with A Rebel Soldier,'" says Amiel. "Tickets are already moving quickly."

Since most talks sell out, it's recommended to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$7 for seniors and students, and \$5 for museum members. Tickets can be purchased at Museum on Main, online at www.museumonmain.org, or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

As for Phoebe's beloved Hacienda del Pozo de Verona, it was sold in 1924 to a group of businessmen who turned it into a country club and added two golf courses. The name Castlewood was chosen to reflect the wooded hillside and its castle-like Hacienda.

The Hacienda served as the Castlewood Clubhouse from 1925 until it burned down in 1969. A new clubhouse now stands on the same spot preserving some of the original steps.

The Hacienda - on property chosen for its beauty, views, and refuge from the cold, foggy summers of San Francisco - may no longer be there, "But it really isn't gone," said Kastner, "because the landscape that drew the Hearsts to this area is still here."



Lara Webber with the Livermore-Amador Symphony

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the score he wrote for the Hollywood film based on Wilder's play.

Next, Annie Wu will perform François Devienne's elegant Flute Concerto No. 7 in E Minor with the orchestra. Devienne, a French flutist and composer of the late eighteenth century, wrote hundreds of compositions, mainly for wind instruments. Wu, a graduate of Foothill High School in Pleasanton, is an accomplished musician. She is a freshman in a dual degree program at Harvard and the New England Conservatory. "I feel incredibly fortunate to not only be a part of the immense intellectual atmosphere of a great university, but to have the musical support of one of the best conservatories as well. It is truly a joy to feel that I have two homes -- and to lead somewhat of a double life!"

Wu has won numerous musical awards. In 2014, she was named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts. This award, presented on behalf of the President of the United States, "is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an artistically talented graduating high school senior." Wu has performed with many Bay Area orchestras, including the San Francisco Symphony, the Diablo Symphony, and the San Jose Chamber

Orchestra.

Recently, Wu accompanied Lara Webber and a quartet from the Livermore-Amador Symphony to perform at Joe Michell and Junction Avenue Schools in Livermore, and Vintage Hills School in Pleasanton. Webber says, "Annie's love for music radiates out of every inch of her. What is most interesting to me is that her personality shines through her musical expression so clearly. Every note has meaning. She carries the voice of the composer through to the audience beautifully. She took questions from her audiences of 4th and 5th graders. They were captivated, repeatedly asking her to stay and keep playing!"

Devienne's Flute Concerto No. 7 in E Minor, written around 1787, has three movements, which range from gentle to lively and bright. Wu says of the concerto, "The Devienne Concerto No. 7 is a particularly colorful work. It invokes the light-heartedness of Mozart and at times the drama of Beethoven, but it still maintains its own merits beyond these musical giants. Devienne is a master of delighting audiences, and his music is a perfect exploration of music style and charm."

She adds, "I am particularly excited to perform this piece because I will be back home. All of my music beginnings were here in the Bay Area. Coming back from the frigid, snow-beaten East Coast to play such light music will be a special treat. I hope that many of my old friends and teachers in the area will come out to hear me in April because it will be very special for me to be home and play for the place that is dearest to my heart."

The concert concludes with Jean Sibelius' moving Symphony No. 1 in E Minor. Sibelius, a dominant Finnish composer, completed Symphony No. 1 in 1898. His music holds a special place in director Webber's heart. "Sibelius was the first symphonic composer to completely captivate my attention and imagination as a child. I listened to his second symphony constantly around the age of 10 and 11 years old, and invented stories to go with the music. To this day, I am drawn to the cinematic quality of his music -- it ignites my visual imagination, it transports me to another world and speaks immediately to my emotions."

Webber puts Sibelius' music in perspective: "Sibelius is always

remembered as the musical hero of Finland, his music representing his nation's defiance in the face of Russian oppression. His music is also deeply rooted to nature and the landscape of his homeland. This is all true, but what speaks to me in his music is the expression of his personality and complex emotions. He creates all this with an incredible economy of compositional means. For example, the lonely clarinet solo that opens the first movement of the symphony contains within it the seeds of every musical idea he uses in the entire symphony, but this never feels like a compositional exercise of thematic development. It all happens organically and naturally as if improvised in the moment. His masterful first symphony has it all: loneliness, excitement, anguish, defiance, triumph and romance. Never do these moods swing wildly; they all transform organically. It is extraordinary."

The concert begins at 8:00 PM, preceded by a prelude talk from 7:00 - 7:30. Tickets can be purchased at the Bankhead box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling (925) 373-6800. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Pleasanton.



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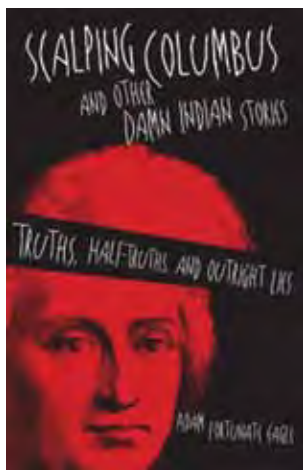
Sewer Curse One of Stories in Finalist for Book of the Year

The story of the curse placed on Livermore's sewer system has resurfaced. It is one of the tales included in "Scalping Columbus and Other Damn Indian Stories" written by Adam Fortunate Eagle (Nordwall).

The curse was placed following Livermore's treatment of a totem pole carved by Adam Nordwall that is standing in Centennial Park on the northeast corner of 4th and Holmes.

As the story goes, he had originally carved the totem pole for a shopping center, but when they refused to pay him, he donated it to the city for its 100 year anniversary in 1969. The pole is eighteen feet tall and was dedicated on May 18th, 1974.

However, at the time of its installation, city workers chopped off a few feet from the bottom of the totem pole. Nordwall considered the act to have been a desecration of the sacred object he had built. He showed up before city council and demanded that they restore the totem pole to its original height. The council refused to restore the pole. In response, Nordwall cursed the city's sewer system.



Two weeks later the entire sewer system backed up.

Livermore did eventually restore the totem pole to its original height, but never issued an apology to Nordwall.

In a letter sent to a Livermore resident this February, Fortunate Eagle notes, "Isn't it amazing that 45 years later the legend of the curse still lives on. Since then I have gone on from totem pole carver to become a published author."

His latest book, "Scalping Columbus and Other Damn Indian Stories" is a Foreword Reviews' 2014 INDIEFAB Book of the Year Award Finalist in the Autobiography & Memoir

(Adult Nonfiction) category. The book was published by University of Oklahoma Press, price \$19.95; available at Amazon.

According to a review in Foreword, Characterizing his style as "Fortunate Eagle meets Mark Twain, Indian style," the author relates the traditions, joys, and frustrations of his own Native American experience in tones ranging from "gut-busting laughter to pissed-off anger."

Among others, the book includes stories of his activities as a civil rights leader, including the takeovers of Alcatraz in 1964 and 1969.

The title story, "Scalping Columbus," features Fortunate Eagle participating in a Bay Area Columbus Day celebration. After being slighted, he pulls the wig off the actor playing Christopher Columbus in a re-enactment of the discovery of the New World—thus "scalping" Columbus.

Fortunate Eagle supplies an end-of-book guide to how much of each story is true, fabricated, or embellished.

The full review by Peter Dabbene can be found at www.forewordreviews.com/



Open Heart Kitchen a Beneficiary of CROP Walk

CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Saturday, April 18th at Amador Valley High School. The 2 mile walk will go through Downtown Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton (Tri-Valley) CROP Hunger Walk has set a goal to raise \$7500 to help stop hunger and poverty here in the community and around the world through various initiatives. Open Heart Kitchen will receive 25%

of the funds raised with the rest going to areas globally where hunger relief organizations are serving.

Last year, 125 Walkers raised more than \$6500. Over the last 3 years, the Pleasanton (Tri-Valley) CROP Hunger Walk has raised \$21,500 of which \$5400 went to Open Heart Kitchen.

This year registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Amador Valley HS

parking lot. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. The 2 mile walk will go through Downtown Pleasanton and head back on First Street. Any size donation is accepted although a \$25 registration fee is requested. Team registration packets are available by calling 925-890-4343 or email chuckdeckert@yahoo.com

For information, go to www.bayareahungerwalks.org

Maclyn Pons Featured Gallery Artist

The Livermore Art Association Gallery will feature Maclyn Pons as guest artist for March and April.

Pons works in watercolor, colored pencil and acrylic. Her words range from scenes of nature to landscapes and architec-

ture. Pons says she has always had a love of art and took many art classes throughout her early education. She has studied art in classes in Livermore through Adult Education and private lessons. She is active in both the Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League.

In addition to Maclyn's work the gallery offers

works by many local artists featuring paintings, photography, jewelry, sculpture, woodworking and more.

The LAA Gallery is located at 2155 Third St. in the old Carnegie Library building. Hours are 11:30 am to 4:00 pm; Wednesday through Sunday. The gallery is always free and open to the public.

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ance and heartbreak.

Morgan Mulholand's choreography explores the themes of the music, while expertly holding the too commonly sexualized content at bay, thus allowing the choreography to serve as a storytelling device; she explores love, hunger, fear, and desperation in her style, telling the story of the Kit Kat Klub right along with the music and

dialogue.

The production will feature stage direction by Titian Lish and musical direction by Diana Cefalo; set design by Anne Kendall, costume design by Lenee Madera, lighting design by Mike Rinaldi and sound design by Brad Barth.

The plays nineteen actors include: Julia Brunelli, Josh Thompson, Anders

Ravenstadt, Marsha Howard, Rick Costello, Christian Tanton, Kaitlin Bailey, Mac Guerrero, Daisy Barajas, Dulce Tovar, Emily Johnson, Chae Hyden, Jessica Van Zile, Ivan Diaz, Chad Watkins, Brandon Funk, Rajiv Vijayakumar, Logan March, and John Ruzicka.

Advanced purchase is recommended due to the extremely limited seating.

Cabaret will be presented in Las Positas College's Black Box Theater April 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 8 pm, and April 12 and 19, at 2 pm. Tickets are \$15, General Admission; and \$10 for Students and Seniors. Tickets are available at the door (cash or check only) or at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1085049. There is a modest parking fee.



Geese by Maclyn Pons



Pictured from left are Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Aaron Latkin, Rabbi Raleigh Resnick, Marthe Cohn, Marthe Cohn's husband Dr. Mayer Cohn. Marthe Cohn, a French Jew, spied on the Nazi army during World War II, while posing as a German nurse. On Tuesday, March 17, she shared her experiences with a capacity crowd at the Bankhead Theater. Mayor Marchand and Aaron Latkin presented Mrs. Cohn with a proclamation from the City of Livermore. As a foot soldier in General Patton's army, Mr. Latkin helped liberate the first concentration camp to be liberated by American forces. The event was sponsored by Chabad of the Tri-Valley, which Rabbi Resnick directs.



A Livermore Choir Festival, a first-ever collaborative concert, will showcase the choirs from Livermore Valley Charter Prep, Livermore Valley Charter School, Las Positas, and Cantabella Children's Chorus (Chamber Choir) will take place on Thurs., March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Ave, Livermore. The concert will be directed by Joe Lim, Asa Stern, and Rob Lappa. There will be performances by each choice, as well as two joint festival pieces featuring 150 singers from 6th grade through college. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://livermorechoirfestival.brownpapertickets.com/>

Alameda County Fair Announces Entertainment Line-up for 2015 Festivities

Fans of Extreme entertainment will find it all in one place this summer as Alameda County Fair promises not one, but three new Action Zone attractions: Monster Trucks, Demolition Derby and Extreme Rodeo. In addition to Freestyle Motocross, a different new show will be featured each weekend.

"We are super excited to bring all of these great, new attractions to the Fair this year," said Judy Carrico, Operations Manager. "The best part is that it's all included in the price of admission. For about the price of a single movie ticket, you get to enjoy the shows, in addition to everything else the Fair offers, all day long."

The Big O Tires Concert Series also returns in a

big way with free concerts every night at 8 p.m. This year's lineup includes top acts such as War, The Beach Boys, Brian McKnight, Tanya Tucker, Kansas, Tower of Power, Rodney Atkins, Con Funk Shun, Foghat, Tierra, Morris Day & The Time and The Original Wailers.

The concert "early entry" wristbands, introduced last year, will be back in 2015. The special bands will be distributed to the first 400 in line daily starting at 2-3 p.m. for each concert. A special effects show with video tribute to local heroes will immediately follow the concerts each night.

The 4th of July of Fireworks Spectacular comes back in grand style, this time, set to live music

performed by the Oakland East Bay Symphony. The Blues Festival runs all day from 1pm-9pm, followed by the Fireworks Spectacular at 9:30 p.m.

The Fair will celebrate Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, with special attractions and promotions just for dads, including Brew Haven, a craft beer festival held during the first week of the Fair.

The 2015 Fair runs Wednesday June 17 through Sunday, July 5, and is open Tuesday through Sunday each week. As in past years, Opening Day attendees will enjoy \$1 admission and \$1 rides, until 5 p.m.

A complete schedule is available on the Fair's website at www.alamedacountyfair.com.

Facebook, Instagram and Twitter offer additional information, previews, updates, contests and giveaways.

The concert series includes: 6/17 War; 6/18 Brian McKnight; 6/19 The Original Wailers; 6/20 Kutless; 6/21 Tierra; 6/23 The Boys of Summer (Eagles tribute); 6/24 The Beach Boys; 6/25 Rodney Atkins; 6/26 Tower of Power; 6/27 Con Funk Shun; 6/28 Tanya Tucker; 6-20 Steelin' Dan)Steely Dan tribute; 7/1 Foghat; 7/2 Kansas; 7/3 Morris Day & The Time; 7/4 red, white and blues festival; 7/5 - TBD.

For more information, visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.

Outdoor Volunteers Plan Fundraising at Swirl

Volunteers For Outdoor California will be at Swirl on the Square in Livermore to raise funds for outdoor programs, giving you an opportunity to help fun

Volunteers for Outdoor California, V-O-Cal, provides a volunteer workforce for large-scale trail maintenance and construction projects, habitat restoration, and related land stewardship activities on public lands in partnership

with public agencies and other nonprofit organizations. Visit Swirl on Sunday, March 29, 2pm-6pm. Live music from 3-5pm features Danna Aliano and special guests Liza Carbe and JP Durand.

100% of OneHope Wine tasting fees and 10% of net sales from Swirl will go directly to Volunteers for Outdoor California. Come Swirl for the Cause!

Swirl is located in

Blacksmith Square, 21 S. Livermore Avenue Downtown Livermore; information 925-447-1400 or www.swirlonthesq.com

For information about Volunteers for Outdoor California, go to <http://vocal.org/about/about-index.html>

Two Fellows Selected for First Travis Bogard Artist in Residence Program at Tao House

Realizing a long-held goal, the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, launches the Travis Bogard Artist in Residence program in April, selecting two Tao House Fellows whose projects represent both the academic and creative fields of the performing arts.

While at Tao House, David Palmer, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, will work on a manuscript relating to O'Neill's plays. He takes a cognitive studies approach to the analysis of tragedy, which has emerged in recent years due to advances in brain research and evolutionary psychology. Herman Daniel Farrell III, a professional playwright and Professor of Playwriting at the University of Kentucky, aims to create the first draft of a "postmodern" play about Eugene O'Neill, his life and work.

The two were selected for the program from among ten applicants. The program is designed to provide developing or established artists, scholars or critics of the performing arts the opportunity to work in the solitude, and quiet, which inspired Eugene O'Neill, America's only Nobel Prizewinning Playwright. The program is named for the late Travis Bogard, professor emeritus of Dramatic Arts at UC Berkeley and the O'Neill Foundation's first artistic director. Soon after the Foundation was formed forty years ago, Professor Bogard envisioned Tao House not only as a living memorial to Eugene O'Neill, but as a creative workplace for writers and scholars.

O'Neill Foundation Co-President, Gary Schaub, says, "For many years the O'Neill Foundation has been looking to initiate the Artist in Residence program at Tao House. The Foundation Board is very pleased that Travis's dream is being realized with the appointment of our first two Tao House Fellows."

The first Fellow, David Palmer, will arrive early in April and spend a month working on the O'Neill section of a book tentatively entitled, *Evolution, Ethics and Tragedy: A Cognitive Studies Approach to the Plays of Arthur Miller and Eugene O'Neill*. He will focus on the late autobiographical plays and particularly Eugene's brother, Jamie, whom he describes as "a man who is driven into crippling shame by his confrontation with his inability to realize his idealized self." "I believe that being in the place where O'Neill himself went through this confrontation with his past will help me understand his experience with greater depth, in much the same way that visiting the empty battlefield at Gettysburg today helps our understanding of the

terror and awe of what Civil War soldiers on both sides went through there," he says.

Herman Farrell, will arrive in May to revisit a project he began in 1983. A few months after graduating from Vassar he wrote an "epic play" *Dreams of the Son: A Life of Eugene O'Neill*, which he now describes as melodramatic, reminiscent of the theatre of O'Neill's father. After thirty years experience of researching and teaching O'Neill, including being selected three times as a playwright fellow at the National Playwrights Conference of the Eugene O'Neill Center in Waterford, Connecticut, he now intends to write a different type of play. Instead of relating the entire scope of O'Neill's life and canon, he will approach his subject in a more fragmentary and postmodern manner. He said, "I have no doubt that walking those grounds and spending time in that storied home will provide me with boundless inspiration for this project I have been working on, here and there, in fits and starts, over the course of my entire career as a playwright."

The Tao House Fellows will work in a specially designed space in the Trunk House (named because it housed Carlotta's Louis Vuitton luggage) in the courtyard of Tao House just below the window of O'Neill's study. They will live at the San Damiano Retreat Center and travel a short distance to Tao House each day.

Fellows will also have access to the Tao House Library on site which has holdings in the American theatre and an archive of materials related to the life and works of Eugene O'Neill, including manuscripts, letters, photographs and special collections which have been donated by Sophus Winther, Horst Frenz, Travis Bogard and others.

Florence McAuley, head of the Foundation's Advisory Board Committee, which has developed the three year pilot program in collaboration with the National Park Service, explains that an evaluation panel of professionals assessed the projects and rated the applications, recommending that this first stage of the program include representatives from both the academic and creative fields. The Foundation board confirmed their selections. She urges all those who weren't accepted this period to apply again and welcomes new applicants to a second session this year, with a deadline for applications of March 31. Projects do not need to be about Eugene O'Neill and his works. Details are on the website www.eugeneoneill.org. Members and friends of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation support the program and donations are gratefully received.



Appearing in *Of Mice and Men* are (from left) Khary Moyer as George and Shawn J. West as Lennie. Photo - John Carter

Of Mice and Men to Play at Village Theatre

Role Players Ensemble's next production will feature *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck.

The play will be directed by Eric Fraisher Hayes.

Performances are weekends April 17 to May 3. Curtain time is 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays at The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville.

The story is about George and Lennie, two drifters who look out for each other. They dream of a day when they can have a "little place of their own," but for the present they are bouncing from ranch to ranch just trying to get by...with trouble always just a step behind. When trouble finally catches up with them, dire circumstances demand dire actions.

The cast includes Khary Moyer, Shawn J. West, Randy Anger, Tom Baxley, Dallas Carter, Durand Garcia, Aaron Malberg, Eddie Peabody and Lindsey Marie Schmeltzer.

Tickets are \$20-28; online at www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com; at Danville Community Center, 420 Front St., Danville; or call (925) 314-3400.

Sneak Peek at the Library on Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm, Danville Library (400 Front Street). Admission is free for this look at the production process with the show's director, actors and designers.

For more information, go to www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com



Group walking on the trail.

Hike for Hope Taking Registration for May Event

Hope Hospice's Fifth Annual The Hike for Hope 2015 will take place on Saturday, May 2, at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. Participants can check-in and start their hike from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. The event ends at noon.

The Hike for Hope is a memorial hike and fundraiser. All net proceeds from this event enable Hope Hospice to continue a 35-year tradition of providing comfort and compassion to patients and their families at the end of life. Hope Hospice relies on the support of the event hikers and the community to make this fundraising effort a success.

Two trail options are available for The Hike for Hope participants. One, an easy 2.6 mile roundtrip route (which is easily shortened), goes along the lake, turning around at the Hetch Hetchy Group Camp. The other route is a 4.4 mile hike with a moderate incline. It follows along the Ridgeline and Hetch Hetchy trails, providing spectacular views of the valley, lake and surrounding hills.

Hikers can form teams for fun, to build camaraderie or engage in a spirited competition with other organizations and businesses.

Early registration fee for The Hike for Hope is \$30 through April 14; and \$40 on or after April 15. Hikers can easily sign up by going to TheHikeForHope.com or by calling Hope Hospice at 925-829-8770 for a printed registration form.

"The hike is an opportunity to celebrate the joy our loved ones brought us, and we encourage hikers to bring photos or mementos of their special person with them," says Victoria Emmons, CEO of Hope Hospice. "The event also raises funds for Hope Hospice. All of the hike's net proceeds are used to care for the more than 2,600 area residents we serve each year. I'm hoping community members will join me for this deeply rewarding event as a hiker or donor."

Del Valle Regional Park is located just 10 miles south

of Livermore. The centerpiece of the park is a 5-mile long lake that is surrounded by approximately 5,000 acres of land for hiking.

"We appreciate the businesses in the community that believe in the work Hope Hospice provides and are helping to make The Hike for Hope a success," says William Harvey, Hope Hospice Board of Directors member and chair of The Hike for Hope Planning Committee. "We hope to see more businesses get involved in this worthy event."

Corporate sponsorship levels are Hope, \$15,000; Excellence, \$10,000; Compassion, \$5,000; Comfort, \$2,500 and Kindness, \$1,000.

Sign up today at TheHikeforHope.com and learn more about the event and our Early Bird Awards.

Heritage Guild Helps with New History Resources for Teachers

Spring means third grade teachers will present local Livermore history in their classrooms. Anne Anaya and Janet Gulbransen, from the Livermore School District, have created new Livermore history resources for the third grade.

Teachers have been trained in presenting the original source-based resources. The lesson plans include information from sources in the Livermore Heritage Guild's such as newspaper articles, documents and photos researched by the Livermore Heritage Guild's assistant curator Bria Reiniger and Don Smith.

Smith's research for a California State University project included documents from the State of California Archives, Mission San Jose, Mission Santa Clara, and the Bancroft Library, among others, for the new local history. All of the contributors will be recognized at the upcoming April School Board meeting for their work on the project.

Towne Center Books to Host Evening of Poetry

Towne Center Books will host an evening of poetry from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sat., March 28.

Poets include Bonnie Nish, Daniela Elza, Jabez W. Churchill, and Clara Hsu.

Bonnie Nish, a former Pleasanton resident, is founder and Executive Director of Pandora's Collective, which put Vancouver, BC, on the world literary map. She is also Executive Producer of the Summer Dreams Literary Arts Festival, and has been published in *The Toronto Quarterly*, *Quills*, and numerous other publications and online sites. She is working on a PhD in Expressive Arts Therapy. As the author of *Love and Bones*, she was the winner of the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in Vancouver for 2015 in Arts, Culture and Design.

Daniela Elza has been published nationally and internationally in over 100 publications, with poetry collections *the weight of dew*, *the book of It*, and *milk tooth bane bone*. She was a 2014 Writer-In-Residence at the University of the Fraser Valley, and 2014 guest editor of the anthology *emerge*.

Jabez W. Churchill is the Poet Laureate of Ukiah, CA. His work includes *Song of Seasons*, *Controlled Burn*, *El Velo/The Veil*, *First Leaves*, and *Frontiera-Esquina*. His is considered a sophisticated voice that answers many of the hemisphere's questions bilingually.

Clara Hsu, co-host of the monthly San Francisco Open Mic Poetry Podcast TV Show, is also co-editor of the Poetry Hotel Press, and author of *The First to Escape*. Just back from Cuba, she is overflowing with rhythmic visions of that nation, a pebble, a letter, a syllable at a time, and all of it beautiful.

Fred Norman earned an MA in Writing from USF. He is an anti-war activist and poet, and 2014 author of *A Hill of Poems*. He will emcee and possibly read one poem.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

The Livermore Heritage Guild (LHG) HistoryMobile will add to the teaching experience when it visits every elementary school in the district offering docent-led talks and hands-on student opportunities. Third grade classes will also participate in LHG's Historic Downtown History docent-led walking tours coordinated by retired Livermore teacher Susan Canfield. Following the tours students will pay a visit to the History Center Museum and participate in an early Livermore History presentation by the Museum Curator.

This Spring the Livermore Heritage Guild begins restorative renovation repairs at the Hagemann Ranch in preparation for educational programs presently in the planning stages. The Guild anticipates having the Hagemann Ranch ready for a community Open House by early Summer.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at six businesses in the Pleasanton - Dublin Area. Viewing locations are: Bank of America at 337 Main Street, Pleasanton; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 4900 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton; US Bank at 749 Main Street, Pleasanton; Edward Jones at 6601 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin; and The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Trimmingham at (510) 877-8154.

Call for Artists, Livermore Art Association Art in the Vineyards to be held May 24 at Wente Vineyards is accepting applications from LAA members and non-members, 2 dimensional art, Photography and pottery. Request applications at ekeele@sbcglobal.net

Special Exhibits: Firefighter Homage and Mt. Diablo 2014 Vistas. February 25 through April 4. Thematically related installations at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Oil painter Vincent Liu, currently from Saratoga, exhibits a series of works depicting firefighters. Concurrently, watercolor artist Robin Purcell of Danville exhibits a collection of paintings featuring Mt. Diablo after the 2014 wildfires. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

Order & Chaos, An Abstract Art Exhibit featuring a variety of media at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Open to the public March 7 through April 11. The group of 7 South Bay artists known as "The Abstract 7" joins sculptural artist Melissa Woodburn in an interesting new exhibition. Media includes acrylic skins, chine colle, photography, collage, paper-folding, pine needle and clay sculpture, and watercolor. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

Imagination Expressed 2015, the Pleasanton Art League's ninth art exhibit at Museum on Main. March 11 - May 3, includes paintings, photography, baskets, pottery, porcelain and jewelry. 603 Main Street, Pleasanton CA 94566. Museum hours are Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Celebrate Women! Art Show through March 31, Building 2400 at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

Spring Art Show, Livermore Art Association, April 11 and 12 at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Open 10 to 5 each day. Public reception, April 11, 7 to 9 p.m. Food, live music, and plenty of art to browse, plus a gift shop. No admission charge. www.livermoreartassociation.org

7th Annual Essential Nude Art Show, Livermore Art Association, April 24, 25, 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Reception, 7 to 9 p.m. April 23. Public invited to attend.

Artists' Flea Market, Sat., April 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. adjacent to the Farmers' Market, Delucci Park, Pleasanton. Pleasanton Art League. Paint, canvas, frames, easels, paper, books, etc.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Show and Tell, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. Refreshments are brought by some of the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at danne_miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at [Ryan@Livermoreperformingarts.org

ACC/Art Critique & Coffee, Discuss and share work with Professional Artists in sketching, painting, exhibiting and marketing your work. ACC members currently working on exhibiting theme works, under the Inspiration of "The Artist's Edge / The Edge of Art & Chosen Pathways." Meets and Critiques Friday mornings in Pleasanton. PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638

- microangelo@earthlink.net.
Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45 - 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit http://childrensart-classesprojects.blogspot.com/

Art Classes, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Homeschool classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

Piano and keyboard lessons, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your work - Contact PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Pleasanton Art League, drawing workshop led by Francesca Pastine on May 2 and 3 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. The workshop fee is \$209. To register online, go to www.palworkshop5.eventbrite.com To register by mail, please provide name, address, phone, email and mail it with your check payable to Pleasanton Art League. c/o Workshops, P.O. Box 23, Pleasanton, CA 94566. For more information, go to www.pal-art.com

Colored Pencil - Basics and Beyond - Classes are for beginners and intermediate students. Classes start Mon., March 30th, 9:30 to noon for five weeks and Tues., March 31st, 6:30 to 9PM for five weeks. Instructor Maryann Kot, Location, Bothwell Art Center 2466 8th St. Livermore. Sign up, Way Up Art and Frame 925-443-3388

WINE & SPIRITS

Vasco Research Project—Grenache. Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, March 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join winemaker Collin Cranor and his team for a tasting workshop focused on Grenache and Grenache blends. For a complete description of the flights and discussion visit our website www.nottinghamcellars.com For tickets contact Dave at daved@nottinghamcellars.com or 925.294.8647 \$35 Club/\$50 Public Limited to 40 guests. RSVP Required.

Las Positas Vineyards, Sunday, March 29th, "Sunday Funday" with Irish cheese & wine pairing flight. \$10 for club members & \$15 for non-members. Tasting room hours are 1130-430pm. For more details, call 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com. Sat., April 11, Evening in the Vineyards Comedy Nights featuring Ken Sonkin. Cover charge is \$20 for general admission & \$35 for dinner and show. LPV wine club members will receive a \$5 refund at check in. Dinner 630-730pm and show starts at 8pm. Purchase tickets at www.laspositasvineyards.com under the section "happenings" For more information, call 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Murrieta's Well, Gourmet Burger Bar. Friday, April 3, 6pm-9 pm. \$20 Silver Spur Club; \$35 Public. Call 925.456.2395 or purchase online www.murrietaswell.com. 3005 Mines Rd., Livermore.

Retzlaff Vineyards, Easter Sunday Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt noon to 4:30 p.m. April 5 at 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Bring a picnic and enjoy Easter Sunday on our lovely grounds. Easter Egg Hunt (12 and under) 1 p.m., Easter bonnet competition 3 p.m., live music by Steve Fread and his wife Lynnette. Reservations required. \$10 per person; 16 and under free. 925-447-8941 for reservation.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Blacksmith Square, music every Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue-- the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

Steve Fread performances: 3/28 Retzlaff Winery, bring a picnic Saturday 1-4; 3/29 Bridges Restaurant, brunch in the garden, Sunday 11-2; 4/5 Retzlaff Vineyards, Easter Sunday 12-4; 5/1 Concannon Vineyard, Friday 5:30-8:30; 5/10 McGrail Winery, Mothers Day 1-4. Playing most Saturdays day on the green style at Retzlaff Vineyards.

BOSTYX - featuring former BOSTON vocalist/guitarist David Victor. Firehouse Arts Center, Friday and Saturday, March 27, 28, 8:00 p.m. All the Hits of Boston &

Styx! Featuring lead singer David Victor, the voice of BOSTON's recent chart-topping mega-hit "Heaven on Earth." Performing the biggest hits of both bands, including BOSTON hits: "More Than a Feeling," "Peace of Mind," "Don't Look Back," and "Amanda." STYX play list includes: "Come Sail Away," "Babe," "The Best of Times," and of course "Mr. Roboto." Reserved seating tickets are \$30.00 - \$40.00; available at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Note: Both shows are close to sold out at this time.

Led Zeppelin Live Experience, The Ultimate Rock Tribute To Led Zeppelin 8 p.m. March 27. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.o4g or 373-6800.

Del Valle Fine Arts, Stanislav Khristenko, piano. 8 p.m., March 28. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Jan & Dean's Beach Party, 8 p.m. Fri., April 3. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Easter Parade in Concert: A tribute celebration of Irving Berlin's Academy Award-Winning Musical Score from the classic holiday film starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire. Four singers, two dancers, and popular music director Joe Simiele come together in this delightful holiday production for the whole family. Presented in Cabaret style. Two performances, Saturday, April 4, at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Reserved seat tickets are \$15.00 - \$25.00 Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Craicmore, Contemporary Traditional Celtic Music, April 10, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, presents Fantastic Flute featuring Annie Wu, soloist. 8 p.m. Sat., April 11. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Arlo Guthrie, 7:30 p.m. Tues., April 14. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, 2 p.m., April 19, An Italian Feast. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Hotel California, a salute to the Eagles. 8 p.m. Sat., April 18. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Dark Side of the Moon, classic albums live - Pink Floyd. 8 p.m. Sat., April 25. Bankhead Theater, 2400

First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Sunol Repertory Theatre, How the Other Half Dies, mystery, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. March 6 to 28. Sunol Glen Auditorium, 11601 Main St., Sunol. www.Sunol.net/SRT

Chanticleers Theatre, Castro Valley's community theatre in the park, presents an evening of cabaret entertainment ranging from star impersonators to solo guitar and flute, to a rock, funk and blues band is being presented on Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 pm to raise funds for theatre improvement projects. Tickets are \$30, which includes all the acts, desserts, beverages - wine and non-alcoholic - and one raffle ticket. Go to www.chanticleers.org or call 510-SEE-LIVE for reservations. One performance only on Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail, Castro Valley in the Community Park.

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival - As You Like It, 2 p.m. March 29, Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. No admission charge. 931-3400 ext. 4.

The How and The Why, Douglas Morrisson Theatre staged reading, third in Bare Bones series. Mature language and subject matter. Appropriate for ages 16 and up. Monday, March 30, 2015, 8 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 open seating. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

Las Positas College, Cabaret, April 10-19, 8 p.m., Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Main Stage, Performing Arts Center, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

Fiddler on the Roof, Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, April 17-May 5. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck, April 17-May 3, weekends. Village Theatre, Pleasanton. www.villagetheatreshows.com or 314-3400.

Play On! a comedy by Rick Abbot, presented by the San Ramon Community Theater. Comedy about a theater group trying desperately to put on a play, as they deal with the maddening interference from a haughty author who keeps revising the script. Performances will be held at the Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon, weekends April 17 to May 3; curtain 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. For information and tickets, go to www.sanramoncommunity-theater.org

Hank Williams: Lost Highway, April 17-26. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. Program and facility of the Hayward

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Area Recreation and Park District.
www.dmtonline.org or 510-881-6777.

Best of the Best, Las Positas College, celebration of the arts and fund-raiser for Las Positas College Foundation, April 25. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>

COMEDY

The Second City, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., March 26. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Mark Nizer: Live in 3D, juggling and comedy. 2 p.m. Sun., April 12. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

MOVIES

Classic Film Series, First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. through June 2015 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Apr. 2, Dog Day Afternoon; May 7, Coal Miner's Daughter; June 4, My Left Foot. Theme Almost True, presented by Las Positas College coordinator of the Humanities Candace Klaschus, a film historian. Pleasanton Library meeting room. The programs are free and all are welcome to attend. Note that some films are mature in content and may not be suitable for children. 931-3400, ext. 4.

The movie "Vessel" will be shown at 7 p.m. on Sat., March 28 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA. This 71 minute film is about Dr. Rebecca Gomberts travels on a boat she had designed for the purpose of creating a safe place to perform early abortions. After her travels as a Greenpeace doctor, she was horrified to see firsthand the conditions that some of the 47,000 women who die each year from illegal abortions were forced into. She hoped that she could find a way to at least make a dent in that statistic. By taking the women into International waters, the laws of Netherland prevailed on her ship; therefore, making it legal to give them the pill that induces abortion in early stage pregnancies. This movie night event is free (although a \$3.00 donation is appreciated), unaffiliated and open to the public, a meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, while the film starts at around 7 PM, and we have a discussion period following the film. For more information, call 925-548-7323 or email flicknight@gmail.com.

DANCE

Square dancing for all ages 8 years and up, Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm at Del Valle High, 2253 5th Street, Livermore. Families and friends welcome. September classes are free to new dancers. Questions? Margaret 925-447-6980.

AUDITIONS/REGISTRATIONS

Auditions, The King and I for Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. Auditions at 1020 Serpentine Lane, Ste. 101, Pleasanton. Adult and teen 14+, April 11, 6 p.m. on April 13, 7:20 p.m.; children ages 4-13 April 18 vocals 9:30 a.m. dance 11 a.m.; callbacks April 19. Prepare brief Rodgers and Hammerstein ballad; for more information regarding requirements and character breakdowns, go to www.trivalleyrep.org/

MISCELLANEOUS

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

We're Talkin' Books! Club is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. 2nd Thursday of each month. Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to <http://facebook.com/StoriedNights>

Livermore Half Marathon, March 28, 8 a.m. start and finish in downtown Livermore. <http://runliv.com/>

Goodguys 33rd All American Get-Together, Over 3,000 American made and powered vehicles will be on display, plus exhibits, the Goodguys Autocross racing competition, a huge swap meet and cars for sale area, kids activities, awards and more. Come from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$20. Call 838-98786 or go to www.good-guys.com. Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton.

"8 Shots of Ink" – Celebrating the Literary Arts in Pleasanton. Wednesday, April 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center Theater in Pleasanton. Host: Sandra Harrison Kay, current Pleasanton Poet Laureate. Guest speakers: Past Pleasanton Poets Laureate Jim Ott, Kirk Ridgeway, and Deborah Grossman; Teen Poets Laureate Maya Lyubomirsky and Nicole Tsuno; Tri-Valley Writers of Northern California President Deborah 'Jordan' Bernal. Special debut screening of the film '8 Shots of Ink,' documenting the history of the Pleasanton Poet Laureate program, including interviews with

former laureates. Open mic session to follow hosted by 'Open Mic Night with My Friends.' Open mic pieces may be prose, poetry, or song writing. Sign-up is 5:30 p.m. in person only. 12 spots available. All open mic participants who sign up by 6:00 p.m. will receive one complimentary ticket to the event. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 students. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, or at the door, or at the Firehouse Box Office: 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, or 925-931-4848.

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers (TVFF) annual silent auction featuring: Fly Fishing Gear (Rods, Reels, Lines, Hand Tied Flies, Buddy Trips and more.)

Non-Fishing Items (Wine, Olive Oil, Jewelry, Gift Certificates for Local Merchants). April 9 at Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. Prizes will be available for preview at 6:00 PM. The auction will begin at 7:00 PM. Proceeds of the auction help finance Tri-Valley Fly Fishers, a non-profit organization, comprised of women and men from the Tri-Valley, East Bay and Brentwood areas who enjoy the sport of fly fishing. Visitors are welcome to join the club for the fun-filled silent auction. For information, contact: Martin Plotkin, President of Tri-Valley Fly Fishers at President@Tri-valleyflyfishers.org

Dionysus Dash 5k, Sunday, April 12th, Start time 8:15am, Course runs throughout the Concannon Vineyard estate. The Dionysus Dash will raise money to support a great local charity in our community, Exceptional Needs Network. To register <http://www.dionysusdash.com/livermore.html>

John Mather, Nobel Laureate and Astrophysicist: The Story of our Universe: Beginning to End. 7:30 p.m., April 16. Rae Dorough Speaker Series, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

The Museum on Main 2015 Ed Kinney

Speaker Series An Evening With... A Rebel Soldier, Tuesday, April 21st, 7pm: Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the close of the Civil War and the disbanding of Confederate troops, including Mosby's Rangers, Fred Rutledge takes the stage as a Confederate Cavalryman. Rutledge shares the tactics, weapons, and equipment of the time. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766.

'Jan & Dean's Beach Party' Celebrates California Surf Music

The familiar sounds of 1960s California surf music will fill the Bankhead Theater when "Jan and Dean's Beach Party" arrives on Friday evening, April 3, 2015. Old favorites such as "Barbara Ann," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena" and their iconic number one hit "Surf City" will be joined by a dose of hot rod classics from the same era.

Jan Berry and Dean Torrence became friends while playing on the football team at University High School in Los Angeles, where they also sang for an informal club. Just a few years later, they were appearing on American Bandstand as Jan & Dean. Their first hit, a doo wop single "Baby Talk," made it into the Top 10 in 1959. The pair met the newly-formed Beach Boys in 1962 and the two groups began to perform together. They took the lead in promoting a new style of infectious pop music that idolized the Southern California lifestyle and was filled with talk of surfing, cars, girls and fun.

One of Jan & Dean's 14 gold records, "Surf City" became the first surf music record to hit number one on the American charts, turning listeners across



Jan & Dean's Beach Party to perform at the Bankhead Theater.

the country into lifelong fans. Over the next couple years, Jan & Dean released several popular albums such as "Drag City," which included another of their biggest hits, "Deadman's Curve."

By 1966, the pair were in the midst of a number of projects. Berry had also established a reputation as a talented music producer, when he sustained a near fatal car crash bringing their performing days to an abrupt halt.

Through the years, Berry and Torrence stayed close. In the 1980's, they returned to the stage as "Jan & Dean," even appearing occasionally

with the Beach Boys until Berry's death in 2004. Since then Torrence, together with a handpicked band of musicians, has carried on Jan & Dean's musical legacy with shows that feature their greatest hits, as well as those of the Beach Boys, hot-rod songs and other favorite tunes from the era.

Coming up in the next two months at the Bankhead Theater are events honoring some of the greatest music of the 1970s. "Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles" on April 18 brings back the classic rock sound that put the Eagles in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame,

with songs such as "Take it Easy" and "Heartache Tonight." Classic Albums Live returns on April 25 with their note-for-note, cut-for-cut recreation of Pink Floyd's masterpiece "Dark Side of the Moon," and on May 8 "Almost Elton John" delivers tribute to the living legend and his decade-spanning catalog of hits including "Crocodile Rock," "Benny and the Jets," and "Candle in the Wind."

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.



Anita Carr received the proclamation from the Dublin City Council. The proclamation recognized "March is Youth Art Month." Carr presented some information on the benefits to youth from art.

Education

LVCS Spanish Students Write Children's Books for Hospital

8th grade Spanish students at Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) have written and illustrated their own children's books. The students will be mailing their books to Phoenix Children's Hospital in Arizona. The Hospital will distribute the books among the hospitalized children who speak Spanish.

The middle school students will be reading their stories to first graders at LVCS on Monday, April 13 at 9:00 AM. They will then send their care package to Arizona.

Sharon Pizer, the students' teacher says, "I am very proud of the Spanish skills my beginning students have displayed in their books. I am even more proud that my students are such amazing human beings; they all want to share their books with other kids who need a boost in their daily lives."

New Faces

New faces in the Valley:

Babies born at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton include the following:

A daughter to Venetia and Steve Stettner of Dublin on Jan. 9.
A daughter to Rebecca Jean and John Edward Fanous of Castro Valley on Feb. 5.

A daughter to Teyenna and Kevin Bowman of Dublin on Feb. 9.
A daughter to Tanza Lee Lewis and Taylor Reid Parker of Livermore on Feb. 17.

A son to Helen and Nicholas Faber of Pleasanton on Feb. 21.
A daughter to Kalpana and Kiran Murthy of Pleasanton on March 9.

A daughter to Ann and Michael McCafferty of Livermore on March 4.

A son to Jessica Carlini-Lappin and Jeffrey Wilbanks of Oakdale on March 13.

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Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Rd. Pleasanton. Bart O'Brien, former horticultural director of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden will speak on bringing native plants to residential gardens. Bart O'Brien is now director of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Bev at 925 485 7812 or visit www.lavgc.org.

Tri-Valley Stargazers Astronomy Club. Feed your wonder about the Night Sky and the Cosmos by joining us on the 3rd Friday of the Month for our club meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 pm. For more info visit us @ <http://www.trivalleystargazers.org/>

Young Republican Women, Men and anyone desiring to find out who Tri-Valley Republican Women are invited to a "Meet and Greet" no host Happy Hour on April 9th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at Cattlemen's Restaurant in Livermore. Meet new people, exchange ideas, and network. 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore, (Hwy 580 at Airway Blvd.). For more information, contact Phyllis at coupclan1962@pacbell.net 925-918-1029, or Rebecca at rebecca.potts@comcast.net 925-294-4013. The TVRWF is committed to providing ongoing and reliable community and political information of interest to the residents of the Tri-Valley Area.

Ohlone Audubon will meet Tuesday, April 07, 2015 at 7:30 pm at San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. Alvaro Jaramillo will present a program on Birding in Cuba. No admission charge. Refreshments served. For more information and directions visit the website www.ohloneaudubon.org.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., April 11, 1:30 p.m. Pie and beverage in Pleasanton, RSVP by April 8 to Athene, 846-0111. April 12, 1 p.m. general meeting and birthday lunch in San Ramon, RSVP by April 5 to Marsha, 830-8483. April 16, 5 p.m. happy hour in Pleasanton, RSVP by April 14 to Mary, 736-2350. April 18, 1 p.m. friendly bridge, RSVP by April 11 to Ruby, 462-9636. April 19, 4 p.m. Dinner at Cattlemen's Steakhouse, RSVP by April 16 to Hilda, 398-8808. April 22, noon brunch in Aan Ramon, RSVP by April 20 Marsha, 830-8483. April 26, 12:30 p.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by April 23 to Harriet, 447-8229.

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

23rd Livermore Duck Races, April 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Arroyo Mocho at Robertson Park in Livermore, benefiting Livermore schools and Valley nonprofits. Over \$5000 in cash prizes. Free Little Duck Race for kids 12 years and younger with a parent present. Sponsor a duck, tickets \$5 each. For more information, call 321-1123 or 449-1315. Presented by Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermore Y's Men Club.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale will be Saturday, April 11, 9 am to 1 pm at the parking lot of Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Pleasanton. All plants are grown by members of the garden club and are sold for low, low prices. There will be an assortment of annuals, perennials, roses, succulents, vegetables, natives and garden related items. Garden club members will be present to provide expert advice. For more information call Bev at 925 485-7812.

Ravenswood Historical Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Docents in 1890s costumes give free guided tours beginning at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Each tour includes the 1885 Cottage and the 1891 Main House, and the beautifully landscaped grounds. For information on the Ravenswood Progress League (RPL) or the volunteer Docent Program, please call the Docent Coordinator at (925) 443-0238.

Fertile Groundworks Garden of Grace Learning Series, March 28, noon to 1 p.m. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore. Subject will be Growing Tomatoes. www.fertilegroundworks.org

Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA), open to all retired public employees under the Calpers retirement program. Thurs., April 2, 10:45 a.m. at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit & Grill, 3054 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Speaker will be Joanne Hollander, RPEA director of health benefits. Information or to RSVP call Muriel at 447-1920 or email MSpring991@aol.com

Breakfast with Bunny, Sat., March 28, 9 a.m., open to ages 1-7 and adults; \$8 per person. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. No tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase tickets or for more information, call LARPD 373-5700 or www.larpd.org

Become a Volunteer Tutor at the Livermore Public Library. Literacy tutors help adults who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills or learn English as a Second Language. No previous experience necessary. After successfully completing Tutor Training, volunteers are paired with an adult learner. Pairs typically meet at the local library once or twice a week for an hour to two hours each meeting. Next tutor training: 6pm - 8:30pm: Monday, March 30th, Wednesday, April 1st & Monday, April 6th. For more information or to sign up for Tutor Training, contact (925) 373-5507 or literacy@livermore.lib.ca.us.

The movie "Vessel" will be shown at 7 p.m. on Sat., March 28 at the IBEW

Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA. This 71 minute film is about Dr. Rebecca Gomberts travels on a boat she had designed for the purpose of creating a safe place to perform early abortions. After her travels as a Greenpeace doctor, she was horrified to see firsthand the conditions that some of the 47,000 women who die each year from illegal abortions were forced into. She hoped that she could find a way to at least make a dent in that statistic. By taking the women into International waters, the laws of Netherland prevailed on her ship; therefore, making it legal to give them the pill that induces abortion in early stage pregnancies. This movie night event is free (although a \$3.00 donation is appreciated), unaffiliated and open to the public, a meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, while the film starts at around 7 PM, and we have a discussion period following the film. For more information, call 925-548-7323 or email flickknight@gmail.com. **Sons in Retirement (SIR)** is a social group of retired men who join together to better enjoy their leisure time. Activities include golf, bridge, photography, travel, fishing, biking, wine tasting, and technology. The Tri-Valley Branch serves men living in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and San Ramon. The group meets for lunch on the first Thursday of each month at the San Ramon Golf Club, 9430 Fircrest Lane, San Ramon. Please read more about the Tri-Valley SIR at <http://sirs34.org/> and the Statewide SIR at www.sirinc.org/. For information or to attend a meeting, call Rich Osborne 925-785-3549.

Bras for the Cause "Diamond Jubilee" Breast Cancer Walk, Tri-Valley SOCKS (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures). 5/9/2015, 5:30pm registration, 7:00pm walk start. www.trivalleysocks.org. Registration fee & minimum \$200 in donations required; register link on website. A fun evening 10k walk through downtown Pleasanton with most participants in decorated or themed bras. Bra judging contests, raffle baskets, goody bags & a fun Finisher's Party included. 100% of funds raised are donated to local Bay Area beneficiaries.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Bill Levesque who will talk on TimeShaker. The meeting will be on April 13, at 7:30, held at the Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton. Bill Levesque is the president of TimeShaker, a company devoted to helping people and organizations capture their past. For additional information contact program chairs Marilyn Glass & Diane Wiedel at program@L-AGS.org. All are welcome. There is no charge.

NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource & Support Group meets monthly for parents/caretakers of children ages 5-17 years with (or suspected of having) emotional/psychiatric disorders. It meets the third Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at Pathways to Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in and free. Contact person is Marsha McInnis at 925-980-5331.

Donations Needed, The American

Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Pleasanton is requesting donations of necklaces, bracelets rings and watches as well as women's accessories for its annual jewelry event "Glitter and Glamour" on April 17-19, 2015. Donations are accepted at the shop during open hours: Mon.-Fri. 10-6; Sat 10-5; Sun 12-5. The Discovery Shop is located at 1989-E Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Contact Kelley Meno at 925-462-7374 for more information. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, service and advocacy.

"Let's go fly a kite!" The San Ramon Art & Wind Festival, is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 24 - 25, 2015 in San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 10am to 5pm both days. Vendors are sought in the following categories: Non-profit Food and Beverage; Businesses, Children/Family Activity Vendors and Non-profit information vendors. Eligibility rules and application form at www.artandwind.com. For more information, call Mary Ann Wilkman at (925) 973-3210 or visit website at www.ArtandWind.com

Assistance League of Amador Valley 20th Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Saturday, April 11 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Starting at noon, tea, sandwiches and cakes will be served. Participants will be seated at beautifully decorated tables. Award winning author, Margaret Zhao will present the program. She is the of "Really Enough: A True Story of Tyranny, Courage & Comedy." Zhao, along with co-author, Kathleen Martens, won the Sharp Writ Book Awards Best Biography Memoir for 2012. Tickets are available for \$50 per guest beginning February 1st and ending March 31 (the reservation deadline.) Call Assistance League 925-846-8490 for reservations and payment options. Seating will be available for 300 guests. Castlewood Country Club is located at 707 Country Club Drive.

Livermore High Calculus Students are gearing up to go to Calculus Camp, April 11-13. Donations would be greatly appreciated to offset the cost of this trip for these hardworking students and can be made at: www.gofundme.com/LHSCalcCamp

Walk MS Tri-Valley, to be held on Saturday April 19, 2015 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, raises money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For more information about the event, check out the event website at <http://walkcan.nationalmssociety.org>

Tri-Valley Haven provides crisis stabilization counseling for those experiencing difficulties related to domestic violence, abusive situations, sexual assault or other challenging emotional issues. We provide assistance with individual therapy and/or group support. Please call to schedule an appointment: 925 449-5845 (Counseling Intake)

Dionysus Dash 5k, Sunday, April 12th, Start time 8:15am, Course runs throughout the Concannon Vineyard estate. The Dionysus Dash will raise money

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to support a great local charity in our community. Exceptional Needs Network. To register <http://www.dionysusdash.com/livermore.html>

Sons in Retirement (SIR) is a group for retired men who seek activities to enhance their retirement. Monthly meetings feature lunch and an interesting speaker. Men have the opportunity to learn about and join activities such as hiking, bridge, investment, bowling, bocce ball and wood carving. There is also a neat group of guys to get to know. SIR Branch #121 meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the DoubleTree Hotel, Las Flores Road (near Bluebell Drive), Livermore, at 11:30. Any retired man is welcome to drop by to learn about your opportunities. For more information check our website: branch121.sirinc2.org or email Neal Cavanaugh at nealcavanaugh@att.net (put "SIR" in the subject line).

Birthright of Livermore, Mon., Tues., Wed., 10-2; Thurs. 12-4; 1st, 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10-1. Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. Livermore office at 1520 Catalina Ct., or call (925) 449-5887. 1-800-550-4900 Helpline is staffed 24 hours a day. Website at www.birthright.org/Livermore for more information. All Birthright services are free and confidential.

ClutterLess Self Help Support Group, nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. New meeting location: Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue (main entrance), 2nd Floor Activity Room, Pleasanton. Mondays except some holidays 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Come or call a volunteer at (925)289-5356 or 925-922-1467. More information at www.ClutterLess.org

Tea Dance featuring The Melotones Combo Jazz Band, presented by Veterans of Foreign Wars Pleasanton Post 6298, 1 to 3 p.m. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Dates in 2015 include April 15, May 20, June 17, Sept. 16, and Oct. 21. Music from the American song-book played for listening and dancing in a variety of ballroom experiences. Cover charge is \$8 and includes refreshments. Proceeds benefit needy veterans and their families. Information joephylb@att.net or 443-2224 or bobolness2@gmail.com, 443-2245.

Pleasanton Lions Club - welcomes visitors to come experience a great time while making a difference in our community & beyond. Dinner meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. www.pleasantonlionsclub.org
Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, see our website, www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleague.org

leagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton, meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church. Information at www.dbsalliance.org/pleasanton or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Livermore Civic Center Library, Small Conference Room. The aim of the network is to allow bereaved mothers to make connections with, share resources, and support other mothers who have been through the worst experience of their lives, losing a child. For more information, contact katesstrube@comcast.net.

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) offers services to help people with disabilities and supports them to live independently and participate in their community for as long as they are willing and able to do so. CRIL maintains offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayo@criil-online.org. All services are free.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafraath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 925-9280.

DBE Daughters of the British Empire, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500

or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

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First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program For more information www.fcpl.us or 925-447-2078.

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or www.uucil.org

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Reform, Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Lawrence Milder, www.bethemek.org.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840.

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school. For information, call 925-447-1246.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Sundays at 10 a.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

United Christian Church, www.ucciv.org, a gay-welcoming congregation offering community and spiritual encouragement for questioners, seekers and risk-takers. Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; call 449-6820 for more information.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Con-cannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship

service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoresda.org/ All are welcome.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Call the office at 846-8650 for more information.

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave. Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Sunday School and Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday night there is adult Bible study, youth activities and children's choir at 6:30 p.m. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scola at 447-9800.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details, go to www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Church: Service Schedule: 8:00 a.m. Contemplative Eucharist; 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study (check web-site): 10:25 Sunday School (Godly Play); 10:30: Sung Eucharist with choir, child care provided. 1:00 p.m. Youth Group. www.saintbartsLivermore.com

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 829-4793.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email pmjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-433.3 www.trivalleychurch.org. Update on classes for The Story 9 to 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service with their parents. 10:30 contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointe-church.org (925) 846-4436.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garaventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Lynwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Children are welcome in all services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynwood.org or visit website at www.lynwood.org.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11 a.m., Mocho Branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springtown ward, 1 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-Day Saints: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Rd., Dublin. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3-18 during worship. Adult education Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Jr. High youth group Sundays 4:00-6:10 p.m. High school youth group Sundays 5:50-8:00 p.m. www.jkpcdublin.org (925)828-1846.

Livermore Quakers: Unprogrammed worship, Mondays at 7pm, 1886 College Ave. (United Christian Church). More information: LivermoreQuakers@gmail.com or (925) 315-1710.

Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. 10:00 Sunday service; children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Rev. Karen Epps, minister. <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/> 925.829-2733.

Center for Spiritual Living Livermore Valley, people from all faith traditions, cultures, races and sexual orientations are welcome. Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Meeting place 1617 2nd St., 2nd Floor, Livermore. For more information contact revharriet1@yahoo.com

St. Francis of Assisi, 193 Contractors St., Livermore. Sunday School (all ages) - 8:30 AM. Communion - 9:30 AM. 925-906-9561 stfrancisanglican.church.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, annual Community Potluck Second Seder on Saturday April 4, from 5 pm - 7:30 pm. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St. in Livermore. Kid-friendly (but not kid-centered) haggadah is secular and progressive with lots of singing. After the hour-long ceremony, participants will share a potluck dinner. Please call Jamie at 510-888-1404 to let us know you are coming and what you'd like to bring for the potluck. Call by March 31 so we can be sure to have enough eggs, charoses, celery, and - of course - wine.

Comedy Concert - Award-winning humorist Greg Tamblin brings his irreverent humor and sideways view of life to a comedy concert, "Analog Brain in a Digital World." Greg, who has been dubbed "a contemporary Mark Twain" by author Dr. Larry Dossey, will help us celebrate the best in ourselves and laugh at the rest of ourselves. Unity of Tri-Valley's spiritual center, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., suite 108. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Purchase at www.unityoftrivalley.org. See also <http://youtube.com/gregncw>

Grief, Eight-week series of workshops on dealing with grief. Thursday nights at 7:30pm starting April 9th through May 28th 2015 at St.Elizabeth's Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. A one-time donation of \$15 is requested. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377

Milestones

Community

Gold Award Project Helps Reins in Motion

"I have learned through my eight years as a Girl Scout that community service involves much more than selling boxes of Thin Mint cookies to my hungry neighbors. It requires a commitment to strong morals and values, teamwork, leadership, and a passionate desire to positively impact the community" commented Danielle Dufek, a Senior at Livermore High School, in discussing the completion of her Gold Award project.

Danielle led a team to create a communication center, horse name plaques, and traffic signs for the nonprofit Reins in Motion organization—a volunteer program providing riding instruction to children with life-altering disabilities. She chose to help this organization "because they provide special needs children with the opportunity to develop



Pictured are Danielle Dufek, Grant Dufek and John Estrada who assisted in enhancing communication activities at Reins in Motion.

inseparable bonds with loving and accepting horses."

Danielle believes her project has helped bring the staff members, children, and the horses of the organization together, "With the communication center, the

staff members have been able to post schedules of events and ride times, improving communication and leading to better teamwork among all.

The horse name plaques have also provided an organizational benefit by clearly identifying each horse's stall, fostering bonds between the children and the horses, as the children recognize the horses' names. The traffic signs have improved the effectiveness of the riding activities by organizing routes for the children to follow, improving their confidence and self-esteem as they learn how to ride."

Danielle credits the Gold Award for providing her with a strong sense of accomplishment by allowing her to "positively influence such an inspiring organization." The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA, earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award.



On Sunday, March 15, 2015, Lanthey Pepares, a WWII veteran, celebrated his 100th birthday at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Pleasanton. In the picture from left to right are Rich Ghere Am. Legion, Hal Strunk VFW, Dave Ham VFW, Lanthey Pepares WWI Vet, Dave Caldwell VFW, Wayne Thomas VFW, and Larry Brumm VFW. At age 28, Pepares served in the Army, 37th Infantry Division, 145th regiment having his first overseas trip to Bougainville, where he fought in the offensive mission to take a small piece of land for a major airfield to be built. He spent 2 years in the Pacific during WWII and was promoted to field sergeant. He also participated with General MacArthur in the battle of Manila.

Livermore Resident Honored as Master Mechanic

John Phillips, a 40-year resident of Livermore, received the prestigious Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award for 50 years in aviation. Ken Kelley of the Federal Aviation Administration, Flight Standards District Office, Reno, Nevada, presented the award on March 12 at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara, CA. John is currently an employee of Attitude Aviation, Livermore.

Charles Taylor was aviation's first mechanic. He invented the engine that powered the Wright Brothers first flight in 1903. The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award is given by the Federal Aviation Administration in honor of the tradition of excellence in aviation mechanics first es-



John Phillips

established by Charles Taylor. The Award recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of certified mechanics and repairmen who have worked in aviation for at least 50 years.

Phillips' name will appear

on the list of Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award recipients at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Virginia and on the list of Charles Taylor Award recipients on the Federal Aviation Administration's website.

Education

James Ding of Pleasanton, was named to the Dean's List of Emory College of Arts and Sciences, the undergraduate, liberal arts college of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, for the 2014 fall semester.

Students must be in the top 20 percent of Emory College or have approximately a 3.850 grade point average or higher to be named to the Dean's List.

The following students have been recognized for their academic achievement during the Fall 2014 semester at Colgate University.

Hannah Moreno, a Psychology undeclared major from Pleasanton, a graduate of Amador Valley High School.

Hannah Winslow, a Psychology major from Pleasanton, a graduate of King Philip Regional HS.

The Dean's Award for academic excellence is awarded to students with a 3.30 or higher term average while enrolled in 3.75 or more course hours.

Army and Navy Academy has announced the students who earned a place on the Honor Roll for the fourth grading period of the 2014-2015 school year. In order to be named to the Honor Roll, the student must achieve a GPA of 3.50 or higher. Cadets named to the Honor Roll include: Nicholas Chung of Dublin - GPA of 3.57; and Michael-Jun Burge of Pleasanton - GPA of 3.71.