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Find Out What's Happening

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

Livermore to Consider Funding 2-1-1

Livermore Councilmember Stewart Gary expressed concern that funding for the 2-1-1 phone system was not included in grant funding approved by the city council on Monday.

Gary asked that staff bring back options to fund the service in the upcoming budget cycle to create a more stable funding source. He explained that the 2-1-1 number provides help to those with pressing, but non-emergency needs. Without it, the 911 system overloads. "2-1-1 is here to stay. It is an extension of the public

safety system."

The 2-1-1 system is managed by Eden Information and Referral (Eden I&R), a nonprofit organization.

The city council voted 5 to 0 to approve the grants as recommended by the Human Services Commission, which do not include funding for 2-1-1. The motion included Gary's request to have staff come back with options to fund the 2-1-1 system.

Barbara Bernstein, Executive Director at Eden I&R, told the council that it has been a real struggle to

set up the program and keep it running. The first year of operation, 10,000 calls were answered when the service began in 2008. Now that number is over 10,000 a month. "Every year we have to start from scratch to find the funding," she said.

The cost to run the program is \$1.4 million a year. Money comes from Alameda County, cities in the county, and the private sector.

2-1-1 is a free, non-emergency, confidential, phone number and service that provides access to housing information, and critical

health and human services. It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with multi-lingual capabilities.

Mayor John Marchand expressed hesitation about using general fund money. It could set a precedent. Other groups could make the same request. The concern is where do you stop, Marchand stated.

Councilmember Doug Horner said he agreed with Gary that the program needs a more stable source of funding. "Eden shouldn't have to go with hat in hand to every city every year to ask for money."

Gary said, the reality is there are zero dollars going to 2-1-1 from Livermore. That has never happened before. "You will not get my vote for the budget without this funding."

Councilmember Bob Wornner said that consideration should be given to using budget funds on a one time basis while city staff looks for an appropriate solution to finance the program.

It was also suggested that Livermore staff work with other cities to create a method to ensure funding for 2-1-1.

Dublin Farmers' Market Opens For Season

The Dublin Farmers' Market will open its third season on Thursday, April 18, at Emerald Glen Park. The Market will run each Thursday, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., through September 26 (with the exception of July 4, when the Market will be held at a special time, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).

The City will partner once again with the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association (PCFMA) to operate the Market. The PCFMA, in celebrating its 25th Anniversary, will feature contests, games, Cookin' at the Market demonstrations, and promotional giveaways at the re-opening of the Dublin Farmers' Market on April 18. Other events taking place that day include musical performances by the Quarry Lane School Jazz Band and Jazz Orchestra, as well as "Coffee with the Chief" and "Coffee with the Council," enabling Dublin residents to get to know the Dublin Police Chief and Dublin Mayor and City Councilmembers in an informal setting.

Throughout the season, the Dublin Farmers' Market will also feature weekly special events, such as free music, wine and beer tastings, cook-offs, local entertainment, and children's games and activities.

The City's weekly themes this year include:

"First Thursdays" (First Week of the Month): The "First Thursday" events will include musical performances, in addition to beer and wine tastings from local breweries and vintners. On Thursday, September 5, the City will host a staged concert in the park, featuring Evolution, a well-known Journey cover band.

"Dublin Cooks" (Second Week of the Month): This night will feature cooking demonstrations, taste tests, and cook-offs, where residents and local service organizations can show off their talents in the preparation of a variety of foods, such as chili, pulled pork, ribs, and salsa. August 8 will feature a "Cabernet Cook-Off," where participants will try to create the best pairing with a local winery's cabernet. The featured winery for this event will be Auburn-James.

"Community Night" (Third and Fifth Week of the Month): This night will again provide local groups with an opportunity to showcase their talents, and offer up information about their organization. The Market will also feature entertainment from local musical, theatrical, and dance groups. On May 16 and 30, the Dublin Farmers' Market will feature a "Dublin Idol" competition, where kids and teens in grades 5-12 will be able to compete to win the crown.

"Family Night" (Fourth Week of the Month): De-



Claire Abele (left) and Julia Cable show the difference between the design for their windmill and one in current use. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Junction Students Capture Grand Prize in Engineering Competition

By Carol Graham

Two young Livermore scientists have found an award-winning way to combine their love of engineering with saving the lives of birds.

"There are a lot of birds being killed each year by the Altamont pass wind tur-

bines," said Junction Avenue K-8 student Claire Abele. "We've come up with a way to fix that."

The two 13-year-olds worked together for months to create their project "Saving Raptors One Windmill at a Time," winning the middle school Grand Prize

in Engineering last month at the Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair (ACSEF).

"We were surprised, amazed, awed when we won," said Abele.

"A-W-E-D," clarified partner Julia Cable.

The ACSEF provides a

forum for stimulating student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Middle and high school students who are home schooled and from public, private, charter, and parochial schools within the county are eligible to

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Two Valley Districts Rated on Minority, Low-Income Efforts

By Ron McNicoll

A group dedicated to closing the education gap for African American, Latino and low-income students has handed out report cards to more than 140 districts in the state, including Livermore and Pleasanton.

The two were the only districts in the Valley that qualified for the report card from the standpoint of having enough students in the three student categories to meet the evaluating group's threshold.

Education Trust - West (ETW), with headquarters in Oakland, released the report cards last week. The organization is 10 years old. It is affiliated with Education Trust, which is located in Washington, D.C. The national group has lobbied Congress on education issues, including the No Child Left Behind Act.

ETW looked at four education categories. In the first category, performance on API tests, Pleasanton received an A for Latinos and African Americans taken together as one category. To earn an A from ETW in the API performance category, a district must meet or exceed the statewide target API score of 800 on a 1000-point scale.

Pleasanton earned a B on API test performance

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Private High School Planning to Open in Livermore This Fall

By Ron McNicoll

A private high school academy that will include recruiting of foreign students and granting an International Baccalaureate plans to open in the fall of 2013 in Livermore.

The San Francisco Bay Preparatory Academy

(SFBPA) is led by CEO and board president Douglas Treadway. He formerly was president of Ohlone College, and has held other educational posts.

SFBPA will be opening this fall in the same two-story office building that the

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Zone 7 To Make Arroyo Stretch More Natural

A rocky, barren stretch of the Arroyo Mocho near Isabel Avenue and Stanley boulevard will be planted with trees, thanks to a project being undertaken by Zone 7 Water Agency.

Directors approved the environmental impact report for the project at their meeting March 20 on a 6-1 vote. Director Sandy Figuers was the dissenter. The board will authorize bidding for

construction of the project at the April 17 meeting.

The project will be the first for Zone 7 that will transform a more typically urban flood control channel, with its concrete barriers, into a more natural creek setting.

No total cost estimate was announced. That number will be estimated by staff when directors meet April

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The first ever Axis Community Health's fun, foolish, and fabulous 5K Walk & Run got underway last weekend in Pleasanton's Hacienda Business Park. Proceeds from the run help to provide affordable medical care in the Tri-Valley. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasanton Bans Use of Polystyrene

Using polystyrene foam (PS6) containers to package food will not be allowed in Pleasanton starting July 1, 2013.

The city council unanimously approved the ban.

The ordinance will require food vendors, including restaurants, delis, supermarkets, cafeterias,

street vendors and other food outlets to provide their customers with containers that are either recyclable or compostable.

The new rules would not impact the use of the containers for raw foods, such as trays for raw meats in supermarkets and food prepackaged outside of Pleasanton,

such as Cup of Noodles.

Food vendors would have until January 1, 2014 to replace PS6 containers.

Daniel Smith, Director of Operations Services, said there are several reasons to implement the ban. In most cases the PS6 containers end up in landfills. They don't

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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Maddie, a loveable three-year-old tabby bound to win the heart of anyone who meets her. She's looking for a home with her "baby" brother Max, a friendly fellow who adores his big sis. Pair up with Maddie and Max at 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. Find us on Facebook, too.

Astronauts Provide Kids with a Glimpse into Space Travel

By Carol Graham

Above Livermore's Bankhead Theater, in the twilight blue sky, the first stars started to appear.

It's likely they didn't go unnoticed; the crowd arriving for the presentation was particularly interested in the heavens. They'd come to see two local astronauts, who happen to be married to each other, speak about "Destination: Space Station and Beyond."

On March 27th, Tammy Jernigan, Ph.D. and Jeff Wisoff, Ph.D. spoke of their separate nine trips aboard one of the four space shuttles that flew a total of 125 missions before the shuttle program was retired in 2011.

Jernigan flew missions on the Columbia, Endeavour and Discovery. Wisoff was aboard the Endeavour, Atlantis and Discovery.

"The space shuttle was an extraordinary vehicle," said Jernigan. "It was a very complicated vehicle that required a great deal of training. Many people think NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has a zero-gravity room, and that we train in that room. What NASA

actually has is a room inside an aircraft modified to fly a parabolic trajectory. Not everyone feels good in this aircraft, so it has the nickname the Vomit Comet."

Jernigan showed slides of both training and spacewalks on the International Space Station, a football-sized working laboratory 240 miles above the earth.

"We trained on a mission simulator that has many switches and displays, providing a lot of information to assimilate in a very short time," she explained. "There are people in another area who are the most devious people you will ever meet, because they will put failures into the system. You need to diagnose those quickly and take the appropriate action. They failed our engines, our computers, our life-support systems. We got very good at diagnosing those failures."

The arduous training pays off with the extraordinary view from space.

"The Earth is a beautiful lone blue orb with a thin, fragile atmosphere suspended in the darkness of space," said Jernigan. "Our planet holds all known life in the

universe and it's important that we are good stewards of our home planet."

Yet, even with all the training possible, things can go awry. Ready for one spacewalk, Jernigan said, "Our suits checked out fine, our crew members wished us a good walk, but when we went to open the hatch, it would not open. We tried to open it many times."

"We finally called down to mission control and said, 'Houston, we have a problem.' After a long pause a very apologetic voice responded, 'I hate to ask you this question, but are you turning the handle the right direction?' If you've ever seen a picture of the shuttle hatch, it's got a gigantic arrow showing which way. I assured them that we both had turned the handle the correct way."

The spacewalks during that mission had to be cancelled. After returning to earth it was discovered that a screw had come out of the mechanism likely during the launch. It had jammed the gears.

Wisoff's part of the presentation included a video. "After all the training, the

crew coordination, and the final studying and preparation, eventually the day comes when you get to go out to the launch pad," he said. "You feel the excitement that is the culmination of all the preparation. Let's go on that trip together."

The film showed crew members high-fiving first time astronauts as they passed the 50-mile high mark, lifting open a heavy hatch door in space with only fingertips, exercising on a spinning treadmill while strapped to it, and playing baseball with a hammer and a peanut.

The presentation was part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series, which invites engaging speakers to inspire and inform audiences on a wide variety of subjects including science, health, adventure and entertainment. The talk by the astronauts was sponsored by Lynn Seppala. The series honors Rae Dorrough, a Livermore resident and supporter of cultural events. All presentations are followed by a question and answer session.

"I have never given a talk where I wasn't asked that question," said Jernigan,

after being asked by a young student how astronauts go to the bathroom. (The answer is a toilet with suction, and lap straps so one stays put.)

Other questions included: How many people have been in space? (roughly 530). How do you eat when food floats? (with wet spoons, also open bags of nuts carefully or they will be all over the cabin); How much does a space suit weigh? (92 lbs.)

Jernigan and Wisoff are currently employed at the Lawrence Livermore Na-

tional Laboratory.

Jernigan hopes that those who attended the talk gained insight into NASA's space-flight program and were inspired by the presentation. "I also hope that students understand the importance of education in opening up opportunities for their future and that they are inspired to pursue their own dreams with passion and commitment."

"Education," she added, "is an amazing ticket to an extraordinary future."

BAN

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biodegrade. When they are crumbled, little pieces end up in the stormwater drains. In addition, there is a health impact. Heating the containers releases a carcinogen.

He stated that the ban will help the city to meet its new stormwater requirements to reduce trash in its discharge by 40 percent over baseline by July 2014. It will also assist in meeting the goal of zero waste going to a landfill.

Smith told the council that

a notice sent to businesses about the ordinance drew only two comments, with no protests. In and Out said that it was already in compliance. Smith said, "What we learned was that many businesses had already made the switch."

Mayor Jerry Thorne commented, "This is something I would have done before banning plastic bags. When I was at HP, we got rid of foam containers in 1990."



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A vineyard triptych by Nova Stirling attracted viewers during the Livermore Art Association's annual spring show held at The Barn last weekend. Seven works were selected for a City of Livermore Special Award. After the show, these works will be displayed in City Hall for one month.

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Community Fair Follows Celebration of Completion of Stanley Blvd. Project

The Public Works Agency is hosting a celebration of the completion of the multi-modal, safety and streetscape improvements project along Stanley Boulevard—a high-volume roadway travelled by approximately 30,000 vehicles daily.

The Stanley Boulevard Improvement Project is the first of its kind in the county road system to deploy “green” transportation infrastructure practices that incorporate recycled water for irrigation, recycled asphalt and concrete materials for the multi-use pathway, energy efficient LED streetlights, and bio-swales and filter strips to intercept and filter storm-water runoff.

“The completion of this green project improves the roadway for motorists and now offers a safe and at-

tractive route for bicyclists and pedestrians to connect to the neighboring cities of Livermore and Pleasanton,” said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. “This is also a huge improvement to the Tri-Valley’s network of bicycle, pedestrian and trail systems.”

The newly constructed bike lanes in both directions provide a vital cycling link between the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton. New bus shelters and pedestrian crossing installed along this route improve accessibility and will promote the use of public transit to the East Bay Regional Park District’s Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area.

Separated from the main roadway by a guardrail is a pathway that offers an alternative to the casual cyclist or

pedestrian wanting to walk or cycle along the beautiful Shadow Cliffs recreation area. Plaques featuring historical, botanical, and sustainable practices information have been placed along the pathway to create a more interactive, educational experience. Benches are installed to provide resting places for those enjoying the pathway.

The public is invited to the celebration of this project’s completion on Saturday, April 13th. A community fair featuring the Tri-Valley bike lane/trail networks, safety information, and personal sustainability practices will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Shadow Cliffs recreational area. With two-way traffic routed along the westbound lanes, eastbound Stanley Boulevard will be closed for

the ribbon cutting ceremony, after which guests and the public will be invited to walk or ride their bicycles along the new multi-use path and roadway to the quarry intersection.

For project information,

contact Arthur Carrera, Principal Civil Engineer at (510) 670-6477. For celebration event information, please contact Nanci Erven-Collins at (510) 670-6477.

Funding sources for the project included Measure

B Funds, the Highway User Tax Account Funds, TFCA Funds from the Bay Area Air Quality Management Department, and contributions from Stopwaste.org and quarry operators in the area.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Award for Trail Completion

The City of Dublin and the East Bay Regional Park District were recognized by the American Public Works Association - Northern California Chapter, with the “2013 Project of the Year Award for Small Cities” for the successful completion of the Alamo Canal Trail/I-580 Undercrossing Project.

The Award is for agencies from cities or counties with a population of 75,000 or less, to promote excellence in demonstrating creativity, ingenuity and efficiency in the delivery of public works projects that have a profound and positive impact on the community. While the project is small in size and cost, the Alamo Canal Trail project was nominated because of the significant positive impact on the community by closing the trail gap underneath the I-580 freeway, thereby encouraging bicycling and walking, and promoting a healthier lifestyle.

For more information about the award and the Alamo Canal Trail, visit www.dublin.ca.gov

Pleasanton Candidates

Audio CDs of the city council candidates statements for the May 7, 2013 City of Pleasanton Special Vote By Mail Election in Alameda County are available at the Registrar of Voters office located at the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, in Oakland.

The audio is available in five languages- English, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

The audio CDs are available for use by voters with visual impairments. To listen online, visit the Registrar of Voters website at www.acgov.org/rov.

For more information or to request copies of the CDs, contact the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6933.



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Dr. Manisha Shingate has joined the ValleyCare Medical Foundation specializing in Family Medicine.

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

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

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EDITORIAL

Volunteering Is Good

We urge people to volunteer to help beautify several Livermore school sites on April 27.

School sites 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.

The project is under the auspices of the Livermore Community Service Council, which was created through a partnership between the City of Livermore and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

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. More information is available at www.JustServe.org.

The website helpguide.org, published in collaboration with Harvard Health Publications, notes that there are many benefits to volunteering. The right match can help a person find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance a career. Volunteering can also help protect mental and physical health.

Those reasons, along with the chance to make a difference, should encourage people to step up and volunteer.

WattzOn Program Moves Ahead in Livermore

The City of Livermore will work in partnership with WattzOn and Chevron Energy Solutions to move its Capacity Project forward.

The Livermore City Council heard a presentation on the program at its meeting on Monday.

Lisa Wood of Chevron explained that the Capacity Project consists of two major initiatives. One is aimed at helping residents and small businesses save money. The second is helping to build a workforce to meet future employment needs.

John Enberg, WattzOn senior program manager, described the company as providing a personal energy management platform that helps families and individuals, companies and communities, to save energy and money. WattzOn combines advanced technology, behavioral science and data and analytics to provide innovative energy management solutions.

"One of the coolest aspects is that we hire student energy interns and train them as home energy consultants," he continued. They are paid \$14 an hour.

WattzOn is working with the Livermore High School Green Engineering Academy.

The interns focus on no cost energy savings.

Webtools are used to track and report on the effectiveness of the program. PG&E use can be tracked on line. Rewards consisting of local gift cards are given out for those who achieve savings, Enberg stated. That

provides a boost for the local economy, he added.

Past programs yielded 9 to 20% in typical savings.

Social media, such as facebook, Twitter and a student blog will be running information on volunteer energy efficiency ideas.

Consultations will be available at the Livermore Civic Center and Rincon libraries.

WattzOn representatives will be available by appointment every first and third Monday of the month, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, at the Civic Center and/or Rincon Library for consultations. The Civic Center Library will also hold consultations from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on the first Saturday of the month. Appointments will be taken beginning March 28, 2013.

Home energy consultations are a 45 to 60 minute conversation about how to save energy in the home via habit and low-cost changes. WattzOn software analyzes a resident's smart meter utility data to provide a personalized report of energy usage and saving opportunities. Results are printed at the time of consultation.

WattzOn's energy saving programs have been reviewed by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the American Council for Energy-Efficient Economy.

To make an appointment, please call 800-314-5997 from 9:00am to 5:00pm, or email livermore@wattzon.com. Residents may also make appointments online at livermoresavemore.org.

ARROYO

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17 and go out for bids on the project.

Zone 7 has a funding partner -- the Alameda County Surplus Property Authority. The county built a bridge last summer over the Arroyo Mocho on its Staples Ranch property, and now must mitigate for it. The county will be contributing \$100,000 to the arroyo restoration.

Figuers voted against the motion because planting trees will eventually cause branches to fall into the arroyo, and will add to maintenance expenses. Zone 7 will have to pick up the debris to keep the arroyo clear for flood channel purposes.

At the same time, Figuers said that tree branches in the stream would be good for the fish, because it gives them places to hide. Environmen-

talists have pointed out that benefit in the past.

Environmentalists are on board with the plan. The Alameda Creek Alliance sent a letter of support. One of the organization's announced goals is to encourage the future potential to have steelhead coming up the arroyo to spawn in pools in the Altamont.

The trees will help cool water to a temperature more favorable to fish. Removal of the concrete barriers will help fish travel upstream. Zone 7 says that no steelhead have been seen in the Arroyo Mocho for years.

The plan also received the endorsement of Livermore city government, which identified it as an area of interest for the Iron Horse Trail.

Pleasanton Opts Out of Energy Council

Pleasanton declined to join a proposed countywide energy council. It will pursue an effort to create an energy council comprised of Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

The city council vote last week was unanimous.

Steve Bocian, assistant city manager, said that staff recommended that Pleasanton not join the JPA. Issues include formation of a new regional agency that would create policy; the probability that due to the weighted voting, Pleasanton would receive a lesser amount of funding; focus would be on the other side of the hills, minimizing Tri-Valley needs; and there is the potential to duplicate efforts of other agencies.

Bocian pointed out that Pleasanton is well equipped and experienced in carrying out its energy policy and in

obtaining the funds to do so. He said the city should monitor the JPA. If it seems advisable, the city could apply to join at a later date.

Stopwaste.org approved the formation of a joint powers authority (JPA) for the energy council. Its purpose would be to create clearer governance and structure for countywide energy activities. The council would work to obtain energy related grant funding and to develop and implement programs and policies intended to reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency and advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources. Each city and the Alameda County have been invited to join the JPA and governing board.

The board voting would be weighted with Oakland having three votes; Alameda County, Hayward and Fremont two votes each; all

other agencies one vote.

Pleasanton Councilmember Jerry Pentin, who represents the city at Stopwaste.org, commented, that the voting structure would allow four agencies to determine what happens regardless of what the other agencies may want.

Pleasanton Director of Operations Services Daniel Smith said that Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin are starting a discourse that could result in a local energy JPA.

Smith pointed out that Pleasanton has a plan to become more energy efficient that is well underway. The ideas were and are still groundbreaking. As an example, a memorandum of understanding with PG&E is unique to any city in California. Under the agreement, homes and mobilehomes have been

retrofitted to become more energy efficient.

He added that there is not a lot of grant money out there. Pleasanton has recently been successful in obtaining funds through low cost loans. These include a \$2.9 million loan at 1 percent from the California Energy Commission to be used to install LED streetlights and a \$1 million zero interest loan from PG&E to upgrade city facilities.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio said of the Stopwaste.org proposal, "I am concerned about any group that could have policy making powers that would impact Pleasanton."

Mayor Jerry Thorne added, "It feels a little like empire building. It is wise to step back and see what happens. I like the idea of the Tri-Valley effort."

SCHOOL

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taxpayer-funded Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP) high school plans to occupy on Independence Drive near North Canyons Drive.

The location is across the street from Cornerstone Fellowship and Costco. Some of the offices in the building are leased to private businesses now.

However, Bill Batchelor, CEO of Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC), which operates LVCP, said at an Open House in the 80,000 square-foot building in March that he expects all of the building to be available for classes within two years. At that time, both schools will occupy the site.

No date has been announced for the opening

of the LVCP classrooms. Students currently attend classes at the former Portola School in Livermore.

The two high schools' partnership in setting up their programs at the Independence Drive building figures to be close. Batchelor serves on the SFBPA board of directors.

As a private school, SFBPA will rely on tuition for its operation. Tuition will be \$12,500 for U.S. residents, and \$29,500 for international students. Boarding will be at "a three-star hotel," says the academy's web page.

Treadway told The Independent in an e-mail from Dubai, where he was traveling, that he was "looking forward to launching the new school."

RATING

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for students in low-income families.

Livermore was given a B for its Latino and African American and low income student test performances.

The second category, the "improvement category" measures how much the subgroups improved over a five year period of API tests. Subgroups must have gained at least 100 API points over five years.

Livermore received a B for Latinos and African Americans, which are counted as one group in this category. The district was given a B for low-income students. Pleasanton received a D for Latinos and African Americans together, and a C for low-income students.

Pleasanton superintendent Parvin Ahmadi noted that Pleasanton scored very high on performance achievement among Latinos, African Americans and low-income students, but was clearly short on improvement over the five testing years.

"The rubric they use for the 'Improvement Grade' makes it very difficult, but not impossible for districts such as ours to earn an A," said Ahmadi.

Although all subgroups made test gains, ranging from 21 to 63 points, it did not qualify the district to secure a higher grade. It would take a 100-point gain in each of the three subgroups to earn an A, said Ahmadi.

However, it's still math-

ematically possible to earn an A, despite the district's overall API score of 915, said Ahmadi.

ACHIEVEMENT GAPS MEASURED

The third category deals with achievement gaps. This measures Latinos and African Americans separately against test performance by whites. It does not measure low-income students. For a district to earn an A, there must be a 30-point gap or less between whites and the minority group.

Livermore received an F for African Americans, and a D for Latinos. Speaking to this gap, Livermore assistant superintendent Cindy Galba said that there was improvement for the Livermore Latinos, African Americans, and low-income students. However there is a gap. The district has been putting measures in place to make improvements.

The measures include hiring a consultant who will make specific recommendations about what needs to be put in place, specifically for African Americans, said Alba.

The district will look at attendance rates, academics, and mobility. "No matter when a student comes in to the district, we want to make sure he or she is engaging, and families are engaging, and we are providing rigorous curriculum for all students," said Alba.

Pleasanton's performance on the achievement gap was

a C for both Latinos and African Americans, who were measured against whites.

The fourth and final category for ETW addresses college readiness. It tells how many Latinos and African Americans are graduating from high school in four years, and how many are completing the "A-G" course work requirement for admission to UC or a CSU

campus.

This metric combines Latinos with African Americans. It does not measure low-income students.

Livermore was given a D in college eligibility (the A-G requirement) and a B for graduating students in four years. Pleasanton earned a B for college eligibility, and an A for high school graduation.

Farmers' Market Brings Back 'Match' Program

The Livermore Farmers' Market is once again taking part in the Market Match program. Market Match offers farmers' market customers an extra \$5 in free produce when they spend at least \$10 in the farmers' market with their CalFresh-EBT card.

Market Match helps low-income families who rely on the state's CalFresh program to increase their buying power while purchasing fresh and healthy foods for their families. CalFresh which is known as SNAP – the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – in other states, is the statewide food assistance program operated by the California Department of Social Services which replaced food stamps and helps low-income Californians to purchase food.

The Market Match program also benefits the farmers who sell in PCFMA's

farmers' markets. Between 2009 and 2012, CalFresh redemptions in PCFMA's farmers' markets (just those markets open each of those four years) increased 577%. As PCFMA exists to support small farmers, supporting the Market Match program is an easy way to support our farmers while also benefiting the communities served by the markets."

In 2012 the Livermore Farmers' Market served almost 60 CalFresh customers. Total CalFresh sales were \$1,893, while Market Match incentives were \$824.

The Livermore Farmers' Market is held year-round on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Railroad Ave. & L Street (Historic Train Depot). The market is also open Thursdays, May 16 through Oct. 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Carnegie Park at 3rd & J Street.

MAILBOX

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Vote Narum for Council Harvey Kameny Pleasanton

As our political season advances, I want to ensure that everyone knows the best candidate for the Pleasanton City Council vacant seat is Kathy Narum.

Kathy is a 16-year Pleasanton resident devoted to

community service. Her record shows a broad background with such avenues of service as Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission and six task forces, including the recent Downtown Hospitality Guideline Task Force. Her experience and leadership roles in this diverse range show her willingness to listen to residents, her independent thinking and her watchful eye on the city's fiscal sustainability.

It is no wonder that Kathy's endorsements number many residents representing a multitude of neighborhoods and interests. Please join me in electing Kathy Narum to the city council.

Vote for Miller Dorene Paradiso-Carroll Pleasanton

This 42 year Pleasanton resident is supporting David

Miller in his candidacy for Pleasanton City Council.

I believe that David Miller will stand up to bureaucrats bent on imposing their agendas on the citizens of Pleasanton. David believes in sensible growth and development that will preserve Pleasanton's small town life-style. He is opposed to the urban high rise development that threatens our City. David understands that the negative impact on Pleasanton's infrastructure, schools, traffic and public safety services will be severe.

David has a strong business background, and community involvement. He has the vision and courage necessary to help move Pleasanton forward, while insuring a solid fiscal footing in a challenging economy. David will provide a fresh voice on the Council, and

bring new ideas forward.

David is a genuinely nice person, with a wonderful family. His children attend Pleasanton schools. He has a degree in Electrical Engineering and 25 years experience in the high tech field, earning several patents.

Please join me in voting for David Miller for Pleasanton City Council.

CEQA Reform Matt Sullivan Pleasanton

As a former Pleasanton City Councilmember and Planning Commissioner with over 14 years of service, I am very concerned that the current Council has come out in support of so-called reform of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This landmark 1970 legislation is truly an "environmental bill (More MAILBOX, page 10)

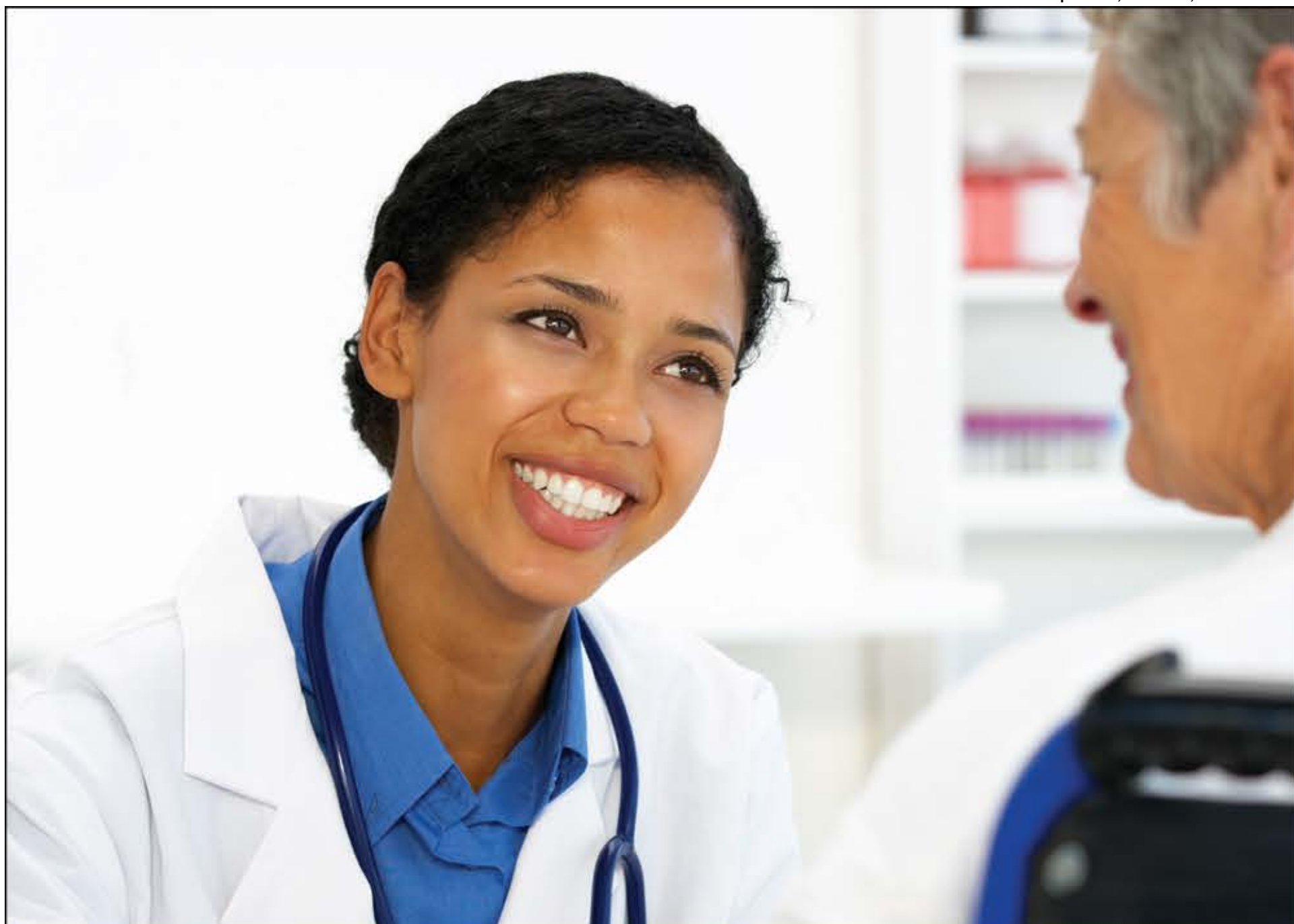
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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Riders pedaled up a hill during the annual Cinderella Classic Challenge, a 65/95-mile recreational bicycle ride (not a race) for women/girls only. The race is hosted by the Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Club, which donates a sizable portion of the proceeds to women's organizations. Many of the riders wore costumes.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League scores:

Majors: 50/70 teams traveled to San Bernardino to play in the annual tournament. Joining the home run club were Erik Griffin from the A's and Bret Oelrich from the D-Backs.

T-Ball: A's vs. Cubs: The A's played a terrific game. Mason Calderia made an incredible play at second base, and Anthony Yazurio went 3 for 3 at the plate. The Cubs were on the ball today, with Noah Montalvo getting a home run, and Elias Ferran hitting an extraordinary out at home plate.

Astros vs. Giants: Astros' Caleb Baker had an Alligator chop to 1st base for the out. Andrew Cumming made a sliding dive to catch the ball in the outfield. Gavin Baker hit the ball well and brought in two runs.

Minor A's: Cardinals vs. A's: For the Cardinals, Ryan Emerson played great defense and Brice Berry helped out his team with his hitting. For the A's, Dylan Garcia played great defense at short and third, and Septh Freitas showed bat skills with his hitting.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League scores:

Minor AAA: Giants 10, Phillies 8: The Phillies were up for the first 4 innings and it looked like it could be a non-scoring game for the Giants. The Giants came back to win with Ryan Wenzel making great defensive plays in each inning. A huge 3 run home run by Thomas Stevenson was a highlight. Dylan Krauss hit a 2 run double. Antonio Rivalie scored off of his single after stealing two bases. Zakary Gooby scored with 2 steals. Koston Markham pitched to close the game for the Giants' win.

Pleasanton Girls

Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League scores:

Major Black: Maverick Networks 11, ACC Environmental 4: Maverick Networks played a solid game. Arabelle Franco stayed strong in the circle as did Ellie Stark behind the plate. Emily Crimi, Lauren Hermes and Olivia McGee had perfect plate appearances getting on-base safely each at-bat. Seven girls scored 7 runs and 7 girls had RBIs. Top Players: Maverick Networks - Lauren Hermes, Olivia McGee, Nicole Thornton; ACC Environmental - Delany Phipps, Emily Trinidad, Beth Williams

Livermore Girls

Softball

Livermore Girls Softball:

U8: Maroon 12 vs. Lightning Bugs: top player for Maroon 12 was Rebecca Goodman with two singles and also playing great defense at second base.

Amador Swimming

In a meet that was close for the first few events, the Amador Valley High School varsity girls swimming and diving team slowly pulled away from Granada and eventually posted a 117-69 victory.

The Dons were up six after the medley relay, but saw their lead drop to four after the 200 free, even with Kirsten Brand's second place finish, and then split the points in the IM; and with Eva Chung, Bernadine Martin, and Cate MacGregor going 2-3-5.

The turning point came in the 50 free where Iris Brand, Caitlyn Plattel, and Lily Gribbel went 1-2-3 to gain the Dons 10 points. There was no looking back after that point as Amador out pointed the Matadors in six of the

final eight events including sweeps in the 100 free and the breaststroke. The same trio of Brand, Plattel, and Gribbel did the honors in the 100, while Chung, Lissi Knell, and Katie Tsui swept the breaststroke.

The Dons' Rachel Knowles finished first in the fly and captured the top two spots in diving behind performances by Lauren Hall and Morgan Fiske.

Let by a trio of double first place finishers, the Amador Valley varsity girls swimming and diving team turned in a steady performance to defeat Carondelet 112-74.

Amador's trio of Kirsten Brand, Eva Chung, and Iris Brand all turned in two first place finishes to pace the Dons scoring. Kirsten won the 200 and 500 free events, while sister Iris won the 50 and 100 free. Chung tossed in some variety to the Amador attack by winning the IM and the breaststroke. Rachel Knowles also had a fine day by winning the fly and placing second in the 200.

Amador's other first place finish came in diving where Lauren Hall led a trio of Don divers atop the podium. Hall was followed by Morgan Fiske and Laruen Koloayashi.

After getting down early, the Amador Valley varsity boys swimming and diving team made a gallant effort at a comeback, but, in the end, they fell short, losing 104-82 to De La Salle.

The Dons fell behind by 12 points after the first two events despite Nick Johnston's second place finish in the 200 free. They gained eight points in the IM when Bryan Hughes, Kevin McLaughlin, and Alex Gilchrist went 1-2-4, but gave six of those points back in the next event, the 50 free. Jason Chen and Max Gastineau could only get points for second and fifth in the sprint.

Hope rose again after the fly when Hughes and Thomas Gjerde went 1-2 and Gilchrist finished fifth. Mike Pasquale and RJ Scott's 2-3 in the 100 kept the Dons only six back, but the Dons lost six points in the 500 even with Jordan Resnick's second place finish and then the 200 free relay all but ended the Dons comeback attempt when the Spartans went one two to push the deficit to 22 points.

Johnston and Chen went 1-2 in the backstroke, but it was too little too late for Amador.

Amador Valley stayed within striking distance for the first eight events of the meet, but in the end could not close the deal and lost to Granada 93-77 in varsity boys swimming and diving action.

In the early events, Bryan Hughes posted a first in the fly and a second in the IM while Jason Chen had a pair of seconds, one in 50 free and one in the 100 free, but in a series of close finishes, the Dons trailed by 10 points going into the 500 free. Amador finished 2-3-4, with swims by RJ Scott, Jordan Reznick and Michael Brooks, to gain two points and, after winning the 200 free relay, closed the gap to six.

Granada, however, pulled away in the back and breast strokes despite second place finishes from Nick Johnston and Anthony Jhong.

Paris Sinclair posted a pair of individual first place finishes and a matching pair of relay firsts to lead the Amador Valley JV girls swimming and diving team to a dominating 121-65 win over Carondelet.

Sinclair opened the meet by swimming on the winning medley relay team and then followed in the next event with a win in the 200 free. Later in the meet she won the 500 free, and then capped off her performance by swimming anchor in the winning 400 free relay team.



The Livermore Aquacowboys swam at the USA Swimming, 2013 Far Western Championship. The meet was hosted by Quicksilver Swim Team at the Morgan Hill Aquatic Center April 4-7, 2013. The meet featured 184 teams with 1861 athletes swimming 372 relays and a total of 7559 splashes over 4 days. Swimmers came from California, Nevada, Oregon, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Texas, Minnesota as well as Virginia and Edmonton, Canada. Swimming for the Livermore Aquacowboys were Shahini Ananth (15), Nathaniel Boas (17), Jenna Chew (15), Caroline Eckel (11), Alex Gonzalez (14), Haley Hamza (17), Mathew Hayes (12), Nina Hayes (17), Katie Kulp (16), Stephen Mackanic (17), Celine Nguyen (15), Shelby Swanson (18), Trent Trump (16) and Alex Wang (17).



Hunter Houghton slides into 3rd base as Stephen Geyer receives the throw in a Granada Little League AAA game. Photo - Bill Nale

Mackenzie Bammer also had a nice day; winning the IM and finishing second in the breaststroke. She also swam on the medley relay team along with Sinclair, Ashley Person, and Erin Walsh.

The Dons dominated several events. Walsh and Lucy Bell went 1-2 in the 100. Bridget Booe and Rachel Bench finished behind Sinclair in the 200 for a 1-2-3 finish, and Booe also finished in second in the 500 for a 1-2 placement.

The Dons' Jacqueline Wood and Bench went 3-4 behind Bammer's second in the breaststroke, and Anika Kilkenny, Bree Reynolds and Bailey Bealand went 1-2-4 in the backstroke.

Divers Maddie Morotto won the event with Heather McKenzie placing third.

In a meet with Granada, Erin Walsh led the Dons to an almost clean sweep as Amador Valley's in JV girls swimming and diving team dominated with a 134-49 win. Amador touched the wall first in 11 of the 12 events with Walsh garnering firsts in the IM and 100 free.

The Dons also swept a trio of individual events with Walsh leading Rachel Bench and Rebecca Pollitz to a win the 100, while Pollitz did likewise in the 50 free; with Katie Micheletti and Lauren Mezzetta filling the next two slots. Kaitlyn Schnierer topped the Dons' other sweep, in the fly, with Lexi Venema and Ashley Person coming in 2-3.

Wrapping up the first place swimming finishes were Rachel Bench in the 200 free, Emma Furr in the 500 free, and Mackenzie Bammer in the breaststroke. Lauren Kobayashi also grabbed a first in diving.

In the only event in which they didn't finish first, the Dons still did well as Anika Kilkenny, and Bailey Bealand went 2-3 in the backstroke.

Despite a slow start in the medley

relay, the Amador Valley JV boys swimming and diving team came from behind by winning or tying the next seven events and then held on to record a 98-81 victory over De La Salle.

Amador was swept in the opening event of the meet to fall behind by 10 points, but leading the comeback was Sam Sornsen who helped get the Dons back on track by winning the next event, the 200 free. With Jeff Wang finishing second, the Dons gained back four points in the event. They gained another four points in the next event, the IM, when Keven Yan, Tom Sornsen, and Geunho Kye went 1-3-5.

The Dons took their first lead of the meet after the 50 free when Jerald Kagele won the event, and Tom Sornsen and Tyler Bergmann finished third and fourth.

Making sure Amador stayed on top, Yan and Sam Sornsen swam to their second individual firsts of the meet in the next two events. First Yan took the Fly and then Sornsen won the 100 free. Combined with Wang's first in the following event, the 500 free, the Dons gained only one point over the three events but still held a five point lead going into the 200 free relay.

With the meet potentially on the line, Amador swept the relay to jump out to a 15 point lead. These points were critical because, despite Ben Oliver and Copeland Green's second place finishes in the back and breaststroke events, Amador's lead dropped back to five points entering the final relay.

The Dons "A" Relay team of Yan, Brandon Plihal, and both Sornsen's finished first to make sure Amador would keep the lead going into the diving event, which was conducted 10 days later. Divers Shawn O'Hare and Joe Zimmerman clinched the victory by finishing first and second when the diving was held.

The JV boys swimming and diving team swept their way to a 130-45 victory over Granada High in EBAL action. The Dons finished first in all



The Foothill High School freshman baseball team were off to a great start in the EBAL with a 2-1 victory over De La Salle. It was a typical pitching duel between two well prepared teams. The DLS Spartans got on the board quickly with a run in the first inning and left the bases loaded. The FHS pitching tightened up from allowing only one more runner to reach 3rd base over the next 6 innings. Connor Isozaki threw 4 strong innings, giving up only 2 hits. Joey Lea got the win with his solid two innings of work. Justin Goodman brought home the save with a strong 7th inning. FHS tied things up in the fourth inning with singles by Dario Dondero and Troy Bachand followed by Nolan Burton's RBI. The Falcons took the lead in the 5th. Justin Goodman led off with a single and was sent to third on a double by Tyler Wineger. Tate Alley shot a ball past the DLS short stop, allowing Goodman to score the eventual game winning run. The FHS offense knocked out 7 hits, led by Wineger's 2-3 performance. Pictured is Connor Isozaki.

12 events.

Leading the way for the Dons were Kevin Yan and Sam Sornsen who each grabbed a pair of firsts. Yan won the IM and the fly while Sornsen scored a first in the 100 and 200 free. Showing their depth, no other Don swimmer finished first in more than one event.

Scoring a first in the fourth event of the meet was Jerald Kagele in the 50 free. Later Chris Azuma won the 500, Ben Oliver the backstroke, and Perry Jia in the breaststroke. The final individual first was scored by Shawn O'Hare in diving.

Devil Dirt Ride

The Devil Dirt Ride, set for June 9, is Diablo's first mountain biking event. It will start at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek and ride through the Diablo Foothills, Shell Ridge Open Space and Mt. Diablo State Park.

Riders can compete in the 15.4 mile or 18.4 mile distances. Prizes are awarded at the post event expo with snack and beverages for all. This landmark event is sponsored by Renaissance Club Sport and benefits Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts.

The race begins at 8:30 a.m. The two distances will start 30 minutes apart with the longer distance starting first at 8:30 a.m. Parking, registration/bib pick up, start and finish are all at Castle Rock Park, 1700 Castle Rock Road in Walnut Creek. The longer distance is a 2 lap 9.2 Mile Loop that has 1,600 ft of climbing totalling 18.4 miles with 3,200 ft of climbing. The shorter distance is a 2 lap 7.7 Mile Loop with 1,200 ft of climbing totalling 15.4 miles with 2,400 ft of climbing.

Registration fees include electronic timing. Heavy rain may cancel. No refunds issued. Fee for early registration, through May 28, is \$50 for the short course, \$75 for the longer course; from May 18 to June fees are \$65 and \$90.

Riders of all ages are welcome. Riders ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult rider. All minors under the age of 18 may not sign up on-line. Riders can compete on any type of non-motorized mountain bike, including tandems, unicycles and hand powered vehicles.

To register, or for more information, go to www.savemountdiablo.org

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,

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Veterans to Be Honored During LHS-GHS Baseball Game

By Carol Graham

One of the reasons Granada High School baseball coach Steve Richards opted to combine the cross-town rivals varsity game with an event to honor area veterans is to inspire the young players.

"If it weren't for veterans you wouldn't be going to school here and playing baseball right now," Richards told the players. "They made this possible for us. They were your age at one time, and they were thinking of doing a whole lot of other things besides going to war."

After reading a newspaper article about Granada High School graduate and wounded marine corps veteran Staff Sgt. Jason Ross, Richards said, "I went old school" to find him.

"I looked through the phone book to find Marilyn Carter (founder of Livermore Veterans Foundation) and asked her for help. I got more inspiration as I got going. The idea kept growing."

Richards is inviting all veterans to attend the LHS - GHS varsity baseball game on Wednesday, April 24th at Granada High School, 400 Wall Street, Livermore. "Before Sgt. Ross throws the first pitch to Granada and Army Sgt. Christian Valle throws the first pitch to Livermore, we'll invite all veterans to stand behind them on the infield. This is a big thank you to all of them."

The afternoon kicks off with a flagpole dedication ceremony at 3:15. "The new flagpole will be an important part of the baseball field," said Richards. "The military will raise the flag. A plaque will be added saying thank you to all of our veterans, whether wounded, healthy, or still active. We want to include and honor a broad spectrum of those who've served."

Family members and the community as a whole are likewise invited to come out and enjoy an afternoon of baseball and appreciating our service members.

Admission is free with the game starting at 4 p.m. Proceeds from snack bar sales, raffles and donations will go directly to Sgt. Ross and Sgt. Valle, both of whom suffered severe injuries while serving in the middle east.

Sgt. Ross had been clearing an area of explosive devices in Afghanistan two years ago when he stepped on an undetectable pressure plate. The explosion hit his entire group of marines with Ross taking the brunt of the blast.

"This could be my son," said Richards. "This could be my kid. Reading about it tore into me. I knew we had to do something."

When asked what veterans need to do to participate, Richards said simply, "Just show up. Enjoy the baseball game. Stay as long as you like - a few minutes or the whole time."

Richards has invited Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Superintendent of Schools Kelly Bowers to attend, along with the local fire and police departments, who have each donated \$250. "I'm also working on having two color guards - one from the marine corps and one from the army. We will have three golf carts on hand to help anyone get around who needs assistance."

VFW Post #7265 will provide a color guard. As for the Granada players, who will be sporting camouflage jerseys, Richards added, "Every kid is totally jacked. This event, and having the guys show up and throw out the first pitch, makes them feel like they're a part of something special."

For more information, call Steve Richards at (925) 373-0820.



The Livermore Fusion U13 Maroon Girls kicked off the spring season this weekend with a tough match against Diablo FC. Fusion started the match strong with a solid defense keeping Diablo scoreless at the half. At the start of the second half Fusion came out fighting, creating lots of chances at a goal. Diablo's defense held strong and the two rivals ended the game in a 0-0 draw. The 2013 Livermore Fusion U13 Maroon girls are (bottom row) Alyssa Silva, Hailey Hahlbeck, Sarah Baxter, Madison Hood, Lauren Meeker; (top row) Alora Garcia, Sarah Vlah, Camille La Blanc, Kailee Haskins, Nicole Fairbanks, Hayli Edwards, Kaitlin Krakoski and Coach Ben Graham. Missing were Kamy Farro, Kayla Jones and Hayley Thompson.



Solid wins over the Bay Oaks Strykers and FCA Sparks capped a weekend of strong soccer play for the Livermore Fusion SC U11 Maroon Girls as they opened Spring League with back-to-back wins. Behind the defensive wall of Faith Rogers, Rebecca George, Danielle Castro and Athena Lewis, the Fusion Maroon team held Bay Oaks to just one goal, taking Saturday's contest, 4 - 1 with goals by Ashleigh Ward, Kayla Gallo and Kyah Coady. Sunday's game pitted the Maroon team against FCA Sparks. Fusion shut-out the Sparks team 5 - 0 with goals scored by Kyah Coady, Alivia Ganz, Kaleigh Castillo, Faith Rogers and Lily Redell. In the photo, U11 Maroon player Kyah Coady battles for the ball against Bay Oaks in the Fusion's 4-1 win.

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.

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), Holdener 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

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 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.ppierun.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



The Livermore Fusion U12 girls Maroon soccer team began the spring season with two wins. On Saturday, the girls scored 3 goals in the second half to battle their way to a 4-3 victory over Impact. On Sunday, Fusion played a great defensive game against Lamorinda, winning 2-1. The games were a total team effort with goals from Alexandra Borgna, Kayla Lewis, Sierra Street, and Drew Pagtakhan. Pictured are Drew Pagtakhan and Kayla Lewis making a break toward their opponents' goal.

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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

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SHORT NOTES



SPECIAL PET

Cookie would be a wonderful addition to any family. She is a special girl and a special needs girl. Cookie is deaf - although it hasn't seemed to stop her for a single moment. She is a happy, healthy, loving, friendly pit bull - that would make a wonderful family dog. TVAR was so committed to this darling girl, they decided to put her into a foster home. But to give her the very best chance in life, TVAR enrolled her at Diablo K-9 so she could learn all the needed obedience commands with Shane - her trainer. He has already declared that she is a "very cool dog." She will come with 3 free follow on private training classes with Shane to be sure she continues to keep up with her new found skills and life. For more information please contact Cindy at cinchurhill@aol.com or sue james at ssuejames@gmail.com.

Pacesetter Award

Relay For Life of Livermore received the Pacesetter Award in March 2013. Relay For Life of Livermore was one of a handful to receive this honor in the State of California. This is a recognition program for those events that meet established criteria by the American Cancer Society Relay for Life that have been shown to help grow Relay For Life events. The program is designed to recognize events, which are leading the way in this challenge. The Pacesetter standards are formatted to show Relay committees' commitment throughout the Relay planning process.

This year's Relay for Life of Livermore will be held June 22 at Livermore High School. Opening ceremonies are at 9 a.m. followed by a survivors' lap at 9:30 a.m.

During the Survivors Lap, upbeat music plays as all cancer survivors at the event take the first lap around the track cheered on by the other participants who line the track, celebrating their victory over cancer. For more information about Survivors contact Barbara Boberg at 925-443-2106 or at bjoberg@comcast.net or Kathleen Schoening, Media Chair at katlaing@comcast.net

Dublin Library Anniversary

The Dublin Library will celebrate its 10th Anniversary this Saturday, April 13 with an open house.

Activities are planned from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

The schedule includes: 10 a.m. Crackers the Clown, 11 a.m. Pixar Movie Shorts; 1 p.m. Vice Mayor Don Biddle; 1 p.m. Poetry Out Loud performance by Sharanya Stanley of Dublin High School; 2 p.m. special guest appearance by author Ying Chang Compestine; and 4 p.m. music with Extended Roots.

Food is being provided by Dublin High School's catering class, the Gourmet Gaels. Throughout the day, drop in at the Library Program Room and help make a birthday book for the library. Tell us what the Dublin Library means to you.

Cancer Champion Vote

During the Amgen Tour of California (May 12-19, 2013), a local cancer survivor, patient, caregiver, or advocate will be named Breakaway from Cancer Champion for making a difference within their community and inspiring others.

Livermore, as a host city for the May 18 race day, has two nominees.

Breakaway from Cancer Champions will be granted special access to the 2013 Amgen Tour of California and will be recognized on stage. Each Champion will lead the Breakaway Mile through their community, a special one-mile walk to honor cancer survivors worldwide. The Champions will be joined by a peloton of their support team members, including caregivers, family members and healthcare professionals who support their fight against cancer.

Nominees are:
Dana Croghan: After losing her daughter to carcinoacarcinoma, Dana began Team KC to help children and their families while they are in the hospital. Team KC helps families with items such as gas, food, even rent, that are not covered by insurance because she knows first-hand

that a sick child can put a family budget in crisis. Dana organizes a fundraiser each year to support the charity and blood drives are held in Team KC's name. Dana has channeled her grief toward helping others.

Virginia "Dee" Williams: In recent times, twelve year breast cancer survivor Dee Williams has also been battling a neurological disorder similar to MS, along with fibromyalgia and arthritis; however, she does not let it stop her from acting as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. Dee is a Call Back volunteer who talks to cancer patients to determine if their needs have been met while undergoing chemo or radiation. She also spends time talking with recently diagnosed breast cancer patients to help relieve their concerns as they're starting their journey. This is called the Reach to Recovery program. Dee is also one of the Walnut Creek American Cancer Society Look Good, Feel Better coordinators for Livermore and Pleasanton. Look Good, Feel Better teaches women who are undergoing chemotherapy or radiation how to pick out, take care of and wear wigs, as well as teaching make-up techniques since their skin tones may be changing. And, for the past four years, Dee has also been a Relay For Life Team member and walks the track in support of the American Cancer Society.

To vote, go to www.breakaway-fromcancer.com/champion/voting.htm

Public Safety Open House

Dublin will host a Public Safety Open House on Saturday, April 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Held at Fire Station #17 and the Office of Emergency Services in Dublin, this free community event is an opportunity to meet local firefighters and law enforcement, tour a fire station and the Office of Emergency Services, and check out all of the equipment Dublin's Police and Fire Departments use to keep the community safe.

Fire Station #17 is located at Broder Boulevard and Madigan Avenue in Dublin.

Children's Carnival

The 3rd annual Children's Carnival will be hosted by the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge #2117 on Sun., April 21.

Festivities will take place between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore.

The event will include a bean bag toss, lollypop pull, balloon dart throwing, hole in one and more. Each child, from the ages of 2 to 12, will receive a free meal consisting of a hot dog, chips and drink plus a free cotton candy, bag of popcorn and ten game tokens. Additional tokens and food can be purchased for a nominal fee.

All proceeds will benefit the Elks National Foundation and major projects.

Those with questions may email Tammy Sturgill at k.sturgill@comcast.net.

Storytime with the Farmer

Storytime with the Farmer will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tues., April 23 at Forest Home Farms Historic Park in San Ramon.

The event includes stories, songs, a special springtime craft and a visit to the sheep. Children must be accompanied by an adult, but only children need to register.

For registration information please call the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park (925) 973-3200 or register online at www.sanramonrecguide.com for activity #83740. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Ages 3-5 only. Space is limited.

Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., just south of Pine Valley Road in San Ramon. For more information about Forest Home Farms Historic Park call (925) 973-3284 or visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov.

Assault Calls

The Pleasanton Police Department received multiple calls last Wednesday reporting a male subject that was seen wearing body armor and running with an assault weapon in a residential area near Fairlands Drive and Pimlico Drive. He was later spotted by a Zone 7 employee running into the Arroyo Del Valle, just north of Stoneridge Dr., about ¼ mile east of Santa Rita Rd.

Responding patrol units arrived and quickly established a perimeter. The East County Tactical Team, which happened to be training nearby in Livermore, also responded. They utilized an armored vehicle to approach the subject along the service road. The subject, a 16 year-old male, was found to be in possession of an Airsoft gun which closely resembled an actual rifle. He was also in possession of a brown utility vest which is similar in appearance to body armor. He was cited for discharging an air gun within the city limits and released to a parent.

As a precaution, the staff and children at the nearby Hacienda Preschool were instructed to shelter in place during the incident.

Although nobody was injured during this event, the Pleasanton Police Department wants to remind members of the community that

discharging air guns is illegal within the city limits.

Earth Day

Each year, Earth Day, coming up on April 22, 2013, focuses attention on the fact that recycling simply makes sense environmentally. Americans alone throw away more than 13.1 million tons of textiles in 2010, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These include items that could have been donated to charities or recycled into wiping and polishing cloths, paper, car insulation and even building materials.

At Plato's Closet stores in the Livermore area, clothing recycling also makes sense financially. Renae Gaudette, director of Plato's Closet, says that the resale stores' franchise owners put the principles of Earth Day to work every day by buying gently-used, current style clothing and accessories and reselling it to teen and twenty-something guys and girls who are looking for style, quality and today's fashion trends at up to 70% off original retail prices.

The earth-friendly numbers posted by Plato's Closet stores nationwide in 2012 demonstrate that the brand's approach is resonating with young fashion trend setters. Altogether, Plato's Closet stores bought nearly 50.4 million items from customers last year, making those items available to new shoppers and putting about \$160 million back into the pockets of the sellers.

For more information about Plato's Closet in the Livermore area, please visit www.platoscloset.com.

Campfire and Spiders

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff will present Music Around the Campfire on Sat., April 13. Meet Ranger Danny Haberman at 7 p.m. in the reserved picnic area at Sycamore Grove Park. Join this rocking campfire to celebrate the start of the camping season. There will be live music from Ranger Danny and Jonny Williams from Crawdad Republic, plus fixings for s'mores and hot chocolate. Please call the ranger office at 925-960-2400 for directions.

Spiders and Their Kin is the topic of a Sun., April 14 program. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5211 Arroyo Rd.

They creep, they crawl and they give many folks the heebie-jeebies. They are the eight-legged animals of our world: spiders and their relatives. Join this program in Sycamore Grove Park to discuss these wonderful creatures. Learn about some of the different types around the world and learn which are considered dangerous. There will be a few live specimens for us to look at.

Livermore Selects Interim Police Chief

Randy Sonnenberg who will serve as interim Livermore Police Chief until a replacement is found for Chief Steve Sweeney who retired last week.

Sonnenberg served 30 years in the Foster City Police Department. During his tenure there he was a police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and retired as Chief of that department in 2004. He is an experienced law enforcement professional and has served on numerous boards and committees including: Chairman of the Northern California Police Planners Officers Association, San Mateo County Criminal Justice Council, and was Vice-Chair of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs Homeland Security Committee.

Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts stated, "Chief Sonnenberg will do an excellent job during his time as the interim Chief. We will draw on his expertise and leadership over the next few months. Chief Sonnenberg makes a fine addition to an already outstanding Police Department."

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.

Every 15 Minutes

The Pleasanton Unified School District and the Pleasanton Police Department will be presenting the "Every 15 Minutes" program at Amador Valley High School on April 11 and 12. "Every 15 Minutes" is a high impact anti-DUI program, which derives its name from the frequency at which a person is killed in an alcohol or drug related collision in the United States. The program is designed to teach young adults about the dangers and consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The program will be directed at high school juniors and seniors of Amador Valley and Valley Christian High Schools.

Part of the program involves a mock fatal traffic collision. The collision simulates a DUI crash in which some young adults are killed. The collision will be simulated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 11, 2013 on Del Valle Parkway adjacent to Amador Valley High School. Paramedics, firefighters, police officers handle the mock crash just as they would the real thing. Juniors and seniors observe the emergency crews in action and witness the arrest of the intoxicated driver.

This is the 12th year the Pleasanton Police Department and the Pleasanton Unified School District has presented the program.

In order to facilitate the collision portion of the program the Police Department will close part of Del Valle Parkway from 9:00 AM until approximately 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 11, 2013. The roadway will be closed between Main Street and Harvest Road. Traffic will be detoured around the collision scene. Residents of the area will be allowed access to and from their homes. Numerous emergency vehicles will be involved and people in the area will hear a lot of sirens for a short period of time. Calstar will be landing their helicopter to transport an "injured" party to the hospital. Other entities involved will be: City of Pleasanton Streets Department, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Paramedics Plus, Graham-Hitch Mortuary and Valley Care Hospital.

A follow-up assembly will be held at Amador Valley High School in the gymnasium on Friday, April 12, 2013. No street closures are involved with the assembly.

AgPark Volunteers

Workday volunteers are needed at the Suno1 AgPark on Sat., April 13 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The work will include breaking ground on a new kids' garden. Learn about the farm's natural resources, sustainable agriculture practices, and education programs. Bring gloves and hand tools. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

For more information, go to www.sagecenter.org, email asp@www.sagecenter.org or call 510-526-1793 ext. 6.

Fair Seeks Volunteers

The 101st Alameda County Fair is in need of volunteers to assist with the many activities and programs during the annual summer event. Each year, volunteers help to make the Fair the success it is. Individuals, companies and organizations are welcome. The Fair also presents a great fundraising opportunity and a chance to be a part of a positive and successful community event. Interested volunteers can email Jamie Osborn at josborn@alameda-countyfair.com.

For details on how to submit an entry for judging in the fair, go to www.ACFairExhibits.com.

Competition deadlines include: Best of the Bay Wine Competition, April 26; Sauvignon Summit and Zin Challenge, April 26; Amateur Wine Competition, May 22;

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

History Lecture

The Livermore Heritage Guild's history lecture will feature guest speaker Harry Briley.

He will tell the World War II story of Jack Rittenhouse, who signed up for the California State Guard in 1941: "The Invasions That Never Were." State guards were established across the country to patrol for foreign military invasions.

The lecture will be presented on Wed., April 17 at the Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the talk at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2.

For more information, call 443-9740.

Dance to Mellotones

The Mellotones, sponsored by the VFW Post 6298, have been called back to play the Great American Songbook, music to dance to at the Spring Tea set for Wed., April 17.

The tea, presented by Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street Pleasanton. Dancing will be from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The

WINNERS

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participate in the fair. It was held March 9th at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

"We contacted GE. They sent us windmill models," said Abele. "We based our three-blade set on those models. Our blades were about a third the size, but they created almost three times as much electricity."

How does that happen? "It's just the design," said Cable. "We don't think it's ever been tried before."

Abele looked thoughtful. "I don't want to talk about vortexes, I don't even want to go there," she said, then added, "The length of the blade is a third in size so there's a smaller radius in which it can disturb the air. Since it creates three times the energy we can use a lot less of them, so basically we can avoid making a wall of windmills that birds can't get around."

As one of only two middle school Grand Prize winners (the second being awarded in biology to an Oakland charter school student), Abele and Cable will receive a fully-funded trip to the California State Science Fair (CSSF) in Los Angeles, the state's most elite science competition for middle and high school students.

The CSSF is the final science fair of the academic

cost is \$7:00, which includes lunch style refreshments. All ages are welcome.

The Mellotones combo has been playing for various activities (private parties, celebrations, etc.) in the Tri-Valley area for the past several years. The group consists of seven musicians including piano, bass, drums, guitar, trumpet and saxophone, plus a vocalist. They play what some might call the Great American Songbook; that is, popular tunes of stage, screen and radio, plus all-time favorites from the Swing Era of the 1930s and 1940s. These dance sets feature music that blends a tasteful balance of melody, harmony, and rhythm.

Tomato Extravaganza

Love Apple Farms is organizing a free event open to the general public with a mini-class covering all aspects of tomato growing. Western Garden Nursery in Pleasanton will host a Tomato Extravaganza Day on April 13.

Tomatoes are the number one crop grown by American home gardeners and they want to know how to get the best quality and quantity out of their yields. The mini-class at Tomato Extravaganza Days will be led by local expert tomato growers from Love Apple Farms and will cover various tomato growing topics such as: selecting the right variety for the area, pruning, staking, fertilizing, irrigation, organic pest control, disease prevention, growing in containers. Western Garden's Tomato Extravaganza Day will also include free tastings of local, artisan honey, goat cheese, and olive oil.

Western Garden Nursery is offering a diverse selection of heirloom tomato plants this Spring from Love Apple Farms. Varieties offered include local favorites such as Black Krim and Sungold, as well as rare and unusual ones like Rainbow Lane and White Oxheart.

Western Garden Nursery is located at 2756 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. For information, call 462-1760.

year, and will be held April 15-16 at the California Science Center, formerly called the California Museum of Science and Industry.

"Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory pays for the expenses of our county winners including airfare, motel and meals," said Junction science teacher Jan Bennett. "I had 15 students from our school attend the county science fair. We entered two projects that won first places and one Grand Prize winner. I am just so proud of these kids and what they've accomplished."

For Cable, the achievement helped her realize that she can accomplish her goals. "Keep going and never give up, even if you think your project is not good," she said. "Try for it. Think outside the box; that's what's going to get you places."

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Paul Benson

Resident of Livermore
Mar. 30, 1918-Mar. 20, 2013

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, builder, volunteer, WWII Army veteran and Christian.

Born in Anita, IA, Paul worked as a bricklayer, contractor and 27 years with IBM as a customer service engineer & manager.



He loved to hike in the mountains, help others, restore antique clocks and work with his hands.

Paul is survived by his wife Juanita, children Karen Rinker (Donald) of Castro Valley and David Benson (Diana) of Burbank, grandchildren Bradley Rinker (Shannon) of Ft Walton Beach, FL, Nora Rinker & great-grandson Evan of Castro Valley, his brother Carl Benson (Marge) of Ames, IA, and step-children Evelyn Fearon (Donald), Diana Orloff (Norman), Stan Mansfield (Lori), Elaine Mansfield (Gary Schultz). He was preceded in death by his first wife Esther.

A Celebration of Home-going will be held on Sunday April 14, 2pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore CA.

Donations may be made to Hope Hospice of Dublin or Open Heart Kitchen of Livermore.

Marc L. Lakner

July 18, 1955 - March 25, 2013

Resident of Livermore

Marc was born in Los Alamos, New Mexico, to John and Avo Lakner. He had lived in Livermore since 1957 where he was a graduate of Livermore High in 1973. He went on to become an Alameda County



Deputy Sheriff and retired after 25 years.

Marc had a passion for the martial arts and received his first degree black belt in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu from Rory Rebmann when he was 20. He continued to train, practice and teach with Rory for many years and also advanced to second degree black belt.

Cooking was a favorite past time, and he especially enjoyed experimenting and talking about new recipes.

Marc is also remembered for his patriotism and flew the American flag daily as well as the Marine and Air Force flags for enlisted and commissioned family members.

His memory is survived by his father and mother John and Avo Lakner; his wife of 27 years, Denise; daughters Lt. Stephanie Lord (USAF) (Bradley), Jennifer Rader (Sgt. Scott, USMC); sister Holly Bachleda (John); and many other relatives and friends.

Marc will be at rest in Tennessee, which was a place he cherished with extended family.

Dr. Cecile Wun-Sze Lee

Pleasanton resident and physician Dr. Cecile Wun-Sze Lee passed away at home surrounded by her family on March 28, 2013 at the age of 46 after a courageous five-year battle with an aggressive form of breast cancer.

She was born in Hong Kong on May 13, 1966, and moved with her parents to the United States at the age of one. A 1984 graduate of Cherry Hill East High School

in New Jersey, she earned a bachelor's degree with a major in bio-resource science at the University of California, Berkeley where she and Hank met and later married in 1992.

She attended Tulane University Medical School with Hank in New Orleans, earning both her medical degree and a master's degree in public health in 1993, becoming the first physician in her family. She completed her residency in dermatology at Tulane Medical Center in 1996.

Cecile and Hank moved to Pleasanton and opened their practice, Pacific Dermatology. She was also on staff at ValleyCare Medical Center. Dr. Lee cared for her patients as if they were family members. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading, exercising, Tai Chi, knitting, Chinese painting, playing the piano and spending time with her family and friends. She is described as a caring and loving mother and wife with a good sense of humor and a gentle spirit.

Dr. Lee is survived by her husband, Dr. Hank Fung and their children, Kristen and Brandon; her mother Fung Chun Lee and father Kan Chee Lee of Dublin; her sisters Mona Lee Chin of Castro Valley, and Nancy Lee Goggans of Nashville, TN.

The viewing was held on Tuesday, April 9 and the memorial service on Wednesday, April 10 at the Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue in Oakland, followed by a burial service at 12 p.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland.

The family prefers gifts in her memory to the UCSF Foundation P.O. Box 45339 San Francisco, CA 94145-0339; online at makeagift@UCSF.edu.

Bille Stanford Andersen

Bille Stanford Andersen, died April 7, 2013 at the age of 93. In the week before his stroke, he had been ballroom dancing with his companion Betty Beebe.



Bille was the son of Danish immigrants John and Anna Andersen. He married Izora Britton after meeting her in France at the end of WWII.

Bille is survived by his three children, Brittony, Mark, and Sally and their partners plus his only grandchild, Gabrielle Thomas. Bille's "Andersen's Book-keeping Service" was a part of the Livermore business community for over 50 years.

A ceremonial service for Bille will be held on Thursday, April 11 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. All friends of Bille are invited to come and celebrate his life. Please send no flowers. Alden Lane will decorate the hall.

If anyone wishes to contribute something, then please make a donation in Bille's name to the charity of your choice.

Daniel Robert Momb

July 19, 1954 - April 4, 2013

Resident of Livermore

Daniel was born in Fairbanks, Alaska on July 19,

1954 and passed away suddenly on April 4, 2013 in the comfort of his home.



Dan leaves behind his loving mother, Donna Momb and his soul mate of 15 years, Pat Carter as well as his twin children Andrew and Jessica Momb and their spouses, step-daughter Deborah Burg and spouse, and grandsons Aiden and Luke. Dan also leaves behind a multitude of friends and acquaintances.

Graduated from Mt. Diablo High School in 1972, Dan was a master painting contractor and retired from the trade after 25 years. A dedicated member of the local AA Fellowship, Dan's 7 1/2 years of sobriety was a proud accomplishment of both his and his family.

Known for his love of tie-dye and Hawaiian shirts Dan also loved reading; gardening; the outdoors, especially the redwoods; antiquing; traveling; and dreaming of fixing up his VW Bug.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 12 at 11:00 am at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore. A reception will follow at Asbury Methodist Church at 4743 East Avenue, Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association in his name.

Madeline Settima Murphy

Madeline passed away peacefully on April 3, 2013 at age 84. She touched many lives with her gentle spirit. Madeline was born in San Jose, California in 1929, graduated from Notre Dame High School and attended San Jose State College.

Madeline married her loving husband Jim in 1950 and very soon became a homemaker raising her three boys, eventually in Palo Alto. While the boys were still young, Madeline and Jim discovered a passion for sailing that would keep them active for the next 30 years. Her many friends from the Palo Alto Yacht Club will remember Madeline as outgoing, full of life, and hostess of the bridge club. But life was not all play for Madeline as she also worked as the bookkeeper for the Palo Alto Military Academy while the boys were in local schools. Later, as empty nesters, Madeline and Jim found time to travel, riding the Orient Express through Europe or taking their humble RV to the wide open spaces of the Baja peninsula in Mexico.

Madeline moved to Livermore California in 1991 and became a charter member of the Guild that formed the Livermore Valley Opera later that year. She was a Board member for more than 15 years, keeping the archives in the early years, a very demanding job, and acting as its Treasurer.

Madeline was heartbroken by the early passing of her son Rourke at 39 years of age in July 1993 and then later that year the passing of her beloved Jim in December. As a young widow, Madeline kept herself involved in the community, continuing her work for the Opera and in the lives of her children. As a parishioner at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Madeline found new ways to give to her community by opening her home to the church Grief Support group, fixing many a dinner on St. Patrick's Day.

In recent years Madeline

was in great pain and unable to walk about. But she still looked forward to life's simple pleasures every day. She enjoyed sitting on her back porch overlooking the Arroyo Mocho Creek or tending to her garden as the children played. For Madeline, family was always first and she will be missed dearly.

Madeline is survived her sons Steven (Susan) of Oakland and Michael (Jean) of Livermore, grandchildren Alison, John, Daniel, and Kristen, and great grandchildren Zachary, Madeline, and Elizabeth. She is also survived by twin sister Toni Giuffre of San Jose, brother Lawrence (Patty) of Carnelian Bay, many nieces and nephews, and caregiver Kathy Wolf of Livermore.

You will always be in our hearts with your open arms and sense of humor.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore on Friday, April 19, at 11:00 am. A reception will follow at Madeline's home. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to one of the many Parkinson's Disease charities.

Bess Ban

Resident of Livermore

Bess was born in North McAlester Oklahoma on October 4, 1923. She died on March 31, 2013 in Livermore, with her family at her bedside.



Bess grew up in Paris, Texas. She came out to California during the war as a young bride. She lived in Oakland and eventually moved to Livermore, Ca. where she raised three daughters. She graduated from Cosmetology School in Hayward in 1967. When she retired in the early 80's Bess and Al Ban moved to their beautiful vineyard property in Calistoga. They spent many wonderful years there entertaining family and friends. Bess enjoyed golf, traveling and playing bridge. But her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

She is survived by three daughters, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great children. A Memorial Service will be held on April 13, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore, CA.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Dorothy Alice Dolan Bliss

Dorothy Bliss, a resident of Livermore, California, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2013. She was born on September 1, 1925 in LaPorte, Indiana, to Earl Jeremiah Dolan and Dorothy Elizabeth Boldt Dolan. She was deeply loved by her family and friends, and will be missed by all.

Dottie is survived by her three children, daughter Cathie Bliss and Douglas S. Cox, Jr., of Livermore, CA, son Robert C. Bliss and Paula J. Bliss, of Soquel, CA, and daughter Rebecca Bliss of Livermore, CA. She is also survived by grandchildren Cailen A. Cox, Evan D. Cox,

Shawn C. Cox, Hayden G. Johnson, Jonathan R. Bliss, and Cole S. Fairhurst, and great-grandchildren Nai'a and Koa Johnson. Dottie was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Bruce N. Bliss.

Dottie graduated from Urbana High School, in Urbana, Illinois, in 1943. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1947, with a BS in Physical Education, and was a member of Torch, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Phi and Mortarboard. She was an excellent athlete, and participated in, coached, and supported athletics throughout her lifetime. Dottie was recruited to play women's professional baseball during WWII, but instead, chose to follow a teaching career.

Dottie began her long-time work with children and young adults as a women's physical education teacher and coach in 1947. She taught at schools in Grand Rapids, Michigan, until her retirement in the early 1970's. She quickly returned to part-time work with children at a church, bowling alley, and fitness club, all in Grand Rapids, and again retired in 2005.

Dottie lived in Grand Rapids until 2009, when following the death of her husband, she moved to Heritage Estates in Livermore, to be near her family. No public services were held per Dottie's wishes. Memorial gifts may be made to the Physical Education Department, supporting low-income students, in care of G. Koning at Navajo Elementary School, 2936 Hughes Rd. SW, Albuquerque, NM, 87105.

Arrangements are by Callaghan Mortuary.

John Lopez

John Lopez, age 74, resident of Livermore passed away on April 5, 2013, surrounded by his family after a valiant fight with esophageal cancer.

He was a former resi-

dent of San Jose for over 40 years. He served five years in the Army, worked as a welder for Ford Motor Co. and NUMMI. After retiring in 1999, he moved and lived with his daughter Janelle and her family where he was an essential part of their lives. He spent his retirement devoting his time to his children and grandchildren, especially to his two grandchildren he lived with, Jasmine and Bobby, always dropping and picking them up from school, taking them to cheer, dance, baseball and soccer practices. He attended their dance recitals, cheer competitions, soccer and baseball games. The Zepeda family has been very blessed to have him in their daily lives.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Cessie (1986), parents Valentine and Sophia Lopez, sisters Mary and Molly. He is survived by his four children John Jr. (Jennifer), James, Jenifer and Janelle (Robert), 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, brother Joe Lopez (Sheila), sister Eleanor Baker (Buzz) and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The Lopez and Zepeda families would like to thank our family and friends from the Livermore community, Sunset Elementary, Granada High School and St. Michael's School for the love and support everyone has given us during this difficult time.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, from 5:00-9:00 PM, with a funeral service on Friday, April 12, 2013, 11:00 AM at Lima Family Santa Clara Mortuary, 466 N. Winchester Blvd, Santa Clara. Interment to follow Santa Clara Mission Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, from 5:00-9:00 PM, with a funeral service on Friday, April 12, 2013, 11:00 AM at Lima Family Santa Clara Mortuary, 466 N. Winchester Blvd, Santa Clara. Interment to follow Santa Clara Mission Cemetery.

Haircuts Will Benefit Clean Water Fund

Fusion 3 Salons will have a special "cut-a-thon" to raise money for the Clean Water Fund. The Fund works to provide clean water supplies around the world, including the United States.

Fusion 3 Salons has locations in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Brentwood. The cut-a-thon will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, April 15, at only the Pleasanton location, 722 Main St.

Haircuts, which normally cost \$44 and up, will be \$20, with the entire proceeds going to the fund. No other services will be available.

There will be 15 haircutters on duty, to serve a total of 88 time slots, said Anna Ennis, a Fusion 3 stylist.


The action is part of Earth Month activities around the planet. Fusion 3 Salons regularly conducts benefits for various public causes, said Ennis. The salons are linked to Aveda hair products, which is carrying forward the support for the Clean Water Fund (CFW).

Fusion 3 has undertaken past fund-raisers for CWF. Donations for one of them went to a clean-water project in the Central Valley. Ennis said she thought up the cut-a-thon benefit model to help

in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Fusion 3 raised \$8000 for that one.

A donation to CWF can go a long way. The CWF says that as little as \$12 can provide clean drinking water for one person for a year in Madagascar, said Ennis.

CWF projects have taught water sampling and testing for safety to students examining waters of the Columbia River. CWF has paid for kits to test for E. coli bacteria in the Great Lakes, added Ennis.



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of rights" for communities throughout California. It requires disclosure of environmental, public health, and other development impacts, that public questions and concerns be addressed, provides for mitigations of impacts, and articulates a legal process to address non-complying projects. I have witnessed first hand how CEQA works to protect communities, and without it, Pleasanton would be a very different place today.

Developers and large business interests, who have propagated a myth that CEQA is being abused and is delaying or stopping good projects, are pushing this reform. Who benefits from this change? Developers who would like projects approved without messy public involvement. Oil and natural gas companies who are planning large scale environmentally damaging hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") process to extract hard to reach resources throughout California. And even state government, who would love to avoid community opposition to the high speed rail project and their plans to divert Sacramento River water to San Joaquin Valley agribusiness interests. Who loses? The public.

The Pleasanton City Council action is merely symbolic, but clearly demonstrates the side of the issue they are on. If you are as concerned as I am about this, please contact your state legislators and the Governor's office to express your opposition.

Off-Road Subsidy Art Hull Livermore

Fact Check: Tax Payers Fund Most of Off-Highway Vehicle Division Budget

In the 2013-2014 budget, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of the California State Parks Department is slated to collect about \$85.1 M. More than 75% of that money comes from motor vehicle fuel tax, representing the tax on over 150,000,000 gallons of gasoline mostly sold to average drivers, less than 25% will come from entrance fees and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) sticker fees.

Of that 150,000,000 gallons of gasoline, only 13.3% is for registered OHV vehicles. The OHMVR Division is handed over this fuel tax windfall based upon an outdated formula. The state legislature has thus far been unwilling or unable to correct this travesty because of the OHV lobby. OHMVR parks cost 6 times as much as other state parks to operate, and are the most highly subsidized state parks. Contact your state legislature; tell them that OHMVR can have their 13.3% of the gas tax, but please give back our 86.7% to fix our roads and other state parks.

'Responsible Growth' Edward Janas Pleasanton

I have read with interest in our local publications the information offered by the various candidates running for the vacant Pleasanton City Council seat.

Each of the candidates offers their approach to guiding Pleasanton's future. Each includes in that future "Responsible Growth." But, interestingly enough, none actually defines what they mean by "Responsible Growth." When I read further, I noticed that Kathy Narum has accepted campaign donations from Ponderosa Homes II, Inc., James Tong, Charter Properties etc.

I guess we know where her loyalties lay and who will guide her definition of "Responsible Growth."

Best Candidate Doug Miller Pleasanton

I am supporting David Miller for the open city council seat in Pleasanton. While I have great respect for the other candidates in the race, I believe that David is the best choice because of his strong business experience and leadership skills.

There are two critical issues. First, we need to continue the effort under Mayor Thorne to put our fiscal house in order as other California cities and towns face bankruptcy. While the City of Pleasanton must continue to be the most at-

tractive city employer in the region, we must reduce the proportion of revenue spent on personnel. Last year 80% of our funds were spent on employees leaving little to spend on services. Almost nothing was spent on capital improvements.

Second, we need to be a more attractive place for business so that more businesses are contributing to our revenue stream. While too much of the 40 year old Hacienda Business Park is either undeveloped or vacant, large businesses have chosen to locate across 580 in Dublin. For too long Pleasanton has had a reputation of being almost hostile to businesses. The previous mayor and some city council members would express their distaste for some businesses already located here. These same people wanted to decide which businesses could do business here. As a result, fewer businesses decided to locate here. Hence, we see the commercial success in Dublin.

As a veteran who takes elections very seriously, please join me in supporting David Miller for Pleasanton City Council.

Off-Road Vehicles Ken Clarke Wandering Wheelers Jeep Club

I am writing about the Alliance Aims to Change Plans for Tesla Park article in your April 5th edition. I find this article to be extremely poor journalism, the author did not even provide his or her name and there is very little effort to present both sides of this issue.

I find many misleading statements in this opinion passed off as a news story. To begin there is no Tesla Park, this is nothing more than a marketing ploy by Celeste Garamendi. The Tesla and Alameda properties are far from "Unspoiled." Tesla is the site of the first coal mine in California. That area was mined way before any environmental regulations were put into effect and environmental damage is evident all over the property. The Alameda property has a large canyon that was filled when the Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct was built. There are signs of human caused environmental damage everywhere you look. In the same paragraph it is stated "State-owned Tesla Site." While it is true that it is owned by the state, the properties were purchased with OHV Trust Fund money for OHV use, the purchase was approved by the State Legislators for OHV use. In another paragraph it says "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." In the paragraph before that it is stated "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." These two paragraphs contradict each other; the fact is the OHMVR is in the process of environmental review of the plan at this time.

Carnegie has been used by motorcycles since the 1940's and was purchased by the OHMVR Division in 1979, not 1998 as stated in your article; the majority of the damage was done way before the OHMVR Division became involved with the site. As for endangered and protected species, the same endangered and protected species exist on the Livermore Lab's Site 300 a Superfund Site across the street and on the Connolly Ranch (the husband of Celeste Garamendi) where they provide food, water, plus fencing for Tule Elk and then sell Elk hunts at \$10,000 a head in which they use pick-up trucks and ATV's to hunt the Elk on their ranch. I believe the animals get along just fine with the OHV use, this is evident by the diversity of wildlife on the Carnegie property.

East Bay Regional Parks has 112,000+ acres and 1,200 miles of trail that provide recreation of all forms except OHV, in comparison Carnegie is the only opportunity for OHV recreation in all of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. EBRPD was surprised at the Planning meeting by the number of OHV people that showed up and asked for OHV recreation opportunities, we were one of the 3 largest groups to

show up at the 6 meetings. OHV use is not going away and if young people do not have a place to use they will resort to illegal use, which no one wants.

Carnegie SVRA is working on a plan that will provide quality riding areas, preserve the historical and cultural features of the Tesla and Alameda properties, they plan on including everybody compared to the so call Friends of Tesla that want to spread hate, exclude, and discriminate against OHV users.

Experienced Leadership David Wright Pleasanton

Another Voter Supporting Kathy Narum:

Why Kathy? She has paid her dues to be on the Pleasanton City Council. With the Eastside Pleasanton Plan before the community, we need someone with Kathy Narum's judgment, experience and independent thinking--to ensure that that plan is topnotch. Her 5 years as a planning commissioner will be useful--but more important--is her Co-chair role and liaison to the East Pleasanton Task Force itself. She brings experience to the task force.

Because of her chairing of the "Heritage Tree Board of Appeals" and because of her five years on the "Parks and Recreation Commission," Kathy will introduce a thoughtful and informed vision for the Eastside Pleasanton Plan--where the chain of lakes, parks and open space, adequate infrastructure and the right mix of housing and commercial will inter-meld-- much to the benefit of all Pleasanton residents.

Also, she'll support family oriented sports and recreation facilities worthy of the quality of life we already enjoy in Pleasanton. She has a broad base of support and endorsements as residents recognize she is fair and independent.

Yes, I know Kathy! She cares about the quality of life in all of Pleasanton, and she is no slouch when it comes to championing what she believes is in the best interest of our wonderful community. For 16 years, she has done so.

A vote for Kathy Narum is a vote for experienced leadership in Pleasanton and a vote for "quality of life" and for the "community synergy" which we wish to continue-- in order to grow Pleasanton into the future.

Roads As Structures Cindy McGovern Pleasanton

Last week's Weekly article on "Pleasanton City Council holds off Measure PP vote" provided insight that city staff is recommending to the city council that a road or street not be deemed a structure. City staff originally supported a road being a structure but then changed their mind. The former city council once and the Planning Commission twice have voted 5-0 that a street is a structure.

Concern about roads on hillsides and ridgelines was a major reason Measure PP was written. Roads are referred to in both the Argument in Favor of PP and the Rebuttal to the Argument Against PP. In the Arguments in Favor it states, "They approved massive grading of hillsides, a mile long road spanning the top of many of our Southeast Hills." In the Rebuttal to Argument Against PP it states, "This council majority approved mega-mansions housing developments on ridgelines that move more than 70,000 truckloads of dirt to create roads and housing pads."

If three councilmembers deem roads are not structures they will essentially nullify Measure PP. Roads requiring drainage structures and retaining wall will again be built on 25% or greater slopes and within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline. Permanent scarring of our hillsides and ridgelines will occur. Please email your city council before the next hearing on April 16th.

Hillside Destruction Anne Fox Pleasanton

Roads are most often the most visible eyesore of ridgeland housing. Santos

Ranch Road is still visible throughout most of Pleasanton even though the "Hayward Hotel" is only visible from some Pleasanton neighborhoods. I signed the ballot arguments in favor of Pleasanton Measure PP that included words "massive grading of hillsides" and "a mile long road spanning the top of many of our Southeast Hills," co-wrote the hillside/ridgeline protection portion of Measure PP with a former planning commissioner, and drafted the text that became the first three lines of the hillside/ridgeline protection portion of Measure PP.

Roads have been considered a man-made structure since the Pleasanton Zoning Ordinance 520 was enacted on April 3, 1968 (and perhaps earlier) with the definition of "structure" adopted when Warren R. Harding was mayor. In the 1970s, Pleasanton citizens stepped up to protect Pleasanton's ridgelines and hillsides. "Restrict construction on terrain with slopes greater than 25%" says the Pleasanton General Plan adopted February 9, 1976. Several months earlier, Pleasanton's first hillside preservation ordinance adopted on July 14, 1975, with the primary author being city staff member Kenneth Scheidig, used the word "structure." Ordinance 763 states: "Streets, buildings, and other man-made structures [must be] designed and located to in such a manner to as to complement the natural terrain and landscape." Measure F, adopted in 1993 by the voters to save Pleasanton Ridge, also contains the word "structure" twice.

Roads are man-made structures, and roads on steep slopes also require retaining walls/structures, which are also man-made structures. In many Specific Plans, references to

retaining structures are made such as this one from the North Sycamore Specific Plan adopted on June 1992: "All grading plans, cut and fill slope design, compaction procedures, retaining structure designs shall be prepared by a licensed civil engineer and include the appropriate recommendations from the approved geotechnical report."

Measure PP, adopted by voters in November 2008, states housing units and structures shall not be placed on slopes of 25 percent or greater or within 100 feet of a ridgeline. Its only exemption is for housing developments of 10 or fewer housing units.

The city manager, in defiance of Measure PP provisions, wants authorization to construct highways, streets, and roads on terrain greater than 25% slope regardless of the size of the proposed housing subdivision. That way, roads for new subdivisions on hillside property can traverse environmentally sensitive ridgelines, creekbeds and unstable steep slopes, circumventing Measure PP.

The city council has already voted once that roads are structures. The planning commission has already voted twice that roads are structures. Furthermore, the provisions of Measure PP can be amended by a vote of the people only, not by the City Council. The city manager attempted to amend it last week during Spring Break without any election. To protect our scenic hills from development and to prevent a network of streets scarring environmentally sensitive ridgelines which could result in potentially hundreds of housing units in Pleasanton's most scenic hills and ridges, demand that your elected officials honor the voters' wishes, reaffirm

again that roads are indeed structures, and uphold Measure PP.

Pleasanton Roads Janet Winter Pleasanton

I can't believe these tactics are still happening. Although past General Plans had language that should have protected our hillsides, Pleasanton city staff constantly recommended, and city councils approved, hillside developments that should never have been contemplated. Finally, in 2008, our citizens took matters into their own hands by referending the Oak Grove development above Kottlinger Ranch with its mile-long road atop the ridge and collected enough signatures to put Measure PP on the ballot. Measure PP passed overwhelmingly, which should have protected our remaining hillsides because exceptions could only be approved by the voters.

Now the city staff, 4 years after its passage, is trying to manipulate Measure PP so roads can be built on slopes over 25%. They claim a road is not a "structure," so not covered by Measure PP. But a road is a structure, and the ballot arguments mentioned roads several times; both the Planning Commission and City Council have already unanimously determined that a road is a structure. If they succeed with their tactics, Measure PP ceases to exist and development will scar our hillsides.

Please write your councilmembers at citycouncil@ci.pleasanton.ca.gov before the 4/16 council meeting and tell them to support their voters, and the law we put in place, by stating a road is a "structure" and is covered by Measure PP.

Scoping Session Set for Recology Waste Disposal Plans

San Francisco plans to change where it delivers its waste. The current agreement with Waste Management takes the city's waste to the Altamont Landfill site in Livermore. The contract is anticipated to expire in 2015 based on the San Francisco's current diversion rates.

Changing where San Francisco waste is taken would mean that fees used to fund a variety of projects in the Valley would be substantially reduced. Waste taken to the Altamont Landfill generates a per ton fee, with a portion going to recycling education programs, another part to Livermore as the host community, and the remainder is set aside to purchase open space in the east county area. The host fee goes to the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to repay its Bankhead bonds. There would be an impact on fees available for future open space acquisition. If Recology moves the waste to Yuba County, over 40% of the Altamont fee would be lost.

A scoping meeting will be held in San Francisco to determine what should be studied in the environmental review for what is called the Recology Green Rail Project and amendments to Recology's conditional use permit and solid waste facility permit.

At the end of March,

Entrepreneurship Speaker Event about Building a Business

Las Positas College will present D-Unique Tools President and CEO Nanette Hunter at the third event in its new "Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker" Series from 5-6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17.

The program will be held in the Lecture Hall (Room 2420) of the College's Multi-Disciplinary Building.

At the April 17 event, Hunter will describe her journey to develop a business her father founded based on the Universal Square, an all-in-one carpentry layout tool invented by an extended family member. Because of Hunter's efforts in targeting and developing accounts, the Universal Square is now sold in hardware stores across the country and used by carpenters, professional builders and "do-it-yourselfers."

Yuba County Supervisors voted 3-1 to approve an agreement with San Francisco to complete the report for the Recology Green Rail Project to transfer trash to Yuba County via truck and train.

In November, Recology terminated its contract with San Francisco to allow the environmental review to be completed before a contract is awarded. That action was designed to head off litigation. Three lawsuits were filed - two demanded an environmental review and the other, from a rival trash hauler Waste Management, alleging an unfair bidding process. Recology is expected to seek a new agreement with San Francisco once the report is completed.

Yuba County Planning Department (Yuba County) in cooperation with the City and County of San Francisco will prepare the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA).

The proposed project site is to be located at 5900 Ostrom Road in Yuba County and travels through portions of three parcels totaling 723 acres owned by Recology in the southern portion of Yuba County.

If approved and constructed, the spur and Unloading Facility would be used to transport waste originating in San Francisco. The

project also proposes an amendment to the Recology Ostrom Road Landfill Conditional Use Permits to clarify the terms of the permit related to materials brought to the site for alternative daily cover (ADC), or "beneficial reuse."

The amendment would allow for the development of a rail spur from the existing rail line on South Beale Road in Yuba County onto the Yuba-Sutter Disposal, Inc. (YSDI) property. The spur is located on Beale Air Force Base; which has raised objections to its use. Under the plan, trains would bring lidded containers of material onto the site 3 to 5 times per week between the hours of 6:00 am and 7:00 pm. "Beneficial reuse," is a concept that states that some materials can be used as an amendment to on site soil and then used as daily landfill cover. Beneficial reuse materials would not count as incoming tonnage since it is not considered actual "waste."

The public scoping meeting on the Draft EIR/EA will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Room 431, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, San Francisco. Because the scope of the Project in Yuba County remains substantially unchanged since the previous Notice of Preparation (NOP) was issued, and in light of the scoping meetings held in Wheatland, CA on March 17, 2011 and Marysville, CA on May 16, 2012, an additional scoping meeting will not be held in Yuba County.

Comments on the scope and content of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment may be given at the scoping meeting or sent in writing to the Yuba County Planning Department, 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901. The comment period for this NOP will run from April 4, 2013 to May 3, 2013.

All comments must be in writing or electronic format and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2013. Comments submitted in response to the previous NOP will be considered in addition to any new comments submitted in response to this NOP. Additional information is available at www.co.yuba.ca.us/Departments/

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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.
The Independent Legal No. 3429. Published March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2013.

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
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2008.
Signature of Registrants :s/: James P. Vice / CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 8, 2013. Expires March 8, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3430. Published March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476269-70

The following person(s) doing business as: (1) Livermore Shakespeare Festival (2) Shakespeare in The Vineyards, 22 South L Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shakespeare Associates, Inc., 22 South L Street, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 16, 2006.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Elizabeth E. Trutner, Chairperson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 19, 2013. Expires March 19, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3431. Published March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476121

The following person(s) doing business as: The Cuttery, 20405 Santa Maria Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christina G. Wheeler, 1240 Marigold Road, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on April 1, 2008.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Christina G. Wheeler, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 14, 2013. Expires March 14, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3432. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476643

The following person(s) doing business as: L & K Realty Group, 5994 W. Las Positas Blvd, Ste 101, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Lorraine Ann Davis, 319 Yosemite Dr, Livermore, CA 94551 (2) Kimberly Jan Lamb, 5487 Wildflower Dr, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by a General partnership
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/27/2013.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Lorraine Davis, General Partner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 27, 2013. Expires March 27, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3433. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476517

The following person(s) doing business as: Tyler Minser Authorized Distributor of Matco Tools, 756 Lido Drive, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tyler M. Minser, 756 Lido Drive, 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/: Tyler Minser
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 25, 2013. Expires March 25, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3434. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476595

The following person(s) doing business as: Divine Spiritual Gifts, 186 South K Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Divine Spiritual Healing, Inc, 186 South K Street, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Kay French, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 26, 2013. Expires March 26, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3435. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476652

The following person(s) doing business as: Home Vendors On Line.com, 4369 Talle Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emine A. Brown, 4369 Talle Way, Dublin, CA 94568
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 1, 2013.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Emine A. Brown
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 27, 2013. Expires March 27, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3436. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476710

The following person(s) doing business as: Thai Fusion Twisted American Classics, 2256 Las Positas Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lanna Thai Cuisine, Inc., 2270 Las Positas Rd., Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Prakin Chaipan-Gamble (CEO)
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 29, 2013. Expires March 29, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3437. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476488-89

The following person(s) doing business as: (1) B'eco (2) B'eco Too, 830 Keystone Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Judy Tweten, 830 Keystone Way, 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 May 1, 2013.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Judy Tweten
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2013. Expires March 22, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3438. Published April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted in the office of the GSA-Purchasing Department, County of Alameda, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Suite 907, Oakland, CA 94612
NETWORKING BIDDERS CONFERENCES FOR RFQ #901103 Chip Seal Program - Oil North County - Monday, April 15, 2013 at 2:00 PM, General Services Agency, Room 1107, 11th Floor, 1401 Lakeside Dr., Oakland, CA and South County - Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Fremont Public Library, Fukaya Room A, 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, CA
Responses Due by 2:00 pm on May 15, 2013 County Contact: Nicholas Roberts at (510) 208-9616 or via email: nicholas.roberts@acgov.org
Attendance at Networking Conference is Non-mandatory. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org.
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THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3439

NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted at the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board, 24100 Amador Street, 6th Floor, Room 610C, Hayward, CA 94544-1203
NON-MANDATORY NETWORKING BIDDERS CONFERENCES FOR RFP ACWIB CVPER 2012 CONTRACTING VENDOR PAY AGENT & EMPLOYER OF RECORD SERVICES
Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM, Alameda County Workforce Investment Board, Shooting Star Rooms A & B, 24100 Amador Street, 6th Floor, Hayward, CA
Response Due by 2:00 pm on May 6, 2013
County Contact: Jennifer Mitchell at (510) 259-3829 or via email: jennifer.mitchell@acgov.org
Attendance at Networking Bidders Conference is not required. The RFP is available via the GSA website— www.acgov.org under Current Contracting Opportunities
4/11/13
CNS-2467538#
THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3440

NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted at the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board, 24100 Amador Street, 6th Floor, Hayward, CA
Response Due by 2:00 pm on May 6, 2013
County Contact: Jennifer Mitchell at (510) 259-3829 or via email: jennifer.mitchell@acgov.org
Attendance at Networking Bidders Conference is not required. The RFP is available via the GSA website— www.acgov.org under Current Contracting Opportunities
4/11/13
CNS-2467538#
THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3440

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476427

The following person(s) doing business as: Bottom Line Medical Billing & Collections, 1610 Bluebell Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Rose Voltz (2) Bruce Voltz, 1610 Bluebell Dr, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/11/2013.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Rose Voltz
:s/: Bruce Voltz
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2013. Expires March 22, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3441. Published April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2013.

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NO. HG12622380

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDO): TONINA M DOBBS AKA TONINA DOBBS
DOES 1 TO 10, Inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): CAVALRY SPV I, LLC

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in a proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a non-profit legal services program. You can locate these non-profit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.
NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

THE LAW OFFICES OF Winn Law Group, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
THE CHAPMAN BUILDING
110 E. WILSHIRE AVE
STE 212 FULLERTON, CA 92832
FILE NO: 11-19057-0-BAC-DPC (1910-00) (714)446-6686

DATE: (Fecha): MARCH 20, 2012
s/: PAT SWEETEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICE/CLERK
s/: Clerk, by (Secretario) Blake Kreeft, Deputy (Adjunto)

The Independent Legal No. 3442. Published April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2013.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tien 30 DIAS DE CAL- ENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Sino conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto

con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Porley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, ALAMEDA COUNTY, HAYWARD 24405 AMADOR ST, RM 108 HAYWARD, CA 94544

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

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STE 212 FULLERTON, CA 92832
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DATE: (Fecha): MARCH 20, 2012
s/: PAT SWEETEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICE/CLERK
s/: Clerk, by (Secretario) Blake Kreeft, Deputy (Adjunto)

The Independent Legal No. 3442. Published April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 476889

The following person(s) doing business as: CAS Inter-Global, 4419 Foxford Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CAS Pacific Investment LLC, 4419 Foxford Way, Dublin, CA 94568
This business is conducted by a Limited liability company
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/28/2013.
Signature of Registrants :s/: Hongxia Xiao, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 4, 2013. Expires April 4, 2018.
The Independent Legal No. 3443. Published April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2013.

ANIMALS

2) CATS/ DOGS
ADOPT A DOG OR CAT, for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at (925)426-8656.

Adopt a new best friend: TVAR, the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, offers animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, dogs are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at W. Angela and First Streets. Two locations will showcase cats only: Petsmart in Dublin from 12:00 to 4:00 and the Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. On Sundays, cats are available at Petsmart in Dublin from 1:00 to 4:00, and Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. For more information, call Terry at (925) 487-7279 or visit our website at www.tvvar.org

The Independent Legal No. 3442. Published April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2013.

FERAL CAT FOUNDATION

Cat & kitten adoptions now at the new Livermore Petco on Saturdays from 10:00AM to 2:30PM. We have many adorable, tame kittens that have been tested for FIV & FELV, altered & vaccinated. We also have adult cats & ranch cats for adoption.

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Pleasanton Hosts Free Community Recycling Day

The City of Pleasanton will host its annual free Community Recycling and E-Waste Collection on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the City's Operations Service Center at 3333 Busch Road in Pleasanton. The public may drop off items between 8:00 a.m. and noon. The event is free to Pleasanton residents.

Among the items that will be accepted for recycling are computer components, digital cameras, power cables, toner cartridges, video game systems, MP3 players, keyboards, DVD, and other electronic items, fluorescent light bulbs, and CFL bulbs and tubes. Incandescent lights will not be accepted. All household batteries sizes A to D, 6V, 9V and button batteries will be accepted.

The event also includes



Pleasanton residents can recycle their obsolete computer components at the Free Community Recycling Day scheduled on Saturday, April 13 at 3333 Busch Road. Photo by Dino Vournas.

the collection of reusable shoes, clothing, bedding, linens and textiles. Shepherd's Gate will be on site to accept donations of household items such as dishes, pots/pans, small hand held kitchen appliances, and gently used children's items.

In addition, paper will be shredded and recycled. This service is for Pleasanton residents only and is

not available to businesses. Participants are encouraged to bring their paper in a box for easy handling.

Unused or expired pharmaceutical drugs will be collected at the same location. All prescription and over-the-counter drugs for humans and pets will be accepted from Pleasanton residents. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted.

Since 2008, the City of Pleasanton's drop-off events have resulted in the collection of approximately 3,000 pounds of medications that otherwise might have been disposed into the sewer system or been diverted to the landfill. Drugs should not be disposed of in the toilet or sink because they contain chemicals, traces of which can pass through wastewater treatment to the San Francisco Bay where

they may harm fish and other aquatic life.

For more information, please call (925) 931-5506.

Among the items that will not be accepted are mattresses, furniture, smoke detectors, and appliances.

MARKET

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signed to give families an opportunity to spend more time together, this night will feature games and activities for the kids, including face painting, Crackers the Clown, crafts, and a host of fun and interesting shows and exhibits. The Valley Children's Mobile Museum will also be open each week, offering fun activities in addition to their "Traveling Missions" exhibit.

For more information about the Dublin Farmers' Market, including the "Dublin Idol" competition, please visit the City of Dublin website at www.dublin.ca.gov/farmersmarket. Businesses interested in sponsoring the Market can contact Shari Jackman at (925) 556-4555.

For more information about the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association, please visit www.pcfma.com

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Fresh Works III: 3rd Annual Juried Exhibit Opens at Harrington Gallery

Fresh Works, the annual spring open exhibit coordinated by the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, opens Wednesday, April 24.

Adjudicated by art curator Elizabeth Kathleen Mitchell of Stanford University, the exhibit this year features works in a variety of media from 73 different artists, both established names and newly emerging talents. The exhibit will be on display through

Saturday, May 25. The free opening reception, which includes the awards ceremony, will be held Saturday, April 27, from 1-3 p.m.

Included in the festivities is presentation of a special \$500 award endowed by Pleasanton residents and art patrons Gary and Nancy Harrington. The public is welcome to enjoy refreshments and meet with the artists who will be in attendance.

The title "Fresh Works" was the result of Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan's desire to have artists submit work that was fresh and new, rather than something that has made the circuit of exhibits in the local art scene. "The theme also suggests something new, daring, different, hot-off-the-press, paint still drying, figuratively of course," says Finegan. "It could also be an opportunity for an entrant to submit something that is the inspiration piece for a new series of paintings or sculptures." She went on to explain that the impetus for establishing the now annual exhibit was to offer local artists the experience of a professionally juried exhibit, as well as the opportunity to come together with artists, both established and emerging, living outside the Tri-Valley.

The exhibit juror this year is Elizabeth Kathleen Mitchell, the Burton and Deedee McMurtry Curator

of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs for the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University. She stated, "Pleasanton clearly fosters . . . enthusiasm for art, and (that) the area hosts a concentration of accomplished and visionary artists."

The following is a random sampling of four artists whose work is included in the exhibit:

Farshid Namei is the recipient of local, national, and international awards for her oil and acrylic works, having come to her "dream career" of a full-time painter after training in engineering in Iran, then coming to the United States, earning her MBA and working a rewarding career in finance. She says, "I had always known in my heart that someday I would be financially secure enough to pursue my dream," which happened in 2002 when she was able to leave her corporate office for a life of painting.

Zoya Scholis says her

family's poverty through her childhood was both difficult and a gift, having given her an adolescence without a TV, radio or record player, and therefore forced her to draw to entertain herself. She went on to study early childhood development and painting "in order to keep that part of myself alive," earning a BA in Studio Arts and eventually leading workshops on "Art for Personal Growth."

Martin Lasack comes to his craft by way of a BS in Scientific Illustration from CSU Hayward. He has exhibited work in such institutions as SFMOMA and the Oakland Museum. Self-describing his work as "Painterly Realism," his most common medium is oil paints on canvas or board, with a penchant for natural subjects, particularly birds.

Yao-pi Hsu came to photography as a result of a pivotal return to China after 30 years immersed

in bioscience "as a researcher with test tubes and centrifuges" at Stanford. She says she now travels the globe for her art, and "pay(s) more attention to lights, shadows, colors, textures and small details."

The City of Pleasanton's Young @ Art program has a session scheduled in conjunction with this spring's exhibit. The class for youth ages 5-11 is titled "Mix Your Medium," and takes place on Thursday, May 2, from 4:30-5:45 p.m. For more information and to register, visit www.pleasantonfun.org.

The Harrington Gallery is located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, Calif. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12-5pm, Saturday 11am-3pm, and also one hour before most performances and during intermissions. Admission for this exhibit is free. Donations are accepted.



"Inner Peace" by Paul Fitisoff



"Number Twenty-Three" by Iretta Hunter



"Rusty" by Leslie Ruth

Paris Combo Brings an Enchanting Evening of French Glamour and Song to Livermore

Each season LVPAC Presents introduces Bankhead Theater audiences to a range of artists from around the globe. One of the last events in the World Music series this season is the multicultural sound of jazz quintet Paris Combo who will appear for one performance only on Wednesday evening April 24, 2013.

With their fusion of French pop music, cabaret, gypsy, Latino, North African and Middle Eastern rhythms, Paris Combo has established a style that JazzTimes called “thoroughly enchanting and universally appealing.”

Although Paris Combo is French-based, their music reflects the influences and backgrounds of the five members of the band. The vocals of

chanteuse Belle du Berry are backed by Australian David Lewis on piano and trumpet, Django-influenced guitarist Potzi, bassist Emmanuel Chabbey, and drummer François Jeannin. The group began when du Berry, Potzi and Jeannin first performed together in the mid-1990s in the historic Belleville district of Paris. After collaborating on the closing ceremony of the Albertville Winter Olympic Games, they went on to form Paris Combo a few years later, honing their cosmopolitan style playing café gigs along the Seine River. Their swing-based world music found a broad audience and they released four albums featuring an eclectic mix of sultry ballads to vibrant dance numbers. After their album “Motifs” in

2004 they took a break from touring but returned, renewed and refreshed, to make an exclusive appearance in 2011 at the Hollywood Bowl and begin work on another album.

Paris Combo’s just released fifth album, appropriately named “5,” brings touches of cabaret, jazz, multicultural world music and alternative pop sounds to explore the many shades of love.

During the 2012-2013 season, the LVPAC Presents World Music series has introduced local audiences to a range of performances from Chinese circus acrobats and drummers from Burundi to Hawaiian and Afro-Cuban music and both traditional and contemporary forms of Flamenco. This summer, LVPAC Presents will



Paris Combo Jazz Quintet

welcome the engaging Mediterranean style music of Canadian guitar master Pavlo on June 28, 2013. Pavlo’s style, rooted in his Greek heritage and blended with touches of flamenco

and Latin rhythms, will ignite audiences in an unforgettable evening of music.

Tickets to see Paris Combo, Pavlo and remaining shows in the 2012-2013

LVPAC Presents season are available at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street Livermore. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

Rock and Roll It at The Hop for the Museum on Main

Whether you’re a wall flower or you love to bunny hop join Museum on Main for a stroll down memory lane at the first annual Dance of the Decade fundraiser, a 1950s “Sock Hop.” The CoolTones Big Band will play live music on Saturday, April 27th from 7pm to 11pm at the Veteran’s Memorial Hall, 301 Main Street in Pleasanton.

“This is the first Dance of the Decades event by Museum on Main,” says Jim DeMersman, the museum’s executive director. “Pleasanton has

a long history of social events through the ages. We plan to visit a different decade and style of music each year. For instance we could do a 1920s inspired speakeasy or even a 1970s disco. There are so many fun eras to celebrate.”

Sock Hop guests will dance and listen to music from the 1950s, take part in fun games, contests, and photo ops in a 50s vintage automobile. Costumes are encouraged.

Tickets to the event are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. Guests must be over 21 years of

age to join the event where party goers may purchase wine, beer, and soft drinks at the no-host bar and snacks will be served up for a small fee.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum’s web site at www.museumonmain.org or call (925)462.2766.



Photo is of the Amador Valley High School Junior Prom, 1959

“It’s Magic!” America’s Longest Running All Star Magic Revue Comes to the Bankhead

Called “a must for magic buffs of all ages” by The Los Angeles Times, “It’s Magic!” will deliver an all new show of magic, mystery and illusion when it returns to the Bankhead Theater in April.

This full-length afternoon performance designed to appeal to the whole family is a showcase of magical arts that incorporates comedy, sleight of hand, and spectacular stage illusions. These award-winning magicians have all been featured at the exclusive Hollywood club, The Magic Castle, as well as in shows around the world. Making its third return to the Bankhead Theater, “It’s Magic!” will appear in a single performance on Sunday afternoon, April 21, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Developed in Los Angeles in the mid-1950s, the original “It’s Magic!” variety show sparked interest in the magical arts and ran for nearly 30 years. Co-founder Milt Larsen also opened The Magic Castle for magicians and magic enthusiasts, which eventually became his primary focus. In the mid-1990s, a renewed interest in family-friendly magic shows led to a collaboration between Larsen and producer Terry Hill to recreate an all new “It’s Magic!” show. After opening in Southern California, the show quickly expanded to venues around the country. Featuring an ever-changing roster of world-class masters in the magical arts, each year the show offers audiences of all ages the opportunity to experience the wonder and suspense of the very best in magic and illusion.

The 2013 “It’s Magic!” show will feature a variety of performers in a fun-filled, two-hour live stage show:



Juliana Chen

- David Zirbel at age 13 was the youngest magician ever invited to join the International Guild of Prestidigitators and he was soon touring and winning awards worldwide. His visually stunning performances deliver a combination of comedy, theater, dance, mystery and illusion.

- The award-winning team of Victor and Diamond never fail to entertain with their flawlessly-orchestrated illusions. With coordinated movements that are perfectly paired with seductive background music, their act has mesmerized audiences in hundreds of shows around the world.

- With his incomparable talents, Bruce Block brings a unique combination of comedy, juggling, magic and vaudeville to the stage. A regular on Holland America cruises, he has appeared on “The Tonight Show” and Comedy Central, and his show at the Sahara Hotel and

Casino was named “Best of Las Vegas.”

- Garry and Mihaela Carlson are international acclaimed entertainers who bring a modern approach to the age old art of stage trickery. With charm and imagination, these talented partners take audiences on an unforgettable theatrical journey of the imagination with unique and breathtaking grand illusions.

- Dan Raspyni’s unique twist on the centuries-old art of juggling and his clever one-of-a-kind stunts have earned him two Guinness Book world records and the title “Juggling Genius.” With impeccable comic timing and remarkable feats of coordination, he has entertained audiences in venues from nightclubs to the White House for 30 years.

- A talent for magic and illusion has taken Juliana Chen from her native China to Canada and back. Trained as an acrobat, she discovered magic while recovering from

an injury and went on to win the 1997 Magic World Championship, the highest distinction for any magician. Her skills have left audiences spellbound in shows around the world.

“It’s Magic!” is just one of several LVPAC Presents shows specifically selected to engage the imaginations of young people and their families. Coming in June, the young Quebe Sisters return with their championship fiddle playing and vintage three-part vocal harmonies to open the 95th Annual Livermore Rodeo weekend. The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center offers \$14 student tickets to virtually every LVPAC Presents event.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit www.bankheadtheater.org.

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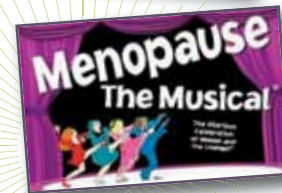
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Pleasanton Vegan Wins 'Iron Chef' Competition

By Ron McNicoll

For Lisa Books-Williams, the competition was just as tension-filled as any Iron Chef contest that is seen on television.

Books-Williams, a Pleasanton resident, was in the middle of a three-way competition to find the best chef in the first "Vegan Iron Chef San Francisco" competition March 21.

All were nominated by Bay Area vegetarian groups. The contest in the kitchen of a San Francisco church had no connection to the Iron Chef TV shows. As with those shows, Iron Chef referred to the person who survives the rigorous challenge.

Although Books-Williams had her own cheering section of friends and people who have taken food classes from her, some people told her that she didn't have a chance.

For one thing, Books-Williams was preparing all

raw-food dishes, against two chefs who cooked their food. "I could have cooked, but organizers asked me to go up against that," she said.

Another element that provided stiff competition was the status of Books-Williams' competitors. They both work at the top of the staff at two prestigious vegetarian restaurants in the Bay Area. "I was competing against the heavy hitters. I felt like Seabiscuit," said Books-Williams, referring to the 1930s racehorse that became a symbol of overcoming great odds.

"Seabiscuit" won this one. Four judges, all from the vegan food industry, gave her three dishes high marks. The associate publisher of a vegan magazine media group "said my food was genius," said Books-Williams.

Although presenting raw foods might sound like



Lisa Books-Williams

"slice the vegetables and serve," it is much more complicated. Instead of

cooking the food, a vegan chef processes it. Books-Williams used a

dehydrating appliance to make won-ton wrappers out of coconut, carrots and salt. The dehydration process also warms the food.

She used a blender to make a soup base, and fillings for the foods. On Iron Chef TV, the flaming frying pans and smoking barbecue grates look dramatic, but Books-Williams has an answer for that. She said that her food preparation "was spectacular. People were watching me opening coconuts."

Where does the Bay Area Vegan Iron Chef winner go next? In 2011, a contest billed as a national competition was held in Portland, sponsored by a vegan society there. It has not been held since. Books-Williams said she would love to carry the vegan message to a national competition, almost anywhere in the United States, if people organize one.

Books-Williams became

a vegetarian in 2005, and migrated to the vegan diet a few years later. Vegans don't eat milk or egg products, in addition to rejecting meat and fish, as all vegetarians do.

She credits her loss of 100 pounds to the switch to a vegetarian diet and the elimination of sugar and flour.

Books-Williams teaches private classes in vegetarian and vegan food preparation, in both raw and cooked foods. She also helps give a class in plant-based nutrition at Redwood City Kaiser for people recovering from medical conditions, such as diabetes. She teaches in conjunction with a doctor, who talks about the medical aspects of better health.

People can sign up for her private classes via e-mail at lisa@thriveholistic.com or at 925-989-1811.

Activities Designed to Celebrate 'Pride Week' in Dublin

The City of Dublin's "Dublin Pride Week" event will take place from Saturday, April 27th through Saturday, May 4th. The City is seeking volunteers to assist with several activities planned for this year's event.

"Dublin Pride Week" is an annual program that seeks to demonstrate ways in which individuals or groups can act to improve the community and to work to improve the world through environmental awareness and volunteerism. This year's theme is, "Our Hands, Our Future."

In 2012, approximately 500 volunteers assisted on projects throughout the community, ranging from helping seniors with household maintenance and yard work,

to elementary and middle school beautification projects, including painting and landscape work. Additionally, volunteers participated in a number of clean-up projects around the City.

"Dublin Pride Week has become a wonderful tradition in our community, where the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well," said Mayor Tim Sbranti. "Residents joining together to make our city a better place truly defines the pride and love that they have for our community."

The program encourages youth participation and hosts an annual poster contest to engage youth in the event. This year's Dublin Pride Week posters will feature

the artwork of Racheal Ko, who was an 8th grader at Wells Middle School last year when she submitted her "Dublin Pride" painting. Additionally, several faith-based groups and service organizations will assist in providing volunteers and support for the event.

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

The following events and activities will be occurring this year throughout Pride Week:

- "Volunteer Day" – Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. – to 12:00 noon. Volunteers are needed to help with

Senior Assistance, School Beautification, Parks Beautification and Creek Cleanup projects. Volunteers will be invited to a BBQ at the Heritage Park following all volunteer activities from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Docent led tours of the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums will also be offered. All volunteers will receive a free reusable bag.

- Food Drive during Volunteer Day on Saturday, April 27, and throughout the week, at grocery stores in Dublin.

- Free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and Compost Give-Away Day, Saturday, May 4th.

- Dublin Pride Poster and Essay Contest for students,

grades K-12. Prizes include gift certificates and City Council recognition.

- Family Bicycle Workshop, Saturday, May 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Frederiksen Elementary School.

- "Bag It" Movie – Free showing of this year's thought-provoking documentary. Americans use 60,000 throw-away plastic bags every five minutes. But where is "away?" Where do the bags and other plastics end up, and at what cost to the environment, marine life, and human health? The movie runs 65 minutes and space is first-come, first-served. Showings will take place on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dublin

Civic Center Regional Meeting Room, and Saturday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Stay afterwards for a conversation.

- Prescription Drug Collection Event - Dublin Police Services will be participating with the Drug Enforcement Administration in this year's national prescription drug "Take-Back Initiative." Dublin Police Officers will be collecting expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction. The free and anonymous collection event will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Center parking lot at 100 Civic Plaza.

Dispatchers to Be Recognized During Public Safety Telecommunications Week

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week will be celebrated on April 14 – 20, 2013.

National Telecommunicators Week honors the first link in the chain of emergency police, fire and medical responses.

The Livermore Police Department will honor its 18 Public Safety Dispatchers at the Alameda County Public Safety Dispatcher Banquet in Oakland, on April 20, 2013.

This year's recipient of the Dispatcher of the Year award will be given to PSD Raquel Derting. Raquel has been a Public Safety Dispatcher with the Livermore Police Department for five years and previously with Union City Police for 9 years. She was recognized by her peers for her professionalism, customer service skills and dispatching abilities. Raquel recalls her most prideful moment as a dispatcher when she handled

a 9-1-1 call from a young girl reporting that her father just shot her aunt and uncle right in front of her. "This was a very difficult call for both the girl and myself but in the end I felt complete gratification knowing I was able to calm the young girl, gain her trust, resulting in the successful apprehension of the suspect." Raquel said.

Agencies across the nation are thanking and honoring their 9-1-1 call-takers and dispatchers for dedicating time and energy to serving their communities. These public safety professionals are there for the American public when needed most. They answer 9-1-1 calls and ensure that callers receive professional and timely assistance and quickly get the help they need. At the Livermore Police Department they are known officially as Public Safety Dispatchers. Telecommunicators Week began

in California in 1981, and quickly grew to national recognition. In 1990, Congress designated the second full week of each April as a time to remember the critical role that dispatchers play in keeping us all safe.

The job of a Public Safety Dispatcher has evolved considerably over the last half-century. The early days where an officer or clerk might have simply answered the phone, relayed calls over a console radio, and kept a paper log have given way to a highly technical, multi-tasking environment that requires dispatchers to undergo extensive training and develop a strong skill set. Dispatchers are expected to handle whatever calls for help come in, whenever they come in. They do this while providing simultaneous radio exchanges with field units and tracking everything using multiple computer systems.

'She Loves Me' Opens This Friday at the Firehouse

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre presents *She Loves Me* with Music by Jerry Bock, Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and Book by Joe Masteroff.

The show will run from April 12, 2013 through April 28, 2013: Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. All performances will take place at Firehouse Arts Center, located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton.

The show is directed and choreographed by Broadway veteran Lois Grandi. Pleasanton resident, Lauren Bratton-Kearns, back from New York will be a featured dancer in the show. Bratton-Kearns was last seen in PCRT's opening season production of Disney favor-

ite *Beauty and the Beast*. Bratton-Kearns (featured dancer) grew up in Pleasanton and attended Contra Costa Ballet Centre for eight years. She graduated in dance from UC Irvine, studied at Alvin Ailey in New York City for two years, and has since performed

with several New York City dance companies where she currently lives.

Tickets are \$19-\$35 each, and are available at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or online at www.pcrtproductions.org or www.firehousearts.org



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April's Art Happens Celebrates National Poetry Month

To celebrate National Poetry Month, many of the participants in the April 11th Art Happens in downtown Livermore focus on the written word.

Art Happens takes place on the second Thursday each month in downtown Livermore from 6 to 8 p.m.

Set for the evening are events such as a poetry slam at Panama Red Coffee Company, an invitation to play "block party boggle," get "Written" body painting and check out "Written Urban Art" at the Downtown Art Studios. Bring a guitar and some basic guitar knowledge (recommends 1 year+ playing experience) to ABC Music Source for "Sing-



ing and Songwriting with Steve Kritzer."

Also occurring that evening are events such as "Spring has Sprung," an outdoor exhibit at Artistic Edge at Blacksmith Square; a demo and talk about photo processes from the artists in Figurehead Gallery's current exhibit, "Different Paths, Alternate Photographic Expres-

sions;" Panama Red's artist exhibition showcasing the photography of Brent McGarvey, a senior at Granada High School; "Brushstrokes & Wine Notes" at Winemaker's Pour House, offering the

chance to create art while winetasting (for a separate fee); and Sanctuary Ultra Lounge exhibits local art and winds up the night with Karaoke.

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Artist Rondall Reynoso will present a special program. Pictured at right is one of his paintings.



Special Speaker Slated at Art Show at Trinity Church

Artist Rondall Reynoso will be the guest speaker at Trinity's 5th annual Christ Centered Art Show April 20 and 21.

Reynoso's formal abstraction deals heavily with metaphors, both sociological and spiritual, including the exploration of the boundaries between 2-D and 3-D as a metaphor for the relationship of the corporeal and the spiritual. His main lecture on April 20 is entitled "Art and Scripture." This lecture looks at the approach scripture takes to art, including unexpected arts such as abstraction and performance art, and puts forth the rudimentary theology of art.

Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore, www.trinitylivermore.org, is again hosting the annual Christ Centered Art Show. This year's show theme is "Creation" from Genesis chapter 1 and Colossians 1:15-20. To date, 32 Tri-

Valley artists have registered to display various works of art on the "Creation" theme in the show gallery. The gallery and the show's planned events are open to the public and will be held in Trinity's worship center. The show gallery is open Saturday, April 20 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The Christ Centered Art Show features two main events: "The Art of Creation" on Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m. and "Creating Art – Come & Play" on Sunday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. "The Art of Creation" will feature music by Mark Stoebe's band True North, an original mini film on "Creation" by Granada High School graduate Paul Dane, the Skit Guys video drama on "Adam & Eve," and the lecture by Rondall Reynoso. "Creating Art – Come & Play" is designed for all ages to come and create art. No experience

is needed; just come and have fun with dove designs, collaborative canvas art, cake pops, bright and colorful collage, sculpture, MUD, modern art, and prophetic painting.

Rondall Reynoso studied art and art history at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY where he received his M.F.A. in painting and a Masters in art history. Currently he is in the PhD program in Art & Religion, with a focus on art history, at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA. His work has been exhibited in over fifty solo and group exhibitions nationally. In 2008, Reynoso was one of seven North American artists selected by the Nagel Institute to take part in a cross cultural seminar in Indonesia from which an international traveling exhibition has emerged. Rondall currently lives in the North San Francisco Bay with his wife, Pamela, and their five children.

Quilts of Valor Featured at 'Quilts from the Heart' Show in Pleasanton

What do local high school students, veterans and quilters have in common? All of them share a desire to comfort wounded veterans through their sewing of quilts—but not just any quilts—these are Quilts of Valor, quilts given to honor veterans who have been wounded in service to our country.

Beautiful patriotic-themed quilts are sewn by "rookies," people unfamiliar with quilting and sometimes a sewing machine itself, thanks to the side-by-side assistance of seasoned quilters from the Amador Valley Quilters guild in Pleasanton. More than 25 "rookie" quilts and 40 Quilts of Valor by guild members will be on display at the guild's show "Quilts from the Heart" on April 20 and 21 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Livermore's Alex Anderson is the featured artist. There will also be more than 300 additional quilts shown as well as demonstrations, vendors, raffle baskets, door prizes, and activities for visitors. There will be a drawing for the opportunity quilt, "Ruby's Fruit Baskets Redux."



Quilt of Valor (top) and opportunity quilt (lower photo).



Amador Valley Quilters and Quilts of Valor-East Bay have partnered to sponsor the "Rookie Quilt Project," which introduces community members to the art of quilting and to make Quilts of Valor for Northern California veterans. Through two local Pleasanton high schools and community work parties, a number of quilts and presentation bags have been

made. During the show, visitors will have the opportunity to make a block for a Quilt of Valor. The quilts in this special exhibit will be donated to Quilts of Valor-East Bay.

Alex Anderson is a well-known artist in the quilting community. She served as the host for HGTV's "Simply Quilts" for 11 years and is a founding partner of "The Quilt Show," a full-service interactive online video/web TV for quilters, and "Quilt Life" magazine. She was chosen as the 2008 Silver Star Award winner given by the International Quilt Festival to an individual "whose work and influence has made – and continues to make – a sizable and positive impact on the quilting industry and community."

"Quilts from the Heart" show hours are Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. in the Young California Building on the fairgrounds. Admission is \$10, children under 12 are admitted free, and parking is free when mentioning "quilt show" to the parking attendant.

Eight Elements Every Writer Website Must Have

Linda Lee will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch on Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton.

Linda Lee will discuss the key components of a website including social media badges, a sales page for your book, sample book content, Media and Press kit, and more.

Lee is an experienced speaker and trainer. She is a recognized expert in

WordPress and Social Media and runs a web design business helping organizations and authors build and run their websites. She is the founder of Smart Women Stupid Computers, WordPress Bootcamp and Askmepe-Webdesign. Find out more about Linda at <http://askmepe-webdesign.com>.

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. The meeting is Saturday, April 20, 2:00-4:00 pm (regis-

tration at 1:30). The cost for CWC Members is \$10, nonmembers, \$15. Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations requested by contacting Deborah Bernal at reservations@trivalleywriters.org no later than Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

For more information about California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch contact Paula Chinick at president@trivalleywriters.org or visit www.trivalleywriters.org.



Amateur and experienced musicians enjoyed playing and singing together at the ukulele circle at Galina's Music Studio.

Galina's Music Studio Starts Ukulele Circle

By Patricia Koning

Galina's Music Studio brought together a small group of ukulele enthusiasts on Sat., March 30 for the studio's first ever ukulele circle. Led by professional guitarist Stuart Frazier, the group included both experienced and beginning ukulele players, several of whom became interested in the instrument after spending time in Hawaii.

"Ukulele is an easy instrument to learn, especially for young children because it only has four strings," explains Galina Corkery, owner of Galina's Music Studio. "It's also an instrument that is very enjoyable to play in a group, even with different ages and levels of experience."

Stuart started out the event by defining a ukulele circle – a place where fellow ukulele players gather to share and play music together. The group first learned chords for "Under the Boardwalk," a hit song for the Drifters in 1964, and were playing and singing the song within 10 minutes. The group then moved onto "Super-

califragilisticexpialidocious" from the musical and movie *Mary Poppins*. While learning and playing these songs, the group also exchanged information and experience about chords and strumming techniques.

The first meeting of the ukulele circle went so well that Galina is planning to hold meetings twice a month, instead of once monthly as she originally planned. The group will meet on the 2nd and last Saturday of the month from noon to 1 pm.

"Anyone is welcome to come, even if it is your first time playing the ukulele," says Galina. "Playing with a group is fun, and you also learn a lot from the other players."

Stuart has played in a number of groups including his current quintet, Blind Dog, who have been together for 19 years. He is an accomplished solo folk and fingerstyle guitarist and has opened concerts for Murial Andersen, Michael Chapdelaine, and Todd Hallawell. Stuart was a finalist in the 2009 Livermore Talent Show at the Bankhead Theater.

Galina is also hoping to continue building her children's choir program for ages 7 to 17. The children's choir performed at the studio's winter recital and may perform at the upcoming spring recital. This month, Galina's is holding recording sessions for choir members to create music CDs for Mother's Day gifts. For more information and audition times, visit www.galinasmusicstudio.com and choose "Children's Choir."

She hopes to have the children's choir perform with the ukulele circle one day. "I'd also like to take a trip to the beach with the ukulele circle," says Galina.

The next meetings for the ukulele circle will be on Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, April 27 from noon to 1 pm at Galina's Music Studio, 2222 Second Street, Suite 2 in downtown Livermore. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of the meeting and ukuleles are available for purchase. To reserve a spot, visit www.GalinasMusicStudio.com or call (925) 960-1194.

Autism speaks: Are we listening?

April is Autism Awareness Month, celebrated around the nation. This column, adapted from a talk given a year ago at Livermore's First Presbyterian Church, represents the views of the mother of a child with autism. Annette Musso has created a nonprofit foundation called CAST, for Creative Autism Solutions Team, to help children with autism and their families succeed in life. She can be contacted at 925-784-1537.

By Annette Musso

When Matteo was diagnosed with autism 5 years ago, I'd have never guessed that I'd feel blessed to stand in front of you today talking about him and his condition. When a parent walks out of the doctor's office after hearing that her beautiful child has autism, when she is loaded down with 5 pounds of therapy and support group brochures, it's hardly grounds for celebration.

Well, friends, with five years of experience and hard work and by the grace of God, I'm doing just that -- standing in front of you embracing my son and his autism as a precious gift.

As many of you know, people are sometimes upset by the behavior of children with autism. That's not hard to understand: they may not communicate with words, they may make odd sounds at inappropriate times, they may not eat the food put in front of them or they may live in their own private worlds rather than participate in the things going on around them.

The Centers for Disease Control has released new statistics regarding the rate of autism. As of this month, 1 in 50 children in the USA is now being diagnosed on the autism spectrum and about 85% of them are boys. Autism is now considered an epidemic and is drastically affecting an entire generation of children.

I'm often asked for my opinion about the reasons for this increase. We could deliberate for hours about the vaccines, the environment and better or different diagnoses and labels. But I don't go there anymore. I don't choose the technical, medical pathway to explain it. Instead, just as I choose to celebrate Matteo as God gave him to me, I also choose to explain autism in the same way.

Here's why. I'm sure you agree that we're in a bit of a mess down here on Earth. Good news though: I choose to believe that God has decided to send us teachers in the form of small, innocent, adorable little angels who will help us straighten out this mess if only we will learn from them.

Because we don't communicate clearly or lovingly enough with each other, He sends little angels who struggle with language to challenge us to notice all the different ways we can communicate.

Because our earthly priorities are sometimes confused, we get little angels who don't care how we look, what brand of clothing we wear, how powerful we are at work or how much money we have.

Because we let the events of our daily lives stress us out and drain our energy, we get little angels who know how to block out the world's stress by finding innocent, unobtrusive ways to comfort themselves. They don't turn to drugs, alcohol or violence to help themselves feel better, not even when they are labeled or mocked by their peers.

Because we sometimes disguise our true intentions and feelings behind masks of smiles, we get little angels who are radars of positive energy, who know what's going on inside us at any given moment. You can't fool them -- believe me!

Because we are quick to judge each other and ourselves, we get little angels who are non-judgmental and who respond lovingly to those who are lovingly non-judgmental with them.

You can see where I'm going here. I see what some call the "problem" of autism as a gift that we can be grateful for and learn from. I choose to interpret autism this way rather than as a condition that we have to regret as if it were a punishment or a terrible burden. Of course I will do everything in my power to help Matteo emerge from autism. I want that, but I don't need it to live a joyful, fulfilling life with my son.

That life is a gift from God, and as we live it together, Matteo is blooming in his own way and his own time as I am feeling blessed.

I will leave you with some closing questions based on my years with Matteo and so many other children who have autism. What gifts has God given you? Are your gifts wrapped up in sadness, pity or hopelessness? Give it some thought, and maybe you'll choose to do what the little angels of autism show us how to do, which is to unwrap all of our gifts and savor them for what they are.

Autism speaks. Are we listening?

CAST, in conjunction with the Las Positas Community College Psychology Club, is sponsoring an evening with Gerd Winkler. It is an introduction to the Sunrise Program. He will also discuss the 4 Sunrise principles: language and communication, flexibility, interactive attention span and eye contact. It will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd from 7-9:00pm at Las Positas College. Please check the CAST website (www.castcal.org) for details. Call (925) 456-HOPE (4673) for seating.

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ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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@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>).

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.

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 Goozman 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.

Wente Vineyards, showcasing work of Ron & Lisa Rigge, 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.

Photography Show at Prudential Realty, work of Joie Cameron-Brown at 1790 First Street, in the Vine Plaza. 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.

Fresh Works III: Annual Open Juried Exhibit. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Admission is

free, donations appreciated. Works from 73 established and emerging artists using a variety of media are on display from Wednesday, April 24 through Saturday, May 25. Gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12-5pm; Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free public reception and awards ceremony with artists Saturday, Apr. 27, 1-3pm.

The Big Draw Festival, featuring professional chalk art street painting and a variety of performances and events in downtown Pleasanton on May 10 and 11, 2013. Proceeds will benefit Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council's Arts in the Schools Grant Program. Information on reserving a square at www.pleasantonarts.org

Art in the Vineyard, Livermore Art Association Show at Wente Vineyard Estate Winery and Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd. Livermore; Sunday May 26, 2013, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Art show, demonstrations, entertainment, wine tasting.

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 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.

Ukulele Circle in April, meets on April 13th and April 27th. Meetings every 2nd and last Saturday of each month from 12noon-1pm at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm your participation at (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover costs.

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

Livermore. To register for the seminar please call 925-337-1799 or email ball@figureheadgallery.com.

Call for artists, City of Livermore and the Commission for the Arts will accept on-line applications from Artists for the 2013 Urban Art Program, Utility Box Mural Project. Applications will be accepted at callforentry.org 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. 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.

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.

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

McGrail Vineyards and Winery, anniversary party: 5 years, 5 wines, 5 pairings. 6 to 10 p.m. Fri., April 12. Chef Tony from Double Barrel Wine Bar will prepare 5 gourmet pairings for you to enjoy with 5 McGrail wines. This anniversary party will be a blast, with live music from the Bacchus Brothers, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and a delicious tapas-style dinner. \$85/person; \$75/club member. Down to Earth: Vineyard Tour with Mark Clarin, 2 to 2:30 p.m. Sun., April 1, estate Cabernet vineyard, (Complimentary tour - tasting is \$10). www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Rd Livermore, (925) 215-0717.

Charles R Vineyards, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., Livermore, Sat., April 13, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Salute tax day and celebrate the finer things in life--great wine. Try your luck at the famous dart

board. Food pairings will enhance the experience and give you ideas for dishes that complement a favorite Charles R wine. www.CharlesRVineyards.com

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 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;

Library Weekend at Tamas Estates, April 13 and 14, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Library flights are complimentary for Salute Club Members and three guests. \$10 for non-members. Call 925-456-2380 for more information. 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

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 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

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

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

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

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band will appear at The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/at Portola Ave. Band performs 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Dance Floor, Small Cover.

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 or 373-6800.

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.

Music Department Student Recital, May 1, 12:30 p.m. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts. Free admission. 424-1100.

Justice Newton, pop and country singer, 8 p.m. Fri., May 3, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

California Symphony, 8 p.m. May 3, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Featuring the 7th Conductor/Music Director Candidate for the permanent position with the California Symphony, Robert Trevino and violinist, Caroline Goulding. www.bankheadtheater.org.

Laurence Juber, acoustic guitar, May 4, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

50's/60's Doo-Wop Celebration, featuring "The Alley Cats," Sat., May 4, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Judy Collins, one of the most iconic voices in folk music, 8 p.m. Fri., May 10, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Ticket includes an all-inclusive gala party. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373.6800.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, Sat., May 11, 8 p.m. Works for chorus, orchestra; Haydn and Beethoven. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., May 16, Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. 424-1100.

John Hammond, May 17, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore-Amador Symphony joined by Valley Concert Chorale and Pacific Masterworks Chorus, May 18, 8 p.m. Ode to a Joyous 50th Season. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Jazz Night Concert, vocal and instrumental, 8 p.m. Sat., May 18, Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. 424-1100.

Singin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet, Memorial Day show, May 26, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE

Creatures of Impulse, the popular award-winning teen improv troupe, presents: Puppets of Impulse on Tour. Three different Bay Area venues: 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 at The Teen Comedy Festival in Chicago, Illinois. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from all Bay Area shows go towards travel expenses for the Chicago trip. Tickets for Amador Theater shows are \$12 adults, \$7 students. www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Menopause The Musical, 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; sanramonperformingarts.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.villagetheatreshows.com, or 925-314-3400; or the Community Center, 420 Front St.

Ramayana, Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company production, May 10-19, Fri., Sat., and Sun., May 15 and 16. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Student One Acts, Black Box Theater, May 22, 12:30 p.m. and May 24, 8 p.m. Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. 424-1100.

COMEDY

Capitol Steps, May 6, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

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welcome to attend. Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405.

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.

Dance Performance, 8 p.m., Sat., May 11, Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. 424-1100.

Valley Dance Theatre, Ballet Master-Works, 7 p.m. Sat., May 25, 2 p.m. Sun., May 26, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Carolina Lugo's & Carolé Acuña's Ballet Flamenco, 8 p.m. May 25, Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. Adults \$25, seniors \$20, children and students w/ID \$20. 1-800-838-3006, www.brownpapertickets.com/event/329881. Information www.carolinadance.com

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.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

General auditions, Producers Associates, Inc.: 47th Season of Musical Theater 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.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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.

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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.

1st Wednesday Street Party, Cinco de Mayo, May 1, 6 to 9 p.m., downtown

Pleasanton, Pleasanton Downtown Association, (925) 484-2199, www.pleasantondowntown.net

Speech Performance Night, 8 p.m. Fri., May 3, Barbara Mertes Center for the Arts, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. 424-1100.

Hike for Hope 2013, memorial hike and fundraiser for Hope Hospice, Saturday, May 4, check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and goes until 10:00 a.m. Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. Two trail options. Registration fee \$35. TheHikeForHope.com or by calling Hope Hospice at 925-829-8770 for a printed registration form.

Annual Mt. Diablo Iris Society Spring Iris Show and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 between 1 and 5 p.m. First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek, 2336 Buena Vista Avenue, Walnut Creek, California. The show is open to the public, there is no admission fee. For additional information call Mary Sindicic at (925) 606-0355.

22nd annual Livermore Wine Country Festival, Downtown Livermore, May 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 5 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring Premium Wines and Craft Beer tasting, shopping & dining, entertainment, arts & crafts, family fun and more. www.livermoredowntown.com.

Spring Faire, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, May 11, noon to 5 p.m. Vendor booths, live music. Corner of Dublin Blvd. and Donlon Way. 452-2101.

73rd Annual Pleasanton Rose Show, May 11, 2 to 5 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton. Anyone can enter their homegrown roses in this local tradition that began in the 1930's. Registration gets underway at 8:00 a.m. www.ThePleasantonRoseShow.com.

An Evening with Dr. Yee, Tues., May 14, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series, In honor of Asian-Pacific Islander Month, Dr. Yee, a non-fictional Chinese herbalist who immigrated to the United States during the Gold Rush

in 1850 is portrayed by Charlie Chin. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

8th annual Hidden Gardens of the Valley Tour, May 19, 2013. Valley Humane Society's self-guided tour of gardens in Pleasanton. www.valleyhumane.org

San Ramon Art & Wind Festival, Sunday and Monday, May 26 and 27, 2013 in San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Festival features professional kite flying demonstrations, arts & crafts booths, entertainment on 3 stages, puppet shows, two large kids' activity areas, food booths by local non-profits and more. The festival also includes an early morning hot air balloon launch on May 27th at 6 a.m. (weather dependent). For more information, call the City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 973-3200 or check out the website at www.ArtandWind.com

Wings of Freedom Tour, May 26, 27 and 28 at the Livermore Airport. The Collings Foundation's Living History Display of Aircraft includes Boeing B-17 'Flying Fortress', Consolidated B-24 'Liberator', and North American

P-51C 'Mustang.' Visitors are invited to tour the aircraft inside and out for a \$12 donation for adults and \$6 for children under 12. World War II veterans are free. Thirty-minute flight experiences are available for a tax-deductible donation. Flights on either the B-17 or B-24 are \$425 per person. P-51 flights are \$2,200 for a ½ hour and \$3,200 for a full hour. For reservations and information on flight experiences, call 800-568-8924. Livermore Airport, 636 Terminal Circle adjacent to the control tower. Ground tours and display will be from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 26; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28. Flight experiences are scheduled before and after the ground tours. May 26 Big Band of Rossmoor will perform during the afternoon. Locally based aircraft will be on display Monday, May 28. They include: AT-6s/SNUs/Harvard, T-28s, P-51s, P-40, and a Yak 18. Military vehicles of the era will also be on display. Historical photographs and memorabilia will be displayed. All of this is no extra charge. For further information call Kevin Ryan 925.216.4371.

Community Garage Sale Benefits Mission Project

Tri-Valley Church of Christ (4481 East Ave, Livermore) will host a Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 13th from 8am-3pm.

The event will include music, games, food for sale, and lots of great garage sale bargains. The church invites any interested community members to rent a 10' x 18' stall in which they can sell their own garage sale items. Spaces are \$30. Sellers get to keep all their own profits. Contact Orinda Weiss at orindalee@gmail.com or (925) 606-7598 to reserve your space or register online at www.trivalleychurch.org.

All funds received by the church will benefit the Guatemala Mission Project, a summer missions trip serving in San Cristobal, Guatemala. A team of 8 will travel to Guatemala in July partnering with a Guatemalan church called Amor Sin Temor ("love without fear") to install efficient, safe wood-burning stoves in rural low-income communities. The group will also teach conversational English to college students and lead a Bible school program at a local orphanage.

New Exhibit in Dublin Focuses on 'Suburbia: From Ranch Town to Ranch House'

The City of Dublin has announced the opening of the exhibit Suburbia; From Ranch Town to Ranch House.

The exhibit opens on Sun., April 14 at the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. The public is invited to the opening from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Suburbia" explores the housing developments that transformed Dublin from a ranching town of less than 500 people to a young suburb. In 1960, two Southern California devel-

opers bought 4,500 acres and began work on 'San Ramon Village' in Dublin. The Volk-McLain Company built several thousand moderately-priced homes, advertised as "City Close; Country Quiet," with amenities such as cabana club, golf and new stores, schools and organizations.

The exhibit explores the advertising for the subdivisions of San Ramon Village, Silvergate, Ecco Park, Glen Oaks and Redwing Valley. Included are works by the former Independent newspaper photographer Bill

Owens, who's evocative images depict these modern pioneers at home in Dublin during the early 1960s. Also on display are mid-century appliances, technology and fashions on loan from 'Antiques & Eclectika' of Dublin.

The exhibit will run through June 30 2013 and is open during museum hours; Wednesday through Sunday from 1:00-4:00 pm. Admission is free for walk-ins. Group tours may be arranged by phoning (925) 452-2101.



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There is a reference book at the library that I use occasionally called The California Blue Book that lists state government officials from 1849 to the year it was published. One day recently while looking up a name in the index, I turned to the back of the book, but ended up some pages before the index began. The chapter here was titled "State Insignia." Curious, I began looking through it. The first item was the California State Great Seal, starring the Goddess Minerva. According to the old myths, Minerva had sprung full-grown from the head of Zeus. She could be compared to California, which became a state without first becoming a territory. She came to represent wisdom and reason. She is seated in front of a scene which includes water on which ships are sailing, and the Sierra is pictured in the background with snowy peaks. On the land around her are a grizzly bear and a miner. This design was produced in 1849 but was not officially the state seal until 1966.

Our state flag is the bear flag, which closely follows the design on the flag raised in Sonoma on June 14, 1846 to declare California's independence from Mexico; it was taken down about a month later when the U.S. declared war against Mexico. It features a red star in the upper left hand



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California State Insignia

corner, a grizzly bear on a patch of green, a wide red stripe at the bottom. Above the red stripe are the words "California Republic." This became the official flag of California in 1911.

The state colors are Yale blue (a deep purplish blue) and golden yellow. These were chosen by Rebecca Bragg of the University of California class of 1876. Since about 1911, they have been used in ribbons on official state documents. They became officially the state colors in 1951. The state flower is, of course, the golden poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*), in 1903 the oldest of state insignia. April 6 is recognized as "Poppy Day." The flower is found wild throughout California, and hardly anywhere else until recent shipping of seeds. Its Latin name was in honor of the surgeon on a Russian ship that came to San Francisco Bay in 1816 on a scientific expedition. Despite the drought the poppies are blooming brightly on our hills now.

The California Valley Quail is also widely distributed throughout the state and became the official bird in 1931. They gather together in coveys of up to about 30 birds. However, in the spring they separate into couples to raise their chicks. At our house, we love to see the large groups. In April we worry about the chicks under the bushes outside our dining room window. The plump quail are beautifully colored and have a distinguishing mark—their



Drawing of Poppies by Tillie Calhoun

topknot. Our state tree is the redwood, which was officially chosen in 1937. However, in 1953 a special law was passed to ensure that both species of redwood, the coastal redwood and the Sierra big tree, are included in the designation. They are named after the great Cherokee chief, Sequoyah, who invented a system of syllable characters so that the tribe could read and write in its own language. Although once common in the Northern Hemisphere, redwoods are now confined almost entirely to California.

The state insignia I have written about so far, I'm sure are not new to the reader, but there are many more. The Pasadena Playhouse was declared as the state theater in 1937. It is the first stage in the U.S. to produce all 37 of Shakespeare's plays. Its cornerstone was laid in 1924. Many early actors and actresses studied and worked there. It closed in 1969, but was restored by the City of Pasadena and reopened in 1986. Its main

stage seats 680 people. The state fish is the California golden trout, one of four native trout from the rugged upper Kern River area. A beautiful species, it became the official state fish in 1947, but by then was almost extinct. In 1978 federal legislation created the 303,000-acre Golden Trout Wilderness. Plans were made to restore and maintain the golden trout's habitat. Another fish, the garibaldi, became our official state marine fish in 1995. It is a lovely golden orange and common in the shallow waters and reefs of the southern California coast all the way up to and including Monterey Bay.

We have a state song, "I Love You, California" (1951), a state motto, *Eureka!* (1963), a state rock, serpentine (1965), a state mineral, gold—what else! (1965), a state gemstone, benitoite (1985), a state folk dance, the square dance (1988), a state dance, the West Coast Swing (1988), and even a state soil, San Joaquin soil (1997). The state animal is, of course, the grizzly bear. It was officially designated in 1953, even though the last grizzly in California was killed in Tulare County in 1922. It was the only species of bear found here in the Tri-Valley area. The state fossil is the saber tooth cat, the second most common mammal found in the Rancho La Brea tar pits in southern California. It was about a foot shorter than living lions, but nearly twice as heavy. It had a bobtail like the bobcat and roamed the state during the late Pleistocene Era, reaching extinction about 10,000 years ago. The teeth for which it was named were eight-inch long upper canines. It became the official fossil in 1973.

I will continue with the list in an upcoming column.

Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.



Nancy Harrington talks about sculpture, Joyful Play.

View Public Art through a Hole-in-Wall

For this Saturday's Pleasanton Public Art Walk, led by Nancy and Gary Harrington, participants will learn about a hole-in-wall to have a perfect view of a Pleasanton Public Art piece. Frequent stops at sculptures and murals are provided to hear stories and admire each Public Art piece. This free, second of four Saturday monthly-guided art walk, begins at the parking lot of the City Council chambers on Old Bernal Avenue this Saturday, April 13th, at 8:30 am. Allow about two hours for walk.

This Southern Pleasanton Saturday Art Walk will include Public Art at the Library, City Hall, Civic Park, Centennial Park, and the Firehouse Art Center. The southern art walk is repeated in June; the northern art walk in May.

Twelve sculptures have been donated by the Harringtons and through Another H.A.P.P.Y. (Another Harrington Art Partnership Piece for You). Discover more about this art partnership and how any donation is appreciated during the walk. Brochures with maps will be distributed.

The Pleasanton Public Art Walk brochure and map can be downloaded from either www.harringtonartpartnership.org, or www.publicartarchive.org/pleasanton.

Students Invited to Submit Art

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) invites all high school students in the 15th Congressional District to submit original artwork for the annual Congressional Art Competition. The first-place winner's work will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. The winner also will receive two round-trip airline tickets to Washington, DC to attend a reception with other young artists.

Artwork entered in the contest may be up to 28" x 28" x 4" (including the frame). All artwork must be submitted no later than Friday, April 12, 2013. Entries may be dropped off at Rep. Swalwell's District Office located at 5075 Hopyard Road, Suite 220, Pleasanton, California 94588. The winner will be announced in late April.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with this nationwide competition.

For more information, visit: <https://swalwell.house.gov/services/art-competition> or call 925-460-5100.

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Top Chef Grand Tasting. Sunday, April 28 at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hosted by Rotary Club of Dublin. Includes sampling of food and wine, silent auction. Tickets 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. Funds raised from this event will benefit the Tri-Valley YMCA and the Dublin Rotary Club projects.

Livermore Valley Business and Professional Women will meet at 6 p.m. on April 17 at Applebees in Livermore, 4301 First St. Guest speaker is Harriet Tubman Wright, Founding Director of The Wright Resort- A BodyMindSpirit Wellness Center. The cost of dinner is \$20. Please RSVP no later than April 15th to sallyrahm@att.net or 925-413-6065.

Drop in computer tutoring. Need help with downloading E-Books from the library to your E-Reader, sending E-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions, or ??? Pleasanton Library, Thursdays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 7 for Ref. Desk) Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

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 (LHSA) 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.

Gun Safety Now, downtown Livermore for a candlelight vigil to show that we have not forgotten the victims of SandyHook, Aurora, and all the casualties of gun violence. Signs are available to hold or bring your own. Sat., April 13, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Lizzie Fountain Park, 2248 First St, Livermore. Organized by Action in Tri-Valley. Nicky Neau, 925-895-6145. T

American Cancer Society Discovery 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.

Tri-Valley Chapter 397 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) will meet Thurs., April 11 at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. in Pleasanton. Federal employees and retirees are invited to learn about a national association that advocates for them. Attendees need not be NARFE members. A no host luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m., business meeting will follow at 1 p.m. Look for chapter signs at the restaurant side entrance. To request more information, directions or transportation to the meeting, please call Gary at (925) 373-6758. Background on NARFE is on the Web at <http://www.narfe.org>.

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Volunteer drivers. Senior Support Program of the Tri Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical appointments out of the Tri Valley area (San Ramon, Walnut Creek, etc). The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: jcullen@ssptv.org. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Measure B Funds.

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

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs), Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex. All are welcome at the monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, April 25th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Jelly Belly ride, meet 9 a.m. in Martinez, Kevin Thibben, 437-5919. Sun., April 14, 64 miles from Livermore Airport to Collier over Vasco and Tesla/Corral Hollow, Ken's birthday ride, meet 9 a.m. at the airport, Ken Hernandez, 510-329-9481. Wed., April 17, 38 miles from Central Park in San Ramon to Blackhawk, Livermore and back, meet 10 a.m., Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

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. Benefit 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/

Bay Area Workshop. University of Phoenix Bay Area Campus hosts free event to help job seekers stand out in local job market. Saturday, April 13, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at University of Phoenix@ Bay Area Campus, 2481 Constitution Drive, Livermore. The workshop is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring copies of resumes and cover letters.

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 lo-

cally 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.

Plants and Bicycle Wheels. Celebrate the importance of plants on our planet and their influence on nutrition, life-styles and sustainability. Local Livermore artists and children will celebrate the impact of plants by decorating bicycle wheels with creative plant themes. On May 18th the wheels will be displayed by participating businesses in downtown Livermore along the path of the Amgen Tour of California. Those interested in decorating a wheel with a plant theme, can email art@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>).

Pleasantonians for Peace. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, April 24, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kodwing@pacbell.net. www.pleasantonians4peace.org.

15th Annual Artists' Flea Market, Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., DeLucchi Park, Pleasanton (next to the Farmers' Market). A great place to buy paints, frames, canvases, 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 Henry 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 Deyv Torrence, deandevy2004@yahoo.com or 925-234-2209.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., 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.

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.

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.

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 Zimmel at nzimmel@oslm.net.

Free Parent Education Event: Helping Families Balance Academic, Social and Sport Pressures. The Amador Valley High School (AVHS) PTSA Wellness Committee and AVHS Challenge Success will host speakers "Helping Families Balance Academic, Social and Sports Pressures." The presentations will

be 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tues., April 16 at the high school library. For questions, contact Alex Riley at mariley@gmail.com. Sponsored by the AVHS PTSA Wellness Committee and AVHS Challenge Success

50 Shades of Red, casino and auction evening benefit the Livermore and Granada High School Safe & Sober Grad Night. April 12, 7 to 11 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Evening includes light appetizers, raffle prizes, starter chips for gaming, dancing, silent and live auctions. \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. www.lhsgradnight.org or www.granadagrad-night.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. There will be vendors, music, hot dogs and sodas, and all proceeds go toward sending students to San Cristobal, Guatemala, to help the poor and needy. Anyone interested in renting a space (first come, first served), contact Orinda Weiss at (925) 606-7598 or orindalee@gmail.com.

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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.

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.quantumhealinghth.com or call 925-352-8917.

RELIGION

First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information www.fpcl.us or 925-447-2078.

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

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

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

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

EastBaySecularJews.org.

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

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mochos 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 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday. Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoresda.org/ All are welcome.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore. Meditation groups following the John Main tradition, every Monday 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For details, contact Claire La Scala at 447-9800.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 5860 Las Positas Rd., Livermore. Sunday Liturgy at 10 a.m. For details please see www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. John Karcher at (831) 278-1916.

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & Chapel at 10:15 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry Moore, Rector: 8:00 am Contemporary 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.saintbartsilivermore.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 pmjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-433.3 www.trivalleychurch.org. Update on classes for The Story 9 to 10:00 a.m.. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

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 jtyler@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.

Grief Workshops, eight-week series of workshops. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Eighth 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."

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.

Centerpointe 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.centerpointechurch.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 Garrawenta Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Milestones

Community

Community Wishes Retiring Police Chief a Fond Farewell

By Carol Graham

The crowd of people chatting in the sunshine fell silent as faint sirens in the distance grew louder.

Three police cars led by three motorcycle officers delivered retiring Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney and his family to his "Final Salute Retirement Celebration" at the Robert Livermore Community Center on March 28th, one day before his final day with the department.

"I was overwhelmed by the number of people who attended," said son Braden Sweeney. "When we pulled into the parking lot and saw a few hundred people standing outside, waiting to see my dad, I got choked up."

He wasn't alone. During the celebration, dignitaries,

residents, friends and public service members spoke about what Chief Sweeney's 29-year service, the last five and a half as chief, has meant to the City of Livermore and the surrounding communities.

Pleasanton Chief of Police David Spiller said, "I think every profession has a personality type - cops do, and chiefs do. But not this man. This man is in a class of his own. He is a leader among leaders. For me, as a new chief, I have to tell you how lucky I was to be working next door to Chief Sweeney."

Mayor John Marchand thanked Sweeney for implementing Neighborhood Watch and community outreach programs, being a strong supporter of the East

Bay communication systems which improved communication between public safety agencies, and being instrumental in merging the Livermore and Pleasanton SWAT teams to provide expanded resources and specialized police services.

"It's humbling to look out at this room and see there are hundreds of years of public service gathered here today," said Marchand, of the dozens of police officers, firefighters and public officials among the standing room only crowd. "Chief Sweeney's commitment wasn't just his own, but that of his entire family. He was willing to make that sacrifice because his family is part of the community he serves."

Also attending were Mayor Emeritus Dr. Marshall Kamena, Vice Mayor Stu Gary, former Councilmember Jeff Williams, and representatives from the offices of Senator Mark DeSaulnier and Assemblymember Joan Buchanan.

"Chief Sweeney set the model as a leader, and it carried over to his force," said Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Superintendent Kelly Bowers. "He provided student resource officers and developed a program for drug detection dogs, so he works on preventative measures not just reactive. When our parents get anxious about legitimate things like lock downs and cyber bullying, he responds to that. He educates us and

makes his force available.

"He has earned and deserves time off with his family. He can go anywhere in Livermore and know that we are safer and better off because of his commitment and service."

The "Final Salute" reception was presented by the City of Livermore and open to all. The celebration included a list of the "Top Ten Reasons Why Chief Sweeney is Ready to Retire" created and read by Livermore Police Officers Association president Glen Robbins, a song performed by Sweeney's son and daughter to honor his public service legacy, and a slideshow presentation highlighting both his personal and professional life.

"I've had a wonderful

career in Livermore and I have all of you to thank for it," Sweeney said in his address. "I want to thank the members of the police department for the sacrifices you make every day. I'm proud to be a part of a team that places so much emphasis on community and quality of life. Any success I've had is a reflection on you."

Sweeney plans to continue living in Livermore with his wife Nicole and three children.

"I want to encourage the department to do its best to serve the city," he added. "Be the kind of police organization you would want serving your family. Work together, take care of each other, and continue to honor this great department and this great city."

Corbett Honors 10th Senate District Women

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett (D-San Leandro) on Thursday named Fremont resident Julie Ramirez as the 2013 10th Senate District "Woman of the Year."

Ramirez is the Founder and President of Alameda Blue Star Moms / Chapter CA23. This non-profit has assisted hundreds of local military families with school supplies, toys for the holidays, and coats and bicycles for children since 2009. It has provided resources for parents of deployed soldiers, returning veterans and supporters of military families.

"Julie Ramirez has distinguished herself as an active community resident and supporter of military

families, including her own," Corbett said. "Her leadership in founding the Alameda Blue Star Moms Chapter CA 23 is a testament to her commitment to East Bay families. It is my honor to name Julie as 10th Senate District 'Woman of the Year.'"

Senator Corbett also celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of other local trailblazing women that enhance the quality of life in the community last night. Those honorees include Norma Ambriz-Galaviz, Merritt College President, Gari Browning, Ohlone College President, Sue Chan, Fremont City Councilmember, Susan Muranishi, Alameda County District Attorney, Sandra Spagnoli, San Leandro Police Chief, Diane Urban, Hayward Police Chief

community College District, Emily Duncan, Union City Vice Mayor, 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 Vice Mayor, Nancy O'Malley, Alameda County District Attorney, Sandra Spagnoli, San Leandro Police Chief, Diane Urban, Hayward Police Chief

Senator Corbett recognized Ramirez and the 14 Trailblazers at a reception held Thursday evening at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building.



Pictured are women who were honored as Trailblazers by Senator Corbett. They are (from left) Kathy Watt (representing Sue Chan), Sandra Spagnoli, Susan Muranishi, Nancy O'Malley, Anu Natarajan, LaDonna Harris, Diane Urban, Julie Ramirez, Senator Ellen Corbett, Dr. Norma Ambriz-Galaviz, Jennifer Hosterman, Pat Gacoscos, and Dr. Gari Browning.