



## 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.

# Zone 7 Will Deliver Only 75% of Requested Water

By Ron McNicoll

Zone 7 Water Agency will be able to deliver only 75 percent of the water this year that the Valley's water retailers have requested.

Directors made official what staff has been talking about for at least a month by declaring a Stage 2 drought emergency. The vote was 5-0 at the meeting April 16, with directors A.J. Machaevich and Dick Quigley absent.

Zone 7 is leaving it up to the water retailers as to how they will meet that goal, since they are the customers, and can judge what they need to do to ensure their customers can cooperate in saving water through the year.

The water delivery year began Jan. 1. Zone 7 had set a goal of 20 percent voluntary conservation, but retailers reported falling

short of the goal.

The state Department of Water Resources will be releasing only 5 percent of a normal supply for the 29 water contractors on its list. However, the won't be released until after Sept. 1, which is after much of the hot summer weather.

The 5 percent won't do much. Zone 7 must still rely on its ground-water storage basin and the amount of car-

ryover state water from last year, which is stored in Lake Del Valle.

The Valley water utilities have responded to Zone 7 announcement by invoking rationing policies.

Livermore went into its own Stage 2 rationing on April 14 by an executive order authorized by the City Council. It calls for a reduction of 20 percent overall with 5 percent personal

indoor water use and 50 percent outside use. Outdoor watering is confined to alternate days, with odd-numbered houses irrigating on the odd-numbered days, and even-numbered properties on even-numbered days.

California Water Service, a private company, serves two-thirds of the water users in Livermore. The firm deals with the (See WATER, page 4)

## PPIE Presents \$551,000 To District

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) presented a check for \$551,000 to the Pleasanton Unified School District. The presentation took place at the school board meeting on April 22.

On hand for the presentation were PPIE Board President Bob Miller, Executive Director Susan Hayes, and several PPIE board members.

The funds represent the results of the 2014-2015 Giving Fund Campaign, which wrapped up on March 31, 2014.

"This was an exciting campaign," said Miller. "Our education, business and community partners came together many times over the course of the year to help the foundation reach our funding goals. We're extremely grateful for their commitment to education in our city."

The key drivers of the campaign were the PPIE representatives of the Education Foundation Committee (EFC). The EFC is comprised of two-to-three representatives from each school site who start meeting in spring to set goals for the Giving Fund that, once approved by the board of directors, set the stage for the launch of the campaign.

"The EFC is truly the heart of PPIE," said PPIE Executive Director Susan Hayes. "They facilitate communication between PPIE and the schools all year long and work tirelessly to help us plan and execute programs and fundraising events. They really make things happen."

PPIE directly raised \$445,000 for the Giving Fund. In order to fully achieve campaign funding goals outlined below, the PPIE Board of Directors voted to contribute an additional \$106,000 from discretionary funds generated through various fundraising events during the year, resulting in the total donation to the school district of \$551,000.

"We are extremely grateful for the support we have received from our community through tremendous efforts by the Pleasanton Partnership in Education Foundation each year," said PUSD Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. "Restoring important programs cut in previous years during the budget crisis will be an ongoing challenge. We appreciate the efforts of both PPIE and PSEE, the two foundations supporting our schools, as well as the various parent organizations and boosters."

Below is the funding breakdown for the combined Giving Fund/General Fund donation from PPIE that will benefit the elementary, middle and high school levels in the 2014-2015 school year.

Elementary:  
• 28:1 Class Size Reduction for K-TK district-wide (See FUNDS, page 4)



The annual Dublin Eggstravaganza was held last Saturday. Two of the participants took time out to check out the content of the eggs they found.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Amador To Host Event About Family Acceptance of LGBT Students

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton Unified School District will be the first in the nation to play host to the Family Acceptance Project (FAP) parent education program. The program focuses on helping parents and siblings understand their Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) children.

The FAP, based at San Francisco State University, is led by Distinguished Faculty Adjunct Caitlin Ryan.

Ryan travels frequently across the United States conducting these programs, and has done many hundreds.

However, the program at 7 p.m. April 30 in the Amador Valley High School multi-purpose room will be the first FAP appearance at a function sponsored by people at a school district. A faculty-parent group at Amador is paying the speaker's fee. The Gay-Straight Alliance clubs at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools are sponsoring the event.

Many parents want to be more open and accepting of their LGBT children, but don't know how. Others feel they need to stick to religious or cultural traditions concerning homosexuality. Despite positive feelings in general about their children, (See AMADOR, page 2)

## Pleasanton City Council Okays Creation Of Economic Development Zones Program

The Pleasanton City Council approved a staff proposal to create Economic Development Zones Program that would include a pilot project.

The unanimous vote gave

staff the go-ahead to refine the proposal. The city's Economic Vitality Committee will vet the idea, which will then come back to the council for final okay.

Economic development

director Pamela Ott told the council that in order to remain competitive in attracting and retaining businesses, it is important to build upon the existing strengths while also adapting to changing

market conditions. One way would be for the city to be proactive in identifying opportunity sites that would benefit from being repositioned and/or redeveloped.

(See ECONOMIC, page 4)

## Four Candidates Seek To Fill District 16 Seat

Four candidates are seeking to replace Joan Buchanan as the State Assemblyman representing District 16. The primary election will be held June 3, 2014.

The 16th Assembly District includes Alamo, Danville, Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek.

Buchanan has reached term limits.

Three Democrats, New-

ell Arnerich, Steve Glazer and Tim Sbranti are on the ballot along with Republican Catharine Baker.

The top two will be on the November 2014 ballot, regardless of party designation.

Interviews were conducted with all four. Questions included their views on such issues as education, health care, the economy, and water.

(See ASSEMBLY RACE, page 3)

## Seven Candidates Talk About Their Zone 7 Views

Seven candidates are competing for four seats on the Zone 7 Water Agency seven-member board of directors.

The top four finishers in the June 3, 2014 election will be elected to office.

Incumbents are John Greci, A.J. Machaevich, Sarah Palmer and Bill Stevens, who is the board's current president. The non-incumbents are Alan Exner, Jim McGrail, and Matt Morrison.

Each candidate was asked the same questions. They were given the opportunity to talk about issues that were not among the questions. They were asked to volunteer any personal data they wished, and could mention up to five endorsements they have received.

On the issues, candidates were asked their positions on the Zone 7 endorsement of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDGP), what (See ZONE 7, page 8)



Jessica Bennett and John Takemura discuss the project that qualified them to compete in the California State Science Fair.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Junction Avenue K-8 Students' Science Project Best in County

By Carol Graham

Two eighth-grade Junction Avenue K-8 School students will be heading to Los Angeles to compete in the prestigious California State Science Fair taking place April 28-29.

What are the young scientists most looking forward to?

"Disneyland!" said Jessica Bennett.

It's not a surprising response. When many talented achievers finish the hard

work of getting to the top, it's time to blow off steam and have some fun.

Co-partners Jessica and John Takemura have earned it. The pair spent countless hours working on their project (See SCIENCE FAIR, page 3)

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### PET OF THE WEEK

You can't ignore Ana—she's the one calling out as you walk by! The inquisitive 1½-year-old keeps asking when you are coming to take her home. Wait 'til she starts vocalizing her appreciation! Ana is waiting for your answer at Valley Humane Society (VHS), 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information, please call (925) 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby



# Crime Pays When It Comes to Agape Village

By Carol Graham

On a sunny afternoon in downtown Pleasanton, a heavily bearded man walked into Comerica Bank, his dark eyes taking in every detail.

He caught the attention of the black-robed Almost Honorable Judge Jim Miguel (aka Livermore Pleasanton Fire Chief Miguel) sitting behind the bench who said, "Excuse me, sir. How might I be of assistance to you today?"

"I have a summons to appear," said the man. "So I'm appearing."

Miguel examined the subpoena. "Excessive smiling, huh?"

"It's finally caught up with me," said the man with, fittingly, a smile.

"Mr. Parnell? Jacob? What is your place of employment?"

"I am the youth and young adult minister at the Tri-Valley Church of Christ in Livermore."

"So, excessive smiling and harassing the youth, right?" said Miguel.

"That's a new charge for me."

"It appears," added Miguel, "that money might be an issue for you, you've been unable to afford a razor for some time. So let's talk about what you think you might be able to afford for bail. Keep in mind it is two o'clock on a Friday afternoon so if you don't make bail, it's the weekend in the



Janet Kleyn, president of Agape Village, was ordered to raise \$800 in bail by Judge Ron Hyde.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

clink, buddy."

With an amount agreed on, Parnell's mugshot was taken and he was led to "jail" where he could call friends and coworkers to help raise his bail, but not before Miguel added, "Jacob, let us tell you that while you are anything but a common criminal, we are very grateful you're here today."

Parnell was one of nearly 20 jailbirds participating in Agape Villages' first Tri-Valley Jail N Bail fundraiser which took place on April 11 at Comerica Bank. Through both "bail" monies raised and "bribes" sent in from offenders unable to appear

Agape Villages raised more than \$6,000 to help fulfill their mission of helping children in foster care.

"These aren't 'foster children,' they are children in foster care," said Janet Kleyn, President of Agape Villages. "Private agencies like Agape offer services and support that the counties don't offer - things like enrichment programs for the children, weekly home visits by an Agape social worker, and intensive training for the foster parents. But it takes donations to be able to do this."

For Miguel, presiding as a judge was quite a step up from his earlier "incarceration" for playing with matches. In fact, his story could very easily have turned into a modern-day Bonnie and Clyde crime wave.

"I was able to make my bail. However, my wife, who was charged with excessive spoiling of grandchildren, was out of town and I had to bribe her way out of an arrest warrant," said Miguel. "This is the first time I've been involved in a fundraiser like this. It was so much fun and everyone came in with a tremendous attitude. This community continues to amaze me with its generosity and caring for others. What a

great place to live and raise our families."

Throughout the day, offenders appeared before one of several volunteer judges after "snitches" had charged them with crimes like laughing excessively in a movie theater, stealing the last cupcake, and overachievement in goodness.

"Overachievement in goodness?" asked Judge Ron Hyde. "So, goody two shoes, what do you think is a fair amount of bail for you?"

The chagrined offender answered, "Probably more than what I have allocated today."

"Oh, I already know that," said Hyde. "If you've got so much goodness in you, people should be handing you 50-dollar bills!"

Once offenders received their bail amount, they went straight to jail, conveniently located in the bank. Behind bars and dressed in striped prison attire, the prisoners' mugshots were taken before they could begin calling friends, relatives and coworkers for contributions.

"The response was so generous and positive in all respects," said Kleyn. "Each person left saying how much fun they had and that they couldn't wait till next year to participate again."

However, not every jailbird was quite so easily able to articulate such enthusiasm.

Julie Zan had been walking her dog Trixie down

Main Street when she stepped into the bank to see what was going on. Deciding to join the fun, Zan was arrested for "over-love of animals," and sent to jail along with Trixie.

"She made a \$300 donation!" said Kleyn. "Julie and Trixie were very good sports."

No one was off-limits. Agape Villages' Board Chair Hank Lawson was charged with having "leather lungs," an offense that likely served him well in his work as a preacher. Even Kleyn stood accused of "absenteeism from her office," because her work so frequently takes her into the field.

"I'm not convinced that you are fully utilizing the resources of Agape by having that office," Hyde told her. "I think you could get yourself a Sears and Roebuck tent for a hundred and ten bucks. If it rains you can dig a trench around the outside."

"Come on, I work really, really hard. I care a lot about these kids," said Kleyn. "And I need somewhere to leave my stuff."

"That's with the trunk of your car is for," responded Hyde. "Do you think \$800 is excessive?"

"Um, yeah!" said Kleyn. "But I'll try for \$800. I mean, I respect you and if that's what you think is the right number, I'll try to do it."

"For the children?"

"Yes," said Kleyn. "For the children."

# Amador Student Organizes Fundraiser for Orphanage

By Carol Graham

In 2006, the seven year old girl visited India with her parents. It was to be a life-changing experience.

"I visited an orphanage in Mumbai, and witnessed firsthand the situation the kids were in," said Varsha Ramakrishnan. "We donated a box full of healthy snacks, like crackers and fruit. I also donated my birthday money to the orphanage. I was determined to do something to help them and other underprivileged children."

It wasn't the fleeting dream of an American youth. Instead, over the years, Varsha's mission took root and flourished. The Amador Valley High School sophomore founded the VR1 Foundation.

"VR1 Foundation was originally started as Supplies for Students in 2009. Later, in 2012, we created a non-profit organization so that donors will receive a tax benefit," said Varsha. "I decided to name this organization VR1 Foundation since it sounds like 'we are one.' We wanted to show that all people in the world are equal with a simple, easy-to-remember title."

On Sunday, May 11, the VR1 Foundation will hold a Vocabulary and Essay Bee fundraiser for Bay Area students in grades 1-8 at the Pleasanton Public Library.

"The money we collect will be used to provide school supplies for underprivileged kids in Uganda, Africa and India," said Varsha. "These kids are in dire need of even the most basic supplies for education, such as pencils and sharpeners. They lack desks, chairs and proper facilities to study. Another part of the money we collect will be used to buy food supplies that will be donated to the Open Heart Kitchen, a volunteer group that feeds the hungry of the Tri-Valley region."

Online registration for the fundraiser is required. After registering, essay bee contestants will be emailed writing prompts which must be used meaningfully in essays that they'll write at home and submit by email on or before May 4th. Vocabulary bee contestants will be notified which 30-minute time slot they'll compete in on May 11.

"We chose to host a vocabulary and essay bee so that in the process of col-



The photo shows Varsha kneeling at Labor High School in Tamil Nadu, India in January 2013. She delivered school supplies and conducted a self-defense workshop at the school.

lecting money, we can also help local kids expand their knowledge of the English language while improving their communication skills, comprehension levels and motivation to learn," said Varsha. "We have also found sponsors who have generously chosen to donate to

our cause."

The top three competitors in each bee will receive medals at the award ceremony, which will take place around 3:30 p.m.

"I wish readers knew of the poverty and lack of basic necessities that some people are forced to endure," said

Varsha. "Please let the young contestants know that they are participating in an event which is for a noble cause."

Varsha's willingness to sacrifice and work for such a cause was nurtured by her parents.

"I grew up in a lower to middle class environment and have experienced firsthand the difficulties currently faced by a lot of people," said Varsha's moth-

er Raji. "Both my husband and I try to set an example by visiting orphanages and offering donations. Varsha has accompanied us and developed the same passion for contributing in her own way."

Participation costs \$10 per child to participate in either one or both bees. The event will take place from 1:15 to 4:00 p.m. The Pleasanton Library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue.

"The knowledge that my efforts are helping others gives me a strong sense of satisfaction," said Varsha. "I still think it is amazing that these small contributions can make a large impact on a child's life. This motivates me to continue finding ways to help as many people as I can."

To make a donation, register for the bees, or learn more, visit [www.vr1-foundation.org](http://www.vr1-foundation.org).

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## AMADOR

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they don't know how to resolve those mixed feelings, said Ryan.

Ryan has been able to establish a social science basis for understanding the dynamic in families regarding LGBT preferences. With two other researchers, Ryan spent two years traveling throughout California, conducting interviews in English and Spanish with rejecting and accepting families.

"We have thousands of transcripts on their lives. We identified 106 responses, for example, changing identity, preventing any LGBT friends, and parents telling children they are ashamed of them, and that God will punish them," said Ryan. Positive comments in some families had to do with finding a positive role model,

and requiring respect in the family.

The results of the project were published in Pediatrics magazine, a leading journal in the field. "For the first time, we were able to document that families and parents matter. They have a powerful impact on rejection or acceptance," said Ryan.

The pain caused by rejection includes very serious things. Suicide rates among LGBT youths is nine times higher than the average for all suicides. Bullying is another result of a failure to accept LGBT youths for their identity.

Aside from the personal suffering, there is also a public cost, said Ryan. "The public cost is incalculable. We have trained 45,000 mental and physical health

workers and teachers who deal with the problems," she said.

One misconception about LGBT is that it has to do with sexual preference, said Ryan. "It's about connectedness, not sex. We are all hard-wired to be connective with others, e.g. babies mirror emotions on faces around them."

Children are becoming aware of their preferences for the same gender at ages as young as 5 years old. There is no one marker that shows one cause for homosexuality, said Ryan. "It's about connectedness and relationships," she said.

The FAP web page is at <http://familyproject.sfsu.edu/home>.

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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## County Receives Award For Youth Center

Alameda County was recently named by California Counties Architects and Engineers Association (CCA EA) with Public Projects of the Year and Grand Project Award for the REACH Ashland Youth Center located in Ashland, CA – an unincorporated area of Alameda County.

Counties were honored for municipal public projects that contribute to the overall community, are environmentally sustainable, provide enhancement to their workforce and contribution to the local economy.

As one of three counties receiving the award, Alameda County was selected based on an eight-part evaluation of criteria such as value/cost savings, community/employee enhancement, aesthetics, sustainability, innovation, creative funding and public-private partnerships.

The REACH Ashland Youth Center, completed last spring, includes a 31,500-square-foot building featuring green architecture that includes a community health clinic, library, multi-media room, dance studio, weight room, arts room and a café.

"Those of us who are familiar with the REACH Ashland Youth Center know it is a special place that has become a source of opportunity and optimism for the entire community," said Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, whose district includes Ashland. "This award confirms our belief that the Center is worthy of recognition beyond Ashland and Alameda County."

The Youth Center received the coveted LEED Platinum designation established by the US Green Building Council.

## Poll Workers Needed

Poll Workers and Bilingual Poll Workers are needed for the Tuesday, June 3, 2014 Statewide Direct Primary Election to work at the polls in Alameda County. Poll workers earn between \$110 and \$190 for their service.

Bilingual Poll Workers must be fluent in English and one of the following languages: Chinese, Spanish, Filipino/Tagalog, Vietnamese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, or Korean. Lawful Permanent Residents (Green Card Holders) may now serve as Bilingual Poll Workers in designated polling places. Otherwise, you must be a registered voter in the State of California.

Bilingual poll workers need to pass a fluency assessment and must attend a mandatory training class to be eligible to

work on Election Day.

For more information and to fill out an application, contact the Registrar of Voters office, <http://www.acgov.org/rov/workers.htm>

## Recording Available

Audio CDs of the local measure on the ballot for the May 6, 2014 Special Vote-By-Mail Election for Dublin Unified School District 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 CDs are available for use by voters with visual impairments.

To listen online, visit the Registrar of Voters website at [www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov).

For more information or to request copies of the CDs, contact the Registrar of Voters office at 510-272-6973.

## Education Job Fair

The Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) will host its annual Education Job Fair on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 313 West Winton Avenue in Hayward. The Job Fair is a one-stop resource for Bay Area professionals to connect with the 300 job openings at Alameda County school districts and education agencies.

Job seekers are invited to get a resume review, interview tips, credential consultations, attend professional development workshops as well as apply and interview for open positions. Positions range from teachers, school administrators, counselors, therapists, administrative assistants, admissions advisers and IT professionals.

For more information, visit [acoe.org/jobfair](http://acoe.org/jobfair).

Three professional development workshops will be offered. Attendees can pre-register for workshops by visiting [acoe.org/jobfair](http://acoe.org/jobfair).

## Candlelight March

Tri-Valley Haven's Annual Candlelight March will take place on Friday, April 25th at 7 pm in Downtown Livermore. The march will begin at Lizzie Fountain Park on the corner of First Street and Livermore Avenue. All are welcome, including children and families.

For more information, please contact Christine at Tri-Valley Haven at (925) 667-2707 or [Christine@trivalleyhaven.org](mailto:Christine@trivalleyhaven.org).

# SCIENCE FAIR

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ect, Oil Options: Keeping Waste Out of Water Systems, which was first exhibited at Livermore's district-wide Science Odyssey in February. In March, their project took first place at the county level in the middle school engineering category at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory - Alameda County Science Fair. Theirs was one of only a handful of the 300-plus projects to qualify for competition at the state level.

The California State Science Fair is the final science fair of the academic year for students throughout the state in grades 6 through 12. It is hosted by the California Science Center (formerly the California Museum of Science and Industry) near the University of Southern California. For the 63rd annual fair this year, more than 1,000 participants from 423 schools are expected to compete for awards totaling \$50,000.

"I want to see what other kids our age level are doing," said John.

Added Jessica, "I'm excited to do our presentation. It's fun to get in the flow."

For their project, John and Jessica created a kit that will allow household grease and waste oils to be turned into biofuel, which can be used in diesel engines running everything from generators to model airplanes to outside tools like trimmers and lawnmowers.

"Our project isn't about creating biodiesel, it's about creating a kit that every day households can use," said Jessica. "That's what makes our project different. Households can use it to create a sustainable product. We got our recipe from industrial sizes because there are no companies doing household sizes."

Once the kit's easy to follow steps are completed, biodiesel will be on upper part of the container with syrupy glycerin remaining on the lower part.

"We found that glycerin is 100% compostable. You can put it in your compost

and it will completely break down," said Jessica. "That's what makes our project sustainable. Nothing is going to hurt the environment because the oil is going to be reused and the glycerin will help your garden grow."

A large part of competing in science fairs is presenting one's project to judges and answering questions, something John and Jessica have spent a lot of time practicing in order to be fully prepared.

"The state fair is going to be really competitive," said Jessica. "We had high school mentors come in to judge our board. They were really honest, saying, 'Don't do this, don't do that, change this,' and we were like, 'Ok!'"

The scientists also had a little guidance from Karen Brown, a Fallon Middle School science teacher and Bennett family friend. "She has a critical eye for science fair projects and is very good at helping kids prepare for judging," said Jan Bennett, Jessica's mother and a Junction Avenue science teacher. "She and Ms. Lee, the 8th grade science teacher at Junction, also helped review the project board. My job was mostly facilitator, cheerleader and time manager. But ultimately, the kids did the work. It has been their project since day one."

Since 2007, when the America COMPETES Act responded to concerns that the United States may not be able to compete economically with other nations in the future due to current insufficient investment in science and technology education, the government has stepped up investments involving STEM (science,

technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in kindergarten through post-doctoral education.

"Science in the younger grades is so important to show that science is all around us and touches all aspects of our lives," said Bennett. "It also helps make the topic less scary so students won't be too intimidated to take science courses in the future."

Along with John and Jessica, six other Junction students competed at the county level in this year's Alameda County Science Fair: Keaton Simoni, Darren Miller and Alyanna Francisco, along with Honorable Mention winners Juan Fernandez, Daelyn Cerruti and Madeline Kuhn.

"This is the second year Junction has sent middle schoolers to the state science fair, just one of many achievements of students from our school," said Bennett. "The teachers and staff work hard to help prepare them for higher education. We have smart and ambitious students."

With John and Jessica, that's a scientifically proven fact.



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# ASSEMBLY RACE

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The interviews are in alphabetical order.

## NEWELL ARNERICH

Newell Arnerich has completed five terms as the Mayor of Danville, serving 18 years on the Danville City Council. He is founder, president and CEO of AD Architects, Inc., an architectural planning firm.

Asked why he is running, Arnerich replied, everything you touch and feel in a city comes from local government, not the state. Many state policies that local entities were backed by some special interest group. "People deserve a representative not owned by big money or Sacramento special interests."

He declares, "I am not afraid to buck the powerful special interests so people can have a voice in Sacramento."

He points out that he will not be accepting money from special interest groups, including unions. All of his funding will come from within the Assembly District 16 boundaries.

Arnerich says of education that the state has ruined universities and destroyed the community college system. Universities and colleges have made out of state and foreign students their top choices because of the higher fees they bring. "Our kids should come first. Every child should have the right

to go to college if he or she wants to." He would like to refocus on K-12 education to prepare students for the future. He sees that as important to the economy of the state.

Arnerich said he would bring the skills he learned in running a business to making government more efficient. He would like to see departments become "fee for service" agencies. He pointed to the state parks department as an example. The

state regulates the department. It should set open days and maintenance standards. The department would use the money it receives to make the directions set by the state happen.

He called California a challenging place for small businesses. Seventh-four percent of the jobs are in that sector of the economy. All of the laws reward or punish some company. Those laws hurt small businesses. "We need ways government can

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# EDITORIAL

## Ag Adventure for All

Visual and hands-on experiences provide one of the best ways to learn.

Recently the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District held its first ever agriculture field day at Livermore High School. The goal of the Ag Adventure was to spark an interest in learning more about the world of agriculture and what it has to offer.

Community volunteers joined the LHS Ag Department in providing 25 stations where students could learn about beef cattle, horses, roping, branding, sheep shearing, growing olives and pistachios, raising rabbits and chickens, Livermore history, planting, wood duck nest box building, land and water conservation, viticulture, Cosmo the Ag Detection Dog and beekeeping. The Dairy Council of California's Mobile Dairy Classroom, which represents California's original farm to school educational experience, was on hand. The mobile classroom teaches children about agriculture and cows, healthy eating from all five food groups and how to lead healthy, and active lifestyles.

There was no cost for the estimated 1,200 third graders from 12 participating schools to attend. Both teachers and students declared it to be a success.

Organizers should plan on making the Ag Adventure an annual event for not just Livermore students, but also those from Dublin and Pleasanton as well.

## WATER

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state PUC for regulation. The Livermore office has reported 17 percent voluntary conservation, and was seeing whether it could or must go higher. Cal Water was not available for comment before deadline.

Pleasanton is still on voluntary 20 percent status. However, the City Council will consider mandatory rationing at its May 6 meeting. Operations manager Daniel Smith is recommending 25 percent overall mandatory conservation with a split of 10 percent indoors and 40 percent outdoors. Watering there would be allowed two days per week, non-consecutively.

There would be economic penalties of \$4 per water unit on the bill if users fail to reduce use. There will be a comparison with a person's bill in the previous year. However if the individual's water consumption was low last year, the city will take that into account.

"I talked to one person who used 75 gallons per day, indoors and outdoors. That is not the person we are looking for," said Smith.

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) board members were sched-

uled to look at a staff recommendation to go into Stage 3 drought mode on Tuesday night, after The Independent's deadline.

If approved, the mandatory rationing of 35 percent would be split with 5 percent indoors and 50 percent outdoors. DSRSD spokesperson Sue Stephenson said that residents can look up their bills on line at [www.dsrds.com](http://www.dsrds.com), and see the number of water units they have used.

Each unit at DSRSD represents 748 gallons. Customers can go to a list on the DSRSD web page to "Using water wisely," then to "Ways to save water," and then "Best ways to save water," where they will be greeted with a two-page PDF listing those measures.

Such actions as planting drought-tolerant gardens, using drip irrigation, and installing pool covers are shown with their water savings. For example, pool covers save 30 gallons per day.

Sometimes personal attitude helps conservation. Stephenson said that she has let her lawn "go gold (not brown), just like the hillsides. Just like the hillsides, they will turn green in the spring."

## ECONOMIC

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She said that could occur through the establishment of an Economic Development Zone Program that would designate opportunity sites and take steps to encourage future investment as desired by the city and the community. It would also initiate a pilot economic development zone on a portion of Johnson Drive that would include rezoning and environmental review.

Tools that would be used to reposition properties include changes in zoning and land use designations, incentive programs, completed CEQA documentation, and standards and guidelines that streamline the development approval process.

Each economic development zone would provide a framework within which new uses could be encouraged.

Ott noted that the program would create a measure of certainty for property owners and potential developers and tenants. "They

know what the process looks like."

Ott said that city staff proposes launching the Economic Development Zone concept by creating a pilot zone that encompasses just over 35 acres along Johnson Drive between Stoneridge Drive and the Valley Bible Church. The area is visible from I-680, with most of the properties zoned for predominantly industrial uses.

Among the steps that would be taken in the pilot program include the following: amending the zoning to retail, highway and service commercial, business and professional offices; creating site development standards and design guidelines; preparing a supplemental EIR that would look at traffic, air quality and visual impacts; and participating in a sales tax rebate program for high sales tax producing uses. Ott noted that currently Pleasanton does not have a tax rebate program. Staff would be coming back to the

## Airport Security Officers at TSA Gaining Insight from Sandia Human Behavior Studies

A recent Sandia National Laboratories study offers insight into how a federal transportation security officer's thought process can influence decisions made during airport baggage screening, findings that are helping the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) improve the performance of its security officers.

The TSA-funded project, led by Sandia researchers Ann Speed and Kiran Lakkaraju, focused on the impacts on threat detection when transportation security officers are asked to switch between the pre-check (indicated by TSA as TSA Pre) and standard passenger lanes. The pre-check lanes, introduced recently, speed passengers through considerably faster, since pre-approved passengers are not required to remove shoes or items from their carry-on bags.

Speed used several computers for the lane-change study, machines loaded with software that allowed her to present about a thousand images of baggage to the TSA

officers. The images were captured by actual Smiths Detection AT-2 X-Ray scanning machines used at airport checkpoints.

The experiments involved statistical analyses of how effectively the officers identified prohibited items that are found in some of the images. The analyses were performed with up to 200 TSA officers.

"This kind of data collection and analysis can tell us how officers are making their decisions, their accuracy, and the rate of false alarms," Speed said. "We're capturing and analyzing their responses and decision times in different operational environments. In the end, the data inform us and our customer about the factors that impact officers' accuracy."

The research project assessed whether TSA's airport security officers experience cognitive impacts when switching from the pre-check lane to a standard lane, and vice versa. "We know that expectations have an impact on how people make decisions, and that the actual rate of target items in a sample can also impact decision making. So we designed an experiment to independently test the effects of expectations and threat rates," Speed said.

Though she can't reveal data from the study, Speed says some mitigations based on their findings likely will be rolled out to airports across the country. "It's really exciting to know that your work has had that kind of impact," she said.

Sandia has a history of research and development for homeland security needs, including breakthrough tools and technologies such as

explosive detection devices, chemical and biological countermeasures, border security, and nuclear and radiological security systems.

The labs' human behavior studies are less well-known, though Sandia has about two dozen researchers with expertise in cognitive psychology and neuroscience. Speed earned her doctorate in cognitive psychology from Louisiana State University.

"More and more around the labs, people are starting to realize that the human element can be just as important as the hardware, software or engineering," Speed said.

TSA has funded much of Speed's Sandia work since 2009, with other funding coming from the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology directorate.

From 2009-2010, Speed's colleague Andrew Cox spearheaded an experiment that analyzed what happened when security officers got advice from expert peers on whether carry-on bags contained threats. Speed led the experiment and a second project that independently manipulated supervisor emphasis on either accuracy or throughput, as well as image resolution of screened baggage, and the impact of each on security officers' decision-making. The study focused on whether higher resolution reduces the effects of supervisor pressures on security officers by helping them feel more certain of their decisions.

More specifically, the study asked how such pressures influence a security officer's decisions. Does the supervisor stress speed and quantity of passengers and baggage screened? Or is he or she more concerned with

accuracy of found threats? With image resolution, the questions are similar: how do the varying degrees of image resolution affect the decisions of security officers charged with detecting threats? Does image resolution slow activity at the X-ray station? Does it improve accuracy?

Speed noted that earlier work on TSA supervisors emphasis, formed some of the mitigations developed as a result of the recent lane-change study.

The success of the work has led directly to additional TSA-funded efforts, including a current project that explores how long officers can look at scanned images before their performance starts to degrade due to fatigue or other factors. Another project aims to understand the attributes airport security officers bring to their jobs prior to training that may influence their ability to perform duties other than the X-ray examination of bags.

In addition to the increased level of attention that TSA is giving to Sandia's research, Speed said other organizations have taken notice as well. Sandia recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Allen Institute for Brain Science, for example, and continues to explore opportunities with the Department of Defense and others.

An external advisory board of distinguished scholars, cognition scientists and others has repeatedly acknowledged that Sandia has a differentiating capability in this area.

"There is no other place that can do what Sandia can do in the area of human decision-making in high-consequence threat scenarios," Speed asserts. "We are it."

## MAILBOX

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### Save the Bankhead Kathy Streeter, Board Chair Friends of the Bankhead and Bothwell

SAVE THE BANKHEAD was everywhere at the Livermore City Council meeting on April 14th. The seats were filled with supporters of the Bankhead Theater and Bothwell Arts Center wearing white tee shirts with large red lettering proclaiming 'SAVE THE BANKHEAD'. The shirts were supplied by the 'Friends of Bankhead and Bothwell', a new non-profit organization in Livermore dedicated to raising awareness and funds to support the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center. The Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell provide arts, entertainment, and educational activities for the entire community throughout the year.

As the very capable and creative Bothwell manager, Linda Ryan, was happy to state, "The Bothwell Arts Center has functioned in the black for the last two years. The Bankhead Theater, however, is not in that very enviable position. The combination of the unpredictable 'great recession' and resulting loss of the Redevelopment Agency funding has left the Bankhead in a tight spot with the burden of construction debt upwards of \$22,000,000 with no steady income stream to pay it.

LVPAC, the not for profit entity that owns and operates the Bankhead Theater and operates the Bothwell Arts Center, has done a fabulous job getting this wonderful theater up and running, but no theater makes an operating profit and can, in fact, only survive with donations from the people it serves. If the Bankhead only had to worry about raising money

to fill the gap between oper-

ating income and operating expenses, the Bankhead would not be in peril.

Members of the LVPAC board and other stalwart supporters have poured money into LVPAC while trying to come up with a permanent solution to the crushing construction debt.

Community members are showing up in the SAVE THE BANKHEAD tee shirts to proclaim the importance of this unique participant in our lovely revitalized downtown and its history of presenting an incredible array of professional touring performers, of supporting our own resident companies, of providing educational opportunities for both children and adults, and for sponsoring numerous fun events in our city's core.

### Water Quality Info Rich Buckley Livermore

I really would like to read Zone 7 candidates' positions as they publicly address environmental and health consequences of Chemtrails.

Do any of the Zone 7 Candidates or incumbents have positions regarding these matters? If so I would like to read them.

There seems to be mounting evidence that the hydrolyzed aluminum hydrates being aerially sprayed globally are adversely affecting human health as well as reducing agricultural yields requiring increased fertilizers to offset reduced yields. We need to task either ourselves at Zone 7, or our senior water authority at the California State level to start testing our water continuously and reporting finding publicly.

Once these Zone 7 candidates are elected they clamp up and are forced to retreat to the avoidance of the issue

### How to Save Water George Overturf Livermore

Most bathtub water is suitable for lawn and plants. Water can be siphoned as long as the tub is above the down flow end of a hose. I use a 25 foot hose. A Y-shaped hose connection with ball valves on each leg can be a big help in siphoning. They are available in most hardware stores.

Attach Y to outside water faucet near the bathroom.

Connect the hose to one leg of the Y. Turn off the other leg. A hose cap is needed for the other end of the hose. With the hose cap off, hold hose end up and turn on water. Slowly fill the hose until water comes out. Turn off the water and cap hose. Next, take the hose end through the window to the tub. Use a brick to hold hose end in bottom of tub. Take the cap off, preferably under water. Back at the outside faucet put a bucket under the open side of the Y and open ball valve. As the tub drains, put the water in storage barrel or on the lawn.

### Ducklings Rescued Amanda Gorton Livermore

Morning of April 17th on Springtown Boulevard there was a female duck pacing back and forth across the street. I stopped to try and get her out of the street.

She kept going back to the same spot near the storm drain. Her babies were down there. I called Livermore animal control and they responded. With the help of Livermore water district, they rescued the babies and sent Mom with her babies back to a safe area.

I have to say when I put the call out I was not sure anyone would care. I was so proud of the City of Livermore for taking the time to help. I cannot tell you how upset that Mother Duck was. It was heartbreaking. She even flew off for awhile and brought back two mallard ducks and they dive bombed the workers.

I wish I could have taken pictures, but at that time my phone battery was low.

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# ASSEMBLY RACE

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protect the environment, the safety of workers, and at the same time allow business to thrive."

Arnerich used i-GATE as an example. The role of the board is to bring people together and move things along. Government needs to get out of the way.

For a start, he would fix the state architecture office. He says that he has found that it takes a year to a year and a half to receive project approval. No one sets standards. "There is a \$4 to \$6 billion backlog of projects that if they could be moved forward would quickly create high paying construction jobs," according to Arnerich.

Affordable housing has been a focus of the state. Arnerich says, "Government has done a really bad job. The worst thing that can happen is to identify a project as low income. That takes away the pride and dignity of those who live there. In Danville, inclusionary housing has worked. In lieu fees are not the solution, because housing doesn't get built." Arnerich said that when he tells people there are 100 very low income housing units in downtown Danville, people are surprised, because they don't look like the stereotypical low income project.

To meet the demand for housing, California would have to build a new city with a population of 43,000 every 5.2 weeks, he continued. Zoning and affordable by design are tools that can be utilized to produce the needed housing. Higher density zoning reduces the cost of each unit, as does building smaller homes.

He does not support the two tunnels proposed by the Governor to convey water. "It's not a good idea. It doesn't create water. It just moves it from one place to another. We need to be more resourceful in how we use water," he commented.

Arnerich would focus on water quality and increasing storage.

When it comes to prisons, he believes it is morally wrong for the state to send inmates to counties. He would like to see a requirement that inmates acquire a GED. He believes that would help reduce returns. He doesn't believe that the three strikes law has curbed crime.

Environmental laws were put in place to preserve the quality of life of the citizens of California, Arnerich stated. If a project meets all of the standards, it should be allowed to go forward, not be faced with lawsuits. The environmental laws are being used by both sides to accomplish other goals. Those laws are there to provide a healthy, safe quality of life, he added.

Health care is important. He supports the affordable health care act. "We are willing to make sure all automobiles are insured without protest. However, when it comes to humans, we want to make insurance political. The more people who are in the system, the more affordable it will become. Everyone should have the right to have affordable health care."

The state is facing an issue when it comes to pensions. Arnerich pointed out that Danville has no unfunded obligations, nor does it carry any debt. "The state cannot afford debt or unfunded pensions. There needs to be a conversation involving all stakeholders. The current system is headed to bankruptcy. It is not sustainable. When talking to retirees it is important to point out that if the system continues as is projected, there will not be money to provide services. Making a change is not for them; it is for their children and grandchildren."

He's not supportive of adding more taxes to solve problems. There should be pay as you go policies and fee for services required for state departments.

"Every tax has a positive or negative impact. We should clean up our house before we go back to the people to ask for more money." One way he suggests would be to make membership on commissions voluntary. Many of those positions are held by former legislatures and the people who got them elected. "It's unethical," he stated.

Newell is married to Janis Arnerich, a 30-year teacher and administrator in the San Ramon, Pleasanton and Orinda school districts. Together, they have two

children. Their son is a Marine Corps veteran and their daughter, an emergency room trauma nurse.

## CATHARINE BAKER

Attorney Catherine Baker provided two reasons she is running for the assembly seat, her children. "Like any parent, I want to provide excellent education, a healthy economy and financial stability for the next generation. I don't think we have done that the last several years. I intend to be part of making it happen for the next generation and for all of us."

Her main focus is on education and howwell the policies under which schools operate work. She declares, "California doesn't have problems with its education standards. The lack of performance relates to how the schools are operated."

For example, she says, an outstanding teacher is paid the same as one who is not as good, yet has been teaching for the same length of time. "The seniority rules are bad for teachers, and bad for children. They have nothing to do with performance. I know of no other career where someone can achieve permanent status in such a short time," she stated. She wants to see a change in those rules.

Baker would like to provide better training for teachers and administrators in recognizing child abuse. New policies should be put in place to train teachers how to recognize and report child abuse.

She says she would like to be a watchdog for Common Core in Sacramento. "Common Core is the new system of education that is to be taught in all California schools. This transition period is a critical time."

There are many challenges facing higher education, including accessibility. Baker points out that tuition and administrative costs are ballooning. She would examine the administrative cost to ensure they are in-line with the duties performed. Baker would also ensure that for California taxpayers, there are no impediments to access our schools.

Community colleges are a tremendous resource for professional training, she stated, as well as those going on to four year schools. Baker likes the idea of private-public partnerships at this level. For example, an industry that needs more workers could provide the equipment to train students. She would work to remove state barriers that make such partnerships difficult.

She described CEQA as well intentioned regulation that has become incredibly costly and burdensome to the average California. "Over 40 years, layers upon layers of regulation have been added. On top there are federal regulations. The rules have become a weapon for special interest groups to attack projects and 'extort' how they are designed and built for reasons unrelated to environmental impacts." She contends that results in greater cost to taxpayers. For example, an apartment building that is challenged in court in an effort to require union workers and prevailing wage will result in higher rents. Developers have to recover the cost of the litigation some how.

Baker would reduce the opportunity for frivolous lawsuits; streamline and make more transparent the public input process; and restrict the grounds on which a project can be challenged to make sure the challenge is related to the environment.

Baker supports more investment in infrastructure, but not "big, high cost projects" such as the high speed rail and two tunnel water conveyance system.

When it comes to water, Baker says that the state currently has a lopsided policy that focuses on efficiency, conservation and recycling. "The policy needs to be diversified to provide for investment in storage, preferably projects that earn local, state, regional and federal support. Water storage is a must." The Delta ecosystem needs to be protected and stabilized. "All options should be on the table, including local entities looking at recycling."

Baker says in the realm of land use and infrastructure there is an addiction in Sacramento to tell local communities what to do, to tell where and how they should build housing. "One Bay Area was created by

elite, leftwing politicians who say 'we know better what communities should look like.' They will withhold funding if the vision isn't followed. It's not a carrot and stick approach, it's a sledgehammer."

Housing decisions should be left at the local level.

She supports BART to Livermore. In the long term, there is a need to look at local rail and connectivity to improve transportation and reduce congestion, Baker stated.

Prisons are overcrowded. The system has been realigned, sending prisons to counties. As a result, Baker said there has been a 17 percent increase in property crime since realignment was instituted, because inmates have been released. She would like to see local entities receive the resources they need to operate the system effectively.

She does not support Covered California, the state's version of the Affordable Care Act. She would like to see more market solutions for both patients and doctors, along with cost containment. "Let the market system work first. I want the ability to choose my own plan and my own doctor." She believes that there should be changes in the ability of the market to operate, such as allowing insurance to be sold across state lines and small businesses to band together to seek health care policies for employees.

Baker supports retaining the two-thirds requirement to pass a parcel tax. "It helps communities build consensus."

As for taxes, she favors focusing on how money is spent, not taking more.

There is a need to reform the retirement system. "The current liability is one of the greatest threats to the economy and the state's ability to provide services."

She supports an initiative on the 2016 ballot that would allow for negotiations to take place on pensions. The initiative does not remove past benefits. She would use surplus funds to pay down debt, then put money in a rainy day fund.

Another change would be to alter the makeup of local pension boards. Those who directly benefit can currently serve on the boards.

When it comes to campaign reform, she believes transparency is one of the best disinfectants to abuse. She said that the one party domination in the state has led to a lopsided culture, resulting in the current scandals. "Right now, the majority doesn't have to talk to Republicans about anything. This district is a targeted seat. It will take people who have the will to make changes, who are not part of the insider culture. We don't need to send reinforcements to Sacramento."

Baker works as an attorney at Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel law firm in Pleasanton, where she helps small businesses and non-profit organizations get started and succeed. In addition, Catharine has received awards for her pro bono work as an attorney.

She is married to her college sweetheart, Dan. The couple lives in Dublin with their two children.

## STEVE GLAZER

Steve Glazer currently is serving his tenth year on the Orinda City Council, during which he was appointed mayor for two terms.

He says he wants to be a voice for fiscal responsibility and a champion for public education in Sacramento. He described himself as a fiscally conservative Democrat.

If elected, he says that he would build on his proven record of independence to take on the special interests in Sacramento and provide strong representation for the community.

He provided an example of his independence. He stated that he was the first elected official to come out for a ban on transit strikes, following the recent BART labor issues.

He has taken a pledge of transparency and has asked the other candidates to sign on. Glazer said one of the goals would be for candidates to release their the answers to questionnaires posed by more than 30 special interest groups. He says those answers reveal "blood promises," indicating that a candidate has committed to some action if elected to gain support from the group.

"These commitments are usually kept hidden from the public, but are used to leverage secret promises from future officeholders," says Glazer.

Glazer is supportive of pension reform. Pensions for state workers and teachers are underfunded by billions, he pointed out. Among the reforms he supports would changing the make-up of independent pension boards, offering a 401K option, and limiting pensions to 70 percent of a person's salary over a three year average.

He said of elections, that he is supportive of protecting the open primary system. He sees the top two provision as providing more opportunity for smaller parties to appear on the November ballot.

He would ban fund-raising during the final 60 days of a legislative year.

"The key to reform is transparency, rather than donation limits," he states. One of the ways that special interests dominate California politics is through a system of secret surveys and questionnaires through which candidates make hidden commitments behind closed doors. Special interests ask candidates to commit, in advance of any endorsement or financial support, to very specific legislative agendas.

A strong education system is important to future economic growth. Schools need more resources and students more options. Glazer states that if a student is attending a poorly performing school, the parents should have the ability to enroll that child in another public school. "I am a strong supporter of charter schools," he added.

Glazer serves as California State University (CSU) Trustee where he says he is working to limit tuition increases and lower administrative costs. He would like to see a four year freeze on tuition increases and three years on salary increases. He pointed out that the CSU system is one of the most affordable. Those with families who have an income of less than \$70,000 pay no tuition.

At the community college level, he would ensure that classes are transferable to four year institutions, lowering the time it takes to earn a degree.

Career pathways should be part of community college and K-12 educational opportunities. In some cases, it would be better to provide kids a career path that is different from a college path, Glazer commented.

He supports BART to Livermore and improving mass transit options. Glazer would like to see a balanced budget and the state live within its means, constrain spending creating fiscal stability so there is money to invest in infrastructure.

When it comes to jobs, Glazer points out that over the past three years unemployment has gone from over 12 percent to 8 percent. However, when it comes to job creation, he thinks there is excessive regulation on small businesses. "We need to find ways to make it easier to start and run a small business." For one, there are enormous CEQA regulation hurdles to overcome. Glazer would give local government the authority to review environmental documents. Once there is a certified environmental review, a project should be allowed to move forward. If there were a problem, local government should deal with it, not the courts.

There is a lot of lawsuit abuse when it comes to environmental law, Glazer stated. He would like to see challenges limited to specific violations of general plan, zoning, air or water quality standards. A challenge that merely claims a study is inadequate should not be allowed. The laws are there to protect health and safety. However, the process needs to be streamlined. He would not make changes in the underlying rules or standards. He would support minimizing regulatory burdens that don't diminish health and safety but stifle the state's prosperity and, he believes, send jobs to other states.

In the environmental area, that he would protect voter-approved growth boundaries that prevent sprawl and protect the quality of life in local communities.

Affordable housing is an issue. The challenge is land cost, says Glazer. There were two state propositions that he supported that raised

billions for affordable housing.

There should be expanded reservoir capacity in the state to save more water during wet years. He would support increased efforts in recycling and reuse as well as technical enhancements to assist agriculture in using water more efficiently.

Glazer hopes that Covered CA, the affordable health care system, will work. He says that it is being watched closely to see whether it is bringing in more uninsured and is financially sustainable.

Changes in where criminals are incarcerated have lowered the cost, according to Glazer. He said it cost \$50,000 a year to house one prisoner in a state prison, and \$30,000 per prisoner at the county level. He said that the state should provide resources to local agencies to house prisoners more efficiently and to create rehabilitation programs to stop the revolving door.

Glazer runs a successful small business, advising landowners, environmental organizations, businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

He is married to Melba Muscarolas, an AT&T executive. They have two daughters.

## TIM SBRANTI

Tim Sbranti is completing two terms as the Mayor of Dublin. He brings fifteen years of experience as a classroom teacher, and eight years as a statewide leader for public education. Sbranti grew up in Dublin and returned home after graduating from Sacramento State to teach at what is his alma mater, Dublin High School, where he also serves as the school's Student Activities Director, Varsity Boys Tennis Coach, and Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

He has been endorsed by the incumbent, Joan Buchanan.

He says he is running because he sees this as a critical time in public education. He declares, "Given my experience, I want to be part of shaping it."

He has taught independent study working with kids in the foster system and juvenile hall, as well as construction classes and adult education. "I would bring a broad perspective of the needs of public education to the conversation," he notes.

The state does need to help local school districts. One way would be to lower the threshold needed to approve parcel taxes. He would look at the opportunity to allow districts 55 percent approval rather than the current two thirds requirement. "Local funding results in self-help, without interference from Sacramento," Sbranti states.

He noted that the two-thirds requirement impacts many things. He pointed out that the defeat of Measure B by a slim margin set back BART to Livermore by two years.

"Taxes aren't the answers to all problems. Efficiencies in how money is spent should be part of the solution," he said.

Sbranti believes he can work collaboratively with all interests in the state. He states that more can be accomplished by bringing people together. "I am pro business, pro labor and pro environment." He points to the businesses that have come to Dublin bringing jobs to the area, the city's climate action plan, and support of the current Open Space Initiative as examples of being able to work for the betterment of all.

Sbranti adds that many of the successes he helped orchestrate in Dublin would be transferrable to state government. For example, Dublin carries no debt or unfunded obligations.

When it comes to community colleges, Sbranti sees them as important resources for workforce development. He would like to see a link between industry and community colleges, tailoring classes to the needs of industry. For those who want to acquire a four year degree, he would provide a pathway so that those students could move on to a four year institution as quickly as possible.

Sbranti does not support the two tunnel system that would carry water around the delta. He says, "The plan would be bad for the environment, is costly and doesn't solve the problem." He pointed out that in Dublin, two-thirds of the usage is

recycled water. There is no statewide leadership to encourage the use of recycled water as much as possible, something he would like to see changed.

Better management and storage are among the keys to the future water supply. This would include such ideas as raising the levees, looking at desalination, and promoting drip irrigation.

Affordable housing is an issue. The loss of redevelopment agencies has had an impact on the ability to produce affordable housing. He would like to see a successor agency in place to provide a way for projects to be financed. A housing bond would be another tool that could be used to finance affordable housing.

He supports prison reform. However, it would be better to intervene early on when a problem first comes up. More drug education and services at a lower level can keep people out of prisons in the first place.

Once in prison, he would separate violent offenders from low level criminals. Education and training would be provided to those low level offenders while they are in prison so that when they are released they would have a tool to move away from crime. The former inmates would be monitored, receive job training, and see how they function in social situations. "We need to do more to modernize the prisons we do have, to turn them into real rehabilitation centers. It would be a lot less expensive in the long run."

The business climate in the state could be improved. California led the nation in private sector job growth last year. "Investment in infrastructure and education would have impacts. One business owner told me that taxes and regulations are too high. However, he said that was the cost of doing business in California."

He cites one Dublin business that would have liked to hire more people. Prospective employees can't afford the housing in the Tri-Valley. Those who come over the Altamont have no transit access. They have to travel along crowded freeways. Sbranti said I was told that because of the housing and commute issues it is hard to attract and keep qualified workers.

Sbranti suggests incentives to attract research and development along with clean tech high paying jobs. He said i-GATE is just one of the innovation hubs selected by the state. No funding comes with with the designation from the state. Technical assistance and permit streamlining would be options he would like to look at. Time to market is a factor in high tech. He would not change environmental laws, rather he would put the focus on making bureaucracy more efficient.

He pointed out that environment laws, such as AB32, have created jobs. Solar energy in Livermore and Dublin have produced direct jobs. He would like to see government buildings become as green as possible. Implementing the upgrades to green would add jobs.

When it comes to health care, he believes Covered CA works effectively. "People receive the care they need. If there were no health care insurance, people would spend a lot of money on health, money that could go into the economy. Helping people stay healthy is cost effective," Sbranti stated.

Pensions are an issue. Before looking at more fixes, he would like to see how the new law works. He said that he doesn't see the justice in changing the rules for those who have worked and rely on the pensions they were promised. He suggested that the state make payments to bring down the unfunded obligations using any surplus funds when they are available. "It would cost too much to pay the unfunded liability all at once. That could also have a negative impact on the economy."

He would like to see campaign reform. He called recent Supreme Court decisions on funding "distressing, a detrimental impact on the democratic process." He would like to explore the idea of banning the ability to raise money while the legislature is in session.

Sbranti is married to Stephanie, a Livermore native, who currently teaches at Valley Continuation High School in Dublin.



# SPORTS NOTES



Ballistic United Team Bay Area SJ made a national semifinal appearance in the Copa Coca-Cola 5v5 soccer tournament. Pictured are (from left) Asib Khamush, Imran Matin, Oliver Ziemer, Youki Chiba, Head Coach Sean Lemoine, Assistant Coach Akbar Matin; (front row) Ryan Murray, Nico Lemoine, Luis Gres.



The AASA Future Stars 10u blue girls softball team, based out of Livermore, took first place in the 'Round Up' tournament out in Modesto the weekend of April 5th and 6th. Pulling off a come from behind win in extra innings after being down 9-1, the Future Stars upset Liberty Elite from Tracy by winning with a final score of 10-9. Pictured are (top, from left) Coach Steve Johnston, Alexa Snider, Coach Kim Hood, Dakoda Hood, Coach Brian Rapp; (middle row) Taylor Rapp, Alexis Dimas, Angelica Madrigal, Kylie Alfano; and (bottom row) Marissa Herrera, Makayla Winchell, Emily Aleman, and Delaney Johnston; not pictured: Jazzelyn Rios.

## Ballistic Soccer

Bay Area SJ, a 5v5 soccer team of the Pleasanton based Ballistic United Soccer Club, made a semifinal appearance at the Copa Coca-Cola national championship tournament held over the Easter weekend in Los Angeles.

Copa Coca-Cola is an international youth soccer tournament and a global celebration of soccer passion. It unites more than one million teens from around the world promoting an active lifestyle and encouraging values such as team spirit, friendship and respect.

Team Bay Area won the regional Copa Coca-Cola tournament in San Jose in February and was invited to compete in the national tournament against the other regional champions from 10 cities across the US.

Team Bay Area won the group game flight earning the most points from the 4 round robin games. The semi final match was against Crossfire 99 from Seattle, the runner-up from the other flight. Both teams played very hard and well and the score was tied at 2-2 until the last few minutes, when a Crossfire attacker put the game winning goal. Bay Area had a great scoring opportunity in the last minute but the Crossfire goalkeeper made a fine save.

Playing in the tournament were: Imran Matin, Youki Chiba, Ryan Murray, Nico Lemoine, Oliver Ziemer, Luis Gres and Asib Khamush. The head coach was Sean Lemoine. The assistant coach was Akbar Matin.

## Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

**Majors:** LNL Giants 13, LALL Giants 2; LNL Giants' Evan Nystrom went 2 for 2 with 2 RBIs, while Brandon Martin and Elijah Maravilla had huge back to back doubles. LNL Giants' Mateo Moncada hit a hard shot down third base to score a run. LNL Giants' Eric Ruloma smacked a huge double and single. Ruloma also pitched another impressive complete game, striking out the side in the third inning. Catcher Ty Wetzel made an excellent throw to get the runner out at third.

LNL A's 7, LALL Giants 6; Pitcher Jacob Dillon struck out 2 batters and threw a walk that resulted in a ground out in first inning. Caelob Stimpson caught and accounted for the last out in 3rd inning throwing the ball to Jordan Canning at third. Jordan Dennett was also in a pickle between 3rd and home. He was successful and made the run. Dru Dillon, Patrick Curulla, and Joe Mifsud had strong hits to outfield keeping the rally alive. Ryan Hanley had a walk off single to win the game.

LNL Giants 13, LALL A's 12; It was another battle of the bay with the LALL A's scoring 7 runs in the first inning against the LNL Giants. But the LNL Giants never gave up with a comeback win. LNL Giants' Brandon Martin pitched 3 innings allowing only 1 run against the tough LALL A's. Offensively, Martin singled and doubled, scoring both times. LNL Giants' Ty Wetzel played a great defensive game as catcher. At the plate Wetzel had two base hits, scoring both times. LNL Giants' Eric Ruloma hit single and then a huge home run to right center. Pitching the late innings, Ruloma recorded two strikeouts and closed out the game.

Diamondbacks 10, Giants 10; Bottom of the 6th inning, Giants with runners on 2nd and 3rd, the Diamondbacks brought in Jack Wilson to shut down the rally. The game ended in a tie 10-10. LNL Giants' Randy Rego pitched a great three innings with four strikeouts. Offensively, Rego had a base hit and walk. The Patterson brothers had a great game for the LNL Giants. Adam Patterson scored after his hard hit double. Jeffrey Patterson had a base hit and pitched well for the Giants.

**AAA Division:** Red Sox 12, Yankees 7; For the Red Sox: Brayden Nunes was star on the pitcher's mound keeping the Red Sox on top. Brayden Nunes hit a line drive in the 2nd bringing in 2 RBIs. Tommy Wisley III made a terrific catch in centerfield. Sean Stotts had an RBI double in the 6th. Larry Wisely exuded excellent base running the entire game. Xavi Lortie played great defense catching two pop-ups. For the Yankees: Ryan Kelly had a great offensive game hitting 2 doubles and bringing in 3 RBIs. Nathan Lee had 2 nice hits. Julian Quigley played great defense.

Red Sox 9, Yankees 8; For the Red Sox: Corey Stimpson had an impressive

start on the pitcher's mound striking out multiple batters. Corey also exuded great base running when he stole home. Christian Grenier had a lead off double and later stole home. Xavi Lortie played great defense making all 3 outs in the 6th. Thomas McKnight hit an impressive line drive double in the 6th. Michael West had the game winning hit. For the Yankees: Jordan Dennett hit a strong single bringing in 2 RBIs. Nate Hernandez caught an impressive pop-up. Julian Quigley had a powerful single in the 2nd. Alex Alamillo played great defense making this a close game.

Pirates 12, Redsox 9; For the Pirates, Angel Ixta cleared the bases with an inside the park home run to put the Pirates ahead of the Redsox in the 4th inning. Sebastian Krinarid hit the ball well, knocking in a key run late in the game. Dominic Gozzo played great defense and had a tremendous catch for an out. For the Red Sox, Anthony Molleson struck out 4 batters in 2 innings and offensively hit 3 for 3 bringing in 3 RBIs. Larry Wisely hit a sacrifice ground ball for an RBI and had a lead off single in the 5th. Michael West hit an impressive double to left field and stole home. Tommy Wisely III hit an RBI double. Brayden Nunes hit a lead off single in the 6th.

**A Division:** Pirates vs. Yankees: For the Yankees, both Matteo Lortie and Grant Vonheeder had great offensive and defensive games. Grant had a great throw to 3rd for an out and Matteo had a great stop at first for an out. Both had great hits to get them on base every time at bat.

Giants vs. Pirates: The Pirates had some impressive hits and good defense in this action-packed game. For the Giants, JJ Verceles made some great plays at third and got a runner out. Noah Nava hit a hard fly ball to right field for a triple. At shortstop, Koy Trane tagged a runner out and later got another out as the first baseman.

Pirates vs. Yankees: Ashton Marr had some strong at bats hitting two doubles. Jordan Aldape hit a home run in the 4th inning. Snowden from the Yankees played strong on third base. Alex Hendricks, also on the Yankees, hit a solid single. Overall this Single "A" Division game was played great with all players and coaches displaying exemplary sportsmanship.

Yankees vs. Nationals: For the Nationals, Hayden Hobbs played an amazing game. While playing pitcher and first base during the last two innings of the game, he got all three outs in both innings...and had a total of 9 outs in the game while playing defense. Hayden also hit a double when he smacked the ball into center field. Tyler Herndon also played an excellent game. He got a runner out while playing first base when he caught a fast throw from the shortstop. Tyler also had three great hits while batting and helped bring in runs for his team. For the Yankees, Toa Faavae had a great offensive game with two great hits for a double and a single. Kaison Pastorius had a great defensive game with great plays both in the infield and the outfield.

Diamondbacks vs. A's: A's player Hayden Druba went 3 for 4 at bats with two great doubles to the outfield both with RBIs as well as a single with RBI. His defense was smooth while playing pitcher too. Michael Mussari, also with the A's, went three for four with three singles all bringing in an RBI and his great pitcher defense landed him "player of the game". Jack Eaton led the Diamondbacks on offense, batting 4 for 4 that included a double and knocked another out to CF. Gregory Brazill also hit a hard double to CF. The Diamondbacks played a fierce defensive game. Jack Eaton made three outs at 3rd base to close out the 3rd inning. Logan Von Roll made many good stops at the pitcher's mound and Joshua Graber made a fantastic double play by catching a fly ball and running to 1st base for the force.

Yankees vs. A's: A's player "Mav" Lanning had 4 great singles each scoring the team an RBI...and played great defense. Fellow A's player, Jake Whately went 3 for 4 with his powerful swing and played amazing at pitcher making a nice play for an out. For the Yankees, Offensive Player of the game went to: Alec Hendrick had a great game with 2 doubles and 2 singles and got on base each inning. Fellow Yankee Tyler Lamour was Defensive Player of the game, with 9 outs in 4 innings with a fly ball catch.

**A Division:** Pirates vs. Nationals:



Pleasanton Seahawks swim team members pictured are (from left) Coach Todd Tucker, Jon Pallesen, Greg Connel Caroline Eckel, Emily Claredge, Miranda Heckman, and Claire Suen, and 11-12 Girls Relay Team of: Caroline Eckel, Emily Claredge, Miranda Heckman, and Claire Suen.



The Mavericks Fastpitch 12U finished second in the USSSA Easter tournament held in Manteca on April 19. Pictured (back from right) are Jose Santiago, Rachael Gomez, Melanie Laronde, Stephen Pepperdine and John Sprugasci (middle) Anna Ramirez, Sabrina Pertica, Ally Sprugasci and Brianna Wheelock (front) Jay Louangrath, Juliana Santiago and Delilah Corral. Missing from photo is Ally Gordon who pitched in all three games. Also missing are Kylie Roberts and Doug Roberts who were absent that day.



LALL AA Division Orioles celebrate their latest win.

Jarrett Fahnhorst from the Pirates received the game ball for playing great defense on first base. Also, Kaden Green from the Pirates played great defense catching the ball on third base. From the Nationals, two players played exceptionally well. #48, JT was an amazing third base player and Mason Riccardi #15 kept the game alive while playing out in left field.

**T-Ball Division:** Diamondbacks vs. Rangers: Alex Engel on the Diamondbacks played a great game today with 3 great hits and played an excellent catcher protecting home. Diamondbacks' Caden Kinney had a couple awesome hits out to center field and played a great shortstop showing the ball who's boss. The Diamondbacks' outfield was kept on their toes tonight with sluggers, Memphis Cook and Blake Young with hard hits back to back. But tonight's star was Diamondback player Reno Bolyard.

Diamondbacks vs. Pirates: Slugger Tyler Tabaracci on the Diamondbacks played a great game with 3 great hits. Nicholas Baxter on the Pirates hit a hard ball down right field where it was stopped by Diamondbacks' second baseman Christian Campos who threw to first base, followed by Riley Lombardo on the Pirates really giving the Diamondbacks a work out in right field. Both teams played an awesome game and a great job pitching by the coaches.

## Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association results:

**T-Ball:** Raspberry Rockets: Layla Sprayberry continued her hitting streak with 3 singles and a double to right field. She had two outstanding runs against some tough defense to stay on base and make it home. Devyn George was fantastic all game making 2 great defensive stops and did a great job at first base. She also had 3 singles off coach pitch. Rylie Rapp made a key defensive stop at shortstop to start the game with a great play. She continued with 4 singles, at one time hustling home to beat the ball at the plate.

Lady Leprechauns vs. Raspberry Rockets: Layla Sprayberry was a rock star making an earned out with her quick fielding skills to prevent a double and offensively had a line drive to first where she sprinted against the first baseman to earn herself a single. Madison Trindade had her best game yet with a double in the 1st inning, followed by an earned out while playing 2nd base. Madison stayed focus all game, making 2 key stops, which prevented runners from advancing. Jocelyn Sosa continued with her hitting streak with 2 singles, and a double. Devyn George was great on offense and defense all game, providing great spirit and awesome sportsmanship for the Rockets.

Raspberry Rockets vs. Patriettes: Sarah Pogue earned the game ball for all the effort she put in practice this week and earning her first hits off coach pitch. Sarah continued on defense with 2 key stops at pitcher and prevented a double with her efforts at left field. Layla Sprayberry caught a 3rd base line drive and sprinted to the base for the forced out. Jocelyn Sosa fielded what would have been a double to first baseman Mia Geraci to keep the runner at first. Madison Trindade kept the third inning short with multiple quick plays at pitcher to first baseman Devyn George. Kailynn Nguyen was stellar at her 2nd base position throughout the 3rd inning. Rylie Rapp was on focus for her fielding as center field and made great efforts at 3rd base. At bat, the Rockets continued with strong hitting with Rylie and Sarah

taking singles in the first and Devyn, Mia, Jocelyn, Kailynn, Madison and Layla all going 3 for 3.

## Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

**T-Ball:** LugNugs vs. MuckFogs (4/14): Jack Mclean hit a pop fly to 2nd followed by two more big hits to center field. Jacob Johnson had 4 RBIs consistently hitting grounders to center. Jacob Flores fielded well making an out at 3rd. Joshua Bosque, Zachery Dimas, Jaxson Hornett and Tyson Edgar all fielded well and consistently batted off the pitcher. Claire Kenyon had 2 RBIs and made an out at 2nd and Wesley Dudgeon had three singles with 3 RBIs.

MudCats vs. RedWings (4/19): All of the players on both teams played well. The Mudcats played a hard fought game. Graden Cardwell had a couple of really nice hits. And Bryan Vandagriff made an outstanding play at first base. The stand out of the game for the Mudcats who played hard on defense and had a couple crucial hits was Nico Rodriguez.

**Single A:** Athletics 18, Cardinals 19 (4/15): It took 2 extra innings for the game to be decided. It was a seesaw battle the entire game until the last few innings where the A's took an 18-11 lead going into the bottom of the 6th. The Cardinals rallied with 7 runs to tie the game and force extra innings. In the 8th inning Justin Matchett sent every one home with a walk off hit. Leading the Cardinals on the offensive side were Tommy Brown, Hayden Maas, Johnny Elola, John Viri, and Zach Peeso. On the defensive side great plays were made by Justin Matchett, Robert Grout, and Alex Piscotty. Cardinals' Ryker Bortoli had 3 singles and 5 RBIs.

Giants 12, Yankees 7 (4/16): Yankees' Joey Bielski came out fighting in the first inning and stopped the Giants' advance by catching a grounder and causing the out at 3rd base. The Giants were formidable opponents scoring 5 runs in the 3rd inning, including a home run by Regan Smith. Giants' Jakob Blake went 3 for 3 with 2 triples and 5 RBIs. Giants' Jackson Garrett fought back with a fly ball catch against, Yankees' Josh Rodriguez, for the first out of the 4th inning. In the 5th inning, the Yankees kicked it in to overdrive and scored five runs, with an amazing slide in by AJ Cook. In the 6th inning, Chase Kosaka went flying around the bases. He blew past the first baseman who almost got him out, but dropped the ball. With the help of Armando Sotka, Chase went sliding into second. The Yankees battled it out until the end, but this time, they couldn't quite catch the Giants.

Cardinals 20, Orioles 6 (4/19): The Cardinals and Orioles were battling in a close game until the Cardinals broke it open and went on for the 20-6 victory. The Cardinals were led by Justin Matchett, Alex Piscotty, Ryker Bortoli, and Matt Clapp. A handful of defensive gems were made by Tommy Brown, John Viri, and Justin Matchett. Cardinals' Tommy Brown had 3 singles, 1 triple, 2 RBI; Zach Peeso had 4 singles, 1 RBI.

**AA Division:** Yankees 12, Cardinals 7 (4/16): The Yankees played an excellent game against the Cardinals. The Yankees came out swinging, scoring 12 runs on 14 hits, including 5 triples... The pitching was also incredibly consistent. Yankees' Dwayne Noel in two innings pitched gave up no runs and struck out 5 of the 8 batters. He was also 2 for 3 with a single and a triple, and two stolen bases and 2 RBIs. Yankees' Sean Taulbee pitched well too, with 5 strike outs that helped the Yankees maintain the lead. He



Members of the Livermore Fusion 00 Girls U13 Gold team took a week off from spring league play to participate in the PRO-AM Beach Soccer, 4th Annual Stinson Beach Challenge on April 19. The girls were undefeated in the tournament, winning the U-13 division championship game in penalty kicks after a scoreless overtime period. Members of the team were (left to right) Coach, Eric Harnish, Abby Harnish, Kennedy Griffith, Cassidy Bates, Kaitlin Krakoski, Lindsay Harnish, Christine Aredo, Samantha Kwan, and Abby Fraser (not in the photo).



The West Coast Soccer U12 Wolves played the Livermore Fusion to a 1-1 draw. The outstanding player of the game was Zac Hollingshaus, who stopped two penalty kicks before giving up a third penalty kick to Nick Hill. Eddie Topete scored on a penalty kick for the Wolves. The Wolves played the Pleasanton Ballistic the following day. The game opened with Emi Olmos scoring for the Wolves just 10 minutes in. Ballistic came back with 2 goals to take the lead. Matty Crivello tied it up for the Wolves. Ballistic scored a go ahead goal and again the Wolves answered when Shelby Gutierrez bounced a shot off a defender in to the net. With the game tied and in to stoppage time Emi Olmos put the Wolves ahead for a 4-3 victory.



LALL T-Ball MudCats' Nico Rodriguez up at bat.

had a nice single, 2 stolen bases, and scored twice. Logan Moore) was 2 for 3 with a single and a triple, 2 RBIs and a run scored.

Orioles 9, Yankees 11; (4/19): Great game played by all. Orioles' Riley Durrant had a huge single that drove in a run in the 2nd inning and went on to score a run in the same inning. Orioles' Dylan Voelker had a single that drove in a run and also scored a run in the game.

**AAA Division:** Cardinals 4, Pirates 8 (4/16): For the visiting Cardinals, Aiden Bartlett had two base hits and two RBIs, while Wilson Schwegler had a nice double. Zach Neal turned an unassisted double play at first to keep the opposing team scoreless in the fifth. For the home Pirates, Kirk Stempien had two base hits and an RBI, while Michael Grant showed off his outstanding baserunning skills to advance three bases and score. Kendall Lemmons put in two fine innings behind the plate and caught a runner stealing. Cardinals played a good game. Cardinals' Tallon Chambers went 3 for 3 and played awesome offense. Cardinals' Aidan Barlett hit a single to center field and got another single at his next at bat. Wilson Schwegler made a great defensive play, holding the Reds to 1 run in the 1st inning. Reef Sweeney was on his A game on the mound.

Pirates 21, Athletics 5 (4/19): For the visiting Pirates, Tucker Vonderach had four hits and 5 RBIs, and struck out three in the inning he pitched. Peyton Lemmons and Kevin Colliity combined for a double play to get out of a bases loaded situation in the 5th. For the home A's, Eric Hall had two base hits and an RBI, while Crayton McCafferty had two hits and two RBIs. Gio Sandoval also added two base hits.

**Majors:** Athletics 2, Yankees 3 (4/15): For the A's, Kyle Kohn was a dominant force on the mound with 5 strike-outs in 4 innings, along with great fielding, having a hand in making infield plays to get two additional outs. The A's held a 2-0 lead in the 4th as a result of a solid double hit deep to centerfield by James Duperly. The Yankee bats were quiet for a while but came alive in the bottom of the 4th inning on singles by Dalton Johnson and Tyler Moran to tie up the game. A 5th inning single by Garrett Hamer brought in the go-ahead run. With the Yankees holding a one-run lead, the A's worked to get a rally going on a 2-out single by Cole Gibson in the 6th and a lead-off single by Kyle Kohn in the 7th. The A's had the tying run at third base, but the Yankee defense kept the run from scoring and the Yankees prevailed, final score 3-2.

## Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results:

**T-Ball:** Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors vs 4LEAF, Inc.: Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors played a great game against 4LEAF, Inc. Kameiyah and Aislind had big hits for 4LEAF, Inc., while Amelia impressed us all in the outfield. Cassidy was an awesome pitcher for Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors, while Sophia and Vanessa made some huge hits. Top Players: 4LEAF, Inc. - Kameiyah, DePerio, Aislind, Duggan, Amelia Umentum; Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors - Cassidy Dong, Vanessa Rodriguez, Sophia Valle

**Micro White:** Bringhome.scentsy.us vs Land Home Financial: Bringhome.scentsy.us started off with a great defensive show by Georgie August, who stopped a hard hit ground ball and made the out at 3rd. Lauren Tran got the bats going with a line drive up the middle for a hit. Ella Kuipers singled with a hard grounder down the 3rd base line that drove in a run. Land Home Financial had a great line up with Kellianah Maratita-Banks, who had a solid hit to right field to get on base. Sydney Stark followed with a hard hit ground ball past the shortstop for a single. Clara Song kept the rally going with a fly ball to left field for a hit and a RBI. Top Players: Bringhome.scentsy.us - Georgie August, Ella Kuipers, Lauren Tran; Land Home Financial - Kellianah Maratita-Banks, Clara Song, Sydney Stark

**Mini Teal:** Kids and Teen World 8, Dick's Sporting Goods: An exciting back and forth game with Kids and Teen World edging out Dick's Sporting Goods with a one run victory. Top Players: Kids and Teen World - Maddie Chung (2 for 2 with 2 runs scored), Lindsay Hill (2 for 2 with 2 runs scored), Lois Sotos (unassisted double play at 1st); Dick's Sporting Goods - Kaylynn Vahey (2 hits), Sheridan Wang (3-3 with a double), Sheridan Wang (for pitching)

Vagaro 6, Handles Gastropub 5: The game went back and forth with Handles Gastropub taking the lead in the top of the 5th inning and Vagaro brought in the go-ahead run. With the Yankees holding a one-run lead, the A's worked to get a rally going on a 2-out single by Cole Gibson in the 6th and a lead-off single by Kyle Kohn in the 7th. The A's had the tying run at third base, but the Yankee defense kept the run from scoring and the Yankees prevailed, final score 3-2.



# SPORTS NOTES



In the Granada Little League T-Ball division, the Orioles faced the Cardinals and Red Sox on a busy baseball week. The game balls were given out to Justin Zipton and William Leonard. The Orioles started off both games by raking off of the tee and showing the packed stands that they were ready for Coach pitching. The hitting level stays the same as Coach Simonetti had to dodge a few hard up the middle line drives. William Leonard and Justin Zipton led the hitting brigade as the other Orioles, Max Dunn, Julia Stewart, Tanner Bingham, Logan Simonetti, Manaia Fajaipa'u, Brayden Benjamin, and Brandon Hahn pulled their weight and hit all day.

putout. For Vagaro, Abigail Gerber provided offensive power with 3 hits, Emma Buttafoco delivered a hard hit single and her hustle in left field saved a run. Nyla Helou was the deciding factor getting a single and batting in the game winning run. Top Players: Handles Gastropub - Imoen Bradley, Amya Menniti, Sydney Voorhees; Vagaro - Emma Buttafoco, Abigail Gerber, Nyla Helou

Vagaro 5, B&S Hacienda Auto Body 1: Vagaro led off with 3 runs in the first inning against B&S Hacienda Auto Body, which proved the difference as both teams clamped down with good pitching and defense the rest of the way. For B&S Hacienda Auto Body, third baseman Makena Scott gunned the ball to second baseman Ava Marie Perry to get an out on a close play at 2nd. Right fielder Keira O'Brien saved at least 1 run in by aggressively backing up the play on an overthrow. Trixie Ramirez and Gwen Chan led the way for Vagaro with strong pitching, along with 2 hits each. Sarah Thach also contributed to the offense with 2 hits and she made a great play on defense on a tough fly ball. Top Players: Vagaro - Gwen Chan, Trixie Ramirez, Sarah Thach; B&S Hacienda Auto Body - Keira O'Brien, Ava Marie Perry, Makena Scott

**Mini Black:** California Business Technology 12, Kota Networks 6: In the first game of the season without "coach pitch," Rachel Tanis threw 12 strikeouts in 5 innings for California Business Technology over Kota Networks. Kelly Fietz hit two singles for one RBI each, and Sammy Madsen cracked a two-run RBI past the pitcher to 2nd base. For Kota Networks, Andrea Gregory pitched a good game and added a big single over 3rd base. Sara Krake added a two-run RBI down the 1st base line. On defense, Audrey Davis forced a stealing runner back to 2nd in an exciting rundown in the 4th inning. Top Players: California Business Technology - Kelly Fietz, Sammy Madsen, Rachel Tanis; Kota Networks - Audrey Davis, Andrea Gregory, Sara Krake

**Minor Teal:** WomanInjuredAtWork.com 11, Bentek Solar 8: WomanInjuredAtWork.com were victorious over Bentek Solar. Darina Wolfe made a great play in the outfield. Olga Merkadeau, Sophie Mansoor and Darina Wolfe play good in the infield. Good hits by Kealy Morrissey and Sophia Ghodouy. Sophie Mansoor pitched well in the game and Megan Rovira and Samingie Gray did well as a catcher. Top Players: WomanInjuredAtWork.com - Olga Merkadeau, Kealy Morrissey, Darina Wolfe; Bentek Solar - Deja Clark, Kylie Pfothenauer, Lexi Valentine

**Major Black:** Amador Valley Optometry 11, Baron's Jewelers 5: Amador Valley Optometry played a great game having Aliya Lubrin go 3 for 3 with a triple, single and a bunt and two RBIs. Jaylah Abello and Samantha Santana both went 2 for 3 both having two solid singles for the team. Baron's Jewelers tried to battle back into the game, but couldn't pull it off even with Nikki Thornton going 2 for 3 with a RBI and Vanessa Zapata going 2 for 2. Breanna Chi went 1 for 2 with a RBI also. A good win for Amador Valley Optometry. Top Players: Baron's Jewelers - Breanna Chi, Nikki Thornton, Vanessa Zapata; Amador Valley Optometry - Jaylah Abello, Aliya Lubrin, Samantha Santana

## Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:  
**Farm:** A's vs. Yankees: Power-hitting today from the A's with 6 doubles. Top offensive players (Marco Gozon, Tyler Kennedy, Dawson Kerezsi). Six great plays by the infield led to the A's six put-outs. Top defensive players (Lane Curtin, Mason Ravera, Anthony Ponce received the game ball).

**Minor AAA:** Rangers 11, Yankees 5: Aidan Buenostro pitched a great 3 innings for the Rangers and had a hit and an RBI. Michael Straus hit a 2 RBI double and Jake Fields pitched the final inning not allowing any runs. Jacob Addington got five hits and scored two runs for the Yankees.

Rangers 5, Cardinals 1: The Rangers' hitting was stellar in the game. Anthony Pedretti connected for 2 hits, scored 2 runs, and 2 RBIs. Gabe Enfinger also scored a run and pitched 4 innings for the Rangers. The Cardinals got in some good hits by Darren Dangler and Hunter Houghton.

Yankees 1, Diamondbacks 2: Jacob Sisto went 3-3 at the plate, helping the Diamondbacks to a 2-1 victory over the Yankees. He singled in the first and fourth innings. Colin Pearce put together a nice outing. The Yankees managed two hits off of the Diamondbacks' pitcher, who allowed no earned runs, walked three and struck out four during his 4 1/3 innings of work. The run for the Yankees crossed the plate in the second inning on an RBI single by Snodgrass. The Diamondbacks never surrendered the lead after the fifth inning, scoring one run on an RBI double by Kieran Campbell.

Cardinals 3, Diamondbacks 10: Jacob Sisto carried the Diamondbacks to a 10-3 victory over the Cardinals with a strong game at the plate and on the hill. Jacob got a hit in each of his two at bats. He singled in the first and third innings. The Cardinals had three hits off of Jacob, who allowed one earned run, walked two and struck out five during his four innings of work. Eight runs in the first three innings helped the Diamondbacks outpace the Cardinals. An RBI single by Jacob and an RBI single by Colin Pearce during the first inning and an RBI single by Tyler Eaton in the second inning helped the Diamondbacks put some runs on the board early. The Diamondbacks'

Tyler, Jacob, Kyle Benko and Zachary Kramer combined for five hits and five RBIs. Max Higgins took the loss for the Cardinals who walked two, struck out two, and allowed two runs. The Diamondbacks piled on five more runs in the bottom of the third. A double by Kieran Campbell ignited the offense, bringing home Jordan Fritz and Chase Kerezsi. That was followed up by Dylan Corker's single, plating Zachary and Kieran. The Diamondbacks scored two runs of their own in the fifth. The Diamondbacks scored on a solo home run by Zachary and an RBI single by Tyler. In addition to the monster home run by Zach he gunned a runner down at the plate.

**Division:** Yankees 8, Giants 0: T Gavin Bates led the Yankees' defensive efforts with phenomenal starting pitching. Jake Walton and Nolan Lehev pitched high quality scoreless third and fourth innings in relief. Dylan Gray continued his hot hitting with a crucial double to the left side off some tough Giants' pitching. Ava Schwarz also extended her hitting streak with two sharp singles. Liam Muir played a terrific second base and had a pivotal two-run double in the second to launch a Yankee rally that put them in the lead for the remainder of the game. The Giants had good pitching from Charles Jorgensen, Alex Chong, and Mitchell McCormick. Ashton Souza and A.J. Martin also looked strong on their first pitching assignments of the year.  
Yankees vs. D-Backs: The Yankees and D-Backs played a very close game on Saturday afternoon. The D-Backs won 2-1. Tyler Curran held the Yankees to one run and Bradley Smith crushed a two-run homer for the D-Backs' two RBIs. For the Yankees, Nolan Lehev played an outstanding all-around game, pitching one shut out inning, making a dazzling play in the field, and delivering two key line drive hits. Jacob Freitas also pitched with precision and velocity.

## Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks had outstanding swims at the recent Far Westerns meet held in Moraga, April 3-6. Many new Far Western times and best times were achieved.

**Pre-Junior I Group:** Bryson Huey competed in 4 individual events and 2 relays, going a best ever 50 free split in the 200 free relay. Jordan Lee competed in the 50 fly, staying right on top of his best time and also brought his strengths to the 2 relays.

**Junior Group:** The 10 and under boys placed 5th in the 200 free relay. Farrah Brown swam well in her first Far Western meet. Olivia Kim raced well in all of her swims. Jaewoo Kim made finals in the 50 free and 200 free. Lizzie Balicanta and Kyra Black both swam well in their swims. Mackenzie Lee made a PRT time in her 50 back. Aaron Lin made a best time in his 50 breast.

**Pre-Senior Group:**  
Far Western Finalists: Emily Claridge, Caroline Eckel, Grace Nimmo, Claire Suen, Calvin David, Lleyton Plattel, Nawoo Kim, Chris Zhong, Tyler Lu.  
New Far Western Times: Bella Hernandez, Katie Risher, Nicole Stiles, Alex Ren, Justin Tsai, Nick Wonosaputra, Fallon Brown, Amber Fornoles, Hannah Franzwa, Daniela Hawkins, Alexandra Hernandez, Christy Neufeld, Paulina Umansky, Nja Zuniga, Brandon Brown, Calvin Chui, Pieter Cory, Drew Kobayashi, Rishabh Nair, William Rose, Tim Yao  
Pleasanton Seahawks placed 4th in the team race. Caroline Eckel, Emily Claridge, Miranda Heckman, and Claire Suen swam the 200 Medley & 200 Free Relays that set 2 new Pacific Swimming Records.

**Senior Group:** Danielle Zacharias - New Sectional Cuts 500/1000/1650 free. Miranda Heckman - 2 Pacific Swimming Records as member of the 11-12 girls 200/400 Free Relay Team. Michael Yao - 100% best times. Jared Brandley - 100% Best times. Anthony Zhong - Far Western Champion 200 Breast.

**Lifetime Best Times:** Sofia Barerra - 200 back. Erica Francesconi - 500 free, 100 back. Jonah Cooper - 500/100/200 free, 100 back. Michael Martin - 100 back, 200 IM. Alex Suehiro - 100 Breast. Caitlyn Plattel - 500 free, 100 back. Nikolas Cory - 200 breast. Nathaniel Sproul - 200 breast, 100/200 fly. Trevor Lee - 100 fly. Jeffrey Tang - 200 free.

## Youth Triathlon

Kids can run, bike and swim their way to confidence and health with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's Youth Triathlon.  
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On Wednesday, April 16, Livermore High School Cowboys Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team hosted rival team Granada High School Matadors. At half-time, the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Club was invited to present an exhibition game. The league's U9 team experienced the sidelines of a regulation high school field as they waited for the announcement of each player's name and then demonstrated their scrimmage skills. (shown in photo). Many local high school lacrosse players started with Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Club, which was founded in 2005. The league consists of elementary, middle and high school students, and is increasing each year as popularity of the sport on the West Coast grows. The next games for the league will be held on April 26-27 for all age groups. For more information, please visit [www.phantomlacrosse.org](http://www.phantomlacrosse.org)



Giants' shortstop Zak Gooby fields a ground ball up the middle and throws to first for the out in a Granada Little League Majors game. Photo - Bill Nale

the opportunity to try something new without having a competitive environment - time and placing will not be kept - everyone wins.

The Youth Triathlon will be held from 7 a.m. to noon, Sunday, May 18. All events will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. Kids will start out with a swim, ranging from one to four laps depending on age bracket; continue to a 1- to 3-mile bike ride based on age group; and finish with a run varying in distance from a quarter mile up to a mile for older youth.

Registration includes a T-shirt and is only \$25 if done by Friday, May 9, or \$35 after May 9, if space is still available. Advanced registration is required and will not be available the day of the event. Participants can sign up at [www.larlp.org](http://www.larlp.org) or by calling 925-373-5700. Youth triathletes must bring their own bike, helmet and swim gear.

## LHS Baseball

The Livermore High School baseball team came back to defeat crosstown rival, Granada High, 11 to 5. The Cowboys pushed across seven runs in the 6th inning for the win.

The Matadors jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the 1st inning, but the Cowboys came back to take a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second inning when Noah Robbins singled and moved up to 2B on a ball in the dirt. He then scored on a line drive double by Drew Webber. Webber then scored on a single by Brody Martinez. Granada stormed right back and scored three in the 4th and one more in the 5th to take a 5-2 lead into the bottom of the 5th inning. Back to back walks by Martinez and Dominic Foscaglia set the table for DB Vidal. He singled to CF to drive in both runs to cut the lead to 5-4. Once again, Granada answered with another run in the 6th inning to push the lead to 6-4, but the Pokes had a big answer in the bottom of the 6th.

Robbins led off the 6th with a double to CF. Hayden Goldstein pinch ran for Robbins. Goldstein scored on another double by Drew Webber. The double parade continued as Martinez doubled down the LF line to score Webber to tie the game. After a fly out, Adam Hollar was hit by pitch and Vidal reached on an error that scored a run. Ryan Ruchey walked to load the bases and Daniel Slominski was hit by a pitch to drive in another run. The big blow came off the bat of Robbins when he had his second double of the inning to drive in two more runs.

Thomas Triantos started the game and battled into the 4th inning until giving way to Zach Fuller. Both pitchers did an outstanding job of limiting Granada's offense to mostly singles.

The Pokes have now won three EBAL games in a row heading into the week off of league.

## LHS Lacrosse

The Livermore High School varsity Lady Cowboys defeated Newark's Cougars 16 to 3 in a lacrosse match-up on April 15.

**LHS Goals made:** #4Mikayla Mc-1, #5Madison S-1, #7Ashleigh P-1, #8Tessa C-1, #12Krisztina Y-2, #14Kaitlyn B-1, #16Lexie O-3, #22Lindsay Mc-2, #23Katrina H-1, #24Ashley B-3  
**LHS Assists Made:** #12KY-1, #16 LO-3, #18Veronica H-1, #24 AB-3  
**2 Goalie Saves by:** #00Ally Benko  
**LHS Draw Controls:** #12 KY-11, #16 LO-1, #24 AB-1  
**LHS Shots on Goal:** #3Marina F-1, #4 MMC-1, #5 MS-3, #7 AP-2,



Ty Rankin for the LNLL T-Ball A's shows a sweet stroke and hits the ball hard on Saturday, 4/19 versus the Rangers.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore High School Cowboys took on the Foothill Falcons in a dual meet. The Cowboys swept the distance events. They also won the 110H hurdles, pole vault, 200, shot and discus, as well as the long jump and triple jump.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Livermore High School Cowboys lacrosse team lost a game against crosstown rival Granada High, 20-11.

## Bocce Ball Tourney

The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley will host a Bocce Ball fundraising tournament Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Campo di Bocce.

Spend a day at Campo di Bocce while helping the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley raise funds for community grants and the Every 15 Minutes program for local High Schools on the consequences of drunk driving. The Bocce Tournament will take place on Sunday, May 4, 2014. Registration begins at 9:00am, and the tournament at 10:30am.

Agourmet brunch is included with tournament play, which includes 2 drink tickets and/or unlimited sodas. The event also includes a silent auction and raffle items.

Sponsors are needed and can obtain player registration and signage at various levels of sponsorship. A \$1000 Sponsorship package includes registration for 4 players and signage at the event. A \$500 Sponsorship package provides registration for 2 players and signage at the event. A \$250 Sponsorship will display your signage at the event.

Individuals can form 4-player teams at \$85 per player, or register and be placed on a team needing players. Contact Graham Scott for sponsor or tournament registration information at 925-784-9800, or email him at [grahambo22@yahoo.com](mailto:grahambo22@yahoo.com). Check out the website for the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley to learn about other events [www.livermorevalleyrotary.org](http://www.livermorevalleyrotary.org).

## Hook and Ladder Run

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will be hosting the 6th Annual Hook and Ladder Run, Sunday, June 1, 2014 at Wente Vineyards, located at 5050 Arroyo Rd. Livermore.

This event will include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, and a kids' 1 mile fun run. The event benefits the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that supports, injured and fallen firefighters, the Burn Foundation and other local charities in the Tri-Valley.

Through April 30th, registration is \$30.00 for the adult 5K or \$35.00 for the 10K (\$20 and \$25 respectively for those 17 and under) and \$10.00 for the kids' 1 mile fun run. On May 1st, 5K and 10K registration fees increase by \$10.00 and kids 1 mile fun run by \$5.00. Registration closes May 23rd, or when sold out. Starting time for the 5K and 10K is 8:00 a.m., followed by the kids' 1 mile fun run beginning

at 9:30am.

The 5K is a stroller friendly run/walk that is a 50/50 paved, dirt road course. The 10K is 90/10 dirt and paved road. Strollers are not permitted on the 10K course. Both courses travel through Sycamore Grove Park. The Kid's One-Mile Fun Run (for ages 12 & under) will take place at Wente Vineyards. No dogs are allowed on either of the courses or the fun run.

Awards will be given 3 deep in each age group (M & F) 12 and under, 13-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+. Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting available for purchase. Many of the event sponsors will have booths and all participants will receive a t-shirt and gift bag. Great raffle prizes are available to all runners and additional tickets will be available for purchase.

On line registration can be filled out at <http://www.active.com/livermore-ca/running/distance-running-races/6th-annual-hook-and-ladder-run-2014>

Event website: [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com)

## Golf Tournament

A golf tournament is planned as part of the Granada High School 50th anniversary celebration.

The tournament will take place on Fri., May 23 at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore.

Registration opens at 11 a.m. Tickets include a black and gold wristband for the Friday night celebration in downtown Livermore.

Tickets for single or foursome can be purchased at [granadahigh.com/50thbirthday](http://granadahigh.com/50thbirthday).

This is a benefit for Granada Supporters. Funds go towards extracurricular activities for students.

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# ZONE 7

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Zone 7 should do during the drought, and whether they supported mandatory rationing by water retailers.

Candidates also were asked whether they agree with the Zone 7 policy of "pay as you go" to finance capital improvements by accumulating funds first, instead of selling a bond and paying interest on it.

Another question asked what they would tell customers if they decided to raise rates, because they have to cover rising fixed costs. For instance, Zone 7 may have to meet tighter water purity standards, while also losing revenue because of increased water conservation.

Candidates were asked which, if any, of the three scenarios they support.

In the first, Zone 7 has signed on to an agreement that will enable the Valley's water utility to undertake projects bilaterally. It allows one or more agencies to contract with another to provide equipment maintenance.

Second would involve an advanced step for pooling utilities' resources would create an agency to handle any kind of water function, for example recycled water, with the one new entity operating it.

The third option is represented by a more advanced that would be create a Municipal Utilities District (MUD). In this structure, all the water utilities would merge into a new district that would take charge of all water uses: wastewater treatment and recycling, water acquisition and distribution.

One question focused on support for Zone 7's drive toward total independence from Alameda County. Another dealt with the proposed annexation of Dougherty Valley, in San Ramon, to Zone 7.

Although Zone 7 provides water for DSRSD to sell to Dougherty Valley, it is merely wheeling the water. Dougherty Valley developers paid for the water rights from Central Valley agricultural districts. The issue now is whether Zone 7 should make Dougherty Valley part of Zone 7, so that water users there can vote for Zone 7 directors.

There were also questions about perceived hardness and poor taste of water, protecting the underground water storage basin from over-pumping during the drought, and whether Zone 7 can play a role in encouraging water recycling.

Candidates appear in alphabetical order.

## ALAN EXNER

Alan Exner moved to Pleasanton in 1977. He has worked as an accountant in various capacities, and has coached soccer and youth sports.

Exner said that he has watched Zone 7 "for 30-plus years." Now that he is semi-retired, he wants to take on public service. He said that he could "add some financial professionalism to Zone 7."

Exner supports BDCP. "Digging tunnels might raise a lot of issues, but I was convinced by a presentation I heard," Exner added. "How we go about funding it may be a different story. Overall, it's something to push forward on. It won't make everyone happy, but maybe we can meet half-way."

As for Zone 7 drought actions, Exner said, "They haven't moved fast enough on the water conservation part, with getting the word out. We'll have a problem in July. I see neighbors still watering. We need to be more proactive."

Exner said that he thinks water retailers will have to institute mandatory rationing. "It may be done through the higher indexed rates in a tier system so that high water users pay more."

Exner prefers the "pay as you go" philosophy that Zone 7 has been using for many years. "As an accountant, I am conservative financially. If there were some big need, I would talk about it, but bonds are an expensive way to go."

In regard to rates rising due to increased fixed costs, Exner stated, "We have to look hard at any money we can squeeze out of fixed costs."

Exner likes the idea of two or more agencies joining together in contracts with each other for various functions, such as maintenance. At a recent meeting, where Zone 7 directors agreed with the lowest level of pooling resources, Exner said that perhaps more could be done. He cited the decision Livermore and Pleasanton made to merge their fire departments, and eliminate duplicated jobs, such as the chief position.

Exner favors the Zone 7 bid for independence. Job benefits at Zone 7 are tied in with the county payroll. Zone 7 would have "more flexibility, if they could run their own show. Independence would also enhance the idea of joining with other districts out here," he said.

On the question of taste and hardness of the water, Exner commented, "There may be different smells in

different places. We have physical evidence of hardness. It destroys the fixtures in your house. It's tough on pipes. It's not just a cosmetic thing. I've had to replace fixtures more often."

"Are customers willing to pay more to reduce hardness? Maybe people would, if Zone 7 asked them."

It is important to guard the underground water basin, and not remove too much water from it. "From what I have read about the San Joaquin Valley and other places, once you compress the underground basin, it drops. It's not like a balloon, where you could put more water into it. Maybe it's an incentive to push water conservation."

On agricultural water, "we have a fertile crescent, and have to keep supplying (growers) with water."

Exner said that he has no endorsers, and is running a low-key campaign. "It's a new experience for me. I have not run for any office since college."

## JOHN GRECI

John Greci has served for 20 years on the Zone 7 board. He came to Livermore as a youth in 1952, taught agriculture at Livermore High School for 20 years, then worked at LLNL for 20 years, where he was in charge of the major clean-up of underground toxic materials.

Greci said that he is running because he enjoys water issues. "It's an extremely important resource." Another motivator was his belief that "everyone should give back to the community."

Asked what difference he expects to make, Greci said, "It's extremely important as a board member to promote education about flood control and water." Zone 7 should increase its education and public awareness programs, starting with youth on up.

Greci agrees "100 percent" with the board's support of the BDCP plan. "There are tremendous increases in wildlife habitat conservation available as a result of the plan. It does more for the Delta than any previous plan has done."

During the drought, Zone 7 must "continually educate the public to understand this drought, and the potential for another one. It could be a disaster if the drought goes for another year." However, the Valley is fortunate to have a large groundwater basin. "Zone 7 has taken a proactive approach" in acquiring water in wet years and storing it. We'd be in dire hurt, if Zone 7 had not done that."

Greci supports general manager Jill Duerig's statement that Zone 7 must look ahead at least two years, and guard the water-storage ability of the underground basin.

Greci supports mandatory rationing by the retailers. "They do the billing, and as distributors, they are more than capable."

Greci said that he is a firm backer of the "pay as you go" philosophy when it comes to accumulating money before building capital projects.

Zone 7 must meet its operational costs, even if revenue drops from selling less water, and expenses go up for increased cost of water-treatment chemicals and other things. "We have to meet our obligations. We did cut energy costs, by installing solar energy at a treatment plant."

On interagency cooperation to pool resources, Greci said that he is "happy with the first step." However, the other two phases of the study that pointed the way to merger of two utilities' functions into a separate entity, or going even further, and forming a municipal utilities district handling all Valley water functions must still be examined, before he could comment.

Greci said that he is still



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Cast members shown during rehearsal.

## Review

# Las Positas Drama Takes On Coming of Age Issues

By Carol Graham

Each night, Heather Drewis would sit in the darkened wings and watch her cast mates rehearse the haunting song, *Those You've Known*.

"Those you've known and lost, still walk behind you. All alone, their song still seems to find you... They whistle through the lonely wind, the long blue shadows falling. All alone, but still I hear their yearning."

"There's something about that song that always gets to me," said Drewis. "I admire the strength within the character of Melchior. He's had to deal with all these horrible people but he still has hope for the future."

The song comes at the end of *Spring Awakening*, the 2006 Tony Award-winning musical performed by the Las Positas College (LPC) Theater Arts Department. Six performances took place from April 4 - 13 at the on-campus Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts.

The rock musical is based on Frank Wedekind's controversial and thought-provoking 1891 play, *Frühlings Erwachen*. Set in late 19th-century Germany, it tells the story of teenagers coming of age in a repressed society, struggling to face grown-up issues without any grown-up help.

"None of us escapes adolescence without experiencing love, sexual awakening, failing, disappointing our parents and ourselves, or struggling to fit in," said Titian Lish, LPC's Director of Theater Arts. "Oftentimes with this production, audiences get caught up in some of the sensational aspects of the show, but upon closer reading and study it is really a piece about longing, abuse, loneliness, confusion, trust, love and fear."

Lish is underscoring the two notable sides of the multifaceted play: one is overtly sexual and dark, unapologetically depicting masturbation, sex, incest, abortion, homosexuality, and suicide. Yet beneath the surface lies the play's deeper meaning - a meaning that has remained the same for young adults across centuries and continents.

"I don't think the reason young audience members love this play has anything to do with its sexual content. That is the simplified takeaway for audiences and adults who are too far past this moment in life," said Lish. "Young adults are so

much more complex than that. They, like the characters, are wrestling to form their identity and this play really speaks to that in a very open and non-judgmental way. In rehearsal, we spoke more than anything else about love, connection, and the characters' desires to be seen and valued by other people and to find happiness."

Only 16 actors in 25 roles brought the college's play to vibrant life, beautifully capturing the wonder, sensuality, pain, hope and yes, awakening of adolescence. From Abigail Peterson's ethereal portrayal of Wendla, delicately balancing between the little girl she was and the woman she's becoming, to Sam Leeper's ardent portrayal of Melchior as he struggles to break through conventions to find the truth, each member of the cast contributed a brilliant brushstroke to the final picture.

At first, noted Drewis, "I was interested in the content of the script and was excited to see how the text would develop when we moved onstage. It evolved into seeing the characters begin to grow and develop within each actor of the show."

The sets in which the characters moved were minimal, representing the austere environment in which the teens found themselves. Yet the lighting, music and choreography were breathtaking - adding color, movement and richness to symbolize the teens' inner desires and emotions.

Drewis played Martha, a young victim of incest, whom she called, "a sad, dark character unlike anyone else I've ever played." With plaintive, conflicted innocence, Drewis sang *The Dark I Know Well*. "This production has changed me in so many ways for the better. The environment to learn and to experiment with different ways to approach a scene was so welcoming," she said. "Whenever I had questions about anything, Titian was right there ready to help in any way she could."

Although Lish has been involved in theater for more than 20 years, this is her first year at LPC.

"I hope to continue to evolve the theater arts program, enriching both academic and performing op-

portunities for our students," said Lish. "I am working to finish our AA degree for Transfer, our Technical Theater Certificate and, with the help of the wonderful faculty, to rewrite courses. Also, I continue to advocate for the program for financial resources and community support."

With tickets for LPC's productions typically costing only \$15 (\$10 for students and seniors), college theater is a terrific and affordable way for the community to enjoy live theater.

"Studying theater benefits both students and the community as a whole, and has for centuries. Theater reminds us to be reflective and engaged citizens," said Lish. "I value Las Positas' commitment to teaching the theater arts, as well as the program's ongoing demonstration of excellent theatrical productions. For many years, I've encouraged graduating high school seniors to attend Las Positas as their first collegiate experience, as it was mine, for these very reasons."

Upcoming LPC Theater Arts Department events include performing at The Best of the Best Gala, a fundraiser held by the Las Positas College Foundation on April 26 at the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts. Next fall's production will be William Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*. Additionally, a children's production of Aesop's Fables will tour locally.

As for her first full-scale LPC production of *Spring Awakening*, Lish said, "I hope the audience remembered to look into their own life experiences a little more and remember how complex it can be becoming an adult."

For her students, Lish is making it that much easier.

"I would like to thank Titian for everything she has done. She has been not only a wonderful director but a wonderful teacher," said Drewis. "She is so positive and relatable with the whole cast. No matter what, she made us feel welcome and open to have ideas and questions."

And in that, the director gave the greatest gift young adults of any century can be given.

For more information, visit [www.laspositascollege.edu/THEA/index.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/THEA/index.php).



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The Livermore Native American Dance Group is made up of Native American students who perform traditional American Indian dances at schools and special events. Zachary Saal is shown performing the boy's fancy dance at Altamont Creek Elementary School in Livermore.

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## SHORT NOTES

### Military Help

GNON – Girls Night Out Networking, the all-women networking group founded by Frances Hewitt of FHI Marketing Consultants, will team up with Pleasanton Military Families on May 15.

GNON, which will be celebrating its 6 year anniversary in June, will be hosting a Community Outreach project along with Janice Halbuetzel of Remax Accord and Joanie Svedeman of Super Slow Zone in Pleasanton, by conducting a special drive for Pleasanton Military Families. Frances Hewitt, GNON Founder, states, "I am proud and thankful to our troops so what a great way to show our appreciation."

Pleasanton Military Families (PMF) is a non-profit support group for family and friends of our local military men and women. Founded in 2003, at the beginning of the Global War on Terror, to meet a need for an outlet to talk about our children, husbands, wives, and friends fighting this war. PMF sends letters, cards, boxes filled with food and personal supplies, which reminds deployed military that they have not been forgotten, and that they are loved and supported by those at home. During PMF "pack-outs" multiple care packages are sent out three times a year to approximately 30 individuals from the local area. GNON and PMF will be collecting goods and donations for the Care Packages project at the May 15th mixer to be held at Remax Accord Realty in Pleasanton from 5-7:30pm.

For information about

GNON or in donating to Pleasanton Military Families, please contact GNON Founder/Director, Frances Hewitt at (925) 487-4748 or at gnoners@gmail.com. Visit the GNON website at www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html to RSVP.

### Bikeways in Dublin

The City of Dublin is hosting a Bikeways Stakeholders Meeting to discuss Bikeways Projects and Programs for 2014-2015 and beyond. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Regional Meeting Room, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin.

For more information, visit the Dublin's Bikeways webpage at www.dublin.ca.gov/bikeways. Those with questions, contact the Public Works Department at (925) 833-6630.

### Restraining Orders

Tri-Valley Haven assists residents of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin in obtaining domestic violence restraining orders against abusive current or former intimate partners. Trained advocates are there to assist victims in obtaining restraining orders and can provide information and referrals on related child custody and child support matters.

There is no charge for the Haven's legal services, and filing fees for domestic violence restraining orders are waived.

Weekly legal clinics are held every Tuesday in Pleasanton from 5:30-7:30 at the Britannia Business Center, 5890 Stoneridge Drive, and every Thursday

from 2:00-4:00 in Livermore at 3663 Pacific Avenue. It is recommended that attendees call ahead to reserve a time slot, but drop-ins are always welcome. Appointments with an advocate can be scheduled at other times if necessary.

Call (925) 449-5845 for more information or to reserve a space.

### Nature Programs

The History of Olivina is the topic of a Sat., April 26 program offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Darren Segurat at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Sycamore Grove Park is home to one of the larger wineries in the valley, unfortunately that was more than 100 years ago, and now there is not a lot left. Join this program to tour the faded elegance of the old Olivina Winery and talk about its history and that of the man who created it. Walk or van out to the headquarters site then take a leisurely 1-mile hike around the former estate. Call 925-960-2400 if you would like to reserve a place in the van.

Heron Nesting Viewing is the topic for a Sun., April 27 program. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

Join Ranger Amy and knowledgeable birders from the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory for an intimate peek at the nesting habits of great blue herons. There will be spotting scopes, with the hopes of wit-

nessing parents feeding chicks in the nest. Only a short walk is needed to reach the viewing location. Reservations are required. Group size is limited to 15 people. Ages 9 and older only please.

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.

### Morgan Territory Hike

Save Mount Diablo is offering a family hike in the Morgan Territory Regional Preserve.

Morgan Territory is considered to be many conservationists' favorite East Bay Park. It's the link between two huge parks, Mt. Diablo and Los Vaqueros, and between the rugged mountain, the lush grasslands of Altamont Pass, and the flat Central Valley. Morgan Territory has

uninterrupted views on a clear day of hundreds of miles of the snow-covered Sierra. It's the blue oak-wooded headwaters of Marsh Creek. Most of the park is above 2,000 ft. and the preserve's Highland Ridge is taller than Mt. Tam in Marin.

The walk will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sat., April 26.

Please RSVP to smdinfo@SaveMountDiablo.org or (925) 947-3535.

## Dublin to Host Water Wise Workshop

In response to the Dublin City Council's issuance of a drought State of Emergency, the City will be hosting a free Water Wise Workshop on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Dublin's City Hall.

This workshop, being held as part of the City's "Dublin Pride Week" celebration, will teach residents what can be done in their homes and gardens to reduce water use. The workshop will be taught by experts on water conservation. Registration for the event is encouraged, by visiting www.dublin.ca.gov/waterwise.

2014 Water Wise Workshop Schedule:

- Indoor Tips & Tricks – 9:00 to 9:15 AM: Great indoor water efficiency tips and a do-it-yourself demonstration, presented by Zone 7 Water Agency.

- Compost Workshop – 9:15 to 10:00 AM: How to compost organic waste to improve soil health and water retention, presented by Stopwaste.org.

- "Lose Your Lawn" – 10:15 to 11:30 AM: A demonstration and presentation on how to lose the lawn, along with design and plant selection, presented by the Bay Friendly Landscaping and Gardening Coalition.

- Keynote Speaker – 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM: John

Greenlee is the author of two grass ecology books and will teach participants how to transform a boring, water-hungry lawn into something beautiful and earth-friendly.

- Water Wise Irrigation – 12:30 to 1:15 PM: How to save water in the yard with good watering methods, a how-to demonstration, and drip irrigation tips for do-it-yourself home gardeners, presented by Ewing Irrigation Supply.

For more information on the workshop schedule, contact Kathy Southern at (925) 833-6650, or visit www.dublinprideweek.com for links to resources on how to save water in the home and garden.

## OBITUARIES

### Glenn William Barr

Oct. 14, 1959 – April 15, 2014

Glenn Barr entered into rest on April 15th, 2014 in Tracy, CA after a short battle with cancer. In heaven he joins his father, Bill Barr. He leaves behind his mother; Yvonne Baker and her husband, Jim Baker, of Mi-Wuk Village, CA. He is survived by two sisters; Rhonda Mason (Bill) of Tracy and Mary Miller (Jack) of Manteca. In addition, he is survived by several nieces, great-nieces, nephews and great-nephews; along with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Glenn was born in Livermore on October 14, 1959 and graduated from Livermore High School in 1977. He had lived the past 25 years in Tracy. He served our country as a member of the US Air Force and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Glenn was a talented and creative craftsman who spent most of his life working in construction. He also enjoyed woodworking and working on engines of all types. As per Glenn's request, there will be no services and burial will be private.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary, 925 447-2942, www.callaghanmortuary.com

### William "Bill" Wise Vance

William "Bill" Wise Vance, age 93, of Jackson, CA, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2014 in Wilton. Bill was born in Folsom, CA on October 29, 1920, a son of the late Jenny (W o o d -bury) and Charles Cameron Vance.



Bill is survived by his daughters, Thala and her husband, Robert Wolin of Jackson, Jene' Vance of Whitesboro, Texas; grandchildren, Vanessa Glass (Michael), Alison Turner (Aaron), Cindy Vicini (Rick), Jason Wolin; great grandchildren, Grace, Caitlin, Sydney, Brittany and Tyler. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Marie G. Vance in 2008 and his first wife, Theodora Isabel Vance in 1992.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a Lt Commander during WW II. Bill owned and operated Vance's Market in Orangevale for 13 years prior to becoming a business manager for school districts. He retired from Castro Valley School District in 1973.

Friends are invited to attend a celebration of life Friday, April 25, 2014, 11:30 AM at Daneri Mortuary in Jackson. Private family

interment will be at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine, CA. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Fund 4899 Belfort Rd Suite 300 Jacksonville, FL 32256. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.danerimortuary.com and signing the guest book.

### Joe Edward Segrest, Jr.

Joe Edward Segrest, Jr. of Livermore, California died in a bicycling accident on Altamont Pass Road on



Thursday, April 3, 2014. Joe died without suffering, doing something he loved on a beautiful Spring day in the green storybook hills with the wildflowers in bloom.

Joe worked for two decades as one of the exercise physiologists for the Security Department at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He also modeled for artists and art classes, maintained a thriving massage business, and performed in numerous venues as a fire dancer. Joe lived with one foot on and one foot off the grid.

Joe will be remembered with love by many different communities: by those he grew up with; by those he worshipped with in his early adulthood; by those who make staying physically fit a lifelong enterprise; by the people he worked with at Lawrence Livermore Lab; by those with whom he journeyed to Burning Man; by those in the Lifestyle and artist communities; by fellow cancer survivors; and by his families of birth and marriage, as well as his found family of kindred souls.

Joe is survived by his father, Joe Edward Segrest, Sr.; his sister Jessica and her husband Randy; his niece Pavia and her partner Dewey; all living in the Grand Junction, Co. area on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains; his sister Denia and her partner Shari of Livermore; many loved ones in close community; and friends and family across the state, country, and globe. His mother, Dana Segrest, preceded him in death in 1988.

His pulse in the heartbeat of creation will be missed.

Joe's Celebration of Life will be on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Lichen Bark, one of the sites at Del Valle Regional Park. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. Bring food and a beverage to share for 5-7 people. Dress comfortably and bring your own blanket, chairs, etc. We anticipate an inclusive and diverse gathering – each of us honoring and sharing a bit of Joe's 48 years of life. More information is available on the Facebook event page: Joe Segrest Celebration of Life

In lieu of flowers, please volunteer or donate to one of the following agencies: American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Livermore, Team, Camp Run A Muck, http://www.relayforlife.org Search "Livermore", "94550", "Camp Run A Muck;" Shepherd's Gate www.shepherdsate.org, 1660 Portola Ave., Livermore, CA 94551; or Open Heart Kitchen www.openheartkitchen.org, 1141 Catalina Dr., Livermore, CA 94550.

### Garneda Goad

June 6, 1917 – April 20, 2014

Garneda Goad passed into the loving arms of Jesus at her home on Easter Sunday April 20, 2014. She was born on June 6, 1917 in Cunningham, Kentucky to Maude and Reynolds Wooden. She was the youngest of 9 children. She was raised in Cunningham and graduated from Cunningham High School at the age of 15.

She was an exceptional Basketball player with her long arms and fast legs. Her father refused to allow her to play her first year as he didn't like the shorts the girls had to wear, but he finally relented and allowed her to play. Two years after graduation, she met her future husband, Wiley Goad at a Basketball Game where he was a referee. They were married 2 years later in 1937 and lived in Arlington, Kentucky until 1941 when they moved to St. Louis, Missouri. They lived in the St. Louis area with their 3 children until 1953 when Wiley was trans-

ferred to Livermore with the Lab, which at that time was known as CR&D. She has lived in Livermore in the same home ever since.

Garneda was the oldest member, both in age and longevity, at First Baptist Church of Livermore, now known as Cedar Grove, having been a member there for 61 years. There she taught Bible School, Sunday School, was a Deaconess and served as Financial Secretary. She was a member of Semper Fidelis Chapter, Order of Eastern Star for 60 years and a recipient of the Rob Morris Award for her outstanding service. She also served as Guardian Treasurer of the Bethel Guardian Council of Bethel No. 232 of Livermore, International Order of Job's Daughters. Garneda was retired from the J.C. Penney Company, having worked there for 25 years, mostly in Records Control. She and many of the "Penney Girls" have remained close over the years, sharing many good times together. She was well known for her delicious homemade pies and candies. Garneda has traveled extensively over the years, taking many cruises, also traveling to Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and Alaska, as well as making yearly trips to her beloved home state of Kentucky. Garneda was always the happiest when her family was about her. She loved family dinners and get togethers and having her grandchildren stay overnight. Some of her grandchildren's favorite memories were her "Kentucky Breakfasts."

Garneda is survived by her daughter RoseMarie Short of Livermore, sons Tom and his wife Susan of Lodi and Ted and his wife Linda of Pleasant Hill; grandchildren, Garneda and husband Ken Skinnell of Bedford, Virginia; Justin Skinnell of Suriname, South America; Randy Short of Juneau, Alaska; Michele Goad of St. Louis, Missouri; Mary Goad of Derby, England; Thomas Goad of Kirksville, Missouri; Jeff Goad of Mar-

tinez and Andy Goad of Pleasant Hill. Great Grandchildren, Ne'Chole and her husband Butch Welch of Bedford, Virginia; Riley and Morgan Short. Great, Great Grandchildren, Joshua, Laurryn and Averie of Bedford, Virginia. She also is survived by her nieces and nephews Auben and Darlene Goode; Frances Goode; Hazel Garnett; Gracie and James William Martin all of Paducah, Kentucky and Pat Wooden of St. Louis, Missouri. She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, her husband Wiley Goad in 1978 and her son-in-law Bill Short in 2008. The family would like to thank and is eternally grateful to Elena Tongohan for her love and kindness to our loved one as her Caregiver for the last 6 years.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 24, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Services will be held at Callaghan Mortuary on Friday, April 25 2014 at 11:00 a.m., with burial in Memory Gardens. A reception will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivina Street, Livermore immediately following the burial.

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### William Dumas

William Dumas went peacefully to be with Our Lord, surrounded by his family. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Cathie R Dumas.



Bill was born in Kansas and moved to San Diego as a youngster, where his love for the ocean and surfing began at an early age.

He has two children, Justin Patrick Dumas and Mandi Dannielle McKean and a son-in-law Elliot McKean.

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## ZONE 7

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up in the air concerning total independence from the county for Zone 7. "I'm not really convinced now that we have that much to gain." Greci added, "It's more political than practical. I didn't join Zone 7 to play politics. I'm a pragmatic individual. I will listen to anyone, but I will not play games. I'm fair, but firm."

Zone 7 has already started dealing with water hardness by building a demineralization facility in Pleasanton. "We do recognize it is a problem. It will get worse. The total dissolved solids (salts) in our water will increase. We can't look the other way. We must continue work, and improve the quality."

On annexing Dougherty Valley, Greci said, "I am totally open to them. It's all part of the Valley. They deserve a voice."

Zone 7 can play a role in making the public aware of the desirability of using recycled water. "Every gallon used replaces a gallon of treated water, and it's another gallon for the public." Some areas are not over the Valley's main ground-water basin, so it would be easy to use recycled water there.

Agricultural water users have their own turnouts on the South Bay Aqueduct. They buy the water from Zone 7, for administrative purposes in dealing with the State Water Project. The state tests water before it is shipped down the aqueduct. The state can tell Zone 7 about salt intrusion.

Greci said that he has no endorsers. He put up signs in his first run, but after that he has been running on "my name and my tenure in the Valley. Most who know me, know I am dedicated to water."

### A.J. MACHAEVICH

A.J. Machaevich, a Livermore resident, is finishing his first term on the board. He works as an IT consultant. He described himself as rate-conscious, reasonable, honest, a good steward of the people's money.

Part of Machaevich's career included working for the Chabot-Las Positas College District, where he helped to build fourteen new structures and to refurbish ten others. He also developed software for NASA, where he worked on the Kepler space probe.

Machaevich is running for reelection "because I have had a good life, and want to give a little bit back to the community." He wants to keep water quality high, and feels that with his experience as a project manager he can help keep things moving along in the Zone 7 creation of the chain of lakes for water conservation purposes.

Machaevich agrees with the BDCP plan, as long as there is an agreement to take the water from the tunnels at high flows, to save it from going into the ocean. However, tapping lower Delta flows can be harmful to the Delta because it could increase salt levels.

On the cost of the project, "If it's ecology versus raising the (water) rates, I'd rather raise the rates and help ecology," said Machaevich.

Responding to the drought question, Machaevich said that Zone 7 did well to bank water when it was inexpensive, and put it underground. It will be difficult to find any new sources of water during the drought.

Consumers may wind up using less water, but paying more for it in some instances. However, it might be necessary. He personally has installed low-water plants and taken other conservation measures.

Machaevich supports "pay as you go" for Zone 7. Bonds are good if the money isn't available. However, we do have money.

"Water rates are going up fairly regularly, but everything else is, too. I hope there is not more than a 3 or 4 percent increase. When you talk about \$40 for a tank of gas versus \$40 a month for all your water usage, water is a bargain."

Machaevich likes the level of cooperation among Valley utilities backed by Zone 7. He sees no reason to create a Municipal Utilities District for the Valley. "It's three different areas, with different needs."

Machaevich supports the bid for Zone 7 total indepen-

dence. "I think Zone 7 has proven that we can do the job and control our funds, without borrowing money."

Machaevich agrees that there are taste and hardness problems. He would like to see some reverse osmosis filtration, which would improve water quality where it is needed. Now, people have to pay for water softeners. With the proper expenditures, Zone 7 could improve drinking water. People could pay through water rates, instead.

Machaevich supports annexation of Dougherty Valley to Zone 7. "They should have a vote. They are getting water from us."

He also supports keeping water basin levels as high as possible for the next two years.

As for encouraging more recycled water use, Machaevich supports the idea, and said he is researching it.

On agricultural water, Zone 7 needs to provide growers the water they need. "We have to make sure they are using the best possible (irrigation) systems that they can."

### JIM McGRAIL

Jim McGrail is an attorney and vineyard owner who has lived in Livermore for 33 years. He served as a deputy sheriff for 14 years, graduated from law school, became a deputy district attorney, and later entered private practice.

McGrail said that he is running in part because there is no person involved in agriculture on the board now. He added, "My six grandkids will grow up here. I don't know how we got to where we are. Someone needs to be on that board that understands what the issues are, and will be proactive and reactive."

McGrail said he is concerned not only for the wine industry, "but for the whole economy. The wine industry is an economic engine for Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. It attracts people."

As for the difference that he would make on the board, "I would be an asset, with many years in the public sector. I understand what it is to sit on a board. I serve the Alameda County Fair Board. I assist with the Rodeo foundation. I understand what it takes to make proper decisions."

On the BDCP, McGrail said that he owns a home in Discovery Bay, and is very familiar with the thought process in that part of the Delta. "This issue needs to be studied further. The Delta as it stands today is broken. There are problems with salinity. The Peripheral Canal was voted down (in 1982). Something needs to occur, but I won't take a position on that now. I have not educated myself enough (about it)."

On Zone 7's role in the drought, McGrail said the drought has been going on for three years, but it has needed more visibility from Zone 7. He favors putting together a budget to send people to talk about the drought and water at local schools and teach grades 4 through 6 about the situation.

Addressing mandatory water rationing, McGrail said, "I don't know what mandatory means (in this context), but the key is that the rich should not be able to use all the water they want, while the guy working 15 hours a day is just trying to keep a plant alive. I do support a system that's as fair as can be. If it's mandatory, it's mandatory."

Asked about the Zone 7 philosophy of accumulating funding before building major capital improvements, McGrail said, "It's another question I'd want to study on both sides. If I had the opportunity to be on the board, I would have access to all the facts and figures to make a decision."

"If the question were, 'do I support Zone 7 bonding for facilities?', I support whatever keeps water rates reasonable, and making sure we deliver quality water to everyone in the Valley."

On fixed costs rising, but revenue potentially dropping, and perhaps creating a need for water rate increases, McGrail said people have told him that they are expected to conserve water, but they could face higher bills.

"I talked to the retailers. It is a big issue. It is something the community has

to be educated about. (Tell them) these are the numbers, and have a very transparent way of communicating with the community," added McGrail.

McGrail would not support going any further than the basic level of consolidation of Valleywide utility services, the same position that Zone 7 has taken. He would like more information about it.

Another question McGrail would like to study is Zone 7 independence. "As far as saying Zone 7 does not want county help, and would be completely independent, I don't know if that's the proper road to follow."

On annexing Dougherty Valley to Zone 7, "if we are supplying them water, it's only appropriate that they should be able to be heard. It's almost part of being an American," said McGrail.

McGrail supports keeping the ground-water basin as high as possible during the drought.

McGrail would like to see Zone 7 support recycling in any way it can.

The Valley needs water for crops and grazing, but it should be distributed with equal rights to both rural and urban dwellers. When it comes to salt levels in ag water, he said he wishes he had the answer. He speculated it might be possible to install a desalination plant in the Byron-Bethany area in the South Delta, but the cost would be high.

Five endorsers listed by McGrail are Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County Sheriff Greg Ahern, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, and Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti.

### MATT MORRISON

Matt Morrison lives in Pleasanton. He earned his law degree last year from the San Francisco School of Law. He plans to open a general law practice, after he passes the bar exam. He ran for the Zone 7 board in 2000.

He is a Sierra Club member, and chaired the Bay Chapter's water committee, was vice chair of the club's statewide water committee, and a vice-chair for Delta issues. He serves on the club's Bay Chapter executive committee.

Asked what difference he would make on the board, Morrison cited his Sierra Club experience with water issues, and his work with corporate organizations. His bachelor's degree is in organizational management. Morrison does not agree with Zone 7 board support for BDCP. "It's too huge. There is no restriction on the amount of water that can be pulled out," he said. There would be less fresh water, and with climate change, salt water intrusion from the Bay would be an even bigger problem.

Also, it's too expensive, said Morrison, citing the highest of the estimated cost range, \$608 billion. The money would be better spent on finding other sources and developing more local storage, to get away from being so dependent on the State Water Project.

During the drought, Zone 7 should be more aggressive in educating the public. "In the (dry period in) the 1970s, we had little stickers to put on the mirror over our bathroom sink that said 'Turn water off while brushing.'"

Morrison supports mandatory rationing, "coupled with public awareness."

Morrison favors the current "pay as you go" board philosophy on major capital improvements.

On explaining to customers why rates rise to cover increased fixed costs and lower revenue because of conservation, Morrison said, "Zone 7 water rates have been adjusted fairly reasonably in the past several years. I don't think the water costs from the Zone have been out of line with other agencies."

Morrison supports the level of utility-to-utility cooperation that has been approved by the Zone 7 board. He sees going beyond that, to creating several joint agencies, or one big Municipal Utilities District, as "another plan to get Zone 7 to straddle the county line."

Morrison was referring to another question which asked candidates whether they support annexing Dougherty Valley.

Morrison opposes annexing Dougherty Valley. It is one of the reasons that he decided to run for the board. He joins this issue with the question of Zone 7 independence, which he also opposes.

If Zone 7 becomes a two-county agency, it is more likely to be courted by other developers in Contra Costa, said Morrison.

It's important to guard the water basin for use by eastern Alameda County residents. That's why Zone 7 was formed in the 1950's, he said.

Adding more voters to Zone 7 from Dougherty Valley also boosts the cost for candidates putting something into the voters handbook that accompanies sample ballots, said Morrison. That fee has risen past \$3000 this year. More population will mean more cost, because it is based on the number of voters. It discourages candidates from using the most direct source of information for voters.

Looking ahead to conserve the water basin in case the drought goes two years is a reasonable approach. "If anything, I'd take a more guarded approach with the state water." In the long run, Zone 7 should not depend so much on the state water project, but rely more on conservation and local water storage.

Morrison said that ag water users should be taken into consideration in the drought.

Morrison is endorsed by the Sierra Club and the Alameda County Democratic Party Central Committee.

### SARAH PALMER

Sarah Palmer lives in Livermore. She is finishing her second term on the board. Before she was elected, and continuing today, she has taught an environmental science class in the Valley's ROP (Regional Occupational Program) work with Zone 7 on projects about water.

Palmer has also worked with an LLNL scientist to develop a program for teachers about water chemistry and water quality. She is running because she continues to be interested in the scientific aspects of water, and wants to contribute her knowledge to Zone 7.

In addition to her water expertise, Palmer said that she has been involved with the community, working as a teacher in all three Valley cities, and knows the issues for each community.

Palmer supports Zone 7's backing of BDCP. The Delta has changed so much over the years from its earlier natural form. Cycling around the Delta showed Palmer how foul the water looks and smells, to the point that Zone 7 needs to treat water with more chemicals. The Delta plan would keep Zone 7 water cleaner, and therefore curb the need to use more chemicals.

During the drought, Zone 7 should recharge its ground-water basin as much as possible. It's up to the retailers when it comes to instituting and enforcing mandatory rationing, she stated.

Palmer prefers the Zone 7 "pay as you go" tradition for building major capital improvements. "Keeping our credit rating very high is important in case there is a need to sell a bond at some point, for example to finance some need for emergency infrastructure."

As for raising rates to cover increased fixed costs and revenue shortfalls from selling less water because of increased conservation, Palmer said she would tell customers, "Look at rates in other countries. Ours is fairly low. Water is something we need for human health. If the rate structure goes up because of conservation, that's a reality."

Palmer favors the first level of cooperation among water agencies in a consultant's report, namely allowing two or more utilities to join together for projects in order to keep costs down.

Palmer supports the Zone 7 bid for independence, because it would bring more efficiencies to the agency, and also help people see Zone 7 as a watershed.

On water taste and hardness, Palmer said that she hopes Zone 7 will be able to move to ozone treatment of the water to get rid of any unpleasant taste.

Water hardness is caused by salts in the wells that

help supply water customers. Zone 7 has installed one demineralization plant to reduce the salt content. Another one is planned, but is not yet underway. Adding more facilities will cost more money.

Palmer favors annexing Dougherty Valley to Zone 7. Gaining independence from the county would help that, "because we would be more of a regional entity, and not a sidebar on the county map."

Palmer supports being conservative by storing as much of it as possible in the ground-water basin over the next two years "because we don't know what will happen weather-wise."

Livermore and DSRSD recycle water, because they operate waste-water treatment plants. "We don't treat waste-water. We'd have to cooperate and work with DSRSD and Livermore to determine what kind of recycling goes on, and what kind of structure to build."

Zone 7 must keep growers updated on the amount of water they can have in the drought, and the level of salinity in the water.

Palmer named five of her endorsers. They are Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, DSRSD board member Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, Tri-Valley Conservancy executive director Laura Mercier, Livermore school board member Anne White and realtor and Rotary Club member Mary Ann Rozsa.

### BILL STEVENS

Bill Stevens has served 16 years on the board. He works as a geo-technical engineer having earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in geological engineering. He said of himself, "I have two dogs, two kids, am married, and live in Livermore."

Stevens said he is running because he supports the BDCP vision and would like to see it implemented. "If the BDCP were operational right now (during the drought), it would help us a lot."

Stevens said, "BDCP is a matter of life and death for Zone 7. We obtain 80 percent of our water from the South Bay Aqueduct (from the Delta)." Pumping restrictions result in less water for Zone 7. The Delta plan will help make up for that loss.

During the drought, there is not much Zone 7 can do as a wholesaler. "We can provide education, and data for the retailers." People are more interested in Zone 7

during the drought, but "no one really knows what Zone 7 does."

Stevens supports mandatory rationing by the retailers, especially in view of the possibility that next year might be equally dry.

Zone 7 has been fortunate to have the same philosophy of "pay as you go" for years. "We've been saving money for a new water treatment plant, but don't need it yet. We have the money in reserves."

Fixed costs go up because Zone 7 has no control over imposition of new water quality standards.

Stevens likes the first phase of cooperation that Valley water utilities have said looks good to them. "The idea of becoming a Municipal Utilities District will not happen until we become independent (from the county). We would have more options after that."

Stevens said he has been pushing for independence since he became a director.

On water quality, the BDCP would take care of the musty water odors. The hard water in the West Valley comes from well water. "The answer to that is a reverse osmosis project, similar to the demineralization plant (in Pleasanton)."

Stevens supports annexing Dougherty Valley to the agency. "We wheel their water supply. I totally think they should be able to vote (for Zone 7 directors)."

Stevens supports the general manager's recommendation to keep as much water as possible in the basin for the next two years.

Stevens favors working with the retailers to encourage recycled water. However, with recycled water can come higher salt content into the ground-water basin. Then there is a question of who pays for a ground-water demineralization plant. "That's a long discussion."

Ag water users must be treated like any other water users, according to the contract. "We can't do anything about it. If BDCP were built, there will be equal benefits for agriculture (and urban water)."

Stevens raised the topic of the Chain of Lakes. He said it will be important for flood control and ground-water recharge. Independence is important in that regard. "We don't want someone in Oakland (county supervisors and public works department) telling us how to use the Chain of Lakes."

## Lab Researcher Discovers the Green In Greenland

At one point in history, Greenland was actually green and not a country covered in ice.

An international team of researchers, including a scientist from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has discovered that ancient dirt in Greenland was cryogenically frozen for millions of years under nearly two miles of ice.

More than 2.5 million years ago, Greenland looked like the green Alaskan tundra, before it was covered by the second largest body of ice on Earth.

The ancient dirt under the Greenland ice sheet helps to unravel an important mystery surrounding climate change: how did big ice sheets melt and grow in response to changes in temperature.

The research appears in the April 17 edition of Science Express.

"Our study demonstrates that the ice in the center of the Greenland Ice Sheet has remained stable during the climate variations of the last millions of years," said Dylan Rood, a former Lawrence Livermore scientist. "Our study adds to a body of evidence that shows how major ice sheets reacted in the past to warming, providing insights into what they could do again in the future."

An ancient landscape millions of years old is preserved underneath the Greenland Ice Sheet. The ancient dirt contains extremely large amounts of meteoric beryllium-10, which means that it had to have once sat at Earth's surface for a long time before Greenland was covered in ice. This type of beryllium-10 is produced by cosmic rays in the atmosphere and literally rains out onto the Earth's surface, where it gets stuck to soil.

The more meteoric beryllium-10 atoms in the dirt, the longer it sat at the surface.

"It is amazing that a huge ice sheet, nearly two miles thick and the second largest body of ice on Earth, didn't scrape it away," said Rood, who now works at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre (SUERC).

Rood counted how many beryllium-10 atoms were in the dirt using the Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometer (CAMS) at the Lab.

In the past five years or so, important advances in the ultra-sensitive and high-precision measurement of isotopes using AMS technology have revolutionized the ability of Earth scientists to understand how ice sheets have responded to past climate change.

Other institutions involved in the research include: University of Vermont, Idaho State University and University of Wyoming.



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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DONALD KENNETH FRIDLUND, aka DONALD K. FRIDLUND

Case No. RP14719560

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DONALD KENNETH FRIDLUND, aka DONALD K. FRIDLUND  
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: HEIDI WOLFSON and MARK FRIDLUND in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: HEIDI WOLFSON and MARK FRIDLUND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:  
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Time: **9:30 AM DEPT: 201**  
at:  
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#### 10. (X) Petitioner(s):

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Signature of Registrants :s/ Cynthia Mendoza  
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# GetSet Links Young Women with Professional Scientists

By Carol Graham

When Disa Zaplatosch received an email notice via the Sandia Women's Connection about an upcoming high school event, she knew she wanted to be part of it.

"I think it's crucial to be mentored by someone in your field who is able to pass their knowledge along to you," said the Research and Development Optical Engineer. "I wish I had known more professional working women in the field I was hoping to pursue. Mentorship allows people to share experiences and learn from each other outside of what can be taught in a classroom."

Thanks to Zaplatosch and 13 other Bay Area women scientists, many Tri-Valley students will now have that head start.

Girls Exploring Technology, Science and Engineering Together (GetSet) hosted Dinner With a Scientist on April 15 at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. The event was attended by 43 girls from Granada,

Livermore, Dublin, Foothill and Amador high schools.

"The night was a true collaboration between industry and education," said Julie Duncan, Executive Director of the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (ROP). "Dinner With a Scientist allows the students of GetSet to network with professional women from a variety of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields. The opportunity to meet these professional women leads to a better understanding of the diverse pathways a STEM career can provide."

GetSet is an extracurricular program open to girls at all Tri-Valley high schools who have an interest in STEM subjects. There are currently more than 200 girls in the enrichment program. Each year participants can attend eight hands-on workshops, including "CSI: Who's Who? The Mystery of Identification," and "Food Science: The Proof is in the Pudding," as well as go on four field trips which may



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students chatted during dinner with one of the professional women.

include visits to the Tech Museum, Stanford University and the National Food Lab.

"We end the year with the networking event Dinner With a Scientist," explained Danielle Mintz, Career Edu-

cation Specialist at Granada High School. "It gives the girls a chance to learn about different colleges, majors, pathways and careers. The women provide information to the girls that includes what high school classes they took, where they went to college, what they majored in, any graduate or doctoral programs in which they participated, and what a typical day on the job is like. It's a chance for the girls to receive encouragement from these women to pursue their goals."

The professional women's job titles included Environmental, Health & Safety Specialist, Mobile Satellite Engineer, Nurse Manager, Zookeeper/Research Biologist, Certified Athletic Trainer, Aeronautical Engineer, Clinical Pharmacist and Emergency Room Doctor. Their employers ranged from Homeland Security & Defense Systems to Lawrence Livermore National and Sandia Laboratories to the Oakland Zoo.

"I absolutely loved exploring with the girls their thoughts on career choices, what their fields of interest were, and how to further refine their thoughts," said Terry Glubka, CEO of Sutter Solano Medical Center in Vallejo. "I think all young (and old!) benefit from having a mentor. It helps us bounce ideas around and consider various approaches to issues. A strong, seasoned mentor to guide an emerging leader through the process is very valuable."

While students enjoyed a top-notch meal provided by Amador's catering program led by instructor Debbie Harvey, the professionals shared their backgrounds, experience and advice with

the students.

"The night was set up like 'speed-dating,' where the professional women rotated to different tables so that everyone had the opportunity to talk with different people," said Mintz. "The girls made some great contacts that will hopefully turn into mentors or internships."

Genentech engineer Adrienne Ho encouraged students to take a variety of extracurricular classes in college, like those she'd taken as a student at University of California, Davis.

"I explored my interests and took classes that I had no knowledge about, such as Food Sciences, Viticulture and Beer Brewing classes, Psychology classes, and some Physical Education courses including Archery. They were great experiences. I learned a lot. There are many things that you can take from these classes and utilize in your profession even though, at that time, it might seem irrelevant."

"It's important to mentor young female scientists and engineers, and further develop their interests in the creative yet practical aspect of science. With the help of female professionals, these young female scientists can grow and contribute to the scientific society with their perspectives and ideas."

Added Glubka, "The opportunities are endless. One has to remain focused, never give up, and embrace learning and change. Just go for it."

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



Wildflowers and grasses spring up amidst charred trunks from the Morgan Fire. Photo - Brad Heckman

## Save Mount Diablo Is Firing Up Opportunities

Seldom seen wildflowers are blossoming at the trunks of charred chaparral in a lovely symbol of life's cycle. There are silver linings, so to speak, to last year's Morgan Fire according to Save Mount Diablo. The largest fire on Mount Diablo in more than three decades has provided some interesting opportunities. In addition to the potential for a phenomenal wildflower season with a little more rain, there is the opportunity to see things not seen in prior years. Some of which could be once in a lifetime, such as fire followers. Fire followers are species that follow a fire, either literally travelling to or growing in the location of a recent fire. These unique species require an element of the fire-heat, smoke, ash or access to sunlight in order to repopulate. The mountain is already recovering itself after the blazes and Save Mount Diablo is poised to learn from the process.

The non-profit that works to protect the Diablo wilderness for people and wildlife to enjoy was co-founded by botanist Mary Bowerman, PhD who wrote the book on Mount Diablo's plants. After the Morgan Fire, Save

Mount Diablo realized this was a chance to learn more about Mount Diablo and continue the spirit of Dr. Bowerman. The organization has provided its first ever research grants to local researchers to study the phenomena of the mountain over the next three years as it regenerates after the fire. A pilot program with three projects, including how the fire affects wild bees, has been started.

"Wildlife of all kinds rely on the nourishment and shelter provided by flowering plants and the bees that pollinate them. It is also clear that many wild bee species are in decline, primarily due to habitat loss," explained grant researcher, Gordon W. Frankie, PhD, of the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at U.C. Berkeley. The Morgan Fire contributed to more habitat loss for wild bees but plants are already recovering. Frankie's study also hopes to look at "bee attractive" plants to see which native plants act as bee magnets. Uncommon fire following wildflowers such as Fremont's zigadene are already covering burn area slopes in blooms. Because the last major fire on Mount Diablo was in

1977, many relationships like these have never been studied until now.

Save Mount Diablo is holding its annual BioBlitz, a 24 hour period during which experts and naturalists identify as many species in a given area as they can. This year's location will include a portion of the Morgan Fire burn area. "This will be our most important BioBlitz we've put together because of the ecosystem effects of the Morgan Fire. Post-fire ecosystems are wonderful natural laboratories for capturing short-term changes in biodiversity. We also have the chance to record species never seen on the mountain," said Botanist Heath Bartosh, Save Mount Diablo Board Member and Chair of their Bowerman Science program. "Not only will we see rare and unusual fire-following annual plants for the next two years but we'll also be able to see areas of the mountain typically covered by impenetrable chaparral."

Bartosh will be leading a hike, "Fantastic Fire Followers," through the burn area, some of which is not open to the public, on May 3rd. Reservations are required to (925) 947-3535. More information is available at [SaveMountDiablo.org](http://SaveMountDiablo.org).

## Livermore Celebrating Service Day

The City of Livermore will celebrate Community Service Recognition Month by coordinating service activities throughout the community on Civic Service Day Saturday, April 26th. Volunteer opportunities will include painting, trail maintenance, graffiti data collection, and maintenance at Hagemann Farm.

"This is a wonderful event which brings the community together, to work together, to make our community a better place. I invite everyone to come out and donate a few hours on Saturday. You will be working with other people who care about our schools, our parks and our City. That's where I'll be," stated Mayor John Marchand.

Service opportunities will be available in multiple locations across the City from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Over 400 members of the community are expected to participate. Everyone is welcome to attend. To learn more, contact the City at 925-960-8020.

## Pleasanton Series Focuses on Developmental Disabilities

Pleasanton continues the Doors to the Future miniseries for families of, and individuals with, developmental disabilities with a free program focused on the services and benefits available. The program takes place on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Public Library meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue.

The event will include a presentation about Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and the Affordable Care Act by Bryon MacDonald, the Employment and Disability Benefits Initiative Program Director of the World Institute on Disability.

Doors to the Future is co-sponsored by Gina Gourley who had a 25-year career in special education with the Pleasanton Unified School District and is now an independent consultant. She serves on the boards of several non-profits that serve those with developmental disabilities, and is a member of the Alameda County Inter-agency Transition Team.

For more information about Doors to the Future, please contact Jessica Reaber at (925) 931-5373.

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Pictured are Harold (David Judson), Marian (Amy Franklin Leonard) and Winthrop (Mitchell Kanazawa). Photo - Wally Allert

## 76 Trombones Musical Plays at the Firehouse

Pacific Coast Repertory Company (PCRT) presents the story of small-town hopes and dreams, "The Music Man." The show opens Friday, May 2, and plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. through May 18 at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Loveable fast-talking con-man Harold Hill swoops into town and talks parents into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he says he will organize. Harold doesn't know a trombone from a tire iron, and he of course plans to skip town with the cash. However, Hill meets his match in the prim, perceptive and unflappable Marian the town librarian.

Bay Area favorites David Judson and Amy Franklin Leonard headline as "the music man" Harold Hill and his small-town sparring partner Marian the Librarian. Rounding out the cast are: Benjamin Pither as Marcellus Washburn, Harold's old friend and former con-man, now a resident of River City; Liz Marsh as Mrs. Paroo, Marian's Irish mother; John Williams as Mayor Shinn; and Ali Lane and the mayor's wife Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn. Joining the company fresh from a Broadway run of the hit musical Matilda is special guest cast member Madilyn Jaz Morrow, who will make her PCRT debut in the alternating roles of Amaryllis and Mary Hix, Marian's young piano students.

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre's resident set designer Patrick Brandon has come up with an inventive use of the Firehouse's stage to accommodate the many set changes required for the mythical town of River City, Iowa. PCRT's Co-Artistic Director Pat Parr directs, with choreography by Joy Sherratt, and musical direction by Brett Strader.

The Music Man, with story, music, and lyrics by Meredith Wilson, has never been out of production somewhere in the world since its opening on Broadway in 1957, when it won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. It also won the New York Critics Award for Best Musical that year. The production went on to run for almost 1400 performances.

The 1959 cast album from that show, starring Robert Preston and Barbara Cook, won the first every Grammy Award for "Best Original Cast Album." Preston went on to reprise his role as the

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# Fresh Works 4: 68 Artists Chosen for Juried Exhibition

The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center will host the fourth annual Fresh Works exhibition. The juried installation is comprised of a wide variety of media, including oil, watercolor, photography, sculpture, and drawing. All work is original, completed within the last two years, and not previously exhibited in Pleasanton.

The exhibition opens Saturday, May 3, with a gala Artists' Reception, and runs through June 7.

The Artist's Reception on May 3 from 1:00-3:00 p.m., which is free and open to the public, will offer an opportunity for guests to chat with artists about their inspirations, processes, and influences. The reception will also include an Awards Ceremony (beginning at 1:45 p.m.), recognizing the juror's outstanding selections with several \$250 awards. In addition, this year one artist will be honored with the \$500 Gary and Nancy Harrington Award to be presented by the donors. Light refreshments will be served.

The "Artful Bouquets" Response Event will be held during open gallery hours on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10. On view for just those two days will be unique live floral arrangements created in response to selected works in the exhibit, on display near their inspiration piece. On that Saturday, the Harrington Gallery will open the historically reconstructed Engine Bay Doors for the public to enjoy the gallery (and floral response pieces) as it is rarely seen with natural light streaming through the open wall.

On Saturdays during the run of the exhibition, Fresh Works artists will be on

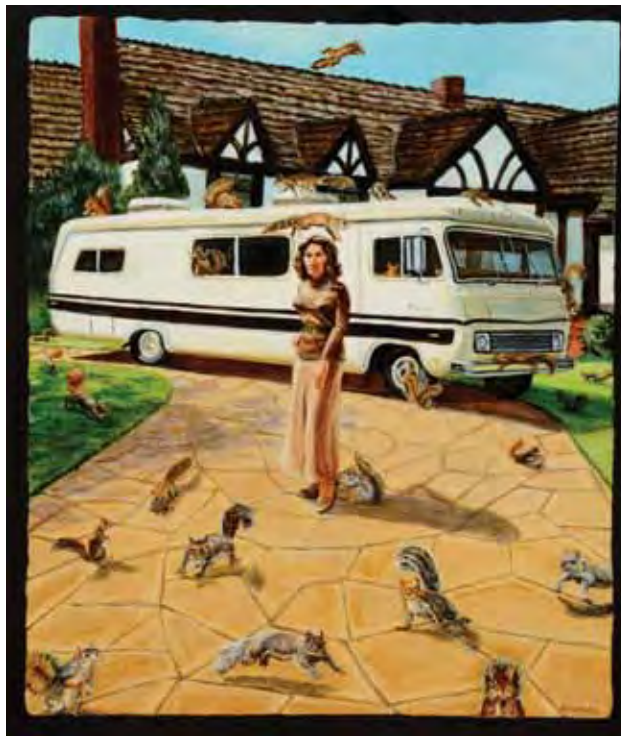
hand demonstrating their work from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Kathryn Wills will be on hand May 17, and Claudia Willis May 31. Check the website for other dates as they become available: [www.firehousearts.org/harrington-gallery](http://www.firehousearts.org/harrington-gallery)

A special art installation on display through May 10 only. Robin McCloskey is a San Francisco Bay Area printmaker, digital artist and teacher at San Francisco State University, Dominican University, and the Academy of Art University. Her work combines photo derived and manipulated imagery with traditional and experimental printmaking techniques, exploring "the manipulated landscape."

The juror for this year's selections is Carrie Lederer, well known throughout the San Francisco Bay Area not only as the Curator of Exhibitions and Programs for the Bedford Gallery in Walnut Creek, but also as a widely respected practicing artist for over 30 years. Recipient of the prestigious Fleishhacker Foundation Eureka Award, and a number of important public art commissions, Ms. Lederer has had exhibits at SFMOMA Artists Gallery, Mills College, Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, and the Triton Museum.

Some of the artists include:

Sculptor Ellen Coffey, also a practicing psychologist, has "traveled widely and worked in situations where political and natural disasters have upended the lives of the people I met." Those experiences "come forth in my work in clay...I take my observations of people and gather these impressions to create moments of life...in which they touch and do not touch one



another."

Painter Vincent Liu carries on a family heritage of important artists, a grand uncle having led the Chinese modern art movement in the 20th century. Says Liu: "I believe all things are paintable if one can feel their rhythm. I choose figurative because there is always a story to tell."

Photographer Ron Rigge brings his native Californian eye to his work, having studied under a slew of renowned Western photographers. His images often include the disappearing icons of the American West, such as decaying signs, cars, and architecture.

Jo Ann Biagini, magical multimedia pieces; Hilary Mills Lambert, color master and painter of all things worldly; Arena Shaw, luminous watercolor; Jill McClelland, urban landscapes including "the uglies;" Floy Zittin, nature paintings; and Sandra Kourah, John Toepfen, and Sue Evans with innovative photography.

The Harrington Gallery is



Shown are samples from exhibit (upper left) *Squirrels Ruined My Vacation* by J. Alvarado; *Barn 10* by Ron Rigge, and (lower photo) *Bikes On Bridge* by Kathryn Wills.

located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, Calif. Gallery hours are Wednes-

day through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and also one hour before most per-

formances and during intermissions. Admission for this exhibit is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.

## Mt. Diablo Rose Society Presents Annual Show at Dublin Senior Center



The Mount Diablo Rose Society's 26th annual Rose Show will be held on Sunday, April 27 at the Dublin Senior Center.

Theme for this year's show is "A Symphony of Roses." Roses can be entered for judging between 7 and 10 a.m. The show will be open to the public for viewing between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin.

Admission is free. For information, call 510-331-6115.



## Yard Sale Benefits Paws In Need

Paws In Need (PIN), will hold a one-day Yard Sale on Saturday, May 3 in the side yard of Milfleur, a retail gift shop located in the historic Kottinger Barn at 200 Ray Street, Pleasanton. Proceeds from the 8 am to 2 pm yard sale will benefit Jackie Barnett's Just Like New (JLN) Fund and our Spay/Neuter program.

The Yard Sale will offer new and gently used items such as home and garden décor, jewelry, unique tote bags, kitchenware, pet items, and much more.

The JLN Fund was founded in 1995 by Pleasanton animal advocate Jackie Barnett. It provides financial assistance to Tri-Valley residents who cannot afford



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urgent veterinary care for their pets. JLN also runs the Animal Lovers Boutique located year-round in the lobby of Feline Medical Center (FMC), 3160 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Since its

beginning, the JLN Fund has helped save the lives of over 500 companion animals.

Because hundreds of local healthy, adoptable cats and dogs are euthanized each year due to loving homes

not being available, PIN's Spay/Neuter program will help reduce the number of unwanted puppies and kittens. PIN offers a discount for qualified animal caretakers to offset the cost of spaying and neutering these community animals.

Each donation and item purchased at the Yard Sale (and the Animal Lover's Boutique) helps to save local community animals from unnecessary euthanasia and works to eliminate pet overpopulation.

To make a donation for the Yard Sale or for more information, contact Ellen Magnie at [ellenmagnie@gmail.com](mailto:ellenmagnie@gmail.com) or 510-305-2553.

For more information about the organization, go to [www.Paws-In-Need.org](http://www.Paws-In-Need.org)

## Ballet Company Presents PRISM in Livermore

The Anastasis Ballet Company presents PRISM - Four Movements from Four Perspectives on May 2 and 4 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fri., May 2 and 2 p.m. on Sun., May 4.

PRISM includes works from three different choreographers including former Oakland Ballet Company dancer, Omar Shabazz, and Resident Choreographer, Rachel Gustafson. The dances are choreographed to the works of such composers as Bach, Debussy and Beethoven.

Bringing the music to life for Rachel Gustafson's new work is concert pianist, Dane Burg.

Tickets range from \$24 to \$48. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by calling 373-6800.



## Shakespeare Festival Auditioning for High School Troupe

On Sunday, April 27th Livermore Shakespeare Festival will hold auditions by appointment only for its 2014 High School Troupe.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival (LSF) is looking to fill 4-8 positions with high school students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year. These positions would be involved in all areas of both summer productions, and would include stage time in *Pride and Prejudice*. Some

of the work would include crew responsibilities during performances, wardrobe assistance and rehearsal support.

Students will have the ability to work with and learn from professional company members through interaction during rehearsals. Students will also participate in 3 workshops to be led by company members in the areas of acting, auditioning and script analysis. The

students will work under the direction of a company supervisor and will be exposed to all areas of theatrical production from front of house to performance. Applicants should be considered top performers in their class, with a mature and positive attitude, who are excited to contribute to a professional theatre company.

Please email a picture and resume with appointment request to Lisa Tromovitch

[lisa@ShakespearesAssociates.org](mailto:lisa@ShakespearesAssociates.org) or call (925) 443-2273.

The 2014 season "Festival of Feisty Lovers" presents William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* and Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, adapted by Christina Calvit. The rehearsals begin in May and performances for *Much Ado* are June 19-July 6, and *Pride* performances are July 10-July 20.

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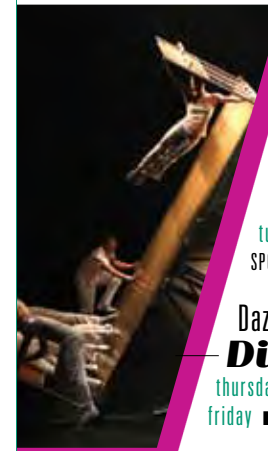
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## Cantabella Children's Chorus Turns to "Crowd Funding" for Debut Album

Cantabella Children's Chorus stepped into the new world of "crowd-funding" to raise the money necessary to record the group's first CD.

With the professional recording of their debut album, they hope to spread the joy in their voices and inspire many more by reach-

ing a larger audience, and exposing more people to the art form of choral music. With almost 130 youth in Cantabella's performing choirs, it was determined that now is the best time to accomplish this.

The debut album will feature classic choral pieces, folksongs, as well as newly commissioned compositions and more. From Britten's *Missa Brevis* to Paul Shin's modern new work, *Bluesy*, Haiku poems, and, folksongs from Korea, Taiwan, India and Japan, this album will be offer a collection of diverse beauty, harmony and whimsy.

In early March, Cantabella launched its crowd-funding campaign on IndieGoGo, a popular and well-known web portal for non-profits that need funding for special projects. Crowd funding relies on the "power of many" to support and realize a novel idea or venture. With that in mind, the chorus has taken the campaign to their fans and music lovers around the country and worldwide through social media, email, internet and word of mouth. The first phase was a success with more than 50% of the total funds needed being raised to cover the cost of the venue and a high-quality, professional sound engineer. With 10 days to go on the campaign, Cantabella is urging its supporters, fans and friends in the community to become part of this project by "giving," to raise the remaining \$2500 needed to complete it, and, realize the dreams of these children.

Go to <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/help-cantabella-s-children-record-their-debut-album#home> for more information on the campaign.

## MUSIC MAN

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iconic Harold Hill in the popular 1962 film version, with Shirley Jones playing Marian. The most recent Broadway revival in 2000 was nominated for eight Tony Awards, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards.

An "Inside the Show" discussion with the principal actors and director Pat Parr will take place after the Sunday, May 4 matinee performance. Admission is free with a ticket to the performance.

Reserved seat tickets are \$17-\$38, and youth, senior. Group discounts are available.

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

NOTE: David Judson, Benjamin Pither, and Madilyn Jaz Morrow appear as members of Actors' Equity Association.



**Vintage Brass**

## Vintage Brass Quintet to Play

The Vintage Brass Quintet perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 4 at the Pleasanton Library.

The Vintage Brass Quintet is a group of local musicians who have enjoyed playing together more than ten years. To hear some samples of Vintage Brass Quintet's music go to [www.vintagebrassquintet.com](http://www.vintagebrassquintet.com)

Library programs are free and open to everyone. The Friends of the Pleasanton Library are sponsoring the program. Call the Reference Department, 925/931-3400, ext. 4, for information.

No registration required.

## Tickets Available Now for Opera Soirée Series

Livermore Valley Opera will host a Soirée Series event, "A Grand Afternoon," on Sunday, June 1 from 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets purchased before May 1 are \$85. They are \$100 after that date. The event is limited to 95 patrons.

The elegant home and music salon of the Livermore host will provide a taste of the way music lovers experienced recitals in the days of Mozart and Rossini.

Opera singers performing arias from well known operas.

To complete this exotic escape, party-style paella from Venga Paella Catering will be the featured fare.

Tickets may be purchased at [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com)

## Artists Invited to Create Work for CD Case Art Show

A call has gone out to all artists (and Community Members that like to Paint and Draw and Stuff) to show at ArtWalk for free in the Square Connections Community CD Case Art Show.

Those interested are invited to create art that fits into a CD case: use the case as its frame / medium is up to you.

Then, bring the finished art to the Downtown Art Studios during Second Thursday Open Studios May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th. The entries will be displayed in an art exhibition at Panama Red in October, just in time for ArtWalk on October 12th

A CD case art launch part will be held with DJ Arthur Barinque 6 to 8 p.m. on May 8 at Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios, 62 So. L St., Livermore.

There will be samples of CD art.

## Danville Double Feature Focuses on Work by John Hughes

The Town of Danville is continuing its themed double feature films. On May 25, it will screen two films by legendary writer and director John Hughes. Hughes directed or scripted some of the most successful films of the 1980s and 1990s, including National Lampoon's *Vacation*, *Weird Science*, *The Breakfast Club*, *Sixteen Candles*, and *Planes* to name a few.

The double feature will begin with *Pretty in Pink*. The story is written about teenager Andie who must choose between her childhood sweetheart and a rich but sensitive playboy; this film is rated PG-13.

The second film *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* is based on a high school wise guy who is intent on taking a day off of school despite what his principal thinks; this film is also rated PG-13. These films may have mature themes and language; parental guidance is recommended.

The first film starts at 2:00 p.m., with a 15 minute intermission between films. Tickets are now on sale for \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com) or call (925) 314-3400.

## Chocolat, One Taste Is All It Takes

To complement the Spring Wine and Chocolate Stroll taking place throughout Danville on May 8, the Village Theatre, located at 233 Front Street, will be screening the film *Chocolat*.

The film depicts a woman and her young daughter who move to a small French village and open a chocolate shop during Lent. Soon the townspeople are won over by her energy and her delectable chocolates. Starring Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench, Alfred Molina and Johnny Depp, *Chocolat* was released in 2000 and was nominated for five Academy awards and four Golden Globes, including best picture. This film may have some mature themes and language; parental guidance is recommended.

The movie starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com) or call (925) 314-3400.



## Pleasanton Downtown Association Makes Changes in 1st Wednesday Parties - May 7 Is First Event

The Pleasanton Downtown Association has made some big changes in its 2014 1st Wednesday Street Parties.

Executive Director, Laura Olson, shared, "Our goal has always been for the community to enjoy gathering and celebrating at our downtown events. After listening to feedback from many people and in an effort to keep 1st Wednesdays a wonderful, family friendly

event we are pleased to announce the following changes for this season."

- **NEW ENTERTAINMENT GARDEN** - Beer and wine will no longer be served during 1st Wednesdays. Instead, the parking lot located at 530 Main Street will be turned into a family and pet friendly Entertainment Garden. A band will be featured each month. There will be ample seating where you can kick back,

relax, eat and have fun. For those in the mood for a cocktail or adult beverage, there will be a list of places in Downtown offering great 1st Wednesday beverage deals.

- **EXPANDED FARMERS MARKET** - The Farmers Market at 1st Wednesdays is expanding and being moved it closer to the heart of the event. A certified Farmers Market on St. Mary Street from 6-9pm during each 1st Wednesday.

- **ARTBLOCK** - PDA will continue to host artists and artisans at the growing ArtBlock located on E. Angela Street. Stroll the street and discover a wealth of talent from painters, sculptors, jewelers and more! Plus there will be live music each month.

- **MUSIC, MUSIC & MUSIC** - In addition to the featured band in the Entertainment Garden, musicians will be performing throughout 1st Wednesdays. Local bands, youth groups & others will be featured in various locations during the event season.

For information about the Pleasanton Downtown Association, call (925) 484-2199 or visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

The 2014 event season kicks off on May 7 with the annual Cinco de Mayo-themed Street Party. May's featured band is Ruckatan Latin Tribe.

Festivities will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. along Main Street. A wide variety of businesses and community organizations will have booths set up.

Main Street will be closed from Del Valle Parkway to Bernal Avenue from 4:30 to 10 p.m.

## Grand Opening and Dedication of Dublin's Newest Park Set for May 3

Dublin will host the grand opening and dedication of the City's newest park, Passatempo Park, on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Passatempo Park, located at 3200 Palermo Way, is adjacent to Kolb Elementary School in eastern Dublin. This 5.1 acre park includes a number of amenities, including a playground for tots, a separate playground for older children, an interactive sundial, a small vineyard, a seasonal garden, a picnic area, grilling stations, restrooms, and a large, natural turf field that is surrounded by a walking path.

The official park dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 9:00 AM. Afterward, attendees can enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast and activities for the children. A commemorative lunch cooler bag will be given to the first 1,000 guests.

For more information please call (925) 556-4500.

## PAL to Host Flea Market

Pleasanton Art League will sponsor its annual Artists' Flea Market on Saturday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Delucci Park (adjacent to Farmers Market), Pleasanton.

Shoppers will find all sorts of paint, canvas, frames, easels, pads of paper, instructional books, equipment, etc. Arts and crafts supplies to get kids started in art will also be available.

Those who want to sell art related items they are no longer using, can sign up. This is a no commission, cash and carry event. Cost for a 10 x 10 spaces \$25. There are no assigned spaces.

First come will have first pick of spaces. Information, contact Karen Fleschler, 925-487-3702, or [karenkb@yahoo.com](mailto:karenkb@yahoo.com)



City of Dublin photo

## Dublin to Host Community Car Show

The 2014 Dublin Community Car Show will take place at the Dublin Heritage Park & Museums at 6600 Donlon Way in Dublin. The time is from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 3.

The event will feature vehicles including classics, muscle, tuners, exotic, imports, customs, trucks and motorcycles. There will also be food available for purchase at a selection of food trucks and a DJ will provide musical entertainment.

Admission is free.

The car show benefits the Youth Fee Assistance Program. For more information call (925) 556-4500.

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## “Mad Men,” Season 7 Premiere

by Linda Milanese

This is the last season for “Mad Men”—well, actually, it’s the first half of the final 14 episodes. The second half will air next year. When this 2014 “season” is finished, we’ll have to wait 45 weeks for the final finale. Talk about stretching it out.

“Mad Men’s” first show was set in 1960, a time when the Madison Avenue advertising world was in its prime—a male-dominated, philandering world clouded with cigarette smoke and fueled by alcohol. As the new season opens, it’s 1969, but the advertising men have emerged from the turbulent ‘60s with their chauvinistic attitudes pretty much intact. The women continue to struggle professionally despite their promotions from secretaries to partners. Their intelligence and competence doesn’t earn the respect and cooperation of their male colleagues.

The new season opens with a close-up of what appears to be a narrator/oracle looking directly into the camera and talking to us.

“Are you ready?” he asks.

Are you kidding? I’ve waited a year to find out what happens to Don Draper!

“Because I want you to pay attention. This is the beginning of something.”

I know. I know. That’s why I marked it on the calendar.

“Do you have time to improve your life?”

Exactly what I’ve been waiting to find out! Has time run out for Don Draper to change?

At the end of last season, we left Don Draper

sober and chastened after finally revealing his past to his business partners and his kids. He is placed on temporary leave from the firm, his wife Megan is moving alone to California to pursue an acting career, and Don is left to piece together his life with his new-found honesty and sobriety.

The camera pans back to reveal the narrator/oracle has not actually been speaking to us directly but has been pitching an Accutron watch ad to Peggy Olson. And on closer inspection, we see it’s Freddie, former employee at Sterling Cooper fired for his drunken behavior, who appears to be freelancing these days. Peggy is impressed by the Accutron pitch—as she should be—because it’s Don’s work presented through his secret representative Freddie.

Our first look at Don is at the Los Angeles airport where wife Megan arrives to meet him. She looks wonderful, has an agent, and has just received a callback for a TV pilot. It’s pretty obvious that after two months apart, they’re uncomfortable and awkward together. He doesn’t fit into her California lifestyle, so one change that seems imminent will be another divorce for Don. However, he does uncharacteristically resist the overtures of the charming widow seated next to him on the plane ride home . . . and he’s drinking less. We’ll see.

Before Don puts on his hat and gray flannel suit to return to New York, he visits Pete who is now working at the California office. In the past, I’ve al-

ways thought of Pete as an angry, yappy little dog, but Pete has found his niche in 1969 Los Angeles. Tanned and ludicrously dressed in plaid bell bottoms, he might be the happiest character on the show these days. And his Barbie-like real estate agent has clearly helped him to recover from his own broken marriage.

Speaking of happy, there’s always Roger to entertain us with his shameless erotic abandon. He’s moved on from LSD to free love. He emerges from a bed full of naked bodies, puts on his traditional suit, and meets his daughter for breakfast. “I forgive you for all your transgressions,” she repeats beatifically. “And I forgive you,” responds Roger. (subtext: I don’t need forgiveness.)

And, the women?

Megan seems to be thriving and happy in Los Angeles. I do have to admit I’m a little worried about her living alone in such an isolated canyon location.

Joan continues to prove her business worthiness, though not taken seriously by the boys. In this first episode, she does her homework and works hard to save a shoe account almost lost by Ken, a careless male colleague. The smart MBA at the shoe company takes her brilliant advice but demands that he still needs to meet with Ken, typical of the condescension Joan needs to swallow at Sterling Cooper.

And Peggy, still hurting from her breakup with Ted, must also contend with hostility from her colleagues and ridicule for her workaholic need for excellence. She’s sitting in Don’s old office, but she doesn’t command the same

respect. Our last view of Peggy is on her knees at home, alone and sobbing.

However, the big question is Don’s happiness. Will he finally change, so he can find peace and contentment? This first show doesn’t provide an answer, but it certainly frames the question. Near the end, Freddie (the Accutron Oracle) arrives at Don’s dumpy apartment with take-out food. Their discussion makes it clear that Freddie is working for Don, channeling his ideas to the agency. It’s during their conversation that I’m certain the year is 1969—January, to be exact—be-

cause Nixon is delivering his Inaugural Address on the television screen in the background.

Nixon says, “We find ourselves rich in goods but ragged in spirit . . . We are torn by division, wanting unity. We see around us empty lives, wanting fulfillment . . . To a crisis of the spirit, we need an answer of the spirit.”

This series is too well written for it to be an accident that Nixon appears to have nailed it in describing Don Draper’s situation. The question is framed—will he really change his empty life?

One more thing. Think-

ing back to the beginning of last season, in the episode called “The Doorway,” Roger talks to his analyst about life’s experiences that are supposed to change you or give you answers—doors that keep opening until the last door that takes you to “you know where.” Not very hopeful.

In this most recent episode, Don can’t get the sliding door to his balcony to close. The show ends with Don sitting alone on his cold balcony staring at the stuck door while the soundtrack blares, “Keep Me Hangin’ On.”

In or out, Don?



Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association sent it’s 31st delegation to Tulancingo recently. Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and his wife, Sandi joined the association on the trip. Tulancingo Mayor Julio Soto presented Mayor Thorne with a ‘Key to the City.’ There were multiple gifts exchanged. In addition to full slate of cultural events in Tulancingo hosted by the local Rotary, Lions, and Soroptomist clubs, the delegation was taken on tours of Puebla, Palacio de Bellas Artes and Constitution Plaza in Mexico City, the ancient Pyramids at Teotihuacan, and a long 150 foot high 16th century aqueduct. For more pictures and information please visit the Sister City web site at [PSTCA.ORG](http://PSTCA.ORG). The delegation included Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and his wife Sandi, PTSCA President Rita Prieto-Galvin and her husband Jay Galvin, Ex PTSCA President Alice Pryor and her husband Kent, Ex PTSCA President Jorge Victoria, and PTSCA Delegate Connie Jensen of Pleasanton.



# Yesterday into Today

By Sarah Bobson

## HEALTH FOODS

A few months ago, a friend told me she had a gastrointestinal infection and that her doctor prescribed antibiotics. I immediately told her I had read somewhere that antibiotics might not help completely, because they destroyed the good bacteria along with the bad, that the good bacteria maintained regularity. The words spilled out of my mouth so authoritatively that I surprised both my friend and myself. After our exchange, I tried to remember just where I had obtained that information. I narrowed it down to two sources: Rose, the retired lady who had been a second mother to me when I was in college, and Adelle Davis, the woman many considered THE health-food nutritionist back in the 60s and 70s, long before it became fashionable to eat or talk about organic foods.

Rose, who I've written about in a few of my columns, was very particular about what she ate. She had to be because part of her colon had been removed due to cancer. In the late 60s and early 70s, I rented the walk-in closet of a maid's room adjacent to the kitchen in her large three-bedroom, Westside

apartment. Rose spent more hours in the kitchen cooking for herself than my mother spent cooking for our family of four. Rose started with breakfast around 9 a.m. By the time she was through, it was time for lunch. By the time she finished with lunch, it was time for dinner. She made what looked to me like completely unappetizing dishes. Whatever she ate, whether it was meat, potatoes, vegetables, she mixed with mashed-up vitamin and mineral supplements, and then she sprinkled lecithin on top.

My mother took already cooked vegetables out of a can and re-cooked them. Rose based her concoctions on the nutritional advice she gleaned from two of Adelle Davis' many books, *Let's Eat Right to Keep Fit* and *Let's Get Well*. Rose said that Davis said that the intestines, in order to function properly, needed to maintain tiny hair-like fibers found in the lining of

the intestines, and that the cultures found in yogurt produced those fibers. Perhaps lecithin also played an essential role.

One day, I decided to steal a look at one of Davis' books. I wasn't concerned, like Rose, about cancer, but I did have more than a passing interest in diabetes. My deceased grandfather on my mother's side had had the disease, and my mother had a terrible sweet tooth, which I had also inherited. Davis had plenty to say about diabetes. She maintained, if I remember correctly, that the way to avoid the disease was not only to eliminate refined sugar and sugar substitutes from the diet, but also to increase protein intake and exercise regularly. If a person did this, they would lose their craving for sweets and be healthier. That sounded good to me.

It wasn't until years later, after I took a glucose tolerance test and

my doctor told me I had a tendency toward hypoglycemia, that I consulted Davis again. She said that hypoglycemia, caused by the body producing too much insulin to counteract too much sugar in the blood, was the precursor to diabetes. I acted on that advice immediately. I joined the gym at the local Y (by then I had moved into my own apartment near 59th Street and Columbus Circle) and started jogging on the indoor track. When I became bored with the monotony of the endless oval, I moved outside to the footpaths in Central Park that pulsed with life and served as a distraction to the pain I experienced from exercising muscles that preferred to be on holiday. I would jog past the clusters of street entertainers and their varied, vibrant sounds melding into each other: folk singer wannabes playing acoustic guitars, bongo players beating rhythms that perked up

my stride, jazz combos producing mellow riffs. At first, I could barely jog the equivalent of one city block, but I soon built up my stamina to two miles.

This increase in exercise, in turn, created an appetite for different kinds of food. For one thing, I no longer craved sweets (a big shock to me since that had been one of my staple food groups ever since I could remember). For another, I could no longer stomach the quarter-pound steaks I had once felt were essential to health. My family, like a number of other families I knew in growing up, maintained a traditional American diet of meat, potatoes, and canned vegetables. My body now craved protein from lighter food sources such as tofu, and raw vegetables loaded with nutrients that had not been cooked out of them. Every evening for dinner I would make myself a big salad bowl full of dark green-leaf lettuce, raw spinach,

tomatoes, cucumbers, sliced zucchini, chunks of cheese, bean sprouts, and crumbled-up soft tofu sprinkled on top.

I bought a juicer, a new fad in those days, and made carrot-apple-banana drinks. Sometimes I'd mix in a little raw spinach. I was happy with the results of changing my food habits: I had more energy, I lost weight, I flattened my stomach for the first time in my life, and I got rid of the cellulite pockets in my newly thinned-down thighs. And, further good news, a followup glucose tolerance test revealed that the sugar levels in my blood had dropped. I felt great.

Rose and Adelle Davis influenced me to change my eating habits. They introduced me to the organic food movement, still in its infancy in the 60s, and its aversion to the use of pesticides. Now when I attend a local farmer's market, I smile and think that it all started back in the 60s. If I could only influence my friend, who is still suffering from her GI infection, to relinquish her reliance on antibiotics and trust something natural to make her feel better.

## Duck Raoes Raise Funds for Local Groups

The Livermore Duck Races scheduled for Sat., April 26 are being relocated to the Granada High School swimming pool. Water concerns have left the Arroyo Mocho near Livermore's Robertson Park dry.

Because there will be no down-stream floating of the plastic ducks and

the canceling of the Little Duckie Races, the event will be shortened. First race begins at 1 p.m. and the grand race at 2 p.m.

Granada High School swimmers will be helping with the flotation of the ducks and then dive for the lucky winners. Boy Scouts from Troop 942 will then help net and bag the plastic

ducks.

This fund-raiser benefits some Livermore schools and nonprofit groups. Over \$5000 in cash prizes will be given to lucky duck sponsors. Tickets will be available at the event.

The races are presented by the Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermore Y's Men Club. Each duck will

have a number attached and assigned to each entry form. The winning duck entries eligible for cash prizes will be announced at the conclusion of each race.

Individuals who submitted the winning entries are not required to be present. They will be notified by phone.

For more information, call 449-1315 or 321-1123. Tickets printed by Camino Press are five dollars (\$5) per entry.

They are available from some Livermore schools, or write to Livermore Duck Races, PO Box 48, Livermore, CA 94551.



## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

**Nicole Wakeman Art Exhibit, Cuda Ridge Wines** through April 30, 2014. 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore. During the exhibition, there will be a number of events at the winery including Barrel Tasting Weekend on March 29th and 30th. [www.CudaRidgeWines.com](http://www.CudaRidgeWines.com). Exhibition and tasting room hours are 12:00 - 4:30, Fri-Sun; also available by appointment at 510.304.0914.

**Imagination Expressed**, March 12 to May 4, Museum on Main featuring work by Pleasanton Art League artists. 603 Main St., downtown Pleasanton.

**Artography**, the melding of art and photography, will be on display at the Bankhead Theater from March 5 until May 5. Photographers, who have work in the show, include Clarence Luckett, Franni Goldstein, Jeff Fisher, Pushpa Dalal, John Goyer, Christine McCall, Jennie McGregor and Chuck McGregor. For further information, see the exhibition web page at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**Oils by Gina Kaiper**. Artwork will on display in the Estate Winery Tasting Room through April. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. [www.wentevineyards.com](http://www.wentevineyards.com). For more information call 925-456-2305. The artist takes photos which she then transforms into oil paintings and emphasizes the overall mood of the image with color and light. She prefers to focus on people in her artwork.

**The Artists' Flea Market**, Pleasanton Art League event, April 26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delucci Park, First St., Pleasanton. No admission charge. [www.pal-art.com](http://www.pal-art.com).

**Entries Sought**: The Town of Danville is now accepting applications for the Fourth Annual Juried Exhibition Everyday Beauty that runs June 27 through August 16. All media will be considered and all ages accepted. Please read the prospectus for complete details: [www.villageartgallery.com](http://www.villageartgallery.com). Juror

Micaëla van Zwoll is an independent curator and consultant with strong ties to the contemporary fine arts community in San Francisco. Entries must be at the Village Theatre Art Gallery by May 30 on or before 5:00 p.m. Any entries received after that date or that are incomplete will not be considered. Artist will be notified of the results by e-mail or phone, if requested, by June 4. For additional information, contact Visual Arts Coordinator, Amy Miller, at (925) 314-3460 or [amiller@danville.ca.gov](mailto:amiller@danville.ca.gov).

**Far and Near, a photography exhibit** featuring the work of John Joh, Lee Tang Joh and Reece Wollard, is on display through June 6 at the office of Prudential California Realty, 1983 Second Street in downtown Livermore. The show can also be viewed during normal business hours, or by appointment with Cher Wollard, 925-784-4679 or [cherw@cherw.com](mailto:cherw@cherw.com).

**Christ Centered Art Show**, Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27, Trinity Church, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Original works by local artists based on the theme "Celebrate the Resurrection" will be on display. For program details and gallery hours, visit [www.trinitylivermore.org](http://www.trinitylivermore.org) or contact Dr. Merrill Smoak, 447-1848.

**Fresh Works**: Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery exhibit. New juried installation featuring 68 artists. Variety of media, including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, sculpture, mixed media. May 3 through June 7. Adjudicated by Carrie Lederer, Curator of Exhibitions and Programs for the Bedford Gallery. For more info: 925-931-4849, or [jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov). Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. Opening reception May 3, 1 to 3 p.m.; Artful Bouquets, Response Event: floral arrangements created in response to selected works in the exhibit will be on display at the gallery during open hours May 9, 12:00-5:00 p.m. and May 10, 11:00-3:00 p.m. Live demonstrations by exhibiting artists will be held each Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Teen Art Showcase May 15-31, reception with artists May 15, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Art in the Vineyard**, Livermore Art Association show, May 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. [www.livermoreartassociation.org](http://www.livermoreartassociation.org).

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Classes at the Figurehead Gallery**: Figure Open Studio: Long Pose, on the Third Saturday of the month 5/17, 6/21 with Jacob Hankinson, Ozell Hudson, or Carolyn Lord. 9 am - 1 p.m. \$30. Register at [www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html](http://www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html) or call Ken Ball at 925-353-0419.

**Show and Tell**, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell

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

**ACC / Art Critique & Coffee** meetings now at New Leaf in Pleasanton's Vintage Shopping Center on Bernal & Vineyard. Brings together professional, local and emerging artists meetings each Friday at 10:30 a.m. to share latest work, fine tune each piece with gentle critiques and share tips, techniques and opportunities. Join the mailing list and receive the latest news on when and where the next meeting will be held. [PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com](mailto:PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com)

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

**Preschool Art classes**: Thursday mornings 9:45 - 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information, contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or [thomasin\\_d@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasin_d@hotmail.com) or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

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

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

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

**Ukulele Circle**, Meetings held the 2nd

and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at [www.GalinaMusicStudio.com](http://www.GalinaMusicStudio.com). Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

**Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2014 Summer Session**. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 and older to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome as are adults, if space allows. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or weekly school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email [frank.a@comcast.net](mailto:frank.a@comcast.net).

## WINERY EVENTS

**Wine Wednesdays**, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday 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 30, White Crane Winery. May 7, Longevity Wines; May 14, Nottingham Cellars; May 21, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery; May 28, Crooked Vine Winery and Stony Ridge Winery. Check for the winery listings at [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org).

**Cedar Mountain Winery**, wine tasting at Swirl on the Square, Thursdays, 5 to 10 p.m., 21 So. Livermore Ave., downtown Livermore. Offering flights, wine by the glass and wine by the bottle to complement food and entertainment at Swirl. [cedarmountainwinery.com](http://cedarmountainwinery.com), 373-6636.

**The Winemaker's Pour House**, Live music: April 24, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; April 25, 7-10 p.m., Tumble Down House; April 27, 4-7 p.m., Dennis Alvarez; April 26, 4-7 p.m., Steve Kritzer & Friends, acoustic jam; April 29, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the Piano; April 30, 6-9 p.m., Dennis Alvarez; May 1, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; May 2, 7-10 p.m., Toucan Jam; May 3, 7-10 p.m., David Correa and Cascada; May 4, 4-7 p.m., Dennis Alvarez. 2241 First St., Livermore. [www.winemakerspourhouse.com](http://www.winemakerspourhouse.com) or 215-2656. Live music:

**Rodrigue Molyneux Winery**, 3053 Marina Ave., Livermore. Down To Earth. Sun., April 27, 12:30 to 2 p.m. Tour California Native Gardens with Nancy Rodrigue at 1pm and 3pm and learn how to green up your garden with drought resistant plants. Alameda County certified Master Gardeners Shari Wentz and Janis Turner will answer your questions. Don't leave without your very own succulent to start your own Native California Garden.

**Friends Night Out**, Thursday, April 24,

6-8pm. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery and Tasting Room. Includes live music, beauty services & shopping. Vendors include: The Bracelet Bar, European Wax Center, Accessories From Diva and Kennan, Candle Light, Thirty-One Gifts and Myofascial Release Specialist. Entrance into the event is complimentary. Wines will be available by the glass and bottle. For more information call 925-456-2305. 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

**McGrail Vineyards and Winery events**: Blind Tasting in the Barrel Room, 1-3 p.m. Sat., April 26. Blind taste 3 wines using Black Riedel glasse. First come, first serve basis for this event. \$10 tasting fee. Closed for Easter, April 20. (925) 215-0717. 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

**Las Positas Vineyard**, Livermore, Sundays, April 27th & May 4th, "Sunday Funday" event. Special wine & chocolate pairing flight. \$10 for club members & \$15 for non-members. For more information please contact us at 925-449-9463 or [curt@laspositas-vineyards.com](mailto:curt@laspositas-vineyards.com). On Fri., May 2, kick off the 2nd annual free "Evening in the Vineyards" concert series. Featuring live music by the "Cattish Boys" concert is from 6-9pm. Wine, beer, and Artisan pizzas available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) to make reservations please call 925-449-9463 or contact [curt@laspositas-vineyards.com](mailto:curt@laspositas-vineyards.com)

**Artistic Table**, 56 S. Livermore Ave is now open everyday from 11 until 9 pm. It offers 99 bottles of beer on the wall / 12 rotating beers on tap, 200+ wines, 45+ artisan cheeses, artisan food products, and Bistro food to eat at Artistic Table or for carry-out. Events include: Table Talks with Wente Executive Chef Matt Greco "Sustainable Cooking and How to Create Menus." He will discuss sustainable cooking and how to create menus. The presentation will be April 27, 12:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/table-talk-with-matt-greco-executive-chef-wente-family-estates-tickets-11050312783> and are \$10 for early bird and \$15 after April 20th and at the door.

**Livermore Valley Wine Auction**, May 10, 2014. Wente Vineyards. Information at [www.LVWF.org](http://www.LVWF.org) for tickets and details.

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

**Jim Cullum Jazz Band**. Thurs., April 24, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Gary Wright**. Fri., April 25, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Del Valle Concert Series**, 8 p.m., April 26, EOS Ensemble: musicians from the SF Opera Symphony. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The Beatles and Their Songs - A Musical Revolution**, a lecture by Dulais Rhys, 2 p.m. Sun., April 27, Pleasanton

Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library Rhys has been a professional musician and music teacher for over 25 years. No registration required. Programs are open to all free of charge.

**Vintage Brass**, 2 p.m. Sun., May 4, Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Sponsored by the Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library. Free. No registration required. Programs are open to all.

**Music Department Student Recital**, Las Positas College, May 7, 12:30 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, main stage. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Free admission. Tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

**Robert Moses' Kin**, May 10, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

**Jazz Night Concert**, Las Positas College instrumental and vocal jazz ensembles. May 10, 8 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, main stage. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

**Pacific Chamber Symphony, Totally Beethoven**: Prometheus Op. 43; Symphony No. 6 in F Major (Pastoral). 2 p.m. Sun., May 11, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Orchestra and Wind Ensemble Concert**, Las Positas College. May 15, 7:30 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, main stage. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

**Livermore-Amador Symphony**, Five Dedicated Decades, two works by Barnes, Tchaikowsky. May 17, 8 p.m. Final concert for Dr. Arthur Barnes. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Sex, Swagger and Swing!** Frank Sinatra and Bobby Darin in the Concert That Never Was Starring Jonathan Poretz and his Mini Basie-Style Big Band. May 18, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Swingin' Blues Stars of the USS Hornet**, May 25, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Starship featuring Mickey Thomas**, May 31, 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## ON THE STAGE

**Ruddigore**, By Gilbert & Sullivan, April 18-May 10. Role Players Ensemble. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Village Theatre, 233 Front St., Danville. [www.roleplayersensemble.com](http://www.roleplayersensemble.com) or 314-3400.

**TriValley High: The Musical. Creatures of Impulse**, the Bay Area's award-



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winning, nationally recognized teen improv troupe, presents their annual spring classic. See one, two, or all three nights of the Bay Area's only improvised teen musical. Audience suggestions inspire fresh new characters, stories, and improvised songs each night...no show is ever the same. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 24-26, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets. Advance purchase by April 19: students \$2, adults \$5. Regular price tickets: students \$5; adults \$10. Tickets at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the box office. Free parking.

**Best of the Best**, Las Positas College Foundation fund-raiser. Sat., April 26, Featuring students in the LPC performing arts groups. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, main stage. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

**The Music Man**: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre presents a new production of the musical theater classic. Bay Area favorites David Judson and Amy Franklin Leonards headline as fast-talking con-man Harold Hill and his small-town sparring partner Marian the Librarian. Hill swoops into town posing as a boys' band director, selling instruments ("Seventy-Six Trombones") and uniforms to the naive town-folk and planning on skipping town without delivering. Directed by Pat Parr and choreographed by Joy Sherratt, with Music Direction by Brett Strader. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., May 2 through May 18 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Reserved seat tickets are \$17-\$38, and youth, senior, and group discounts are available. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. SPECIAL EVENT, May 4 only: "Inside the Show" discussion with principal actors and director after the Sunday matinee performance. Admission is free with a ticket to the performance.

**A View from the Bridge**, Sunday, May 4, 2:30 p.m. -- Arthur Miller's A View from the Bridge, part of Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House Playwrights' Theatre series in the Old Barn at Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville. Directed by Joy Carlin. Miller's Tony Award-winning play (1956) of a man's tragic struggle between his personal passions and his obligations to his community. Tickets \$25. Online at [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org) or (925) 820-1818. Transportation to site by National Park Service shuttle from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville.

**Ladybug Girl and the Bumblebee Boy**, the Musical, May 10, 11, 17 and 18, 2 and 4:30 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com) or 973-3343.

**El Paso Blue**, Sunday, May 18, 2:30 p.m. -- Octavio Solis' contemporary play El Paso Blue, part of Eugene O'Neill's Foundation, Tao House Playwrights' Theatre series in the Old Barn at Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville. Directed by the playwright. El Paso Blue (1994), by one of this generation's finest Latino playwrights, is a "modern Western with music," filled with magic and humor, honesty and intensity. Tickets \$25. Online at [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org) or (925) 820-1818. Transportation to site is by National Park Service shuttle from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville.

**One Act Plays**, Las Positas College Theater Department, May 21, 1 p.m. and May 23, 8 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, black box theater. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

## COMEDY

**Paula Poundstone**, comedy, Sat., May 3, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The Capitol Steps**, nonpartisan political humor, Tues., May 6, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## MOVIES

**Special screening of "Long Shot, The Kevin Laue Story"** on April 26, 2014 at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. at the Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple St., Livermore. Presented by LHS PSTA, LHS Boosters, and Solar Universe. Tickets \$5 and can be purchased at <http://www.livermorehighschoolpta.com/webstore/> Kevin was born with one arm and became a starting basketball player for coach McKnight's, a Livermore High School basketball coach, travel team and a starting varsity player for Amador Valley High School. Meet Kevin after for a private Q&A, photos, and autographs. Meet Chad Crittenden, CBS Survivor and amputee, as he moderates these two limited engagement screenings.

**Classic Films at the Pleasanton Library**, 7 p.m. first Thursday of each month through June 5, 2014. Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library present "Make 'em Laugh" Series" Hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. A brief talk about each film is presented prior to the screening. Refreshments are served. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925-931-3405. Admission is free. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

## DANCE

**Dance performance**, Las Positas College, May 3, 8 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, main stage. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets

at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

**PRISM - Anastasis Ballet Co.**, four movements from four perspectives. May 4, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Diavolo Dance Theater**, Thurs., May 8, 7:30 p.m. and Fri., May 9, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, auditions for: Avenue Q**. Director: John Maio, Vocal/Musical Director: Greg Zema, Choreographer: Julia Etzel, Producer: Kathleen Breedveld. Audition dates: May 7th and 8th at 7:30pm; Callbacks (by invitation only) on May 17 at 10:30 a.m. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, Pleasanton. Production Dates: Oct 18th - Nov 2nd. Prepare 1 minute of a contemporary musical theatre song for the primary audition, and bring a second selection as a backup. Be prepared to work a Sesame Street Type puppet and to sing in a Sesame Street puppet voice as well (think Bert, Ernie & Miss Piggy). No appointment necessary. NON/AEA NOPAY. All roles open. For More Information including character breakdown and audition forms: [http://www.johnmaio.com/resources/docs/AVEQ\\_Audition\\_Characters.pdf](http://www.johnmaio.com/resources/docs/AVEQ_Audition_Characters.pdf)

## CHORAL

**Valley Concert Chorale** with Las Positas College Choir Concert, Foothill and Amador Valley high schools - A Morten Lauridsen Festival, May 18, 7:30 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. 424-1100.

## OPERA

**Villains and Heroes**, Livermore Valley Opera, Sat., May 24, 2 p.m. includes food and wine reception. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

**Mount Diablo Rose Society's 26th annual Rose Show**, Sunday, April 27 at the Dublin Senior Center. Theme for this year's show is "A Symphony of

Roses." Roses can be entered for judging between 7 and 10 a.m. The show will be open to the public for viewing between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Admission is free. For information, call 510-331-6115.

**Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association Open House**, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sun., May 4, Amador Rec Center, 4455 Black Avenue Pleasanton (behind pool area). The Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association was organized thirty years ago. Members of the public are invited to attend the Cinco de Mayo Open House. There will be presentations, art, mementos and refreshments. For additional information, go to [www.ptsca.org](http://www.ptsca.org)

**74th Annual Pleasanton Rose Show**, Sat., May 10, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Exhibitor registration 8 to 10 a.m. (anyone is invited to enter roses). Show open to public 2 to 5 p.m. Awards ceremony 2:30 p.m. Theme, "Days of Wine and Roses." Co-sponsored by the City of Pleasanton and Alain Pinel Realtors. [www.thepleasantonroseshow.com](http://www.thepleasantonroseshow.com).

**Dublin Community Car Show**, Sat., May 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, Donlon Way. Classics, muscle, tuners, exotic, imports, customs, trucks, motorcycles, food trucks, DJ, vendors. Free admission. Information, call 556-4500.

**Livermore Wine Country Festival**, May 3, 10 to 6; May 4, 10 to 5. Downtown Livermore. Wine tasting, craft brews, arts, crafts, entertainment, food. Presented by Livermore Downtown, Inc. [Livermoredowntown.com](http://Livermoredowntown.com).

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tions, art, mementos and refreshments. For additional information, go to [www.ptsca.org](http://www.ptsca.org)

**1st Wednesday Street Party**, May 7, 6 to 9 p.m. Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. Cinco de Mayor theme. Sponsored by Pleasanton Downtown Association, [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**The Theory of Poetic Relative-ity**, Harrington Gallery, May 8, 6:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Museum on Main, first "Family Night At The Museum"**, Friday, May 9th from 6pm to 9pm. Families are invited to go back to the future at Pleasanton's downtown museum at this 1980s inspired party with music, dancing, games, photo booth, and more. Costumes are encouraged. This first event will be a 1980s theme. Tickets are \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, or a \$25 Family Pack (including two adults and two children). Tickets are available for purchase in person at Museum on Main during regular operating hours, by phone at 925-462-2766 or online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at the event. Tickets will be available at the door subject to availability.

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**Spring Faire**, Sat., May 10, noon to 5 p.m. Dublin Heritage Park & Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Live entertainment, food and beverages, arts and crafts, vendors, tractor rides, museum tours and more. Free admission. \$5 wristband allows participation on all activities, Information, n 452-2100.

**The Big Draw**, citywide celebration of the arts benefiting arts in the schools. May 10, Pleasanton. Presented by Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council. [www.pleasantonarts.org](http://www.pleasantonarts.org).

**An Evening with Civil War Researcher Ernie Manzo**: Bay Area Civil War Batteries & Forts, May 13th, 7 p.m. Museum on Main 2014 Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors, \$5 members, and \$3 students/teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability

**Taste and Toast of Chile**, Thursday, May 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Danville Senior Center located at 115 East Prospect Avenue. Stellar wines, tasty tidbits and entertainment from the culture of Chile will be featured. The cost is \$5 residents, \$6 for non-residents and \$8 at the door. For more information or to register, call the Danville Senior Center at (925) 314-3490.

**Speech Night Performance**, Las Positas College speech department. May 16, 7 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, main stage. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

**Amplified**, second annual teen poetry and open mic event, May 22, 5:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**Antiques & Collectibles Faire**, May 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. downtown Pleasanton. Pleasanton Downtown Association [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)

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Pictured is Valley Humane Education Society Director Shoshannah Reed holding a puppy available for adoption. She is with members of Girl Scout Troop 30524 (from left) Angelica, Jaci, Michelle, Rachelle, Samantha, Mikenzi, Sierra and Mairi along with Melanie Sadek Executive Director. They are presenting the wish list items the troop was able to get for Valley Humane Society by putting on Girl Scout Movie Day Event as part of their Silver Award.

## 'Paint It Blue' Raised Funds for Autism

Pleasanton Chapter Order of DeMolay organized a fundraiser for autism awareness on April 12, 2014, called "Paint it Blue." The event was spearheaded by one of its members, Matthew Romero-Salas, a 15 year old Sophomore at Dublin High School.

Matthew chose a Tri-Valley organization called Creative Autism Solutions Team or C.A.S.T. to be the recipient of the fundraiser.

C.A.S.T. is a foundation that provides readily acces-

sible and affordable caring therapeutic services and social skills development opportunities for children on the autism spectrum and other neurological challenges thereby assisting them in reaching their full potential.

At the beginning of the event, Matthew and the DeMolay members presented Annette Musso, the founder of C.A.S.T. with a check in the amount of \$2000.00 from pre-sale tickets and donations. After the live

auction and silent auction were closed, Pleasanton DeMolay was able to raise over \$5000.00. A hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to C.A.S.T. Matthew's inspiration to organize such an event is his brother, Inigo, who was diagnosed with autism when he was less than three years old.

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men, from the ages 12-21 to lead successful, happy and productive lives.

began drinking tea with her grandmother. She became enamored with loose leaf varieties about five years ago. With a desire to share her affinity for tea with others in May of 2013 she decided to open her tea house, Lustea Café.

Opening in late summer 2014, Lustea Café will be located in Livermore. There are plans to include 100 different teas (hot and cold), bistro-style dining complete with a gluten-free menu and separate vegan kitchen and

private themed tea party rooms to meet any need.

Lustea teas are available for purchase at the tastings and online at [www.lusteacafe.com/store](http://www.lusteacafe.com/store).

Alden Lane Nursery, located at 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA, will host this event and also provide samples of Plentiful Pantry food samples.

Contact Christine Lusty, LusTea Café, at 510-862-5286, or [Christine@lusteacafe.com](mailto:Christine@lusteacafe.com)

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**Spring Plant Sale at the Sunol Ag Park**, Saturday May 3rd 1-5pm, pick-up your organic vegetable starts and tour the fields. The Ag Park farmers are selling directly to the customer and will be available to answer questions. Have fun on the farm with different activities throughout the day including bicycle hay rides, chicken petting zoo, make your own seed packets, and more. 505 Paloma Way, Sunol 94586. Information available at [www.sagecenter.org](http://www.sagecenter.org)

**Crab Feed**, presented by Livermore High School Alumni Association (LHSAA) on Friday, April 25. The recipients of this funding project will be the LHS Marching Band and Drum Line. Crab, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. In addition, a no-host bar and live and silent auction items will be available for bidding. The LHS Drum Line will be performing during dinner. Ticket prices are \$45/attendee. Reservations made for eight or more will allow reserve a table. For additional information regarding the Crab Feed please contact Ray A. '67 925-606-5518 or email LHSAA at [lhsalumniassoc@gmail.com](mailto:lhsalumniassoc@gmail.com) or go to the LHSAA website - [www.livermorehighalumni.com](http://www.livermorehighalumni.com). Reservation can also be booked on that website.

**Equality for All**, a documentary featuring former Secretary of Labor, Robert Reich, will be shown at 7 p.m. on April 26 at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Robert Reich explains the greatest economic divide in America's history and what can be done about it. This public event begins with a 6:30 PM meet & greet potluck, the film begins at 7 PM. There will be a discussion following the 90 minute film. This event is free. Those with questions feel free to call 925-462-3459.

**Mt. Diablo Rose Society 26th Annual Spring Rose Show**: 1 to 4 pm, Sunday, April 27. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Rd., Dublin. Free admission. The public may also enter roses for judging from 7 to 10 am. Hundreds of beautiful blooms on display. (510) 331-6115. [www.mtdiaborosesociety.org](http://www.mtdiaborosesociety.org)

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society** has changed their meetings to the second Monday of each month at the Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton at 3400 Nevada Court. A Special speaker for Monday, May 12, 7:30 to 9pm will be Susan Goss Johnston, who will address "Writing Your Family History One Byte at a Time." Johnston is a co-editor of the recently published "Source Templates for The Master Genealogist." Visitors are always welcome. Contact for more information e-mail: [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org).

**Glitz and Glamour**. The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Pleasanton invites shoppers to its annual jewelry event on April 25-27, 2014. The "Glitz and Glamour" event will feature precious and semi-precious gems, vintage, contemporary and costume jewelry as well as women's accessories. Help make a difference in the fight against cancer. The Discovery Shop is located in the Mission Plaza Shopping Center at 1989-E Santa Rita Road,

Pleasanton, CA. The event hours are Friday 10-6; Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 12-5. Contact Janice Butzke at 925-462-7374 for more information. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, service and advocacy.

**ClutterLess (CL)**, a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday at the St Mary & St John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our 925-525-3992 or 925-922-1467 or go to [www.ClutterLess.org](http://www.ClutterLess.org)

**Annual Primavera Dinner Dance**, hosted by Branch #285 of the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF), Saturday, May 3, 2014, at St. Michael's Church Hall, 372 Maple Street, Livermore. Dinner, catered by "A Tasteful Affair," at 7:00 PM, with a no host bar available at 6:00 PM. Dance to the live music of "The Mellotones." Reservations are required. Raffle and prizes. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley scholarship program and other charities. Tickets are \$35.00 with no tickets will be sold at the door. Contact: Anna by May 1 (925) 484-1523.

**Ohlone Audubon** meeting Tuesday, May 6, at 7:30 pm at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue. Topic: The Fascinating World of Bird Mimicry will be presented by Denise Wight. She will explore the weird and wonderful world of avian vocal mimicry. No admission charge. Refreshments served. For more information and directions visit the website [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org).

**Grief Journeys support group**, Hope Hospice, includes effective coping strategies, May 7 - June 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for family members of former Hope Hospice patients. Community members are asked to pay a fee of \$80 for all eight weeks. Before participating, those interested are asked to attend an informational interview with a grief support provider. Enrollment is limited. Please call Hope Hospice's Grief Support Center at (925) 829-8770 or (510) 439-4917 to schedule an appointment. For more information about Hope Hospice and our Grief Support Center visit [www.HopeHospice.com](http://www.HopeHospice.com).

**Livermore Bridge Club** meets Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. (to about 2:15 p.m.) at the IOOF Hall, 2160 First Street. Information at [livermorebridge.com](http://livermorebridge.com). Each session is \$5. The club plays duplicate bridge. The game is supervised by Unit 501 of the ACBL, which covers the Tri-Valley; Unit 501 is non-profit.

**Top Chef**, Rotary Club of Dublin is hosting charity event on Sunday, April 27 at the Mercedes Benz Dealership in Pleasanton from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wineries, breweries and restaurants/chefs take part. Tickets can be purchased at the Top Chef website [www.topchefdublinrotary.org](http://www.topchefdublinrotary.org) or through a local Dublin Rotarian. Single ticket prices are \$45 per person or \$350 for table of eight. In addition to the food and wine pairings, local breweries and dessert companies will be offering samples throughout the evening. Musical entertainment will be provided by Better Days, a local classic and alternative rock cover band. Silent and live auctions will be part of the festivities. Funds raised from this event will benefit Hope Hospice and the Dublin Rotary Club in their various efforts

to strengthen the community.

**Operate Kidsafe**, free child safety event, Sat., May 17, Livermore Ford Lincoln, 2266 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. Photos and fingerprints printout provided to parents. No database or records of children are maintained. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., information 282-4660. Operation KidSafe information at 866-962-5487.

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**Meals-on-Wheels**. Do you know a homebound senior that could benefit from a healthy home delivered meal daily? Let Spectrum Community Services' Meals-on-Wheels program help! Healthy, home-delivered meals are available for homebound Seniors (60 years and older) who are unable to prepare their own food. Funded in part by the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging, meals are prepared by the Valley Care Health System Hospital in Livermore. Special diets available on request (including low sodium, low fat, low cholesterol, renal, carbohydrate control, soft, mechanical soft, vegetarian). For information on deliveries in Livermore, call (925) 373-5764. For information on deliveries in Dublin, Pleasanton and Sunol, call (925) 931-5385.

**Tri-Valley Walk to Cure Arthritis**, May 10, 2014 at LifestyleRX Pavilion in Livermore. Participants will raise funds to help create programs, research and advocacy initiatives to remove the burden of this crippling disease both locally and across the country. To register for the Tri-Valley Walk to Cure Arthritis, visit [www.trivalleyarthritiswalk.org](http://www.trivalleyarthritiswalk.org). Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and Walk to Cure Arthritis starts at 9:00 a.m. LifeStyleRX, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd. Livermore. Information Erin Badillo, (415) 356-5484, [ebadillo@arthritis.org](mailto:ebadillo@arthritis.org)

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA**, April 27, 11 a.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by April 24 to Ruby, 292-2000. May 3, 5 p.m. Opera Night at Columbo Club in Oakland, RSVP by April 25 to Gino, 243-1282. May 4, 2 p.m. Music Man at the Firehouse in Pleasanton, RSVP by April 30 to Athene, 846-0111.

**Tea Dance featuring The Mellotones Combo Jazz Band**, presented by VFW Post 6298, 1 to 3:15 p.m. on May 23. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Music from the American songbook played for listening and dancing for a variety of ballroom experiences. Admission \$10. Food and drink will be provided. Proceeds benefit needy veterans and their families. Information [joeyhlyb@att.net](mailto:joeyhlyb@att.net) or 443-2224; [bobolness2@gmail.com](mailto:bobolness2@gmail.com) or 443-2245.

**2014 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour** registration for the Sunday, May 4 events is now open. A variety of bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens that contain 60% or more native plants will be open on Sunday, May 4, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. More than 40 garden talks



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will be scheduled throughout the day. Workshops - In addition to the Tour and plant sale, a series of workshops will be offered this spring. [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net)

**Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store.** 1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Last Friday of every month 50% off most of the store sale. For more information visit [www.sheppgate.org/holiday](http://www.sheppgate.org/holiday)

**Joséa Higuera Livermore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution,** meets the first Saturday of the month through May at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel of Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Members are descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. DAR is dedicated to preserving American history, promoting patriotism and securing America's future through patriotism and better education. For information contact [jhlchapter@yahoo.com](mailto:jhlchapter@yahoo.com) or 784-1935.

**Pain Support Group,** 1st and 3rd Mondays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Questions, call the church at 447-1950.

**Bereaved Mothers' Network of the Tri-Valley,** offering support, understanding and compassion to mothers who have suffered the loss (past or present) of a precious child. Safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment. Monthly meeting held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month. Livermore Civic Center Library in Community Room "B." Small voluntary donations to help with meeting and outreach costs are appreciated. For further information reach Katie Strube at [katiestрубе@comcast.net](mailto:katiestрубе@comcast.net).

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

**Volunteer visitors,** Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteers for their Friendly Visitor Program. The Friendly Visitor Program aims to decrease the isolation of a homebound senior by matching volunteers with seniors who share similar interests. Volunteers may also provide occasional transportation to errands. Please contact Mary or Lorie at 931-5388 on how to become a Friendly Visitor.

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

**NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness),** Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders.

It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: [glorios4@comcast.net](mailto:glorios4@comcast.net)

**Operation: S.A.M.** "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit [www.operationsam.org](http://www.operationsam.org), email [operationsam@comcast.net](mailto:operationsam@comcast.net) or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

**Ravenswood Historic Site,** operated by

## RELIGION

**First Presbyterian Church,** 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information [www.fpcl.us](http://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](http://www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com).

**Unitarian Universalist,** 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747 or [www.uucil.org](http://www.uucil.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Asbury United Methodist Church,** 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

**Calvary Chapel Livermore,** meetings

Saturdays at 6 p.m. 5860 Las Positas Road, Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - [www.calvarylivermore.org](http://www.calvarylivermore.org).

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

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

**Granada Baptist Church,** 945 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/](http://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. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Please call office at 846-8650 for more information.

**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](http://www.trinitylivermore.org).

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

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

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church,** 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 a.m.; child care for children under 5 available at 10:30 service.

**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](http://www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org) 925-862-2580

**Pathway Community Church,** 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship

Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. [www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org](http://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](mailto:pmjrmueller@gmail.com) for more info.

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

**Bethel Family Christian Center,** 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

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

**Valley Bible Church,** Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. [www.thecrossing.org](http://www.thecrossing.org)

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

**Cedar Grove Community Church,** 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. [www.cedargrove.org](http://www.cedargrove.org) or call 447-2351.

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

**Chabad of the Tri-Valley,** 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. [www.jewishtrivalley.com](http://www.jewishtrivalley.com). Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

**Well Community Outreach Center** ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, please call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nis-

sen Drive, Livermore.  
**Lynwood United Methodist,** Worship services are 9:00 and 10:30 am with childcare at both times and Sunday school at 10:30 am. 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, pastor. 925 846-0221, [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**Grief Journey,** Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Each person's grief journey has its own path and its own time. Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey and will be explored in this eight-week series of workshops at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. through May 8th. For further information please call Mary Hagerly at 925-846-5377.

**EFT Workshop** - Emotional Freedom Technique is energy work that helps release blocks from the body's bio-energetic system, thus restoring mind and body balance. Presented by Dr. Phillip Mountrose at Unity of Tri-Valley's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin, on Mon., April 28, 7:30 pm. \$10 suggested offering. Contact: Jean Horne, 510.962.6950. [www.unityoftrivalley.org](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org)

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:** 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springtown ward, 1 p.m.

## NOTICE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for proposed federal assistance for the Stonybrook Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project, in Alameda County, California.

The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the action will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Carlos Suarez, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this action.

The purpose of the project is to improve fish passage through two culverts under Palomares Road, in Stonybrook Creek, which is tributary to Alameda Creek. This project is one of several being planned to improve habitat for steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), in the Alameda Creek Watershed.

The finding of no significant impact and the environmental assessment are being forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency, the California Office of Planning and Research, and various federal, state, and local agencies. Basic data used for the assessment are on file and available for review.

For further information, please contact John Harrington, State Conservation Engineer, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 430 G Street, Davis, CA 95616-4164, telephone (530) 792-5622.



# Milestones

## Community

### Runners Raise Funds for Children's Miracle Network

The third annual Credit Union SacTown Ten-Mile Run—held April 6—raised \$160,000 for Children's Miracle Network hospitals in California and Nevada, including Children's Hospital Oakland. The event was sponsored by CU Miracle Day, Inc. along with 55 credit unions and credit union businesses, including Bay area-based credit unions: Livermore-based UNCLE Credit Union and Operating Engineers Federal Credit Union as well as Pleasanton-based Patelco Credit Union.

The "SacTown" race—which includes a three-person relay and other lively festivities, and is also designed to increase national awareness of credit unions—took place the same day as the 42nd Annual Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten-Mile Run in Washington D.C., followed by the Credit Union Freedom Runs for troops overseas. Combined, the "Family of Races" raised \$487,000 for CMN hospitals across the country.

More than 2,000 runners—including more than



**A group from Livermore-based Operating Engineers Credit Union participated in third annual Credit Union SacTown Ten-Mile Run in Sacramento to raise money for Children's Miracle Network hospitals, including Children's Hospital Oakland.**

500 credit union employees and members—participated in the race, which started and finished in front of the state capitol building in Sacramento, with a \$15,000-prize purse awarded. About 170 credit union staff and members worked the event as volunteers.

Credit Union Miracle Day, 2 Inc., is the title sponsor group of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run®. CUMD is a partnership of credit unions, CUSOs, and partner organizations nationwide that have joined together un-

der the umbrella of Credit Unions for Kids to support Children's Miracle Network Hospitals by sponsoring the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run® and the CUMD Family of Races. For more information, visit [www.miracleday.org](http://www.miracleday.org).

### Jayn Ho Joins Valley Community Bank in Pleasanton

Jayn Ho has joined Valley Community Bank Pleasanton office as Vice President and Relationship Manager at the branch located at 465 Main Street in Pleasanton.

Ms. Ho received a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Finance from the University of Otago in New Zealand. She attained the Certified Credit Professional (CCP) designation in Malaysia

where she worked in banking for several years before relocating to the United States. She came to Valley Community Bank with 10 years' experience in commercial banking at East West Bank in Oakland, Calif., where she held positions as Credit Analyst and Portfolio Officer.

"In my new position at Valley Community Bank, I enjoy developing new

business for the Bank and building relationships with our current and prospective customers," Ho says. "It is fascinating to learn about various types of businesses and their operations and to work with people from different backgrounds. At times, my knowledge of the Chinese language and dialects is helpful in making customers feel comfortable and understood."

First Vice President and Manager Bernie Billen added, "I am delighted to have Jayn at the Pleasanton branch and as part of our team. Her many years of commercial lending experience are a great asset to the entire bank."

Ms. Ho resides in Livermore. She enjoys working in the Tri-Valley, which enables her to spend more time with her young family.

## Education

Erica S. Barajas of Livermore is among the 47 students in Western Michigan University's 6,313-member senior class to be named a 2014 Presidential Scholar.

The annual Presidential Scholar designation is the highest honor WMU can bestow on an undergraduate. The award goes to the most outstanding seniors in each of the University's academic schools, departments and specialty programs.

Barajas was named the Presidential Scholar in Art. She is a graduate of Granada High School in Livermore as well as of the University of California-Davis, where she earned a master's degree, and the University of California-Santa Cruz, where she earned a bachelor's degree. She is majoring in art at WMU and expects to graduate in December 2014. Following graduation, Barajas plans to secure an artist fellowship or residency and pursue a Master of Fine Arts program in printmaking. Prior to arriving in Michigan in 2009, she studied abroad in Nepal, briefly lived in Scotland and served as a volunteer in the U.S. Peace Corps in Bolivia. At WMU, she has been engaged in a variety of printmaking methods by serving as a woodworking apprentice in the Frostic School of Art.

Barajas has received several accolades while on campus, including the 2013 Angie Gayman Carmer Art Scholarship, the Cornelius Loew Young Artist Scholarship, and an enrichment grant from the Frostic School of Art. During that same year, she was diagnosed with cancer and successfully underwent chemotherapy treatment.

Barajas has served as executive director at Fair Food Matters in Kalamazoo, played percussion with Kalamazoo College's Kalamazoo Philharmonia, volunteered with the Kalamazoo People's Food Co-op Board of Directors, and participated in community organizing with the local Eliminating Racism and Claiming/Celebrating Equality project.

Kirsten Johansson, a resident of Dublin, CA received the Award of Achievement at the

24th Annual Southern Methodist University Multicultural Academic Achievement Ceremony. The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs recognizes the academic achievement of minority students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above. To be recognized with the Award of Achievement, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5-3.749.

Grace Vickers, a student athlete at Binghamton University, was named to the fall 2013 Athletic Director's Honor Roll after achieving semester grade point averages (GPA) of 3.30 or higher. Grace Vickers, who is on the Volleyball team and pursuing a major in Harpur College, hails from Pleasanton, and attended Amador Valley High School.

Bong Gi Min, son of Mr. Byoung Wook Min and Ms. Young Sik Sung of Dublin, was named to the Winter Term 2014 Dean's List at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut. Choate Rosemary Hall is an independent secondary school enrolling 865 boarding and day students from 40 states and D.C., and 40 countries.

## New Faces

Daniel and Carrie Chambers of Aliso Viejo, CA, have announced the birth of their first daughter, Vivian Ruth Chambers. Vivian was born at 10:50pm on Sunday, April 6, 2014, at Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center in Mission Viejo, CA. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19.5" long. Vivian is named in memory of her mother's maternal grandmother and in honor of her mother's paternal grandmother. Proud local grandparents are Frank and Diane Chambers of Livermore. Other grandparents are Paul and Diane Damschroder of Helena, OH, and great-grandparent Ruth Damschroder of Gibsonburg, OH.