



Find Out What's Happening
Check Out Section A
 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.

Experts Discuss Health Care Act Sign-ups

More than 100 residents heard a panel of experts talk about the opportunity beginning Oct. 1 to sign up for California's health care insurance marketplace, a part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
 The panel on March 28 at the Pleasanton Library was sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, whose district includes Pleasanton. She said the community informational meeting was the first such in the state concerning the topic.
 Corbett said that it's important to learn about the new insurance options, be-

cause everyone must have insurance, a requirement of the ACA.
 Bonnie Preston, a specialist of the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), talked about new kinds of coverage under the ACA, and how it will help budgets.
 Elizabeth Echols, a regional administrator for the federal Small Business Administration (SBA), discussed how small business owners can use the ACA to make health care insurance more attractive to employers and employees. She also listed ways that owners could receive tax rebates

through the ACA.
 Diane Stanton, a consultant with Covered California, an independent entity within state government, spoke about how that group will work as an exchange to buy health care coverage. People will be able to shop for health plans that suit their budgets and cover their needs.
 Although enrollment will open Oct. 1, it won't close until March, the first year of the new program. In subsequent years, open enrollment will be from October to December. Coverage in all years will begin on Jan. 1.
 In her opening remarks,

Corbett said that because of the millions who have no health care insurance, and millions of others who are underinsured, "nearly one-third of Americans each day are without the security of knowing they have medical care." Some 20 percent of Californians are not insured, she said.
 Without insurance, children and adults don't receive the checkups and immunizations they need to detect health problems early, she said.
 Preston from HHS talked about the rising economic pressure on individuals and businesses that have inflated

health care costs beyond affordability. The ACA was needed to help the nation's economic future, and to save people from financial ruin, she said.
 Some 18 percent of U.S. economic input goes toward paying for the health care system. By 2040, "a third of our economic assets will be tied up, if we grow at our current rate," explained Preston.
 It's not just the uninsured who suffer from inadequate coverage, said Preston. Even people who can afford insurance payments can be hit
 (See HEALTH CARE, page 5)

Volunteers Sought to Help At Schools

The City of Livermore, in collaboration with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, has introduced the Livermore Community Service Council to significantly expand and broaden the spirit of community volunteerism.
 The Council will provide the leadership and organization to help serve the community with only one objective: community service. The Council was born out of the need to connect willing volunteers with organizations in need of volunteer service. To that end, the Council identifies and plans projects; works to increase volunteer participation; evaluates past projects; recruits organizations and private individuals; and provides communication to participating organizations and the community.
 A local example of service is the annual backpack project where volunteers raise funds, purchase materials, assemble, and distribute backpacks. More than 13,000 backpacks have been distributed to needy children over twenty years. A more global example is a project to provide dresses to girls in Africa. After securing cloth and patterns, volunteers then cut, sewed, and pressed over 500 dresses of 7 different sizes.
 Stemming from this Council, the community of Livermore has the opportunity to participate in JustServe the Livermore Schools, a morning to volunteer at several school sites on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be provided afterward at 1501 Hillcrest Avenue, Livermore. Many activities are planned to beautify the campuses. School sites will include: Del Valle High School, Livermore High School and farm, East Avenue Middle School, Junction K-8 School, Croce Elementary School, Rancho Elementary School, Vineyard K-12 Alternative School, and Granada High School.
 Anyone wanting more information on how to help, may register and sign-up for service projects at www.JustServe.org.



Arroyo Seco teacher Terri Wichard tries to "ruin" the eggs as they fall. In the photo, she holds up one that survived intact. For the story, see page 2.

Alliance Aims to Change Plans For Tesla Park

An alliance of organizations is working together to convince the State Parks Department to change its plans for Tesla Park.
 Currently, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR) is moving forward with the aim of turning over 3,400 acres into a second vehicular recreation area. The land is adjacent to the existing 1600-acre Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (CSVHR).
 The idea has produced a debate over the appropriate use of the area.
 Celeste Garamendi leads the Livermore-area group, Friends of Tesla Park, that has the goal to keep off-road vehicles out of the unspoiled, state-owned Tesla site. The supporters want to permanently protect the acreage by establishing it as a non-motorized low impact historic and natural resource park and preserve.
 On the other side of the issue are off-roaders who ride their dirt bikes and ATVs at Carnegie and would like to see more places where they can use their vehicles.
 Both sides have been awaiting the release of a concept plan. Randy Cal-

dera, acting Superintendent of CSVHR, said that four concepts on how the Tesla area might be used are under review in Sacramento. Caldera is hopeful that the review will be concluded and the proposals released before the end of April.
 The state is in the process of a general plan update and environmental review of the proposal to create a vehicular recreation area on the Tesla site. The Draft EIR is expected to be issued in Summer 2013.
 Since 2000, the OHMVR Division has tried twice to gain environmental approval to expand off-highway motor recreation into Tesla Park. It has abandoned both efforts.
 Friends of Tesla Park point out that the most recent 2009 California State Park Department "Survey on Public Opinions and Attitudes on Outdoor Recreation in California" finds that OHV (off-highway vehicles) use is among the least important type of outdoor recreation to California residents. Walking, day hiking, viewing natural scenery and wildlife, and outdoor photography and many other
 (See PARK, page 5)

Voting Begins for Council Seat

Voting to fill the empty seat on the Pleasanton City Council will begin on Monday, April 8. It will conclude on May 7.
 This is a special vote by mail election. No polling places will be used.
 Sample ballots were mailed out on March 28 to registered voters in Pleasanton.

In order to cast a vote, residents must be registered by Monday, April 22, 2013. Ballots must be received by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters no later than 8 p.m. on election day, May 7. Postmarks dated May 7 are not acceptable.
 Candidates are Mark Hamilton, David Miller, Kathy Narum and Olivia

Sanwong.
 Each candidate filed a ballot statement.
 Hamilton describes himself as a local businessman and a veteran. He states, "I have been deeply involved in the community with a focus on youth groups and athletics. I love our community and want to protect it for future generations."
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Pleasanton Holds Off on Discussion of Measure PP

A decision on clarifying language regarding the intent of Measure PP was continued until April 16 by the Pleasanton City Council.
 Mayor Jerry Thorne suggested the action in response to numerous e-mails and phone calls asking for a delay on the decision. Because of spring break, many people who wanted to comment were out of town for Tuesday's session.
 The council did take public comment from those who were present Tuesday.

Measure PP, which aims at protecting ridgelines from development, was approved by voters in November 2008. The measure has since been adopted as part of the general plan. The measure restricts structures from being placed on 25% slope or greater, or within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline. Developments of fewer than 10 units are exempt.
 Three issues the council will discuss at the next council meeting include whether
 (See MEASURE, page 4)

Dublin Foregoes Joining Stopwaste.org Energy Council

Dublin City Council members have decided to forego an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of a new energy council being organized by Stopwaste.org.
 There was no vote on the matter. Councilmembers heard a city staff report at their meeting last Tuesday recommended against joining the new council. They asked questions of Dublin

staff and two Stopwaste.org officials who attended the meeting.
 Councilmember Abe Gupta said that he was troubled by the addition of an energy mission to the original job of Stopwaste.org, which is to coordinate waste recycling in the county toward the goal of reducing landfill waste.
 "The two ideas are in a
 (See ENERGY, page 4)



The Spring Eggstravaganza was held last at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin. The "Free Style" egg hunt also included face painting, jump houses, carnival games, bubble station, parachute games, imagination station, petting zoo, a photo opportunity with Peter Rabbit, music, refreshments and balloons by Crackers the Clown.

Garamendi Offers Own Suggestions for Water Plan

The state has released more chapters in its gradual unveiling of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDPC) supported by Governor Jerry Brown.
 Stakeholders have worked for seven years on the plan. On March 14, the first four chapters of a detailed 12-chapter plan were released. Eventually, an application for environmental approval of the plan will be made. A copy of the voluminous report is available at <http://baydeltaconservation-plan.com/>.
 The latest release of chapters 5 through 7 prompted former Valley Congressman John Garamendi, now of the Delta-based 3rd District, to publish a paper that he wrote proposing an alternative way to a Delta solution. He said that it would create "new water" for the state.
 The BDPC plan, which the state estimates will cost \$23 billion to implement, would include one or two tunnels under the Delta to carry water from rivers in
 (See GARAMENDI, page 4)



BUNNIES AT PETSMA RT Meet Mighty Mouse. He's a dwarf boy with a big personality. Meet Mouse and 12+ rescues this Saturday from 12-3 pm at the Dublin PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Rd. For more info, call 925-519-1723, or email ebrabbit@comcast.net. Visit www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com to see more pet profiles.

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PET OF THE WEEK
 Sweet as a flower, Daisy is a one-year-old darling just buzzing to find the perfect family in which to plant her roots. With a purr much larger than her small size, Daisy's heart is overgrown with love - come get tangled up in her affection. Daisy is available for adoption from Valley Humane Society (VHS), Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information please call (925) 426-8656, or visit www.valleyhumane.org to see other adoptable cats and dogs. Photo by Jenny Xia

Recognition Day Pays Tribute to First Responders, Teachers, and Others

By Carol Graham

Livermore Mayor John Marchand's favorite moment on March 30th came when, he says, "I arrived and saw the enthusiastic crowd from St. Matthew's and the community at large who were here to recognize the people who serve our community well."

Recognition Day was held at Carnegie Park. Organized by St. Matthew's Baptist Church, the event was designed to bring the community together to honor those whose service makes Livermore an exceptional place to live.

"Recognition Day was very powerful," said Mayor Emeritus Marshall Kamena. "The organizers paid elegant tribute to our teachers, firefighters, police officers and public officials. Each recipient, chosen by their peers, richly deserves to be honored."

Nearly two dozen Livermore teachers were selected to be honored. "I'm humbled by this recognition," said Altamont Creek Element-

ary School science teacher Fenna Gatty. "We have many exemplary, dedicated employees in our district. I'm thankful and proud to be part of such an outstanding organization of professionals who are committed to students, their achievement, and the community."

Recognition Day was conceived as a proactive opportunity for the community to show appreciation to teachers and first responders without the motivating trigger of a tragic event.

"The day was especially touching inasmuch as no tragedy was necessary to honor folks after the fact," said Kamena. "Livermore's public servants richly deserve the recognition they received today. In the main, they sacrifice many of the niceties of life to concentrate on a singular objective for each sector of endeavor: the police protect and serve, thereby making us equal under the law; the firefighters keep us out of harm's way and deliver us to medical assistance when needed;

the teachers use this safe environment to educate and nurture the native abilities of our children. They teach the students how to think in this complex society called America."

Kamena has a special tie with St. Matthew's Pastor Dr. Allen Turner. "When his father applied to Livermore for a permit to establish the Baptist church in the late 70s, I was the mayor," he said. "Dr. and Mrs. Turner attended hearings with their little boy, Allen Jr. He was a fidgety kid and on field trips I would carry him on my shoulders. After a while the word got out that he was my son. He was such a delightful little dude that I asked Dr. Turner to let me be his godfather. The pastor said, 'If we get the church, you get the kid!' They got the permit and I got my wish."

The Recognition Day celebration included music, craft booths, and food from Spanky's Dog House.

"This was a very special day for those of us in public service," said Mayor John Marchand. "All of us are



A crowd gathered to honor those who help to improve the quality of life in Livermore. (Clifton Photography)

quietly doing our jobs. We are frequently criticized by people who do not understand what we do. Today, it was nice to have the community come out to recognize and commend those who are working so hard to make our community a great place."

Those recognized are the following:

Teachers: Sue Bayer, Marilyn Egan, Debbie Jala-

nivich, Colin Dean, Iris Marshall, Lauren Kubiak, Fenna Gatty, Kristi Barcelona, Ashley Midwood, Lisa Teal, Jacob Anderson, Richard Clinnick, Sommer Newkirk, Signe Muzzy, Ana Zavala, Jan Bennett, Gabe Castro, Marfel Kusko, Peggy Sobrero, Marigrace Parker, Merry Farnady, Allison Gomes, Kristin O'Nesky, Katherine Ferguson, Lucille Holloway,

Thelma Fones.

Police Officers: Chief of Police Steve Sweeney, Rick Hudson, Dan Cabral, Ryan Sanchez, Rich Hill.

Firefighters: Fire Chief Jim Miguel, Clayton Mills, Ashton Scott

Mayors: John Marchand, Dr. Marshall Kamena (Mayor Emeritus)

Superintendent of Schools: Kelly Bowers.

Annual Egg Drop at Arroyo Is Both Fun and a Learning Experience

By Carol Graham

"The funniest thing is," said Livermore Superintendent of Schools Kelly Bowers, watching as oddly encased eggs hit the blacktop, "I just left the Granada High School Academic Celebration Breakfast where I saw students winning amazing awards in biology and chemistry. Now I'm here with these students who will be winning those high school awards one day. This is how it starts - with just their imaginations, creativity and enthusiasm."

Superintendent Bowers joined Arroyo Seco Elementary students, teachers and parents at what has become a favorite annual tradition: The Egg Drop.

"Who wants JELL-O?"

called Principal Denise Nathanson from the roof of a building. Apparently, everyone did.

"Some students go for maximum splat effect," explained teacher Carol King. "They don't care whether the egg survives."

Yet surviving the impact is the objective for the third through fifth grade students who participated on March 28th. The rules were simple: eggs must be uncooked, packaging cannot exceed 12" x 12" x 12" and only third graders can use parachutes. Anything else goes.

Besides an egg being one of nature's more fragile structures, and that it's being tossed or kicked from atop a building, there is one other

little problem. Her name is Mrs. Whichard.

"She likes to ruin eggs for a living," said fifth-grader Ella King, as the teacher deftly employs tennis rackets, golf clubs, and fishing nets to add to the challenge of an egg remaining intact.

"About half to two-thirds survive," said King. "I don't know, Mrs. Whichard seems to be particularly enthusiastic about trying to break eggs this year."

For Ella, following her third grade attempt during which she says, "Our principal kicked it, then Mrs. Whichard sat on it," this year saw success. "I wrapped a regular brown egg in sponges with tape. Then I hot-glued on 25 blue and lavender Peeps." Her

egg survived.

Egg after egg tumbled to the ground encased in peanut butter, padded envelopes, balloons, a plastic pumpkin, and a small milk carton with toothpicks protruding at all angles.

Fifth-grade student Michael Rogers' egg did not survive, but he appeared absolutely delighted all the same. His egg, suspended in a plastic container of Karo syrup and marshmallows, brought howls of support.

"I love to see so much interaction between all students in all grade levels, and how they support each

other in their scientific engineering," said Bowers. "Our district's big focus is STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) but we add an A for the arts to make it STEAM. If you don't have creativity to drive the science, you'll be limited in some of the applications."

All students received certificates for participating, and were entered into a raffle to win Nathanson's skimmer hat which was covered in blue, yellow and lavender Peeps with bunny ears popping out.

"Yesterday, a Livermore

High School student shadowed me for their youth in government program," said Bowers. "I asked her about some of her memorable school experiences, and she said, 'I won the egg drop!' Now she's one of our top students."

King added that the event is not only fun, but helps teach young students about projecting outcomes. "We talk about what we thought was going to happen and what did happen," she said. "They all talk about how unfair it is of Mrs. Whichard is to beat everything up as it falls down."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Thirty-seven people were arrested during the annual Good Friday anti-nuclear protest outside Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. Alameda County sheriff's deputies arrested the protesters for blocking a Lab gate. Those arrested were cited and released. The event included a prayer and witness service. After the service, participants walked about one-quarter mile to the main gate of the Lab carrying banners and signs.

Palo Alto Medical Foundation
Sutter Health
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Community Health Education Programs

April 2013

For a complete list of classes and class fees, lectures and health education resources, visit pamf.org/healtheducation.

Vegetarian Diets: Ensuring Nutritional Balance

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Presented by Geetha Rao, R.D., M.S., CDE
PAMF Nutrition Services

Dublin Center
4050 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin 925-875-6464

A vegetarian diet can be a healthy lifestyle choice. Join us for a presentation on how you can enjoy a balanced vegetarian diet while ensuring nutritional balance. You will learn how to plan meals by choosing foods that complement each other and provide optimal nutrition.

Your Baby's Doctor

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dublin Center
4050 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin

650-853-2960

Learn about normal newborn appearance and behavior as well as soothing techniques from one of our Dublin Center pediatricians or family medicine doctors. After the presentation, our doctors will be available for a Q&A session about everything newborn in this free one-hour class. You'll also find out how the Pediatrics and Family Medicine Departments work, what happens in the hospital and what to look for in the first few weeks with your baby.

Childbirth and Parent Education Classes
650-853-2960

- Breastfeeding Your Newborn
- Childbirth Preparation

Nutrition and Diabetes Classes
510-498-2184

- Living Well with Diabetes

Weight Management Programs
510-498-2184

- New Weigh of Life (adult weight management)

Community Health Resource Center

The Health Resource Center offers information and support for those who wish to make informed decisions regarding their health and wellness. The center is open to all members of the community.

- Nurse health educators
- Health reference books
- Health lectures
- Health newsletters
- Informational brochures
- Educational DVDs and videotapes
- Access to health information websites
- Information on community resources

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Dublin, 925-875-6150 and Fremont, 510-623-2231

Thank you for your generosity and support. If you have any questions, please contact, teacher Mr. Brian Ladd via email bladd@pleasantonusd.net or phone (925) 461-6100.

Civics Team Needs Your Support!

"We the People"

State Championship Winners

AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

"We the People" team from Amador Valley High School won 1st place in the State of California qualifying to compete in Washington D.C. for the National Finals. They will be representing their school, our community and our state in this distinguished event. To complete this honor, they are seeking financial support from the community to attend the final stage of competition in April 25-May 1, 2013.

"We the People" is a competitive civics experience sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, a division of the United States Department of Education.

The team of 29 seniors has spent over 15,000 combined hours of study and preparation. They are honored to represent our community and hope you will support their quest to bring home a national title. It will take \$35,000 of community support to send the 29 students to Washington D.C. Any measure of support will bring this team closer to their goal, please consider making a donation. Checks can be made out to:

Amador Valley High School (AVHS) Competition Civics
1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566
Tax ID #: 94-3062524

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Plan Bay Area Town Hall

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) have launched Plan Bay Area Town Hall, an online platform designed to engage citizens in a conversation on regional transportation planning and land use/housing issues.

For the release of the San Francisco Bay Area's Draft Plan Bay Area, MTC and ABAG started the online platform as an effort to encourage broader participation in the regional decision-making process from residents of the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

Officials will review comments as they consider adoption of the final Plan in summer 2013. The online town hall can be found at <http://onebayarea.org/misc/open-town-hall.html>. To learn more, visit OneBayArea.org.

Woman of the Year

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett will host a "Woman of the Year" celebration at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building on Thurs., April 4.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. The Veterans Building is located at 301 Main Street.

Senator Corbett will honor Alameda County Blue Star Moms President & Founder Julie Ramirez as the "Woman of the Year" for the 10th Senate District.

Julie founded the Alameda County Blue Star Moms / Chapter CA23 in early 2009. This non-profit organization has helped hundreds of local military families with school supplies, toys for the holidays, coats and even bicycles for children, as well as resources for parents of deployed soldiers, returning veterans and any interested supporters of military families.

The Senator will also be celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of other local trailblazing women in the 10th Senate District. Those honorees include: Norma Ambriz-Galaviz, Merritt College President; Gari Browning, Ohlone College President; Sue Chan, Fremont City Councilmember; Susan Cota, Former Chancellor of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District; Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Union City Mayor; Pat Gacoscos, Union City Councilmember; LaDonna Harris, Alameda County Chief Probation Officer; Jennifer Hosterman, former Pleasanton Mayor; Susan Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator; Anu Natarajan, Fremont City Vice Mayor; Nancy O'Malley, Alameda County District Attorney; Sandra Spagnoli, San Leandro Police Chief; and Diane Urban, Hayward Police Chief.

Correction

A Dublin City Council story that mentioned the outcome of a footrace between Congressman Eric Swalwell and Dublin Councilmember David Haubert on St. Patrick's Day Weekend was incorrect concerning certain details.

Each of the two men ran on their own teams, not individually against each other. The time handicap allowed to Haubert because he is older than Swalwell was a little over two minutes total, not seven minutes.

The race was held to kick off a city program in which residents can sign up on-line to commit to running goals set by themselves over a 12-week program.

Also, Swalwell will pick up the luncheon tab for his own staff. Haubert will cover his fellow city councilmembers. The original bet was that the loser would pay for all.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Residents gathered last Saturday for the dedication of the Fire Station One Memorial Garden hosted by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 at the garden in front of Fire Station Number One in Pleasanton. The garden was created in memory of 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. 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.

Security Cameras to Be Added at Ravenswood

A video security system will be installed at Ravenswood Historic Site.

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors

approved use of \$22,000 from the Buckley Trust Fund to finance the purchase and installation of the system. The money will also pay five years of surveillance fees, after which LARPD will cover the \$720 annual monitoring costs.

The system will monitor activity at the site in an effort to prevent vandalism.

Ravenswood Historic Site, a Victorian home in south Livermore on the National Register of Historic Places, is operated and main-

tained by LARPD and supported by the Ravenswood Progress League.

The Buckley Trust Fund was established in 1978. It has a current balance of \$341,315. The fund was set up by the Buckley family - Ravenswood was built by Christopher Augustine Buckley Sr. in the 1890s - to maintain and preserve the site.

Also at the meeting, the Board heard a report on the District's 2013 spring and summer programming.

COUNCIL

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ture generations." He points out that he has no affiliations with organizations that could benefit from local legislation. His priorities would include fiscal management, planned growth, protection of schools, police and fire safety. He would prioritize expansion of parks and recreational sites and bringing new jobs to Pleasanton.

Miller lists his occupation as a smartphone engineering executive. He says that he would be an advocate for positive growth and community development that won't damage Pleasanton's unique small town charm. He would oppose forced urbanization from outside interests. As a community activist, he points out that he has helped find ways to resolve Pleasanton's pension liabilities without raising taxes. He states, "I support review and revision of cumbersome government processes to support local business, attract desirable new businesses and encourage job growth."

Narum notes that she would bring the most experience to the job. She is currently a planning commissioner and has served on the Parks and Recreation Commission. She has been a member of many city task forces, including current co-chair of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan. Narum has held volunteer positions for the Seahawks Swim Team and RAGE Soccer boards. A top priority would be to promote fiscal sustainability. She would work to preserve the quality of life by insisting on responsible growth, a variety of housing solutions, promoting the downtown and encouraging community input. "It's important to me to maintain Pleasanton's small town feel."

Sanwong states that her professional background uniquely qualifies her to understand how to use technology to keep Pleasanton moving forward. She is a member of the City's Economic Vitality and Cultural Plan Committees. She writes that when the term expires, "You will see a 21st century leader using 21st century tools, like social media, to address our highest priorities: economic development, population growth, urban design, fiscal sustainability, and the environment." Sanwong was born and raised in Pleasanton, bringing that perspective of the city to the council.

NARUM RECEIVED MOST DONATIONS

Kathy Narum has received the highest total in donations with a reported \$14,545 for her Pleasanton City Council campaign. The total includes a \$3000 loan to herself.

David Miller was close behind at \$12,284, which includes an \$8000 loan from himself. Olivia Sanwong reported \$2274, with \$1050 a loan from herself. Mark Hamilton did not file a campaign finance report.

The report covers the period between January 1 and March 23, 2013.

Narum listed 91 donors, with 68 of them Pleasanton residents. Donating to her campaign were Frank Auf Dermaur, \$200; Janice Batcheller, \$100; Dolores Bengston, \$100; Frank Capilla and Muriel Capilla, \$250 each; Randall Davis, \$150; Art Dunkley, \$200; Ted Fairfield, \$100; Brad Hirst, \$200; Jerry Thorne for Mayor 2012, \$150; Harvey Kameny, \$150; Patricia Lane, \$100; Law Offices of Peter MacDonald, \$100; Anthony Macchiano and Shirley Macchiano, \$250 each; Ken Mercer, \$100; former councilmember Sharrell Michelotti, \$100; Steven Morrilli, \$250; Greg O'Connor,

\$250; councilmember Jerry Pentin, \$100; former mayor Tom Pico, \$100; Ponderosa Homes II, Inc., \$250; Mary Roberts, \$100; and James Tong, Charter Properties, \$100.

Miller's donors include Douglas Miller, \$250; Kevin Ready, \$250; Bill Fazarkely, \$500; Heather Gass, \$300; Evelyn Cozakos, \$200; Earl Burris, \$150; former councilmember Steve Brozosky, \$200; Bart Hughes, \$100; and Judy Galletti, \$100. Of his 67 donors, thirty-four of them were not Pleasanton residents.

Sanwong's donors include Christine Bourg, \$100, councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio, \$100; former councilmember Becky Dennis, \$50; Susan Hayes, \$200; and Marilyn Wright, \$100. Of the nine donors, four were from outside Pleasanton.

NARUM ENDORSED

The Bay East Association of REALTORS® is endorsing Kathy Narum for Pleasanton City Council.

"Kathy Narum has the right combination of skills, experience and connection with the community to be an effective member of the Pleasanton City Council," said Craig Ragg 2013 Presi-

dent of the Bay East Association of REALTORS®

All four candidates running in the special election were invited to interview with Bay East representatives. Each showed promise as potential community leaders.

"Leadership is one of the core Bay East values," Ragg said. "Pleasanton residents are blessed to have several candidates willing to step up and serve."

Ragg continued, "Ms. Narum was clearly the best qualified out of all four candidates." Ragg said her years of community involvement in organized youth sports and service as a Planning Commissioner show her knowledge and commitment to Pleasanton. As a commercial property owner she also has first-hand knowledge of the current business climate. "She will bring a unique perspective on community issues to the City Council that's informed by her wide variety of experiences," Ragg said.

EDITORIAL

Grad Night

Residents have been working together for months to provide a "Safe and Sober Grad Night" for seniors graduating this June from Livermore and Granada High Schools.

The safe and sober festivities launched in 1988 in an effort to keep teens who had been celebrating off the roads, with the goal that the students have a good time without risking their lives.

In order to finance the festivities, volunteers have been holding a variety of fund-raising events. The largest fund-raiser is set for Friday, April 12: "50 Shades of Red," a casino theme. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.granadahigh.com or www.livermorehs.schoolloop.com.

Local businesses have donated a variety of items to be raffled or auctioned off.

Organizers are hoping the entire community, not just the parents of seniors, turn out to help make the fund-raiser a success, which in turn will ensure that the grad night events are a success. It's a plan where everyone wins.

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the city should direct staff to conduct an inventory of properties that would be subject to the provisions of Measure PP; determine whether to measure the 100 ft. vertical setback from the top of a structure or the pad elevation; and determine if a road is a structure.

Staff said that conducting an inventory could be controversial and time consuming as it relates to individual properties. Staff argued against defining a road as a structure, noting that would mean that roads already approved as part of specific plans could not be built. This includes the Happy Valley bypass road and a road to Lund Ranch II.

The majority of the public comment focused on the definition of a structure as it pertains to roads and streets.

Those who would be impacted by extending streets into development on the

lower hills to the east of the city declared that a road is a structure and therefore could not be built. James Frost pointed out that the word structure is defined as anything constructed or built. "I don't see how you can make something that is a structure not a structure."

Kay Ayala, one of the signers of Measure PP, said the intent was to protect the ridges from housing or commercial structures, not roads. "A road is not a structure," she declared. Ayala supported providing an inventory of properties affected by Measure PP, stating, "Property owners deserve the information."

Greg O'Connor, quoted community activist Anne Fox, who helped to write the paragraph on structures, as believing that roads were definitely contemplated as structures. He said that was one of the reasons she became involved.

ENERGY

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little bit of a clash. I'm interested in seeing how this will shake out in other communities, like Pleasanton," said Gupta.

If Pleasanton were willing, there might be a joint powers agreement to pursue energy grants by the newly formed entity. The Pleasanton council was scheduled to discuss their potential energy council membership after The Independent's deadline. The staff recommendation in Pleasanton was not to join the council. One of Pleasanton's concerns was that the agency could determine the direction of local energy related activities.

The deadline for joining the Stopwaste.org energy council is April 12. However, a city can join at any later date, but would have to be voted in by the original members.

Stopwaste.org executive director Gary Wolff explained that the organiza-

tion branched out to energy, and has been successful in obtaining grants from the state PUC.

If Dublin joins the new energy council, it can still pursue other grants on its own, not just obtain them through the energy council, said Wolff.

The issue of weighted voting also came up. Bigger cities and the county will have more than one vote on applying for grants, and distributing the money. That could leave smaller cities like Dublin at a disadvantage, said city councilmembers, though no one said it would be a deal-breaker. Mayor Tim Sbranti pointed out that the Alameda County Transportation Commission works the same way using weighted voting.

The city council will look over the first six months of the energy council's performance, and then consider whether to join at that time.

Dublin Panels, Council Huddle on Strategic Plan

The Dublin City Council has met with three of its commissions, reviewed progress on goals, and heard ideas about what might be desirable to accomplish.

The meeting was held at the library on March 23. On hand were members of the Heritage and Cultural Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Planning Commission.

The city holds the session annually, to keep an eye on the city's strategy over the next 10 years. Commissioners and council members review goals that were set previously, and hear reports on how far along various projects have progressed.

Special projects coordinator Jacqui Diaz told The Independent that the Heritage and Cultural Arts commission was excited about the new Dublin High School performing arts center, which is under construction, and is expected to open

later this year.

Mayor Tim Sbranti said the city can take on the role of bringing "some quality acts in" for the benefit of the whole community. The theater will seat more than 500. It features an orchestra pit.

The theater will also provide "opportunities for visual arts displays throughout the year," said Sbranti. He noted that such a city-school district partnership would be comparable to the San Ramon partnership with Dougherty Valley High School.

Also mentioned at the meeting was the possibility, though it's only a thought right now, that Dublin might be able to build a 150 to 200 seat black box theater on 5 acres that the city purchased next to City Hall, said Sbranti. Most of the land is being considered for a public safety complex. It's possible there may be enough room for a small

theater, said Sbranti.

The Parks and Recreation Commission looked at improving communication with residents. A study is underway to obtain community feedback about programs that residents would like to see in parks.

Parks and Recreation commissioners also talked about encouraging high school students to become more involved in community life beyond their school and sports activities, said Diaz.

Sbranti said discussions included further development of Emerald Glen Park. Eventually, a gym or community center will be built. However, the first priority is to complete an aquatics center. It will feature the only indoor pool in the city, said Sbranti.

The Planning Commission talked about creating areas that encourage more walking and socializing

while shopping or dining out.

"The longevity of the buildings was important, as well as incorporating art within the buildings. They want to make it an interesting place for people to live, to walk around, and to enjoy themselves," said Diaz.

Branding Dublin was also important to the Planning Commission, said Sbranti. "With i-GATE and Innovation Tri-Valley, we have a focus on entrepreneurs and start-ups," he added. Continuing the branding of the downtown area was also discussed.

Summing up, Sbranti said that the four-hour Saturday event resulted in a good discussion on a wide range of topics. "The commission members are deep into the community, as we are, but they might interact with different people," said Sbranti.

Pleasanton Parents Push for Class Size Reduction

Parents made a concerted presentation to the Pleasanton school board in support of restoration of class size reduction (CSR) in the coming school year.

The school board heard from the parents at their meeting March 26. It followed a similar move by teachers at the March 14 meeting.

Several parents spoke at the microphone during the audience communication part of the agenda, with more applauding in support from the audience.

The parents don't want to wait until the 2014/15 school year to reduce class sizes. That would be the year that the state changes its funding methods, and the district can set aside \$2.9 million of its funding for CSR to a 20:1 ratio for kindergarten through 3rd grade.

They said they wanted something to happen in the coming school year, at least reducing class size down to 25:1 for the first grade, which is perceived as an extremely important year for teaching reading.

The parents spoke of classroom crowding that they witnessed during their volunteer parent work, and what they described as difficulty that teachers have in tending to the needs of 30 students in a room.

The item was not scheduled for the agenda. It could come up at a later meeting.

By that time, the governor's May revision to his budget would be available. The cost of possible new salary arrangements for teachers, support staff and district administrators would have to be known before the board could make a decision.

One variable is that Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) has been raising money toward the specific goal of CSR, after it took care of other goals having to do with reading coaches and other staff help. They raised over \$60,000 for CSR.

The campaign deadline was March 31. By March 26 not enough money had been raised that it would take

for the district to implement CSR for first grade.

Trustee Chris Grant suggested that if parents know that the door is still open for CSR donations to PPIE, it might help push the amount over the line.

The cost of CSR for first grade is \$505,000. The state contributes \$180,000 under the current formula subsidizing part of CSR. The district would have to come up with the remaining \$325,000. There is not enough at the present time, what with the unknowns concerning the state budget and salary negotiations, said superintendent

Parvin Ahmadi.

A PPIE official who gave a report to the board about fund-raising efforts said that the organization does not want to go beyond the March 31 deadline, because it had promised donors that would be deadline.

Grant said at the meeting that first grade is extremely important. CSR would benefit reading instruction at that level. He would like to bring up the topic as an agenda item at a future meeting, if it looks like there is a brighter outlook for finances, including the potential of PPIE raising more funds.

On another item, Ahmadi gave recognition to Amador Valley High School student Alice Deng. She was inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, on March 23, the only student to be inducted this year.

Alice started RSVP Speech, an ongoing workshop that provides free public speech lessons. Classes range in size from six to 30 participants. There are different age groups, including adults.

Ahmadi said Alice started the group in Pleasanton, but now it has spread throughout the county.

WATER PLAN

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the North. According to the plan, that would avoid pollution of the water by chemicals in the Delta, and also protect threatened fish species because of the management of intakes in the proposed system.

The latest chapters, 5 through 7, of the draft BDCP plan are described by a news media document from the California Department of Natural Resources. The chapters deal with what the department terms "substantial ecological benefits." They include restoration of more natural flow patterns through the Delta, habitat improvements for almost all of 57 covered species, and expanded habitat for salmon, smelt and sturgeon, as well as increased food supplies for those species.

There would also be a shift in the location, amount and timing for federal and state water diversions from the Delta during most years.

A chapter on implementation of the plan says that "adaptive management," meaning adjusting to conditions as they unfold in the future, would be used in pumping water. As new scientific information becomes

available, the plan might have to respond to changing conditions.

The chapter on implementation structure sets out the roles and parties responsible for implementing various aspects of the BDCP. Details about these things are expected to change as there is more dialogue with the public and governmental agencies.

A public presentation of the new chapters was scheduled to be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 4 at the Red Lion Woodlake Conference Center, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento.

Chapters due to be released in coming weeks will discuss estimated costs and potential funding sources. They will also address ways to achieve the goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration.

GARAMENDI OFFERS OWN DELTA PLAN

The Delta's congressional delegation, including Garamendi and Jerry McNerney, who represented Pleasanton, issued a joint press release.

McNerney said that he again is denouncing the governor's "flawed plan." He states, "I will continue to fight to make sure that the interests of the people" of the Delta are represented in any plan for the region.

Garamendi called the governor's plan a "Bay Delta Destruction Plan." He said, "It is simply an expensive plumbing system that doesn't add a single drop to the state's water supply."

Garamendi announced that he has written a white paper that he said calls for a better approach to "creating new water" for California.

The state can generate more useable water through a multi-front plan that includes more conservation measures, increased use of recycled water for irrigation, expansion of the state's total desalination of sea water for use as fresh water, and creation of new storage facilities.

Garamendi said that technology exists today that can measure moisture in the soil, which can conserve at least 10 percent of irrigation, and pay off the cost in less than one year.

WaterReuse California says that currently 650,000 acre feet annually (AFA) of water are recycled in the state, said Garamendi. (One

acre foot is the amount of water one foot deep on one acre of land.)

With existing technology, a "serious program" for water recycling, could be developed so that the total amount could be increased to 1.5 million AFA of "new water" by 2020, and 2.5 million AFA by 2030.

Desalination is not suitable for all uses. It costs about 40 percent more than recycling water using the current technology, said Garamendi. However, research is being pursued in both technologies to lower the cost of each.

Garamendi said that conservation and recycling in the state can "create 2.2 million AFA of new water" each year. That might increase to 3.2 million AFA in 20 years.

"This is new water that is not available today because it is wasted or pumped out to sea. It can be developed at a reasonable cost when compared to all other alternatives that might be out there," said Garamendi.

The state needs more water reservoirs to improve water storage south of the Delta, said Garamendi. He is calling for expansion of the San Luis and Los Vaqueros reservoirs, and new dams at several locations in the Central Valley. There are also underground aquifers in the Central Valley that can store more water.

Garamendi does back the BDCP intentions to repair and improve key Delta levees, and undertake habitat restoration throughout the Delta.

A Delta-based coalition called Restore the Delta said that the most recent BDCP chapters released are "nothing more than a rationale for a conveyance," and the proposed tunnels are incompatible with restoring the Delta.

The Valley's water wholesaler, Zone 7 Water Agency is one of the state's 29 water contractors that use the Delta as a conduit to move water from Lake Oroville. After the first chapters were released earlier in March, Zone 7 posted a comment on its web site that underscored the importance of the Delta to Valley water customers, who receive more than 80 percent of their water transported through the Delta. Zone 7's web page is at www.zone7water.com/. Zone 7 has not taken a position on the BDCP.

MAILBOX

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Miller for Council Gary Kinsman Pleasanton

I am writing this in support of David Miller who is running for Pleasanton city council. I have primarily two reasons for doing so, and their names are Andrew and Madison. It is very important to their grandmother and I that they are able to grow up in a Pleasanton as their mother did, a Pleasanton that has kept its small town charm and remains on sound financial ground.

We need someone who will fight as much as reasonably possible to keep to the city's general plan that was approved by the voters of Pleasanton and minimize high density housing. His business acumen will be an asset to the council when tasked to evaluate complex issues and alternatives that are so important to making the best decisions for the City of Pleasanton.

More simply stated, it's for the children (and grandchildren).

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Photographs show the differences between the two areas: Tesla is pictured to the left, Carnegie on the right.

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types of non-OHV activities were all more important to survey respondents than OHV use (with OHV use including use of motorcycles, ATVs, dune buggies, and 4WD vehicles).

Carnegie opened in 1998 under state supervision. Visitors topped at 132,000 in 2006, but declined to about 80,000 users in 2011. For comparison, Mt. Diablo State Park, which encompasses 20,000 acres, reported 250,000 visitors that year.

Caldera, acting Superintendent of CSVRA, said that while the trend has been down the previous three years, this year, the use of the park is starting to pick up. He points out that there was a steady climb until 2002. He noted that in looking at DMV print-outs, "We can see that while people may not be using their vehicles, they are not getting rid of them. That pretty much tells us the economy has had an impact.

One area of off-road vehicle use that is increasing in demand, according to Caldera, are 4-wheel all terrain vehicles. "Carnegie doesn't allow them in the hills or on extreme terrain. They can only be driven in the flat areas. The new property would be an ideal place for these vehicles," he stated.

Tesla is a steep, rugged grassland in the southeast hills east of Livermore.

For many years, Carnegie's badly rutted hillsides have been easily visible from Corral Hollow Road a dozen miles east of Livermore.

For many in Friends of Tesla Park, the visible Carnegie devastation generates a visceral reaction. They point out that it is a rich source of Old California history with economic ties to Livermore from the 19th and early 20th centuries. It has been a gathering point for Native Americans, used as a pass by Spanish explorers, a cattle ranch and was the site of a mining town. The area is currently fenced off as the state completes its environmental work. Inside the fence can be found mountain lions, snakes, hawks, tule elk, forests of native oaks and seasonal creeks. It is home to such endangered species as the red-legged frog and Alameda whipsnake.

Friends of Tesla Park have reached out to gain support for their effort to preserve the site. They are asking people to write to decision makers to urge a new direction for the future of the area.

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan offered the following statement, "I share the concerns of many of my constituents about the potential harm to the Alameda/Tesla park land if it were to be opened to OHV use. Both East Bay Regional Parks District and Save Mount Diablo have expressed interest in preserving this land.

"Tesla Park must be protected given the numerous endangered and protected species, habitats and culturally significant features. The property also holds a rich history as the seasonal hunting and gathering grounds for Native American peoples as well as being the site of one of the first commercial coal mines in California. We cannot allow the Alameda/Tesla properties to be degraded like Carnegie.

"There cannot be any shortcuts to the EIR process. A complete and comprehensive project-level EIR, with opportunities for extensive public input, must be completed prior to any approval to open the Alameda/Tesla Park land to OHV use. If the process is to be supportable, the EIR also must consider alternative uses."

She added, "In separate meetings with represen-

tatives from Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird's office and State Parks Director, Major General Jackson, I emphasized that it is essential to an open and fair process that the final EIR must be complete and must be certified by an independent body, rather than by the OHMVR Commission. Both have assured me of this and our office will continue to follow the project throughout the EIR process."

State Senator Mark DeSaulnier stated, "I remain supportive of efforts to preserve Tesla Park. As we continue in this process, I look forward to seeing the results of the state's environmental impact report. I am hopeful that we can protect the ecology and natural beauty of Tesla."

Bob Coomber, who climbs mountains and travels along trails in a wheelchair, said that he is fundamentally opposed to allowing motorized vehicles in an area that has a lot of value for a lot of purposes. He does not want the area to look like Carnegie Park, with deep gouges in the land. Allowing motorized vehicles will create more devastation and more air pollution, he stated, adding, "As a former motorcycle racer, I appreciate their view of recreation. However, the site is more valuable to more people keeping it as it is."

Coomber said there is an opportunity to build trails in the Tesla area that could eventually link the area to Mt. Diablo. "If Tesla were a park, I'd be out there in a second. I am a huge fan of keeping land as natural as possible, because we are losing it so quickly."

Environmentally focused organizations have many of the same concerns. Supporting the effort to preserve the Tesla area are the following: Alameda Creek Alliance; California Oaks (formerly California Oak Foundation); California Sports Fishing Association - CSFA; Center for Biological Diversity; Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge - CCCR; East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society - EBCNPS; Friends of the Arroyos; Friends of Livermore; Friends of Springtown Preserve; Friends of the Vineyards; Greenbelt Alliance; Livermore Heritage Guild; Livermore Hill Hikers; Ohlone Audubon Society; Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility - PEER; Regional Parks Association; Save Mount Diablo; Sfbaywildlife.info; Sierra Club; Sustainability, Parks, Recycling and Wildlife Legal Defense Fund - SPRAWLDEF; and Tri-Valley Trail Blazers, equestrian group.

Asked about oversight and damage, Caldera said that OHV has not seen the same cuts in funding as the rest of the parks department. "Our opponents attack us over the condition of the existing park. When the parks department purchased it, it was an existing OHV facility with hill climbs and damage. He stated that every piece of bare dirt in the park has been mapped via GPS. Trails marked as green are sustainable meeting all of the environmental requirements. Red areas are those with damage. Since 2009, we are able to show that many of those areas have been improved.

He said of impacts on wildlife and habitat, Carnegie contains a broad range of each. Our opponents statements about potential degradation in Tesla are not based on any scientific data. "We are under the same operational codes and regulatory requirements as other departments. On the Tesla site, we have been told which areas no motorized

vehicles could be used. We know we won't be able to develop any trail systems in those areas.

"I understand the recreational use of off-road vehicles. Users are not the stereotypical rowdy, beer drinking crowd; they are mainly families. One of the biggest complaints we hear is the need for more kid tracks. Yes, there is danger involved. Most of the injuries are to those in the younger group who push buttons to the extreme."

According to the Friends of Tesla, one of the major failures of the OHMVR Division, as explained by former Deputy Director Daphne Green in her interview with the Attorney General as part of the 2012 State Parks Department secret fund investigation, was the Division's acquisition or planned acquisition of property which was not suitable for OHV use. Tesla Park was not appropriate for OHV when it was purchased in 1996 and 1998. "Had the OHMVR Division completed necessary due diligence before the purchase as required by law, the sensitive natural and historic/cultural resources in Tesla Park would have been identified and Tesla Park would never have been purchased for expansion of Carnegie SVRA."

Caldera said that EBRPD has been in discussion with OHV management regarding the placement of the Tesla area in its draft master plan. "We would love it if they would take it out of the plan."

The District will provide a diverse system of non-motorized trails to accommodate a variety of recreational users including hikers, joggers, people with dogs, bicyclists and equestrians."

Ayn Wieskamp, who represents the area on the EBRPD board, said that there have been no discussions about removing the area. It is a place-holder. There is no money to buy the land. "The area is of significant importance to the district. The dust and noise made by the motorized vehicles affects both plants and animals. I don't think Tesla deserves to be degraded."

In its draft master plan, EBRPD provides information about the Tesla Park issue. "In scoping the issues for this Master Plan, the District conducted two interest surveys of recreational interests and preferences: a scientifically valid telephone survey of and an open, web-based user survey, which generated 6,294 responses. Of the total responses to both surveys, only one respondent indicated an interest in OHV use. A CA State Parks survey (2007) indicated that only 3.5% of respondents in the San Francisco Bay Area had participated in OHV recreation in the preceding year. EBRPD's surveys also indicated an overwhelming preference for the preservation of natural open space and maintenance of existing facilities as spending priorities, and, generally, for more passive, nature-oriented rec-

reational activities, such as trail hiking and riding."

Wieskamp added, "I respect other people's recreation. I have no objection to finding a place somewhere for off-road use that would not offend nature or neighbors."

Livermore Mayor John Marchand said he too hoped that the state would find a suitable site that does not have historical or ecological significance that could be used for off road vehicles.



Rideo bus ready to roll.

Restored Rideo Bus Debuts at Wheels Fuel Facility Dedication

The Valley's last Rideo bus, harking back to the pre-Wheels days of Valley transit, has been restored. It made a comeback debut at a dedication of Wheels' new \$7.5 million fueling and washing facility.

The facility at 875 Atlantis Court, Livermore, was dedicated April 1 by Valley officials and Federal Transit Authority deputy administrator Ed Carranza.

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who played leading roles in obtaining some of the funding for the facility, and also for bus restoration, was there. So were other elected officials who serve on the board of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA). They included Livermore councilmembers Bob Woerner and Laureen Turner, who served as emcee; Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and Councilmember Karla Brown, and Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti and Councilmember Don Biddle.

LAVTA executive director Paul Matsuoka credited Haggerty's work both on the Alameda County Transit Authority and the board of supervisors for obtaining a \$4 million state grant, which then was used as a match for a \$3.5 million federal grant.

Restoration of the bus cost \$230,000, with some \$200,000 of it from grants obtained by Haggerty, said Matsuoka. The remaining \$30,000 came from the LAVTA budget.

Wheels makes appearances at community fairs to provide information about transit. The agency has taken a Rapid express bus along to spotlight Wheels' presence at the fairs. Now Wheels will bring the Rideo bus instead, especially to Livermore events, because Rideo began there, said Matsuoka.

The bus was the last one from the fleet, which was succeeded by Wheels in the 1980s. Many older residents still recall the painted logo on the side with two horses galloping into swirling lines that represented motion.

HEALTH CARE

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hard with co-payments such as \$5000 for an operation.

The sticker shock in personal health care costs sometimes surprises people. One thing the ACA tries to accomplish is to make insurance policies clear. "so they (the insured) don't find out things at the wrong time," said Preston.

The ACA also re-invests in public health infrastructure by retraining health workers. "It makes sure that our public health officials are in charge," said Preston.

Echols of the SBA said employers are often glad to be able to provide insurance, because it makes them more competitive, compared to businesses that don't offer it.

Employers can choose the level of coverage that they want to offer, and the amount they want to contribute toward the employee's insurance. They can also obtain a tax credit based on the cost of premium expenses. All they need for qualifying for the credit is the owner and one employee, or more, up to 10 total

full-time equivalent (FTE) employees.

The maximum tax credit for payment on 2013 IRS income taxes will be 35 percent for businesses, and 24 percent for non-profits. For 2014, it will be 50 percent, and 35 percent for non-profits.

Somewhat larger firms can qualify, too. If the average wage is below \$50,000, and there are fewer than 25 FTE employees, the owner still qualifies for a tax credit. However, it will be less, based on a sliding scale, said Echols.

Stanton, the consultant for Covered California, said that thirty-three companies have expressed interest in selling on the exchange. Some major insurers are among them. People will be able to shop for plans that match their coverage needs and budgets, at four different levels: platinum, gold, silver and bronze.

In response to audience questions, panelists said that insurers can't bar policies to people who have pre-existing conditions, a provision that already has gone into effect. Further, they can't charge a higher rate to people with a pre-existing condition.

The only variables in cost allowed to plans are differences in geographical areas, and by age, though the age variations have been capped at three times higher than the rate for the lowest age in a plan.

The Legislature is debating the issue of whether to allow charging smokers higher rates than non-smokers.

Many more details about individual, family and business plans in the exchange are available on the Covered California web page, www.coveredca.com/

ACA offers a feature that enables a person to enter age, family size, and income and learn what the premium payment might be. Since rates are not set yet for 2014, the estimate is only approximate.

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SPORTS NOTES



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Amador Valley High School men's varsity track and field team defeated Granada 82 to 54 in an EBAL meet, while the Granada and Amador Valley women settled for a 68 to 68 tie. Pictured is the 1600 JV race.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

In last Thursday's EBAL outing, the Granada Matadors varsity girls softball team scored a 6-1 win over the Foothill Falcons.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results from last week:

T-Ball: Rangers vs. Red Sox: On offense, the Red Sox were led by the strong hitting of Brooke Harper, Caden Hinckley and Addison Kell. The Rangers' offense was powered by Blake Downs, Jess Wilder and Gina Pietro. On defense, the Red Sox standouts were Austin Overholt and Porter Seiwald who made great plays in the infield and to first base. Offensive star Addison Kell also showed her golden glove with strong plays on defense. The Rangers who made great plays on defense were Anya Eastman, Hans Randall and Tyler Palma.

Minor A: Cardinals vs. Giants: For the Cardinals, Logan Hahn demonstrated great hitting power and doubled in the 1st inning and singled in the 3rd inning to record 2 RBIs. His defense was also strong with a great stop at Pitcher and a quick throw to Cody Johnston at first base that stopped a potential rally. Cody Johnston's powerful swing was on display as he went 2 for 2. Jacob Phillips and Hudson Lelew were an unstoppable team each taking a turn as pitcher/catcher. For the Giants, Zackary Caufield connected for a solid base hit in the 3rd inning and played well at shortstop. Ryan Doko hit a line drive to right field in the 2nd inning and played well at first base including a force out at 3rd. Pitchers Arjun Saroy and Lukas Smith did an amazing job with multiple strikeouts.

Minor AA: Rangers 9, A's 8: For the Rangers on offense Jake Steele hit a single, a double and recorded 3 RBIs. Hollis Sturgill had a double and one RBI. On defense, Jake Fields and Hollis Sturgill had three strike outs each. For the A's, Elijah Schell made some great stops behind the plate as catcher. On offense, Tovin Loth and Landon Paden both hit singles. Jason Zaia hit a double and had two RBIs and Augie Mascari hit a double and had one RBI. For the Rangers, Danny Knight completed an aggressive steal at third base. Chris Hutton made two great defensive plays both resulting in outs at first base along with striking out two batters. Ryan Macintire had an unassisted double play.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results from last week:

Micro Teal: Ohana Bros. Island Style Chips & Popcorn vs. Voxeleron: The girls on the Voxeleron team made some amazing plays and launched great hits against Ohana Bros. Island Style Chips & Popcorn. Elena threw a fast ball to Emma B. and outed the opposing team at 1st base and during the 1st inning. Way to go Elena and Emma. Emma was on fire this game. She caught a ball at 3rd base and outed her runner. Fantastic play Emma. Top Players: Ohana Bros. Island Style Chips & Popcorn - Emma Buttafoco, Alena Gagnon, Elena Soltero; Voxeleron - Kyleigh Leung, Kiera O'Brien, Logan Wampler.

Mini Teal: Pro Image Studios 3, Emohteez 3: For the visiting Emohteez, Jordan Lederer went 2-2 at the plate, including an RBI double in the first and a single in the third. Olivia Fragomeli pitched two solid innings and went 1-2 at the plate. Rounding it out for Emohteez was Peyton Boone with a fine defensive performance. Behind the dominant pitching of both Madison Schooley and Yolanda Mora, Pro Image Studios were able to hold Emohteez to 3 runs. An RBI double by Mia De La Cruz got a rally started, but Pro Image Studios weren't able to score what would have been the winning run in the last inning. Emohteez and Pro Image Studios played to a 3-3 tie. Top Players: Pro Image Studios - Mia De La Cruz, Yolanda Mora, Madison Schooley; Emohteez - Peyton Boone, Olivia Fragomeli, Jordan Lederer.

Kaelin Construction Inc. 6, Big Picture Creative 4: Sophia Blaschka recorded a game-ending strikeout to preserve the season-opening win for Kaelin Construction Inc. Ella Piergrossi struck out the side in the third inning as Kaelin Construction Inc.'s pitcher and also went 1-for-3 with a run. Brooke Inman went 2-for-2 and scored the eventual winning run while Ella McElroy also collected two hits and scored a run. Top Players: Big Picture Creative - Suhani Malik, Ava Munoz, Mia Tarricone; Kaelin Construction Inc. - Brooke Inman, Ellie McElroy, Ella Piergrossi.

Kaelin Construction Inc. 3, Delores Gragg-Keller Williams Realty 0: Makenze Mapes' run gave Kaelin Construction Inc. a second-inning lead. Sofia Blaschka scored after hitting a double, and Ella Piergrossi smacked a two-run single for the winners. Delores Gragg-Keller Williams Realty received top-notch plays from Sasha Sood, Callie McCarthy and Audrey Davis. Top Players: Kaelin Construction Inc. - Sofia Blaschka, Makenze Mapes, Ella Piergrossi; Delores Gragg-Keller Williams Realty - Audrey Davis, Callie McCarthy, Sasha Sood.

McElroy Orthodontics 10, Larry Damasas State Farm 4: The Mini Teal Division McElroy Orthodontics took the first win of the regular season when they beat Larry Damasas State Farm 10-4 on March 26th. Larry Damasas State Farm played a great game with pitching by April Krowye, and Morgan Notari. Isabella Damasas for Larry Damasas State Farm did a great job at

2nd base. For McElroy Orthodontics, Caroline Gersych pitched a good game. Deja Clark did a good job in the infield and Adrianna Martinez hit a double. Top Players: McElroy Orthodontics - Deja Clark, Caroline Gersych, Adrianna Martinez; Larry Damasas State Farm - Isabella Damasas, April Krowye, Morgan Notari.

McElroy Orthodontics 10, Renee Huber State Farm Insurance 3: Notable McElroy Orthodontics highlights from the game include pitching by Christina Herdman, two trips to home plate by Hailey Berserepen and two base hits by Madison Cheung. For Renee Huber State Farm Insurance, three players scored in the 3rd inning. Rachel Tanis did a great job catching. Kayla Glavez connected for a couple of great hits and Kelly Queen recorded an RBI and hit a double. Great job girls. Top Players: McElroy Orthodontics - Hailey Berserepen, Madison Cheung, Christina Herdman; Renee Huber State Farm Insurance - Kayla Glavez, Kelly Queen, Rachel Tanis.

Big Picture Creative 5, Renee Huber State Farm Insurance 4: Renee Huber State Farm Insurance played a great game. Emily Harmon hit a big single in the second inning. Ruby Stinson got a great hit and sent a runner home and Val McKeever made a great play at 1st, securing Renee Huber State Farm Insurance an important out. Visitor Big Picture Creative key players were Emily Mayer as pitcher, Lindsay Hill for hitting and Megan Schuerlein for pitching. Top Players: Renee Huber State Farm Insurance - Emily Harmon, Val McKeever, Ruby Stinson; Big Picture Creative - Lindsay Hill, Emily Mayer, Megan Schuerlein.

Mini Black: Pleasanton Police Officers Association 7, Athen's Burger 6: Hannah Kramer and Emma Chandler led Pleasanton Police Officers Association with 3 hits each as Pleasanton Police Officers Association came back with 2 runs in the last inning for a victory. The big hit for the Pleasanton Police Officers Association was from Gabby Tobey whose single in the last inning scored the winning run. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Emma Chandler, Hannah Kramer, Gabby Tobey; Athen's Burger - Avery Clark, Erica Haley, Sam O'Brien.

Pleasanton Police Officers As-

sociation 6, Hopyard Ale House 5: McKenzie Dalrymple led the way for Pleasanton Police Officers Association with one solid inning of pitching and a grab on a fly ball to the outfield as well as a double. Meaghan Penrice pitched a perfect inning and had 2 hits. Jessie Simon also contributed with a big hit as Pleasanton Police Officers Association edge out another one run victory. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - McKenzie Dalrymple, Meaghan Penrice, Jessie Simon; Hopyard Ale House - Sadie Brown, Amanda Engel, Andrea Gregory.

Minor Teal: Central Painting 9, San Jose Boiler Works, Inc. 8: Central Painting faced a tough battle with San Jose Boiler Works, Inc. In the first inning San Jose Boiler Works, Inc., behind a key bunt from Kealy Morrissey, posted 4 quick runs. Thanks to clutch hitting from Lexi and Destiny, Central Painting posted 4 runs of their own, setting the tone for the game. San Jose Boiler Works, Inc. would score a few runs then Central Painting would come back and do the same in their half of the inning. We saw excellent fielding by Central Painting's 3rd baseman, Lexi. Also from Central Painting, Destiny and Laura Whiteland connected for key hits, helping their team score runs. San Jose Boiler Works, Inc. pitcher, Sarah Banholzer, was on fire with 4 strikeouts in the game. Cynthia Arriaga also made an amazing catch for her team to save a run from scoring. San Jose Boiler Works, Inc. were ahead by one run going into the last inning.

Central Painting came through with a couple of hits, scoring the winning run. They were victorious 9-8. Top Players: Central Painting - Destiny Baker, Lexi Valentine, Laura Whiteland; San Jose Boiler Works, Inc. - Cynthia Arriaga, Sarah Banholzer, Kealy Morrissey.

A2 Technologies 9, Diversified Mortgage 3: The game started with an exciting first inning with A2 Technologies scoring two and Diversified Mortgage answering with three. Neither team scored in the second but in the third, fourth and fifth the A2 Technologies' pitching shut down the Diversified Mortgage offense and the A2 Technologies' defense scored in each inning to pull away at the end. Top Players: Diversified Mortgage - Sammy McClain, Amanda Mero, Audrey Simmons; A2 Technologies

- Bridgette Aguilar, Lacy Becker, Minami Smalheiser.

Logo Boss 9, Central Painting 7: Highlights for Central Painting: Emmy Swyers' double play in the 6th inning, great hitting in the 4th inning by Destiny Baker, Peyton Pozzi, Gabby Lehmann, Jordyn Scotti, Sammi Carlson and Kristen Green to tie up the score and Audrey Alavi's great catch to end the game. While Central Painting fought hard - Logo Boss were victorious. Top Players: Central Painting - Gabby Lehmann, Maryssa McKee, Emmy Swyers; Logo Boss - Audrey Alavi, Sage Smith, Cordelia Stewart.

Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors 12, San Jose Boiler Works, Inc. 6: Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors' Danielle Han hit a double, Makenna Luke performed great both in pitching and in batting. Nishitha Shetty hit a double, knocked in an RBI and slid into 2nd base. For San Jose Boiler Works, Inc., Morgan Barrowcliff connected for 2 hits, Kealy Morrissey made an impressive tag out at 2nd base, and Kristina Allard pitched a good game. Top Players: Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors - Danielle Han, Makenna Luke, Nishitha Shetty; San Jose Boiler Works, Inc. - Kristina Allard, Morgan Barrowcliff, Kealy Morrissey.

Minor Black: California Pizza Kitchen 12, Fusion 3 Salon 0: California Pizza Kitchen opened their season in dominant fashion as pitchers Rachel Petty, Kirsten Sigua and Allison Stowell combined on a 1-hit shutout. Brooke Promes went 3-for-4 with three runs and three RBI while Abbie Fried, Malia Konig and Petty each had two hits. Konig drove in three runs. Gianna Lyng had a hit for Fusion 3 Salon. Top Players: California Pizza Kitchen - Malia Konig, Rachel Petty, Brooke Promes; Fusion 3 Salon - Lucia Castaneda, Gianna Lyng, Sydney West.

Major Teal: Diablo Designs Tile And Stone 2, Alain Pinel Realtors 1: The first game of the season was a hard fought 5th inning game between Diablo Designs Tile And Stone and Alain Pinel Realtors with Diablo

Designs Tile And Stone winning 2-1. Alain Pinel Realtors was led by Hanna Friesen who pitched 5 solid innings allowing only two runs and three hits, Sammi Buscheck with one hit and an outstanding defensive catch, and Jordan Ciesielski who connected for two hits. Diablo Designs Tile And Stone was led by Emma Patten who pitched a scoreless inning with two strikeouts, Emily Benson who hit a single and scored a run, and Destiny Wiggins who hit a single, a stolen base and showed her excellent base-running skills to score the winning run. Top Players: Diablo Designs Tile And Stone - Emily Benson, Emma Patten, Destiny Wiggins; Alain Pinel Realtors - Sammi Buscheck, Jordan Ciesielski, Hanna Friesen.

Major Black: Richert Lumber Co., Inc. 5, Greg Jefferies Academy 0: Richert Lumber Co., Inc. took the lead early with 3 runs in the bottom of the 1st, and both teams held allowing no runs in the 2nd and 3rd. Claire Armstrong of Greg Jefferies Academy hit a big double in the top of the 4th; Richert Lumber Co., Inc. was able to score two more runs in the bottom. Great catches in the 5th and 7th innings by Richert Lumber Co., Inc.'s Short Stop Caroline Clark and terrific pitching by AnaMaria Beard of Greg Jefferies Academy. Top Players: Richert Lumber Co., Inc. - Alyssa Bardakos, Caroline Clark, Jenna O'Neal; Greg Jefferies Academy - Claire Armstrong, Jessica Emde, Kara Haynie.

Senior Division: Sensiba San Filippo 11, J Lohr Winery - Jeff Meier 8: In the first game of the season, Sensiba San Filippo and J Lohr Winery - Jeff Meier played a very competitive game for this early in the season. Both teams played a fundamentally sound game in which Sensiba San Filippo jumped out to a 6-0 lead only to see J Lohr Winery - Jeff Meier battle back to make it 6-5. Eventually, Sensiba San Filippo was able to hang on to an 11-8 win. J Lohr Winery - Jeff Meier was led by Cassie Balducci with a double and three RBIs, Dannel Ontiveros and Miranda Paulos who teamed up on a key double play shut down the inning. Sensiba San Filippo was led by Cassidy Butler who pitched four innings and seven strikeouts, Emily Helmer who hit a single and recorded three RBIs, and Maranda Reil who played a flawless

3rd base making several game saving defensive plays. Top Players: Sensiba San Filippo - Cassidy Butler, Emily Helmer, Maranda Reil; J Lohr Winery - Jeff Meier - Cassie Balducci, Dannel Ontiveros, Miranda Paulos.

Pleasanton National LL

Pleasanton National Little League results from last week:

Majors: Giants 5, Nationals 4: The Nationals lost 5-4, despite out-hitting the Giants nine to five. Nicholas Maestas started on the hill for the Giants and shut down the Nationals for 2 innings, striking out four. Maestas helped himself out with a huge blast to left center for a 2-run double in the 3rd. The Nationals' Cooper Petty ended the Giants' rally that inning with a fantastic backhanded catch on a hard hit ball to deep center, saving at least two runs. Arin Gassner came in relief in the 3rd and held the Giants in check through the 5th inning. Gassner allowed only one hit and three walks without allowing a run. He also had a great day at the plate going 2-3, only being kept off the bases once after a diving catch in center by Maestas. In the top of the 5th, Cooper Petty and Grant Galyean hit back to back singles knocking in Kannon Dote and Michael Cassetti to take the lead for the Nationals. Cassetti went a perfect 2 for 2 on the day and after a perfect throw to the plate by Maestas in what looked like a sure out, Cassetti hurdled the Giants catcher for the 2nd run of the inning to put the Nationals ahead 4-3. Maestas led off the bottom of the 6th for the Giants with a leadoff single. With one out, Nathan Buller followed with a huge double to right center. Ricky Juarez came up to the plate with runners at 2nd and 3rd. After battling to a 2 and 2 count, Juarez crushed a clutch hit past the infield for a walkoff 2-run single to end the game. Chris Myers pitched 4 innings of relief for the Giants to get the win, cooling off the hard-hitting Nationals and keeping the game within reach before going ahead in the last inning. Myers walked none and struck out five.

Top Offensive Players: Nicholas Maestas - Giants (2-3, double, RBI, run); Michael Cassetti - Nationals (2-2, walk, 2 runs); Grant Galyean - Nationals (2-3, 3 RBIs); Top Defensive

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SPORTS NOTES



East Avenue Middle School students in the photo are Kayla Smith, Marcos Martinez, Branden Trevethan, Luca Cuppoletti and Marcus Shepard. All won gold medals in their weight classes at the Tri-Valley Wrestling Middle School championships.

Players: Nicholas Maestas - Giants (2 IP, 1 H, 3 BB, 4 Ks, 0 R); Arin Gassner - Nationals (2 2/3 IP, 1 H, 3 BB, 5 Ks, 0 R); Cooper Petty - Nationals (fantastic backhanded catch in centerfield, saving at least 2 runs and ending a 3rd inning rally)

Nationals 7, Cardinals 6: The first meeting of the season between the Nationals and the Cardinals promised to be a good matchup and both teams didn't disappoint. After the Cardinals took an early 5 to 0 lead in the 2nd inning, the Nationals clawed their way back for a thrilling 7-6 victory in the 6th. Ben Wold came in to throw 3 perfect innings of relief, shutting down the high-powered Cardinal offense. Wold gave up just two hits and one walk in three innings of work. Michael Cassetti collected three hits for the Nationals, including the game-winner, while Grant Galyean came in to pitch in the 6th and got the win. Galyean struck out two, walked none and surrendered one hit. Michael Campbell also came up big for Nationals, going 2 for 3 while scoring two runs. Cardinals' leadoff man Matt Haskel continued to crush the ball, going 3 for 4 with two doubles and a clutch triple in the sixth that tied the game 6-6. Anthony Goldhawk started for the Cardinals and pitched 4 solid innings. He also had a perfect day at the plate, going 2 for 2 on a single, double and a walk while hitting in two runs. Max Jorgenson had a clutch hit to leadoff the bottom of the 6th for the Nationals. With one out and runners on 1st and 2nd, Cassetti ripped the game-winner past 3rd base and down the left field line. Jorgenson came sliding in for the winning run.

Top Offensive Players: Michael Cassetti - Nationals (3-4, run, game-winning RBI); Michael Campbell - Nationals (2-3, 2 runs); Matt Haskel - Cardinals (3-4, 2 doubles, triple, 2 runs); Anthony Goldhawk - Cardinals (2-2, double, walk, 2 RBIs); Top Defensive Players: Ben Wold - Nationals (3 IP, 2 H, 1 BB, 1 Ks, 0 R); Grant Galyean - Nationals (1 IP, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 Ks, 0 R); Anthony Goldhawk - Cardinals (3 2/3 IP, 6 H, 3 Ks, 4 R)

Nationals 8, Braves 4 (8 innings) The Nationals and Braves traded the lead five times. The Nationals ended up on top with an 8-4 win in eight innings over the Braves. The score was 3 to 3 after a long first inning, but after that both teams clamped down on defense and gave up only one more run during regulation. Defense was key in this battle as Luke Palfalvi for the Nationals was involved in two double-plays. In the fourth, a comebacker to pitcher Ben Wold started the first one with a quick throw to Palfalvi at 2nd base who had to hurry his throw to first. Grant Galyean made the nice stretch to help beat the runner by a step. To end the 5th inning, Palfalvi took it on himself for the unassisted out at 2nd and another great throw to Galyean at first for the second double-play of the game. Alex Haase led the Braves offense with two line drive singles and Jaden Sheppard continued to give pitchers nightmares, getting on base all four times he was at bat and adding 2 runs for the home team. Arin Gassner continued to swing the bat well for the visiting Nationals, going 2 for 3 including a double and a sacrifice in the 6th that tied the game up and put it into extra innings. Max Jorgenson went 2 for 4 with a 2-run double in the 8th that put the game out of reach. Christian Fernandez pitched brilliantly for the Braves, coming in relief and shutting down the Nationals for 4 2/3 scoreless innings. Mixing up

his pitches, he kept the visitors off balance while only giving up three hits and two walks. For the Nationals, middle reliever Ben Wold kept the game close. In three innings, he only allowed one hit and two walks without giving up any runs. Closer Cooper Petty proved to be the difference for the Nationals, pitching three near-perfect innings to finish the game. Along with two big putouts by right-fielder Michael Campbell, Petty no-hit the Braves hitters while only giving up two walks.

Top Offensive Players: Arin Gassner - Nationals (2-3, double, sac, RBI); Max Jorgenson - Nationals (2-4, double, 2 RBIs); Alex Haase - Braves (2-3, 2 singles); Top Defensive Players: Luke Palfalvi - Nationals (assisted on 2 double plays while playing 2nd base); Cooper Petty - Nationals (3 IP, 0 H, 2 BB, 3 Ks, 0 R); Christian Fernandez - Braves (4 2/3 IP, 3 H, 2 BB, 2 Ks, 0 R)

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results from last week:

AA Division: Red Sox vs. Yankees: Daniel Vergara of the AARed Sox had a terrific day at the plate crushing one to the fence for an easy double versus the fearsome Yankee pitching staff. Timothy Cowan executed a terrific defensive play at second base, throwing out a speedy Yankee hitter after fielding a hot shot in the 3-4 gap to close out the 4th. Way to move and make the play Timothy. Keep up the good work.

Diamondbacks vs. A's: The A's got things going with a hit into the outfield by Conner Morgan. The Diamondbacks brought on the heat with RBIs from Jacob Kelleher, Michal West, Colby Elola, Hayden Henry, Jonathan Lindberg, Larry Wisely and a spectacular double RBI by Tommy Wisely III. Diamondbacks' James Theberge had a great day at the field with a hit and defensive play at 2nd base. The A's brought on a huge play fielded by Nathan Hernandez causing an out at 1st base. They were able to hold off the Diamondbacks with some incredible fielding and another great hit by A's, Conner Morgan. Thomas Schnapp caught a ball in the outfield most major league players couldn't pull off, ending the game with a win.

Diamondbacks vs. Giants: At the start of the game, the Diamondbacks, Tommy Wisely III at shortstop and first baseman Larry Wisely, made some great defensive plays holding off the Giants. Giants' Alex Phillips got things going with a great hit into the outfield. Diamondbacks put on their game face when Giants' pitchers Shane Pollard and Alex Giles threw heat from the mound with a two-inning strike out. The Diamondbacks came back swinging with four RBIs by Luca Montalvo, Tommy Wisely III, Jonathan Lindberg, Jacob Kelleher and Hayden Henry. Luca Montalvo made his first debut on the Diamondbacks pitching mound for the season. In the end, Giants Jacob Woods and Matthew Ludwig had big hits pulling their team ahead to a victory.

Red Sox vs. A's: The Red Sox starting pitcher Michael Maloney faced 5 batters in the first inning, striking out three. Corey Stimpson had a terrific day defensively snagging a hard to reach ball at short stop to make the unassisted game closing out at second base. On offense, the Red Sox did a really good job. Joshua Nixon led the offense with a 3-3 night and hit for the coveted "little league cycle" with



Junction Avenue K-8 School wrestlers are (back row) Anthony Martinez, Edward Robles, Tommy Leon, Zach Oliveira, Jack Cairel; (middle row) Alejandro Buenrostro, Jordan Madrugra, Coach Javier Lopez, Coach Ken Discalla; (front row) Ronni Schenk, Cathy Neria, Perla Medina, Joey Lestochi; and seated on the floor, Jordyn Parker.

a single, a double and a triple. For the A's Tanner Griffith pitched two scoreless innings with six strike outs; Ethan Trogdon recorded an RBI.

A's vs. Yankees: The game ball went to the Yankees' James Foley. For the Yankees, Xavier Lortie caught a fly ball for the first out of the first inning. Sean Stotts pitched a great first inning, striking out the first batter for the second out of the first inning. Jared McQuilliam in right caught a fly ball for the last out of the third inning. For the A's, Donovan pitched a solid inning of strike outs. Anthony had a put out at second.

Yankees vs. Pirates: Yankees: Nathaniel Perez, who received the game ball, and Nathan Braun both had great hits for singles. Braun at short threw to first for the out. Xavier Lortie launched one off the fence for the team's first home run. He also caught a fly ball, threw to first base for a double play. Jasen Rudolph hit a triple driving in a run. Jared McQuilliam hit the ball to the outfield for an RBI. Sean Stotts made a great throw to 1st base for the out. James Foley drove in a run on a nice hit. Sean Stotts caught a fly ball to end the game in the 4th inning. For the Pirates: Ryan McKinzie started off the inning with a three pitched strike-out and ended the inning with strong pitching. Ben Rho was in the zone with his pitching, striking out players. Tanner Lee had a strong game catching. Braden Beeler hit a nice single.

Majors: Giants 2, A's 11: Joey Stangl and Javier Rodriguez played great games, both going 2 for 2 to save the Giants from a shut-out. Stangl's triple to right field in the bottom of the fifth inning brought home the Giants' two runs for the night. The Athletics, with an outstanding performance on the mound, came away with the 11-2 victory. Jacob Vane got the game off to the right start, pitching two scoreless innings and putting the A's on the scoreboard with his triple in the second inning. Ryan Castillo pitched three innings, and did his part by throwing 30 strikes out of 37 pitches and striking out 6 of the 14 batters he faced.

AAA Division: Yankees 7, Giants 5: The Yankees and the Giants exchanged the lead seven times on Saturday, before the Yankees took the lead for good in the sixth inning and held on for the victory. A steal home by Ayden Martinez gave the Yankees the lead. Matt Fiedor worked hard as pitcher for the Yankees' win, allowing two runs over three innings, striking out seven, walking four and allowing six hits. The Yankees' closer Ty Wetzal put away the final nine outs to record the save. For the Giants, AJ Moore and Michael Turpin both went 3 for 3 at the plate. AJ hit a home run and two singles. Michael hit three singles with two RBIs. Patrick Connolly also hit a home run and pitched three strong innings with six strike outs and only one run scored.

Diamondbacks 8, Yankees 6: For the Diamondbacks, Aiden Follis earned a game ball for great pitching, and Alex Alamillo earned a game ball for an RBI and great defense in the infield. Matty Sciascia scored two runs and demonstrated composure as closing pitcher to preserve the win. Austin Statham came back from an injury and had an outstanding effort behind the



Taylor's Martial Arts competitors pictured are (back row) Luke Harrach, Ariyana Walling, Sifu Wade Taylor, Jaden Husser, Tanya Sharetzkaya, Vince Aying; (front row) Sofie McMichael, Mayalanni Erediano, Elizabeth Garcia, Helena Macias, and Alexis Aying.

day winning three matches including a first round pin over Andy Rabago from Fallon to claim the gold medal. Branden Trevethan had an exciting match in the championship finals beating Alex Nelson from PMS 8-5 to win the gold medal. Marcos Martinez also had an impressive day pinning all his opponents including a first round pin over Michael Dean from Harvest Park. Kayla Smith won her second league title with a pin over Perla Medina from Junction in the second round of the championship finals. Luca Cuppoletti pulled out an impressive victory over Elijah Blockman from Hart in the championship finals. Trailing 2-0, Cuppoletti eventually got match points in the third round to go ahead 4-2 to claim first place.

Oscar Guzman (110), Adam Lebish (Hwt), Scott Ragatz (145) and Logan Cole (130) wrestled well taking second place in their weight division.

DeAngelo Shepard (90), Landon Paiso (165), Bryan Torres (120), Nathan Dela Cruz (145), Chyanne Smith (168) and Jose Martinez (185) took place third and Logan Koch (190) took fourth place.

"I was very pleased with our entire team this season," said East Avenue coach Mike Nagel. "Most of our kids are first year wrestlers. They worked very hard and improved all season. I was very impressed how they never gave up and always wrestled tough to the very end. It all came together today."

Christensen Wrestling

The Christensen Middle School wrestling team finished the season by bringing home 2 team trophies, 5 league champions and a total of 22 medals.

The girls team earned a trophy by taking second place. Leading the team was 6th grader Mia Gonzalez who took first place by pinning her opponent in her final match. Two other 6th grade girls only had one loss and finished in second place, Zakiya Clark and Mya Waechter. Waechter had one pin. 7th grader Shannon Haase finished in 3rd place. 6th grader Jordan Monasterio also finished in 3rd place.

Also earning a trophy for CMS was the 6th grade boys team. They finished in 3rd place. 6th grade teammates Stephen Clark and Williams Eads, both with 2 pins, met each other in the finals, with Eads becoming league champion with a 5-0 victory. Stephen Clark medaled in all 4 tournaments of the season. 6th grader Praneeth Nandamuri had one pin and finished in 2nd place. Two 6th graders placed 3rd, Jason Nunez (one pin) and Ethan Montasinos. Finishing in 4th place for

the 6th grade boys team were Elias Barauskas and Brandon Bruns.

8th grader Ryan Petersen won all of his matches to become a two time league champion. He also had 2 pins. 7th grader Christian Lopez, for the second tournament in a row, finished in first place and is also a 2 time league champion. He finished the day with 2 pins. 7th Grader Chris Sanchez had one pin while finishing in first to become a league champion. 8th Grader Alex Batson had one pin and finished in 3rd place. 8th grader Josh Forshaw took 3rd place and had one pin. Phoenix Badertscher earned a medal for the second tournament in a row. He took 4th place.

In one of the toughest brackets of the tournament, 7th grader Coben Turk had one pin and finished in 3rd place. Wrestling in his first tournament of the season due to injury, 7th grader Kyle Nannini had one pin and finished in 3rd place. 7th grader Reece Kerstetter also finished in 3rd place. 7th grader Tyler Ferrick finished in 4th place. Although the boys season is over, the girls have one more tournament. They will be competing at the girls' middle school state championships on April 13th in Vallejo.

Junction K-8 Wrestling

The Junction Avenue K-8 School wrestling team earned 14 medals at the 2013 Tri-Valley League Championship Tournament on March 30, despite a season plagued with injury. Capping the day's events, the Junction girls wrestling team won the All-Around Girls Trophy with 46 points. Individual results are as follows:

6th grader Alex Johnson (75) took 2nd place 2 wins, one by pin. 7th graders Jack Cairel (93) 4th place and Anthony Martinez (115) took 2nd including 2 pins. Zach Oliveira (125) took 1st in his weight class with 3 wins, two by pin.

Girls Ronni Schenk (122) placed 1st with two wins both by pin. Vanessa Hernandez (140) placed 3rd. Cathy Neria (157) with 2 pins and Jordyn Parker (156) with 1 pin, took 1st and 2nd place in their weight class respectively, and Perla Medina (173) had 1 pin and took 2nd place in her weight class.

The 8th grade team had Tommy Leon (118) place 3rd, Joseph Randa (122) and Edward Robles (128) tied for 2nd in their weight class and Alejandro Buenrostro (153) took 1st place with 3 wins, two by pin.

Martial Arts

Taylor's Martial Arts in Livermore, sent eight of its students to compete in the California Black Belt

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SPORTS NOTES

League March Madness Sport Karate Tournament in Turlock, CA, on March 30, 2013. The following students competed and placed:

FORMS: Mayalanni Erediano - 1st Place 6-7 yr old Beginners Forms and 6-7 yr old Forms Grand Champion; Sofie McMichael - 1st Place First Timers Forms and 4th Place 8-10 yr old Beginners Forms; Luke Harrach - 1st Place 8-10 yr old Beginners Forms; Helena Macias - 1st Place 8-10 yr old Intermediate Forms and 8-10 yr old Forms Grand Champion; Alexis Aying - 2nd Place 8-10 yr old Intermediate Forms; Jaden Huser - 1st Place 11-13 yr old Intermediate Forms; Elizabeth Garcia - 2nd Place 11-13 yr old Intermediate Forms; Ariyana Walling - 3rd Place 11-13 yr old Intermediate Forms

SPARRING: Mayalanni Erediano - 1st 6-7 yr old Girls Beginners Sparring and 6-7 yr old Girls Sparring Grand Champion; Alexis Aying - 1st Place 8-9 yr old Girls Intermediate Sparring; Elizabeth Garcia - 1st Place 10-11 yr old Girls Intermediate Sparring; Ariyana Walling - 3rd Place 12-13 yr old Girls Intermediate Sparring

Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks had a successful showing at the Pacific Swimming Spring Junior Olympics Championships, hosted by San Ramon Valley Aquatics, March 15-17, 2013. PLS swimmers broke records and achieved many new best times including some new U.S. Top 20 times.

Girls 10&UN: Rachana Mukkamala-Best times 200/500 FR. Stephanie Shao-Many new best times, new FW in 100Fly, Nicole Stiles-Best times 50Fly, 100BK, Emma Washum swam well.

Boys 10&UN: Lleyton Plattel - 100% best times, reached the finals in all his events. Alex Ren qualified for many finals and recorded several best times. Andrew Wang made his first final. Junwoo swam in the finals of the 50/100 FR and Jaewoo swam in the 50FR.

Girls 11-12: Amber Fornoles - New best 50 Brst, new PRT 200 Brst. Miranda Heckman - 4 new U.S. Top 20 times for the 1000 FR - 1st, 1650 FR - 2nd, 200 BK - 13th and 400 IM - 20th, 200 Fly new PRT, 200IM new PRT. Nawoo Kim- 100/200 FR new FW's, new best times 200/1650 FR. Courtney Lau-New bests 50BK, 1650 FR, Jennifer Lee - 50 FR New FW, 50 Brst New FW. Paulina Umansky - 4 new FW times 100/200 Brst, 100 IM and 200 BK. Sarah Rafie- New best times 1000/1650 FR. Claire Suen-500 FR New FW. Nja Zuniga-New best times in 100FR, 100Fly and 100IM. Alyssa Campos-New best time 200Brst. Bella Hernandez-New best 1650FR. Christy Neufeld battled sickness at her first JO Meet and still swam strong.

Boys 11-12: Kyle Kenny finalled in 3 events. Calvin Chui- 3 new FW's, new PRT 200 Fly. Nick Skinner-New best 50Brst. Nick Wonosaputra-First JO Meet and swam very well. Pieter Cory-New best times 200FR, 100/200 IM. Christopher Jhong - 3 new U.S. Top 20 times 100 Brst, 200IM and 400IM. Wolfgang - New Bests 100/1650 FR. Tyler Lu - 500 FR new FW, best times 100FR and 200FLY. Ben Sproul - new best times in the 200 FR, 100 BK and 200 Brst, 3 new FW times in the 100 Fly, 100/200 IM. Shawn Kim - 100 BK and the 200/400 IM. Timothy Yao received a U.S. top 20 time for his 50 Brst, PRT 200 FLY. Audrik Antonio - FW 100 Brst, and Michael Martin-FW times for 100/200 BK. Niko Cory and Drew Kobayashi both achieved new best times.

Boys 14&UN: Jon Mui earned his first two sectional cuts and set team records for 100/200 Brst.

Amador Swimming

Amador Valley High School was not kind to its visitors as all four teams finished in first place at their sixth annual Tom Wilson Invitational Swim Meet.

The varsity boys had only one first place finish, RJ Scott in the 500 free, but showed enough depth and top five finishes to win the meet. Finishing second behind Scott was Jordan Resnick. Scott also placed fourth in the 200 free in which Kevin McLaughlin and Thomas Gjerde went second and fifth respectively. McLaughlin went on to finish fourth in the 100 free, right behind Nick Johnston who finished third. Johnston posted a second in the 100 back with Bryan Hughes finishing third. Hughes had a nice meet also recording a second in the 50 free.

Another second, in the breaststroke, was recorded by Anthony Jhong; he also recorded a fourth in the IM. The fly was also a good event for the Dons with Alex Gilchrist finishing third and Justin Pasquale getting the wall in fourth.

With eight first place finishes, the varsity girls were much more prolific than the boys with the blue ribbons. Eva Chung led the way with a pair of firsts including a meet record 1:07.74 in the 100 yard breaststroke. She also finished first in the IM. The Dons, in fact, had four swimmers with two individual first place finishes: Chung, Iris Brand, Kirsten Brand, and Rachel Knowles. Iris won the 50 and 100 free, Sister Kirsten took the breaststroke and the 200 free, while Knowles was winning the fly and 500 free.

Cailyn Plattel gave the Dons a 1-2 in the 100 free, and the Dons had three top five finishes in the 500 free and the 100 back. Lissi Knell and Paris Sinclair went 3-4 in the 500, and Anna Parker and Lillian Sun were 4-5 in the back. Sun also finished fourth in the fly and Knell fifth in the breaststroke.

Rounding out the top five finishers for the varsity girls were Cate MacGregor with a fifth in the 100 IM, and Lily Gribbel with a third in the 50 free.

In scoring seven firsts, the JV girls did almost as well as their varsity counterparts and also set a meet record. The JV girls had five events with at least the top four places.

Jacqueline Wood set the meet

record in the breaststroke as did teammate Mackenzie Bammer who finished second. In dominating this event, Amador placed Rebecca Pollitz third and Rachel Becker fourth. Wood also placed fourth in the 100 free where the Dons placed the top five. Leading the quintet was Rachel Bench, who also won the 50 free, followed by Pollitz, Lucy Bell, Wood and Katie Micheletti.

Amador also had the top five in the backstroke. Anika Kilkenny led the way with Yasmeen Paschall, Megan Banke, Bree Reynolds, and Bailey Beanland finishing behind her in order. The fly and the 50 free were nearly as good for the Dons who scored the first four in each event. Behind Bench in the 50 were Micheletti, Bell, and Olivia Gonsman. In the fly, Kaitly Schnierer finished first with Sophia Holbrook, Lexi Venema, and Courtney DeWilde taking the next three spots.

The final quartet of top finishers was Ashley Person, Cynthia Tien, Kelsey Guzolek, and Sophia Holbrook in the 200 free. Guzolek finished 2-3 with Miranda Gastineau in the 500 free, while Bammer won the IM with Nicole Melo in fourth and Schnierer in fifth.

Not to be outdone by the girls, the JV boys also took seven first place finishes, led by Jerold Kagele's record setting swim in the 50 fly. Kagele also placed second in the 50 free, an event in which the Dons placed the top seven. Just ahead of Kagele was Eric Li and trailing behind were, in order, Stephen Li, Tom Sorsen, Ben Oliver, Ethan Cartwright, and Chris Szikszai. Finishing behind Kagele's record fly swim were Anant Tikku and Jeffrey Wang who were in second and third.

Also recording a first and a second was Alec Gauthier who won the IM and was second in the 100 free. In the second through fifth spots in the IM were Tikku, Perry Jia, Sean Coakley, and Key Geunho. Sorsen led Gauthier to the wall in the 100 free with Eric Li just behind in third. Jia nearly matched Gauthier's day with a first in the breaststroke to go with his third in the IM.

Ben Oliver won the backstroke for Amador with Even Lee in second, Chin in third and Ethan Cartwright in fifth. The Dons did even better in the breaststroke with the top four places. Led by Jia, Dubhav Raibhandary, Josh Cole and Andrew Yeung followed in quick succession.

The Dons' Parth Subramanian recorded the final first place finish and rounding out the top five finishers for Amador was Tommy Herz who finished third in the 500 free.

National Swim

Maria Carlson, a Livermore High School senior and daughter of Joe and Barbara Carlson of Livermore, qualified to attend the largest and most competitive national swimming meet for swimmers under the age of 18 last week in Orlando, Florida. Carlson, posted a personal best time of 1:02:86 in the 100 breaststroke at a swim meet in December.

1790 swimmers from all over the United States competed in the YMCA pool in Orlando. There were 7547 races over the course of five days from March 12 to 16. In Florida, Carlson, raced in the 50, 100 and 200 Breaststroke and the 200 Freestyle. She advanced to the finals in the 50 Breaststroke.

Carlson only started swimming competitively three years ago as a freshman at Livermore High School. Livermore High's coaches Jim Sartori, Nate Brandon and Earl Dozier recognized her ability and strong work ethic and encouraged her to visit the Tri-Valley Aquatics Team to see if she wanted to join. She did immediately and now trains at the Las Positas swimming pool Mondays through Fridays. The Tri-Valley Aquatics team is led by Daniel Ridosko.

This is the first of many elite events Carlson will be attending in the few months.

Pleasanton Cavaliers

The U10 Open Pleasanton Cavaliers rugby squad travelled to Orinda and played 2 matches vs Lamorinda and the Raptors. In both matches the boys played as a cohesive unit, passing the ball to the outside and supporting the runner. Both matches ended in Victory for the U10's. Scoring Try's for the Cavaliers were Isaiah Gaio, Matt Polaski, and Ruairi Dwyer. Man of the Match awards went to Ruairi Dwyer and Isaiah Gaio.

The U10 light side also travelled to Orinda and played 2 matches, both vs Lamorinda, and split the matches 1-1. The squad played extremely fast paced, hard hitting rugby, with try's scored by Duncan Hick-Frazer (2), Crayton McCafferty, Nathan Komisky, Collin Miller(2), and Max Young.

LVCP Baseball

In the first varsity baseball game as a new member of the Bay Counties League, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School lost, 6-1, to California School for the Deaf. The game was played at Livermore High School.

The team lost, 11-0, to Fremont Christian in Bay Counties League action on March 28,

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

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League (PJFL) is taking registration for the 2013 Contact Football, Flag Football and Cheerleading season. PJFL offers contact football and cheerleading for boys and girls in the 2nd through 8th grades as well as flag football for boys and girls in the 2nd through 12th grades. Everyone plays in PJFL. There are no tryouts and there are no cuts.

Contact Football registration includes a uniform and all necessary equipment. Contact players practice 3 times per week beginning in early August and play games on Saturdays at the Pleasanton Sports Park beginning in early September. Flag Football registration includes a jersey and all necessary equipment. Flag players practice once a week beginning in mid-August and play games on Saturdays at Hart middle School beginning in mid-September. Cheer registration includes a uniform and training with practice two times per week beginning in late June and cheer on Saturdays at the Pleasanton Sports Park beginning in early September.

For more details and to register a player or cheerleader visit PJFL.com. Follow PJFL on Facebook at Facebook.com/PleasantonJuniorFootballLeague.

Play Golf, Fight Cancer

Dancers for the Cure (DFC) Relay for Life will host a charity golf tournament on Fri., May 3 at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

Format is 4 person team scramble, limited to the first 30 teams. Entry closing date is April 18.

Start time is 12:30 p.m. with registration between 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

Fee is \$105 per person. Holes can be sponsored for \$150 each.

The event includes closest to the pin on all par 3 holes, long drive contest, range balls and a special prize for the highest team score.

Following the tournament, there will be a tri-tip/chicken buffet dinner. Dress code: no denim, soft spikes and collared shirt required.

Proceeds will go towards the fight against cancer. For information or to register, contact the tournament chair Larry Troen at 443-7575, 216-1389 or larry.troen@gmail.com.

Jr. Football Signup

Livermore Junior Football League is registering players for the 2013 season.

LJFL is founded under the principle that every Livermore child who wants to play football or cheer should have the opportunity.

Due to its success over its six-year existence and the support of LARPD and the high school football programs, LJFL is expanding to all children aged 7 through 14 (as of September 1, 2013). Football participants will learn the fundamentals of contact football in a safe and positive environment and play regardless of talent level or ability. Cheer participants will learn the fundamentals, cheer at games and compete locally. All games will be played in Livermore at the high schools. All practices will take place in Livermore. The season begins on August 1 and concludes in early November. Online registration is open at www.LJFL.org.

There is an early registration discount of \$50.00 for football and \$25 for cheer. Registration cost increases after April 30. Each player pays a \$35 refundable volunteer fee. Sibling discounts apply. With the help of local businesses and residents, LJFL has a limited number of scholarships for needy families. Applications are available at www.LJFL.org and must be submitted by April 30.

Anyone interested in coaching is invited to go to www.LJFL.org and register by filling out an application to start the process. LJFL provides training for all coaches; no experience necessary.

Registration will close when the league reaches 16 teams. No players are ever cut. All players play the entire game on offense or defense. Players are not limited to a few plays per game. Everyone plays the entire game.

For additional information, interested parents should visit: www.LJFL.org. President and Vice-President of LJFL are Rico Richardson and Matt Archer.

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.

Run, Walk

Axis Community Health's first-ever fun, foolish, and fabulous 5K Walk & Run takes to the streets on Sunday, April 7th.

The event starts at the future Axis location, 5925 West Las Positas Blvd., in Pleasanton's Hacienda Business Park.

Axis is the sole provider of affordable, quality primary medical care in the Tri-Valley. Families turn to Axis for immunizations, prenatal care, chronic disease management, and other needs. By helping people stay healthy, Axis is helping lower healthcare costs by preventing the need for more expensive care, according to Compton. In addition to medical care, Axis offers behavioral health and WIC nutrition services and serves more than 14,000 Tri-Valley residents at its current five sites.

Registration includes a commemorative tech T-shirt. Registration fee is \$30 for adults until April 3, \$35 after; and \$15 for youth (17 or under) until April 5, \$20 after. Event logistics are by On Your Mark Events. Runners can win medals in their age division. Prizes include Best Costume in adult, teen, and team categories, as well as top fund-raiser in each category. The event takes place rain or shine. To register, sponsor or volunteer, go to www.AxisAprilFools5K.org or call 925-201-6221.

Run for Education

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education, PPIE will hold its 1st Annual Pleasanton Run for Education on Sunday, April 14, 2013. The event will include a half marathon, 5K and 1-mile Kids' Challenge. Both the half marathon and 5K routes pass through the scenic historic Main Street of Pleasanton and finish at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The Pleasanton Run for Education is presented by ClubSport Pleasanton and 100% of the proceeds from the half marathon, 5K & 1-mile Kids' Challenge will benefit Pleasanton schools.

PPIE is a non-profit foundation dedicated to supporting Pleasanton public schools by raising funds for programs that are threatened by state budget cuts. "It is our hope that this event will be an annual highlight that will bring the community together to increase support of our education initiatives," said Kelly French, Pleasanton Run for Education chair.

To register for this family-friendly event or to sign-up to volunteer on race day, please go to www.ppiierun.com.

Run for the Parks

The third annual Run for the Parks, presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, is set for Sunday, April 14, in Sycamore Grove Park. With the theme "Preserving Our Open Spaces," this event features three different route options for varying ages and abilities - 10K run/walk, a 5K run/walk and a Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run. New this year will be an additional aid station added to serve both courses.

Entry for the 10K, starting at 9 a.m., and 5K, starting at 9:10 a.m., races is \$30 by April 12 or \$35 on race day. Entry for the Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run, starting at 9:20, is \$10 by April 12 or \$15 on race day. Family entry is available for \$25 per person for families of four or more. All funds raised go to support new trail development and park maintenance for the District. LARPD operates the open space parks of Sycamore Grove Park (and the former Veterans Park), Holder Park and Brushy Peak Regional Preserve, which include more than 1,300 acres. In addition, the District maintains multi-use trails throughout the community.

To help prep the course, LARPD will be closing a half-mile portion of the paved trail at the Arroyo Road end of Sycamore Grove Park, in addition to the park entrance and parking lot at Arroyo Road. Portions of the trail will be repaved to make the park safer for visitors. Closure will be from Monday, March 25, to Monday, April 1. The rest of the path, starting at the Wetmore Road entrance, will remain open.

The courses will be on paved and unpaved trails through the park, starting and ending with race festivities at Wente Vineyards wine garden area located at the main vineyard on Arroyo Road. The trails only accommodate strollers with off-road wheels.

To register, visit www.finishline-production.com. Those registered in advance will be able to pick up a timing chip and T-shirt early from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 13, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.

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 A'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



Scenic trail leads to and from Lake Del Valle.

Hike for Hope Taking Registrations; Sponsors Sought

Hope Hospice will host The Hike for Hope 2013 on Saturday, May 4. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and goes until 10:00 a.m. The event ends at noon.

The Hike for Hope is a memorial hike and a great outing as well as a fundraiser held at scenic Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. Proceeds from the event assist Hope Hospice in providing vital services to patients and families - regardless of their ability to pay.

"The hike is an opportunity to remember a loved one and we encourage hikers to bring photos or mementos of their special person with them," says Victoria Emmons, CEO of Hope Hospice. "I'm hoping community members will join me for this deeply rewarding event as a hiker or donor."

Del Valle Regional Park is located just 10 miles south of Livermore. The centerpiece of the park is a 5-mile long lake that is surrounded by approximately 5,000 acres of beautiful land for hiking.

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

Early registration fee for The Hike for Hope is \$25 for those who sign up by April 18, and \$35 after that. Hikers can easily sign up by going to TheHikeForHope.com or by calling Hope Hospice at 925-829-8770 for a printed registration form. Participants can form teams for fun, to build camaraderie or even to boost corporate presence.

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OBITUARIES

O'Neal Strength

O'Neal Strength born on Nov. 8, 1932, died on March 20th 2013 in Fresno, CA. He was born in Alabama and moved



to California in 1951, joining the Air Force based at Parks Air Force Base, CA.

He retired from the Carpenters Union Local 713 after 33 years. He loved fishing and gardening and spending time with all his family.

He is preceded in death by first wife Betty, second wife Theresa, and his beloved Madge; brothers Lacy and Marion and step-son Arthur.

He is survived by brothers Freddie and Phillip; sisters Luna, Lora, Lilly and Mary Alice; step-children Edward, Patricia, Arlene, Joyce and Robert; his extended family of Madge, Teresa, Patty, Tony, Nick, Debbie, Kathy and Anna; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. on April 6, 2013 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave. Livermore, CA.

Remembrances can be sent to Hinds Hospice of Fresno 1616 W. Shaw Ave. Ste. A-5, Fresno, CA 93711.

Sue Ellen Reed

Sue Ellen Reed, 59, entered into rest at home in Livermore with her family at her side on March 16, 2013. Sue was born on March 29,



1953 in Fresno, CA to Duane and Muriel (Ackler) Williford.

Sue will be remembered as a strong and courageous woman who fought cancer to the end with boundless positivity and bravery. Sue was a generous and hard working woman who touched and improved countless lives. Her love of animals was only surpassed by her love of her family. To say that she will be missed could not be more of an understatement.

Sue is survived by her husband, David A. Reed; her children Ryan Van Deusen of Elk Grove, Justin Van Deusen of Sandy, UT and Lauren Petzing of Livermore and step-children Hope Reed, Justin Reed and Johanna (Reed) Swiers. She is also survived by her sister Ann Fay and her niece Kelly Wuthrich; her grandchildren Kayleigh, Alyssa, Jake, Emily, Logan, Casey and Justin Jr.; her step-grandchildren Cameron, Jayden, Madison, Shelby, Peyton and Jamieson; and her beloved dog Lina.

Sue leaves behind many wonderful friends from her church community, from the City of Pleasanton where she worked for 24 years and her Beta Sigma Phi sisters. She was very active in the Women's Ministries through her church.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 21, 2013 at Crosswinds Church in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the

Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation at www.themrf.org or mailed to: MMRF, 383 Main Avenue, 5th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851.

Fr. Richard Basil McCafferty, S.J.

Richard was born in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, on February 10th, 1925, and was baptized in the cathedral there five days later. Perhaps presaging his future professional interests, family members were involved in broadcasting and print journalism and his father had written for The New York Times. Richard attended local schools and then St. Francis Xavier University, in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, where he graduated with a B.A. degree in 1946. He came to the U.S. a year later, studying business for a year in Miami and then working in New York City, in the advertising business.

In 1953, he entered the novitiate of the New England Province, Shadowbrook, in Lenox, Massachusetts. He was several years older than even the college graduates in his class but that didn't interfere with his fitting in; all his life he had a youthful, pragmatic spirit, always ready for any adventure. He took his first vows in November 1955, while in his first year of philosophy studies at Weston. In 1958-1959, he had a one-year reGENCY, teaching history at St. George's College, Kingston, Jamaica. From 1959 to 1963, with several of his contemporaries, he did theology studies at Eegenhoven, outside Louvain, Belgium, where he was ordained in 1962. In 1963-1964, he did tertianship at Pomfret Center, Connecticut. He then studied communications at Northwestern, receiving an M.A. in 1965 and a Ph.D. in 1969, expecting to be involved in media work in Jamaica but for some reason that never happened.

Instead, with degree in hand, he taught communications at a number of institutions, gradually moving westward: Fairfield University, St. Stephen's College in Missouri, San Jose State, Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount, Arizona State, and Mills College in Oakland. In all these places, he wrote regularly for newspapers, including National Catholic Reporter, and found local parishes and Newman Centers that needed help. For a time he worked with film studios and TV producers.

In 1990, he accepted a position teaching philosophy at Las Positas College, where he began his long acquaintance with and love for the people of Livermore, then a fast-growing community east of the Oakland hills, home to many of the scientists connected to the national security research laboratories there. In 1994, he joined the staff of St. Charles Borromeo Parish there, an energetic faith community with award-winning catechetical programs and good church music. He remained a key part of the parish life almost until his death, even serving as pastor for several years, during which the parish undertook significant renovations on its church and plant. Parishioners responded to his practical energy, a theology very much in the spirit of Vatican II, and his sympathetic pastoral manner.

In 2011, he moved to a senior residence in the neighborhood, where he and his beloved cat Tinkerbelle (the latest in a series) were

cared for by devoted friends from the parish. In late 2012, his health began to fail and, in 2013, he moved to the infirmary of the California Province at Los Gatos, California, where he died on March 18th.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be on April 6, 2013 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Livermore, at 11:00 a.m. Burial on April 8, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the Jesuit plot, Santa Clara Mission Cemetery, 490 Lincoln St., Santa Clara, CA 95050. In lieu of flowers a donation is requested to the Fr. McCafferty Scholarship Fund, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore, CA 94550-4549.

Lewis G. Aquino, Jr.

Lewis G. Aquino, Jr., 34, of Tracy, California passed away on Tuesday March 26, 2013.

Lewis was born on August 22, 1978 in Milford, Massachusetts and raised in Livermore, California. He was currently residing in Tracy, California.



Lewis was a loving father and husband who was always there for his family and friends in so many ways. He loved spending time with his kids and enjoyed many outdoor activities, especially dirt bike riding.

He leaves behind his wife, Danielle Aquino, 30, daughter Aliyah Aquino, 11, son Warren Aquino, 9, daughter Lexey Aquino, 7, mother, Pam Dole, sisters, Rhonda and Tia, niece, Amy and nephews Tim, Brad and Alex, and his pitbulls Rocco and Jazz.

A Visitation will be held on April 4th at 10 am, followed by the Funeral Service at 12 pm at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA. Burial will be next door at Memory Gardens Cemetery at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted at the service on behalf of the Aquino children.

June (Vieria) Perry

Feb. 12, 1930-March 28, 2013

June was an optimistic romantic, an energized citizen, and a magical teacher. Her children and students were amazingly lucky to know her



generous spirit and peerless ability to find the best in each individual.

After surviving the Depression in New Bedford MA, she moved to California and embraced the natural and cultural beauties of her adopted state, while raising three children. She began as a Teacher's Aid in the Pleasanton Unified School District in 1969, then earned her teaching credential at Saint Mary's College. She retired from Amador Valley High in 1995, having helped countless numbers of learn-

ing disabled students. June also dedicated many years to CSF and served as President of the local League of Women's Voters.

In later life, she continued to teach and enjoyed living in Rossmoor. Dear niece, Renee, and grandchildren Jackson and Lia brightened her days. She was predeceased by her younger brother, David, and parents Gaston and Mary Perry. Survivors include daughter Stephanie, and sons Jeffrey and Robert, as well as son-in-law Steven, daughter-in-law Lisa, and brother Carlton.

A Celebration of June's Life will be held April 13 at 3pm in the Grace Presbyterian Church (2100 Tice Valley Blvd Walnut Creek, CA 94595)

Laura Elizabeth Cocking

Born at Sunrise August 9, 1952, she was the cherished daughter of Fred and Jean Newton.

A California native, she grew up in Campbell, CA.

Married Jeffrey in 1974, she raised two beautiful children. She was a dedicated worker for over 20 years in the electronics industry. Very talented at cross stitching and quilting.

Loved her kids' soccer games every weekend, was an avid cheerleader and amazing volunteer for all their events.

She was a loving, caring mother and wife.

She lost her battle with Alzheimers at sunset on March 23, 2013.

She received lots of great care from Judith Baxter, Easy Living care home, and Hope Hospice of Dublin.

She will always be missed by her husband Jeffrey, son Christopher, daughter Amanda, beloved grandson Isaac, brother Daniel, sister Jody, daughter-in-law Jackie, and son-in-law Tyler.

She can rest now. In lieu of flowers please donate to Hope Hospice of Dublin.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 6th at 3 p.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA.

Thomas "Tommy" Lee Butts

Dec. 24, 1949-March 29, 2013

Tommy was born in Livermore on Christmas Eve 1949. It was the best Christmas gift we ever received. He passed away on March 29, 2013 from cancer.

Tommy graduated from Granada High School. He played in the school band and was on the wrestling team. As a young man, he received his Eagle Scout status in the Boy Scouts.

Tommy served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Cambodia and Turkey. He ended his Army in career in Florida, where he remained.

He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas L. Butts, mother Connie Sontag, stepfather Frank Sontag and a sister Gloriz Kurtzer.

Tommy leaves his wife of 34 years, Joyce, and his sons Tommy Lee and Scott, his grandchildren Cole, Ash-

ley and Kaylyn, his sisters Karen Carter (Dave) and Ruth Frick (Bob), his nephews John and Mike Kurtzer, Dave Bertalla, Steven Oxsen, John Oxsen and Dan Frick and his nieces Paula Peterson, Tricia Boyes and Jamey Buddemier. He also leaves several stepchildren and step-grandchildren.

Tommy will be missed by his family and friends. May he rest in peace and God be with him.

James A. Ricks Sr

James A. Ricks, Sr. was born on March 2, 1928, in Portsmouth, Virginia. James was an only child. James married Espanola H. Walker on March 9, 1949 in Newport News, Virginia. This union was blessed with four sons: James; Terrance; Ronald; and Michael.

With the outbreak of the Korean War, James was inducted into the United States Army in 1951. After receiving training in heavy artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, James arrived in Korea on December 24, 1952 as a member of the first segregated unit to serve in a combat forward area. As a result of his two-year service in the Korean theatre of war, James was awarded the Korean Service Medal with a Bronze Star for meritorious service and heroism in combat. James was also awarded the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Overseas Service Bar.

After his service in Korea, James transferred to the Army Reserve in January 1953 and received an Honorable Service Discharge in 1954.

Upon the completion of his military service, James secured employment with the United States Postal Service. Following his public service tenure, James entered the private sector as a manager with Hamilton Adams Import in Secaucus, New Jersey until his retirement.

After the death of his beloved wife Espanola in 1988 and the untimely death of his youngest son Michael in 2002, James was encouraged to relocate from his home in New York City to join his three surviving sons in Northern California in 2007. James lived independently until 2010 when he became a resident of the Community Living Center at the Veterans Affairs facility in Livermore, California

Although he was not affiliated with a local church, James was devoted to reading scripture and was very contemplative regarding his Christian faith.

James departed this life on Good Friday March 29, 2013. In addition to his wife, and his youngest son, James was also preceded in death by his uncle, James Manning. He leaves to cherish his memories three lov-

ing sons: James A. Ricks, Jr. and his wife Wendy of Brisbane, CA; Terrance L. Ricks and his wife Annette of Mountain House, CA; and Ronald L. Ricks and his wife Margaret of Richmond, CA; five grandchildren: Terrance L. Ricks, Jr; Aminah Ricks-Cuzzi; Afiya Ricks; Kwame Jackson-Ricks; and Aireus Robinson; and four great grandchildren: Dale, Terris and Mervin Ricks and Mila Ricks-Cuzzi.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held at 10:30AM on Friday, April 5, 2013 at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, Ca.

Timothy Lloyd Cakebread

Resident of Livermore

Tim was born on Oct. 27, 1961 and passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at the age of 51.

He served his country in the US Air Force. He was a locomotive engineer for Union Pacific Rail Road.

He loved Bible study, sprint cars and was a big Oakland Raiders fan. He had a great sense of humor and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Michelle, his children Tahnee (Michael) Roberts, Cody Cakebread, Lindsey Cakebread and one granddaughter Lily Anne Roberts.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2013, 10 a.m. at Celebration Christian Center, 1135 Bluebell Dr., Livermore, CA 94551. Final Resting place will be at Oak View Memorial Park in Antioch.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

In Memoriam



Ralph H. Whitaker, Jr. 6/1/32-4/6/11

*Little we knew that morning,
God was going to call your name,
in life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone,
for part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.
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Nominations Sought for Pleasanton's Community of Character Award

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative is seeking nominations for the 2013 Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award. This award was established in 2008 to recognize Pleasanton citizens who are dedicated volunteers and consistently model high ethical and moral standards of behavior advocated by the Collaborative. Candidates should exhibit traits chosen by the Citizens of Pleasanton: Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, Honesty, Respect and Integrity.

The award is named in honor of a longtime Pleasanton Unified School District Board Member and community volunteer, Juanita Hau-

gen. Haugen, co-founder of the Pleasanton Community of Character program, believed that part of Pleasanton's success is due to its compassionate citizens and those people who volunteer throughout our community. Her vision was to remind people to model ethical standards of behavior within their communities, businesses, homes and to extend these traits outside the community as they travel and meet other people throughout the world.

Anyone wishing to nominate an individual or a non-profit group demonstrating a commitment to our Community of Character traits through their volunteer work may download a form at

www.communityofcharacter.org and mail it to our Community of Character P.O. Box 21 Pleasanton, CA 94566. Nominees must be Pleasanton residents, demonstrate a commitment to quality volunteer work in the community and exhibit volunteerism above and beyond their day to day job responsibilities while exhibiting the community established character traits.

The deadline for submission is April 19, 2013. Nomination forms are also available at the Pleasanton School District office, 4665 Bernal Avenue; The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce office, 777 Peters Avenue; The Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal; or The Civic

Center, 200 Old Bernal.

This year's Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award recipients will be honored at the May 16, 2013 Community of Character Collaborative Luncheon at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building. The reservation form will be available online in April and at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, Pleasanton Library, Civic Center and the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Past award recipients are Janet Liang (2012), Debra Mitchell (2012), Dave Melander (2012), Pleasanton Military Families (2012), Chuck Deckert (2011), Ron Sutton (2011), Bob and Joyce Shapiro (2011), The Assistance League of

Amador Valley (2011), Dr. Pushpa Dalal (2010), Chris Miller (2010), Bob Athénour (2010), The George A. Spiliotopoulos Invitational Tournament Volunteers (2010), Jerri Pantages Long (2009), Sue Evans (2009), Ken Mano (2009), Lori Rice (2008), Diana and Howard Mendenhall (2008).

We honor our youngest Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award recipient, Janet Liang, who died September 11, 2012, almost four months after receiving this award. Janet was diagnosed with Lymphoblastic Leukemia in 2009 and dedicated much of her time to bringing awareness for the need of bone marrow donors. Her efforts increased

marrow donations for the national registry of Be the Match at www.marow.org. Janet's acceptance speech from May 2012 is available on Youtube.com along with videos of our other 2012 award winners. Janet's video can be found by searching "Community of Character Collaborative Honors Janet Liang May 2012" on Youtube.com's site.

Businesses, groups and individuals wishing to sponsor the event may do so by contacting Community of Character Board President Kelly Dulka at (925) 263-4444 or by email at kdulka@ymcaeastbay.org. Sponsors will receive seating for 8 and recognition at our event.

SHORT NOTES

Teen Leadership

The City of Pleasanton's Community Services Department launches a leadership program for teens this summer that provides comprehensive training and placement in a volunteer position to work closely with city staff for a minimum of four weeks.

The Leadership in Training (LIT) Program is for students entering grades 9 through 12 in fall of 2013 and provides teens with the opportunity to develop job skills and prepare for future employment through training, hands-on experience, and evaluation. There is limited space in the program and applicants must be Pleasanton residents to be considered.

A mandatory LIT training conducted by City of Pleasanton staff is scheduled from June 24-28, 2013. It will cover job skills, customer service, leadership and interviewing. Students who complete the training will be placed in a volunteer position and work closely with city staff in a number of departments, including Community Services (sports, aquatics, drama/summer camps, or Firehouse Arts Center), the City Operation Services Center, police, or the library. Students are required to volunteer 2-3 days per week for a minimum of four weeks of the LIT session. Session dates are July 1-August 9 and schedules are contingent upon the respective site that a student is assigned to.

Applications will be available beginning April 8, 2013 at Gingerbread Preschool, located at 4333 Black Avenue, or online at <http://ptownlife.org/work/volunteer-opportunities>. The application deadline is Friday, April 19, 2013.

For more information, please contact Nicole Thomas at (925) 931-3474 or nthomas@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Annual Duck Races

The 21st annual Livermore Duck Races will be held on Sat., April 27 on the Arroyo Mocho at Robertson Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. near the rodeo grounds. This is a fund-raiser for Livermore schools and nonprofit groups. Over \$5000 in cash prizes will be given out to duck sponsors.

There will be Little Duckie Races for kids 12 years and younger. The race is free with a parent present. Prizes are compliments of Livermore McDonalds.

The races are presented by the Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermore Y's Men Club. Each duck will have a number attached and assigned to the number on each entry form. The winning duck entries eligible for cash prizes will be announced at the conclusion of each race. Individuals who submit the winning entries are not required to be present and will be notified by telephone.

For more information, call 449-1315 or 321-1123. Tickets are \$5 per entry. They are available from some Livermore school PTAs or write to Livermore Duck Races, PO Box 48, Livermore, CA 94551.

For answers to questions, call Betty Harvey at 449-1315 or Jim Travis at 321-1123.

Fly Fishers Auction

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers will be holding its annual silent auction on Thursday, April 4 at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore. Preview and registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the auction is from 7-9 p.m.

This is the club's one and only fund raiser for the year. Items included this year are fly fishing gear (rods, reels, lines, hand tied flies, buddy trips and more) and non-fishing items (wine, pizza, clothing, gift certificates for local merchants). This auction is open to all people, members and nonmembers alike. A new incentive this year is a free 2014 membership to the person who spends the most at the auction. Only cash or checks are accepted at this event, sorry we are not able to accept credit cards at this time.

Proceeds of the auction help finance Tri-Valley Fly Fishers, a nonprofit organization. The club is comprised of women and men from the Tri-Valley, East Bay and Brentwood areas who enjoy the sport of fly fishing. Membership spans all ages from students to seniors. Besides fishing trips and expert speakers, the club is deeply committed to and involved with education and conservation activities. The club's education programs help new anglers get involved in the sport and experienced fly-fishers to sharpen their skills. Among TVFF's conservation activities is the Alameda Creek Alliance to help restore steelhead trout to this beautiful stretch of river through scenic Niles Canyon.

Perhaps the best known club sponsored educational activity is "Trout in the Classroom". For 12 years, TVFF's "Trout in the Classroom" program has placed specially cooled aquariums with trout eggs in about 3 dozen elementary school classrooms in our area. The students excitedly watch the baby trout hatch and grow until the whole class travels to one of our local parks and releases the young fish into the wild. To date TVFF has enabled over 35,000 children to participate in this wondrous experience.

Monthly meetings feature guest speakers who share their knowledge of the sport. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of every month, September through June. The club also schedules one or more fishing trips per month for members.

For questions please contact Daniel Kitts, Tri-Valley Fly Fishers president, /www.tri-val-

leyflyfishers.org/

Excel Classes

The Pleasanton Library is presenting Excel classes in - beginners, intermediate, and expert level classes. Gain skills for career advancement, learning formatting, advanced formulas, visual basic programming, and more. Classes taught by a finance professional with 10 years of experience.

Sign up for one, two, or three sessions from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Library: Wednesday, April 10: Beginners Excel; Wednesday, April 17: Intermediate Excel; or Monday, April 22 Expert Excel (includes VBT Programming)

Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 7.

Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Merry Luskin or Doreen Irby at 925/931-3400 for information.

Writing Workshop

The California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch will be conducting a workshop with New York Times Bestselling Author Robert Dugoni on Saturday, April 6, 2013, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton.

Robert Dugoni is the author of The Cyanide Canary, The Jury Master, Damage Control, Wrongful Death, Bodily Harm, Murder One, and The Conviction. His books have been published in 18 foreign countries. In addition to writing novels he teaches the craft of writing throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. He has been a featured speaker on more than two dozen radio and television programs. Robert was raised in Burlingame, California, and now resides in Seattle, Washington. Visit www.robertdugoni.com for more information about Mr. Dugoni.

Registration begins at 12 Noon. Cost: CWC member \$60, nonmember \$70. Snacks & Beverages provided during break. Reservations and payment required by April 5. Visit www.trivalleywriters.org to register online or contact Deborah Bernal at reservations@trivalleywriters.org and mail check to: CWC Tri-Valley Writers Attn: Workshop, 4682 Chabot Drive #10953, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Student Representative

Applications are now being accepted for the Student Representative to the City of Dublin Parks and Community Services Commission. Applicants must be Dublin residents and have Junior or Senior standing for the upcoming school year. The term of office is for one year commencing July 1st and terminating the following June

30th. The application deadline is April 30, 2013 at 5:00 PM. Applications are available online; at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin; or by calling (925) 556-4500.

The Parks and Community Services Commission is an advisory body to the Dublin City Council and makes recommendations as it deems necessary in all matters pertaining to the operation and maintenance of an effective, efficient, and adequate program of parks, recreation and community services for the citizens of Dublin. The Commission meets monthly on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Commissioners receive \$50 for attendance at each meeting.

Fireworks Booths

The City of Dublin allows local non-profit organizations to sell Safe and Sane Fireworks in the week leading up to Independence Day. Applications are now available online at www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks, or at City Hall weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Non-profit organizations who meet all of the requirements set forth in the Dublin Municipal Code Chapter 5.24 are eligible to submit an application to be included in the Fireworks Drawing.

Applications for the 2013 sales period are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 26, 2013. The Fireworks Drawing will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 10:00 am. If you need additional information, please contact Dublin Fire Prevention Staff at 925-833-6606.

Golf Fitness

The Sports Performance Institute at San Ramon Regional Medical Center is presenting a free community seminar, "Golf Fitness - Learn to lower your golf and fitness handicap." Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The seminar will be held in San Ramon Regional Medical Center's South Building in the South Conference Room, located at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

Speakers will explain how to improve golf fitness and conditioning, while avoiding common injuries. Charles Preston, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon, and TPI Certified Medical Provider, will discuss common injuries, and will describe symptoms, causes, treatments, and preventative measures. Tony Carrera, TPI, Titleist Performance Institute Certified Trainer, who trains juniors through professional golfers, will present exercises and techniques to enhance skill development and execution.

Space is limited. Reservations are required. Please call 800.284.2878 or go to Find an Event on www.OurSanRamonHospital.com.

Dublin Pride Week

The City of Dublin will hold its annual "Dublin Pride Week" event during the week of April 27th - May 4th. The City is seeking volunteers to assist with several activities, including school and park beautification, senior assistance, and cleanup projects.

"Volunteer Day" will be held on Saturday, April 27th, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. A barbeque, hosted by the Dublin Lions Club, will be held following the cleanup activities, from Noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums.

Residents and groups interested in volunteering can visit the "Dublin Pride Week" website at www.dublinprideweek.com, or call (925) 833-6650.

SR Playgrounds

The City of San Ramon invites the community to a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the recently completed playground renovation at Athan Downs on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 3:00pm. Athan Downs is a 20-acre park located at the intersection of Montevideo Drive and Davona Drive.

The new playground is an all abilities, universal playground that includes equipment that is accessible to all children and is very well suited for children with physical or cognitive disabilities. This \$500,000 project was funded by the City of San Ramon and East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW funds.

The ribbon cutting program will include comments from members of the City Council and Parks & Community Service Commission. Additional features include a special presentation by San Ramon's Poet Laureate Kathy Moore and a performance by students in the Bay Area Children's Theatre Youth Education program.

For more information please visit our website at www.sanramon.ca.gov or call 925.973.3200.

Outdoor Programs

REI Dublin April events listed are free and open to the public. They will be held at REI, 7099 Amador Plaza Road, in Dublin. The public may contact REI Dublin's Customer Service Department for more information, (925) 828-9826.

Climbing Mount Shasta: Tips for First-time Climbers: 7 pm-8:30 pm, Thursday, April 11: As a climbing ranger for the U.S. Forest Service, Mount Shasta Ranger District, Nick Meyers makes weekly climbs of Shasta. In this digital presentation, Nick will help prepare for a safe and successful first climb via the Avalanche Gulch route, and will discuss some of the more popular routes on the north side of the mountain. Come find out about gear and clothing, permits, low impact camping and climbing protocol,

and weather and the common mistakes of many first-timers - the easy way.

Cycling the Camino Frances in Spain: 7 pm-8:30 pm, Thursday, April 18: In October 2011, Bruce Akers and Kate Botas set out on their first-ever bike tour, from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France, to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, following the ancient pilgrimage route known as the Camino Frances or Camino de Santiago. Join Bruce and Kate for a digital presentation of their two-week adventure, pedaling through quaint medieval towns in the high mountains of the Pyrenees, across the fertile red soils of the Rioja region, to the lush green Galician Hills, and beyond. Find out tips for planning a cycling adventure on the Camino, including gear, bike transport, accommodations (B&Bs, pensions, small hotels), and more.

Lightweight Backpacking Basics: 9 am-10:30 am, Saturday, April 27: An REI backpacking expert will provide excellent tips on lightweight backpacking techniques. Included are shelters, backpacks, food choices, and fuel efficiency.

The Way of the Ohlone is the topic of the Sat., April 6 program offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Darren Segurat at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5211 Arroyo Rd.

Learn what it was like to live in the Livermore Valley before the Europeans arrived. How did the native people feed themselves, get married or cure each other when they were sick? Join this program to take a glimpse into the daily life of the original inhabitants of the area and unlock the secrets of the Ohlone way. This will include a slow-paced walk to look at some of the plants and animals the natives used followed by looking at a collection of Indian baskets and tools. Good for all ages.

On Sun., April 7 the topic will be Lowland Wildflowers. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 1 p.m. at the Nature Area entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. Most of LARPD's wildflower hikes require a trek up into the hills, but this walk will remain down in the flatlands. There is still plenty of flora to be found if you know where to look. This will be a slow-paced walk of about one mile. Strollers are welcome, but be aware trails are dirt and rocky in some areas. Please call 925-960-2400 for directions if you do not know where the Nature Area entrance is.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

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Alejandra Landa-Delgado, 1569 Ellis Lane, Manteca, CA 95337
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants :s/ Alejandra Delgado
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 14, 2013. Expires February 14, 2018.
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(1) Daniel Guy Garon Wilson, 6616A Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609 (2) Jeffrey Lloyd Pavich, 640 Ruth Way, Livermore, CA 94550
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The following person(s) doing business as: KI Realty, 186 South K Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby

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Kay French, 186 South K Street, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants :s/ Kay French
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 475676

The following person(s) doing business as: KI Landscaping, 186 South K Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Kay French, 186 South K Street, Livermore, CA 94550
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s)

listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants :s/ Kay French
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 473667

The following person(s) doing business as: Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 1700 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Livermore Hotel Corp, 4781 San Lucas Way, San Jose, CA 95135
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/1/2011.
Signature of Registrants :s/ Prakash Babu, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2013. Expires January 11, 2018.
The Independent Legal No.

3426. Published March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 475841

The following person(s) doing business as: Life's Good Racing!, 7949 Paragon Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Thomas Moravia Intl, LLC, 7949 Paragon Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by a Limited liability company
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/1/2012.
Signature of Registrants :s/ Karl Chicca, Director
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2013. Expires March 8, 2018.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 475838

The following person(s) doing business as: Vice Specialty Products, 288 Boeing Court, Livermore, CA 94551, is

hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Vi-Tec Manufacturing Inc, 288 Boeing Court, Livermore, CA 94551
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Signature of Registrants: Tyler Minser
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Hot Real Estate Market: Boom or Bubble

By Cher Wollard

A Livermore townhouse priced at just under \$300,000 received four offers in four days on the market, going for 10 percent over the asking price. A modest Sunset home on a nice lot drew nine offers. And a three-bedroom home off of Vasco Road had a staggering 32 offers before it went pending.

Scenes like these are playing throughout the Bay Area, at nearly every price point.

To some folks, this feels like the heady days before the recession, before the housing market slid an average 12 percent per year, finally hitting bottom sometime in 2009 with prices here about 35 percent below the peak.

"A lot of demand has accumulated," said John Walsh, president of DataQuick real estate information services.

"The last time the number of homes sold exceeded the historical average for a given month was back in 2006 . . . Now, with a recovering economy, prices still closer to the bottom than to the top, with ultra-low mortgage interest rates and tight supply, the stage is set for price gains."

In fact, prices in California have risen strongly in the past year, led by the Bay Area with a nearly 25 percent increase between February 2012 and February 2013.

So is this 2006 all over again? Are we setting ourselves up for another great fall? Is this super-heated real estate boom a real estate bubble?

"I think it's definitely possible," said Robin Young, a Livermore Realtor with Alain Pinel. "The way negotiations are going in this market - no appraisals, no inspection contingencies."

But there are also plenty of indicators that this sellers' market is different in important ways from the high point before the real estate bust.

For one thing, inventory is even tighter today than seven years ago. The number of residential properties in Livermore listed on the Multiple Listing Service is, ironically, almost identical to this point in 2006 - about 50 properties.

But back then, builders were still producing a steady supply of new homes to supplement resales. So buyers here actually had more to choose from than they do now.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors, says we are at the start of a serious housing shortage.

The oldest members of the Millennium Generation - those born between about 1980 and 2000 - are in their 20s and 30s, and looking to get married, start families and purchase their first homes.

Add to that growth from immigration, and the nation requires an estimated 1.1 million new homes per year. During the five-year downturn, builders were producing less than half of that.

"Isn't this Economics 101? Supply and demand?" Walsh asks. "If demand outstrips supply in a free market, the price goes up."

The previous boom was fueled by easy money. Nearly anyone could obtain a mortgage for almost any amount, leading to abuses that put many families into homes they could not afford.

Often people took out two or even three loans to get the funds they needed to purchase a home. Others refinanced often, drawing on their equity to pay for cars, vacations or everyday expenses.

When the economy collapsed and jobs became more precarious, those families had to sell quickly for whatever price they could get. Many lost their homes to foreclosure, bankruptcy or short sale.

Now lending requirements are stricter than they have been in decades.

"It's more difficult to get financing today than it was in 2006," Young said. "If we had the same 'see if he fogs the mirror' criteria we did then, I would be very, very concerned about a real estate bubble and the magnitude of it. But we don't."

Financing with multiple mortgages is rare now, and downpayment sizes are stable. In 2011, almost 90 percent of all new mortgages went to "creditworthy" households, compared to about half before the financial crisis, according to Moody's Analytics and Equifax.

Even FHA has increased its downpayment requirements and tightened lending standards for borrowers.

The combination of lower prices, extremely low interest rates and job growth has also increased affordability levels in the Bay Area.

The typical monthly mortgage payment that buyers here committed to in February was \$1,460. Adjusted for inflation, that's 48.1 percent below the typical payment in spring 1989, the peak of the prior real estate cycle, and 61.6 percent below the current cycle's peak in July 2007, according to DataQuick.

In addition, many homes are being purchased with cash. All-cash buyers accounted for 31.9 percent of sales in February, according to DataQuick. That is the highest level in the 25 years such information has been tracked. Historically, cash buyers account for only about 12.9 percent of sales.

The smart money now is on real estate. Billionaire Warren Buffett of Berkshire-Hathaway made headlines last year when he told CNBC, "I'd buy up 'a couple hundred thousand' single-family homes if I could."

The momentum has shifted.

"We're seeing more evidence of a rebirth of the housing market," Robert Shiller, Yale University Economics professor, said. "One thing I've learned over years from looking at housing markets, they're very different from the stock market. They have momentum. And when they start going up, they generally keep going up for a year or even more."

Graphs supplied by Trendgraphix show prices in Livermore for single-family homes over the past decade hit a low of \$452,000 in early 2009. By the end of that year, with investors jumping in to snatch up bargains, the median price had risen to \$490,000.

There it stayed for the next three years, bouncing around in the high \$400,000s and low \$500,000s, until last year when buyers returned to the market with a vengeance.

In Livermore, distressed sales of all types have plunged to less than 10 percent of inventory, from a high of about half of inventory on the MLS in early 2009.

The median price of a single-family home sold here in February was \$570,000, and prices are continuing to trend upward.

"I don't know if this is a true bubble," Young said. "It depends how long this uber-hot selling market continues. If it is, I don't think it will really so much burst as be a flatline correction, and then go back to conservative appreciation."

In fact, that is the prediction of Leslie Appleton-Young, chief economist for the California Association of Realtors, who sees prices throughout the state increasing until about 2018 and then leveling off, with the Bay Area moving even faster.

"Livermore is such a great value, and a draw for people looking to own real estate," Young said. "This market is showing there's bigger bang for your buck in Livermore than in some of the neighboring communities. To anyone, if you are thinking about selling, now is the time."

If you are thinking about selling - or buying - real estate, contact your local Realtor.

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.

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Festive Event Raises Funds for Grad Night Parties

By Carol Graham

A group of residents has been working together for months for the sole purpose of making sure that June 15, 2013 will be a good day in Livermore.

The night before, Livermore and Granada High School seniors graduate. Since 1988, hundreds of volunteers have been coming together to raise funds, organize and host "Safe and Sober Grad Night" at both of the high schools.

"We want to make sure the kids have the time of their lives without risking their lives," said organizer Barbara Mastrobuoni.

Although the event has become a highlight for the students, it benefits the entire community by making it a safer night for everyone to be on the roads.

"I don't want to tell my other child, 'You cannot be driving that night,'" said organizer Jinger Leonard. "No one wants to be sitting home, afraid to go out to dinner."

Numerous fundraisers are held throughout the year in order to put on the grad night event that lasts until 5:30 a.m. It includes dancing, karaoke, casino

gaming tables, hypnotists, bingo, henna tattoos, jumpy houses and caricatures.

The largest fundraiser of the year is coming up on Friday, April 12th: "50 Shades of Red - Casino & Auction Evening Supporting Safe and Sober Grad Night." It will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

"We called it '50 Shades of Red' because we thought it would take place around Valentine's Day," said organizer Amy Nielsen. "We changed the date, but we kept the name (a play on the title of a bestselling novel)."

Organizers are hoping the entire community, not just the parents of seniors, will turn out to support this cause.

"It's going to be a fun night out for anyone over 21," said Mastrobuoni. "We'll have a DJ and dancing, hors d'oeuvres, casino gaming tables, a live and a silent auction, a photo booth, and raffles."

New this year is a raffle for the weekend use (Friday to Sunday) of a Porsche Panamera - great fun for a night in the City, a drive along the coast, wine tasting

in the Livermore Valley - or all three. Its use was donated by Porsche of Livermore.

Other sponsors include Office Max, Altamont Cruisers, local Rotary clubs, Big O Tires, Callaghan Mortuary, and Tri-Valley Auto Body.

Items to be raffled or auctioned include letterman jackets, wine baskets, gift certificates to local restaurants and Campo di Bocce, and passes to Poppy Ridge, Las Positas and Wentle golf courses.

"Orchard Supply Hardware has donated two truckloads of patio furniture and barbecues," said organizer Laurie Cano.

Perhaps the most coveted items of the night will be front row seats and VIP parking passes to each of the high school's graduation ceremonies.

"This is the only money we allot separately to each school," said Nielsen. "With everything else, we work together and split the money right down the middle. For the graduation seats and parking, each school keeps the money paid. We hope to inspire a bidding war to see which school will donate more."

Tickets for "50 Shades of



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Trying out the Porsche are (from left) Laurie Cano, Barbara Mastrobuoni, Stacey Walke, Jinger Leonard, and Jim Travis.

Red" are \$45 in advance, and \$50 at the door. Attendees receive gaming chips for black jack, poker, craps and roulette. After playing, chips can be exchanged for raffle tickets.

Although held in the grand-sounding Cresta Blanca Ballroom, Leonard encourages attendees to wear whatever they're comfortable in, although red is definitely a theme.

"Someone wearing jeans gets the same smile as someone who is dressed up," said Mastrobuoni.

Added Leonard, "We're a small community. We go to the same restaurants and do the same things every weekend. This is a chance to do something different. Put on some red lipstick... and win a barbecue!"

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.granadahigh.com or www.livermorehs.school-loop.com.

College Presents Final Talk in Lab Series

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Seminar Series at Las Positas College Will Explore the Dynamics of Virus Adaptations and Cross-Species Transmission

Las Positas College will present Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists Monica Borucki, Ph.D. and Jonathan Allen, Ph.D. as the speakers on Wednesday, April 10 at the fourth and final evening of this year's Annual Science and Engineering Seminar Series at the College.

This year's series is the third joint effort of Las Positas College and Lawrence Livermore Labs to explore the overall issue of "Theory to Practice: How Science Gets Done." Borucki and Allen will discuss the topic "Reconstructing a Rabies Epidemic - Byte by Byte." The public is invited to hear these two renowned scientists discuss a fascinating study of virus cross-species transmission by use of a case study from California's Humboldt County.

Borucki, a Biomedical Scientist at LLNL, and Allen, a Research Staff Member in LLNL's Pathogen Bioinformatics Group, will introduce the attendees to some examples of how biologists and computer scientists have collaborated and used cutting edge ultra-deep sequencing technology to study the dynamics of a 2009 rabies outbreak.

Allen is working on several efforts at LLNL to develop and apply novel

algorithms to detect and characterize pathogens using next-generation sequencing.

Previously, Allen completed a Postdoctoral fellowship at LLNL where he worked on developing computational methods to facilitate the detection of engineered biological threats.

The evening with Borucki and Allen is open to the general public. They will be speaking in the College's Multi-Disciplinary Building

Lecture Hall, Room 2420 at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 10. As a community outreach effort, there is no charge for admittance but visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For more information, contact Biology Professor Nan Ho at 925-424-1344 or nho@laspositascollege.edu.



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Cast of "Hair" rehearses for upcoming production at Las Positas College.

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'Hair' the Spring Musical at Las Positas College

The Las Positas College Performing Arts Department will perform the musical "Hair" from April 12 -21 at the Livermore campus.

The rock music dubbed the "American Tribal Love-Rock Musical" features book and lyrics by James Rado and Gerome Ragni and music by Galt MacDermot.

The show was first produced off-Broadway at New York's Public Theater in 1967, where it ran for six weeks; followed by 1760 performances on

Broadway at the Biltmore Theater. Within three years, numerous production companies had opened in major cities across the United States, Canada, and in Asia.

Some of the songs in the show include Let the Sunshine In, Aquarius, Hair, and What a Piece of Work Is Man.

As with most musical theater, Hair's plot is theatrical fantasy, but one firmly grounded in the realities of the late 1960s. Hair is considered to be one

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Creatures of Impulse Improv Presents: Puppets of Impulse

Creatures of Impulse, the 26-member teen improv troupe, presents Puppets of Impulse on Tour. Combining for the first time puppetry and musical improv, the award winning group is taking their show on the road this spring.

With a cast of human and not-so-human characters, they will be exposing the life of the American teenager through puppets and improvised songs. The tour kicks off at the new Un-Scripted Theater Company venue on Union Square in San Francisco (522 Sutter Street) on April 4-6. The show comes to

Pleasanton at the Amador Theater April 11-13, and then plays at the California High School Theater in San Ramon for one night only April 25. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

On May 11 the troupe heads off to Chicago to perform at the big Teen Comedy Festival.

For the past two months, the teen performers of Creatures of Impulse have researched and rehearsed improvised musicals and long-form story structures. Even though the actual shows are improvised, studying

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Creatures of Impulse on Train Tracks, photo - Aaron Zwiefel



Shown are Mono Lake - Bill Hackett (lower photo) and Trees - Carolyn Ramsey.



Annual Spring Art Show This Weekend at The Barn

The LAA annual Spring Art Show will be held at The Barn at 3131 Pacific Avenue, Livermore on April 6th and 7th. This is the biggest exhibit of the year for the Livermore Art Association. It is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day.

Most artwork is for sale. There will be an additional sales room with original art, jewelry, cards and prints.

The Commission for the Arts will be selecting seven works, one from each category, for a City of Livermore Special Award. After the show, these works will be displayed in City Hall for one month.

The public is invited to a festive reception on Saturday April 6th, 7:00pm - 9:00 pm. The event will serve appetizers, local wines and feature live music. The awards ceremony will be held at 7:30 pm.

'She Loves Me' at Firehouse Arts Center; Musical Predecessor to Film 'You've Got Mail'

Pacific Coast Repertory Company presents *She Loves Me*, the musical adaptation of *Parfumerie*, the play that inspired the Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan classic "You've Got Mail."

Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., April 12 through 28 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Reserved seat tickets are \$19-\$35, and youth, senior, and group discounts are available.

Described as funny, intelligent, honest and sentimental, *She Loves Me* is a romantic comedy with a touch of old world elegance. New York Magazine recently deemed it one of the best musicals ever written. At the time of its Broadway premier, *She Loves Me* was widely expected to be a bigger hit than that other show by the same lyrics-and-music writing team of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, *Fiddler On the Roof*.

Based on the much-adapted script by Hungarian playwright Miklos Laszlo, *She Loves Me* is the story of Georg Nowack and Amalia Balash, co-workers who unwittingly meet through a *Lonely Hearts* column. Unaware that they are secret pen pals, they constantly bicker as things don't go well in the shop. Complicating things further is Georg's boss who suspects Georg of having an affair with his wife. Other characters bring life and tension to the story, as Amalia and Georg find their way to each other.

If the plot sounds familiar, no wonder. Among numerous other adaptations, the play was immortalized



Pictured are David Judson and Amy Baker. Photo - Wally Alert

on celluloid in the 1940 James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan film "The Shop around the Corner," and again in the 1998 Nora Ephron version "You've Got Mail" starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

Director and choreographer Lois Grandi returns to PCRT for this new production, having garnered numerous accolades for Chicago, her maiden production with the company. Of her involvement with PCRT she says, "I love the company and love the professional standards they embody. We have always been on the same page." As founder and artistic director of Playhouse West, she enjoyed an impressive, award-winning 13 year run. Prior to that, she had numerous roles both On- and Off-Broadway in New York City, as well as in national touring companies. She worked as an

actor in television and commercials, as a songstress in San Francisco club venues, and established herself as a sought-after acting coach.

Of *She Loves Me*, Grandi says, "I've always loved it and absolutely jumped at the chance (to direct and choreograph the show) when (PCRT producer) Pat Parr approached me." Noting that she was a working actor, dancer, and singer in New York when it premiered in 1963, she recalls, "Unlike traditional musicals of that time, it had a sweet story everyone could relate to in some way. Storyline is simple: two lonely people looking for love, and who can't relate to that?"

Playing the female lead role of Amalia is Amy Baker. Director Grandi comments that Baker is "someone who none of us had known before, and is a dream come true . . . her

voice will take your breath away."

David Judson plays the leading male role of Georg. It is a complete reversal of his previous role as Billy Flynn in the Chicago production.

Also joining the cast is Lauren Bratton-Kearns, last seen in PCRT's opening season production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Having grown up in Pleasanton, Bratton-Kearns attended Contra Costa Ballet Center for eight years before earning her dance degree from UC Irvine. She went on to study for two years at Alvin Ailey in New York City, where she currently lives and performs with several dance companies.

In addition to Lois Grandi at the helm, musical direction is by Pat Parr, scenic design by Patrick Bandon, lighting design by Chris Guptill, and costumes by Liz Martin.

A special "Inside the Show" discussion with the principal actors and director Grandi will take place after the Sunday matinee performance on April 14. Admission is free with a ticket to the performance.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

Author J.A. Jance Makes Stop in Livermore

New York Times best-selling author J.A. Jance will make a stop at the Double Barrel Wine Bar in Livermore on April 11.

Towne Center Books and the Friends of the Livermore Library are co-sponsors.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Jance will be signing her latest book, "Deadly Stakes." Towne Center Books will be on hand with books to purchase.

Admission is \$20.00 which covers a glass of wine, appetizers, author presentation, 10% discount on book purchases, and autographing and a donation to the Friends of the Library.

Tickets are available in advance at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton or just prior to the event at Double Barrel Wine Bar, 2086 First St., Livermore.

Contact Judy Wheeler at 925-846-8826 or townecenterbooks@sbcglobal.net for more information

Reservations for the event are helpful, 846-8826

The latest book, *Deadly Stakes*, is published by Touchstone Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster. It is Jance's eighth Ali Reynolds mystery.

After suffering heartbreak at the hands of a cyber-sociopath in *Datal Error*, Lynn Martinson believes she has found her happily-ever-after with new boyfriend Chip Ralston. When Ralston's gold-digging ex-wife is found murdered and abandoned in Arizona's Camp Verde desert, the couple finds themselves in jail with a rapidly expiring plea deal designed to make them testify against one another.

Lynn's mother comes to Ali Reynolds for help.

For more information about *Deadly Stakes* go to www.simonandschuster.com or jajance.com.

Alyssa Perry Named Miss Livermore Rodeo Queen

The 2013 Miss Livermore Rodeo Queen is Miss Alyssa Perry. The Livermore Rodeo Stockmen's Association held their annual rodeo queen contest on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Four contestants competed for this year's title of Miss Livermore Rodeo: Alexandra Barnes, Alyssa Perry, Juliana Marciel and Tara Reichert.

The competition started off that morning with personal interviews. Ladies are asked personality questions as well as being tested on their rodeo knowledge. From there, the horsemanship competition category of the contest began. The ladies were required to execute a reining pattern that included sliding stops and fast pivots. They also had to ride a "draw" horse (horse provided that none of the ladies had ridden before) and chase a steer out of the arena, which mimicked what would be one of their duties as queen at the rodeo.

The contest was concluded at the Robert Livermore Community Center where the Livermore Rodeo Foundation hosted a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. At the dinner, each contestant gave their prepared speech on a rodeo topic, and the queen was chosen.

The first runner up was

Tickets Available for Ravenswood Victorian Tea

The 17th annual Ravenswood Victorian Tea will be held on Sunday, April 28.

Presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Ravenswood Progress League, the event will be held at the Ravenswood Historic Site in south Livermore.

The 1890s restored Victorian country estate provides an idyllic setting for tea inside the historic home. Ravenswood Historic Site is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a State of



Alyssa Perry is shown being crowned.

Tara Reichert, second runner up Alexandra Barnes, and third runner up Juliana Marciel.

Miss Livermore Rodeo will spend her year of reign traveling the state of California promoting the sport of rodeo and the Livermore Rodeo Stockmen's Association. In addition, she will be visiting schools and taking part in other various com-

munity service activities.

The Livermore Rodeo Stockmen's Association would like to extend a thank you to all of the sponsors who donated to make the contest a success.

The Livermore Rodeo is set for June 8th and 9th at the Robertson Park Stadium in Livermore. For more information go to www.livermorerodeo.org.

California Historical Point of Interest and is a City of Livermore Historic Preservation Landmark Site.

A menu of elegant sweets and savories, a selection of teas, sparkling wine and sparkling juice will be served inside the Main House drawing room.

This event is open to adults and children ages 8 and older. A special menu is set; special food requests cannot be accommodated. Docents will be dressed in Victorian-era costumes

as they serve the tea. Live background music will help set the mood.

The tea is from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Ravenswood, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Tickets are \$40 per person. All donations benefit the Ravenswood Historic Site Furnishing Fund, an ongoing project of the nonprofit Ravenswood Progress League.

Reservations are being taken now until the event is full. For information, call 925-443-0238.

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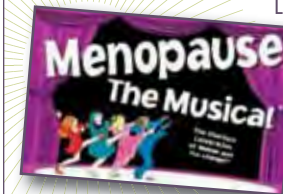
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Campers learn how to run cameras and produce shows during the summer camp offered by Tri-Valley TV.

Community Television Offers Summer TV Camp for Youth

Students in middle or high school considering choosing some form of video production as a future career are invited to attend Tri-Valley TV Summer this summer. Offered by Tri-Valley TV, this unique TV Camp will give students an overall picture of the production process, help prepare them for related courses in video and provide an edge for a future in the industry.

Now in its fifth year, this day camp includes an introduction to studio production, field production, writing, producing and digital video editing. The day camp consists of a total of 20 hours and is open to middle and high school students who will be in grades 6 – 12 next fall. Participants will work

within a group to produce a TV program that will air on TV30.

Two sessions will be offered to campers. The first session will take place June 17-21. The second session will be available from August 5-9. Tri-Valley TV Camp will run from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each day. The fee is \$495 and registration is limited.

“For the past four years, students have produced a one hour special that aired on TV30 titled “Tri-Valley Youth View,” said Melissa Tench-Stevens, Executive Director of Tri-Valley TV. “Students not only had the opportunity to work with our staff at a real television station, but have interviewed Mayors, Congressmen, up and coming rock bands, newspaper editors

and others. We have already had inquiries all year from residents waiting for us to open the registration. Our staff enjoys working with the students, and some of the students have gone onto working with us at the station. It is a win-win for all,” she commented.

The camp is located at the Tri-Valley Community Television Studios of TV28, TV29 and TV30 which is on the grounds of the Pleasanton Unified School District, 4663 Bernal Avenue, Suite B in Pleasanton.

For more information and to register for the Tri-Valley TV Camp, visit the Tri-Valley TV website at www.trivalleytv.org and click on the Summer Camp icon or call the station at 925.462.3030.

Pleasanton Library to Host Program on Van Gogh

The Life and Work of Vincent Van Gogh, a slide-show presentation by artist Marlene Aron, will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sun., April 7 at the Pleasanton Public Library.

Explore through slides and photographs the intense, personal journey of Vincent Van Gogh - a journey of self-discovery that led this great artist to experience the depths of despair and the heights of exaltation. A man whose deep spiritual convictions drove him to create some of the most beautiful, powerful and deeply moving and personal art ever seen.

“The Life and Work of Vincent Van Gogh” is an in-depth study of one of the most brilliant and influential artists of the 19th Century.

Marlene Aron is an artist, educator and published poet. She was educated in The Netherlands at the Vrije Academie voor Beeldende Kunsten and in the United States, receiving her Master of Fine Arts degree from California College of the Arts.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Information is available at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library.html or (925) 931-3400.



“Sunflowers”



Photos shown by Joie Cameron-Brown are (top) Stingray and (lower) Hummingflower.



Photography Show at Prudential

The public is invited to attend an artist’s reception for photographer Joie Cameron-Brown on Sunday, April 7 at Prudential California Realty, 1790 First Street, in the Vine Plaza.

The event, which features wine and hors d’oeuvres, will be held from 4-6 p.m.

Cameron-Brown uses natural light photography to capture the essence and beauty of people, places and things through the lens of her camera.

She specializes in flowers, landscapes, old cars, people and animals. She launched Joie Cameron-Brown Photography in October 2011.

Her work has appeared in Creative Thought Magazine, the Alameda County Fair, and will be featured in an upcoming issue of Process Magazine. Three prints, “Orchard”, “Orange Flower” and “Daily Life” received special mentions in the Focus eZine contest for March, April and May 2012.

The show runs through May 5. The public is welcome to view during regular business hours, or by appointment with Cher Wollard, 925-824-4824.

Le Tableau Magnifique Performs Ballet at the Bankhead Theater



Photos - Kerri Hamilton

Le Tableau Magnifique, premier ballet company for Livermore School of Dance, will perform "Vintage Tales, Modern Tributes" at the Bankhead Theater on Friday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

The Company will present four different short programs, highlighting both classical

and contemporary styles of ballet. "Silent Movie" pays homage to black and white film, complete with a damsel in distress, parasols, flappers, and sad clowns. "Dreams" lets the audience join the slumber of three dancers who dream vivid thoughts of love, hope, and fear. In "Fairest of Them All," Snow

Theme: 'Vintage Tales, Modern Tributes'

White faces the Evil Queen in a showdown complete with the seven dwarfs, poisoned apples, and a bevy of creepy hags. The production ends with "Carnaval," which is reminiscent of the Ballet Russes and the traveling carnivals of the Renaissance Era. This final program offers the Company's youngest dancers performing alongside hoops and balls, tightrope dancers, lions and their tamers, an acrobatic sensation, and a Bollywood finale.

For tickets, contact the Bankhead Theater at (925) 373-6800 or www.livermoreperformingarts.org. Tickets are \$26, \$22, and \$18, with \$15 tickets available for students and seniors. The theater is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore.

Le Tableau Magnifique was created in 2008 by Livermore School of Dance ballet director Shelly Schoendienst. The Company gives dedicated ballet dancers the opportunity for growth and further development of ballet technique through intensive training in classical and contemporary styles. Being a part of LTM offers dancers the chance to perform at several local and varied venues.



Cinderella Production Opens April 19

The San Ramon Community Theatre production of Cinderella opens April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Front Row Theater.

Performances are April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, and May 3, 4, 5. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays and Sat., May 4.

In the show, a young woman triumphs over her nasty Stepmother and Stepsisters and marries her Prince Charming, thanks to a zany Fairy Godmother, a trip to the Royal Ball in an enchanted coach, and a glass slipper. (Prince Street Players Version)

Tickets for evening performances are \$16 adults, \$13 youth 12 and under and seniors 55+; matinees are \$11 for all ages. Purchase tickets at www.sanramonperformingarts.com or call 925-973-3343.

The Front Row Theater in Dougherty Station Community Center is located at 10711 Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon.





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HAIR

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of the most powerful and American musicals. There is much in its content to be considered – the Anti-War Movement; Women's Liberation; Racial Equality; Native Americanism; Sexual Freedom; Environmentalism; Pacifism; Consciousness Awareness; and the Idealization and Romanticism of the Sixties.

The reality on which the show is based is reflected in a nation whose numerous sub-cultures were wrestling with real-life choices that most people were not yet prepared to deal with. Hair's central character, Claude Bukowski, is a young man torn between his parents' expectations and his national responsibilities and his personal beliefs. With

the military draft threatening, Claude has thoughts of burning his draft card, escaping to Canada, or merely "turning on," and "dropping out."

The country was in the midst of a war that many adamantly opposed. African-Americans were demanding Civil Rights as they threatened the nation with chants of "Black Power, Now;" women were poised to burn their lingerie at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City as they demanded equal rights in the work-place and in the nation. Native Americans began their occupation of federal facilities by first taking over Alcatraz. With the introduction of "the pill," a Pandora's Box of choices was opened to a nation reared on traditional

naiveté and the Missionary position.

Distrust of authority and suspicion of their elders by young people began to spread faster than the music of the Beatles. They believed that the nation had been taken over by a "military industrial complex," and that some of the pronouncements coming of Washington were not altogether truthful.

Disillusionment and loss of innocence engulfed the country with the assassination of three of the nation's most revered leaders. The nation's youth were divided between adhering to its nationalism, or looking to something new to believe in for guidance and support. Some of "the Hippies" looked to each other, consciousness



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Cast of "Hair" stages war protest.

awareness, drugs, sexual freedom, social experimentation, or even to the stars.

Hair will be presented at Las Positas College, in the Barbara F. Mertens Cen-

ter for the Arts, on April 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 8pm and April 14 and 21, at 2pm. General admission is \$15; students, seniors, and staff, \$10. Tickets are available at brownpaper-

tickets.com or 1-800-838-3006. Tickets purchased at the door are cash only. Parking fee is \$2.

Hair contains adult themes and language.

PUPPET IMPULSE

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story form and types of musical genres gives the group a foundation from which to create.

"I like to use our spring improv show as a time for us to grow together by taking huge risks," says Creatures of Impulse director and driving force Mark Duncanson, himself an enthusiastic and award-winning improv veteran. "This year I threw a bit of a wrench in by telling the kids we would be creating our own puppets. Not knowing how to make puppets myself, I saw this as a quintessential improvisational opportunity, learning by doing . . . learning to fail and succeed together in a new process, and whatever happens in the end is that much greater. This challenge has been fun, frustrating, inspiring, and I can't wait to share our successes with our fans."

Duncanson went on to explain how the Puppets of

Impulse shows work. The teen improvisers in Creatures of Impulse will take suggestions from the audience at the top of the show to inspire characters and locations. The rest is completely improvised, with even the musical numbers. He says they even "stumbled upon a hauntingly fun acappella musical format that includes one of the teen improvisers acting as a conductor."

Each spring season, the troupe traditionally will explore a different "long-form improv format" in order to stretch their skill sets and creative juices. In 2009 they brought to Pleasanton audiences The Impossible Film Project, an improv format made famous by the Un-Scripted Theater Company of San Francisco, in whose theater they have been invited to perform this year. In that project, three teams of improvisers shot three improvised movies in



Puppet Musical poster, photo - Aaron Zwiefel

downtown Pleasanton which were then presented to audiences. Another popular project was 2011's full-length improvised musical Tri-Valley High: The Musical.

Creatures of Impulse has grown from its beginnings in 2006 as a result of the City of Pleasanton's Haunted House Performance Class, into the award-winning teen

improv program it is today. This month the Creatures of Impulse garnered another impressive accolade when they were chosen to receive the 2012 California Park and Recreation Society's (CPRS) Creating Community Award for Excellence in Youth Development. In addition to partnering with local high schools and elementary schools to bring innova-

tive theater arts education into the schools and to the public at large, the award also recognized Creatures of Impulse's efforts in partnering with local businesses, like the Tri-Valley YMCA, Yolotea, Heroes and Villains Comics, and Aaron Zwiefel Photography. They were lauded for celebrating teens and offering theatrical improvisation classes, workshops, camps and performances that bring youth and teens together to engage in the supportive culture of teen improv.

This year marks COI's fourth time as the only teen improv troupe to represent the State of California at the Teen Comedy Festival in Chicago. Creatures of Impulse is still raising funds to finance their final spring tour show at this national festival. Those interested in donating to support the troupe's trip may send checks payable to the City of Pleasan-

ton, and write "COI to Chicago" in the memo. Mailing address: Creatures of Impulse, Firehouse Arts Center, P.O. Box 520, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

For more information on Creatures of Impulse Improv Troupe, Puppets of Impulse on Tour, or the trip to the Teen Comedy Festival in Chicago, contact Mark Duncanson at 925-931-4828 or mduncanson@cityofpleasantonca.gov

General Admission tickets for the Amador Theater shows in Pleasanton are available through the Firehouse Arts Center box office, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton, online at www.firehousearts.org, or by calling 925-931-4848. Prices are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. All shows are at 7:30 p.m.

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Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian



Dyonisio (Dennis) Filbert Bernal

Pope Francis was hailed as the first Latin pope because he was born in Argentina. However, some people disagree with the appellation because his parents were born in Italy. There can be no mistake in labeling Dennis Bernal as Latino. It is true that he was born in Pleasanton in 1856 only six years after California became a state of the United States. However, his native language was Spanish, his parents, and grandparents were born in California when it was Alto California, part of Mexico, and his great grandparents came from Mexico with the 1776 de Anza expedition. His grandfather, Juan Pablo Bernal, was one of the owners of the large land grant Rancho El Valle de San José.

His father, Francisco (Frank), died in 1860 of typhoid fever when Dennis was only four. His mother, Maria Thompson Bernal, married Jeremiah Ponce, a native of Chile, three years later. Ponce took the family to Chile when Dennis was 12. According to Zylpha Bernal Beck (one of Dennis's children), Joshua Neal of Pleasanton was Dennis's guardian, and he sent an allowance regularly to Dennis, but Ponce would appropriate it. Finally, when he was 19, Dennis managed to return to California. Joshua Neal enabled him to attend the Golden Gate Military Academy

in Oakland. Within two years of Dennis's return, his mother and two sisters also made their way back to California; his brother died en route on the ship. Dennis graduated from Heald's Business College in January 1879. He bought part of the original Robert Livermore's Rancho Las Positas, 205 acres, from Livermore's daughter Carlotta and her husband, Mariano Avila, in 1882 for \$1,400. He and his sisters inherited land in the Rancho El Valle de San José: Dennis 541 acres, Delfina 562 acres, and Rita 584 acres. For a while, Dennis raised cattle on the properties.

In 1883 Dennis married Josephine Bailey, daughter of Hiram Bailey, at that time one of Alameda County's supervisors. Dennis Bernal was a man of many parts: farmer; dealer in real estate; developer of city power, lights and water; merchant; town official. The Herald's Midwinter Edition of 1896 described him as "one of Livermore's irrepressible pushers."

He bought the Livermore Brewery after the owner's death in 1901. In November 1908, Bernal and his family, who had been sleeping in their quarters above the brewery, barely escaped with their lives when the building burned down. There was a bright spot

in this sadness, however. Josephine told her husband that she had been saving a portion of her household allowance each week in a receptacle behind the chimney. When her husband looked, he found \$2,000 in gold coins, which had been only slightly discolored by the fire. With bricks scavenged from the wreckage of the brewery, Bernal built a little structure on Second Street, probably about 1910. Called the D.F. Bernal Building, it is currently the home of the Blowout Bar and Salon at 2152 Second Street.

Dennis F. Bernal kept an office on First Street next door to N.D. Dutcher's hardware store. In November 1892 he had bought from the Laumeister family their flouring mill, their electric light plant, and their water works known as the Livermore Deep Well Company. The mill burned down in 1894. However, Bernal sold the electric and water companies, by then called Livermore Water and Power, to California Gas and Electric in 1904. It is likely that he gave the Livermore Fire Department the famous long-burning light bulb when he went out of business. He volunteered as a town firefighter for a number of years.

On the 1910 U.S. census he was an "agent"; in 1920 he was a retail mer-



Dennis F. Bernal - from Wood's History of Alameda County 1883.

chant of near beer. From 1920 to 1924 he was the Livermore marshal; from 1924 until January 1928 he was the town treasurer. He was often called on by the justices of the peace to act as interpreter in trials.

In 1911 he built the two-story craftsman style home at 755 South L Street. It is covered with wide clapboard siding. A small barn, probably built for a garage, is in the back yard. Alice Anspacher lived across the street and described an Hispanic custom that she remembered for many years because of its dramatic nature. A "Spanish brother or cousin of the Bernals used to come riding down into the village every so often. He would gallop into the courtyard in front of the house. There, he would pull up his steed but he would not dismount. He would call and out would come trooping the family, welcoming him. . . . To honor him they would rush out with a dish of raw eggs, and he would crunch and suck one after the other. That was their way of

giving him tea, I suppose, but he never dismounted." Then he galloped off.

Dennis and Josephine had five children. In an interview long after his death, his wife described his generosity: "He was as likely to give a barefoot boy a note to the clothier to provide him with a pair of boots as he was to give a guitar-playing wayfarer an order on the grocery store for a supply of food." He was known for being a natty dresser and on special occasions wore his Spanish-cut suit. James D. Smith, head of the Livermore College, named Bernal as one of the three best horsemen he ever saw, praising especially his "elegance of style." Dennis died in 1932; Josephine died in 1961 at age 99. One of the heirlooms prized by the family was a floor-length flowered silk shawl, Maria Thompson Bernal's marriage gift from the Bernal family. It is on display at the Carnegie Building.

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

Top Chef Grand Tasting Set for April 28 in Dublin

The Rotary Club of Dublin is hosting the popular "Top Chef Grand Tasting" charity event again this year. It will be held on Sunday, April 28 at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The annual event draws more than 250 people to sample some of the best wine and food that the Tri-Valley region has to offer. The region's top wineries team with local restaurants and chefs to create exciting food and wine pairings. Wineries and restaurants taking part in this year's event include (list to date):

Wineries: The Singing Winemaker, Occasio, Bent Creek, Bodegas Aguirre, Page Mill, McGrail, Rodrigue Molyneaux, The Steven Kent, Gekkeikan Seki, Thomas Coyne, and Garre Vineyards.

Restaurants/Chefs: Oasis Grille, Girasole, Chef Kerry, Elephant Bar, Double Barrel, Castlewood, Eddie Papa's, Armadillo Willy's, Tokyo Playground, and Garre Cafe.

"The Top Chef event is a great opportunity to taste the flavors of the Tri-Valley region and it is great way to give back to the community," said Kat Hartnagel, the event coordinator for the Dublin Rotary event.

Tickets for the event are on sale. They can be purchased at the Dublin Rotary website www.rotarydublin.org or through a local Dublin Rotarian. Prices are \$50 for a single ticket and \$375 for a table of eight.

In addition to the food and wine pairings, a silent auction will be held. Funds raised from this event will benefit the Tri-Valley YMCA and the Dublin Rotary Club in their various efforts to strengthen the community.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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.

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 Mat-theus 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.

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 to the end of June. Art can be viewed daily from 8am. to 6pm. For more information call (925) 606-8855.

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, Jonathon 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, 1 to 3 p.m. on April 7, 5565 Tesla Rd.,

Livermore. Work displayed in the Estate Winery tasting room through April. 456-2305.

Imagination Expressed, Pleasanton Art League show at Museum on Main, Pleasanton. April 9 through June 10. Reception April 14, 2 to 4 p.m. www.PAL-ART.com.

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.

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 or 931-4848.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League, meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., April 15, Almond Avenue School, Livermore. Program on digital photography presented by Bill Hackett. No admission charge.

Photo contest, East Bay Regional Park District is running a Park Stories Photo Contest. Entry free and open to the public. Theme is volunteering in the regional parks. Entries due Thurs., April 11. Information www.ebparks.org/features/Park_Stories_Photo_Contest

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 both 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 californentory.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 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 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.

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/>

Pleasanton Poetry League, Catch the Wave and Play with Poetic Journalism 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

Colored Pencil Classes "Basics and Beyond". Instructor Maryann Kot. Starting at 9:30 AM on Mon., April 15th for five weeks and also 6:30 PM on Tues., April 30th 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. View Maryann's artwork at www.maryannkot.com.

WINERY EVENTS

Celebrate Earth Month At Wente Vineyards, Audubon Tour & Tasting, Saturday 4/20, 1pm & 3pm; Garden Tour, Tasting, & Hands On Activities, Sunday

4/21. Tickets at www.wentevineyards.com. Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For information, call 926-456-2405.

Live Music, The Winemaker's Pour House, 2241 First St., Livermore, 215-2656. www.winemakerspourhouse.com. April 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Steve Fread; April 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Natalia Susoeff; April 6, 7-10 p.m. Georgi and the Rough Week; April 7, 3-6 p.m. Joey T; April 11, 6-9 p.m. Jimmy Ashley; April 12, 7-10 p.m. James Nagel; April 13, 7-9:30 p.m., Chris LeBel; April 14, 4-7 p.m. Chris Ahlman;

Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday April through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. April 10, 2013: Garré Vineyard & Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, 925.371.8200. April 17, 2013: Longevity Wines, 2271 S. Vasco Road, Suite B, Livermore, 925.443.9463. April 24, 2013: Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore, 925.456.2505

5th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser, 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

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.

Jesse Cook, April 5, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 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 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 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 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 or 373-6800.

Arlo Guthrie, April 22, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Paris Combo, April 24, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org



The Beatles Concert Experience, West Coast Performing Arts Presenters will bring The Beatles Concert Experience to the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 3 p.m. on April 14. The theater is located at 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, on line at www.bankheadtheater.org or call 373-6800.

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The Lettermen, April 26, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 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 or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Time Stands Still, Bare Bones staged reading series at the Douglas Morrison Theatre. The play will have one performance, Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 8:00pm, at the Douglas Morrison 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.

Creatures of Impulse, the popular award-winning teen improv troupe, presents: Puppets of Impulse on Tour. Three different Bay Area venues: April 4-6 at The Un-Scripted Theater in San Francisco on Union Square (www.un-scripted.com), April 11-13 at The Amador Theater in Pleasanton (www.firehousearts.org), and April 25 at California High School Theater in San Ramon. The troupe's final show will be their appearance on May 12 @

The Teen Comedy Festival in Chicago, Illinois. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from all Bay Area shows go towards their travel expenses for the Chicago trip. Tickets for Amador Theater shows are \$12 adults, \$7 students. Purchase at www.firehousearts.org. 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Menopause The Musical, April 10, 7:39 p.m., April 12 and 13 8 p.m. and April 13 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Includes lesson guide. 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 admission. 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 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;

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performingarts.com. 973-3343.

It's Magic, April 21, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 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 or 373-6800.

Requiem for a Heavyweight, Role Players Ensemble, April 26 - May 18, 2013: Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. \$20-\$28. www.villageattheatreshows.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 "Biutiful." 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

DANCE

Las Vegas Contemporary dance theatre, April 13, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; 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. 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@cityofpleasantonca.gov or 925-931-4846. RSVP appreciated.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

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

General auditions, Producers Associates, Inc.: 47th Season of Musical Theatre in Oakland, Casting for 3 summer shows - Annie Get Your Gun, A Chorus Line, Legally Blonde: The Musical. Summer 2013 will be the 47th season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals. Casting all roles in all three shows. Adults and teens of all ages. Three children in Annie Get Your Gun (boy 10, girls early teens, must sing, audition with adults). Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. April 13 or 14, noon to 4 p.m. no appointments. Prepare two contrasting songs. Dancing 10 a.m. April 14, wear soft sole shoes, no heels. Bring head shot and resume. www.woodminster.com, Harriet at 510-339-0241 or harriet@woodminster.com.

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 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 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.

MISCELLANEOUS

Las Positas College Foundation, online auction, bidding from 8 a.m. April 8 to 11 p.m. April 18. Bidders can preview items now before bidding at 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

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 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

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/

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.

Livermore Valley Uncorked Winners Listed

Tri-Valley Conservancy has announced the winners of its Livermore Valley Uncorked wine competition. The Best in Show went to Ruby Hill Winery for the Estate Reserve 2009 Petite Sirah, Chris Graves winemaker. Other top winners included Best White and Sauvignon Blanc presented to 3 Steves Winery with a 2013 Sauvignon Blanc; Best Red and Petite Sirah to Ruby Hill Winery; and the Best Dessert went to 2011 Mad Cait from Eagle Ridge Vineyard. Livermore Mayor John Marchand attended the awards presentation held March 12th at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

This year, 36 wineries entered into the competition with over 130 wines submitted for tasting. Judges were selected from all over Northern California and included a mix of winemakers, journalists, educators, sommeliers, local farmers and business owners selling premium wines. The judges spent an afternoon blind tasting the submitted wines and then ranking them ac-



Livermore Mayor John Marchand congratulates Ruby Hill winemaker Chris Graves for winning Best of Show.

cordingly. Laura Mercier, Executive Director of Tri-Valley Conservancy heard several judge's commenting how great many of the wines tasted and the difficulty in selecting a favorite or best wine. All the grapes were grown in the Livermore Valley AVA, which includes the cities of Danville, Liver-

more, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and the eastern boundaries of Castro Valley and Sunol.

For more information about Tri-Valley Conservancy, a complete list of the winning wines and a Shopping List please visit our website at www.trivalleyconservancy.org.

Special Spring Book Sale Set for Saturday

Friends of the Livermore Library will hold a "Special Spring Book Sale" on Saturday, April 6th from noon-4 p.m.

The sale features a large selection of new books, and greatly reduced prices on books previously offered.

It will be held at the Livermore Civic Center Library, community rooms

A & B, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Sale is open to Friends of the Livermore Library 10

a.m. to noon. Memberships will be available at the door.

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Milestones

Romance

Couple Exchanges Vows; Reception Follows in Pleasanton

Anna Casey Fitzpatrick and Allen Paul Janzen were joined in marriage and devoted their lives together before Christ on Sunday, February 24th, 2013 at the Church of the Hills, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills. The ceremony was officiated by their Pastor Mike Elliott. Family and friends enjoyed a dinner reception at the Pickwick Gardens Conference Center in Burbank.

Their Northern California wedding reception was held on Saturday, March 23 at Valley Bible Church at the Crossings in Pleasanton, where many of Anna's local family and friends were able to watch the DVD of their ceremony and enjoy a second reception.

Anna walked down the aisle to a song that Allen had written for her earlier in their courtship. As a surprise to everyone, Allen had written another song for Anna to be played publicly for the first time at their



Wedding party gathers for a toast.

reception, as their second dance as Mr. and Mrs. Allen Janzen.


Anna is the daughter of Brian and Lynn Fitzpatrick, residents of Livermore since 1985. Allen is the son of Paul and Kathleen Janzen of

Southern California. Anna's sister, Colleen Fitzpatrick, served as her Maid of Honor.

Anna attended Las Positas College before graduating from Cal State Northridge in 2011 with a degree in Kinesiology. She has

been employed since then as a personal trainer in Northridge. Allen is a graduate of Los Angeles Baptist High School and is pursuing a career as a fire fighter. Allen and Anna will reside in Southern California.



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Crab Feed, Friday, April 12 at the Livermore Vets Hall open to the public. Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase along with plenty of gift baskets. Music will be by TankhalfFull. The Livermore High School Alumni Association (LHSAA) Crab Feed, 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. Benefit for LHS band.

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.

Book sale, by Friends of the Livermore Library on Sunday, April 7 from noon to 4 p.m., rain or shine, regular monthly book sale. There will be craft books, fiction and classics, children's books, and more. Outdoor plaza of former library, corner of Pacific Ave. & S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. "Like" us on Facebook and get updates about monthly book sales, events, membership and more.

St. Michael Parish Annual Dinner / Auction, theme "Bollywood, A Journey to India," April 13th 2013. Largest fundraiser supports all of the Parish education programs including, but not limited to, St. Michael's School, Faith Formation, Hispanic ministries and many more. Entertainment by Bollywood Dancers; American dinner with selections of Indian cuisine. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Cocktails 6-7 p.m. followed by dinner, dance performance live auction and dancing. Donations are needed of empty baskets, gift cards, services, tickets, etc. Ticket and information at www.saintmichaelliv.org/

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meets Thursday, April 11, 2013, 7:00pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Ernie Wasson, Nursery and Garden Curator of Cabrillo College, Santa Cruz will speak on how to grow, water and prune Salvias. Final preparations will be made for the Annual Plant Sale at the Amador Valley High School parking lot on Saturday, April 27, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-485-7812 or visit www.lavgc.org.

Tri-Valley Hunger Walk takes place in Pleasanton on April 20th, with registration at 9:00am and a 9:30 start time. The walk is an easy 3 miles along Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Walkers are encouraged to find sponsors to contribute funds which will be distributed locally to Open Heart Kitchen, serving hot meals in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin, and to the international projects of Church World services for hunger relief. The Tri-Valley Walk is one of eleven taking place in the Bay Area the weekend of April 20-21. More information may be obtained at BayAreaHungerWalk.org.

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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 Angen 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>).

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sun., April 7, 25-35 miles from Dublin to Sunol, meet 10 a.m. at Dublin High School, Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Sun., April 7, 1 to 4 p.m. swap meet, Dublin High School new cafeteria, information Bonnie Powers, 828-5299. Wed., April 10, 35-55 miles, from Heather Farm, meet 9 a.m., Richard Skow, 939-6964. Wed., April 10, 40+ miles on Foothill Blvd. to Sunol and Sunol Regional Park, meet 9:30 a.m. at Central Park in San Ramon, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

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 Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowling@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

15th Annual Artists' Flea Market, Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., DeLuchi Park, Pleasanton (next to the Farmers' Market). A great place to buy paintings, 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 Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Members \$26, guests \$30. For reservations contact Devy Torrence, deandevy2004@yahoo.com or 925-234-2209.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Brunch in Livermore, April 7, 11 a.m. RSVP by April 5 to Ruby, 426-9636. New Mexican Train group event, April 11, 1 p.m., RSVP by April 5 to Geneene, 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 a.m. RSVP by April 20 to Jill at 510-881-4788.

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

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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 HistoryMobile 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.

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 sewn 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.

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 Com-

munity 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.granadagraddnight.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.

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

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. 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 orindaweiss@gmail.com.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club annual Plant Sale on Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

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.

Lawyers in the Library, program offers free legal information and referral. The program is co-sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association. The third Tuesday of each month at the Pleasanton Library. Each person will have a 15 to 20 minute free consultation with a member of the Alameda County Bar Association. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30 to 5:45 pm. Names will be selected at 5:50 pm. You must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. For more information, call Merry Luskin, 931-3400, extension 7.

Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, Registration for the Sunday, May 5, 2013 tour is now open. A variety of bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens that contain 60% or more native plants will be open on Sunday, May 5, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. More than 40 garden talks will be scheduled throughout the day. Native plants will be sold at numerous locations over the course of the weekend of May 4 and 5 during the Tour's Native Plant Sale Extravaganza. www.bringingbackthenatives.net

Free Healing Touch Sessions for Tri-Valley Veterans April 13, May 11 and June 8. Available time slots: 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., or 11:30 a.m. Free Healing Touch sessions for active, inactive, combat or retired Veterans from any military branch. Healing Touch Program is endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association. Advance reservation required as space is limited. Sessions held at Las Positas College, Veterans First Center, Building 1000, Livermore. Student status is not required. For more information or to schedule a session, please visit www.quantumhealingth.com or call 925-352-8917.

Beeb's Team Trivia is Back, every Wednesday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Teams of 1 to 6 players. Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, 915 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore. 455-7070. www.beebsatlaspositas.com

Writing Club for Young Adults, open to all skill levels, taught by published Young Adult author J.L. Powers at the Livermore Public Library. The Club will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013 in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The event is free and no registration is required. For more information, please visit www.livemorelibrary.net, or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5500, extension 5576.

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.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

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.uucil.net.

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

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjso.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 Mocho 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; worship 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.

The deaf community is invited to worship at First Presbyterian Church in

Livermore, where ASL translation will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of 4th and L streets.

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.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please see www.stinocent.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.saintbartsLivermore.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 a.m. 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 pmjrmueler@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.

Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat, an informal gathering to discuss ideas. Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "Who bears the responsibility of moral education in our society?" Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) Further sessions are scheduled for April 14, May 5, and June 2 with topics to be announced. For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

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.ecardinale.op@gmail.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.

Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. (First Sun. of month 9 a.m. is traditional with organ, 10:30 a.m. is informal with guitar.) Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. All welcome. www.lynnwood.org. 925 846-0221.

Centerpoint Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare offered for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service. 10:40 a.m. contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointchurch.org 925-846-4436.

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

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garraventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Community HU Chant is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday April 6th at 1:15 PM. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For More Information contact http://eck-ca.org/ by computer.

Milestones

Sandia Scientist Elected to Women's Hall of Fame

Sandia National Laboratories scientist Hope Michelsen, who peers through atmospheric soot to learn about the air we breathe, has been named by the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame as the 2013 Outstanding Woman in Science. She is the first Sandia employee to receive this award.

Michelsen is being honored for her combustion and atmospheric science research — specifically, developing methods of measuring soot, understanding how soot is formed and building and deploying a mobile research facility that uses computer models of the atmosphere to identify the origins of greenhouse gases.

"Hope's work in atmospheric science has been outstanding and clearly places her in the prestigious ranks of the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame," said Bob Carling, director of the lab's Transportation Energy Center in Livermore. "This is a well-deserved recognition."

Looking back, Michelsen has been drawn to science her entire life. "Even before I understood what a scientist was, I was acting like one — writing everything down in notebooks and just being captivated by data," she said.

But science wasn't Michelsen's only love — she began college at Dartmouth as an English major. "I always loved to write," she said. "The great thing about being a scientist is I get to do so much writing."

She was interested in environmental science, but switched her major to

chemistry at the suggestion of her department chair at Dartmouth. She earned her doctorate in chemistry from Stanford University, researching surface science and physical chemistry. "After getting my PhD I wanted to do something different, so I went to Harvard as a postdoc and studied atmospheric chemistry," she said.

Michelsen has been at Sandia for 13 years, where she discovered another fascinating research area: black carbon, i.e., soot. "I had never expected to study soot, but it's actually very cool," she said. "On a microscopic level, soot is usually composed of very small carbonaceous particles that are tightly bound together in dendrite chains, like the arms of a tree. It is really quite beautiful."

One goal of Michelsen's research is to understand what happens when soot is measured and how that affects the measurement itself. "We want to make measurements more quantitative under a whole range of conditions," she said. "The particles are tiny to begin with and, as environmental regulations become tighter, we need to be able to measure the smallest ones."

In another project, Michelsen and her Sandia colleagues are collaborating with the University of Michigan and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to better understand how soot is formed. "This is actually not very well understood," she said.

Michelsen is also part of a team that built a mobile

greenhouse gas test facility that measures greenhouse gases and other similar chemicals so they can be traced and identified. She is now leading an internally-funded project to build a similar instrument to measure black carbon in the atmosphere.

"My work at Sandia is a combination of physical chemistry and atmospheric research. It's really the perfect job for me," she said. "My colleagues are amazing — all of those interactions are what makes Sandia a really fun place to work." Michelsen can't single out one greatest accomplishment in her time at Sandia, but she's most proud of helping move Sandia into new areas, such as climate research.

Michelsen received her award, along with nine other winners, on March 23 at a special ceremony in Oakland, Calif. The Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1993 by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, the Alameda County Health Care Foundation and the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women. This is the 20th Anniversary of Alameda County's Women's Hall of Fame, which now has honored 176 local women.

For her work on combustion and atmospheric science and black carbon (soot), Sandia National Laboratories scientist Hope Michelsen has been honored with a place in the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame.

Community

Cedar Mountain Winery Planning Winery at New Location in Livermore

Big changes are happening at Cedar Mountain Winery. After over 22 years of making wine, running a vineyard, and tasting room, Cedar Mountain Winery has downsized and moved down the road with expectations of opening a new winery in late 2013.

Owners Earl and Linda Ault plan to build a new

facility on Reuss Road. It will be a little over two miles from the present winery. "We are just downsizing our business, not shutting the doors."

Plans including building a smaller winery. In addition, eliminating the custom work Cedar Mountain has been doing for other wineries in the Livermore Valley

will provide the opportunity to focus more on crafting small-lot boutique style wines and ports.

Cedar Mountain is currently trying to reduce some of its cased goods inventory. A Cased Goods Sale will run through the month of April. For more information, go to www.cedarmountainwinery.com



Livermore/Dublin Jazzercise members participated in a special half-time performance during the Golden State Warriors game March 23. There were 275 Jazzercise instructors and students from around the Bay Area who raised over \$67,000 for the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation®. Livermore/Dublin Jazzercise was represented by 24 students who raised \$10,346. Jazzercise has been raising money for Make-A-Wish Foundation for the past 5 years.