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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.

## Haven Slated to Take Over Thrift Store

The board of Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch has determined that Tri-Valley Haven will take over operation of the Buenas Vidas Thrift Store.

After serving youths since the 1970s, Buenas Vidas is ending its service, and disposing of its assets. Changes in state rules concerning placement of boys at the youth ranch made funding that mission impossible. A plan to house girls there instead also fell short economically, so the ranch itself in rural Livermore will be sold.

The Buenas Vidas store is open, though, and will remain that way, said Buenas

Vidas board member Bill Sutcliffe. Buenas Vidas will continue to operate it. After the non-profit legally goes out of business, the Haven will take it over, and continue the operation.

The thrift store is not in any financial trouble. It has been operating in black ink, thanks to volunteers and generous donors. However, the number of customers and donors has declined since recent press reports about the Buenas Vidas entity going out of business. Some people incorrectly assumed that the store had closed, said a volunteer at the store.

The Buenas Vidas board met last week, and voted

for dissolution of the non-profit. Haven board and staff members were present, and offered information about what they can do to ensure a smooth transition for the store.

Ann King, executive director of the Haven, said that the staff and board have been talking about the change in management for awhile.

"We've been partners with Buenas Vidas for a long time. We sent all of our donated items to the store. In return, they have served our clients," said King.

"If someone comes to Shiloh (the women's shelter) in the middle of the night in a night gown, we can get

clothes for her and her kids the next day," said King.

The Haven also operates Sojourner House, where men are allowed with their children, and boys over the age of 10. "One dad scheduled a job interview. We got a voucher for him to go to the store, so he could dress for an interview," said King.

King said that the transition is "bittersweet for us. Although we are privileged to be taking the thrift store, Buenas Vidas is closing. That's a heart-breaker."

Tri-Valley Haven began with community volunteers in 1977 with a crisis line in the home of one of the

founders. The Haven added a shelter for women and children, legal services, and the Valley's only rape crisis center.

Also added were addiction recovery, a community services building (in 1996), support groups for teens, a sexual assault response team, a food pantry, and a homeless shelter. The state's economic woes brought layoffs, which reduced the staff to 35 employees.

An anonymous donor has offered The Haven \$125,000, if other donors match it by June. King said the drive is getting close to its goal. She is hopeful that the match will be completed.

## Panel in Pleasanton Will Speak on Affordable Care Act

California Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett has invited a panel of experts to Pleasanton on March 27 to answer the public's questions about provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The panel discussion is scheduled to run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

The session is intended to cover the insurance marketplace that the state will set up as allowed by the ACA. The act also mandates that everyone have insurance, and that low-cost policies be offered by private insurers through health benefit exchanges.

Although some provisions of the ACA won't come into effect until Jan. 1, 2014, the public can sign up on or after Oct. 1 this year.

Speaking at the event will be Bonnie Preston, an outreach and policy specialist for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; Elizabeth Echols, regional administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Diane Stanton, a special consultant with Covered California.

Covered California is an independent public entity within state government. It is run by a five-member board appointed by the Governor and the Legislature.

Two of its members are appointed by the governor, two by the Legislature, and the fifth is either the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, or another designee, serving as an ex-officio voting member of the board. Appointed members serve four year terms.

Although redistricting moved the 10th Senate District boundary out of Pleasanton, that won't take effect until 2014, so Corbett is still representing the district.

New boundaries for odd-numbered Senate districts took effect this year, so Sen. Mark DeSaulnier in the 7th District picked up Pleasanton, in an overlap with the 10th District.

## Cities Intend to Attract Energy Grants

Stopwaste.org is creating a council among its members to make it easy to obtain grants for energy saving projects.

The Stopwaste.org agency resulted from the combining of waste management and recycling boards in Alameda County.

So far, six cities in the county have joined, said Stopwaste.org spokesperson Jeff Becerra. None is in the Valley, but cities are planning to have the matter placed on their council agendas soon.

Dublin's representative to Stopwaste.org, vice mayor Don Biddle, reported back

(See ENERGY, page 10)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**Oakland A's mascot Stomper was on hand last Friday to encourage students at Vintage Hills Elementary School in Pleasanton to take part in Fun Fit Friday at the school. For more on the event, see page 10.**

## Dublin Starts Study for a 12-acre Parkland Acquisition

By Ron McNicoll

Dublin launched an effort to pick up 12 acres of parkland, and a separate 2 acres near the East Dublin BART station for \$4.6 million in exchange for the successful conclusion of a general plan amendment for a developer.

The city council voted 4-0, with Mayor Tim Sbranti

absent. He was visiting Dublin's sister city in Ireland.

If the park deal goes through, the city would save millions of dollars. According to staff, a fair market purchase of the 14 acres would cost the city \$15 million.

Adding a 12-acre park would also correct a current projected 12-acre deficit at

build-out. The city's goal is set at one acre of parkland for every 1000 residents. The city's population grew larger than was projected when the goal was established.

If the general plan amendment were successfully completed for developer UP Amador, LLC, the city (See PARK, page 5)

## Parents Upset with Change in Children's Theater Management

Parents with children involved in theater through the City of Pleasanton were not happy with the selection of Bay Area Children's Theatre (BACT) to run the program.

BACT replaces San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, which had contracted with the city to provide children's theatrical productions and training since 2008. Shakespeare Festival will continue to perform Shakespeare in the Park in Pleasanton.

The city council approved the new management by a 3 to 0 vote. Jerry Pentin was absent.

Parents were not only displeased with the recommendation to change the program operators, but also with the process that led to the change.

Susan Andrade-Wax, Community Services Director, explained that a request for proposals was issued. It received two responses, BACT and San Francisco Shakespeare. A screening committee comprised of staff and two Civic Arts Commissioners interviewed

each, checked references, and negotiated the terms of the contract. The recommendation was to hire BACT.

Andrade-Wax stated that the breadth of programs available through BACT would enable the city to provide improved programming in the future.

The \$109,000 contract calls for three mainstage productions, one at the Amador Theater and two at the Firehouse Arts Center. This year's shows will be School House Rock Live, Willie Wonka, and The Secret Garden. The revenue from the performances will be shared with the city.

BACT will also offer classes and camps as part of the city's recreation offerings. Future programs could include in-class curriculum and performances in schools.

Parent Johanna Yoder stated that she was saddened by the recommendation. "Shakespeare has provided an amazing program. I believed that would be taken into account." She said that (See THEATER, page 10)

## Zone 7 Recycled Water Membership Focuses on Water Safety

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency is renewing its membership in a recycled water association, a move that brought questions from two former Zone 7 officials.

The board voted unanimously March 20 to continue its associate membership in the newly expanded Western Recycled Water Coalition.

Former Zone 7 director Margaret Tracy of Livermore and Pleasanton resident Peggy Purnell, who was a member of a groundwater advisory committee before it was terminated a decade ago, objected to the membership.

Both women said that rejoining would encourage water recycling's expansion in the Valley, which in the long run they said could pose problems for the Valley's underground water storage basin. They called for a publicly noticed hearing on the matter. The item was on the consent calendar.

General manager Jill Duerig and board members pointed out that Zone 7, which has no recycled water project itself, would be only an associate member. The agency's \$2300 in dues

would not go toward any lobbying efforts for grants for recycled water projects. Some members pay as much as \$24,000 at that level of membership.

Further, belonging to the association would keep Zone 7 current on developments in the recycled water field, said board members. Wholesaler Zone 7 is the guardian of the underground water basin, as designated by the Valley's four water retailers.

Purnell passed out copies of an abstract of a paper written in 2000 by Herman Bouwer about considerations concerning irrigation of treated sewer water being sprayed over underground water basins.

Bouwer's abstract says that usually studies on long-term effects on recycled water in basins focus on the effects of nitrates and nitrites, which are salts. However, other chemicals, such as endocrine disruptors (with a source from birth control pills in effluent) and other pharmaceuticals must be considered.

Zone 7 does test its drinking water. It meets federal and state requirements. Duerig said that every five years, Zone 7 submits a (See WATER, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**A panel discussion was part of the program held at Las Positas College to honor women veterans. Moderating the discussion was Lindsey Sin, Deputy Secretary for Women's Affairs.**

## Women Veterans Discuss Issues

By Carol Graham

The gathering of distinguished, go-getting veterans was exceptional, even by collegiate standards.

For nearly two hours on March 21st at Las Positas College, the veterans spoke candidly of their service,

their motivation, their challenges and their deep-seated patriotism.

What made this group unique is that they all are women.

"Women veterans are all around you," said speaker and Navy veteran Lindsey

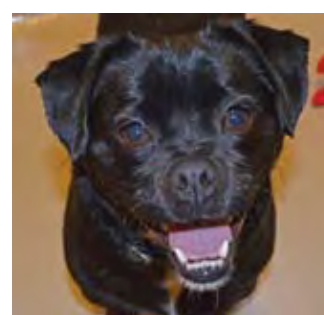
Sin. "We have unique challenges; we need support, respect and appreciation for serving our country."

She added with a sly smile, "We're also a little badass."

The audience, made up of (See VETERANS, page 10)

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### PET OF THE WEEK

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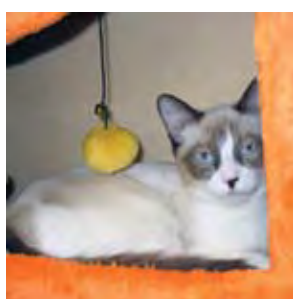
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Baby is one of the cats needing a home.

## Temporary foster homes needed for "Springtime Six"

Six cats plucked from a crowded hoarding situation are counting on Valley Humane Society (VHS) to cultivate a brighter future for them this spring. Yet with the possibility of a viral infection overshadowing that future, VHS is asking for the community's help to make sure the "Springtime Six"

have a chance to blossom. VHS is looking for individuals and families willing to foster one of these special cats in their homes for approximately one month, while they complete testing for the feline leukemia virus (FeLV) virus. Spread primarily through contact with infected saliva, FeLV

is not transferrable to dogs or humans, but potential fosters should have no other cats. As potential carriers of FeLV, the Springtime Six must be kept separate from all other cats, including each other, during the testing phase. Holding six cats for that length of time in separate quarters at VHS would burden the facility's space availability and send rescue operations into hibernation. Ordinarily Sunny, Rib-

bons, Ruffles, and their former house mates would have no trouble finding new homes; adorable and engaging, their attention-seeking antics would attract adopters like bees to a flower. Should they be diagnosed as FeLV-positive, however, they could only be adopted to homes with other FeLV-positive cats or no other cats, and would have to be kept indoors to prevent transmission of the disease to

neighborhood cats. Families and individuals with room to foster one of the Springtime Six for a one-month period should contact VHS at (925) 426-8656. All necessary training and supplies will be provided. Fosters may be asked to transport animals to and from VHS periodically as needed for testing and/or vet exams. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Delta Protection Commission

Senator Mark DeSaulnier has been appointed to serve as an ex-officio member of the Delta Protection Commission. The mission of the Delta Protection Commission is to adaptively protect, maintain, and where possible, enhance and restore the overall quality of the Delta environment consistent with the Delta Protection Act, and the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone.

"Serving on the Delta Protection Commission is a privilege, but it also comes with great responsibility," DeSaulnier said. "The Delta does not just showcase the natural beauty of our state. It plays an important role ecologically and economically in California—including Eastern Contra Costa County, which I am proud to represent. I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve as a strong advocate for protecting, preserving, and restoring the Delta environment."

### Dublin Going Solar

The City of Dublin has started the preparation work for the solar arrays which will be located at the Civic Center. The crews successfully transplanted the trees in the parking lots to new locations in the surrounding Dublin Sports Grounds. Construction of the arrays will continue through mid-May.

During the construction period, only half of the parking spaces closest to City Hall will be available at any given time. The parking for the Library will be maintained as usual and additional parking is available at the Dublin Sports Grounds.

This project is part of the comprehensive Citywide energy efficiency upgrades that are already underway. The street light retrofit project has been completed for the community, which successfully retrofitted

all cobra-head streetlight fixtures throughout the City, replacing approximately 3,100 light fixtures in total.

In addition to the solar panels being installed at the Library and Civic Center and the neighborhood streetlight upgrades, several energy upgrade projects are planned throughout the City including the upgrade of irrigation systems at local parks, as well as the heating and cooling systems at City-owned buildings ultimately resulting in substantial energy savings.

For more information, please visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/energyupgrades](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/energyupgrades) or contact the Environmental Services Division at (925) 833-6650.

### Annual Good Friday Protest

On Good Friday, March 29, people will gather for prayer and witness outside the Livermore Laboratory National Laboratory to protest nuclear weapons research. Guest speaker Phil Lawson, who was deeply involved with King's movement in the 1960's, will reflect on Dr. King's last book, *Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?*

Sacred dance will be led by nationally recognized Carla DeSola, who teaches Sacred Dance at the Pacific School of Religion and the Center for the Arts, Religion & Education, an affiliate of the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.

After the service, participants will walk about one-quarter mile to the main gate of the Lab, where some will join in a circle dance followed by an opportunity for non-violent acts of witness. The procession to the Laboratory's main gate with banners and signs will pause along the way at the Stations of the Cross of Homelessness.

Additional information may be found at <http://www.epicalc.org/>



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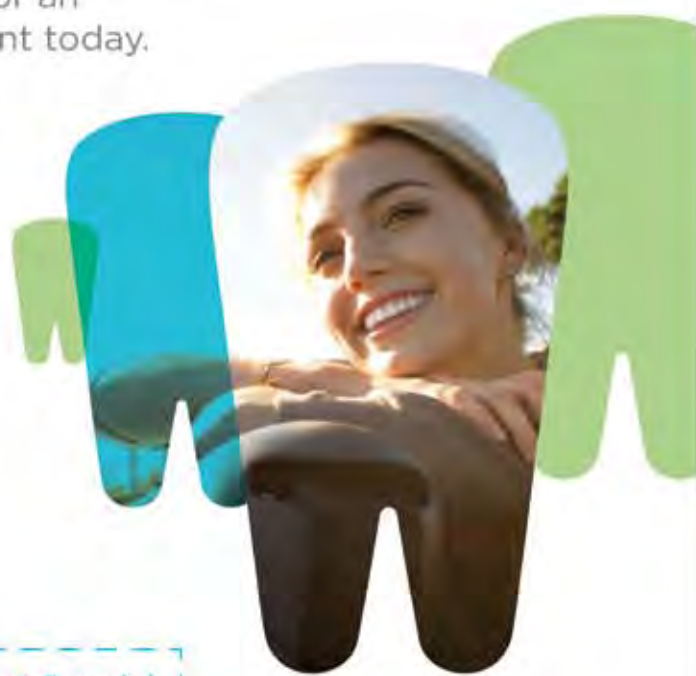


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# EDITORIAL

## Engaged Community

There is a tendency to forget that there is a large Spanish speaking population in this area.

The 2010 U.S. Census shows that 31,000 of the three Valley cities' total population of 199,000, or about 15 percent, are of Hispanic descent.

Programs with the goal of helping them to become a more active part of the community have and are being established.

Already in operation is the Livermore Chamber of Commerce's Hispanic Business Council. While primarily designed to give Hispanic business owners a voice, it acts as a bridge across all sectors of the community, providing connections between ages, ethnicities and services.

Plans are underway to create a heritage center as a way to promote understanding and mutual appreciation among people of different backgrounds and cultures. The center could provide classes in such areas as language and healthy living, display exhibits, works of art and other aspects of Hispanic culture. The center would showcase visual and performing arts.

The Bankhead Theater brings in a variety of Spanish heritage performing arts groups.

As one observer noted, "I believe our entire community will be best served when all of our residents are engaged in the heartbeat of our downtown and city life." We agree.

## Pleasanton Letter Supports CEQA Reform

The Pleasanton City Council approved sending a letter to state legislators supporting revamping of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The council made one change in the wording that had been recommended by staff.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio noted that there needs to be reform. However, there needs to be a way to challenge a legitimate threat to the environment. She said she had trouble with staff wording that appears to prevent any challenge. The wording she objected to stated the following: "Eliminate the ability to challenge adopted environmental standards, or lawsuits filed by any party for any purpose to challenge any or all environmental attributes of a project."

Cook-Kallio suggested that sounded like there could be no challenge in any form.

Councilmember Karla Brown agreed with her. "It is too broad as stated."

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the wording could be changed to say, "eliminate frivolous challenges to adopted environmental standards or attempts to change standards once vetted through the public process."

Mayor Jerry Thorne, who had requested the letter, agreed to the change. He said, "We are not trying to eliminate CEQA as a tool to address legitimate environmental issues."

Community Development Director Brian Dolan told the council that proposed bills in Sacramento follow a general theme. The most comprehensive is SB 731. It talks about the need for change. It does not provide specifics. Topics addressed include allowing more exemptions to environmental review for infill and smart development, reliance on previously approved CEQA documents, and some discussion of court procedures when a document is challenged. If a project meets established thresholds, there would be no more review.

Another bill, SB 671, is a specific response to court cases, continued Dolan. It addresses documents that evaluate the impacts of a project on the environment,

but not the impacts of the environment on the project. Historically, Pleasanton has reviewed both, said Dolan.

AB 515 would establish a specific division of the court system that would employ judges with a background in the CEQA process.

Thorne explained that the letter would support the request by the Governor to modernize CEQA. One of the targets would be lawsuits with the sole purpose of delaying a project where the lawsuit has nothing to do with protecting the environment.

## MAILBOX

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### School Reform Alan Heckman Livermore

Susan Kinder expressed concern about losing \$200 thousand from the Federal Government due to the sequester cuts.

After examining the evaluation and rejection by the U.S. Department of Education of the Livermore School District's "Race to the Top-District" \$5.2 million grant application, she should feel lucky to get any money from the federal government this coming year.

The application was evaluated on the district's past ability to educate students, plans for attracting quality teachers and administration, and accountability that the grant money received would lead to student improvement.

Among the federal government's findings, concerning educational ability, "a disturbing decrease in scores for Hispanic students at Joe Michell K-8 and Junction Avenue K-8," that the district "acknowledges the disappointing results in Junction Avenue K-8," and "all of the participat-

## Livermore Among Top 15 Cities Projected To Absorb Housing in Plan Bay Area

Livermore is among fifteen cities in the nine Bay Area counties projected to absorb the majority of the housing through 2014 in the draft Plan Bay Area released last Friday.

At the same time, BART to Livermore extension is not on the list of top ten priority transportation projects. The draft plan calls for 87 percent of funding go toward sustaining the existing transportation network.

Dawn Argula, Supervisor Scott Haggerty aide, noted there is \$168 million identified for Tri-Valley Access Improvements to and from BART, which includes the project level environmental impact report. There is no money for construction. However, there is potential funding on the horizon such as \$660 million in federal New Starts money and future Measure B funds. Argula stated that project list for Measure B will not change. It includes \$400 million for the BART extension. The New Starts funds are to be spent in either the North Bay or East Bay.

The details of how the draft Plan Bay Area will look in Tri-Valley cities will be unveiled when the draft environmental impact report is released this Friday. Housing, jobs and transportation were all part of the study.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) are the lead agencies in the planning process. The preferred scenario is described as focusing 80 percent of new housing and 66 percent of new jobs in Priority Development Areas. The goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, limit growth outside of the region's core, and preserve natural resources and open space.

The plan projects that

between now and 2040, the Bay Area can add 1.1 million jobs and 2.1 million residents with relatively little suburban sprawl, with growth planned within adopted urban growth boundaries. The selected development targets are based on locally adopted general plans and zoning ordinances.

Livermore is projected to grow from 30,340 units to 40,020 by 2040, an increase of 32 percent.

The draft is described as an integrated long-range transportation and land-use/housing plan. The planning effort to develop a sustainable communities strategy is called for by state law in SB 375. The law requires reduction in greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation. There are nine counties and 101 cities that would be impacted by the plan.

The plan estimates regional greenhouse gas emissions would be reduced by 9 percent by 2035. That's less than the 15 percent reduction called for. A draft transportation plan to be released later this year is expected to identify ways to reach the mandated reduction level.

Planning agencies are not required to follow the plan, even if it were adopted. However, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission would be required to show preference to communities who move forward with improvements identified in the plan when deciding where state and federal transportation funds would be spent.

"Plan Bay Area builds upon prior work at the local level and prepares us to be more competitive in the private sector, more efficient in the public sector, and preserves the values that we love about the Bay Area for current and future generations," noted ABAG President and Napa County Supervisor

Mark Luce, who represents ABAG on MTC. "Cities and counties identified the best places for growth to preserve the character of existing neighborhoods and protect agricultural lands." He added that the plan will be updated every four years to reflect new information and emerging priorities.

MTC and ABAG have scheduled public hearings in each of the nine Bay Area counties for comment on Draft Plan Bay Area. Each public hearing will include an open house slated for the same evening to give Bay Area residents an opportunity to view displays and ask questions about the draft plan. Those interested can stay for a public hearing to provide oral comments. For those unable to stay for the public hearing, a comment station will be open throughout the evening. Copies of the draft plan will be available for download at OneBayArea.org, and will be mailed to select public libraries in all nine counties.

The hearing in Alameda County will be held at 6 p.m. on Wed., May 1 at the Mirrage Ballroom, 4100 Peralta Blvd., Fremont.

Members of the public can comment on the draft plan on-line through Plan Bay Area Town Hall, which invites comments from residents on each chapter of the draft document. Comments will be reviewed by officials from both agencies as they consider the adoption of the final Plan in summer 2013. Comments may also be emailed to info@onebayarea.org.

There has been opposition to the plan. The draft plan has been called the latest attempt to encourage local governments to accept higher-density growth as part of an effort to create communities where jobs, housing, shopping and rec-

reational space all are within convenient reach.

Others see it as having a negative impact on local control, because funding for transportation projects is tied to compliance. At hearings during the planning process, some said it was an attack on property rights.

Cities in the Tri-Valley sent a letter raising issues that should be addressed. The letter from the Tri-Valley Cities Councils states that infrastructure improvements will most likely be needed to support development beyond what is currently included in local general plans. Considering that local governments' finances are already strained, the identification and provision of additional funding sources, to offset costs incurred for both planning and implementation phases (i.e., for new and upgraded infrastructure to support growth in the PDAs), should be included.

Issues that remain unaddressed include the fiscalization of land use. So long as there are significant fiscal benefits from commercial/retail development, and significant long-term costs associated with residential development (and especially rental housing buildings that generally sell and are reassessed less often than single family homes), the promotion of appropriate development patterns will continue to face an uphill fiscal battle.

In order for developers and communities to invest in locations near transit, there is a need for certainty that the transit will be there for the long term, and that the service will be adequate to address the demands placed on it. Meanwhile, over the past few years that certainty has been undermined by cutbacks on funding for transit.

Main site for the award: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-district/index.html>

### Vote for Miller Julie Testa Pleasanton

Pleasanton residents need to be aware of a threat to our quality of life. One-Bay-Area is forcing development on local communities. The plan involves transportation and housing trends; it is tied to transportation funding to force compliance. The goal is to change transportation and housing habits, away from expectations of single-family homes. High-density housing will bring a high concentration of people, without generating adequate mitigation fees to offset the strain it will cause to our roads, parks, schools, and library. Bonds will be forced on residents to pay for these impacts. I support affordable housing when done in a way that properly mitigates its impacts, but this will damage our existing community.

Any housing that is not fully mitigated will further overcrowd our schools. I often think of the rats in a cage experiment. The rats lived harmoniously, caring for one another when the cage was spacious. They multiplied, space and food became scarce; they turned aggressive and began eating their young. In over-crowded public schools, students often get lost in the crowd and demonstrate aggressive survival behavior. Pleasanton must oppose forced housing that will damage our community.

Pleasanton leaders are not standing up to this assault on our community. Legal fees to protect our community will seem insignificant when we are faced with hundreds of millions of dollars, in needed bonds and parcel taxes, to lessen the damage from high-density housing.

Pleasanton needs leaders with courage; join me in voting for David Miller for

City Council.

### Currency Reform Rich Buckley Livermore

Reform the Federal Reserve and The US Currency: I can think of no single change that can be made peacefully, aside from the grace of awakening of all human consciousness, that would benefit the people more.

The restructuring of our currency and Federal Reserve System with the goal of releasing ourselves from the unnecessary controlling bondage of international private bankers, would have such far reaching positive significance to uplift all the people.

Carefully implemented with balance and wisdom, such a change would recast relationships between the people and their elected leaders thus reestablishing the peoples' lost trust in their government.

May I invite your special attention to consider the work of Ellen Brown: <http://tinyurl.com/d8hcr28>

As Ellen Brown says: "Money today is simply a legal agreement between parties. Nothing backs it but 'the full faith and credit of the United States.'" The United States could issue its credit directly to fund its own budget, just as our forebears did in the American colonies and as Abraham Lincoln did in the Civil War.

"Any serious discussion of this alternative has long been taboo among economists and politicians. But in a landmark speech on February 6, 2013, Adair Turner, chairman of Britain's Financial Services Authority, broke the taboo with a historic speech recommending that approach." . . .

### LVPAC Plans Bob Baltzer Livermore

While I was personally gratified that the Livermore City Council voted last week to assist the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center

(LVPAC) and the Bankhead Theater with the cash flow challenges resulting from the dissolution of redevelopment agencies across the state, and certainly want to thank the four council members for their support, there were several erroneous statements made during the meeting that should be corrected.

First, councilmember Lauren Turner stated that LVPAC has had more than 18 months to craft a new plan to address the financial issues created by the state's actions on redevelopment. In fact, the state's determination denying tax increment payments to LVPAC was issued on December 18, 2012, inconsistent with its previous approval. With its administrative remedies exhausted, LVPAC was forced to file a lawsuit against the state in late January of this year. Sixty days is hardly enough time to craft a funding plan that would replace ten years of planning. Further, with a March 31st deadline for payments to LVPAC's bond holders, there was just enough time to come forward to the council to request assistance. The council's affirmative vote ensures that there will be time available to develop a detailed plan for LVPAC's fiscal stability.

Second, setting the record straight, LVPAC's board has not been remiss in authorizing the expenditure of more than nine million dollars for the development of the regional theater. In fact, LVPAC's contracts (DDAs) with the City of Livermore required the organization to pursue all avenues, including entitlements, building designs and construction plans, in order to secure a building permit, move forward with financing and begin construction in a timely manner. LVPAC needs to go through rating agencies to sell its non-profit bonds, requiring a high level of finished plans. This process is very different from the

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The middle span of the Iron Horse Trail bridge over Livermore Avenue was completed last week. Additional construction remains on the project that links the Transit Center with Oak Street. In the photo, a crane lifts the bridge into place. Residents may still experience short delays, traffic controls and lane closures in the weeks ahead. Project completion is expected by May 1st.

## MAILBOX

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one that private developers follow. As Len Alexander, LVPAC's Executive Director, observed at the council meeting, had the state not abolished redevelopment agencies, LVPAC would today be six months away from opening the new theater and would have more than ten million dollars in reserves.

So, again I would like to thank the members of the council who voted to provide LVPAC with the short-term funding necessary to meet its obligations for 2013. The City's support is vital to protecting the achievements of all those in the community who have worked hard to create a successful performing arts center in our vibrant downtown.

### Thank You

**Alan Frank, Livermore-Amador Symphony president; Charles Hartwig, Rae Dorrough Speaker Series Chair; Eric Horning, Del Valle Fine Arts president; Michaele Kashgarian, Valley Dance Theatre board member; Ron Koopman, Pacific Chamber Symphony president; Jim Schmidt, Livermore Valley Opera president; and Howard Tsztoo, Cantabella Children's Chorus member at large**

As representatives of seven of the resident companies that call the Bankhead Theater our home, we would like to sincerely thank the members of the Livermore City Council who voted to provide short-term financial support to LVPAC and the

Bankhead Theater. This far-sighted action means that our current activities and the 2013-14 season that we are all busy planning will proceed normally.

As detailed during the council meeting, the Bankhead Theater has made a tremendously positive difference to each of our performance groups, both artistically and financially; and to the wonderful rebirth of downtown Livermore.

We are extremely grateful that Mayor John Marchand, Vice Mayor Stu Gary, and Councilmembers Doug Horner and Bob Woerner clearly recognized the incredible current and future contributions that the Bankhead and our organizations provide to the community and the region.

## WATER

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report concerning the underground basin and the salts, including nitrates and nitrites. The next deadline for an update will be in 2014.

Bert Michalczyk, DSRSD general manager, heads an agency that recycled enough treated wastewater in 2010 to displace the potable water that would have been used by 6075 families in Dublin and San Ramon.

Endocrine disrupters and other relatively new chemicals in effluent should be of concern. However, they are being dealt with in regulations, said Michalczyk.

Michalczyk served on a state committee that worked on statewide standards for recycled water irrigation and groundwater basins. He said that standards were adopted in 2009 by the state board of public health. He noted that

any paper written in 2000 is apparently now behind the curve concerning the topic.

Zone 7 hydrogeologist Matt Katen said that Bower is a well-respected scientist in the field, but also noted that the study does not take into consideration current concerns.

Michalczyk told The Independent that anytime a city or agency wants to start a recycled water project, it must apply to the state for a permit. These permits are up for renewal every five years.

The Valley's main underground water basin spreads out under most of Pleasanton and Livermore, said Katen. Dublin is located above a fringe basin. Eventually, the water in a fringe basin can migrate to the main basin, but percolation into

the ground water basin is slowed down by the migration.

There is no sprayed recycled water project in Pleasanton now, although the city is trying to put one together for Hacienda Business Park, using some of its share of effluent that it contributes to the DSRSD treatment plant.

Pleasanton water officials were not available for comment before The Independent's deadline to comment.

Livermore assistant public works director Darren Greenwood said that Livermore has no plans to expand irrigation. Its wastewater irrigates the city's Las Positas Golf Course and the Livermore Outlet Mall.

Pleasanton has approached Livermore about buying some of its surplus treated water for possible use at the Staples Ranch, said Greenwood.

Duerig said that the bottom line is, "There are no concerns about our ability to meet drinking water standards from our ground-water basin." Even 20 years or more into the future, "there should not be concern, because Zone 7 will make sure the water is safe to drink."

Federal and state governments impose stricter standards as time moves forward. They usually involve more testing and more treatment of the water, which will consequently mean higher water rates, said Duerig. The paramount thing is water safety, she said.

### Miller for Council Suzanne Tringali Pleasanton

I have known David Miller, his wife Laura, and their three daughters for several years. As a city councilmember, he will put the interests of Pleasanton residents and taxpayers above those of outside special interests.

David is aware of the efforts to determine Pleasanton's future by unelected regional governmental boards. As a proponent of local control, David has spoken out in front of these regional

boards in favor of retaining local control. David has also been on the forefront of the unfunded liability issue facing Pleasanton and has been instrumental in bringing the issue to the attention of residents and taxpayers. That is why I trust him as a city council member to bring transparency to local government.

He will keep residents informed about the issues that will affect them. That is why I will vote for David Miller and encourage others to vote for him, too.

## Schools Receive Funds from LLNS

Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), the entity that manages the Laboratory (LLNL), has distributed gifts of \$10,000 each to five school districts in the neighboring cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Tracy in support of their respective science programs.

The gifts totaling \$50,000

were presented to district representatives at the Laboratory's Science on Saturday lecture series at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Accepting the gifts were Superintendent Kelly Bowers, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Kevin Johnson and Tony Dennis, Pleasanton Unified School District; Bryce Custodio,

Dublin Unified School District; Stan Hitomi, San Ramon Valley Unified School District; and Superintendent James Franco, Tracy Unified School District.

LLNS provides funds to non-profit organizations dedicated to science, technology, engineering and math education.

## PARK

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would take over that firm's rights to buy the land from Union Pacific railroad at the discount price.

Two parcels are involved, both near the Iron Horse Trail. One is Parcel A, a 12 acre site near Stagecoach Park and Dublin High School. Parcel B includes 2 acres zoned for light industry. It is located near the East Dublin BART station.

Staff said that the small parcel could be used to expand the city's corporation yard. Other options would be to sell it as a mitigation space for development, or expansion space for neighboring businesses.

If the general plan amendment were not approved, the city would be out earnest money of \$100,000 on the contract. The city is also committing to \$300,000 in consulting fees. It could lose all or part of that, if the deal were to fall through, depending on how much is spent on the planning process.

Of the potential park parcel, vice mayor Don Biddle said that the size and shape are such that a park would be the best use. Councilmember Kevin Hart said, "I'm not interested in building houses there. If we don't purchase the land, we won't have any control over it."

Hart said that he is concerned about what a linear park would look like, and potential uses for the community. "I have a lot of questions that can only be

answered with a study. I'm not a big fan of spending money, but it seems that at this point, it's a good use of Dublin resources," said Hart.

Councilmember Abe Gupta said he agreed with Hart that it's a difficult parcel to design. He supports the study.

Councilmember David Haubert said the proposal offer a good way to make up the projected park deficit. Although he shares concerns about design of a linear park, he added, "This is a bargain."

On another item, the council unanimously approved a 2012 housing element report.

The council also heard a tribute to Pete Hegarty, one of Dublin's first five councilmembers at the time the city was incorporated in 1982.

The city flag was flown at half-staff from March 20 to March 22 in remembrance of Hegarty, who died Feb. 26, in the Tacoma, Wash., area, where he and his wife had moved from Dublin.

City historian Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold read a brief biography of Hegarty. It noted that he moved to Dublin in 1962, and became active in forming the city's historical society.

Before Dublin incorporated, Dublin planning was accomplished by Alameda County. Hegarty worked with a Dublin friend, Dave Burton, to monitor county

planning and supervisor meetings. He informed the Dublin Chamber of Commerce of the plans in store for Dublin, said Vonheeder-Leopold.

Vonheeder-Leopold served with Hegarty for six years on the council. "I found him to be loyal, kind and up-front, and dedicated to our community," she said.

The council also heard the outcome of a footrace for charity on St. Patrick's Day between Haubert and Congressman Eric Swalwell. Despite a 7-minute handicap granted to Haubert, because he is 14 years older than Swalwell, the congressman won. There was a friendly bet that said the loser had to buy lunch for the winner's staff. Nevertheless, Haubert said that Swalwell picked up the tab.

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Prior to joining ValleyCare, Dr. Shingate was clinical faculty for Family Medicine at San Joaquin General Hospital in French Camp, CA — an affiliate of UC Davis. Dr. Shingate also served on-call coverage for Obstetrics and Family Medicine at Natividad Medical Center, Salinas, CA and was part of the Valley Verde Medical Group Outpatient Private Practice in King City, CA.

She received her medical and undergraduate degrees from Dr. VM. Medical College in Solapur, India and completed her residency in the United States at Natividad Medical Center, Salinas, CA — an affiliate of UCSE. In addition to her teaching role, Dr. Shingate has received a Community Medicine Award for diabetes education from UCSE. Her special interests include women's health and diabetes care.



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# SPORTS NOTES



West Coast Training Center came home from a successful trip to the Aero Cup competition in Kearney, Missouri on March 16 and 17. The Aero Cup is the national competition for placement on the USA National Acrobatic Gymnastics Team. West Coast Center sent two trios and two mixed pairs to the competition. Competing in the 11-16 age group women's trio were Morgan Sweeney, Sophie Gruske and Amanda Waterson. In the 12-18 age group, the women's trio consisted of Ashley Porter, Nicole Potepa and Hannah Douglas. The two mixed pairs were Ani Smith and Kyle Bloom and Cassie Lim and Brian Kincher. All four pair/groups made the national team and will be competing internationally later this year.



East Avenue wrestlers Marcos Martinez, Kayla Smith, Branden Trevethan and Oscar Guzman win gold medals at Harvest Park tournament. Smith won the Most Outstanding Female wrestler in pinning all of her opponents in route to winning the gold medal.



Christensen wrestlers Chris Lopez (left) and Chris Sanchez (right). Lopez took first place and Sanchez took 3rd. They both qualified for next years Tournament of Champions in Loomis. At right, Phoenix Badertscher with his 2nd place medal.



The Phillies' Luke Moylan makes a catch of a well hit ball in a Granada Little League Majors game.



In a field of 12 teams, the Foothill High School Falcons JV girls softball team went undefeated on Championship Saturday behind the steady pitching of Kiley Stowell and a dogged defense. Throughout the tournament all available players had a chance to either make a defensive play or help out with their bats. In the end, Foothill was able to score 31 runs to their opponents 11. It was a total team effort that was enjoyed by all Foothill families in attendance. Game 1: Foothill 10, Alhambra 0; game 2: Foothill 1, Logan 6; game 3: Foothill 6, Cal 4; game 4: Foothill 11, Amador Valley 1; championship game: Foothill 3, Castro Valley 0. Pictured are (back, left to right) Asst. Coach Burt Dixon, AJ Low, Megan Shevelson, Carrigan James, Taylor Congdon, Megan Shackley, Serena Carmona-Hester, Kylie Stowell, Izzy Lopez and Head Coach Greg Chandler.; (middle row) Dani Taylor, Kelly Dixon, Tori Larson, Daniella Lyng, Lauren Jepsen; and (front row) Kendall Ciesielski, Kelsey Cogdon, Kayla Moniz and Regan Lacy.



Livermore Mystics 7th grade team took 2nd place in the Paye's Place Invitational with a record of 2-1. Pictured are (back row from left) Janelle McCarthy, Sydney Pournaras; (middle) Taylor Sullivan, Gigi Cole, Regan Wiedenfeld, Ashley Lamb; and (front) Maddy Valone, Nicole Bartels, Katie Fournier, Sierra Marshall, Emily Trask, and Arianna Salcido.

## Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League scores from last week:

**Majors:** Braves 7, Nationals 3: March 9th was opening day for PNL and baseball was in full swing down at the Pleasanton Sports Park. Grant Galyean of the Nationals got things going early with the first big blast of the season, a 2-run homer over the center field fence. That tied the game 2-2 in the 1st but the Braves broke away in the 5th with a 4-run rally. Jaden Sheppard got the start for the Braves and Christian Fernandez and Grant Eggers helped out on the mound to cool the Nationals bats. Both clubs looked pretty good, but the Braves just made more plays.

**Nationals 12, Phillies 6:** The Nationals took an early lead in this game with two straight singles and a huge double by Cooper Petty to bring in the first two runs of the game. Along with leadoff man Kannon Dote and Michael Cassetti, those first three hitters combined for 8 of the Nationals runs. Jake Benson came in for relief for the Phillies and slowed down the Nationals attack. He mixed up pitches and kept the home team off balance for the next few innings. Top Offensive Players: Justin Rasmussen - Phillies (1-2, double, walk, run); Kannon Dote - Nationals (2-2, walk, 3 runs); Cooper Petty - Nationals (1-2, double, walk, 2 runs)

**Nationals 13, Marlins 5:** The Nationals scored 11 runs in the first two innings to take the upper hand over the shorthanded Marlins. The guys in red were swinging the bat well that day, but the story of the day was Ben Wold on the mound for the Nationals. He held the Marlins in check for 4+ innings, striking out four. Michael Cassetti and Luke Palfalvi powered the Nationals attack, combining for three doubles. Kannon Dote added a huge triple in the 3rd to put the game out of reach. Top Offensive Players: Michael Cassetti - Nationals (3-4, 2 doubles, 2 runs); Luke Palfalvi - Nationals (2-3, double, run); Thomas Schuerlein - Marlins (1-2, walk, run)

**AAADivision:** Brewers 1, Pirates 0: Despite strong pitching from Jonathon Goforth, Parker Mapes and Joe Recupero, the Pirates lost a heartbreaking 1-0 pitching duel to the Brewers in both teams' season opener on Saturday. The Brewers' trio of Derek Nassar,

Miles Brower-Douglas and Griffin Myers limited the Pirates to two hits, singles by Mapes and Devon Kost, and combined for 12 strikeouts. Myers, who struck out five in two innings to earn the save, scored the game's only run on Spencer Oxe's fourth-inning sacrifice fly. Myers doubled in both of his at-bats. The Pirates' pitchers also teamed up for 12 strikeouts, including six by Recupero in two innings and four by Goforth in two innings. The Brewers' Nassar earned the victory. His defense at first base later in the game likely saved the game. A potential go-ahead, two-run single by the Pirates' Jack Patten in the fourth inning was turned into an inning-ending play by Nassar, who made a sprawling grab of Patten's hard-hit grounder.

**Pirates 2, Rockies 1:** Jack Pattens fifth-inning single allowed Joseph Nazareno to score the tiebreaking run as the Pirates edged the Rockies 2-1 Saturday in a well-played game. The Rockies Elan Solomon struck out six and had a no-hitter going until Brady Becker singled leading off the fourth inning. Becker later scored on Jonathon Goforth's hit as the Pirates tied the game at 1-1. Montgomery Sage scored the Rockies run on Brad Irish's ground out in the first inning. Gavin Deutsch went 3-for-3 and had the Rockies only two hits after the first inning as the Pirates got strong pitching from Parker Mapes, Goforth, Devon Kost and Joe Recupero. Kost got the win for the Pirates with a seven-pitch, scoreless fifth inning. Recupero pitched a scoreless sixth for the save.

## Granada Little League

Granada Little League scores from last week:

**T-Ball:** A's vs. Giants: An outstanding game was played between the visiting A's and home team Giants. On offense for the A's, AJ Martin and Hunter Hahn delivered solid hitting and Seth Sanchez muscled up with multiple hits to the outfield. On offense for the Giants, John Ortiz, Zachary Lytle, and Manning DeKay had big days at the plate. On defense, Zachary Lindstrom, Nathan Mutz, and Michael Remley delivered impressive fielding performances for the A's. Charlie Jorgensen, Diego Silva, and Daniel Bjeletic made several key defensive

plays for the Giants.

**Red Sox vs. A's:** For the A's on offense, Cole Camilleri, Luke Beasley and Christian Skally had big hits to the outfield. On offense for the Red Sox, Ryan Dalnoki had a big game and both Tyler Kennedy and Jordan McCafferty had big hits to the outfield. Defensively for the A's, Seth Sanchez flashed a golden glove at pitcher and first base as well as Hunter Hahn and Diego Sakya. For the Red Sox, on defense, Austin Kralj impressed the crowd with strong throws from the outfield, Brooke Harper chased down line drives in left field and Landon Bosques made a great play at shortstop.

**Farm:** Giants vs. A's: The Giants scored 29 runs for the second consecutive game. Gavin continued his offensive dominance with two doubles and a triple. Thomas Copper launched a ball into right center that one-hopped the wall. Conner Raridan extended his hitting streak to 5 games with 3 shots to the left side; Alex Maciel hit line drives to right and center, giving him 6 hits in the last 2 games. Luke Schwarz blasted a one-hop shot against the left center wall and hit 3 ropes into left center. Natnael Leary stroked 3 balls to center—one of which was an ITP home run. On defense, Luke Schwarz snagged a line drive, stepped on second and fired to first for a triple play. Lukas Cusimano made 2 world class plays on sharply hit ground balls to third.

**Phillies vs. Cardinals:** For the Cardinals, Josh Eishinger, Peyton Richards, and Aiden Breen played a great defensive game. The Phillies' bats were on fire. Some of the big hitters were Dylan Thompson, Gregory Mayhew, Daniel Wollner, Logan Rothe and David Macintire.

**Giants vs. Yankees:** Scotty Lineweber contributed three singles and two RBI's on offense. Joe Cooksey provided two RBI's in the first two innings, adding two line drive singles in the later innings. Alex Maciel singled twice towards third base. Natnael Leary saved his best knock for the fourth inning when he hit a high fly past the shortstop. Gavin Bates' double nearly reached the fence with the bases loaded in the first inning. Dom Franco fought off 3 foul balls in the third inning, before reaching first base on a single. But Franco had his best rope in the fourth as the pitcher/coach had to duck and cover to miss the line drive. Luke Schwarz hit a high sky ball into shallow left field for an RBI in the first inning. Luke

then sent a line shot to second base and sprinted for a single. Lukas Cusimano contributed three singles, including an RBI single towards third base side of the diamond. Thomas Cooper displayed his tremendous bat speed on all four plate appearances. Ava Schwarz had her best at-bat in the third inning when she connected on an RBI single. Conner Raridan's singled and

doubled. Jack Robbins reached base three times. On defense Luke Swartz was involved in the first three outs of the first inning at first. The best play for the Giants on defense came late in the fourth inning when Scotty Lineweber chased down a sure home run off the bat of Paul Beasley. In the first inning in left field Ava backed-up shortstop on 4 consecutive plays to prevent extra base hits. Natnael finished off the game

with a nice pick at the pitcher position and fired to first base.

**Minor A:** Cardinals vs. Rangers: The game was a real pitching/defensive dual. Cardinals standouts: Parker Warner did an outstanding job as pitcher, Hudson Lehev made a great catch at third and did a fantastic job as pitcher, Jacob Phillips made a great catch on a pop up to double a runner at third



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# SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore Fusion SC U11 Maroon Girl's team is back to defend its Norcal Region 3/4 title for a third consecutive year. Last season, the Maroon girls captured the Championship trophy with a record of 6 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. The U11 Fusion girl's division fields three strong teams this year - Maroon, Gold, and Black. The Maroon girls scrimmaged last Saturday against Heritage Firestorm and easily won 3-0 with goals by Ashleigh Ward, Payton Hall, and Kaleigh Castillo. Lily Redell assisted on two of the goals. The U11 Maroon Girl's team will play 10 league games in the Spring Session. Next up is a scrimmage against West Valley, last year's U10 State champs. Shown are Fusion U11 Maroon, Gold, and Black teams back in action for Spring League

and hold back the Rangers. Phillips also did outstanding work behind the dish. Ranger standouts: Drew Hansen caught a pop fly and made a play at second to throw a Cardinal out. Andrew Hoffman played a great game at the plate catching, Quinn Boyd pitched an excellent inning and made 2 outs at third.

Red Sox vs. A's: Joey Keeler had the longest line drive for the A's when he crushed one over second base into center field. The Athletics went on to score 5 runs in the first inning, with contributions by Conner Rosales, Adrian Vargas, Lucian Wolf, Ozzy Cervantez, Luke Leary and Marco Wilde. Ozzy Cervantez uppercut a bomb into centerfield for an RBI double. Adrian Vargas recorded two RBIs. Conner Rosales and Luke Leary both singled on two-strike counts. Marco Wilde finished off the first inning with an RBI double far into right field. The Athletics had a strong offensive game. Tyler Fritz legged out a single in the second inning and had a check-swing single in the third inning. Gavin Benitez and Wyatt Krauss both had RBIs in the third inning. Krauss' RBI was a deep fly over second base. Ashton Baswell had an exciting defensive play at shortstop, when he looked back the lead runner at third base and still threw out the base runner at second base. In each of the first three innings Adrian Vargas showed off his arm with long throws across the diamond to first base. Lucian Wolf was especially reliable at first base on defense.

Minor A's: Yankees 11, A's 2: The Yankees had some great pitching from Bobby Zepeda and Benny Derham. Hitting was also strong with RBIs by Sean Nadeau, Donovan Holmes and Jackson Snodgrass. Anthony Camilleri made a great catch to end the last inning. For the A's on offense, Landon Paden hit a double, Jason Zaia a single and Ryan Macintyre a single and had an RBI. On defense, Augie Mascari stopped a hot grounder to third base and Danny Knight fielded a ground ball at first and tagged the bag for the out. Ty Pagan had one strike out and caught a fly ball. Derek Wickndar made some great stops as catcher and Kaleo Gomes, with the help of Jason Zaia, had a put out at home.

A's 3, Diamondbacks 12: On defense for the A's, Chris Hutton caught a flyball and tagged 2nd base for a double play. Kaleo Gnomes caught a fly ball at third for an out. Jason Zaia and Ryan Macintyre both fielded ground balls for outs at first and home. Tovin Loth and Iliza Shields helped out the team by striking out 5 batters. Augie Mascari fielded a fast ground ball at 3rd base. On offense, Chris Hutton and Derek Wickander were fast on the bases and had some good steals. Diamondbacks' pitchers Will Christensen and Ryan Martin held the A's to 3 runs. Diamondbacks' offense was led by Cameron Salazar's two hits with 2 RBIs.

D-Backs 8, Giants 6: D-Backs' pitchers Kyle Benko, Jacob Sisto, Cameron Salazar and Colin Pearce had solid outings. The defense was led by Will Christensen, Luke Shepard and Ty Eaton (2) who all snared big pop ups. D-Back offense was led by Luke Shepard's two hits with 2 RBIs. D-Backs 10, Cardinals 12: D-Backs' catcher Josh Henninger played really well, catching a foul ball and almost throwing out 2 runners. Cardinal's offense was led by Daniel Owen with a home run and 4 RBIs. Pitcher Eric Halsch pitched well in the first two innings. Defensively, Colby Wallace showed excellent fielding.

Majors: Diamondbacks 15, A's 10: The A's fell 15-10 to the Diamondbacks in five innings on Wednesday despite racking up nine hits and 10 runs. Seth D collected four RBIs on two hits for the A's. He singled in the second and fourth innings. Jacob Keeler also went 2 for 3 with 2 doubles and 2 RBIs. The Diamondbacks were sparked by Miller and McPherson, who teamed up for five hits and five RBIs. The Diamondbacks jumped out to an early 6-0 lead in the top of the first. The Diamondbacks then tacked on more runs when Geyer scored on an RBI single by Miller. Marples scored on an error. Miller scored on an RBI single by McPherson. Lux scored, and Sandoval scored on a steal of home. The game's last lead went to the Diamondbacks thanks to a fifth inning rally that saw eight runs cross the plate on four errors, a two-run single by Miller, and a walk by Geyer.

Giants 11, Yankees 1: Grant Borjon pitched a complete game to help lead the Giants to victory over the Yankees. The Giants scored 8 runs in the third inning, highlighted by Ryan Escover's grand slam. Defense was solid again and continues to be a strength of the team. Every player contributed to the victory.

Cardinals 6, A's 4: Zachary P did all he could to give the A's a boost, but it wasn't enough to get past the Cardinals, as the A's lost 6-4 in six innings at Field two on Saturday. Zachary connected for a hit in each of his two at bats. He singled in the first and sixth innings. Grant B handled the Cardinals' lineup with ease, racking up 13 strikeouts. Grant allowed one earned run, six hits and one walk over six innings. Vargas got the win for the Cardinals. He allowed one run over three innings. He struck out six, walked one and surrendered two hits. Cardinals closer Clark put away the final nine outs to record the save.

The game was never in doubt after the second, as the Cardinals scored five runs on an RBI double by Macintyre, an error, a groundout by Clark, and a two-run single by Tia. Three runs in the bottom of the fourth helped the A's close its deficit to 6-4. An RBI double by Tre S, an RBI double by Seth D, and an RBI single by Grant gave the A's life. Finally, Clark got Nathaniel B to strike out to end the threat.

Jr 80's: Black 18, Danville 7: Justin Zappa, at his first outing as a starting pitcher, paired up with catcher Tyler Rodgers and went 5 innings with 8 strikeouts and held Danville scoreless for the first four innings. Granada offense was strong, with Connor Delelsen 3 for 3 with 3 singles, 2 RBIs, 3 runs; Mark Silverthorn 2 for 3 with 1 single, 1 double, 1 RBI, 2 runs; Chad Hemmig hit a single with 2 RBIs and 1 run; and Nick Sloan had 2 singles and 2 RBIs. Connor McGlothlin hit his first in the park home run. Danville came back strong with heavy bats in the 5th inning. Jack Kath relieved Szopa as pitcher and held on to Granada's lead to seal the victory.

Black 13, Pleasanton Foothill 10: Starting pitcher Tristan Clark and catcher Mark Silverthorn held Pleasanton scoreless as Granada jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the 2nd inning. Strong hitting throughout the lineup came from Tyler Rodgers who went 2 for 3 with 2 singles, 1 run. Tristan Clark went 2 for 3 with 2 singles, 2 RBIs, 2 runs. Chad Hemmig with a double, 2 RBIs, 1 run. Pleasanton made it a nail biter when they clawed their way back into the game and tied it up with 6 runs each. Both teams made pitching changes and Granada's closer Chad Hemmig and his defense were able to hold Pleasanton to only four more runs while Granada's bats remained active and scored 7 more runs to end the game.

## Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League scores from last week:

T-Ball: Bringhome.Scentsy.us vs. Cupids Candy Tooth: Great game today between Bringhome.Scentsy.us and Cupids Candy Tooth. Kensington hit a line drive up to center. And Olivia hit a grounder up to 2nd base. Taylor scored. Aurora protected the plate as catcher. And Quinn threw hard to 1st base. Great overall defensive effort by Reese. Top Players: Bringhome.Scentsy.us - Kensington Abrew, Taylor Cohn, Olivia Stanley; Cupids Candy Tooth - Aurora Nicolas, Quinn Seltzer, Reese Seltzer.

Micro White: Bob Frey Real Estate/Remax vs. Summit Financial Group: Bob Frey Real Estate/Remax were the home team and Piper Bailey fielded an out at 3rd while Keri Maggiora got a player out at 1st and Caitlyn Burgess hit a base hit to right field. For Summit Financial Group, Madison Manicki stopped a grounder, Ava Kenitzer threw a ball to 3rd for an out and Brianna Huff hit a monster grounder. Top Players: Bob Frey Real Estate/Remax - Piper Bailey, Caitlyn Burgess, Keri Maggiora; Summit Financial Group - Brianna Huff, Ava Kenitzer, Madison Manicki.

Micro Teal: PostNet vs. NetApp: Gianna Ghio had a big hit and a great fly ball catch. Ava Marie Perry and Kiana Fuentes had big hits for the team. Ava Ryan had a nice play at 3rd. Great hits by Sophia Skinner and Brooke Elson. Top Players: PostNet - Kiana Fuentes, Gianna Ghio, Ava Marie Perry; NetApp - Brooke Elson, Ava Ryan, Sophia Skinner.

Ohana Bros. Island Style Chips & Popcorn vs. Brandon McGuire State Farm Agency: Ohana Bros. Island Style Chips & Popcorn: Samantha had an exciting play at 2nd base and outed the opposing team. Abigail hit a strong first hit of the game, she had a line drive straight at the pitcher (Coach Nancy Ritter). Savannah had an out at 1st base. Brandon McGuire State Farm Agency: Gracie showed she had good charge and almost caught a big pop up. Rachel had great hits and at bats. London recorded two outs at first. Top Players: Ohana Bros. Island Style Chips & Popcorn - Abigail Kops, Savannah Montini, Samantha Ritter; Brandon McGuire State Farm Agency - London Abrew, Gracie Holmes, Rachel.

Mini Teal: McElroy Orthodontics 5, Alta Sales Group 2: McElroy

Orthodontics won its first game of the season, defeating Alta Sales Group this past Saturday. All girls on both teams played very well keeping the final score within single digits. Alta Sales Group slapped two hits in the second two innings. For McElroy Orthodontics, pitching for the first time in her career, was Victoria Galvan, striking out two. Top Players: McElroy Orthodontics - Abbey Cortez, Victoria Galvan, Adrianna Martinez; Alta Sales Group - Natalia Badger, Ashlynn Bures, Brooklyn Frerich.

Alta Sales Group vs. Sonshine Preschool: For Alta Sales Group, solid pitching by Annika Jernstedt, great hit by Maya Morgenstern and another nice hit by Brooke Harman. For Sonshine Preschool, nice hitting by Emily Simon, great play at 1st by Nina Balestrieri and super pitching by Sammy Simon. Top Players: Alta Sales Group - Brooke Harman, Annika Jernstedt, Maya Morgenstern; Sonshine Preschool - Nina Balestrieri, Emily Simon, Sammy Simon.

Cornish and Carey 3, Big Picture Creative 3: On the home team, Cornish and Carey, all three girls demonstrated great pitching. Katie had 3 consecutive strike outs. Sara made an out at home plate while pitching. Top Players: Cornish and Carey - Sara Kracke, Sophie Mansoor, Katie Yozzo; Big Picture Creative - Ava Munos, Megan Scherlein, Morgan Westcott.

McElroy Orthodontics 5, Emohteez 2: McElroy Orthodontics players scored three runs in their half of the second inning and then added two more in the third behind the bats of Madison Cheung, Caroline Gersich and Deja Clark. Emohteez answered back with one in the second while Jordan Lederer crossed the plate on a hard hit ball by Elizabeth Hollmeyer. Emohteez scored the last run in the bottom of the fifth while trying to come back when Olga Merkadze doubled to drive in Ella McCarthy. There was plenty of quality defense along the way on both sides, including an unassisted double play by Anika Kapp in the bottom of the third. Top Players: Emohteez - Anika Kapp, Emily Mackin, Ella McCarthy; McElroy Orthodontics - Madison Cheung, Deja Clark, Caroline Gersich.

Emohteez 8, Alta Sales Group 0: Alta Sales Group was led by Kaylin Vahey, who made a key put-out at 3rd base in the first inning, Madelyn Murawski, who played a strong left field and third base for Alta Sales Group. Sheridan Wang made a critical putout at 2nd base in the fourth to help stop Emohteez. Emohteez was led by Alisal Ebel, who made solid contact at the plate in Emohteez's half of the first. Kara Fitzsimmons, who made a great defensive play in the fifth, ranging far to her left at 2nd base to stop a ball from shooting into the gap and holding the batter to a single, and Elina Kulkarni with her solid all-around play.

Kaelin Construction Inc. 7, Cornish & Carey 6: Samaan Beliaikov pitched well. Amanda Cooper had great hits and defense. Abigail Heinemann had a great hit and scored. Top Players: Cornish & Carey - Samaan Beliaikov, Amanda Cooper, Abigail Heinemann.

Minor Teal: A2 Technologies 12, Central Painting 5: There was some fierce competition between Central Painting and A2 Technologies in the first game of the season. Central Painting came out strong with a great pop-up catch by Julia Castaneda to end the inning and an awesome throw by Kayla Gregory from 3rd to 1st for an out. While Central Painting played hard A2 Technologies did as well. Makayla Rios and Jessica Hungerford each had two hits and two runs scored, Minami Smalheiser and Haley Rubin had two hits apiece and Lacy Becker had three RBIs. Zoey Castillo's booming two-run double was the biggest of A2 Technologies' 14 hits. Top Players: Central Painting - Julia Castaneda, Kamryn Flemings, Kayla Gregory; A2 Technologies - Zoey Castillo, Jessica Hungerford, Makayla Rios.

Central Painting 11, Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors 5: For Central Painting, Kristin Greene's defense was impressive - she repeatedly (5 times) scooped up the ball at short stop to throw the runner out at 1st. Kayla Gregory and Lexi Valentine did a great job pitching for the team. On offense, Jordyn Scotti's hitting was explosive earning several RBIs for the night to help Central Painting win 11-5.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Swimmers from Granada High School in Livermore and Foothill High School in Pleasanton swim the backstroke leg of the 200 meter IM during a meet between the two schools.

For Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors, Nishita Shetty hit a double that earned 2 RBIs and then she had a great defensive play from 3rd base to throw the runner out at 1st. Samantha Krier's defense was unstoppable with two pop fly catches. Rheanna Mittan at 3rd base caught a pop fly for an out and then had a great hit for an RBI. Top Players: Central Painting - Kristen Greene, Kayla Gregory, Jordyn Scotti; Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors - Samantha Krier, Rheanna Mittan, Nishita Shetty. Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors vs. Diversified Mortgage: For Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors Madison Jones made a great catch in center field. Randi Lauderdale made a number of plays in the infield and Kristina Cuevas caught a foul ball for an out as catcher. For Diversified Mortgage Maddie Rovira had some good hits. Sydney Fluker pitched and hit well. Amanda Mero did a nice job pitching. Top Players: Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors - Kristina Cuevas, Madison Jones, Randi Lauderdale; Diversified Mortgage - Sydney Fluker, Amanda Mero, Maddie Rovira.

## Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League scores from last week:

Majors: Rangers 5, A's 9: The A's offense was led by Austin Zemen, who got his best hit of the season. The A's defense only allowed one run after the first inning and was anchored by Zachary Saal at 2nd base and Ryan Castillo, who pitched a strong 5.3 innings. For the Rangers, Garrett Barker and Colton Berlinn each connected for multi-base hits for the Rangers. Ryan Hanley pitched an outstanding 5 innings in which he only gave up 3 runs.

Rangers 4, Giants 3: For the Giants, Drew Dillon pitched an outstanding game. The offense was led by Mason Delisser's double and Jacob Lord's two hits. For the Rangers, Grant Ikeda pitched two strong innings. The Rangers defense was anchored by Jacob Ward and Eric Roloma.

Yankees 8, Diamondbacks 1: The Yankees' Jack Wilson pitched the entire game and held the Diamondbacks to one run. Bobby Farmer hit 2 solid singles and Nick Donaldson 3 singles. Diamondback player, Brandon Martin hit a solid single with a RBI. Brett Oelrich caught 2 pop fly balls and drove in a run. Dane Winslow had 2 strong innings of pitching, allowing no runs.

AA Division: Yankees vs. A's: For the Yankees, Xavier Lortie caught a nice fly ball for an out in the 1st inning. Sean Stotts pitched a great first inning. Jared McQuilliam in right field caught a fly ball for the last out of the final inning. James Foley was awarded the game ball.

Red Sox vs. Giants: Kytler Green of the AA Red Sox started the game off with 2 solid innings of pitching. Besides throwing some gas tonight, he was also able to grab a tough grounder and make the assist in a nice play to Jordan Dennett at first base. Jesse Trinta was solid in the field and came up with a key hit in the bottom of the 1st to pull the Red Sox ahead of Giants for good. For the Giants, Isaac Romero pitched well on defense and Landon Rhodes had a solid outing pitching and played well on defense.

Pirates vs. Giants: For the Giants, the game ball went to Braden Illingworth, for striking out a few players with some awesome pitching. Isaac Romero and Ray Castillo also had a great performance on the mound.



Pictured are West Coast Soccer Wrath players Aryanna and Abby beating two Kaos players to the ball.

Landon Rhodes enabled two runs by his teammates with a nice hit! Noah Corpuz earned the game ball for the Pirates by making a critical out at second base which turned the inning. The Pirates' bats were hot including a tie deep into the outfield by London Bishop for a Pirate double. D-Backs vs. Giants: For the "AA" D-Backs best defensive plays of the night were turned in by Jacob Keller at 1st base and Tommy Wisely III at shortstop. On offense, Thomas Schnapp slammed a solid hit. For the Giants, the game ball went to Braden Illingworth, for striking out players with some awesome pitching. Isaac Romero and Ray Castillo also had a great performance on the mound. Landon Rhodes' hits enabled two runs by his teammates.

Diamondbacks vs. Pirates: Hayden Henry threw strike outs from the mound. Diamondbacks' Jonathan Lindberg hit a triple bringing home Larry Wisely, Colby Elola and Michael West. Tommy Wisely III doubled to bring Lindberg home. The Pirates pitcher Ryan McKinzie made a play at home with a spectacular catch and throw by Cameron Adoens. Pirates Tanner Lee caught a pop fly. D-Backs' Luca Montalvo and Cameron Angotti recorded hits, but with Pirates' Tanner Lee on the mound the pace quickly changed. Pirates came back with four doubles, one each by Kyle Johnson, Cameron Adoens, Xavier Armas and Ryan McKinzie. Graedon Beller sent a hit to third where the game saving catch was made by Diamondbacks' Cameron Angotti.

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into the outfield making a triple. With Diamondbacks' Wisely on the pitching mound, Gozzo caught a ball closing the top of the 4th inning. Bottom of the 4th Gozzo and Wisely make it onto base with some awesome hits, closing out the 4th inning with West hitting a triple brining home Gozzo to score for the Diamondbacks.

**AAA Division:** Giants 12, Diamondbacks 8. The Giants played a great game on defense with Catcher Siosi Meafou tagging out a runner at home and throwing out a runner at second base. For the offense Patrick Connolly hit a 2 run home run, Cooper Wilcox had a RBI Triple and Carter Purl recorded 2 Singles with 3 RBIs. For the Diamondbacks, Adam Patterson got the game ball for a great effort at catcher. Jeffrey Patterson caught a pop fly at 3rd base and stole home. Michael Ayler and Joshua Kim both brought in runs in a strong offensive performance in the 3rd inning.

**Diamondbacks 12, Rangers 10:** Gavin Powers scored 2 runs and drove in one. Gavin also pitched the 4th inning not allowing any runs and striking out two. Jacob Hutchinson had a great offensive game scoring 2 runs and driving in one. Brayden Nunes had 2 strong hits scoring 2 runs and collecting an RBI. Sebastian Kirnard caught a line drive for an impressive out at short. For the Diamondbacks, Jeffrey Patterson got the game ball for outstanding hitting (including a 3-run triple) and outstanding defense at third base. His brother Adam scored a run, and Niles Moy hit a double, contributing both an RBI and a run. Michael Anolin played strong defense at first base, including catches of a foul ball and a pop fly.

**A Division:** Giants vs. Dodgers: For the Giants, Garrett Hernandez was unbelievable in the field with several put outs on ground balls and fly balls. And, Zane Ornelas had some terrific hits in each of the innings to power the Giants. For the Dodgers, Dominic Johnson had a double in the first and caught a fly ball to get the final batter out. Nate Keaney caught two fly balls in the first inning and had multiple hits during the game.

**Padres vs. Diamondbacks:** Gavin Day of the Padres connected for some outstanding hits and Blake Bystrom, also of the Padres, recorded three outs at second. For the Diamondbacks, Jack Gosei had a big hit and Isaiah Wood played strong defense.

**Rangers vs. Dodgers:** For the Rangers: Jackson Whatley made several excellent putouts through out the game and teammate Trevor Straume smacked 2 balls to right field. For the Dodgers: Jayson Boissonneau executed 5 strong base hits and teammate Ben Roesler completed 2 nice outs at first base.

**T-Ball:** A's vs. Rockies: The A's played well. Jake Sekany's powerful swing was on full display with an RBI double. Caleb Martin continued his hitting streak with three base hits. The Rockies awarded Jackson Perotti their teams "Charlie Hustle" award while they named their "Player of the Game" Dayton Barcelin for his great line drive catch from the pitchers mound.

**Giants vs. Cubs:** The Giants played an exceptional game. Jarrett Fahrhorst was noteworthy with some great hitting. The Cubs also played an outstanding game with Joseph Bellah hitting a double and making several great plays as pitcher. Dylan Williams made an awesome play getting a force out on third. Talan Yorn ended the game with a home run.

**Cubs vs. Diamondbacks:** The Diamondbacks played a great game. Drew Conway played a notable game as a starting batter. Parker Pompilio was a fantastic player with great defense and switch hitting, he received the game ball. The Cubs brought their A game. Chaz Patterson hit 2 doubles to center field. Kaisson Pastorius executed a

great tag out at second base and hit a super double in the last inning.

## Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball League results:

**8U:** Maroon 12 vs. Lady Sharks: Sierra Swansiger and Terra Hatcher were the top offensive players, each with two singles and an RBI.

**Black Crush vs. Pretty Pumpkins:** Kristen Johnston started game with a great defensive play keeping runner at first. Good hustle by Pretty Pumpkins, but not enough to stop Black and Orange Crush who ended their first inning with three runs. Kristen Johnston led off with a single for the Pretty Pumpkins. Taylor Jeffrey followed with a hit to the outfield. Amaya Orsi also recorded a hit in the first inning. Kate Hankins added a double for the Pretty Pumpkins. Standout Offensive Players: Kristen Johnston, Kate Hankins, Amaya Orsi; Standout defensive players: Annabella Pedretti, Ysabel Smith and Taylor Jeffrey

**T-Ball:** Shooting Stars vs. Cheetas: The Shooting Stars are showing great improvement every game, and this week's game ball went to Bella Barlow for some great steps at shortstop and outstanding consistent pitching, making many plays at the plate.

## Amador Swimming

The Amador Valley High School boys swimming and diving team had an easy time of it in their meet with Livermore High coasting to a 143-38 win. The Dons finished first in every event, sweeping four of the individual races and all three relays.

Showing their depth, the Dons had only swimmer win more than one individual event although several had an individual win and a relay win. The only dual winner was Alex Gilchrist who took the IM and the backstroke. He also swam on the winning 400 relay team with Kevin McLaughlin, Jordan Reznick, and Andrew Song. Reznick also won the 500 free. Although Song didn't win an individual event, he also swam on the winning 200 free relay along with Aaron Silva, Caleb Wang, and Nick Johnston. Johnston went on to take an individual win in the 50 free.

Continuing the one individual, one relay theme was Jason Chen who was the winner in the fly event and swam on the first place medley relay team along with Thomas Gjerde, David Becker, and Thomas Resnick.

Rounding out the individual firsts for the Dons were RJ Scott in the 200 free, Pierson Connors in diving, Bryan Hughes in the 100 free, and Anthony Zhong in the breaststroke.

In a meet that was never in doubt, the Amador Valley Varsity girls swimming and diving team got on top early and cruised to a 124-58 win over Livermore High. The Dons took first in 9 of the 12 events and swept two events and two of the relays.

Sisters Kirsten and Iris Brand took three of Amador's individual firsts with Kirsten winning both the 50 free and the backstroke while, Iris won the 200 free. The Dons also got individual first place finishes from Rachel Knowles in the IM, Eva Chung in the fly, Katie Tsui in the breaststroke, and from diver Lauren Hall.

In addition to the individual firsts, Amador's medley and 400 free relays touched the wall first. Vera Umansky, Tsui, Knowles and Lily Gribbel swam on the former, while Chung, Umansky, Cailyn Plattel and Laura Taylor took the latter.

The Amador Valley JV boys swimming and diving team turned in

a dominating performance, sweeping every event in a 147-26 victory over Livermore High. Amador was led by the Sorensen brothers who took three individual first place finishes: Sam winning both the 200 and 100 free while Tom took the 50 free. Winning the other freestyle event was Jeffrey Wyan in the 500, while Kevin Yan, Evan Lee, and Josh Cole won the fly, back, and breaststroke respectively. Rounding out the first place finishers were Alec Gauthier who won the IM and diver Tommy Yozzo.

Facing very little competition from a small Livermore High team, the Amador Valley swimming and diving JV girls swept their way to a 149-27 victory. The Dons took the first three places in seven of nine individual events and the top two spots in all three relays.

Leading the way for the Dons were Erin Walsh and Kaitlyn Schierer who each won a pair of individual events. Walsh took the 50 and 100 free while Schierer won the IM and fly. Also placing first for Amador in individual events were Bridget Boce in the 200 free, Maddie Morotto in diving, Paris Sinclair in the 500 free, Mega Banks in the backstroke, and Jacqueline Wood in the breaststroke.

## Christensen Wrestling

The Christensen Middle School wrestling team had 9 wrestlers medal on Saturday at the Harvest Park TOC qualifying tournament.

Two 7th graders placed high enough to qualify for next year's Tournament of Champions in Loomis, CA. Heavyweight Chris Lopez won all 4 of his matches, including pinning his final opponent to take first place. After losing a very tough semifinal match, 4-2 in overtime, Chris Sanchez won his next two matches to finish in 3rd place. He finished the day with four wins and one loss.

7th grader Reece Kerstetter won all 3 of his matches, 2 by pin to take first place. 8th grader Josh Forshaw made the finals, losing a close match 5-6. He finished in second place. 7th grader Phoenix Badertscher had one pin and finished in second place. 8th grader Ryan Petersen overcame his semifinal loss by winning his final two matches, one by pin, to claim 3rd place. 6th grader Brandon Archer had one pin and finished in 2nd place. 6th grader Praneeth Nandamuri also finished in 2nd and had one pin. 6th grader Jason Nunez lost a close match 6-7 in the finals. He finished in second place and had 2 pins.

## East Avenue Wrestling

The East Avenue Middle School wrestling team had eleven medalists at the Harvest Park tournament in Pleasanton on March 23. East Avenue advanced four wrestlers to the championship finals claiming four gold-medals.

Sixth graders Branden Trevethan (75-pounds) and Marcos Martinez (125), seventh grader Oscar Guzman (110) and eighth-grader Kayla Smith (170) all won gold medals in their weight division. Kayla Smith had an impressive tournament pinning all her opponents in route to the gold medal and was named Most Outstanding female wrestler at the tournament. Over 70 girls from 25 schools competed in the all day event. "Kayla has become one of the dominant female wrestlers in the area", said East Avenue coach Mike Nagel. "Her hard work and dedication has really paid off. She has won every tournament this year and continues to

improve each week".

Oscar Guzman had an impressive tournament pinning all his opponents in route to his gold medal. In the championship match Guzman pinned Fin Piroth from Albany in the third period.

DeAngelo Shepard (85), Bryan Torres (115), Scott Ragatz (145), Chyanne Smith (169) and Julian Stroud (190) each took third place in their weight division. Landon Paiso (155) and Jose Martinez (175) took fourth place.

Oscar Guzman had the fastest pin for the team pinning one of his opponents in 19 seconds in the first round.

## Water Polo

The LARPD LAZERS hosted their first water polo tournament of the spring session at the Robert Livermore Community Center. This was the first game for many of the new members of the team.

The Co-ed Beginner team played three very competitive games this weekend. While they were unable to secure a win, the team played very hard and gained valuable experience.

Outstanding tournament for the Level 1 Team sweeping all three games in commanding fashion. Stand-out performances on offense by Elizabeth Bukus, Sean Croghan, Jack Miller and Zach Corbishley. The defense was on lock-down with great play from Ian Herbert, Nathan Fish, Emily Hawkins and David Brooks. 3-0 for the Tournament.

The Level 2 team battled all Tournament to come away with a win in the final game. The Team played with heart and determination in all three games and their efforts paid off. Goalie duties were split between Noah Pettit and Gianna Paden with several stops by each. Defensive efforts were lead by Robert Sutter, Talia Florio and Maddie David. On the offensive front the entire Team contributed with goals being scored by Calvin David, Mia Battilega, Gianna Paden, and Miara Pipe. 1-3 for the Tournament.

The LAZERS next tournament will be held at RLCC in Livermore on April 13.

## LHS Alumni Baseball

Livermore High School baseball alumni will be hosting the Annual Alumni Baseball game this year on April 20th at 11:00. Lunch will be provided after the game. Any questions, contact David Perotti at 925-586-2811 or dperotti@lvjUSD.k12.ca.us

## State Champs

The Northern California Men's State Gymnastics Championship was held in Oroville CA the weekend of March 16-17 for levels 6-10. Boys Levels 4&5 had their State Championship Meet in San Luis Obispo March 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Most of the WCOGA boys will be traveling to Reno next month to compete in the Region 1 Championship against gymnasts from Southern California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.

Level 5, for the 8 year olds, was dominated by Izaiah May who won 1<sup>st</sup> place on all events, except 2<sup>nd</sup> on vault, earning State Champion AA by a large margin. For the 9 year-olds Tyler Hom earned 6<sup>th</sup> on Rings and Malakai May won 1st on vault. Andrew Tambunting placed 3<sup>rd</sup> on Pommel Horse.

Level 6 Age 12+ Cameron Levine earned 1<sup>st</sup> place AA, also clinching 1<sup>st</sup> place in 3 events. Cameron Higgins (9-10) earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place on vault.

Level 7 Evan Young in the 9-10 age bracket earned 4<sup>th</sup> place AA and Will Lavanakul (11-12) earned 1<sup>st</sup> on Pommel Horse and Rings, placing 4<sup>th</sup> AA.

Level 8 Age 11-12 Zion English took 6<sup>th</sup> All-Around and Dominic Costa earned 4<sup>th</sup> place on Rings. In the 13-14 age bracket Robbie Tambunting earned 6<sup>th</sup> place AA. Yiannai Constantinites in the 15-18 age bracket earned 1<sup>st</sup> place on Parallel Bars and Rings and Stephen Chan earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place on high-bar.

Level 9 Andrew Herrador was a true State Champion, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place on 3 events and 1<sup>st</sup> AA. Also in the 14 year old bracket, Tommy Mistretta earned 1<sup>st</sup> on 2 events and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place AA. In the younger 13 year old bracket Bennett Huang earned 1<sup>st</sup> place on 4 events to cleanly sweep the first place AA position. Scott Mackanic earned 4<sup>th</sup> place AA with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place on High-Bar.

The Level 10 Team also demonstrated State Championship Gymnastics. Travis Gollott (17-18) took first place AA with 2 1st place events and 2 2nd place events. In the 15-16 bracket, Nakita Latman earned 1<sup>st</sup> AA, also earning 1<sup>st</sup> on vault and Rings. Joshua Romero placed 2<sup>nd</sup> AA while Wesley Estrada placed 10<sup>th</sup> AA and Chris Siebel placed 12<sup>th</sup> AA.

## West Coast Soccer

West Coast Soccer Wrath girls played a U12 league game against Impact. The team includes Tyler Rene Enderlein, Janessa Sanchez, Kaylie Lawsen, Kylie Karter, Steffanie Angelo, Kate Wallace, Allyssa George, Abby Hoobing, Savannah Seals, Brianna Radliff, Francesca Hyde and Aryanna Shakoor.

Wrath played their first game of Spring league against a battling Heritage Kaos, winning 3to1. Brianne played in goal in the first half behind a well-organized defense of Kylie, Kaylie, Aryanna and Fran. Wrath used wingers Abby and Allyssa to provide width and support the midfielders Tyler and Kate. The opening goal came from a Brianne clearance, Savannah taking the shot beautifully. With support from Janessa and Steffanie, Savannah quickly followed up with a second. Wrath played the passing game with good links-ups between Kylie and Abby on one wing, and Allyssa and Fran on the other. Kaos soaked up the pressure but Wrath added a third with Steffanie's first goal for her new team. Second half and Steffanie took up the goal-keeping gloves. Brianne then played up-front, using her strength to good effect. Wrath continued to pressure with shots from Kate and Tyler. Coach Paul moved the girls around and focused on their game play. Kaos scored an amazing consolation goal from a free-kick. Wrath finished the game comfortable 3-1 winners.

## Springtime Tumbling and Trampoline

Livermore's Springtime Tumbling and Trampoline competed in the Go For the Gold Invitational in Reno, NV on March 16-17th. Twenty-one gymnasts competed in three events: trampoline, double-mini trampoline, and tumbling, bringing home 20 gold medals. Results for the Springtime gymnasts are below:

**Trampoline:** Level 5: Girls ages 11-12: Zoe Harries 23.4/6th, Kaitlyn Firestone 23.4/6th, Dawn Powell 23.3/7th; Girls ages 13 & Over: Mi-

randa Harries 24.6/3rd; Level 6: Girls all ages: Emma Petersen 24.2/2nd; Level 7: Girls ages 17 & Under: Sabra Wilson 23.7/1st; Boys all ages: Timothy Chan 21.9/5th

Level 8: Girls ages 14 & Under: Kaitlyn Clevenger 34.5/1st, Megan Contariego 45.4/5th, Rebecca Okmin 38.4/7th; Girls ages 15 & Over: Kend all Aasen 51.5/3rd, Loren Couture 49.7/4th, Alex Holland 48.9/5th; Boys ages 14 & Under: Jeremy Pigford 51.2/3rd, Nicolai Petersen 48.7/4th, David Davison 46.8/5th, Nicholas Chan 42.0/7th; Boys ages 15 & Over: Emilio Lehmer 50.7/1st, Jelani Roberson 49.0/3rd

Level 10: Boys all ages: Ruben Padilla 62.1/1st, Robathan Harries 58.6/3rd

**Double Mini:** Level 5: Girls ages 11-12: Kaitlyn Firestone 57.0/1st, Dawn Powell 56.4/3rd, Zoe Harries 54.2/7th; Level 6: Girls all ages: Miranda Harries 55.5/1st; Girls all ages: Emma Petersen 55.8/3rd; Level 7: Girls ages 10 & Under: Sabra Wilson 57.5/2nd; Boys all ages: Nicholas Chan 55.7/1st

Level 8: Girls ages 14 & Under: Kaitlyn Clevenger 60.0/1st, Rebecca Okmin 56.8/5th, Megan Contariego 29.2/6th; Girls ages 15 & Over: Kend all Aasen 60.5/1st, Alex Holland 59.1/3rd, Loren Couture 59.0/4th; Boys ages 14 & Under: Jeremy Pigford 59.7/2nd, Nicolai Petersen 58.6/5th, Joshua Romero placed 2<sup>nd</sup> AA while Wesley Estrada placed 10<sup>th</sup> AA and Chris Siebel placed 12<sup>th</sup> AA.

Level 8: Girls ages 14 & Under: Kaitlyn Clevenger 60.0/1st, Rebecca Okmin 56.8/5th, Megan Contariego 29.2/6th; Girls ages 15 & Over: Kend all Aasen 60.5/1st, Alex Holland 59.1/3rd, Loren Couture 59.0/4th; Boys ages 14 & Under: Jeremy Pigford 59.7/2nd, Nicolai Petersen 58.6/5th, Joshua Romero placed 2<sup>nd</sup> AA while Wesley Estrada placed 10<sup>th</sup> AA and Chris Siebel placed 12<sup>th</sup> AA.

Level 10: Boys all ages: Ruben Padilla 65.1/1st

**Tumbling:** Level 3: Girls ages 11 & Over: Miranda Harries 53.7/5th, Zoe Harries 47.2/7th; Level 4: Girls all ages: Kaitlyn Firestone 55.9/4th, Dawn Powell 48.2/11th; Girls all ages: Emma Petersen 56.6/1st; Boys all ages: David Davison 56.1/1st; Level 5: Girls all ages: Sabra Wilson 54.3/3rd; Boys all ages: Timothy Chan 49.8/4th; Boys all ages: Nicholas Chan 53.8/1st

Level 6: Girls all ages: Megan Contariego 53.5/2nd; Boys all ages: Nicolai Petersen 53.5/1st; Level 7: Girls all ages: Loren Couture 50.2/3rd, Kaitlyn Clevenger 47.7/4th; Boys all ages: Jelani Roberson 50.4/1st, Jeremy Pigford 40.9/2nd; Level 8: Girls all ages: Rebecca Okmin 54.0/1st, Kend all Aasen 53.4/2nd; Boys all ages: Emilio Lehmer 52.2/1st; Level 9: Girls all ages: Alex Holland 47.2/1st; Boys all ages: Ruben Padilla 56.4/1st

## Fusion Soccer

Registration for fall recreational and select soccer now open. Registration for Livermore Fusion Soccer Club is open online. Please visit www.fusionsoc.org. Walk-in registration on Sunday, April 14th, 10am-2pm at the Livermore High School Student Union. For questions or more information, please visit us at www.fusionsoc.org or call (925) 443-7570.

## Day at the A's

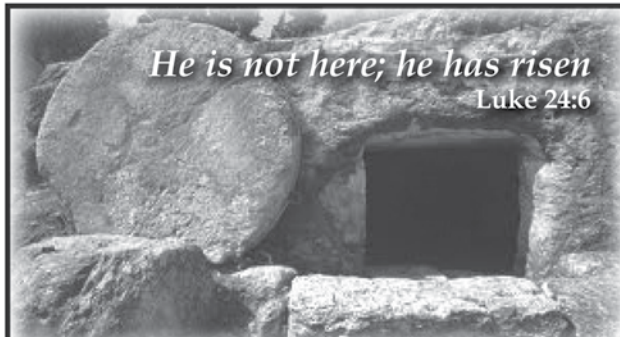
Livermore Community Day at the A's will be held to support athletic programs. The date is Saturday, April 13, 2013. Oakland's vs. Detroit Tigers. The first 10,000 fans receive a 2012 AL West Division Champs Fleece Blanket, Lower Box Seats, Community Tailgate BBQ, Parking, T-shirts included. Featuring the Granada High School Jazz Band performing the National Anthem. Tailgate 11:00am-12:30pm. Game time 1:05pm.

Family Ticket & Business Sponsor packages available. Visit the LVJUSD website for flyer or to order online: www.livermoreschools.com

# EASTER WEEK SERVICES



**Maundy Thursday - March 28**  
**Good Friday - March 29**  
**Easter Sunday - March 31**



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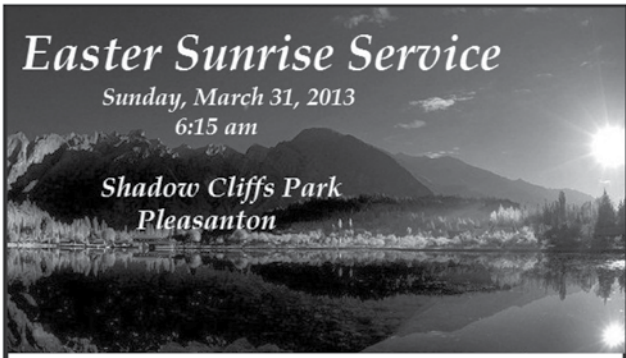
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## SHORT NOTES

### Hikes Planned

Save Mount Diablo is hosting a number of hikes. They include the following:

- Save Mount Diablo's 2013 Four Days Diablo, a "Gently Roughing It" camping trip that leads participants on an adventure through rarely seen Mount Diablo landscapes and epicurean delights April 24th -27th. Each day, staff hauls gear and sets up a new camp while talented local chefs, from restaurants like Forbes Mill, Postino, and Prima Ristorante, create delectable dishes on the spot. The most luxurious camping experience filled with discovery awaits you closer to home than you ever thought. Limited space available. www.savemountdiablo.org/

- Guided Tour of Irish Canyon hike., Sat., April 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. exclusive guided tour of the spectacular 320-acre Irish Canyon property. The property is marked by three spring-fed branches of Irish Creek and steep sculpted slopes. The property supports more than 400 species of plants and animals, provides worldclass views very few living people have seen and has a rich history including two homestead sites. The hike is roughly 6 miles round trip with 900ft elevation gain/loss. No dogs allowed. Age is 14+. R.S.V.P. required (925) 947-3535.

- April Mountain Biking Ride ride, Sat., April 13, 9 a.m. to noon. The Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay April Gala Ride is in conjunction with Save Mount Diablo. The BTCEB Gala rides are casually paced social group rides for men and women of

all skill levels. At least three unique, no-drop rides (minimum of one for each skill level) will be led by experienced local riders very familiar with the trails and terrain. The Mount Diablo area, including MDSP, Diablo Foothills RP and Shell Ridge, are great places for new and experienced riders. Afterwards, all rides will regroup at the meeting location for post ride snacks and socializing.

- Earth Day Project: Sun., April 21, 8:30 a.m. to noon: Join us and REI for a volunteer service project restoring a section of Marsh Creek in Clayton, in celebration of Earth Day. This project is a great opportunity to restore the streamside woodland area for native plants and wildlife. We will remove non-native plants and water native plants. We will provide training and project supervision. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers and wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt, sturdy closed-toe shoes and a hat/visor. Bring sunscreen, a water bottle, gloves and a trowel for weed removal if you have them. Enjoy morning snacks and juice. Space is limited to 40 participants. Heavy rain cancels. R.S.V.P. required (925) 947-3535.

### Babydoll Lambs

A Pre-Easter farm animal open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat., March 30.

Featured will be the new Babydoll lambs along with other mini animals. (For a story on Babydolls, see today's Independent Magazine.)

The open house will be held at the Batteate Ranch, 5600 Collier Canyon Rd., Livermore.

### Business Opportunity

A senior scientist at Stanford University is looking for a driven entrepreneur/co-founder to work together to build a company from the group up.

The company will work to solve a major problem about food around the world. Needed is someone who will grow the technical on-line side of the business. Compensation will be equity in the company. Initial compensation doesn't include salary until funding is secured.

To apply, send one PDF including a Motivation Letter and a Resume to rajnishk@stanford.edu by April 7th, 2013 (Subject line: GloFoo Co-Founder Application).

### Vacancy

The City of Dublin is now accepting applications to fill an unscheduled Trustee vacancy on the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District. The ending date of the term of the unscheduled vacancy is January 1, 2014. A Trustee's function is to approve the District's budget and expenditures, set policy, and oversee the Manager. No knowledge of mosquitoes or mosquito abatement is required.

Applicants applying for the position of Trustee must be available to attend monthly meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (5:00 p.m. in Hayward); and be a resident of Dublin.

Dublin residents interested in serving on the Alameda

County Mosquito Abatement District must complete an application form. Applications may be downloaded at <http://www.dublin.ca.gov/mosquitoabatement> and hand-delivered or mailed to the City Clerk's Office. They may also be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (925) 833-6650. Applications are also available at Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, and the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza. Original signatures are required on the application.

Completed applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568 by 3:00 p.m. on April 5, 2013, for appointment on April 16, 2013. Postmarks will not be accepted.

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday, March 31, 2013, the Easter Bunny will make a special visit to Boomers Livermore, for the 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp and end at 12:00 p.m. Egg Hunt areas are separated into different age groups (11 and under) so that all participants will have an enjoyable experience. (Up to 10 free eggs per person filled with prize vouchers).

This year's event will feature over 2,500 eggs, photo opportunities with 'Boomer' the Kangaroo, prizes and much more. Fill out a raffle entry to be entered in the Family Fun Easter Basket Raffle, for tons of goodies your family is bound to enjoy. There will be a Coloring Contest for all participating children. The

winner of the Coloring Contest will receive a major prize. All winners will be announced at 12:10 p.m. sharp.

### Junior Ranger Program

Mount Diablo State Park has announced that registration is now available for the Spring 2013 Junior Ranger Program. This ever popular annual program includes topics on: prehistoric times, California Indians, wildlife, geology and other areas. Hosted by a park docent, each session includes presentations, hands-on activities and a hike.

Children, ages 7 to 12, plus one accompanying adult are eligible to participate. Sessions will be held at various locations in the Park. The five weekend sessions begin Sunday, May 5th and conclude Sunday, June 9th. Each session runs from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Registration is limited to 15 children, plus one parent per child. While there is no charge for the program, payment of the Park's entrance fee is required.

For more information or to register, contact Steve Elliott at 925-362-8697 or at [SAE612@msn.com](mailto:SAE612@msn.com). Advance registration is required. This program is sponsored by Mount Diablo State Park in cooperation with the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association.

California State Parks does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities. Prior to arrival, participants with disabilities who need assistance should contact Ranger Dan Stefanisko at 925-855-1730

### New President

The Tri-Valley Tourism Bureau, formerly known as the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, has announced the hiring of Barbara Steinfeld as President. She replaces Grant Raeside, who stepped down last September.

Steinfeld joins Tri-Valley after spending the last 16 years at Travel Portland, where she was the Vice President of Tourism Sales. Prior to joining the Portland tourism organization, Steinfeld worked as the International Tourism Manager at the Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau for eight years. She began her career at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, where she spent four years as a Tourism and Economic Development Consultant.

A graduate of Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology, Steinfeld also earned a Guide License from the Israel School of Tourism. Currently she is chair of the US Travel Association's Destination Council and is the past chair of the Cultural & Heritage Tourism Alliance, of which she is a co-founder.

"I am very excited to lead the team at the Tri-Valley Tourism Bureau," said Steinfeld. "I look forward to getting to know each of the cities and promoting this beautiful region."

Steinfeld will join the Tri-Valley Tourism Bureau on April 8.

## OBITUARIES

### Paul Joseph Nelson

Paul Joseph Nelson died February 18, 2013 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A native of California, who was born June 30, 1964.

He was a father to Justin, Brianna and Skylor.

He grew up in Pleasanton, CA and attended Amador Valley High School.

A memorial service will be held on April 13, 2013, 11:00 A.M., at Chapel of the Chimes, 32992 Mission Blvd., Hayward, CA 94544. We have been asked to gather at the entrance office at 10:45 A.M. and will then proceed to the interment site. A reception will follow.

### Norman W. Bettencourt

Norman W. Bettencourt Mar. 27, 1932 to Mar. 20, 2013, was a resident of Brentwood. Norman went home to be with the Lord at the age of 80 surrounded by his family. He spent 36 years in Transportation at the Livermore Lab, before his retirement. Norman was also a Cattle Rancher in the Brentwood area.

Norman is survived by his children; Julie (Tim) Jacobs, Jeff (Heather) Bettencourt and by four grandchildren; Haley, Nicole, Cole and Danielle.

Rosary was held on Monday, March 25. Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated on March 26 at St. Michael Catholic Church, 458 Maple St, Livermore, with burial at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, 3885 East Ave, Livermore.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests memorial donations in Norman's name be made to a local charity of choice.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Deven Lorenzo Leonis

Resident of Livermore Dec 9, 1997 - Mar 22, 2013

Deven passed away after a courageous fight with cancer and a lifetime of battling heart disease. He is survived by his parents Angie and Scott Silva and Dustin and Marlene Leonis, his sister; Alexandria Leonis and his brother; Tyler Leonis.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 11 a.m. at Crosswinds Church, 6444 Sierra Ct., Dublin, CA

94568. Burial will follow service at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore, CA.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### David A. Fleming

David Anthony Fleming, born June 1, 1932, died on March 16, 2013, in Livermore, California. after a long illness. David was a native of California, born in Fresno, CA. He was one of a large family of 13 children consisting of 10 girls and 3 boys. David is the only surviving son, along with 5 of the sisters Juanita Yates of Fortuna, Rose Marie Dinmore of Eureka, CA, Helen Bomar of Portland, OR, Beatrice Dusza of Boston, MA and Judith Boyle of Livermore, CA.

Also survived by his son David (Steve T.) of Lakeport, CA, daughter Linda (Chris) Minar and grandchildren, Colin, Nolan and Lauren, all of New Prague, MN.

Preceded in death by his father John William, mother Katherine Roach Fleming, brother Edward, sisters Katie, Anne, Regina, "Sister" and an infant at birth

The family moved to Eureka where David attended The Nazareth Academy and graduated from Eureka High School, Class of 1950, where he lettered in football. During and after school he worked for the local grocer. Upon graduation he secured positions with Tony Gosslin, Howard Cooper Corp. an Stevenson Equipment Co. as parts manager for many years. Moving to Santa Rosa where he and his first wife, Sandra owned and operated the Tropic's Motel, a familiar sight along the old highway 101, where the children spent most of their time in the pool. Enjoying a full house during Fair time and the Raiders football team in spring training.

After selling the motel, the family moved to Rohnert Park where they managed several apartment complexes for one owner, Jack Yanoff of Enterprise Properties where David and Marian retired from in 2006. David at one time had his own professional photography studio, in Santa Rosa, and was the Photographer

for Charlie Shultz, where many of his portraits still hang in the Redwood Ice Arena. He had to give up many of his projects after developing Macular Degeneration. After retiring and moving to Livermore, with limited vision he found a love of gardening, especially his tomatoes.

David and Marian married in 1993 in Santa Rosa and would have celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on April 24th. They enjoyed attending the Class Reunions held in Eureka, every 5 years, attending the 60th one in 2010. We loved that trip and I enjoyed meeting so many of his classmates.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated by Father Augustine in the Chapel at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore on March 27th, 2013.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

### Kenneth Alan Logsdon

Apr. 7, 1931 - March 24, 2013 Long time Resident of Livermore

Ken Logsdon lost his battle with cancer and earned his place in heaven during the early morning hours of

March 24. He died peacefully with many members of his large family at his side.

Ken was born in San Francisco to Charles and Marion Logsdon. The family relocated to Pleasant Hill during Ken's early teenage years. He graduated from Diablo Valley High School in 1948, where he met the love of his life, Connie Smith. They were married on October 29, 1950.

Ken heard his country's call for help and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. He was discharged after the war, but always felt proud to be a Marine. He maintained his membership in the Marine Corps non-active reserve organization.

Ken went back to civilian life as a musician and

dental technician. In the 1950's Ken was co-owner of Logsdon and Reis Music store in downtown Livermore. As a professional piano and accordion player, he was a member of many dance bands and orchestras playing throughout the Bay Area. Ken also strolled accordion and played piano providing background music at top dinner locations. Ken was active as a band leader, and music arranger up until his health no longer allowed him to do so. He led the Ken Alan Five Combo at Haps Restaurant for nine years to the delight of diners and dancers. His most recent gigs included playing at the San Ramon Senior Center, Ridgeview Commons in Pleasanton, and numerous Knights of Columbus and church events. He also liked to team up with his son, Tim and grandsons Andy and Steven, to provide music for events at the Livermore VA Hospital and for barbecues at one of his favorite places, Frazier Lake Airpark (One Charlie Niner) near Hollister. Ken continued to work with and mentor his grandchildren and great grandchildren in music.

Ken volunteered for many causes as an officer of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, as a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Father Patrick Power Council #4588 and as a Fourth Degree member of the Holy Spirit Assembly. He was an advocate for military personnel and veterans organizing several VA Outreach programs in the Tri-Valley Area. A special scholarship is named for him to assist veterans with college tuition at Las Positas College.

Ken had many hobbies including model building and painting miniature objects in perfect detail. He loved his patio that he decorated in the style of an airplane hangar. When asked about his hobbies, Ken would humbly say, "my six children."

Ken is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 62 years, Connie; his children, Catherine (Katie) Harding (Chuck) of Livermore, Laura Kraft (Larry) of Bobtown, PA, Tim Logsdon (Heather) of Livermore, Col. Vince Logsdon (Stacy)

Clifton, VA, and Dennis Logsdon, Livermore. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren; a sister Kristen Stewart of Oceanside and a brother, Joe Logsdon of Salida; several close cousins, nieces and nephews, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his son, Andrew Logsdon, Capt USMC Reserve, his brother, Donald Logsdon, grandson Christopher Harding, and great-grandson Kieran Harding.

Ken was always fascinated by aviation and looked forward to flying in his son, Tim's Cessna any time Tim could take him. Ken also enjoyed spending time with his beloved German Shepherd, Marina, who preceded him in death by three weeks.

A vigil will be held Monday, April 1 from 5-8PM at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue in Livermore with a rosary beginning at 7PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 2nd at 11AM at St. Michael Parish 458 Maple Street, Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Knights of Columbus Corporal Ken Logsdon (USMC) Memorial Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1007, Livermore, CA 94551.

### John David O'Neal

John David O'Neal was born August 5, 1956 in Berkeley to Lonna and Devoe O'Neal. He died March 15, 2013.

The family moved from San Leandro to Livermore in 1968, where John attended Junction Avenue and Livermore High schools, graduating in 1974. After high school he went through GM Training School. He worked as a self-employed independent contractor delivering freight for 13 years, then traded the bobtail for a water truck working it for the last 20 years. He enjoyed camping and boating.

and dirt bikes including hill climbs at Carnegie.

He was preceded in death by his father Devoe O'Neal and sister Terri McPherson. He is survived by his mother Lonna O'Neal, son David O'Neal and partner Cheryl Wallace.

A memorial is planned at Trinity Church 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore, on Saturday, March 30th at 2p.m.

### Jeffrey Dean Hendricks

Jan. 23, 1957 - March 14, 2013

Jeff "Brillo" Hendricks of Livermore, CA passed away on March 14, 2013. Jeff lived life to its fullest but ultimately lost his courageous 8-month battle with cancer. Born and raised in Sunnyvale, CA, Jeff served in the Air Force and worked at NASA prior to retiring in Livermore, CA. Jeff played golf as often as possible and was a beloved member of his local golfing community.

Jeff is survived by his wife Teri and his sons, Daniel and Justin.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, March 28, 2013, from 2 - 4 pm at the Springtown Golf Course Clubhouse located at 931 Larkspur Drive, Livermore, CA 94551. A 9-hole round of golf will be played in Jeff's honor immediately following the Celebration of Life.



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Longevity Wines in the Livermore Valley was one of the stops for barrel tasting over the weekend.

## Wines Tapped to Greet Spring

By Carol Graham

Kicking off a new season is particularly enjoyable when wine is at the heart of it. It is more pleasant still when friends, both known and soon to be known, sunshine, music, food, and sweeping vistas are added.

Barrel Tasting Weekend in the Livermore Valley, held March 23rd and 24th, launched the 2013 wine season as visitors from throughout the Bay Area visited 30-plus local wineries to sample wine futures.

"It's exciting because this is the first major event of the year," said Cuda Ridge volunteer Jane Ayotte. "It's not as crowded as some other events. Most people enjoyed the chance to meet the winemakers at different wineries, and were excited just to be out in beautiful weather with wine and music."

The 5th annual fundraiser hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrower's Association invited participants to taste and purchase wine futures. Also called en primeur, wine futures allow customers to purchase a particular wine before it's bottled, while a vintage is still in the barrel. This opportunity permits enthusiasts to secure wines that may have a limited release, and often allows a discounted price.

Participant Betsy Sandoval visited several wineries, including Big White House. "John Evan has a tasty Cab that was beautiful in color and the taste was magnificent," she said. "Our second stop was McGrail's. We'd never been there, but we know winemaker Mark

Clarín and his Cloan 8 has a great balance of blends. We can't wait for the release. McGrail's grounds are beautiful; it's a great place to have a nice lunch and enjoy a bottle or two as we enjoy the awesome views."

At Cuda Ridge, winemaker and owner Larry Dino noted, "There were good crowds throughout the day, but it was comfortable and everyone enjoyed themselves. Last year, people came to get a quick taste and move on to the next winery, but it was different this year. People seemed to hang out for a while and enjoy the wine, music, food and friendly company."

With good reason. Just beyond the plum-colored 1970 Barracuda for which the winery is named, guests enjoyed sliders (miniature bun sandwiches) scrumptiously paired with Cuda Ridge wines. "I've developed my signature style of marrying flavors of the southwest with my love of Mexican food at Posada Catering," said chef Eduardo Posada. "For Barrel Tasting Weekend, we paired the Short Ribs in Blackberry Mole Slider with the 2010 Syrah, the Red Pepper Hummus Veggie Slider with the 2010 Malbec, and the Chile Verde Carnitas and Slaw Slider with the 2010 Cabernet Franc.

"I'm very fortunate to be invited to some of the Livermore wineries for their special events throughout the year, along with some wineries asking for food pairing with their new wine releases."

At Murrieta's Well, the tasting room was hopping.

"Guests had a lot of fun. They loved our wines and many purchased futures of our 2011 Los Tesoros Merlot," said Tasting Room Manager Lori Albiani. "Since the event is focused on tasting a future wine straight from the barrel, it's also an educational experience."

Owners and winemakers throughout the valley were on hand to speak with visitors about the various methods of producing Livermore's world-class wines as well as terroir, climate and the often locally-produced art chosen for their labels.

"The next thing we have coming up is the Amgen cycling tour release, called 'The Tour,'" Dino said of the Cuda Ridge wine commemorating the popular annual event. "We'll release it May 2nd."

Upcoming Livermore wine events include the association's Wine Wednesdays in April, Down to Earth Day on April 21st, Livermore Premium Outlets Sip and Shop on May 16th, and Taste Our Terroir on July 18th. The 22nd Annual Wine Country Festival will be hosted by Livermore Downtown, Inc. on May 4th and 5th.

For Sandoval, "Our last stop was Mitchell Katz. His new winery is warm and lively with happy faces and fantastic wine. It was great to visit wineries we normally don't visit and to taste such wonderful wines from the Livermore Valley. There's no need to visit Napa when we have such a great variety in our own backyard."

For more information, visit [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org).

## VETERANS

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men and women of all ages, cheered wildly.

"Bullets don't stop because we're women," said Lieutenant Colonel Doral Gonzales. "We carry weapons, and we know how to use them. We drive trucks, and fly helicopters and jets. When you look at a woman vet, that's a soldier."

Honoring Women Veterans was hosted by LPC's Veterans First program during California's Women Veterans History Week, March 18-24, to honor women veterans' courage and sacrifice in defense of the United States.

"I was inspired by many of our amazing women veterans at Las Positas and how they tend not to receive the recognition for the service they provided our country," said the college's Veterans Coordinator Todd Stefan. "The event was held to honor all women who have served, and to understand the challenges our returning women veterans face."

Six veterans formed a panel, answering audience questions and speaking about serving in WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Judy Tarter joined the Navy in 1954 while working for the phone company. "My supervisor told me that if I worked hard, in 25 years I could be a supervisor just like her," said Tarter. "I checked out at lunch and joined the Navy. I'm impressed how far women have come and feel honored to have been a small link in the chain between then and now."

The veterans emphasized that women join the military for the same reasons as men: camaraderie, adventure, to build confidence and a sense

of self, money for college, and to contribute to the greater good.

"Our female soldiers and veterans feel the same camaraderie and pride - and unfortunately suffer the same wounds, both physical and mental - that our male service members do," said Army Sergeant First Class Veronica Salter. "Yet women veterans often feel like an afterthought in the public's, government's and media's eyes. We want to get away from people saying, 'Servicemen...oh, and women.' We are more alike than the public realizes, but we carry the additional burdens of having to overachieve and often deal with gender stereotypes and sexual harassment."

Speakers addressed the challenges facing women, both during service and after returning to civilian life from connecting with other veterans, to understanding benefits, to hoping for more female-friendly uniforms.

Las Positas student and Navy veteran Kate Williams noted, "The event gave me a greater awareness of women veterans and an appreciation for the struggles faced and the goals achieved in order to get us to the more equal playing field that we have today."

Women's service in the US military began during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, in which women had to masquerade as men. By World War II women were able to serve openly, though they had to leave service when married.

Veteran Iona Ray married her flyboy during WWII, ending her military career, though she spoke glowingly of her time serving in the Naval Nurse Corps. "People

would be primary," she said recalling her favorite part. "I think of them as if they were here today."

The event, which included lunch, was sponsored by Blue Star Moms of Danville, Daughters of the American Revolution, Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter, and PG&E.

"When Todd asked PG&E to partner and host a special event for women veterans, we jumped at the chance," said spokesperson Nicole Liebelt. "The presentation and the panelist discussions were fascinating. There are great organizations like Las Positas' Veterans First that provide support and resources."

Speaker and Army Staff Sergeant Starlyn Lara said the standout moment for her was the awarding of five college scholarships sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution and PG&E. "Supporting veterans is more than a sticker on a bumper; it's becoming involved and getting to know the veterans in our communities. Scholarships send a strong message of support and acknowledgement of service and sacrifice."

Panelist and US Coast Guard Operations Specialist First Class Wendy Lone Bear said of the roughly 200 attendees, "I didn't expect the turnout. It was nice to see so many young people and community members show up for an event like this."

"Our veterans may have hung up one uniform and transitioned to the civilian world but they are continuing in a time-honored tradition of service to helping each other and their communities."

## A's Mascot Leads Way For Vintage Hills Runners

Stomper, the elephant mascot of the Oakland A's, made an appearance at Vintage Hills elementary school in Pleasanton to build more excitement about the school's fitness program.

Stomper appeared on campus at lunch hour March 22 for the school's weekly Fun Fit Friday run and walk. Stomper's appearance fee was picked up by Schlicher Orthodontics, a Pleasanton business, said Kendra Zierau, treatment coordinator at the professional office.

Stomper definitely generated excitement about the fitness program, said Vintage Hills principal Melissa Theide. Kids were getting autographs. Some students who usually play basketball

or football during lunch period joined the run, said Theide.

The A's mascot kept with the rule of team mascots: no talking while wearing the costume. Instead, there was pantomiming of funny moves. The kids loved the playfulness, said Theide.

Fitness Fridays and the related running and walking program started at the beginning of the school year. Participating kids are issued cards. Teachers punch the card after a certain amount of distance is covered. The students can run on any weekday on the playground. However, Fun Fit Fridays are organized with the principal leading the way, and music played to add to the fun.

Stomper is not the only celebrity to show up to lead the throng. School superintendent Parvin Ahmadi and school board president Jeff Bowser ran one day earlier this year. Their track leadership came during both the early grades' and late grades' lunch periods. Ahmadi logged 3.5 miles, said Theide.

The run/walk program is possible "through the dedication of our PE teacher, and our PTA. We couldn't do it without their energy," said Theide.

Terri Drain is the PE teacher, and Theide said that Diane Berry, Suzanne Kostalnick, and other PTA members helped with the event.



Pictured in the photo collage are (left to right) Supervisor Haggerty with Brier Elementary 5th grader Kiya Johnson and her father Steve Johnson; (top to bottom) Supervisor Haggerty with Junction Avenue K-8 School 8th grader Austin Evernham; and Supervisor Haggerty with East Avenue Middle School 8th grader Makenzie Brown.

## Students Illustrate Bike Safety in Contest

Supervisor Scott Haggerty teamed up with the Alameda County TransForm Safe Routes to Schools program this month to host a bicycle essay contest entitled "Bike it-I Like it!" in schools within his supervisory district. During special presentation ceremonies, taking place the week of March 17th, winners from each individual school were announced and prizes were awarded. There were two top prizes (bicycles complete with helmets, lights and locks) awarded at each school, as well as, a handful of alternative prizes for runners-up and for general participation.

Supervisor Haggerty, who acted as a judge, said,

"The essays were fun to read. It was clear that many of the students put quite a bit of time and thought into their work. This made for no easy task on the part of the judging panel, that's for sure."

The goal of the contest was to promote bicycle use and safety, and to educate District 1 students on the many health and environmental benefits of bicycling as a means of transportation. Essay questions, which were assigned on a voluntary basis, instructed students to clearly demonstrate their need/want for a bicycle and if they already had one, students were asked to focus on

their thoughts regarding the importance of bicycle riding, exhibiting bicycle safety and abiding by the rules of the road.

"It is just so rewarding to be able to give bikes to kids who may not otherwise have the opportunity. The looks on their faces made it all worth it," said Supervisor Haggerty.

Contests were held at East Avenue Middle and Junction K-8 in Livermore, Dougherty Elementary in Dublin, and Brier Elementary in Fremont. Contests at Murray Elementary in Dublin and Parkmont Elementary in Fremont are scheduled for May.

## THEATER

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the public hearing conducted by the Civic Arts Commission left a bad impression. Children spoke in favor of San Francisco and were told their comments did not matter. There were uniformed police officers present.

Carol Clinton continued, "One commissioner was condescending. The children were ignored. We were told that the decision had already been made. That taught us we have no voice." She noted that 50 spoke in person and over 200 signed a petition in favor of the San Francisco company.

Yoder and Clinton suggested that the process be reopened.

Other speakers voiced similar concerns about the process and the hearing. Tina Wagner said that the main point is that San Francisco created something outstanding and should be allowed to build on it. "We were told our feelings could not be considered in the decision. I hope you look at it again. This is a big deal."

Arts Commissioner Karen Martens said she was not speaking for the commission. She was a member of the screening committee. She commented that there was never a time when anyone said that San Francisco Shakespeare is not a reputable organization. "We attempted to look at what is best for the entire community."

City Manager Nelson

Fialho added that the process followed was the same as had been followed in similar instances. He said if BACT does not meet performance standards, "We will get rid of them. I invite the public to work with us to make sure they hold up their end of the bargain."

He added that after receiving over 300 emails, some of them threatening, he made the decision to have police officers present at the hearing in front of the Arts Commission.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio said she was sorry to hear the negative perception surrounding the decision. "The new management could be better; could be worse. We don't know. It is too bad San Francisco did not attend this meeting to answer questions. If the reports I am looking at were what the Arts Commission

reviewed, I would have made the same decision it did. This is a one-year contract. If BACT is unable to perform, we will know that shortly."

Karla Brown added, "I do think that competition sometimes makes us better. BACT knew they were competing against an established program and showed well. It does sound like the company was fully vetted. When it comes to caring for children, we need accurate, thorough applications."

Mayor Jerry Thorne said he was disturbed that a group of people feel that they weren't heard. "I can't find any fault with the process. What came out of it is a good recommendation from staff that gives us the opportunity for growth in the future. I hope you will go into this with open minds and work with us."

## ENERGY

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to his council earlier this month that the organization resolved the structure of the energy council. Bidle said that he would like to put membership in it on a council agenda soon.

Becerra said that Pleasanton and Livermore will also consider membership.

The energy council will

be able to accept funds, and conduct energy-related outreach programs. The exact nature of which energy grants will be sought is to be determined by the board members, as the process continues, said Becerra.

The cities that have joined so far are Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, Albany, Piedmont and San Leandro.



## New County App Provides Real Time Information on Property

The Alameda County Assessor and Treasurer-Tax Collector are unveiling a groundbreaking new mobile application that will allow property owners and others to quickly obtain a wealth of information about any property in the County while on-the-go.

The mobile app can be downloaded to an iPhone for free from the iTunes App Store. Alameda County is believed to be the first county in California to offer

the mobile property app.

"This technological enhancement brings key elements of our web-site to a mobile platform to better serve the public," said Ron Thomsen, Alameda County Assessor. Added Donald White, Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector: "The addition of a new gateway to pay property taxes through your iPhone and iPad is a major accomplishment."

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County Property app, mobile phones and other mobile devices can be used to:

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- View assessment, tax and printed tax bills.
- Pay taxes with a credit

card

• Get help with contacting County offices, including driving directions and automatic phone dialing.

The County has set up an online data portal, data.acgov.org, to showcase a broad range of datasets now available to the public. To expand public knowledge about these efforts, the County has launched a series of public "hackathons" to challenge participants to build mobile and web-based

applications that leverage County data to address important public needs.

To learn more about the Alameda County Property

app, call Guy Ashley at (510) 272-6569 or go to <http://www.acgov.org/treasurer/>.

## Dedication of Fire Station One Memorial Garden Set

The dedication of the Fire Station One Memorial Garden will be hosted by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 on Saturday, March 30, 2011. The event, which is open to the public, will be held at the garden, located on the grounds of Fire Station Number One at 3560 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The garden will be dedicated to U.S. Army Specialist Jameson Lindskog, a military medic and Pleasanton resident who was killed in Afghanistan in 2011. The site was selected by SPC Lindskog's family to recognize the connection between his role as a combat medic and the fire department's responsibility to provide emergency medical assistance to the community. SPC Lindskog also grew up within one mile of Fire Station One.

"We are so honored that the family of Army Specialist Lindskog has chosen Fire Station One for this beautiful memorial that serves to remind us of the commitment made by our military troops and public safety responders," observes LFPD Chief Jim Miguel.

The memorial garden includes a fountain, shrubs and

flowers, a wooden bench, and a bronze plaque which describes SPC Lindskog's service to our community and nation. All of the landscaping materials and work were donated by local companies and service clubs.

In addition to the special dedication, the agenda includes brief comments

by Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and Fire Chief Jim Miguel. For more informa-

tion, please contact Doug Miller, VFW Post 6298, at (925) 998-9905.

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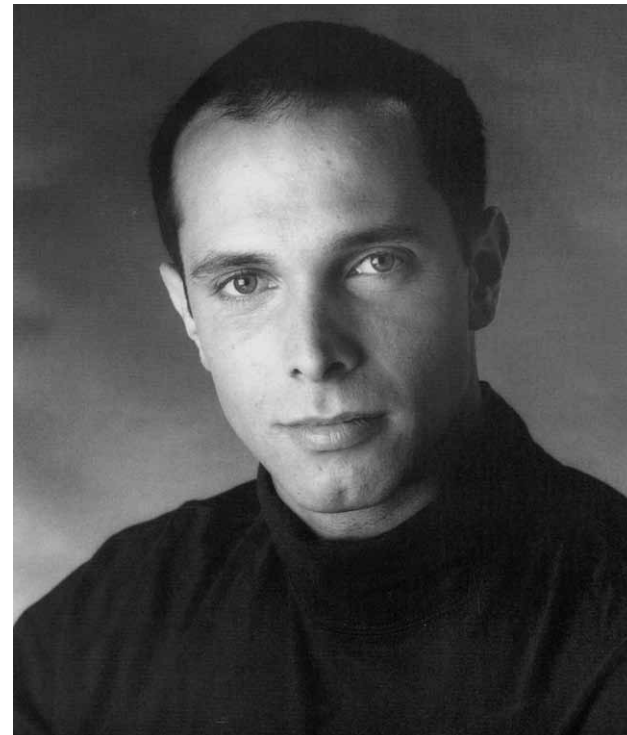
# Valley Concert Chorale Presents 'Songs of Serenity;' Joined by LPC Chamber Choir

The Valley Concert Chorale will perform the highlight concert of its 49th season featuring the music of two of the choral world's most renowned and creative contemporary composers Maurice Duruflé and Morten Lauridsen. Las Positas College Chamber Choir will join the Chorale.

The performance of "Songs of Serenity" is 7:30 p.m. on Sat., April 13 at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore.

"We will perform the Duruflé Requiem and Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, two of the most deeply moving contemporary choral pieces ever written," says VCC Artistic Director John Emory Bush. Las Positas College Chamber Choir, under the direction of Robert Lappa will perform with VCC. "These two pieces are favorites of choral singers and audiences all over the world, and whether you are a fan of choral music or not, after experiencing these two incredible pieces, you will be."

Duruflé's Requiem is known as one of the most beautiful among choral masterpieces, says Bush. "I think the Kyrie of the Requiem is the best of any choral composer. Based on Gregorian chants and colored to influence the era of Impressionism, this piece is similar to the tones and melodic lines of Debussy. Think of your favorite Im-



**Soprano Jumi Kim and baritone Brian Leerhuber will perform as soloists**

pressionistic painting and that's what this music is."

According to Bush, Duruflé was a renowned organist in France and wrote very few musical works, only 11, probably because he was such a perfectionist. "He worked so hard to get his musical pieces perfect that he would not let them be published. He completed the Requiem in 1947 at the time of his father's death, and is the one work for which he is best known." Duruflé died in 1986 from complications of an auto accident.

Soloists featured in the Requiem will be guest



baritone Brian Leerhuber and soprano Jumi Kim, a member of VCC. The Chorale last performed the Requiem in 2000 and Bush felt it was time to do it again. "It's such a beautiful piece that the singers love to perform and I thought it perfect to pair with another great choral

work, Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna."

Since its premier in 1997, Lux Aeterna has been performed throughout the world and is considered Lauridsen's centerpiece of choral compositions. It is written for either orchestra or organ accompaniment, and VCC has chosen to

to light, assembled from various sacred Latin texts, provided him with personal comfort and solace during his time of loss. According to his commentary in the musical score, Lauridsen chose the sacred music of the late Renaissance "to create a quiet, direct and introspective meditation on light, using primarily the consonant harmonies, intricate counterpoint, formal procedures and chant-like melodic lines of that era."

"Though the lyrics are that of a traditional Requiem Mass, the melodies are contemporary with beautifully complex yet luscious chords that create a deeply moving experience for the audience," explains Bush. "This piece, coupled with the Duruflé Requiem will transport listeners to another world."

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10 with valid student ID. Children under 12 are free. Advance tickets may be ordered by visiting the Chorale's website at [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org), or by calling the Chorale's information number at (925) 866-4003 to order tickets

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perform with organist Annette Albrecht. Lauridsen's choral masterpiece twice received Grammy nominations with the orchestral recordings by the Los Angeles Master Chorale and Sinfonia Orchestra, and by the London-based ensemble Polyphony with the Britten Sinfonia.

Lauridsen, who in 2007 was awarded the National Medal of the Arts, has stated that Lux Aeterna or Eternal Light was composed in response to his mother's final illness. He said that the choral piece with its many references

## Legendary Ladies of Country Music Tribute Show at the Firehouse

Joni Morris, who is best known for her tribute performances of classic country music figures, returns to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. This time Morris and her After Midnight Band present their Tribute to the Legendary Ladies of Country Music.

The show is one performance only, Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25, with youth and senior discounts available.

A singer, actress, and songwriter, Joni Morris is widely respected for her shows honoring the great

Patsy Cline and Connie Francis, as well as for writing, performing and recording her own music. In addition to music performed by Cline and Francis, this show will also feature songs by Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette, Dolly Parton, Emmy Lou Harris, and a host of other famous artists.

Born in Modesto, and raised in Stockton, Joni says her career started out almost by accident. As a busy mom shuttling her daughter to piano lessons, Morris noticed a door down the hall advertising

voice lessons. "I decided why not take voice lessons instead of just waiting in the lobby," she says. The decision to step through that door would ultimately put Morris on an entirely new career path that would include national tours, CD releases, sold-out shows, and critical acclaim.

Having toured nationally for more than a decade, she has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry stage and other notable venues. She has even portrayed Patsy Cline in the Columbia Actors Repertory stage production "Always Patsy Cline," to rave reviews.

The Tribute to the Legendary Ladies showcases Morris' authentic sound, dazzling costumes she collects from the golden era of the 50s and 60s, comedic interludes, and of course her wonderful audience interaction. Favorites like "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Sweet Dreams," and "Where the Boys Are" will fill the set lists. Not to be missed.

To be noted: Joni Morris has sold out all past Firehouse appearances. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and two hours prior to the performance.

**Joni Morris to perform.**



**Andrew Thierry**

## Grammy Award Nominee Andre Thierry and the Zydeco Flames Return to the Bothwell

A Zydeco Dance Party set in a Mardi Gras atmosphere will be held on Saturday, March 30. It will feature Grammy Award Nominee and Winner of the 2012 West Coast Blues Hall of Fame award, Andre Thierry and Zydeco Flames. The party starts at 6 p.m. and runs until 10 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center.

At only 32 years old, Thierry is an exceptional multi-dimensional musician who has a finely-honed ability to merge traditional Zydeco music with hip-hop, blues, jazz and rock, and has reached legendary status in the

Creole world. His original music is a blend of old and new, with a mastery that enables him to create a unique sound for his and future generations while staying true to the past.

In Zydeco Dance Party tradition, the event starts with free Zydeco Dance Lessons at 6 p.m. and again during the band's break with "Zydeco Ted" Ted Sherrod.

Creole cuisine, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Doors open at 5:30.

Zydeco music evolved in the late 1800's from social gatherings of

multiracial, French speaking Creoles of south and southwest Louisiana, and features a piano accordion and a washboard. It is generally fast and fun – sample some at [andrethierry.com](http://andrethierry.com).

The Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore is a project of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation. Facebook the Bothwell and stay informed of new events and classes.

New Art Classes and fun happenings are online at [www.bothwellartscenter.org](http://www.bothwellartscenter.org).



# Local Groups Beneficiaries of Grant-in-Aid Program



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Traditional dancing was part of the day's activities.

By Carol Graham

"Think of a drop of dye that's dropped into a river. It's impossible to know how far it will spread and how many lives it will touch," said Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Chief Jim Miguel. "As both the funds and the love from these grants spread, they will touch hundreds if not thousands of people."

Miguel, along with Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Police Chief Steve Sweeney, spoke at the Hindu Community and Cultural Center's Grant-in-Aid ceremony, during which \$30,000 was awarded to dozens of local benevolent organizations ranging from an Eagle Scout project to Hope Hospice.

"The HCCC is a gift to our community," said recipient Tonya Clenney, Program Director for the

Tri-Valley Youth Court, an organization that provides an opportunity for middle and high school youth who are first-time offenders of misdemeanors and lesser crimes to make amends to their victims using restorative justice and positive peer influence. "The HCCC is very generous with their time, expertise and donations."

The annual Grant-in-Aid ceremony was held on March 23rd at the Shiva-Vishnu Temple in Springtown. Attendees were treated to a cultural program during which dances were performed by girls and women in shimmering traditional dress.

"Our Human Services Committee believes that service to mankind is service to God," said HCCC Board of Directors member Anand Gundu. "With this motto we would like to serve the community, and

our doors are open to everyone for all events we do at HCCC, be it Yoga Health (Saturdays at 8 a.m.) or our Health Fairs (held in the fall).

"Since we can't reach everyone everywhere, we believe giving to organizations that touch humanity is the best way to reach out to the community at large."

Hinduism grants absolute freedom of belief and worship. "We don't expect everyone to believe in our religion; Hinduism doesn't preach that you have to convert anyone," said Gundu. "The spirit of Hinduism is a way of life: don't do harm to others, be nice to people, and treat people the way you would like to be treated."

For Justin Kehl, the grant he received was instrumental in supporting his Eagle Scout project. "I'm working with the VA Hospital to provide an

area for veterans to relax and reflect," he said. "The site is a large, grassy area encircled by a concrete walkway. I'd like to enhance the area by adding a concrete pad, a bench and native flowering plants. It will provide a quiet location for vets to visit with their families or simply relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

"The HCCC is a remarkable organization that is very charitable and caring towards the community as a whole."

For Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney, the event was bittersweet. "I am retiring in one week. This is probably my last public event, and I can't think of a better place to be," he said. "I always look forward to this very special event. I can't thank you enough for the number of people you reach out to and touch through this Grant-in-Aid program. You've always been so warm, so gracious and so, so generous to this community."

Hina Saiya accepted a grant for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. "The foundation gives funds to cancer patients going through chemotherapy and radiation to help alleviate the side effects of their treatment using alternative therapies like meditation, massage, guided imagery, acupuncture and acupressure," said Saiya.

"By giving back to their local community, HCCC shows its support and follows its ideals of encouraging human services work."

For more information, visit [www.livermoretemple.org](http://www.livermoretemple.org).

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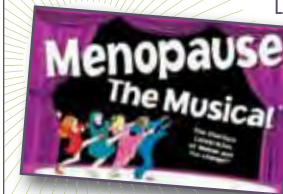
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## Review: 'Forever Plaid'

# Nonstop Energy Creates A Feel Good Show

By Carol Graham

"What's the worst that can happen? We already died!" says a character in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's exuberant musical Forever Plaid.

This wonderfully quirky revue-style show centers on the Plaids, a 1950s-style four-part harmony group whose members died in a car accident on the way to their first big show. Miraculously, they are revived to get one last chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never was.

"I loved it," says audience member Regina Linse. "I was tentative at first since I didn't know anything about it, but it was amazingly well done. It's basically an hour and a half of nonstop energy for everyone involved, including the audience - which isn't easy to do."

The production rests on the shoulders of Frankie, Jinx, Sparky and Smudge, played by actors whose terrific triple-threat talents anchor a show that could easily have swayed towards hammy or uncomfortable, yet never came close to such a misstep. Instead,

the actors' complete commitment to the naivete and innocence of a by-gone era makes it a buoyant romp that the audience is in on.

"Forever Plaid is one of those shows that is followed by many, and many know it well," says Scott Maraj who plays Frankie. "Opening night was extremely satisfying; I think we surprised even ourselves. It was the first time playing to an audience so it was very fresh to find where and how the audience would respond to the jokes, to the songs, to the sentiment and, mostly, to the four of us."

Music includes the familiar favorites Three Coins in the Fountain, Moments to Remember, Heart and Soul, and No, Not Much.

"It's not very often that one gets to sing tight four-part harmonies for an entire show," says Burton Weaver who plays Smudge. "My favorite moments are when the characters shed their self-conscious feelings and just channel their inner crooner."

Interspersed with the beautifully sung oldies, are laugh-out-loud rousing



'Forever Plaids' in their rendition of Day Oh

renditions of songs that include Perfidia, Day-O and Mathilda, Mathilda. Keep an eye on Sparky, played by Daniel Quezada, who creatively employs maracas to punctuate particular lyrics.

Yet for many audience members the show's highlight was a rambunctious tribute to Ed Sullivan that had so much going on one immediately wishes to see it again.

"I loved Burt doing the

sock puppets in the Ed Sullivan montage," says Burton's mom Roseanna Conlon. "In fact, I thought that whole piece was a kick! The show is a delightful comedy, the music will take you back,

and the vocals are tight and well-arranged. The theater is wonderful and Danville offers many opportunities for before or after show refreshment."

Forever Plaid is playing at Danville's Village Theatre, 233 Front Street. Remaining performances are Friday, March 29th at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 30th at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$25.

"I hope the audience really connects with the four different personalities of the guys. Each has his own story and sentiment but really, we are one group," says Maraj.

Adds Glen Riggs, who plays Jinx, "Forever Plaid has a little something for everyone. Feeling like you connect with the guy A Feel-Good Show is part of the journey; the audience should feel so many emotions during the show. I hope they walk away with a song or two stuck in their heads. This is a feel-good show and every person should leave happy."

For more information, visit [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com) or call (925)314-3400.



On Sunday, 21 April, 2013 the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117 will be holding its 3rd Annual Children's Carnival. There will be bean bag toss, lollypop pull, balloon dart throwing, hole in one, and more. Each child, from the ages of 2 to 12, will receive a free meal consisting of a hot dog, chips, and drink plus a free cotton candy, bag of pop corn and 10 game tokens. Additional tokens and food can be purchased for a nominal fee. All proceeds will benefit the Elks National Foundation and Major Projects. The festivities will take place at the Lodge, 940 Larkspur Drive Livermore. For more information, contact Tammy Sturgill at 925-437-0109 or [k.sturgill@comcast.net](mailto:k.sturgill@comcast.net)



## Production Includes Parodies from the Classics of the '60s and '70s and '80s.

The show *Menopause The Musical*® has chosen Livermore as a 'hot' national market and will play the Bankhead Theater for four performances April 10, 11 and 13 only.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org) or by calling 925-373-6800. Group discounts of 10+ are available by calling 888-686-8587 x8.

The all-female cast of *Menopause The Musical*® includes Teri Adams (Iowa Housewife), Kimberly Vanbiesbrouck (Soap Star), Margot Moreland (Earth Mother) and Kimberly Ann Harris (Professional Woman).

Set in a department store, where four women with seemingly nothing in common but a black lace bra meet by chance at a lingerie sale. The all-female cast makes fun of their woeful hot flashes, forgetfulness, mood swings, wrinkles, night sweats and chocolate binges. A sisterhood is created between these diverse women as they realize that menopause is no longer "The Silent Passage." It is a stage in every woman's life that is perfectly normal.

Liz says she has loved touring with *Menopause The Musical*® all over the beautiful country, especially enjoying shows in Alaska, Maine, and Hawaii. Other favorite roles include Sister Robert Anne in *Nunsense*, Betty in *The Great American Trailer Park Musical* and Meredith Parker in *Batboy*. Back home, Liz has sung with the Jazz ensemble, *Impromptu*, for 21 years, and works as a pet sitter.

Kathy made her Broadway debut in *Fiddler on the Roof* directed by Jerome

Robbins (Tony Award - "Best Revival"), has appeared Off-Broadway in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, and in five national tours. Recent credits include *The Divine Sister*, *42nd Street*, *The Producers*, and *Steel Magnolias* (Broadway World Boston Award). A two-time IRNE Award recipient for *Das Barbecu* and *And Now . . . Miss Judy Garland*, Kathy is a Stoneham, MA native and a graduate of Salem State University.

Margot says she is excited to finally be a part of the *Menopause* family. Most recently seen in the critically acclaimed Florida production of *Les Miserables* and the world premiere of *Bombshells*, she has received the Carbonell award for her performances in *Ruthless!*, *Tomfoolery*, *Heartbeats*, and *Annie*. Other favorites include *Midlife: The Crisis Musical*, *Forum*, *Gypsy*, *She Loves Me*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Shear Madness* (all over the country), *Dirty Blonde*, *Fat Pig*, *Closer Than Ever*, and *Watercoolers*. Miss Moreland has been adjunct faculty at University of Miami and Rollins College and takes great pride in her position on Council of Actors' Equity Association.

Kimberly is returning to *Menopause The Musical*®. She made her Broadway debut in *The Color Purple*, where she originated the role of Church Lady Doris and recreated that role for the first national tour. Other tours Harris has been a part of include: *The Full Monty*, *Bubbling Brown Sugar*, *Sophisticated Ladies*, *Blues in the Night*, and



Appearing in *Menopause the Musical* are Margot Moreland, Kimberly Ann Harris, Kimberly Vanbiesbrouck, and Teri Adams.

*Ain't Misbehavin'*. Ms. Harris has also appeared in several television series including *Law and Order*, *One Life to Live*, and *Third Watch*.

*Menopause The Musical*® is produced by GFour Productions and is the work of writer Jeanie

Linders, director Seth Greenleaf, and choreographer Daria Melendez. The 90-minute production includes parodies from the classics of the '60s and '70s and '80s.

For more information, visit [www.menopausethe-musical.com](http://www.menopausethe-musical.com).

## Pleasanton Concert Band Performing Spring Concert

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band performs its annual Spring Concert on Sun., April 7 at the Firehouse Arts Center. The program begins at 2 p.m.

Theme for this year is, "A Concerted Effort." Concerto movements (that move us) will be played, featuring members of the Band in various combinations from one to four (or more) soloists, and some unusual instruments. The full Band will begin the concert with Gordon Jacob's Concerto for Band.

There is no admission charge. Donations are appreciated. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Additional information about the band and upcoming performances can be found at [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org)

## Variety of Ways to Participate in The Big Draw Arts Event

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council will present the Big Draw Arts Celebration, featuring an exciting array of talented street chalk artists and live performances on May 11, 2013 in downtown Pleasanton from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There are a variety ways to participate:

- Become an artist. Applications are being accepted for street chalk artist.
- Become a sponsor: There are three sponsorship levels, all with great public relations opportunities to support your business or organization. Click here for details and an application.
- Become a volunteer.
- Donate a Piano: That's right! Here's a tax-deductible way to get rid of the piano that no one plays anymore. It will be painted by middle school artists and then be placed on Main Street in downtown Pleasanton during the week leading up to the festival. To donate a piano, contact Michele Crose at [mcrose@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:mcrose@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

• Donate to our Elephants for the Arts Rummage Sale: Small household items, décor, antiques and the like are being collected for the rummage sale that will also be taking place as part of The Big Draw.

• Rent a Booth at Elephants for the Arts Rummage Sale: A limited number of booths will be available for \$40 at the Elephants for the Arts Rummage Sale. Individuals or groups can sell their own collections, art work, crafts, etc.

For more detailed information on how to become involved, go to [The-Big-Draw.com](http://The-Big-Draw.com).



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## 'The Modern Science of Origami' Presentation at the Livermore Library

Robert Lang presents his program *From Flapping Birds to Space Telescopes: The Modern Science of Origami* at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 2pm.

There is no charge for this event.

Origami, the Japanese art of paper-folding, has been around for centuries. However, in recent years, modern mathematical techniques have led to the creation of astonishing, realistic, and highly complex origami designs. These techniques provide solutions for real-world engineering challenges. Scientist and origami artist Robert Lang will show how origami has helped to create safer airbags, better telescopes, and more.

Robert J. Lang is recognized as one of the foremost origami artists in the world as well as a pioneer in computational origami and the development of formal design algorithms for folding.

While working with NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Spectra Diode Laboratories, and JDS Uniphase, Lang authored or co-authored over 80 papers and 45 patents in lasers and optoelectronics, as well as authoring, co-authoring, or editing 12 books and a CD-ROM on origami. He is a full-time artist and consultant on origami and its applications to engineering problems but also keeps his toes in the world of lasers, most recently as the Editor-in-Chief of the IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics from 2007–2010. He has a Ph.D. in applied physics from Caltech, and received their highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award, in 2009.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## LHSAA Crab Feed – Crab, Music, Wine and Jackets for the LHS Band

When Livermore High School alumni heard that the LHS Band was in need of new jackets, they knew what their next fundraiser would be: a Crab Feed on Friday, April 12 at the Livermore Vets Hall open to the public.

"We had great times participating in band and all of the extra-curricular activities associated with it. It opened up such a variety of cultural experiences for so many of us" says LHS Class of '67 Cheryl Perry. "Buses took us to all the out-of-town football games, parades and trips, it isn't that way now. With all of the cuts in school funding, the students and parents desperately fundraise for nearly all of their needs. This is another perfect opportunity for the Livermore High School Alumni Association (LHSAA) to step in and lend a hand."

There are approximately 75 students who participate in the band. "They have been selling cookie dough, candy, 'dining out,' anything they can think of just to raise monies to hire buses for transportation, let alone new jackets" says Band Supporter President, Debbie Hadsel. The award winning

drum line will be performing for guests as well as assisting with serving at the event.

The Livermore High School Alumni Association was created four years ago to keep LHS graduates connected, and to support Livermore High's academic and extra curricular activities so current and future generations will get the superior high school education Livermore is known for.

"This is our opportunity to give back, says Livermore High alum Ray Alsdorf, Chairperson of the Crab Feed. There will be live music, plenty of crab, pasta, salad, bread & dessert, plus wonderful opportunities to bid on both silent and live auction items; vacation stays, wine, tours and tastings and plenty more."

Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase

along with plenty of gift baskets. Music will be by TankhalfFull.

The LHSAA Crab Feed will be Friday, April 12th at the Livermore Vets Hall from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Tickets are \$45.00 and may be purchased by contacting: Ray A. 925-606-5518; Cheryl P. 925-443-3375; Debbie H. 925-640-5587.

## Nominations Open for County Arts Award

The Alameda County Arts Commission invites County residents to submit nominations for the 2013 Alameda County Arts Leadership Awards. This annual program enables the Alameda County Arts Commission to recognize five individuals, one from each of the five districts of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, for their outstanding achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and the residents of Alameda County. Award recipients will be presented to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors by the Arts Commission.

Nominees must be residents of Alameda County. Nominees can be involved in any arts discipline including, but not limited to, music, dance, visual arts, literature,

theater, film and video, traditional crafts and folk arts, and new media. Nominees may participate in a wide range of activities with an Alameda County based arts organization such as an artist, staff or board member, volunteer, donor, supporter, advocate, etc. This award is open to all individuals, including youth, who live in Alameda County regardless of race, color, national origin, physical challenge, religious or political affiliations.

Nominations must be submitted by Alameda County residents. Each individual may submit one nomination. Nominations must include a description of the nominee's major achievements contributing to the arts in the community and the residents of Alameda County; the impact and

results of the achievements; and other background information about the nominee's contributions to the Alameda County arts community such as what distinguishes the nominee from his/her peers or colleagues. Nominations are due on Wednesday, May 29 and must be submitted online at [www.acgov.org/arts/awards](http://www.acgov.org/arts/awards)

The Members of the Alameda County Arts Commission will review the nominations in July. Award recipients will be recognized in early October in conjunction with the County's celebration of California Arts Day and National Arts and Humanities Month.

For more information, or to request the official nomination instructions, contact the Office of the Arts Commission at email: [artscommission@acgov.org](mailto:artscommission@acgov.org) or phone: (510) 208-9646.

## Beth Emek Plans Holocaust Remembrance Day

Congregation Beth Emek will hold a Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) ceremony on Sunday April 7th at 6:00-7:00pm.

Since 1967, Congregation Beth Emek has been in possession of a Torah scroll that was rescued from a town in the former Czechoslovakia during the Holocaust. It is an orphaned

scroll, which means that the specific town of origin cannot be determined.

On this Yom HaShoah, Beth Emek will adopt and memorialize one of the towns from which the Torahs were rescued. The congregation will join together for a service in which the Torah will be recognized.

Family, friends and all others who perished in the Holocaust will be remembered.

The community is invited to join the congregation for this proper and distinguished Yom HaShoah ceremony.

This event builds on the congregation's long tradition of service to the community.

## Contest Prize Is Guest Chef Appearance

Community television is offering viewers chance to be a guest chef on an upcoming episode of "Spice of Life" on TV30. Enter the "Spice of Life Mother's Day Recipe Contest." Submit a favorite recipe and a photo of the dish by going to [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org)

and click on the "Spice of Life" banner. Viewers will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite recipe on-line. One winner be the guest on an episode of "Spice of Life" and prepare his or her recipe on TV at the Tri-Valley TV

studios. Entries are due by April 1st at 11:59 p.m.

For complete rules and to enter the "Spice of Life Mother's Day Recipe Contest," visit the TV30 website at [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org). and click on the "Spice of Life" banner.

## Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan  
Livermore City Historian

### Livermore Justices of the Peace: 1877-1930

During this time period, Livermore had four justices of the peace—Robert W. Graham, Joseph H. Taylor, Daniel J. Murphy, and George S. Fitzgerald. Although never trained as lawyers; in fact, not having even a high school education, they were greatly respected by their peers for their sense of justice and their common sense. They had the authority to hear local minor civil and criminal cases and commit cases to a higher court for trial. They could issue arrest or search warrants. The Museum on Main, maintained by the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society, holds the court docket books for these justices of the peace. The books are fascinating to see and handle—huge dark red leather volumes with handwritten pages of the court records.

Robert Graham was the town mortician and, with his wife, ran an undertaking business. He was appointed the town justice of the peace in October 1877. Several of his cases involved Chinese men. One of these was Ah Hing, who was found in the act of smoking opium by the town marshal, E.D. Murphy, on August 27, 1885. Ah Hing paid \$20 bail the following day. On September 1, Ah Hing did not appear for his trial, and the \$20 was accepted as his fine for the offense. Robert Graham served as the justice of the peace until his

death following an accident in November 1887.

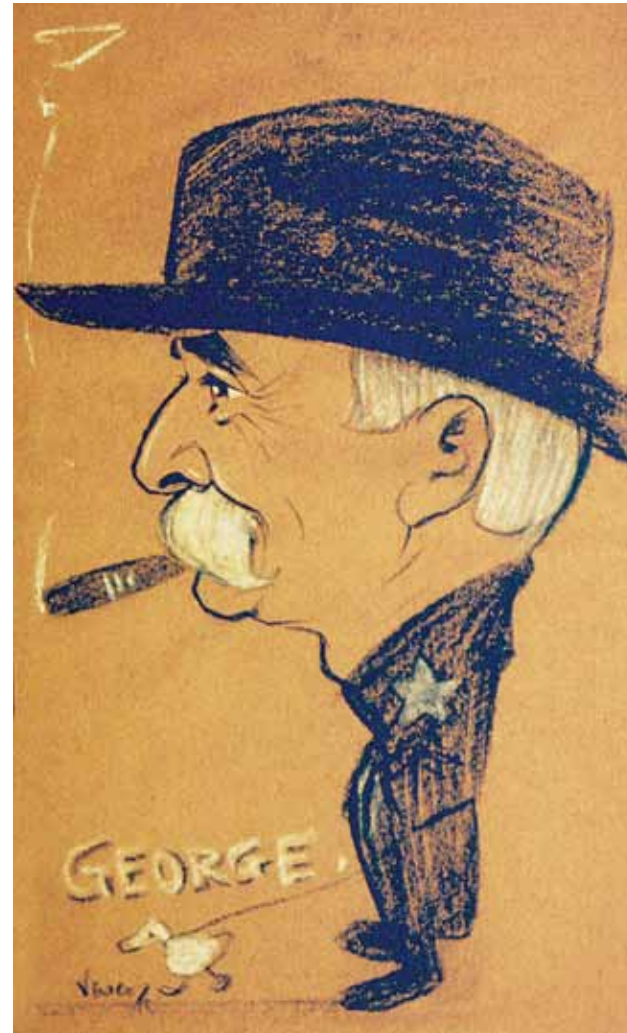
Joseph H. Taylor had bought 1,200 acres in the Townsend School District, to the southeast of Livermore, in 1867. He farmed there for eleven years and moved into town in 1880. Taylor was chosen to fill the vacancy of justice of the peace. One of his cases involved the arrest of A. Colvin for cruelty to animals on July 24, 1899. H.R. Crane made the accusation. Constable George S. Fitzgerald made the arrest. Bail was set at \$100. Colvin requested a jury trial. Charles Munch, Amos Clark, Frank Grassi, William Hartman, Eugene Day, Theo Gorner, and J.D. Rollins were chosen for jurors. They found Colvin not guilty for lack of evidence. On November 26, 1901, J.F. Summers accused William M. Mendenhall of exhibiting a deadly weapon in a dangerous manner. Mendenhall pleaded not guilty and requested a jury trial. His bail was set at \$700. On December 4, Summers asked for the charge to be dismissed. The Herald reported that the disagreement was over the rental of the Mendenhall Springs resort.

In 1902, the California legislature passed a new law that limited each township to one justice of the peace and one constable. Compliance was difficult for Murray Township—from the beginning there

had been one justice and one constable for the town of Pleasanton and one of each for the town of Livermore. Local authorities decided to divide Murray Township in two, leaving the western portion to be renamed Pleasanton Township, and leaving the eastern portion to continue as Murray Township.

On August 16, 1900, William Ford was accused of petty larceny. Jerry Collins and a friend, Con Nevin, rented a rig and team of horses from Feidler's Livery in Livermore and went for a drive. They stopped in Pleasanton, tied up the rig in front of the Rose Hotel, and went inside. When they came out, they discovered that the rig and horses were gone. They were finally located in San Jose, but Nevin's prized violin was missing. Ford was arrested as he was trying to sell the violin. He pleaded guilty in the Livermore Court. Justice Taylor fined him \$25 or 25 days in the county jail. He was unable to pay the fine, so the Alameda County sheriff took him to jail.

Justice Taylor died suddenly from a stroke in February 1907. For a time, his cases were heard by substitute judges, but finally in 1909, Daniel J. Murphy took over the job. On February 2, 1910, Earle Downing accused Ed Christensen of shipping quail without naming the contents of the container.



Constable George S. Fitzgerald in 1910, the year before he became Justice of the Peace.

(from Vasco's Livermore, 1910)

Ed pleaded guilty, and Justice Murphy fined him \$25. Another trial on July 31 of the same year involved a shooting. Emil Rochin accused Steve Lopez of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to commit murder. Lopez and Gregorio Torres had had an argument, and Lopez shot Torres in the mouth with a pistol. The bullet came out of Torres's neck, missing any important blood vessels. Torres recovered. In order to conduct the trial, Murphy hired a stenographer and an interpreter, D.F. Bernal. The initial

complaint was dismissed, but then Torres charged Lopez with battery. Lopez pleaded guilty and was fined \$20.

When Justice Murphy was elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in 1911, he left the office of justice of the peace. George S. Fitzgerald was appointed as the new justice. He was well acquainted with the court system, having been a constable for many years. As I read through Fitzgerald's trial records, I was suddenly struck by the fact that people were being arrested

and fined for speeding in their automobiles. The speed limit was 25 mph. The county had decided to crack down on speeders in 1913. The usual fine was \$25. On some days the only business before the court was speeders; the Herald called such a day in court "Speeders' Assizes." The first woman juror, Mrs. Nellie Farley, was selected in 1918. Another result of changes in the law was the arrest of people who were not obeying the Prohibition laws. Prohibition passed in 1919, and continued until the end of 1933.

George Fitzgerald died of a heart attack in 1930. The town flew its flag at half mast in his honor.

(Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

### Alphabet Rockers Perform at Library

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to have some fun with the Alphabet Rockers. This free event to be held on April 3 begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Storytime Room at the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

Alphabet Rockers is a fresh and funky family music group from San Francisco. The group mixes together hip hop, beatboxing, soul music, imagination and dance for an interactive show, with the foundation of learning concepts from the K-2 curriculum.

No registration is required.

Contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information, pick up a storytime schedule at any one of the Livermore Public Libraries, or consult the website [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## ART &amp; 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.

**Plants and Bicycle Wheels,**

Celebrate the importance of plants on our planet and their influence on nutrition, our lifestyles and sustainability. Local Livermore artists and children will celebrate the impact of plants by decorating bicycle wheels with creative plant themes. On May 18th the wheels will be displayed by participating businesses in downtown Livermore along the path of the Amgen Tour of California. Those interested in decorating a wheel with a plant theme, can email art@rajniskhanna.com by April 15th for more information. Photographs of selected artwork will be posted on the international Fascination of Plants Day website (<http://www.plantday12.eu/news.htm#01-13>).

**Art Happens,** 2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 9 p.m. April 11. Downtown Livermore. Art displays, poetry, entertainment, special events. For the brochure go to [www.bothwellartscenter.org](http://www.bothwellartscenter.org).

**Figurehead Gallery** presents, "Different Paths, Alternative Photographic Expressions," featuring photos of Walter Davies, Lisa Rigge, & Ron Rigge. The last day of the exhibit is March 30. Visiting this fine collection of platinum, hand tinted, and cibachrome photographs is great for students or anyone who's ever wondered about photographic processes. For more information please contact Ken Ball 925-353-0419 ball@figureheadgallery.com <http://figureheadgallery.com>. The Figurehead Gallery is located at 2222 2nd St. Suite 21, Livermore.

**California: Earth, Air, Water, Fire, Life.** Exhibit at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, March 2 through April 6. Exhibition interprets and honors nature in California, and features painter Engela Olivier-Wilson, photographer William Hackett, and sculptor/designer Matthew Nylander. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12-5 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Admission is free, donations always appreciated.

**Art Show,** Livermore artist Maryann Kot is showing her art at the Wente

Winery tasting room at 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore for the month of March. Hours 11 AM to 4:30 PM

**Livermore artist, Gloria Sayers,** is exhibiting her paintings at the café at Garre Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore for the months of March and April. The café is open weekdays 11 am to 2 p.m. and weekends 11 am to 3 p.m.

**Seasons of the Valley,** an exhibit of the art of Bettie Goosman is displayed at The Purple Orchid Inn, 4549 Cross Rd., Livermore. Art can be viewed daily from 8 am to 6 pm. For more information call (925) 606-8855

**Cuda Ridge Wines** features work of local photographers, Jennie and Chuck McGregor featuring Livermore landscapes, runs through March 31st. The winery is located at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore. The art is on display, and available for purchase, during normal tasting hours from Fri.-Sun., 12:00 - 4:30.

**Paper Cuts of Livermore Wineries and Vineyards** features the work of Madelynn Ellis. Second floor Pleasanton Art League Wall at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton from March 5 through April 2. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Saturday 12-5pm and Saturdays 11am to 3pm. Inquiries regarding the show can be made by contacting the artist by email at mtellis@pacbell.net or by telephone at (925) 462-7964.

**Relatively Speaking,** an exhibit featuring artists who are related, will be on display at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street in Livermore, from March 6 to May 7. Artists include Louise Gray, Andrew Roberts-Gray, Jonathan Miller, Joanna Crawshaw, Ronald Rigge, Lisa Rigge, Linda Ryan, and Grace Ryan.

**Livermore Art Association,** spring show, April 6 and 7, The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reception and awards ceremony, Sat., April 6, 7 to 9 p.m. Public is invited. No admission charge.

**Wente Vineyards** artists reception showcasing work of Ron & Lisa Rigge, April 7, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Work displayed in the Estate Winery tasting room through April. 456-2305.

**Quilts from the Heart,** Amador Valley Quilters display work at Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Featured artists Alex Anderson; special exhibit Quilts of Valor; opportunity quilt drawing. April 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; April 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. <http://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org/>

**Essential Nude Figurative Show,** April 18-21, Bothwell Arts Center, 8th

and H Streets, Livermore. Reception on April 18, 7 p.m. No admission charge. [www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org](http://www.LivermoreArtAssociation.org).

**Fresh Work III:** Open Juried Exhibit, Harrington Gallery, April 24-May 25, reception and awards April 27, 1 to 3 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**15th Annual Artists' Flea Market,** Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., DeLucchi Park, Pleasanton (next to the Farmers' Market). A great place to buy paints, frames, canvas, art books, bargain art, pottery seconds, and inexpensive supplies for kids. Want booth space so you can clean out your hobby room or studio? A 10' x 10' space costs \$25. For more information, call Gail at 925-846-8960. Sponsored by Pleasanton Art League.

**Black & White Fine Art Photography Seminar** at the Figurehead Gallery by John Lytton. Reception and presentation, Friday, April 19, 7-9:30 PM. Seminar, Saturday, April 20, 1:00-3:00 PM. Lytton is a black and white fine-art photographer from New Mexico who uses classical techniques with digital, medium and large format cameras. He will discuss how he is able to produce digital prints that rival traditional silver-based images in permanence and visual quality. John will present a digital portfolio of his work. His prints are also on display at the Figurehead Gallery. The gallery is located in the Old Theater Mall, 2222 2nd St. in Livermore. To register for the seminar please call 925-337-1799 or email ball@figureheadgallery.com.

**Call for artists,** City of Livermore and the Commission for the Arts will accept on-line applications from Artists for the 2013 Urban Art Program, Utility Box Mural Project. Applications will be accepted at [callforentry.org](http://callforentry.org) until 11:00 pm on Tuesday, April 30, 2013.

**Drawing Classes** at the Figurehead Gallery taught by Ozell Hudson Jr., MFA. Tuesdays, Portrait Drawing, April 9 through June, 11, Morning Series 9-11AM; Evening Series 7-9PM. Wednesdays, Head Drawing, April 10 through June 12, Morning Series 9-11AM; Evening Series 7-9PM. The series of 10 classes is \$250. Contact 925-353-0419 or email ball@figureheadgallery.com to register. The Figurehead Gallery is located at 2222 2nd St., Livermore. Visit [figureheadgallery.com](http://figureheadgallery.com) for more information.

**Introduction to Analytical and Observational Perspective**

**Drawing Classes** at the Figurehead Gallery taught by Carolyn Lord. No prerequisites. Offered 4/21 through 6/10. 8 consecutive weeks, skipping Memorial Day. Two sessions offered: Sunday evenings, 6-8PM or Monday mornings, 9-11AM. All materials and art supplies included. Class fee is \$200. Contact 925-353-0419 or email ball@figureheadgallery.com to register. The Figurehead Gallery is located at 2222 2nd St., Livermore. Visit [figureheadgallery.com](http://figureheadgallery.com) for more information.

**Fine Art on Friday,** 10 a.m. with Art Critique & Coffee at the Corner Bakery Cafe, Pleasanton Gateway Plaza. Professional, Local and Emerging Artists of the San Francisco Bay Area. Contact Claudette for more information 510 543-4776.

**Classes, Colored Pencil Classes**

"Basics and Beyond." Instructor Maryann Kot. Starting at 6:30 PM-9:00 PM on Tues., March 19th for five weeks. Classes will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Livermore. 925-443-3388. Space is limited. See Maryann's paintings at Wente Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. March 1st through March 28th

**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 please contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin\_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

**Livermore Art Classes,** Artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst offers art instruction to children and adults. Classes cover painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, collage, animation and construction. For further information please call (925) 216-7231 e-mail thomasin\_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

**Pleasanton Poetry League,** Catch the Wave and Play with Poetic Journaling lead by local Artist/Poet Claudette McDermott. E-Mail interest to PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com. Meetings at local locations. All Poetry

enthusiasts welcome. Get on the PPL mailing list: PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com

**Piano lessons,** Private and small group piano lessons available for beginning students. Lessons include playing practice, theory, expression and an introduction to various types of music and composers. Private classes are \$15 per half hour and group lessons are \$12 per student per half hour (up to 4 students). For more information please call (925) 216-7231 e-mail thomasin\_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>.

**Young Artists' Studio** has openings in its school year art classes for youngsters in grades 2 through high school and beyond. Classes will begin in October. All kinds of drawing and painting as well as printmaking and sculpture are offered in our large and well equipped home studio. Peggy Frank has been providing art experiences for valley youth for over 30 years. Contact her by e-mail at frank.a@comcast.net or by phone at (925) 443-8755.

## WINERY EVENTS

**Live music Winemaker's Pour House,** 2241 First St., Livermore. [www.winemakerspourhouse.com](http://www.winemakerspourhouse.com). March 28, 6:30-9 p.m., Stripped Down; March 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Meredith and the Mercenaries; March 30, 7-10 p.m., Joey T.

**5th Annual Wine Tasting Fund-raiser,** Benefit for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Sun., April 28, noon to 4 p.m. at The Purple Orchid, 4549 Cross Road., Livermore. Live performance by John Lee Hooker, Jr., silent auction, wine tasting, finger food. \$35 advance, \$40 at the door. <http://WineHike.ticketleap.org> or 413-7788.

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Music every Saturday** in the tasting room from 12 to 4; open every day if the gate is open and for sure on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Information at 449-1871 or [www.redfeatherwinery.com](http://www.redfeatherwinery.com)

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

**Tri-Valley Medieval and Renaissance Collegium** playing session for amateur musicians, Peter Maund, director. Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7600 Dublin Blvd., suite 370, Dublin. \$25. Information [collegium2011@gmail.com](mailto:collegium2011@gmail.com) or 925-424-1209 or 925-984-4395

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band** will appear at The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/at Portola Ave. Band

performs 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Dance Floor, Small Cover.

**Beatles tribute,** the Sun Kings, March 30, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Jesse Cook,** April 5, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony,** April 6, 8 p.m. guest conductor potpourri: Dawn Harms. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Joni Morris: A tribute to the Legendary Ladies of Country Music,** April 6, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band,** Spring Concert, "A Concerted Effort," 2 p.m. April 7, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Free admission.

**Kathy Mattea,** April 11, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The Beatles Concert Experience,** West Coast Performing Arts Presenters, April 14, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Arlo Guthrie,** April 22, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The Paris Combo,** April 24, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The Lettermen,** April 26, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Debussy Trio,** Del Valle Fine Arts concert, April 27, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## ON THE STAGE

**Forever Plaid,** March 22 - 30, Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Presented by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. 925-314-3400, [www.danville.ca.gov](http://www.danville.ca.gov)

**Time Stands Still,** Bare Bones staged reading series at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre. The play will have one performance, Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 8:00pm, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, CA. Tickets are \$10 (open seating), and are available through the Box Office at (510) 881-6777 or online at [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org).

**Menopause The Musical,** April 10, 7:39 p.m., April 12 and 13 8 p.m.

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and April 13 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Includes lesson guide. [www.ctcinc.org](http://www.ctcinc.org), 800-606-0424.

**Hair**, spring musical, Las Positas College, April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21. Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. \$10 students/seniors, \$15 general

## Foundation Adds On-Line Auction

Las Positas College Foundation is offering something new this year in an effort to raise additional funds.

For the past nine years, a silent auction has been held in conjunction with the annual "Best of the Best" gala. This year, the auction is going on-line.

The on-line will allow the auction to go world wide. Bidding will be open from 8 a.m. on April 8 to 11 p.m. on April 18. The cost of items ranges from a few dollars and more. The include such things as tickets to Giants and A's games, performances at the Firehouse Arts Center and Bankhead Theater, and a get-away to Carmel.

Bidders can preview items now before bidding at [www.biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation](http://www.biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation).

Funds are used for everything from scholarships to supporting the Textbook Loan Program to funding grants to students, staff and faculty. For more information about the foundation, go to [www.lpcfoundation.org](http://www.lpcfoundation.org)

admission. [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or 1-800-838-3006.

**She Loves Me**, Pacific Coast Repertory Theater, weekends April 12-28, 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Cinderella**, April 19 - May 5, Presented by San Ramon Community Theatre, Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon; [sanramonperformingarts.com](http://sanramonperformingarts.com). 973-3343.

**It's Magic**, April 21, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Best of the Best**, Sat., April 27, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, showcasing performing arts students. Las Positas College Foundation fund-raising. 424-1100.

**Reach for the Stars**, Livermore Valley Education Foundation fund-raiser for arts in the schools, April 28, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Requiem for a Heavyweight**, Role Players Ensemble, April 26 - May 18, 2013: Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. \$20-\$28. [www.village theatreshows.com](http://www.village theatreshows.com), or 925-314-3400; or the Community Center, 420 Front St.

### MOVIES

**Free Classic Film Series**, Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, 1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. through June 6, 2013. The program is hosted by Candy Klaschus, a film historian who coordinates the Humanities program at Las Positas College. The programs are free and all are welcome to attend. Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405.

**First Friday Foreign Film Series**, April 5, 7 p.m. featuring "Bautiful." Front Row Theater. Rated R; 147 minutes; 2010. Love story between a father and his children. \$9. 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd, San Ramon; located inside the Dougherty Station Community Center. [www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us](http://www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us)

### DANCE

**Las Vegas Contemporary dance theatre**, April 13, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; [sanramonperformingarts.com](http://sanramonperformingarts.com). 973-3343.

**Le Tableau Magnifique**, premier ballet company for Livermore School of Dance, will perform "Vintage Tales, Modern Tributes" at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, on

Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. (925) 373-6800 or [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org). Tickets are \$26, \$22, and \$18, with \$15 tickets available for students and seniors.

**Friday Evening Group Dance!** Learn how to dance with great instructors from It's All About Dancing, new dance every week from Salsa, Tango, Swing and more. Group lesson starts at 7:30, followed by open dance until 9:45 in our new location at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore; 925-449-9292. \$15.

### VOLUNTEER

**Firehouse Arts Center Volunteer Program Orientation:** The Firehouse Arts Center has a dynamic, award-winning volunteer organization, and is holding its Spring Orientation on Thursday, March 28, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Firehouse Theater, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Positions include usher, greeter, and gallery docent. Attending orientation is mandatory prior to serving. Must be age 16 or older. For more information and to pre-register, contact program coordinator Jen Koch, [jkoch@cityof-pleasantonca.gov](mailto:jkoch@cityof-pleasantonca.gov) or 925-931-4846. RSVP appreciated.

### AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Children's Choir Auditions.** Galina's Music Studio is currently holding open auditions for its youth choir ages Friday, March 22nd, 6-7 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please submit an audition information form online at [www.galinas-musicstudio.com](http://www.galinas-musicstudio.com). For more information go to [www.galinasmusicstudio.com](http://www.galinasmusicstudio.com) or call (925) 960-1194.

**Auditions - Oliver**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. Vocal auditions April 8 and 9, kids 13 and under 7 to 8 p.m., adults 8 p.m.; dance auditions April 11, kids at 7 p.m., adults 8 p.m. Callbacks April 13 at 11 a.m. Open auditions. No appointments. Please prepare 32 bars up-tempo Broadway. Please bring sheet music in your key. No transposing, no a cappella. 1020 Serpentine Lane Suite 101 in Pleasanton. [www.trivalleyrep.org/auditions.php](http://www.trivalleyrep.org/auditions.php)

### CHORAL

**Valley Concert Chorale**, Songs of Serenity: Featuring the music of two of the choral world's most creative contemporary composers, Las Positas College Chamber Choir will join the Chorale in performing Durufle's beautiful Requiem, and Lauridsen's moving Lux Aeterna. Sat., April 13, 7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4th & L Streets, Livermore. Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. High school and college students

\$10 with valid student ID. Children 12 and under are free. [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or (925) 866-4003

### OPERA

**Opera San José** continues its 29th season with Suor Angelica & Gianni Schicchi, a double-bill of Giacomo Puccini operas with libretti by Giovacchino Forzano. Eight performances are scheduled from April 13 through 28 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San José. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José box office, online at [operasj.org](http://operasj.org) or by phone at (408) 437-4450. The Suor Angelica & Gianni Schicchi production is made possible, in part, by a Cultural Affairs Grant from the City of San José.

**Metropolitan Opera Schedule**, screening at Regal Hacienda Cinema in Dublin: p.m.; Francesca da Rimini, April 3, 6:30 p.m.; Giulio Cesare, April 27, 9 a.m., May 15, 6:30 p.m.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**New Lindsay Wildlife Museum classes.** 3-week long Saturday classes run from April 13-27. The Signs of Spring class in March lets children discover how plants bloom, insects hatch, reptiles move, birds migrate and mammals get ready for babies as California awakens from the winter. The Water Explorations class in April lets young children have fun discovering the mysteries of water and water mixtures, and get a little wet in the process. Classes are 10-11 AM for age 2.5-5 with an adult, and 3-4:30 PM for age 4-6 (and teacher's helpers age 9-14). Register online at [www.wildlife-museum.org](http://www.wildlife-museum.org)

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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*.

**Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate's "Great Egg Hunt"** on Saturday, March 30th, from 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Gates open at 11:00am. The event will feature scrambled hunts for collection of colored eggs, games, picnics, pet adoption, entertainment, face-painting and crafts; as well as pet-adoption, petting zoo, Mansion Tours, gift shop, kid's café, dancing bunnies, entertainment by children's clown stilt-walkers and the celebrated appearance of the Easter Bunny. Adults \$5, ages 4 and up \$3, ages 3 and under free. For additional information, please call 510-615-5555. [www.dunsmuir-hellman.com](http://www.dunsmuir-hellman.com)

### An Evening with Titanic Expert

**Richard Shaw**, Tues., April 2, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series, Join Titanic Expert Richard Shaw for stories of day-to-day activities on the Titanic as well as the famous and not-so-famous tales of passengers and crew. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**18th annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party**, hosted by Assistance League® of Amador Valley, will be held on April 13 from 12 - 4 at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. The event includes charming tea tables decorated by the members, delicious food, raffle prizes, lucky teacups, a hat contest and silent auction. Penny Warner will be the guest speaker. She is an award-winning author, family life columnist and child development educator. The tickets are \$50 and must be reserved by March 29. Proceeds from this event provide

school clothes and shoes to children in need. For information, call Annette at (925) 462-5275, or go to [www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org](http://www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org).

**Run for the Parks**, April 14, 2013 - Sycamore Grove Park. 10K starts 9 a.m. - fee \$30 by April 12/\$35 on Race Day; 5K starts 9:10 a.m. - fee \$30 by April 12/\$35 on Race Day; kids' 1 mile fun run starts 9:30 a.m. - fee \$10 by April 12/\$15 on Race Day; Special Family entry of \$25 per person is available to families of 4 or more. Funds raised go to support new trail development and park maintenance for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Race day festivities will start and end at the Wente Vineyards Wine Garden area located at the main vineyard on Arroyo Road. [www.larpd.dst.ca.us/](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us/)

**History Lecture**, Livermore Heritage Guild, speaker Henry Bailey, "The California State Guard." Wed., April 17, doors open 7 p.m. talk at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$2. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

**Sock Hop**, Saturday, April 27th, 7pm - 11pm Veteran's Hall, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door (over 21 only). Dance to the music of the 1950's performed live by The Cool Tones, enjoy fun games and prizes No-host bar and snacks. Benefit for the Museum on Main in Pleasanton. Tickets at 462-2766 or the Museum, 603 Main St., Pleasanton.

**Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club annual Plant Sale** on Saturday, April 27, 9am to 1pm at the parking lot of Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, 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 and garden related items. Garden club members will provide expert advice. For more information call Bev at 925 485 7812.



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# Milestones

## Philip Massoud Earns Eagle Scout Honors

August 21, 2012 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the day of the first Eagle Scout Ranking awarded in America. Philip Massoud was one of the few Scouts who attained his Rank on that day at a special Board of Review held at the San Leandro Boy Scout Headquarters.

Philip was a Cub Scout with Pack 903, which meets at St. Michaels School before bridging over to Troop 939, which meets at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore.

Philip's Trail to Eagle has exposed him to numerous experiences that have contributed to his growth as a Scout and a person. In addition to obtaining numerous Merit Badges, he has been on many hikes, canoe trips, bike tours, ski trips, snow camping, and back country adventures. He spent two weeks at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, two weeks exploring Yosemite, as well as many other great California sites.

To attain the Eagle Rank, the Scout must demonstrate leadership in the form of an approved community ser-

vice project. Philip's chose as his Eagle project to construct a 6 foot diameter Fire Ring at Robertson Park. The project emerged from an identified need - American Flags, which are no longer fit to be flown and need to be retired. Multiple places in town collect old flags such as City Hall as well numerous fire stations. Only the U.S. Military and the Boy Scouts of America are officially able to retire the Star Spangled Banner. The Boy Scouts usually do it at some of their camp outs. Since there is no dedicated site in town, literally hundreds of flags are awaiting retirement. Philip's hopes are that a Fire Ring located locally could serve not only as a safe location for Scout Troops to use for their Flag Retirement Ceremonies as well as other Scout functions but that other community groups in general could use the facility for a variety of functions and gatherings.

On November 4, 2012 Philip held his Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the site of the Fire Ring, where he was officially recognized as an Eagle Scout. It was attended



Philip Massoud

by Scouts from his Troop as well as other Troops, family, friends, LARPD Board President Beth Wilson and Livermore Mayor John Marchand. Thereafter the Fire Ring was inaugurated by conducting an official Flag Retirement Ceremony. All Scouts in attendance were given the opportunity to participate in retiring an

American Flag.

LARPD, which operates the facility, has incorporated it as a part of its Robertson Park services offered to the public. The location of the Fire Ring provides a covered concrete floor with lighting and is open to the community for most any function. Arrangements for use need to be made through LARPD.

The Valley Valley Humane Society building in Pleasanton has a new mural on display to brighten up one of its animal visitor rooms. The scene of Danville was created and painted by Megan Parks-Haller, the Vice President and Newsletter Editor of the Alamo Danville Artists' Society. This is the third of five murals that have been completed as part of the Girl Scout Gold Award project by Carly Krakauer. Carly is a member of the local Crossroads Girl Scout Service Unit. Artists Kathleen Hill, Debbie Wardrope, and Yang Liu are also donating hours of their time and talent to provide colorful murals for VHS. Standing in front of the recently completed Danville mural at VHS are artist Megan Parks-Haller (right) and Girl Scout and project co-ordinator Carly Krakauer.



## BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to editmail@compuserve.com. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

**American Cancer Society Discover Shop** is requesting donations of jewelry for its signature jewelry event, "Time for Jewels." The event will be on Fri., April 19 and Sat., April 20. Donations may be left Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Saturday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The Discover Shop is located in Mission Plaza at 1987 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton; information 462-7374.

**Plants and Bicycle Wheels**, Celebrate the importance of plants on our planet and their influence on nutrition, life-styles and sustainability. Local Livermore artists and children will celebrate the impact of plants by decorating bicycle wheels with creative plant themes. On May 18th the wheels will be displayed by participating businesses in downtown Livermore along the path of the Amgen Tour of California. Those interested in decorating a wheel with a plant theme, can email art@rajnishkhanna.com by April 15th for more information. Photographs of selected artwork will be posted on the international Fascination of Plants Day website (<http://www.plantday12.eu/news.htm#01-13>).

**Pleasantonians for Peace**, candlelight vigil 7 p.m. Wed., April 10 in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, April 24, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

**Ohlone Audubon** will meet on April 2, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Pleasanton Middle School Library, 5001 Case Ave 94566. Bob Lewis will present a program on his trip to South Georgia Island. His talk will introduce you to a variety of Antarctic species. No admission charge and refreshment served. For more information call 925-447-8843 or go to web site [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org)

**15th Annual Artists' Flea Market**, Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., DeLucchi Park, Pleasanton (next to the Farmers' Market). A great place to buy paints, frames, canvas, art books, bargain art, pottery seconds, and inexpensive supplies for kids. Want booth space so you can clean out your hobby room or studio? A 10' x 10' space costs \$25. For more information, call Gail at 925-846-8960. Sponsored by Pleasanton Art League.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated** will feature Sharron Angle as guest speaker. Author of the book, "Right Angle" and political activist for Main Street America, Sharron gained national attention when she challenged Harry Reid for his seat in the United States Senate in 2010. Sharron is a strong advocate for constitutional principles and truth in media. The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 6:30 p.m., at Cattleman's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Members \$26, guests \$30. For reservations contact Devy Torrence, dean-devy2004@yahoo.com or 925-234-2209.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.**, Lunch at Star Anise, movie optional, April 3, 1 p.m., RSVP by March 31 to Nancy 606-6261. Brunch in Livermore, April 7, 11

.am. RSVP by April 5 to Ruby, 426-9636. New Mexican Train group event, April 11, 1 p.m., RSVP by April 5 to Genene, 443-0515. General meeting, birthday lunch in Livermore, April 13, noon, RSVP by April 7 to Enez, 455-4271. Happy hour in Pleasanton, April 18, 5 p.m. RSVP by April 16 to Marge, 828-5124. Friendly bridge in Pleasanton, April 20, 1 p.m. RSVP by April 13 to Ruby, 606-1757. Lunch in San Ramon, April 24, 11:30 a.m. RSVP by April 21 to Marsha, 830-8483. Champagne brunch in Pleasanton, April 28, 11 .m. RSVP by April 20 to Jill at 510-881-4788.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, March 23, 46-74 miles, Cinderella conditioning ride, meet 9 a.m. at Dublin High School, Karin Ball, 404-406-2286. Sat., March 23, 80 miles over the Altamont through Mountain House towards Stockton, meet 9 a.m. at old PW Market, Rob Delfosse, robfosse@yahoo.com. Sun., March 24, 32 miles moderate paced ride from Central Park to Livermore, meet 9:30 a.m., Gail Blanco, gvblanco@aol.com. Wed., March 27, 35-55 miles, meet 9 a.m. at Heather Farms, Richard Skow, 939-6064. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**ClutterLess**, Tina Razzell will speak about "Why we are emotionally attached to stuff," at a special open ClutterLess meeting on Monday, April 8. ClutterLess (CL) is a non profit, Self Help Group for people who want to change their own Cluttering behavior. Tina Razzell is the author of a book for Kindle and for Nooks by the same name. CL usually meets every Monday, Rm 7 at 7 pm at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador, Pleasanton. We welcome prospective members. (No Meeting on Memorial Day May 27.) Meetings are free. An optional donation of \$2 to \$5 will be appreciated. If you were not there April 1, please RSVP: Volunteer 925-525-3992, or ClutterlessPleasanton@hotmail.com.

**Become a volunteer literacy tutor** for the Livermore Public Library and make a real difference in someone's life!. Over 65 adults are waiting for help. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Library on Saturday, April 20th, from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Once you are trained, you can tutor any day or any time. To register, or for more information, call 373-5507.

**Docents Needed:** anyone interested in Livermore history and/or likes working with children (mostly 3rd graders). New Livermore History/Mobile needs volunteers to staff it. Various locations such as Farmer's Market, Ravenswood or special events. Time commitment could be as little as a few days a year. Please call if interested: Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or E-mail n.mulligan@comcast.net.

**Explore Craniosacral Therapy With Kate Mackinnon**, PT, CST-D April 16, 2013 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM. Craniosacral Therapy (CST) incorporates a gentle, hands-on approach of evaluating the source of the problem & enhancing the body's own healing ability. Kate Mackinnon is local author of From My Hands and Heart: Achieving Health and Balance with Craniosacral Therapy. Presentation held at Bombay Nick's Chai Bar, 4010 East Ave, Livermore. Entry is \$10/ person payable at door and includes one cup of tea. Attendance limited to the first 30 respondents. Confirm attendance at [www.meetup.com/Holistically-Healthy-Healthy-Wise/](http://www.meetup.com/Holistically-Healthy-Healthy-Wise/) or email [info@healingbodybalance.com](mailto:info@healingbodybalance.com) for further information.

**RV drivers Needed:** People who can drive a 31 ft. RV and park it at schools or other locations in the city. Those interested in Livermore history and would like to give a presentation at the location or help the docent who is doing the presentation, that would be perfect. However, if not interested

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in that aspect, drivers are still needed. The driver would not have to stay the entire time. Arrangements would be made to return the driver to his or her home after the drop-off. Please call if interested: Nancy Mulligan, 925-443-3076 or n.mulligan@comcast.net.

**Film, Saturday, April 6th, at 7 p.m., "Richard Dawkins Presents: The Genius of Charles Darwin,"** at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA. This 115 minute film series showcases Charles Darwin's insights into how life evolved and how this theory continues to be a subject of debate, even as every detail of the fossil record provides increasing evidence for Darwin's ideas. This series considers the moral questions, arguing that selfless behavior and altruism are an essential strategy for human survival & part of evolution itself. This non-partisan, public event is free (\$3.00 donations accepted), wheelchair accessible, with comfortable room temperatures. Meet & Greet potluck starts at 6:30 PM, while a short discussion follows the film. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

**Dress a Girl Around the World,** meetings once a month, next Sew-Fest is Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Michael's Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) There is a lot of fabric and pillowcases, so there are many kits ready to sew. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club,** meeting 7 p.m. Mon., April 22. IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. California Democratic Party Convention Decompression. Those attending the convention will share the experience. Refreshments. Public invited.

**Special Spring Book Sale,** new offerings, large selection. Sat., April 6, noon to 4 p.m. Livermore Civic Center Library, community rooms A & B, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Sale open to Friends of the Livermore Library 10 a.m. to noon. Memberships available at the door.

**Spring Boutique,** Our Savior Lutheran Ministries will be hosting a Spring Boutique on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place in the gymnasium at Our Savior, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Come and browse through jewelry, knitted items, jams and jellies, photo cards, home décor, and more. For more information, contact Nora Zinnel at nzinnel@oslm.net.

**Free Parent Education Event: Helping Families Balance Academic, Social and Sport Pressures.** The Amador Valley High School (AVHS) PTSA Wellness Committee and AVHS Challenge Success will host speakers "Helping Families Balance Academic, Social and Sports Pressures." The presentations will be 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tues., April 16 at the high school library. The speakers will include a local pediatrician, family therapist, youth sports coach, high school counselor, and college counselor. The panel is designed to help parents reach that balance between the gentle push, student sometimes need to succeed and the demanding shove that leads to too much pressure and stress. For questions, contact Alex Riley at maariley@gmail.com. Sponsored by the AVHS PTSA Wellness Committee and AVHS Challenge Success

**Livermore Library Board of Trustees,** meets 7 p.m. Thurs., March 28 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**Ukulele Circle.** A new Ukulele Circle is being formed here in Livermore. All ages are welcome. Beginners are welcome. First meeting Saturday, March 30, 12-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please submit a

request form online at www.GalinasMusic-Studio.com or call us at (925) 960-1194. Ukuleles available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover costs.

**2013 Summer Youth Volunteer Program,** June 20-July 4, 2013, Sichuan, China. This two weeks volunteer program will help autism kids and teach English for the local under-privileged children. The volunteers will help in developing the local community websites with English translation. The web development training will be provided by the largest Chinese software provider, Neusoft. Contact info Cindy 925-523-3098; Judy 925-478-3970; Email: info@chinawayusa.com, web: www.chinawayusa.com

**50 Shades of Red,** casino and auction evening benefit the Livermore and Granada High School Safe & Sober Grad Night. April 12, 7 to 11 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Evening includes light appetizers, raffle prizes, starter chips for gaming, dancing, silent and live auctions. \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. www.lhsgradnight.org or www.gradnightgradnight.com.

**Scholarship, Chapter FX, of the P.E.O. Sisterhood** (a philanthropic and educational organization promoting women's education) announces that applications are available for their annual \$1500 Marcia M. Howie Memorial Scholarship. The award is open to any female who is a graduating senior intending to further her education by attending an accredited college, business school, cosmetology or nursing course. Applicants must be residents of Livermore. When awarding these scholarships, financial need is considered, as well as scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities. Letters of recommendation and official transcripts must be attached to the application. Applications may be obtained from high school scholarship advisors, by email request to bingyoung@comcast.net or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Chapter FX, P.E.O., 1961 Evans Street, Livermore, CA 94550. If there are any questions, please call (925) 366-5567. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 12, 2013.

**Scholarships,** Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated presents its sixth annual college scholarship program. The 2013 awards are directed toward all eligible high school seniors throughout the Tri-Valley who will be attending two or four year academic colleges in September, 2013. Three nonpartisan scholarships shall be awarded -one for \$1,000 and two at \$500. To qualify, students shall submit an original essay of not less than 500 words on the following theme: Why Do People From Other Countries Want To Come to The United States? Essays judged on completeness and development of thought/argument, utilization of supporting documentation, and accuracy of spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Submit essays in Microsoft Word format to mrs.w@comcast.net during the week of April 15-19th, or mailed no later than April 19th to Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, 6 La Sonoma Drive, Alamo, CA 94507. Include home telephone number and name of school attending or type of schooling being received. Winners will be decided by May 10, 2013.

**Garage sale,** Tri-Valley Church of Christ, Livermore, (4481 East Ave.) is hosting a community garage sale on Saturday, April 13th to raise money for a youth mission trip to Guatemala this summer. For only \$30, community members are invited to rent a 10' x 18' space in the parking lot to sell items or represent/advertise an organization. The garage sale starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. There will be vendors, music, hot dogs and sodas, and all proceeds go toward sending students to San Cristobal, Guatemala, to help the poor and needy. Anyone interested in renting a space (first come, first served),

contact Orinda Weiss at (925) 606-7598 or orindalee@gmail.com.

**SAT Prep Classes in Livermore - LARPD** is offering classes in Strategic SAT Prep (Saturdays 4/6 - 4/27/13 - 9 am - noon), "Spring Break SAT Prep" (Tues. - Fri. 4/2 - 4/5 - 9 - noon), and Last Minute SAT Prep (4/15/13 - 5:30 - 9 pm or 4/20/13 - 1:30 - 5 pm). Classes will be held at Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Register at 925 373-5700, or go to susanprep.com for additional information.

**Foothill High School's Academic & Activities Booster Club (AABC)** is offering 6 scholarships of \$500 each to the graduating seniors. Applicants must attend a higher education college/university. Three of these scholarships are on academic basis and other three are based on need. Application forms are available with Mrs. Bing at the Counseling Desk at Foothill HS. Awards will be based on effort, activities and interests both in and out of school. Consideration will be given to students who have demonstrated academic improvement during the past four years. The last date of application is Friday, April 19, 2013.

**18<sup>th</sup> annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party,** hosted by Assistance League® of Amador Valley, will be held on April 13 from 12 - 4 at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. The event includes charming tea tables decorated by the members, delicious food, raffle prizes, lucky teacups, a hat contest and silent auction. Penny Warner will be the guest speaker. She is an award-winning author, family life columnist and child development educator. The tickets are \$50 and must be reserved by March 29. Proceeds from this event provide school clothes and shoes to children in need. For information, call Annette at (925) 462-5275, or go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

**Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter,** meets 9:30 a.m. first Saturday of the month from September to May at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. DAR is a women's service organization. Members are descended from a patriot of the American Revolution and are dedicated to patriotism, preservation of American history, and securing America's future through education. Contact Pat at 447-8254 for more information.

**NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness),** Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

**Operation: S.A.M.** "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 support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit www.operationssam.org, email operationssam@comcast.net or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

**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@cril-online.org. All services are free.

## RELIGION

**First Presbyterian Church,** 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information www.fpcl.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.uuclil.net.

**Congregation Beth Emek,** 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

**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 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

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

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries,** 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. worship (semiformal); 9:45 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). 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,** Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

**St. Matthew's Baptist Church,** 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

**United Christian Church,** celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley, 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worships on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

**Granada Baptist Church,** 945 Concanon 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 for all ages 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. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

**Trinity,** 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. 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 Scala at 447-9800.

**Centerpointe Church** will celebrate Holy Week with three special services at its worship center, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Maundy Thursday services are at 7 p.m. March 28. This is a service designed for the entire family. A daily mediation and communion will take place at 9 a.m. March 25-March 29. Easter Sunday celebrations will be at 9 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. The services will be identical. For information, please call (925) 846-4436 or see www.centerpointechurch.org.

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church,** 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please see 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. Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry Moore, Rector: 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist with Taize music; 10:20 am Godly Play for children; 10:30 am Sung Eucharist with choir (child care available). Youth Group meets Sundays from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall for "Rite 13" and Journey to Adulthood" programs. www.saint-barts-livermore.com for more information.

**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 pmjmueller@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.

**Lynnwood United Methodist Church,** 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Maundy Thursday Taize Service Mar. 28, 7:30 pm, with children's activity; Good Friday Service with choir Mar. 29, 7:30 pm; Easter Celebrations Mar. 31, 9:00 and 10:30 am with childcare at both services and children's activity at

10:30 am. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. All welcome! www.lynnwood.org, 925 846-0221.

**St. Michael's Centennial celebration,** mass and dinner, April 27, at St. Michael Church. Mass at 3 p.m. followed by a celebration dinner with two seatings: 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets for dinner are available in the rectory and at the school. For additional information, please email Jacki Tyler jtlyer@csdo.org from St. Michael's School or Sister Emmanuel sr.cardinale.op@gmail.com.

**Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' annual community seder** will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 5 pm at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. The hour-long English haggadah is secular and progressive, and includes music, along with ritual elements with Humanistic explanations. The ceremony is followed by a non-kosher-for-Passover potluck dinner. To make a reservation and claim a potluck assignment, please call 510-888-1404. Canned and boxed food for the food bank will be collected at the event. Free to members and children. A \$10 donation is requested from non-member adults (13 and over) to help defray costs of rent and ritual foods. 925-485-1049, http://trivalleyculturaljews.wordpress.com

**Unity of Tri-Valley Church,** Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m.; all are welcome. Ongoing small groups, weekly activities, choir, classes, and Children's church. 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). (925) 829-2733, www.trivalleyunity.com Rev. Karen Epps.

**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.

**Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day,** Sun., April 7, 6 to 7 p.m. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Community is invited to attend.

**Grief Workshops,** eight-week series of workshops. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Eight Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. April 11th Through May 30th. Pre-registration is requested. Space is limited. A one-time \$15.00 donation is requested. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information."

**St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church** (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Easter Sunday service 9:00 AM. Sunday services: 8:45a (Low Mass) and 10a (High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

**St. Augustine Catholic Church,** Good Friday, noon Stations of the Cross, 4:30 p.m. cross walk start; Holy Saturday, 8:30 p.m. morning prayer. Easter Sunday, Mass at 8, 100 a.m. and noon; 10:15 a.m. in the Grotto. 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

**St. Elizabeth Seton Church,** Good Friday, 8 a.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Communion. Holy Saturday, 8 p.m. Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday children's Mass 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and youth mass at 1 p.m. 4011 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton.

**Easter Sunrise Service,** Sunday, March 31, 6:15 a.m. Shadow Cliffs Park, Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. Gates open at 5:45 a.m. Dr. Jim Meek will portray Thomas, "Proof for Skeptics."

# Milestones Community

## Foothill Squads Bring Home National Cheer Championships

For the second year in a row, Foothill High School's competition cheer squads returned from Southern California with three national championship titles won at the United Spirit Association's (USA) High School Spirit Nationals competition held March 15-17 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

"We set our goal to win back-to-back championships 10 months ago," said coach Kim DeJoy. "Nationals is the place where preparation meets opportunity. Each team gets one shot and two and a half minutes on the floor to prove they're number one."

The teams qualified to compete at nationals during regional competitions held earlier in the season. The competitive cheer season lasts a grueling 10 months, starting in May and continuing through nationals in March. The Falcons traveled more than 4,300 miles this year to compete successfully at six regional/state competitions where they honed their skills and collected an impressive array of awards on the road to nationals.

This was the first back-to-back USA Nationals win for Foothill and it was made more impressive with the acquisition of three championship titles each year. For Foothill's group stunt team, it was also the first time any school had won back-to-back titles in USA's group stunt intermediate division. Group Stunt Foothill's two group stunt teams were among nearly 75 stunt teams to perform

as the competition opened on Friday. The intermediate group stunt team gave a near-perfect performance in preliminaries, landing them at the top in a field of six teams advancing to finals. A second flawless performance extended the lead and secured the national title. The advanced group stunt team also gave an outstanding performance in preliminaries, but narrowly missed advancing to finals in a tough field of nearly 50 talented teams. In group stunt, each team of five performs as many flawless and interesting stunts as possible in 60 seconds in a routine choreographed to music. Points are awarded for choreography, execution and showmanship.

"The intermediate group stunt team had competed all together only one time before Nationals due to an injury," said coach DeJoy. "But then at Nationals, they gave two flawless performances to win and then followed it up with a terrific exhibition performance during finals on Sunday." First place and the national championship went to Foothill's undefeated intermediate group stunt team – Amanda Arnold, Sarina DeJoy, 'Alakoka Kailahi, Emily Palange and Anika Simons. The team is coached by Kim DeJoy.

Advanced group stunt includes – Zoe Cristobal, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Gabbie Scalise and Natalie Wright. The team is coached by Megan Moore. Junior Varsity Show Cheer Foothill's junior varsity team competed Friday evening in the large JV show cheer



Cheer squads pose with the trophy.

novice division preliminaries, securing the top spot to advance to finals. The preliminary field included 17 teams with the top six advancing to finals. The team once again performed flawlessly on Saturday evening at finals, bringing home the first-place trophy and national championship title.

"What makes this win even more special is Nationals was the first time the JV squad competed all together," said coach Karen Maurice. "We lost count of the injuries and illnesses this season, and even though this was a young team, the girls rallied back and came together when it counted," said coach Megan Moore.

JV show cheer includes Cassidee Banks, Kailyn Coleman, Mackenzie Curran, Mitsu Dill, Shauna Dunlap, Jenna Edsen, Karina Galvez, Morgan Greenup

Emma Loll, Maddy Maas, Sara Moore, Brie Morrissey, Erin Page, Jordan Robinson (co-captain), Taylor Sanchez (co-captain), Anika Simons, Sabrina Stermer, Stephanie Tasto and Noelle Viscaina.

Varsity Show Cheer Foothill's varsity team competed Saturday morning in the small varsity show cheer division preliminaries, advancing to finals in the No. 2 spot, but close on the heels of their competitor. The preliminary field included 14 teams with the top five advancing to finals. The feisty Falcon team gave a near-perfect performance Sunday at finals to triumph over the competition and earn the first-place trophy and another national championship title. "It was a nail-biter," said coach DeJoy. "This team had only performed all together one time before Nationals due

to an injury. The competition was fierce, but my Foothill girls were on fire for finals. They pushed through all the pain and injuries and gave it everything they had. That's just what champions do."

Show cheer includes spirit squads of six to 36 athletes performing dance, cheer, tumbling and stunts

set to music for up to 2.5 minutes. Points are awarded for choreography, execution, difficulty and showmanship. Regional and state competitions are scored based on a single performance. The format for nationals is best of two performances with 30 percent of the points weighted on the preliminary performance and 70 percent on the final performance.

"We couldn't have done this without our alternates," said coach Maurice. "Injuries took a toll this year, and we're grateful to Stephanie, Katie, Haley and especially Jordan for stepping in on short notice and doing double duty at five regionals so the teams wouldn't lose momentum." Varsity show cheer includes Amanda Arnold, Zoe Cristobal, Sarina DeJoy, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Camille Hamlin, 'Alakoka Kailahi, Keri Kodama (captain), Amber Marquez, Emily Palange, Gabriella Scalise and Natalie Wright.

To learn more about the team's season go to [www.facebook.com/FHSFalcon-Cheer](http://www.facebook.com/FHSFalcon-Cheer).

## Education

Jacob Thomas Siewert of Livermore was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Siewert is enrolled in the university's John M. Olin School of Business. To qualify for the Dean's List in the Olin Business School, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Several local residents made the academic Deans' List at Azusa Pacific University. These students are honored for a fall 2012 grade-point average of 3.5 or better. They are joined by 1,698 students receiving the same honor. Livermore residents on the list are Joel A. Jaeger, music and worship major; Chelsea Marriott, history major; Garrett J. Steward, marketing major; and Caitlyn V. Tyler, liberal studies major.