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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.



Bob Borchers

### Expert to Discuss Venture Capital At Bankhead Wednesday

The history and future of venture capital, which stimulates start-up companies by providing early financial support, will be presented in a talk next week at Livermore's Bankhead Theater by a nationally known expert in the field.

The expert is Bob Borchers, an inventor, entrepreneur and Livermore native who was part of the original iPhone team at Apple.

Borchers has spoken to groups in the Tri-Valley before, addressing the Valley Study Group and the Innovation Tri Valley forum in recent years. He is known as a witty and energetic speaker, with a full repertoire of inside stories about famous products and marketing campaigns.

His talk is titled, From Fairchild to Facebook: The History and Future of Venture Capital. It will start at 7:30 p.m. on May 16 in Livermore's Bankhead Theater as part of the Rae Dorough Speaker Series.

Venture capital is an important ingredient in the U.S. economy. According to the National Venture Capital Association, 11 percent of private sector jobs come from venture backed companies, and venture backed revenue accounts for 21 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product.

Borchers is a general partner at the Palo Alto venture capital firm, Opus Capital, where he specializes in products, applications and technology related to mobile communications.

Before Opus, Borchers worked at Apple as senior direc-

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### Info Session Slated On Free Housing Services

The Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center (TVHOC) will provide information on free housing services available to employees of area businesses.

The seminar will be held at the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Theater, 4444 Railroad Avenue, on Wednesday, May 16, from 9 to 11:30 AM, followed by an opportunity for informal discussion and networking.

The Center has invited businesses and human resources professionals throughout the Tri-Valley to participate. The meeting is open to the public as well.

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## Pleasanton Delays Vote On Wal-Mart Grocery

A decision on the appeal of the approval of a Wal-Mart grocery store was continued by the appellant Councilmember Matt Sullivan.

The Pleasanton City Council held a special meeting Monday in an attempt to resolve the issue. An overflow crowd filled the Firehouse Arts Center.

The zoning administrator, planning commission and the city council have all approved the Wal-Mart application. Each approval was appealed.

Wal-Mart proposes to locate

a neighborhood grocery store in a former Nob Hill store in the Meadow Plaza Shopping Center on Santa Rita Road. The store has been vacant for three years. Director of Community Development Brian Dolan told the council that Wal-Mart's plans conform to the PUD for the location. In addition, Wal-Mart has agreed to abide by the conditions under which Nob Hill operated. There would be no truck deliveries between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The business would be open from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Pleasanton councilmember are allowed to continue an item without the support of fellow councilmembers. Sullivan requested the continuance because he said he needed more information before he could reach a decision. His concern related to recent news stories of alleged Wal-Mart bribery of foreign officials in order to gain market shares in various countries.

Sullivan asked that staff conduct research into the issue to determine if there is potential liability for the city if it were

to conduct business with Wal-Mart. He also suggested there be consideration of an ordinance that would ban companies who engaged in criminal activities from locating in Pleasanton. His final request was for councilmembers to reveal if they had received campaign donations from Wal-Mart or the Chamber of Commerce Political Action Group, and whether the Chamber PAC had received funds from Wal-Mart.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Jerry Thorne, Cindy McGovern and Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said

they had at one time or another been supported by the Chamber PAC. They received no donations from Wal-Mart. Hosterman and Cook-Kallio also pointed out that they had received support from unions.

Cook-Kallio commented, "The conversation would be different, if Wal-Mart had been convicted."

Sullivan will not receive answers to his concerns. A council majority is required to authorize the use of staff time to conduct research on an issue. The other

(See WAL-MART, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Family fun was part of the Wine Country Festival held in downtown Livermore over the weekend. The event is presented by Livermore Downtown, Inc. It featured continuous entertainment, wine and beer tasting, many displays, and arts and crafts booths.

## Pleasanton School Panel Hears Facility Ideas Based on Surveys

By Ron McNicoll

The Pleasanton school district's Facilities Master Plan Committee (FMPC) has heard findings from on-campus surveys about the state of district facilities, and what people want to see improved.

The committee met May 3 in its second session with consultants from LPA, which the district hired to create a facilities master plan.

The consultants talked about on-site surveys they conducted in the company of school and district staff. Maintenance employees, who made their suggestions about simplicity of maintenance and cleaning, were included.

The district faces more growth, which will come from the elimination of the city's housing cap. There is also the traditional problem of keeping schools up to date, both in terms of physical plant reliability, and how well the facilities serve changes in approaches to education.

A good example of buildings matching or not matching programs came in a reference one committee member made to several pod schools that the district built in the 1970s.

The schools were designed for the newest wrinkle then in education. One committee member summed it up, as a shift from the pace an individual student would learn at to we'll all be collaborative. "It was so dramatic, it didn't work, as we all know," he said.

Such schools were switched back to traditional architecture as teaching returned to a more conventional style.

No one is talking about going back to the "open" classroom.

However, it's possible to design a room with enough flexibility to lecture. Students could then gather in break-out groups in smaller spaces, said the committee member.

Kimberly Coffeen, an LPA architect, explained how students learn in various ways, depending on their own personal tendencies. Known by the acronym VARK, the information is the product of educational research over the past 20 years.

The VARK acronym means Visual, Aural, Reading/writing, and Kinesthetic. Students who like the visual approach enjoy seeing the information presented in maps, diagrams, symbolic arrows, which could have been used in words.

Aural learners like to hear information spoken. They learn best from lectures, group discussion, radio, and web chats. Readers and writers like text-based learning.

The kinesthetic types like to learn from experiencing things that can be grasped, held, tasted or felt.

Coffeen said that the design for classrooms have spaces accommodating all four ways of learning, with "white boards everywhere, and lots of tactile surfaces." There can be a small lecture alcove, and small areas where a student teaches others.

The emphasis on the growing use of technology in learning will be a part of this assimilation into new classroom space and furniture flexibility.

With the switch to wireless hand-held devices, students now can move around in the room. They won't be confined to a desk, where they might not even be able to see the teacher well.

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## Fundraiser to Screen *The Power of Two*

By Patricia Koning

On Sunday, May 20, Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc. (CFRI) will hold its fourth annual Wine for a Cure fundraiser. The event will begin with a VIP reception at The Winemakers Pour House at 3 pm, followed by a screening of the documentary *The Power of Two* at the Livermore Cinema.

"Wine for a Cure is a fun event to raise awareness of cystic fibrosis and money for research to help save my daughter's life and the lives of thousands of other children and adults battling

this disease," says Diana Hepple, chairperson of Wine for a Cure. She is a Livermore resident. "We are extremely proud to be screening the award-winning documentary, *The Power of Two*."

Her 12-year-old daughter Tara Goodearly has cystic fibrosis (CF) and her son Tyler Goodearly, a freshman at UC Davis, has made several advocacy trips to Washington, DC. This summer he will intern with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as an advocate in DC.

"There are dozens of families

here in the East Bay currently dealing with this disease. In recent years, we have lost several of our residents and a committee member to CF. We are looking to you, our community, to help us fund this vital research before we lose any more of our children," adds Hepple.

*The Power of Two* is a film inspired by "The Power of Two: a Twin Triumph over Cystic Fibrosis," a memoir by California native identical twins, Anabel and Isabel Stenzel. The twins

(See FUNDRAISER, page 10)

## Miley, Thomas Running In County 4th District

With redistricting last year, Pleasanton joined the Alameda County 4th Supervisorial District. The seat is up for election in the June 5 primary.

Running are 12-year incumbent Nate Miley and challenger Tojo Thomas. Since there are only two candidates running, there will be no run-off in November. The term lasts for four years. There are no term limits.

The Independent asked the candidates some background information, followed by questions about balancing the county budget, health care services in the Valley, and green building and power for county facilities.

Candidates were asked whether the county's general assistance welfare for single people was sufficient, at \$336 per month. (Recipients may collect only for a total of three months over 12 months, and must pay the money back to the county.)

Other questions were about the county's legal obligation to reduce bird deaths in the Al-

tamont, protection for ranches and farmlands, development in Doolan Canyon, and Measure 3B, the November ballot proposal to bring in a permanent one cent sales tax for transportation in the county. It would include \$400 million for a phase I Livermore BART extension and the widening of Highway 84.

Also sought were views on the solar policy that is working its way through county committees. Along with that was a question about a Pegasus Energy Partners, Inc. application to build solar arrays on 2000 acres of prime agricultural land in the eastern Altamont near Mountain House.

The solar arrays would take up more than one-half of the nearly 4000 acres of prime agricultural land in the county. The applicants said that they need to locate the installation on that agricultural land because it is near a power facility that can upload the electricity to the power grid.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A fizzy drink caused one Girl Scout attending last Saturday's festivities at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton to blink. The festivities, which included a variety of activities, marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Jetta- a 4 month old female Siamese mix kitten with lots of love to give. She is the last of her littermates to get adopted and she is anxiously awaiting a new home. Her siblings and their mom were rescued by VHS at a young age from a county shelter. Jetta is absolutely stunning and has a sweet temperament with a loving personality. For more information, call 925-426-8656 or go online to [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org) or [www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety](http://www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety) to see our other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Hours are Tues., Wed. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thurs., Fri. noon to 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun. noon to 4 p.m. Photo by Aaron Czeszynski



**COMING ATTRACTIONS:  
SOLAR ECLIPSE,  
SOLAR TRANSIT**

Two unusual astronomical events are rapidly approaching that can be observed at home so long as the sky is clear. The first is a solar eclipse, which occurs when the moon blocks the sun's light. The second is much rarer, the passage of the inner planet Venus across the face of the sun.

Because the sun's light is never safe to look at directly with the naked eye, the Exploratorium has put safe-viewing instructions online at <http://www.exploratorium.edu/eclipse/how.html>

The solar eclipse will take place on Sunday, May 20. Starting about 5:17 p.m. locally, the late afternoon sky will slowly begin to darken as the moon begins passing in front of the sun. By about 6:30, the moon will cover more than 80 percent of the sun's surface, creating the impression of early nightfall. As the moon continues its orbit around the Earth, it will gradually uncover the sun. The sky will lighten again until the eclipse ends around 7:40, some 38 minutes before the sun sets for real.

North of Sacramento, the eclipse will be annular, meaning the moon will pass so centrally across the face of the sun that a complete ring of bright light will be visible around it. Even the seemingly small amount of light in that ring can cause permanent eye damage, so the Exploratorium's safe-viewing instructions still apply.

Solar eclipses are visible at least twice a year somewhere on Earth. Anyone interested in a total eclipse can travel to northern Australia to see one later this year, on November 13.

Safe-viewing rules also apply to the much rarer event, Venus's passage across the face of the sun on June 5. Only seven such transits have occurred since the invention of the telescope in the 17th Century. They occur in an odd pattern dictated by the orbits of the two planets. Pairs of transit are spaced eight years apart, either in early June or in early December. Then the next pair returns after either 105 years or 122 years. Next month's transit follows one in June 2004. There will be no more in our lifetimes, since the next will be in 2117.

The June 5 transit will start about 3:06 p.m. and last for six and a half hours. The sky will not darken like it will in the May 20 eclipse. During transit, Venus will be closer to Earth than any other planet ever gets. But it will still be some 25 million miles away. It will only be a small black dot, blocking a tenth of a percent of the sun's light.

**LOSS OF SATELLITE CAPABILITIES DEcriED**

The U.S. has drastically reduced its support for the Earth-observing satellites that help it predict weather, conserve water, understand climate change and respond to natural disasters, according to a report by the National Research Council.

If we do not reverse the trend, in the next few years, we will experience a dramatic decline in capabilities that we now take for granted, the report warned. These are capabilities as ordinary as making multi-day weather forecasts and as dramatic and potentially life-saving as showing a hurricane approaching a coastal city.

"Almost everything you can imagine about how Earth as a system works is measured or monitored from space," said Dennis



abilities by 2020."

Reasons cited for the decline start with budget cutting. Existing satellites and launch systems are aging. There are few if any replacements. The report refers to a "near perfect storm of a decline in resources, increase in demands and loss of heritage assets."

NASA has done a good job of prolonging the lives of existing satellites and finding international partners for the U.S. program. It should continue its cost-cutting creativity, the report said. For example, it should consider small, single-sensor satellites that can be launched opportunistically with larger satellites.

However, even creative cost cutting can't fill the gap generated by a serious drop in resources, the report said.

The report is a follow-on to a 2007 assessment, also by the National Research Council, that expressed concern that "the nation's civil space institutions (including NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Geologic Survey) are not adequately prepared to meet society's rapidly evolving Earth information needs."

Since then, the challenge has only increased. Of eight satellites expected five years ago, only three are in orbit today. Two failed, once was canceled and two others will launch next year if at all.

Hartmann of the University of Washington, who chaired the committee that produced the report. "A lot of factors important for the commerce and quality of life are measured from space effectively and efficiently — and those will go away."

"If nothing is changed," he continued, "We're predicting to be down to 25 percent of our current (earth-observing) capa-

The 2007 report recommended 18 missions, but only two are approaching launch.

**METHANE OVER ARCTIC OCEAN**

A puzzling increase of methane, a highly potent greenhouse gas, has been found above the Arctic Ocean, NASA reports. The increase was found in a series of pole-to-pole airplane flights carried out to map greenhouse gas distribution in 2009-2010.

Methane is known to be released from decaying plant matter on land, such as from melting permafrost. It is also found in shallow sea beds. It was not previously known at elevated levels over deep ocean.

The increase detected by the flights was modest, a one-half percent increase over normal background. One possibility is that the methane comes from marine life at the surface of the Arctic Ocean, according to lead researcher Eric Kort.

There was no accompanying carbon monoxide to suggest the methane was from combustion. And based on location and time of year, it was extremely unlikely that it came from geologic formations or from wetlands, according to a report published in Nature Geoscience. The research was done largely under National Science Foundation funding.

The research team concluded that the increase was emanating from ocean that was partly covered with ice, or seeping between cracks in the ice. The first concern is that the methane may represent a new source of greenhouse gas. The second is the possibility of amplification, in which the methane generates more warming, which encourages the production of more methane, which then causes further warming.

Although the methane levels detected "weren't particularly large," Kort said, they need to be better understood "to avoid falsely interpreting any changes observed in Arctic methane levels in the future. As Arctic sea ice cover continues to decline in a warming climate, this source of methane may well increase."

**HOUSING**

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"We are very pleased to have an opportunity to provide this important information to businesses," said Randi DeHollander, Chairwoman of the Center's Board of Directors. "The mortgage crisis has impacted many people who make up our workforce."

"With so many scam artists seeking to take advantage of homeowners in distress, we want companies to know where they can safely refer their employees for objective, qualified assistance with mortgage and housing issues. In addition, we offer area employees free homeownership preparation classes that qualify them for special purchase opportunities offered by Tri-Valley cities and lenders."

The TVHOC was established in 2005 as an outgrowth of more than a decade of collaboration on workforce and affordable housing issues by the cities of

Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and the Town of Danville.

The Center is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation with a mission to provide accurate, unbiased information and personalized guidance through the complex process of home-seeking, home-buying, or foreclosure prevention. Services are available without charge, and without regard to consumers' city of residence.

The Center is a HUD certified housing counseling agency and recently qualified to assist homeowners enrolled in the new Keep Your Home - California program.

Those interested in attending should RSVP by email to [info@tvhoc.org](mailto:info@tvhoc.org) to reserve a place.

For further information contact Milly Seibel, Executive Director at 925.373.3130 x 301

**EARLY DETECTION & TREATMENT  
OPTIONS FOR SKIN CANCER  
FREE EDUCATION SEMINAR**



**Topic:** Early Detection, Prevention & New Treatment Options for Skin Cancer

**Speakers:** Juliana Cinque, MD and Kavitha Raj, MD

**Date:** Monday 5/21/2012 from 6-7 pm

**Location:** 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Suite 240, 2nd floor Pleasanton

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. The two most common types are basal cell cancer and squamous cell cancer. Another type of skin cancer, melanoma, is more dangerous but less common. Anyone can get skin cancer, but it is more common in people who:

- Spend a lot of time in the sun or have been sunburned
- Have light-colored skin, hair and eyes
- Have a family member with skin cancer
- Are over age 50

Please join us for an evening seminar led by ValleyCare Physicians Dr. Juliana Cinque and Dr. Kavitha Raj to learn more about Early Detection, Prevention & New Treatment Options for Skin Cancer.

We invite you to register by calling our Health Information Line at 1-800-719-9111 or visit [www.valleycare.com/educationseminars](http://www.valleycare.com/educationseminars).



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<p><b>2407 Skylark Wy</b>   Pleasanton</p> <p>bd 4   ba 3.5   sqft +/- 3,236   \$979,950</p> <p>Remodeled Birdland Home. Hardwood Flrs, Imported Italian Tile (heated tile in master), Granite Countertops, Open Staircase, Vaulted Cathedral Ceilings &amp; Skylights, See-Through Gas Log Fireplace, Movie Room, Custom Built Pool, Waterfall &amp; Spa, Huge Backyard.</p> <p>Michael Swift   925.251.2587</p>	<p><b>247 E Vallecitos Rd</b>   Livermore</p> <p>bd   ba   acres +/- 19.47   \$1,799,000</p> <p>Build your Dream Custom Vineyard Estate Plus Tasting Room on this extremely private estate with breathtaking views of the valley. Easy to build-on desirable flat building pad. Adjacent to Sycamore Grove. Enjoy wine country living in the South Livermore wine country!</p> <p>Uwe Maerz   925.251.2568</p>	<p><b>6107 Ledgewood Ter</b>   Dublin</p> <p>bd 5   ba 4   sqft +/- 3,844   \$930,000</p> <p>Views of TriValley, Mt. Diablo &amp; Dublin Hills! Dub Ranch Beauty w/ 5 Beds, Bonus/Game Room, 4 Baths. Master &amp; Guest Suite on Main Level. Premium lot location w/ access to open space. Walk to golf course, swim club &amp; award winning schools.</p> <p>Cindy Engel   925.580.5107</p>	<p><b>1545 Yukon Place</b>   Livermore</p> <p>bd 4   ba 2.5   sqft +/- 3,777   \$965,000</p> <p>Wonderful home on an interior cul de sac in desirable South Livermore area. Spacious floorplan with Master downstairs, huge bonus room upstairs, so many upgrades! Incredible backyard w/ pool, spa, playhouse and swing, vineyard and an amazing stately oak tree.</p> <p>Weiner McDowell   925.251.2550</p>	<p><b>2921 Novara St</b>   Livermore</p> <p>bd 5   ba 3   sqft +/- 2,820   \$810,000</p> <p>Eloquent is the only word to describe this single story, 3 car gar. home. Upgrades in every room - crown molding throughout including bathrooms. Kitchen was remodeled last year - custom wood work, new SS appliances, gorgeous slab granite, custom bk splash, Priv. yard.</p> <p>Gail Henderson   925.583.2185</p>	<p><b>3056 Rivers Bend</b>   Livermore</p> <p>bd 4   ba 3   sqft +/- 2,878   \$779,950</p> <p>Large home, possible 5th bedroom. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters, S/S appliances, upgraded kitchen cabinets, formal dining room, master suite w/ marble bathroom, plantation shutters throughout, full bed/bathroom downstairs. 2 years old.</p> <p>Max de Vries   925.251.2514</p>
<p><b>38 Craig Ct</b>   Pleasanton</p> <p>bd 3   ba 2.5   sqft +/- 1,554   \$625,000</p> <p>Walk to downtown! Immaculate condition, original owners, wood floors, freshly painted, kitchen w/ all upgrades, lovely bkyard, w/ cust hardscape, great location in complex, walk to restaurants, shops, farmers market, excellent schools.</p> <p>Cindy Engel   925.580.5107</p>	<p><b>8615 Mines Rd</b>   Livermore</p> <p>bd   ba   acres +/- 16.53   \$1,300,000</p> <p>Extraordinary 16.5 Acre Horse property. Property has 3 wells. A beautiful 5800 William Poole Three Story traditional home has been designed. The plan is negotiable to go with property. Site has been approved for 8 stall barn.</p> <p>Carol Cline   925.683.0488</p>	<p><b>867 Trinity Hills Ln</b>   Livermore</p> <p>bd 5   ba 4.5   sqft +/- 3,761   \$824,900</p> <p>Located in Kristopher Ranch. Vaulted ceilings, crown molding throughout, formal dining rooms, 2 fireplaces. Kitchen features granite counters, cherry cabinets and tile flooring. Detached studio or office! 1 bdrm, 1 full bath on ground floor. Large rear yard with patio</p> <p>Jon Wood   925.280.6421</p>	<p><b>1810 Harms Dr</b>   Pleasanton</p> <p>bd 3   ba 3   sqft +/- 1,730   \$530,000</p> <p>2 master suites up, full bed &amp; bath down, open floor plan, updates throughout, custom craftsman door &amp; window moldings, skylights, dual pane sliders, granite tile kitchen counter tops, tumbled tile backsplash, recessed lighting, beautiful flooring, ceiling fans &amp; more.</p> <p>Staci Tate   925.251.2526</p>	<p><b>2046 Pinot Ct</b>   Livermore</p> <p>bd 4   ba 4   sqft +/- 4,340   \$1,124,000</p> <p>Beautiful South Livermore Custom Home located in the Exclusive Chardonnay Estates. This home has it all...including 4 Lg Bds, 1 Bd Dwnstr, Huge Bonus/Media Rm, 4 Baths, Gourmet Kit and Grt Rm. Huge Priv Bkyard with Built in BBQ, Top rated schools, Tennis Court Park.</p> <p>Corey Green   925.583.2173</p>	<p><b>2020 Charmont Ct</b>   Livermore</p> <p>Coming Soon</p> <p>bd 5   ba 3.5   sqft +/- 4,900   Call</p> <p>Italian Villa, custom home located within walking distance to the vineyards and downtown restaurants and wineries. Thoughtfully designed throughout to include custom appointed amenities, located in the heart of the Livermore Wine Country.</p> <p>Cindy Engel   925.580.5107</p>



# Axis Celebrates 40th Anniversary; Moving to New Facility

During its 40th anniversary celebration on April 27, Axis Community Health announced plans for renovating a recently purchased 24,000 sq. ft. building into a new health facility slated to open in 2014.

Axis CEO Sue Compton described the year-long search for a suitable site before settling on 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton. Axis will be renovating the building to include approximately 24 exam rooms,

three procedure rooms, mental health counseling rooms, patient education space, a pharmacy, and other ancillary services. The new location offers ample parking and is readily accessible by public transportation.

Axis Community Health has been experiencing rapid growth in the need for services over the past few years, explained Compton. More than 400 new medical patients are coming to Axis for primary care each month. Market

studies indicate this trend will continue due to three factors: the growing population in the Tri-Valley (a 22% increase in 10 years); the economic downturn that has left more Tri-Valley families in need of access to affordable, quality primary care; and changes in the healthcare delivery system.

Axis's two medical clinics are operating at full capacity. The main site is on Railroad Ave. in Pleasanton, and a satellite clinic

in Livermore. Axis presently provides service to 10,000 medical patients and expects to see that number reach 20,000 patients by 2014. Axis sees expanding service capacity as the only way to meet this huge need and anticipates this project, which will cost \$11 million, as the best means for gaining the exam rooms necessary to increase medical service provision. All of Axis's present service sites will remain in operation. Along with adding capacity, the project also allows Axis to achieve its goals of fully-integrating medical and mental health services as part of its medical home care delivery model.

The announcement added to the festivities for the 130 people gathered at Poppy Ridge in Livermore to celebrate Axis's anniversary. The event was sponsored by the Foundation for Axis Community Health.

Leading the list was Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who was honored for his steadfast dedication to affordable, quality care for Tri-Valley residents. Axis board vice-chair Mark Eaton, in presenting the award to Haggerty, lauded his efforts in support of Tri-Valley's neediest.

Bert Brook, Axis board member, provided a run down of Axis's storied history. Axis



Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty received a plaque from Sue Compton in recognition of his ongoing support.

began in 1972 as a small clinic on Spring Street in Pleasanton. Highlights through the years included the outspoken Birdie Bianchi, a board chair in the 1970s, and a 1992 visit from Hillary Rodham Clinton which gained national coverage for Axis. Brook brought the story to present day Axis which boasts two medical clinics, two behavioral health sites, and a WIC nutrition program site.

Compton thanked everyone for Axis being able to reach this milestone, in addition to Axis's executive and foundation boards, Compton thanked community leaders from Alameda County, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin's governments. Special

thanks went to event-sponsor Kaiser Permanente for its many grants supporting Axis through the years and to other significant grantors present, including Sutter Health, Tri-Valley S.O.C.K.S., and the Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund. Compton gave special recognition to Dr. Charles White, Axis's first physician who continues to care for patients after 34 years.

Axis Community Health provides quality, affordable medical, mental health, and substance abuse services that promote the well-being of all members of the community. For information about our services, call 925-462-1755 or visit us at [www.axishealth.org](http://www.axishealth.org).

## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Bike Race Road Closures

The Stage 3 finish for the Amgen Tour of California bike race on Tuesday, May 15th necessitates some downtown road closures. On Monday night May 14, First St. will close in phases beginning at 4:00 pm for the set up of the race finish stages, booths, etc.

Parts of M St., N. St., O St. and L St. will close between 8-10:00 pm. On Tuesday morning at 8:00 am, the interior of the downtown will close between P St. and Livermore Avenues and Railroad and Fourth Street.

Railroad Avenue, P Street, Fourth St, Maple St. and McLeod Street will be open for through traffic, but Livermore Avenue will be closed until approximately 5:00 pm. First Street and the cross streets are expected to open around midnight after booth, tent, and stage take-down and clean-up.

Rolling road closures for the Amgen Tour of California Bike Race will occur throughout the city between noon and 1:00 pm on Tues., May 15 on Holmes/First/North Livermore Avenues as the riders come through town on their way north to Contra Costa County from San Jose.

The estimated road closure time will be around 15 minutes. The actual arrival time depends on the pace of the race. Note that cross streets will also be temporarily closed for rider, driver and spectator safety.

The riders will return to downtown Livermore for a sprint finish at M St. and First St in the afternoon. Rolling road closures then will occur along Tesla/South Livermore Avenue and the Livermore/4th/East Avenue intersection sometime between 3:00 and 4:15 pm.

For more information call 925-960-4040.

### Voter Registration Deadline

Alameda County voters may request a Vote-By-Mail Ballot at any time from now until May 29th for the June 5, 2012 Presidential Primary Election by completing the application on the back of their sample ballot, by sending a written request to the Registrar of Voters or by completing the online Vote-By-Mail application at [www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov).

All requests for Vote-By-Mail Ballots must be in writing and include the voter's signature. Law precludes the Registrar of Voters from issuing a ballot based on a telephone request.

Requests may be mailed to the following address: Alameda County Registrar of Voters, 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612

The Registrar of Voters must receive all written requests for Vote-By-Mail Ballots no later than May 29th at 5:00 P.M. Voted ballots must be returned to the Registrar of Voters or any polling place within the County of Alameda no later than the close of polls on Election Day. Postmarks are not accepted.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters at 510-272-6973.

### Free Compost

On May 19, 2012, the City of Livermore Public Works Environmental Services Division and Livermore Sanitation will be hosting a Community Compost Giveaway. When Livermore residents place food scraps, grass clippings, and leaves in their Organics cart, the contents are processed into a rich soil called compost. This healthy compost will be made available to Livermore residents.

The event will be held in the Maintenance Service Center parking lot at 3500 Robertson Park Road, from 9:00am to 12:00pm or until the supply of bagged compost has been depleted. Limit two bags per Livermore household, ID required.

Information on home composting and obtaining home composting bins will also be made available at the event.

For more information, go to City of Livermore at [www.cityoflivermore.net](http://www.cityoflivermore.net) or call the City of Livermore Recycling Helpline at 925-960-8015.

### Native American Skull Found

Workers at the Pleasanton Transfer Station on Busch Road found a human skull while working the conveyor belt and separating recyclables on May 4. Pleasanton Police officers were called to the scene. They contacted the Alameda County Coroner's office.

Photos of the skull were closely examined by a Forensic Anthropologist, who determined the skull was that of a Native American. Eric Lauritsen of Pleasanton Garbage said the skull was likely picked up by one of three recycling trucks that were in operation on May 3, 2012.

The Native American Society was contacted and will conduct an investigation as they have jurisdiction over all matters involving Native American remains.

Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Native American Society.

### Mother and Daughter Die Shot

Pleasanton Police Department responded to a 911 call of a shooting that occurred at 3532 Stacey Ct in Pleasanton on May 7, 2012 at approximately 6:00 pm. Officers arrived on scene and found 37 year old Amy Freeman Burton deceased from a gunshot wound. Her 13 year old daughter Ainsly Freeman had also been shot and was transported to Eden Medical Center where she succumbed to her injuries.

Freeman Burton's husband called 911. He was not arrested but is considered a "person of interest" by the police.

The circumstances surrounding the shooting are still under investigation. Anyone with information that might assist Detectives with their investigation should contact the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

### First Bark for Life Planned

The 1st Annual Tri-Valley Bark For Life will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sunol Community Park

Relay volunteers from the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore have partnered up to organize the 1st Annual Tri-Valley Bark For Life, a fundraising event benefitting the American Cancer Society by honoring the life-long contributions of our Canine Caregivers. Canine companions demonstrate unconditional love, joy, security, compassion, and no judgments of cancer survivors' abilities or appearances. The American Cancer Society Bark For Life is an irresistible way to partner with your canine best friend, smile, and make new friends - canine & human.

Early bird registration ends May 15, register @ [www.relay-for-life.org/barklivermoreca](http://www.relay-for-life.org/barklivermoreca)

Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/trivalleybarkforlife](http://www.facebook.com/trivalleybarkforlife)

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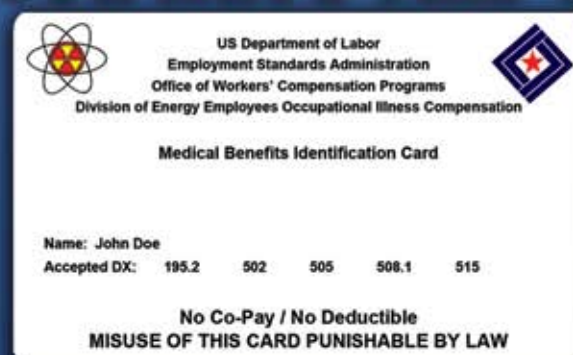
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# EDITORIAL

## District 4 Supervisor - Nate Miley

Seeking the the non-partisan District 4, Alameda County Board of Supervisors seat on the June 5 primary ballot are incumbent Nate Miley and challenger Tojo Thomas.

Miley has been representing Pleasanton since redistricting was finalized last year. Since taking over, Miley has made it his business to learn all he can about his new constituents. He has met with Pleasanton residents, businesses and elected officials.

Miley has a good record on the Board of Supervisors. When it comes to environmental issues, Miley has supported the voter approved urban growth boundary on a number of occasions. Miley states, "We have to do everything we can to preserve open space, agriculture and ranching in the county."

He has supported green initiatives, such as equipping the Santa Rita Jail with alternative power, saving the county money.

His championing of Measure B3 will provide funds for a variety of major projects, including the widening of Highway 84, something Pleasanton has long supported as a way to remove commute traffic from its streets.

Miley's experience and ability to work with and for people make him the best choice to represent Pleasanton on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

## Clarification Provided on Palo Alto Use of Tweeting

Linda Clarkson, Public Relations Communication with the City of Palo Alto, sent a letter in which she clarified a point made in an article "Council Told to Be Careful Of Brown Act Violations When Using Social Media" posted at [www.independentnews.com/news/article\\_f6825c68-8fd6-11e1-b3aa-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.independentnews.com/news/article_f6825c68-8fd6-11e1-b3aa-0019bb2963f4.html). She wrote that the article created an erroneous impression.

In the article, there was a specific reference attributed to Livermore Assistant City Manager Troy Brown "that in Palo Alto, the council and public interacted by tweeting during a live meeting." This comment was followed by "...Gary felt that was inappropriate. 'There are rules governing public input at a meeting. People come down, put in a card and are heard. If there are tweets at the same time, it is not fair to those who made an effort to come down and are waiting to speak during public hearings that councilmembers are trying to read tweets at the same time.'"

These comments have given an incorrect impression to your

readers. While it is true that Palo Alto's Mayor and City Manager, as well as staff members, have participated in three "live" online Twitter Q&A sessions, these sessions were not affiliated with any official Council meetings. Instead, Palo Alto specifically hosted three Q&A sessions in order to attract a different segment of the community and experiment with this innovative approach to a "live" and public Q&A session.

During each online Q&A session, members of the public were able to follow along, viewing each question posed and answer provided as the session went along. Most questions submitted were answered within the session timeframe, and all questions were answered factually and posted to Twitter. After each session, Storify transcripts were posted on the City's website and Facebook page for full disclosure and transparency. As an example, the most recent website posting and linked transcript is posted here: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=1999&TargetID=268>

## Pentin Announces Plans to Run for Pleasanton City Council

Pleasanton Planning Commissioner Jerry Pentin has announced that he will seek election on November 6, 2012 to the Pleasanton City Council.

This will be his second run for the council.

Pentin, who is Chairman of the Planning Commission and serving in his fourth year, has been active in civic events since moving to Pleasanton in 1991.

Prior to his appointment to the Planning Commission, Pentin served on the City's Parks & Recreation Commission for 6 years. Pentin is also a member of the City's Bicycle Pedestrian Trails Committee and the recently-formed Downtown Hospitality Guidelines task force and has served on many other city com-

mittees and task forces over the past 15 years.

Pentin is a business owner in Pleasanton. His firm, Spring Street Studios HD, produces media, corporate and nature videos. He received a Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award in 2011 for his countless hours of volunteer time producing videos for local nonprofit agencies. These include videos for the Veterans Memorial Building, Rotary, The Alviso Adobe, the Firehouse Arts Center, and numerous other agencies. Pentin and his media firm produced an underwater diving television series titled "Destination Diving" that features numerous reefs and other destinations around the globe. The series has aired on PBS as well as internationally.

## MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be submitted by e-mail to [editmail@compuserve.com](mailto:editmail@compuserve.com).)

### Farmers' Market Mary McMahon Livermore

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### June Ballot Measures Barbara Hempill, Member Livermore-Amador Valley League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters California (LWVC) supports Proposition 28, the Legislative Term Limits Reform Act. This reform will help make the legislature more accountable and effective. The current limits on how many terms an individual can serve in the legislature would be replaced by a twelve-year limit on the total number of years one could serve whether in the Assembly, the Senate, or a combination of the two.

The LWVC has a neutral position on Proposition 29, the California Cancer Research Act. This measure would add a one-dollar per pack tax on cigarettes sold in California, with proceeds to be used for cancer and other smoking-related health issues, anti-smoking campaigns, and law enforcement.

## FACILITIES

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because their computers face a wall.

One idea from the district survey has been a parent center at a school. It could occupy 400 square feet, and serve as a place for collaboration activities, said Coffeen.

Coffeen said that the parent center could even include a refrigerator for parents to store food. It would provide an opportunity to socialize. Foothill High School principal John Dwyer suggested a small place where cooking would be possible. Director of curriculum Jane Golden said that some parents bring small children with them, so they might want to have a play area.

LPA associate Steve Newsom said that the district will have to make a decision for the plan about its portable buildings. "We see portables five, 10, 15 years old. Where do you see them 15 to 20 years from now? Will you maintain them? Keep them go-

ing?" The alternative is to come up with a schedule to phase them out, and replace them.

Newsom also talked about energy efficiency. "It's a huge consideration. Salaries are the number one cost in a school district. Energy eats away at everyone's general fund," he said.

Traffic circulation must be addressed. Pleasanton schools were designed to take fewer students than they do now, which automatically means more traffic. However, the major cause of the traffic congestion at schools has been the change in culture.

"In the 1960s and '70s, many students walked to school or rode their bicycles. Now we don't want Billy to walk in a neighborhood by himself, so there is a lot more traffic (to school)," said Newsom.

Newsom said that in his walk-around at schools, he found some of them more secure than others. Some are "quite a bit open. We will have to address that issue,"

he said.

Something as apparently minor as which building materials will be used is important, said the consultants. Spending 25 percent more on a roof could lead to an extra 20 years of life.

That's important, since roof leaks can cause big trouble, especially if computers get wet, said Newsom. Several on the committee responded to Newsom's remark by speaking up with one word: "mold."

The district spent \$1.3 million to fix mold damage at Hearst elementary school in 2011. The district recovered about one-half of the expenditures from contractors who completed the original construction work in 2000. Approximately \$400,000 was borrowed from the Sycamore Fund to help pay for the mold remediation.

The walk-around tours also showed a problem on various campuses with the communication system. Students in class-

rooms that are remote can't hear the broadcasts, said Newsom. Another aural problem inside some classrooms is that some students are in dead spots where they can't hear people in their own rooms. They can hear students in other rooms, said Newsom.

The next committee meeting will be at 5 p.m. May 17 in the multipurpose room at Village High School, 4645 Bernal Ave.

The district called a town hall forum for residents to hear the information and ask questions on May 2 at Pleasanton Middle School. However, only district officials and consultants showed up. A second meeting has been scheduled at the school for 6 p.m. May 16.

The meeting on May 2 was competing with this year's inaugural edition of the downtown First Wednesday, which was a few blocks away on Main Street. Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi walked to the event, and staffed a table for the district.

## Livermore Man Selected As Breakaway from Cancer Champion for Amgen

Amgen HAS announced that four individuals who have made a difference for others affected by cancer in their communities have been selected as *Breakaway from Cancer*® Champions. They will be honored at the seventh consecutive edition of the Amgen Tour of California as part of Amgen's *Breakaway from Cancer* initiative. The Amgen Tour of California is America's largest and most prestigious road cycling stage race, which will travel nearly 750 miles throughout California from May 13 - 20, 2012.

One of those who will be honored is from Livermore. Two-time testicular cancer survivor **Bob Hammer** was recognized

for founding Have a Ball Foundation, which has raised more than \$1,000,000 since its start and benefits 20 cancer organizations, sends kids with cancer to camps and has established and granted scholarships for students.

The four *Breakaway from Cancer* Champions were selected following a public call for nominations in four of this year's host finish cities, followed by an online voting campaign that concluded in April. The 2012 *Breakaway from Cancer* Champions are:

Livermore will host the finish of the May 15 segment of the race.

The *Breakaway from Cancer* Champions will lead the .Break-

away Mile, an approximately one-mile march that celebrates cancer survivors and crosses the Amgen Tour of California finish line prior to the stage conclusion of the professional race. The Breakaway Mile will take place in four 2012 race host cities on race day: Santa Rosa, Livermore, Clovis and Los Angeles. Each Breakaway Mile will also feature an Amgen scientist who plays a crucial role in developing breakthrough medicines for patients affected by cancer and other serious illnesses.

At the conclusion of each stage of the Amgen Tour of California, the *Breakaway from Cancer* Champion or a local cancer survivor will present Amgen's *Breakaway from Cancer* Most

Courageous Rider jersey to the professional rider who best exemplifies the character of those engaged in the fight against cancer—courage, sacrifice, inspiration, determination and perseverance.

Also during the 2012 Amgen Tour of California, a local cancer survivor will officially start each day's stage by firing the official start gun. He or she will also have the opportunity to meet the prior day's recipient of Amgen's *Breakaway from Cancer* Most Courageous Rider jersey.

More information about the *Breakaway from Cancer* initiative, including valuable resources offered by Amgen's partners, is available at [www.breakawayfromcancer.com](http://www.breakawayfromcancer.com).

## Vineyard High School Receives Six Year Accreditation

Vineyard High School, an alternative education program within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, recently learned it has earned a six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). According to WASC, the goal of any school should be to provide for successful student learning. Ultimately, the accreditation process is all about fostering excellence in elementary, secondary, adult, postsecondary and supplementary education programs.

Prior to the award, Vineyard

High School hosted a visiting evaluation team from WASC comprised of administrators and teachers from throughout California. Before the three-day visit by educators, members of the Vineyard High School community participated in rigorous self-evaluation of all aspects of the school's program. "Under the experienced leadership of Principal Howser, we were able to conduct an incredibly comprehensive study focused on our always on-going review of our program," said Helen Daniel, mentor teacher and one of the

co-chairs of the self-study.

In recent years, WASC has tightened its requirements for attaining this top honor so that few schools earn the prestigious six-year term. "We are tremendously proud of our program and of the work done by staff, students, and parents," Principal Sheryl Howser said. Vineyard has earned the six-year accreditation in the past.

Since Vineyard High School is an independent study school, many of its students need a differentiated learning environment. "To be successful at Vineyard,

students must be independent learners in order to progress in a high school program. It's a bit like a continuation of home study, but it is for high school students," says Daniel. "Most of our students continue their education at our local community college, but we have had a number of students who attend UC Berkeley, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Stanford, UT and BYU."

Vineyard High School welcomes applications. The experienced staff is willing and able to address the individual needs of all students.

## WAL-MART

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four did not support the idea.

The matter will be heard at the May 15 council meeting. Sullivan's appeal will likely be denied, as all four of the other councilmembers expressed the view that Wal-Mart had followed procedure and met the conditions for use.

Thorne stated that the council doesn't have a right to make decisions based on who a company is. "We can continue this until we are blue in the face. That won't change the fact that this use complies with city regulations."

Mayor Hosterman added that she has not found favor with Wal-Mart and does not shop there. "The issue is whether this is a permitted use. Clearly it is."

Wal-Mart already operates a store in Pleasanton.

Members of the audience wore competing badges. One contained the lettering Wal-Mart with a line through it; the other

contained the wording vacant building with a line through it.

Those who opposed Wal-Mart were mainly concerned about the impact on existing grocery stores and the union jobs at those stores. There was fear that hours would be cut, and in some cases, a grocery may be forced out of business with the loss of jobs.

Supporters of Wal-Mart pointed out that the proposed use met all of the conditions of approval for the site. In addition, they said the free market should determine whether a store is successful. They suggested people who don't like Wal-Mart shop elsewhere.

Dorothy Anderson, the owner of the shopping center, said she had lost two more tenants in the past few months. Less than 30 percent of the buildings are occupied. "I am only asking to replace a supermarket with a supermarket." She said if the city could prevent her from

renting to Wal-Mart would it be necessary for her to obtain a list of stores that would be allowed. "Wal-Mart has as much right to move in as any other business," she declared.

One of those speaking against Wal-Mart was Robin Moran. She questioned the need for another grocery store in Pleasanton. The recent opening of a new Safeway has already impacted the hours of workers at stores. She wondered what would happen if Wal-Mart were to move in. "It's hard to find a job in the field."

Jamie Decker criticized Wal-Mart for what she called poor business practices. Most employees are part-time without benefits. Low paying jobs will cause other better paying jobs to be lost.

Others pointed to the lack of benefits provided for low paid workers as a burden on taxpayers. They said such workers required

public assistance, such as food stamps and medicare, in order to survive.

Speaking in favor of Wal-Mart was Jan Batchellor. She pointed out that the city has unfunded liabilities. It can't afford to turn down businesses that would bring money to the city.

Brad Hirst said that while he wasn't a Wal-Mart shopper, people deserve a choice. They city doesn't have the right to tell people where they can or cannot shop.

Others pointed out that Wal-Mart followed the city's procedures and was granted the right to move into the location. "It is a matter of law, not a dispute over wages or how a company conducts its business."

Neighbors were divided. Some wanted the store, because they could easily walk to it. On the other side, people were concerned about traffic and noise.

## Livermore Residents Favor Funding Public Safety

Livermore residents view public safety as the primary core service. Libraries, street maintenance and repair, and business attraction were also high priority services.

When funding is considered, public safety still remains the highest priority followed by "backbone" services like streets and sewers. Allocations for community services like libraries, health, and childcare/senior services as well as business support services, are similar or slightly lower. The allocation separation widens between public safety and all other categories when funding is cut.

In February 2012, Livermore sponsored two options for gathering community input for the preparation of its FY 2012-2014 budget. The first was a "Penny for Your Thoughts" workshop attended by 47 people. The second was an online survey posted on the City's website between February 17 and 24. The online survey generated replies from 121 respondents.

At the workshop, individuals received a game board and a descriptive list of city services. These items were used by participants to individually rank city services within five categories: Managing How the Community Looks, Support for the Business Community, Creating a Safe Community, Creating a Sense of Community, and Caring for the Backbone of the City. Next, participants distributed 30 pennies among the five categories based on their importance to each individual participant. The number of pennies allocated to each category were tallied on the game board. The final section of the game involved a "revenue reduction." Each attendee had 24 pennies to allocate among the five categories.

Both workshop and online respondents ranked "Creating a Safe Community" the highest at 30% and 36% respectively. The "Caring for the Backbone of the Community" category ranked second for both - along with some others. For workshop resi-

dents, the backbone category tied with "Creating a Sense of Community" for the second slot. For online respondents, the backbone category tied with both "Managing How the Community Looks" and "Support for the Business Community." The lowest ranked category for workshop attendees was "Looks," while online respondents ranked the "Sense" category lowest.

Participants were asked to complete the sentence, "What I like most about Livermore is . . ." The most frequent themes were: Livermore's small town feel, the vibrant downtown, high safety level, and the friendly, welcoming, close community. Open space and wineries/vineyards as well as Livermore's overall location and weather were next in comment frequency.

On both the game boards and the online survey, respondents could write comments to explain decisions, suggest new services, or provide overall comments. The most recurring themes reinforced the need for adequate

public safety, infrastructure, business incentives, and libraries; a fear that Livermore might become a city known for crime and drugs; the need to address the City's homeless population; the dislike for a regional theater, thanks for asking for resident input, and more support for parks and schools.

Demographic respondent data - age, income, residency length, and zip code - was optional for both the workshop and online participants. Sixty percent of the workshop participants were over 55 years old, and 66% of workshop attendees had more than 20 years of residency. Fifty-nine percent of the online respondents were between 35-54 years old, and 40% of online group lived in Livermore between 6-20 years. The income range of \$100,000 to \$150,000 was the majority income segment for both workshop and online participants. The vast majority of all participants lived in the 94550 zip code - 78% for the workshop attendees and 64% for online participants.

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## Amgen Race Will Have Network Coverage

When the 2012 Amgen Tour of California kicks off on Sunday, May 13, cycling fans will have the chance to see all of the action on NBC and NBC Sports Network. NBC Sports Network will provide live HD coverage of the race from May 13-19, and daily highlights that will air on the network each night during the eight-day competition. Additionally, for the first time in race history, the 2012 Amgen Tour of California will air live for two hours on NBC for the final stage of the race on Sunday, May 20 at 10 a.m. PT. The final stage will re-air on NBC Sports Network at 3:30 p.m. PT.

Livermore is the finish city for Tues., May 15.

In addition to the live broadcasts on NBC and NBC Sports Network, cycling fans will have the opportunity to follow the race and have live updates at their fingertips via the RadioShack Tour Tracker, the official Tour Tracker platform of the race. The RadioShack Tour Tracker will deliver race coverage across web, mobile and tablet viewing platforms via live video, audio and real-time data streams of the event using the tested Tour Tracker technology, which has been used by more than 1 million viewers.

For further information on the 2012 Amgen Tour of California, including specific broadcast times and information on the RadioShack Tour Tracker, visit [www.amgentourofcalifornia.com](http://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com).

The largest cycling event in America, the 2012 Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race, presented by AEG that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course from May 13-20, 2012. In a 2011 poll conducted by CyclingNews.com, the Amgen Tour of California was voted the fourth best race in the world, and the No. 1 race in America.

## Raffle Funds Will Help Pay for Fireworks

Last year, Livermore was unable to have their traditional fireworks show on the 4th of July because of budget constraints.

This year, however, the fireworks are coming back because of generous donations by the Livermore community. Ayn Wieskamp, East Bay Regional Parks Board member, and Linda Jeffery Sailors, local artist, have organized an Opportunity Drawing to raise some of the money needed to fund this year's fire-

works. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Only 2,000 tickets were printed.

The drawing includes 5 separate prizes: a week at a three bedroom South Lake Tahoe cabin (value = \$895); or a Murano Glass necklace (value \$285) donated by Lance Cavalieri; or a pair of sterling and green onyx earrings (value \$200); or a 2012 Family Swim Pass (value \$300) donated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District;

or 16 Bags of High Quality Compost (value \$100) donated by Waste Management Green Care.

The drawing will take place at 1 pm on June 10 at Livermore Ave. & First Street. You need not be present to win.

To buy tickets or to make a donation call Ayn Wieskamp at 925 447-8426 or Linda Sailors at 925 449-7274. All donations are tax deductible through the LARPD Foundation.

## TALK

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tor of worldwide marketing for the iPhone. He played a key role in the development, product launch and global expansion of the iPhone, its operating system and App Store, which sells software for specific purposes. He led the partnership of Nike and iPod and generated relationships with major automotive company for integrating the iPod into their product lines.

Prior to moving to Apple, Borchers was vice president of marketing at FusionOne, a pioneer in creating and marketing mobile communications. He spent six years at Nokia, where he co-founded the Vertu business unit. He held several senior marketing positions at Nokia Mobile Phones where he successfully positioned the mobile phone as both a technology and lifestyle product.

He moved to the mobile industry after working for Nike in Oregon, where he led efforts in product and service personalization. He began his career doing research and development in prosthetics.

Borchers' undergraduate degree is from Stanford and his masters from a joint program

between MIT and Harvard Medical School. He has more than 30 patents granted or pending.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets are available at the box office, by calling 925-373-6800 or on-line at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

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Gunnar David, a senior at Amador Valley High School signed a National Letter of Intent last week. He will be attending Western Oregon University this fall on a baseball scholarship. Western Oregon is currently ranked 11th in the Nation in Division II baseball.

### Pleasanton Seahawks

Hosted by the Crow Canyon Sharks, the Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) swim team put on a high flying exhibit at the C/B/A+ Meet April 21-22 in San Ramon. The PLS Age-Group swimmers kept ahead of the pack with many new times and cuts. In addition, the Pre-Senior group had many new PLS Top Ten Records.

Pre-Novice: Anna Sun - lifetime best \*(LTB) B time 50 free; Paul Maasrani - B time 50 free; Dominick Wonosaputra - two B times, including LTB B time 50 free; Sushant Vema - LTB 50 back; Ishan Kulkarni - LTB 50 back

Intermediate I: Aaron Lin - three new B times: 100 free/breast, 50 back; Esha Chawla - 100% BTs with B times: 100 free/breast; Bryson Huey - A times: 50 free/back/fly; Cloe Gosselin - 100% BTs with B time in 50 breast; Darron Dai - B and A times in many events and new B time in 100 free; Alex Luo - B and A times in many events, and new A time in 50 breast; Adi Mehta - three great races, all B times; Eric Wu - maintained B and A times; Erik Holmes - three great races with B times (50 free, 100 back); Other notable mentions: Josh Atre - 100 free/100 breast; David Peck - 100% solid performances with stellar 50 fly; Madhav Vats - 100% strong swims with new BTs (50 free/50 breast); Sonia Atre - strong swims (100 free/breast, 50 back); Niva Ranavat - awesome job in first long course events (50 free/50 breast)

Intermediate II: 8&9 girls: Lauren Jhong - new A times (50 back, 50 breast, 100 breast) & 100% best times (BT); Olivia Kim - new PRTs (50 free, 50 back, 50 fly) & 100% BTs; 8&U boys: Mattias Bengtsson - new A times (50 free, 100 free, 50 breast, 50 fly) & 100% BTs; Max Cory - new A time 50 free & 100% BTs; 9-10 girls: Lexi Barrera - 100% BTs; Anna Sun - 100% BTs

Junior: Kyra Black - 4 Junior Olympic (JO) times in first long course meet; Grace Kim - 2 JOs and 3 Far Western (FW) times; Lara Serban - JO 100 fly; Laurel Heckman - 5 new BTs; 100% best times; Niklas Bengtsson, Will Rose, Ben Song, Nick Skinner, Calvin Chui, Katherine Cory, Alexa Bui, Tanaya Gondhalekar; outstanding races in first long course meet of season: Paulina Umansky and Emma Valentine

Pre-Senior: Miranda Heckman - 8 PRTs; Shawn Kim - 3 FWs, 2 JOs; Nja Zuniga - JO; Sofia Barrera - 2 JOs; Jonah Cooper - 8 PRTs; Drew Kobayashi - 5 PRTs, 2 FWs; Audrick Antonio - 2 PRTs, 4 FWs; Christopher Jhong - 3 PRTs, 4 FWs; Michael Martin - 1 FW, 2 JOs; Pieter Cory - 2 PRTs, 1 FW, 2 JOs; Tim Yao - 3 FWs, 2 JOs; Brandon Brown - 1 JO; Vera Umansky - 1 JO; Alex Gilchrist - 1 PRT, 1 FW, 2 JOs; Kyle Oslund - 1 PRT, 1 JO; Jonathan Mui - 2 FWs; Anthony Jhong - 1 FW

### Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:

**T-Ball:** Orioles vs. A's: The Orioles battled the A's on 5/5 in coach-pitch baseball. Dominic Franco and Gavin Bates were superb at the plate—both spraying multiple shots into the outfield. Scott Lineweber owned the hot corner making several plays—including a hot shot he scooped cleanly before rifling a bullet to Gates at second for a nifty force play in the third inning. Drake Bellucci and Michael Boyd played excellent defense for the A's. David Macintire and Ryan Doko had three key hits apiece.

**Farm:** A's vs. Tigers: The A's played an extraordinary game in the field, racking up 14 outs through 4 innings. The A's Parker Warner turned in a stellar game at 1st base where he helped the team with 6 outs in the 1st inning. Jacob Phillips was ripping the ball all game long had blazing speed when running around the bases.

**Minor A:** A's vs. Rangers: Top offensive players for the A's: Aden Clements, Alex Clouser, Dennis Derham, and Colin Johnston. Top defensive players for the Rangers: Calvin Seely, Lucian Wolf, and Hayden Williams. Top defensive players for the A's: Augi Mascari, Sean Nadeau, and Jensen Roldan. Top defensive players for the Rangers: Tyler Trudeau, Celeste Summers, and Carter March.

**Diamondbacks vs. Cardinals:** Top defensive players for the D'Backs were pitchers S. Langelofs, M. Straus, C. Hutton and J. Orsini and for the Cardinals Neal and Nathanson. Top offensive players for the D'Backs were H. Borg and J. Sisto, and for the Cardinals S. Mills and Bouchner.



Pictured in the photo is Amador Valley High School pitcher Jordan Ott (23) tagging out a Monte Vista player at home plate for the final out of the game. Jordan Ott received the perfect throw from catcher Jacob Kinney (in the back ground).

A's 13, Tigers 2: The Tigers pitcher Clark had two early strikeouts, and was supported by singles from Knight, Nyugen and two singles by Morgan Labrucherie who scored both Tiger runs. The A's rode strong pitching by Josh Collom (3 innings, 1 run allowed) and Sam Ornelas (2 innings, 1 run allowed), and three singles by Alex Lewis and two singles by Nathaniel Basinger, who both drove in two RBIs each.

### Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results:

**T-Ball:** KB Homes vs. Elise Daggs, DDS: Top Players: KB Homes - Nadia Brown, Annalisa Demange, Emma Shenefiel; Elise Daggs, DDS - Natalie Chilton, Sydney Head, Maylen Montoya.

**Micro White:** Valley Plumbing vs. Doug Snyder Realty: For Doug Snyder Realty, these girls made great plays in the field and had some big hits: Audrey Ku, Natalia Bellini, and Sara Vanoni. Good job girls. Keep up the good work. For the home team Valley Plumbing: Jaymie Gardner had an unassisted out at 2nd in the first inning; Abigail Kops had a strong hit up the middle in the second inning; and Elena Soltero took out Coach Nancy; o hit it up the middle in the third inning. Top Players: Valley Plumbing - Jaymie Gardner, Abigail Kops, Elena Soltero; Doug Snyder Realty - Natalia Bellini, Audrey Ku, Sara Vanoni.

**Micro Teal:** A2 Technologies vs. Pro Image Studios: Leila Lyons, Ella McCarthy and Ella Hodges paced A2 Technologies. Morgan Notari made two nice outs at catcher, April Krywe turned in a sweet play at 2nd base and Rylie Palfalvi hit well for Pro Image Studios. Top Players: A2 Technologies - Ella Hodges, Leila Lyons, Ella McCarthy; Pro Image Studios - April Krywe, Morgan Notari, Rylie Palfalvi

Joanne Bryant - State Farm vs. The Course at Wente: Callie McElroy had her first big hit. Isabel McElroy had a great catch at 1st base. Mackenzie Davis hit a hard grounder. Casey DeCroix did great in the outfield. Laila Fuentes had some great pitching. Emily Mayer hit solid every at bat. Top Players: Joanne Bryant - State Farm - Casey DeCroix, Laila Fuentes, Emily Mayer; The Course at Wente - Mackenzie Davis, Callie McElroy, Isabel McElroy

Joanne Bryant - State Farm vs. CA Mechanical Inc.: The home team played a great game with Sophie Wendell making a big out at 2nd base. Casey DeCroix had a big hit. Gianna had a great game pitching. For the Visiting team Sarah pitched well and Ava had some great hits along with Jordan having a great overall game. Top Players: Joanne Bryant - State Farm - Casey DeCroix, Gianna Ghio, Sophie Wendell; CA Mechanical Inc. - Jordan Krutzer, Sarah Nicholson, Ava Silversmith

Workbench True Value vs. Joanne Bryant - State Farm: Joanne Bryant - State Farm: Middle-Great Hitting: Eliana-Great out at Home Base; Abby-Great Pitching. Workbench True Value: Kara Fitzsimmons-Great hitting, made a big hit to score a run. Samaan Beliakoff - Great fielding, hitting and hustle around the bases; Katie Yozzo-Big hits, fast base running and good fielding. Top Players: Workbench True Value - Samaan Beliakoff, Kara Fitzsimmons, Katie Yozzo; Joanne Bryant - State Farm - Abigail Clubb, Eliana Clubb, Maddie Neves

Marleen Armstrong - Farmers Insurance vs. The Course at Wente: Sydney Voorhes had 2 nice hits, Marissa Macias made a great infield play to record an out at home. Maddie DiMaggio connected with a solid hit to the outfield. Ella Piergrosso pitched hard for several strikeouts. Audrey Davis had 2 hard hits to centerfield, Izzy McElroy made the play at 3rd base for a double play to end the inning and had a hard hit to center field. Top Players: Marleen Armstrong - Farmers Insurance - Maddie DiMaggio, Marissa Macias, Sydney Voorhes; The Course at Wente - Audrey Davis, Izzy McElroy, Ella Piergrosso

A2 Technologies vs. CA Mechanical Inc.: A2 Technologies was paced by Erica Haley's three hits as the No. 3 batter, along with solid hits from Ella Gervasoni and Ella McCarthy. Top Players: A2 Technologies - Ella Gervasoni, Erica Haley, Ella McCarthy; CA Mechanical Inc. - Sophia Fraher, Sarah-Rose Nicolson, Rachel Tanis

A2 Technologies vs. Pro Image Studios: Leila Brown, Ella Hodges and Katie O'Sullivan keyed A2 Technologies' hitting, while Erica Haley, Natalie O'Sullivan and Ella McCarthy pitched well. Pro Image Studios saw Kelly Queen make two super catches at 1st base while Amy Heath and Rylie Palfalvi also played well. Top Players: A2 Technologies - Leila Brown, Ella Hodges, Katie O'Sullivan; Pro Image Studios - Amy Heath, Rylie Palfalvi, Kelly Queen

CA Mechanical Inc. vs. Joanne Bryant - State Farm: Julia Buteau connected for

an awesome hit to 3rd base; Gwen Buteau-unassisted out at 2nd; Jordan Krutzer-strong hit to 2nd. Ava Munos-great job on the pitching mound; Emily Mayer-great hits; Eliana Clubb-great out at 3rd. Top Players: CA Mechanical Inc. - Gwen Buteau, Julia Buteau, Jordan Krutzer; Joanne Bryant - State Farm - Eliana Clubb, Emily Mayer, Ava Munos.

**Mini White:** Array Power vs. Delores Gragg - Keller Williams Realty: Macey had a great hit. Divya also had great hits to get on base. Ishana displayed great hitting and made plays at 1st to get outs. Top Players: Delores Gragg - Keller Williams Realty - Macey Fisher, Divya Kilari, Ishana Ram

HealthyLivingrule vs. West Maui Condo Rentals: From HealthyLivingrule, there was a great hit from Diana Zachlod, excellent catching from Claudia O'Neill and a quick play at 1st base from Alex Stokoe. From West Maui Condo Rentals, there was awesome hitting from Lindsay Salmon and with Olivia Sanchez and a great play at catcher, Elizabeth Allen, catching a foul tip. Top Players: HealthyLivingrule - Claudia O'Neill, Alex Stokoe, Diana Zachlod; West Maui Condo Rentals - Elizabeth Allen, Lindsay Salmon, Olivia Sanchez

**Mini Teal:** Images by Lori 7, TG Information Systems 3: Images by Lori and TG Information Systems had an opportunity to play each other once again. This time Images by Lori put together a victorious effort led by a strong pitching performance by Rachel Singh with 2 strike outs. Contributing to Images by Lori's solid defense was Juniper Huneke who single-handedly caught 2 pop flies. Images by Lori came ready to swing their bats for this game. Marin Tollefsen showed the way with 2 solid singles and 2 RBIs. Although Images by Lori were winning after four innings, TG Information Systems were determined to keep playing and take the game to 5 innings with less than 5 minutes left in regulation play. Samantha Chan and Samantha O'Brien had sound bats for TG Information Systems resulting in two hits a piece during the game. Emily Verbeck provided consistent defensive plays against Images by Lori. Top Players: Images by Lori - Juniper Huneke, Rachel Sing, Marin Tollefsen; TG Information Systems - Samantha Chan, Samantha O'Brien, Emily Verbeck

TG Information Systems 5, Machi Construction 0: TG Information Systems defeated Machi Construction in a make-up game where both teams were challenged by great plays made by both teams. For Machi Construction, 1st baseman Meaghan Penrice kept the game close by fielding many hard hit grounders and making many outs herself at 1st. Emma Seitz was solid at 3rd base, while Annika Huston excelled offensively with a base hit up the middle, and was solid on the mound throwing many strikes. For TG Information Systems, Sammie O'Brien's bat was hot, getting two hits, Mackenzie Wiedel pitched the first two innings, and had many strikeouts. Emily Verbeck helped lead TG Information Systems to victory with her outstanding pitching. Top Players: Machi Construction - Annika Huston, Meaghan Penrice, Emma Seitz; TG Information Systems - Sammie O'Brien, Emily Verbeck, Mackenzie Wiedel

Images by Lori 4, Accurate Impressions 1: Images by Lori and Accurate Impressions came together to play their make-up game from one of the rainy days in April. Accurate Impressions had strong at-bats from Niv Chapman and Rylee Galletti who each had singles in the early innings of the game. Emily Gossett pitched a strong defense as catcher. Images by Lori had a convincing pitching performance that allowed only 1 run in 4 innings. They also had strong offense performances by Kristina Cuevas who had 2 RBIs and who also scored a run. Other credible contributions by Images by Lori came from Jenna Clune and Alex Jagoe who each went 2 for 2 at the plate and they each scored runs. Top Players: Images by Lori - Jenna Clune, Kristina Cuevas, Alex Jagoe; Accurate Impressions - Niv Chapman, Rylee Galletti, Emily Gossett

Images by Lori 6, GFI Stainless 3: The game between Images by Lori and GFI Stainless was a pitching duel as well as an opportunity to swing some productive bats. During the 1st inning, GFI Stainless had 5 singles and Images by Lori had 3 singles and 2 doubles. Haley Kolon of GFI Stainless drove in the 3rd and final run of the 1st inning for her team and she would later single in the 4th inning. One of the lead-off hitters



All Valley Divers, competitive diving team, coached by Logan Champion and Monte Young, competed April 28th, at the Annual Santa Clara Diving Future Champions Invitational, at the International Swim Center. Competing for the All Valley Divers Girls Team Level 3, on the 3 meter was Shelby Bates, taking 1st Place with a score of 124.5. On the 1 meter, Level 3, was Gabriela Blum, taking 4th Place and Bianca Zhou finishing in 5th Place. On the 1 meter, Amber Gardner, Level 4, took 3rd Place. For The All Valley Divers Boys Team Level 3, on the 3 meter was Nicholas Chan, who took 1st Place, with a score of 114.25, and Darby Culver finishing in 3rd Place. On the 3 meter, Level 4, Nathan Harris took 2nd Place, Wade Humphrey, Level 3, took 1st Place on the 1 meter with a score of 113.55 and Timothy Chan, Level 2, finished in 2nd Place. Pictured with her Logan Champion.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) was on hand with its SmashZone Mobile Tour for the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Children had the opportunity to play tennis games. There were special appearance by the stars of Nickelodeon's new hit live-action series How to Rock, Cymphonique Miller and Max Schneider. Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman dropped by to promote tennis as a healthy activity. Pictured is Cymphonique Miller demonstrating her tennis skills.

for Images by Lori was Maribel Rouse who singled in the 1st and got another single in the 3rd inning. She also scored 2 runs, one in the 1st inning and another in the 4th inning. For the 3rd and 4th innings, it was a compelling pitching match between Lauren Sowers of GFI Stainless and Ellie Dickson-Escobar of Images by Lori. Each player had 3 or more strikeouts that had the fans cheering with each pitch. Another consistent hitter for Images by Lori was Marin Tollefsen who singled in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th innings. She also scored runs. On defense, Colette Wogsland from GFI Stainless had a well-executed play at 3rd to get the lead runner out and on offense she had a solid single in the 5th inning. Top Players: Images by Lori - Ellie Dickson-Escobar, Maribel Rouse, Marin Tollefsen; GFI Stainless - Haley Kolon, Lauren Sowers, Colette Wogsland

Accurate Impressions 5, Securities America 4: Accurate Impressions struck early and often racking up runs thanks to stellar hitting by Kayla Gregory and Charlotte Whiting. Securities America made a valiant comeback effort thanks to the great hitting by Amanda Mero and Whitney Dishman. Emma Crabb made her best pitching appearance of the season striking out multiple Accurate Impressions players. Top Players: Accurate Impressions - Kayla Gregory, Charlotte Whiting; Securities America - Emma Crabb, Whitney Dishman, Amanda Mero

Securities America 3, Accurate Impressions 2: This was a rematch of two hungry squads. This time around, Securities America got the win. Accurate Impressions played hard and was led by the batting prowess of both Charlotte Whiting and Zoe Chidambaram. But they were not match for the Securities America team and Kendall Witters who was fantastic at the plate. Julia Thomas was on base all day long and scored a key run for the team. Isabella Restani was the MVP today, she flexed her power with the bat, and closed down the game by striking out the side. Top Players: Securities America - Isabella Restani, Julia Thomas, Kendall Witters; Accurate Impressions - Zoe Chidambaram, Charlotte Whiting

**Minor Teal:** McElroy Orthodontics 6, Savvy Seconds 1: A mid-season matchup saw a pitching duel between McElroy Orthodontics and Savvy Seconds. Runs were at a premium for most of the game when both teams were pitching well and playing solid defense. McElroy Orthodontics was able to pick up a few insurance runs in the bottom of the last inning in a hard fought game. Top Players: McElroy Orthodontics - Jordan Ciesielski, Hailey Fanfa, Nicole Witters; Savvy Seconds - Ally Crumrine, Halle Hershon, Allie Jenezon

McElroy Orthodontics 5, Fire Stop Sprinkler Company 4: It was a tight, well-fought contest between McElroy Ortho-

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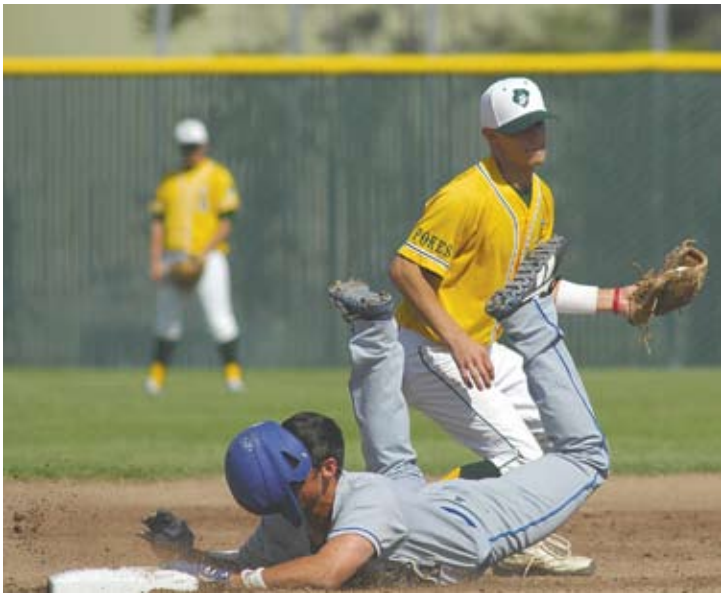


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Photos - Doug Jorgensen

**Livermore High School Cowboys (bottom photo) gave up five runs in the first inning to the Foothill Falcons. Falcons went on to win 9-3 in EBAL varsity baseball action. In girls' varsity softball action, Livermore won 11 to 1 (top photo).**



donties and Fire Stop Sprinkler Company. Fire Stop Sprinkler Company made several defensive plays to throw runners out to make the game go down to the wire. But McElroy Orthodontics was able to hold on at the end and prevail 5-4. Top Players: McElroy Orthodontics - Jorie Fanfa, Gianna Lyng, Avni Patel; Fire Stop Sprinkler Company - Theresa Colberg, Malia Konig, Makayla Rios.

Diablo Designs Tile and Stone 10, San Jose Boiler Works Inc. 2: All nine Diablo Designs Tile and Stone players had at least one hit and eight of them scored a run to back the five-hit pitching of starter Jessica Hungerford and relievers Sarina Poirier and Carly Rose Recupero. The pitchers were supported by a strong defensive effort, particularly from Lacy Becker, who was flawless in five tough chances at 3rd base and shortstop. Poirier's loud two-run single capped a five-run second inning that vaulted Diablo Designs Tile and Stone on their way to victory. Hungerford keyed a four-run fourth with a booming two-run hit. Poirier, Recupero, Isabella Loebrich and Olivia Caponigro each contributed two hits to Diablo Designs Tile and Stone's 13-hit attack. Diablo Designs Tile and Stone also excelled on the base paths as Hungerford, Recupero and Becker each had two of the team's eight stolen bases. Meanwhile, Jenna Brown was San Jose Boiler Works Inc.'s top offensive performer. She went 2-for-2 with a pair of stolen bases and a run scored. San Jose Boiler Works Inc. also got a strong relief effort on the mound from hard-throwing Morgan Harris, who struck out three batters.

Diversified Mortgage 2, San Jose Boiler Works Inc. 2: This was a pitchers duel until the end. San Jose Boiler Works Inc. led 1-0 until the bottom of the fourth when Diversified Mortgage pushed across two runs. San Jose Boiler Works Inc. came back in their last at bat and with two outs and two strikes Morgan Harris got a hit and eventually scored the tying run. For San Jose Boiler Works Inc. Jaylah Abello threw well and Morgan Barrowcliff made a tie saving catch in the bottom of the fifth. For Diversified Mortgage Taylor See and Vicky Goetz threw well and Maddy Burgess caught a runner stealing with a nice tag at 3rd. Top Players: Diversified Mortgage - Maddy Burgess, Vicky Goetz, Taylor See;

San Jose Boiler Works Inc. - Jaylah Abello, Morgan Barrowcliff, Morgan Harris.

Diversified Mortgage 5, Robert Half International 2: Diversified Mortgage scored three in the first and led throughout this game. Robert Half International kept it close but couldn't quite push across enough runs. For Robert Half International, Zoe Moura played well at 3rd and behind the plate while Allison Smith pitched well and Amber Doyle was solid at 1st base. Diversified Mortgage got solid pitching from Rida Lasne, great hitting from Sammy McClain and Taylor See was hit by a pitch twice and scored both times. Top Players: Diversified Mortgage - Rida Lasne, Sammy McClain, Taylor See; Robert Half International - Amber Doyle, Zoe Moura, Allison Smith.

McElroy Orthodontics 5, Robert Half International 5: Both teams played tough defense as Robert Half International opened up a 5-2 lead on McElroy Orthodontics. But McElroy Orthodontics battled back in their last at-bat to tie the game. Top Players: McElroy Orthodontics - Jordan Ciesielski, Hailey Fanfa, Jamison Gray; Robert Half International - Emma Garman, Raquel Kock, Zoe Moura.

Minor Black: Blue Line 11, Hopyard Ale House 5: Jessica Shockley singled and doubled for Blue Line, which also received stellar defensive play and two hits apiece from Natalie Tarantino, Kate Inman and Isabella Saavedra. Hopyard Ale House saw McKenna Harris and Aliya Lubrin hit back-to-back, two-run singles. Top Players: Hopyard Ale House - Kate Inman, Isabella Saavedra, Natalie Tarantino; Blue Line - Hope Alley, McKenna Harris, Aliya Lubrin.

All Star Sports 9, Hopyard Ale House 9: For All Start Sports, Brooke Reimer scored a run. Hannah Haynie had three strong innings on the mound and Harper Cook had an unassisted double play at shortstop. For Hopyard Ale house, Espi Lotti scored two runs and Brooke Promes and Addyson Mapes each scored a run. Top Players: All Star Sports - Harper Cook, Hannah Haynie, Brooke Reimer; Hopyard Ale House - Espi Lotti, Addyson Mapes, Brooke Promes.

Blue Line 6, Barry Winston OD 5:



**Pictured is West Coast Wave U10G Forward Savannah Seals, and Midfielder Jillian Collom working hard to keep possession of the ball in Saturday's game against the Montclair SC Clippers.**

Jessica Shockley caught a fly ball to start a game-ending doubleplay and clinch Blue Line's narrow victory. Shockley added two hits. Kaitlyn Jones scored two runs. Terra McHone had a phenomenal game at catcher and Nicole Thornton had an RBI for Blue Line. Barry Winston OD rallied in the seventh behind singles from Olivia McGee, Lucia Castaneda, Chloe Engel and Sierra Gholston. Allison DeFazio also had a key hit. Top Players: Blue Line - Kaitlyn Jones, Terra McHone, Jessica Shockley; Barry Winston OD - Lucia Castaneda, Chloe Engel, Olivia McGee.

Major Teal: Uncle Credit Union 14, Tri Valley Orthopedic Specialists 6: Uncle Credit Union showed great team work with Lauren McNamara's solid pitching, and Caleigh Sanders' 2 RBIs and 3 strikeouts. Denell Ontiveros' 4 RBIs and Loren Roundtree's 2 hits and 2 RBIs dominated the game. Tri Valley Orthopedic Specialists came to life with Kami Kodama changing the direction of the game as pitcher, and Olivia Austin guarding home plate. Hannah Yozzo's solid hitting helped keep Tri Valley Orthopedic Specialists in the game. Top Players: Uncle Credit Union - Lauren McNamara, Denell Ontiveros, Caleigh Sanders; Tri Valley Orthopedic Specialists - Olivia Austin, Kami Kodama, Hannah Yozzo.

Major Black: AMS 2, Cardinal Jewelers 0: AMS scored early with 2 runs in the top of the 1st. Cardinal Jewelers loaded the bases in the bottom of the 1st at 2 outs but were kept at bay with a quick-handed catch by AMS's Jaime Rodgers for the 3rd out. Cardinal Jewelers put the pressure on in the 3rd with a double, but AMS upped its defense and allowed no runs. A well-played game by both teams and tough defense by AMS. Top Players: Cardinal Jewelers - Kelsey Congdon, Alyson Issacs, Nicole Rasmussen; AMS - Alyssa Bardakos, Shelby Cabral, Jaime Rodgers.

Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors 12, Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1) 3: Great offensive game for Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors by Celine Germain, who scored twice, had three stolen bases, and bunted for an RBI in the 4th. Solid offense/defense by both Megan Shackley and Beth Williams of Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors: Megan Shackley got her team on the board with an RBI in the bottom of the 1st, after having made a nice catch in the top of the inning to shut down a potential Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1) rally. Beth Williams of Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors had both a sacrifice bunt to advance a runner who later scored, and an RBI. Strong pitching by Jessica and Jenna O'Neal for Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors, who combined for 13 strikeouts. Lauren Martin did a solid job catching for Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1). Claire Abele scored one of Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1)'s runs, as did Karen Di Dio, who had an RBI in the 1st as well. Top Players: Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors - Celine Germain, Megan Shackley, Beth Williams; Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1) - Claire Abele, Karen Di Dio, Lauren Martin.

4, walking just 3, and yielding just the one harmless single.

Danny Terry was then summoned to close the deal with one out in the fifth inning and two runners aboard.

The 15 year old Dublin right hander quickly got out of the jam, getting the first hitter on an infield pop, then ending the inning with a weak infield ground out.

Terry walked just one and fanned three in 2 2/3 innings pitched, including striking out the first two batters in the final seventh inning frame.

Terry finished with an outstanding 62% strike percentage on 39 total pitches, and Nealon logged a very impressive 58% strike percentage on his 69 pitches.

Major Black: AMS 2, Cardinal Jewelers 0: AMS scored early with 2 runs in the top of the 1st. Cardinal Jewelers loaded the bases in the bottom of the 1st at 2 outs but were kept at bay with a quick-handed catch by AMS's Jaime Rodgers for the 3rd out. Cardinal Jewelers put the pressure on in the 3rd with a double, but AMS upped its defense and allowed no runs. A well-played game by both teams and tough defense by AMS. Top Players: Cardinal Jewelers - Kelsey Congdon, Alyson Issacs, Nicole Rasmussen; AMS - Alyssa Bardakos, Shelby Cabral, Jaime Rodgers.

Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors 12, Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1) 3: Great offensive game for Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors by Celine Germain, who scored twice, had three stolen bases, and bunted for an RBI in the 4th. Solid offense/defense by both Megan Shackley and Beth Williams of Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors: Megan Shackley got her team on the board with an RBI in the bottom of the 1st, after having made a nice catch in the top of the inning to shut down a potential Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1) rally. Beth Williams of Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors had both a sacrifice bunt to advance a runner who later scored, and an RBI. Strong pitching by Jessica and Jenna O'Neal for Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors, who combined for 13 strikeouts. Lauren Martin did a solid job catching for Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1). Claire Abele scored one of Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1)'s runs, as did Karen Di Dio, who had an RBI in the 1st as well. Top Players: Tim McGuire Team-Alain Pinel Realtors - Celine Germain, Megan Shackley, Beth Williams; Twin Creeks Livermore Elite Team (1) - Claire Abele, Karen Di Dio, Lauren Martin.

## Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

Majors: Yankees 6, Athletics 3: In a well-played game, the Yankees beat the Athletics 6-3. The scoring started for the Yankees in the third inning behind singles by Alex Forstach, Jared Hubert, and Tyler Reavy who all eventually scored. The Athletics were led on defense by solid play in centerfield from Tristen Mulrooney, Matthew Klein in right field and Ryan Escover at shortstop.

AAA Division: A's 6, Giants 8: The A's and the Giants played Saturday afternoon; great baseball was exhibited by both teams. The Giants took an early lead in the 2nd due to exceptional base running and a well-hit single up the middle by Jacob Hoggatt. The Giants kept the A's from adding much to the scoreboard due to skilled pitching by Matt Polaski, who earned 4 strike-outs for the day. The A's threatened several times, A's slugger Nolan Martin had a single and a double. James Wilcox also played an amazing game with 2 singles, a double, 2 stolen bases, and 3 RBIs. The Giants held the lead by several runs throughout the game, but the tenacious A's were not going down easy. Grant Peterson put 2 runs on the board in the bottom of the 6th with a single and then heads-up base running to score as well. The A's were on the comeback but Giant's pitcher Evan Capurro turned out to have the upper hand. Evan fired in continuous strikes to get the outs and leave the A's tying run on second. The Giant's won with a final score of 8-6. Top players A's: James Wilcox, Nolan Martin, Grant Peterson; Top players Giants: Jacob Hoggatt, Matt Polaski, Evan Capurro.

A's 19, Dodgers 9: An exciting night game was played under the lights by the Dodgers and the A's. Both teams played evenly through the first 3 innings, keeping the score very close. For the Dodgers, Ian Toland and Miles Kluball had fantastic games. Ian Toland scored for the Dodgers in the 2nd to help secure a lead. He later singled with 2 RBIs. Miles Kluball powered several blasts with a single in the 2nd and a single in the 6th with 2 RBIs. For the A's, Jared Adams was a hitting machine with two extra base hits, a double and a triple, for the night. Gabe Pilon was also an asset for the A's with a RBI in the 2nd, a run scored in the 4th, and a lead-off single in the 6th. The A's took a break-out lead in the 4th & 5th due to smart base running and great pitching & defense. A's Grant Peterson made a quick heads-up play when he tagged the runner off the base at first. The Dodgers wasted no time in earning some runs back. Nate Lindsay got the Dodgers' enthusiasm going in the 5th with a lead-off single and 2 stolen bases. The Dodgers played hard to close the gap, but at the end of the evening, the A's held on to seal the deal, 19-9.

AA Division: Yankees 8, A's 6: The Yankees were hitting well, with Jacob Hager, Michael Bearden and Stone Stephenson each

## Dublin Shuts Out Rival

Dublin High School sophomores Danny Terry and Jack Nealon teamed up for a 1-hit, complete game shutout of DFAL rival Miramonte High on May 1, 2012.

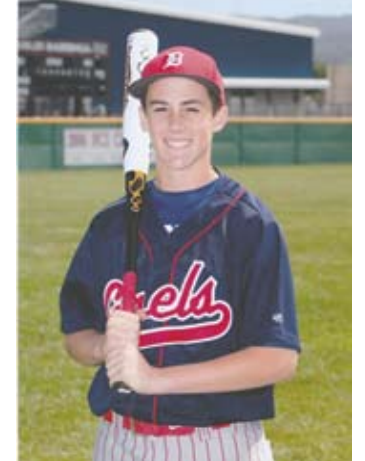
One ground ball single and 4 walks were all that the Miramonte offense could muster against Nealon and Terry.

The Dublin duo needed just 108 pitches, including 64 strikes, to mow down the Miramonte lineup.

Starter Jack Nealon was very sharp, working 4 1/3 strong innings, striking out



**Teaming up for a shutout on the mind were Dublin pitchers, Danny Terry (left) and Jack Nealon.**



hitting doubles. The Yankees bullpen also made it difficult for the A's to score many runs. Jesse Goodman pitched three innings, Shane Napier pitched and played great at short stop. Birthday boy Jarrett Williams came in as closer to end the game. A's clutch hitter, Cole Reppas, hit two singles each with two RBIs. Isaac Tufts also hit a single with two RBIs. Alex Scull played good defense at shortstop.

Dodgers 8, A's 5: In thrilling AA action, the Dodgers beat the A's 8-5. The Dodgers were led by Zack Medina who pitched 2 strong innings and reached base 3 times. Colby Scherer singled and knocked in 2 runs. Jackson Vandegriff singled and pitched a great 5th inning. Chris Santos reached base 3 times. Alex Scull and Brittany Pettit pitched for the A's. Cole Reppas hit a single with two RBIs in the first inning. Dylan Cole and Jake Kennedy played well for the A's.

Cardinals 19, Giants 10: The Cardinals were led by Jordan Lamendola "Jordy" who slammed the ball past third base to put the Cardinals on the board. Parker Hively had an exceptional batting day. Parker's hard hit in the third inning led to two runs batted in and put the Cardinals in the lead. Later, Parker amazed the crowd with an even harder hit to center field which led to three runs batted. Cristoforou "Bambos" earned the Cardinals game ball with an exciting play at third base tagging the sliding runner out. The Giants main players were: Andrew Stein, Aiden Edwards and Peyton Lemmons.

Cardinals 15, Dodgers 9: The Dodgers were led by John Joiner with 2 hits, 2 RBIs and 2 strong innings pitching. Michael Bliss singled and made a great defensive play on the mound. Daven Estrada reached base twice and showed great all-around effort. Jackson Vandegriff knocked in 2 runs and pitched well. The Cardinals were led by Reef Sweeny who had an amazing day on the mound striking out eight batters in just three innings. Giovanni Sandoval showed off his speed and power by hitting a solid ball into center field and slid his way into third. Austin Lane was honored with the Cardinals game ball for the most exciting play of the game when he snagged a fly ball, in the bottom of the sixth, making the final out for the Dodgers and ending the game 15-9 Cardinals.

Phillies vs. Dodgers: Phillies top players: Adriel Ramos, Elias Ramos, Lucas Wallin, Riley Durrant; Dodgers top players:

## Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

AAA Division: Padres 6, Cardinals 4: Cardinals outstanding players: The Cardinals offense was led by Dane Winslow who went 2 for 3 at the plate. Jake Lord was also 2 for 3 including 2 doubles. Marcos Mejia turned in a stellar pitching performance with 6 strikeouts. Padres outstanding players: Antonio LaManna and T.J. Testerman led the Padres hitting by connecting for 2 hits each. Nate Findley was the starting pitcher, recording 3 scoreless innings.

AA Division: A's vs. Rockies: Rockies Offense: Xavier "Xavi" Lortie tripled into right field. Rockies Defense: Great fielding by first baseman Alex Alamillo. Excellent pitching by Eli Hargis and Xavier Lortie. A's Offense: Great at bats for Landon Ratinho, Brandon Mikulic, and Jason DeSantis. A's Defense: Brandon Mikulic caught a pop-up. Great pitching by Gabe Emfinger.

A's vs. Padres. 13-4 What an impressive game won by the A's. Patrick Curulla played an all around great game including a double,

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# SPORTS NOTES

2 RBI's and excellent pitching. Anthony Molleson also had an amazing game hitting three doubles and finishing the game when he pitched 3 strike-outs. Jason DeSantis hit a notable triple bringing in 3 RBI's and on defense caught a pop-up. Brandon Mikulic executed a skillful double play at first base. Christian Grenier was awesome as catcher.

**A's vs. Giants.** For the A's: Jack McDonnell doubled down the left base line. Pitcher Landon Ratinho threw to first baseman Ryan McKinzie for a skillful out. Jason Sanders played impressive defense at short catching a pop-up. For the Giants: Nate Lee earned the game ball this week for superb play behind the plate, topped off by a tag out at home plate aided by a very accurate throw from left field by Matty Sciascia. Thomas Bosso had a fine game with a catch for an out, along with a great slide and a hit. Ben Rho also had an impressive hit.

**A's vs. Rockies.** What an impressive match-up between these two teams. The A's offense played awesome. Garret Gomes hit an impressive double. Landon Ratinho crushed the ball for a double. Cody Franco had a skillful hit bringing in an RBI. Jack McDonnell and Patrick Curulla kept things going with great hitting and bringing in RBI's. Rockies player Xavier "Xavi" Lortie played great defense catching a pop-up. Hersh Rudrawal had a great night pitching.

**Padres vs. Cardinals:** Padres standouts: Sean Stotts caught an awesome high fly ball in center field. London stayed on the ball with great determination to make an out at first. He also turned in a commendable job at pitcher. In the 2nd inning, Gio Fuentes played second and assisted in getting an out at first base. For the Cardinals: Aiden Follis pitched a no run inning and wowed the crowd by recording 3 outs in a row. Austin Statham hit a double and notched an RBI.

**T-Ball:** Giants vs. Diamondbacks: The Giants proved to be strong on the field with Vivian Parsons making great defensive plays throughout the game. As a pitcher, she threw the ball to first for a most needed out. Meanwhile at bat, Cal Duarte went 3 for 3 with solid at bats with 2 RBIs. For the Diamondbacks Spencer Langowski hit 3 doubles with one reaching the fence. Brennan Curulla hit well throughout the game while fielding great at second base.

**Giants vs. Dodgers:** Ella Parsons led the Giants at bat with solid singles that advanced her runners. In the field, Austin Murray continued to strike, executing out at first. For the Dodgers, Anthony Riccardi pushed back going 3 for 3 with solid hits resulting in several RBIs. On the field Carson Kolte made great defensive plays including a tag out at first.

## Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results:

**Majors:** Angels vs. Cardinals: In a 3 game series against the Cardinals the week of 4/30, the Angels were victorious in 2 and lost 1 by a narrow margin. The Game 1 win featured strong pitching by Mitchell Lawrence and Owen Campbacked by 12 runs on 11 hits from the Angels offense. Mitchell led the offense with 2 triples and a double. AJ Warfield banged a triple and double while Jack Jupina added a double. Game 2 was highlighted with a 3 run homer by Angel's hitter AJ Warfield and center Bernal left center fence. A near comeback for the Angels fell just short as their bats were unusually quiet. The Angels ferocious bats returned in Game 3 delivering a 10 run, 13 hit barrage including an inside-the-park homerun by speedster Mitchell Lawrence, 2 hits by Dan Masek and a game-winning 2RBI hit by Maxwell Stubbs in the extra 7th inning. Nick Palange made a critical defensive play to stop a Cardinal rally in the bottom of the 7th. Other top defenders over the 3 games were Ramon Cristwell who made numerous key plays and Angel's pitcher Trevor Doster who only gave up 1 run in 2 appearances.

**A Division:** Orioles vs. Brewers: On Saturday 5/5 at Bernal Field, the Orioles and Brewers had a great game. Both teams' pitchers did an excellent job getting balls over the plate. For the Orioles, Jackson Deaver did a great job as catcher. Justin Im made some big hits and did well in center field, and Andrew Weckwerth made some big outs at 1st base. Nathan Mammni did an outstanding job as pitcher and received the game ball for the Orioles. For the Brewers, Drew Gianfortone, Tyler Dishman, and Evan Taffe were all strong pitchers, throwing many good pitches. On offense, Jeffrey Mauro had three hits for the Brewers.

## Amador Valley JV

The Amador Valley High School Dons JV baseball team defeated the Monte Vista Mustangs 1-0 on Friday, May 4 in EBAL action in an old fashion pitchers' duel. The Dons had excellent pitching from Jordan Ott who pitched the complete game giving up only 4 hits, while striking out 5 and walking two. Ott needed only 74 pitches to seal the victory.

The game was filled with remarkable defensive plays by the Dons, none more so than the last play of the game. In the top of the first inning the Mustangs leadoff batter singled to the middle to start the game. After a deep fly ball to the right field corner that was caught by Dons right fielder Jake McIntosh for the first out, the Mustangs runner advanced to second on a wild pitch. The next batter hit an infield single, but the runner from second was caught in a pickle between third and home. Steve Nice threw to shortstop Jack Moroney covering third base, who threw to catcher Jacob Kinney, who threw back to Moroney, who threw to left fielder Parker Newman, who smartly was backing up the play, who threw back to Kinney, and then Kinney finally made the tag chasing the runner back to third base for the typical 5-6-2-6-2-7-2 putout.

The Dons opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning when Jack Moroney drew a one out walk. Steve Nice ground out to the shortstop on a slow roller allowing Moroney to advance to second base. Sean Thomas then singled up the middle and Moroney sprinted home and slide just ahead of the throw for a 1-0 Dons lead. Jordan Ott made that run stand up, but not without more defensive heroics by the Dons, and gutty pitching by Ott.

In the top of the second inning the Mustangs first batter reached base on an error. The next batter walked putting runners on first and second. The next batter attempted a sacrifice bunt, but he popped the ball up and pitcher Jordan Ott made a diving catch off the mound, bounced to his feet and doubled off the runner at first base for a double play. In the top of the sixth inning, the Mustangs' leadoff batter singled. The next batter hit a slow roller to shortstop Jack Moroney who made a great play to get the runner at first, with the runner at first advancing to second base. The next batter hit a one hopper back to Jordan Ott on the mound, who turned to check the runner at second and noticed that he was too far off the base. Ott ran at the runner and forced him back to second base. Ott threw to shortstop Moroney, who chased the runner towards third and threw to third baseman Steve Nice for the tag. On the play, the batter tried to advance to second base, but Nice fired the ball to second baseman Will Pickett who made the tag for the unorthodox double play, 1-6-5-4.

In the top of the seventh inning, the

Mustangs leadoff batter singled to left field. A sacrifice bunt advanced the runner to second base. The next batter hit a slow ground ball up the middle that Jack Moroney fielded on the first base side of second base, snagged the big hopper and threw on the run to nail the runner at first base. The potential tying run advanced to third base with two outs.

The count reached to 2-1 to the batter, and on the next pitch Jordan Ott tried to get the batter to swing at a nasty split finger fast ball in the dirt, but the pitch had too much sink and darted past catcher Jacob Kinney who just got his glove on the ball to direct it just off to the left of home plate. The runner on third broke for home. Kinney retrieved the ball and threw a sideways shuffle pass to Ott covering home. Ott tagged the runner and then fell on top of him in a cloud of dust for the final out of the game. The Dons dugout exploded onto the field for a wild post game celebration.

The offensive stars for the Dons were left fielder Parker Newman who had a single and a double, Sean Thomas who had the only RBI and Jack Moroney who scored the only run of the game.

The Dons improved their overall record to 11-10 (3-7 in EBAL).

## Amador Swimming

Although they led almost the entire meet, the Amador Valley JV girls swimming and diving team needed a good performance from its breaststroke swimmers to clinch the meet. The Dons led by 12 over crosstown rival Foothill going into the last individual event. At least eight points would clinch the meet, however the Dons did better than that when Katie Tsui, Natalie Cook, and Lexi Venema swept the event and Amador then closed out a 102-82 win.

Early in the meet, Tsui grabbed another first place finish in the IM to help, along with Bridget Booe who won the 200 free, Amador got off to a good start. After splitting the points in the 50 free, Venema won the fly and Booe took the 100 free to give the Dons a 62-47 lead.

The Falcons closed the gap to nine points after the 500 free and the 200 free relay, but Anika Kilkenny and Megan Banke went 1-3 in the backstroke to set up the clinching breaststroke swim.

## JV Boys

With one exception every Amador Valley JV boys swim team meet has been lopsided this year. Their meet with Foothill was no exception as the Dons swept eight events in posting a 127-59 win.

Joey Lindley, Chris Azuma, and Kennet Pipe got the sweeps started going 1-2-3 in the 200 free and they were followed in the IM with another sweep by Andrew Song, Kevin Yan, and Jeff Wang. Foothill's Perry Cheney kept the Dons from sweeping the 50 free, but Jerald Kagele, Steven Cox, and Sam Sornsen went 2-4.

The Sweeps began again in the fly and followed in the 100 and 500. Yan, Alec Gauthier, and Kagele did the honors in the first event, Tyler Bernann, Cox, and Stephen Li the second, and Pipe, Azuma, and Jake Molz the third.

Wang won the backstroke, but the Dons did not sweep. However Copeland Green, Song, and Caleb Wang swept the breaststroke to cap the individual events.

The Dons also won all three relays. The medley was won by Evan Lee, Caleb Wang, Gauthier, and Lindley. Yan, Jeff and Caleb Wang, and Li won the 200 free, and the winning 400 relay was swum by Gauthier, Bergmann, Cox, and Song.

## Varsity Girls

The Amador Valley divers swept their event to get the varsity girls swimming and diving team off to a good start, and Eva Chung and Beverly Fu went 1-3 in the breaststroke to clinch an eventual 99-87 win against rival Foothill.

The Diving Dons, Lauren Hall, Haley Brott, and Morgan Fiske, turned over a 10 point lead to swimmers. Rachel Knowles won the 200 free and Kirsten Brand placed second in the IM to help increase the lead to 12 points and then Iris Brand and Elaina Gates went 1-3 in the 50 free to gain another two points.

After splitting the points in the fly and the 100 free, despite Kirsten Brand's first place finish in the 100, the Falcons closed the gap to 10 points after the 500 free.

The Dons 200 relay team of Kirsten and Iris Brand, Chung, and Knowles followed with a first to help increase the lead to 16 points. Iris Brand, and Anna Parker then went 1-4 in the backstroke to keep the lead at 16, setting up the clinching swims by Chung and Fu.

## Varsity Boys

After starting with a sweep in the opening Medley Relay, the Amador Valley Varsity boys swimming and diving team never looked back, posting a convincing 127-59 victory over rival Foothill.

Amador's "A" relay team of Nick Johnston, Kevin McLaughlin, Bryan Hughes, and Jason Chen got the team off on the right foot with a first place finish and, combined with a "B" relay (RJ Scott, Anthony Jhong, and Justin and Mike Pasquale) team's second place finish, picked up 10 points.

The two teams split the IM, but the Dons really got rolling with a McLaughlin, Jhong, and Perry Jia sweep of the IM, and a 1-2 in the 50 free by Nick Johnston, and Cameron Kuratori.

Hughes then led Kuratori and Justin Pasquale to the wall for a sweep in the fly and a 32 point lead. After Chen and Mike Pasquale went 1-2 in the 100, the Dons clinched the meet with a sweep of the 500. Hughes again led the way with Jordan Resnick and Justin Pasquale going 2-3.

With the meet no longer in doubt, Johnston and Scott went 1-2 in the backstroke, and McLaughlin, Chris Mowry and Jhong went 2-3-4 in the breaststroke to cap the individual events.

## West Coast Soccer

West Coast Soccer Wave U10G played a strong game on Saturday afternoon in Oakland. They dominated the 1st half with 10 shots on goal. Midfielder Monique Reil snuck the first goal past the Keeper on an assist from forward Savannah Seals. Within a few minutes, Seals scored the 2nd goal for Wave. Reil was on fire in Saturday's game, netting 3 more goals in the first half. Two were assisted by midfielder Jackie Parker, and defender Kaita Vasquez. With the speed of defender Vasquez, efforts of defender Jessica Keane, and goalkeeper Jessica Carlson shutout the Clippers. The Wave took a 5-0 lead into halftime.

Wave kept up the momentum in the 2nd half, and continued to dominate on the field. Carlson executed some excellent defensive tackles in front of the goal. Forward Jessa Lyons had a beautiful shot on goal, netting the ball just in the upper left corner. Reil was able to find the back of the net one more time just before the end of the game, giving West Coast a 7-2 win over the Montclair SC Clippers.

## EDGE Gymnastics

EDGE Gymnastics sent competitors to the 2012 JR. Olympic Level 9 Western Championships - Idaho Gymnastics in Boise, ID May 4-6, 2012.

Results:  
Junior D: Stephanie Relova, 19th tie all-around (36.175), 5th tie beam (9.4), 8th tie bars (9.325)  
Senior A: Yasmine Yektaparast, 8th all-around (37.2), 2nd floor (9.55), 3rd beam (9.45)  
Senior D: Nicole Corkill, 8th all-around (36.725), 6th tie beam (9.2)

## Memorial Run

The California Peace Officers Association (CPOA) invites everyone to participate in a very special event honoring those who've lost their lives in the line of duty, while making our lives safer. The 4th Annual California Peace Officers Association's Memorial Run and Family Barbecue will be held on Saturday, May 12th, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, Pleasanton.

This is an extraordinary way to salute those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, while at the same time supporting their families and co-workers who are left behind to cope with the tragic loss.

All proceeds from this family oriented event will go directly to the Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) (California Chapter), a non-profit organization whose sole mission is to assist with the rebuilding of lives of surviving family members and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed. Each year, between 140 and 160 officers are killed, while carrying out their sworn duties. C.O.P.S. has more than 15,000 members and provides resources and assistance to help these families rebuild shattered lives. There is no membership fee to join C.O.P.S.

The Memorial Run's 10K & 5K Walk & Run courses are made up of small rolling-hill trails that run throughout the scenic Shadow Cliffs Regional Park. The Kid's 1-mile run is laid out through a portion of the park's lawn area.

Trophies will go to the top 5K and 10K male and female finishers, with medals given three deep in designated age groups in the 5K and 10K runs for both male and female participants. Special awards will also be given to all kids participating in the Kids' Fun Run (ages 12 and under).

The entry fee for the 10K or 5K Walk/Run is \$40.00 after May 8 and race-day; Kids' Fun Run is \$20.00. Entry fee will include the always-popular commemorative T-shirt, beverages and a delicious barbecue lunch, catered by Outback Steakhouse, and a huge raffle. The family BBQ begins at 10:00 a.m., and includes the Outback's tri-tip or chicken, side salad, chips, and fruit. Run entrants receive a meal ticket with paid race registration - extra meal tickets can be purchased at the event for \$12 (adults) and \$7 (kids 12 and under for a choice of a hamburger or hotdog).

The Memorial Run will be held at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, located at 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. Check-in and race-day registration will open at 7:30 a.m., 10K will start at 8:20 a.m. and the 5K will follow at 9:00 a.m. The Kid's Mile will begin around 10:15 a.m. The post-race awards ceremony and barbecue are scheduled to start around 11:00 a.m.

For more CPOA's Memorial Run and Family Barbecue information and/or an application, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832, or visit their website. To register online, go to Active.com.

## Charity Cup Golf

17th Annual Charity Cup Golf Classic will be held at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore on Fri., May 18. The event is hosted by Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill.

The event will benefit the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

The \$150.00 per player fee includes green fee, cart, lunch, dinner, golf shirt, tee prizes, on-course refreshments, awards ceremony & a raffle prize giveaway.

Format is Four Man Scramble. Lunch begins at 11:00am; shotgun start at 1:00pm. To register contact Beeb's at (925)455-7070.

Tea sponsorships are available. Beeb's Sports Bar & Grill, 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, (925)455-7070

## Bocce Singles Tourney

A singles open bocce tournament is scheduled at Campo di Bocce in Livermore on May 20. The event is open to all.

The format will be round robin, playing National Rules. The top two teams from each division will advance.

Entry fee is \$50 per player. Prizes, food and drink specials available during the day. Registration closes at 3 p.m. on Mon., May 14. Play will begin at 8 a.m. on May 20. Go to www.campodiocce.com for information.

## Phantom Board Vote

The Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League will vote for its 2013 Executive Board of Directors on Saturday, May 19, 2012. Names of nominees will be presented at the board's regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Hyatt Summerfield Suites, 4545 Chabot Drive, Pleasanton, CA, 94588. The meeting begins at 8:00pm. Voting ballots will be available on Saturday (5/19/12, 9am-5pm) at the Pleasanton Sports park next to the Snack Bar by GSB 7. All adults 18 years of age and older who are associated with the League (i.e. player parents, coaches, board members) are eligible to vote.

## Benefit Golf Tourney

The Veterans First Program at Las Positas College in Livermore, will once again be the beneficiary of the proceeds from the 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament sponsored each year by the Englander Pub and Restaurant of San Leandro. The tournament will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012, at the Monarch Bay Golf Club in San Leandro, with an 8AM start time, followed by a raffle and post-tournament barbecue buffet, from 1-5PM, at the Englander.

This year, the Grand Prize for the tournament includes a "hole-in-one" competition where you can win a brand new vehicle, courtesy of F.H. Dailey Chevrolet in San Leandro, involved as a key sponsor for their second year.

The raffle held after the tournament back at the Englander, where along with the included buffet, raffle participants can win big prizes (like this year's 1st prize - a 51" Samsung HDTV, 2nd prize - a celebrity golf package, 3rd prize - a Panasonic LUMIX 14Mb Digital Camera and 4th prize - a JVC Soundbar Home Theater System). Other prizes include VIP tickets to an Oakland

athletics game, plus much more. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Englander or any Wednesday at the San Leandro Farmers' Market.

The cost for the golf event is \$150 per player, \$600 per foursome, which includes greens fee, golf cart, lunch on the course and a BBQ dinner at the Englander Pub & Restaurant after the tournament. Online registration is being accepted at www.englishpub.com, by visiting the Englander, or contacting Mark Wodyka, Event Director, at 510.673.6350 or markw499@pacbell.net.

The Veterans First Program at Las Positas College is unique to the Bay Area. It does not receive any local, state or federal funding. Approximately 400 veterans attend Las Positas from throughout the Bay Area and of those, about 200 actively participate in the program, providing veterans who are attending and actively pursuing their college degrees at Las Positas with overall transition and education assistance. Funds raised help to expand support services and facilities such as scholarships, a book loan program, a newly-established and one-of-a-kind Veterans Resource Center, academic counseling, student veteran mentors, career skills development, transition seminars and other workshops that address a variety of veterans' immediate and longer-term needs.

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Darlene Brady, on left, finishing the Knoxville Marathon with her mother, Barbara Brady.

# Livermore runner joins the 50 States Marathon Finisher's Club

## By Patricia Koning

When Livermore runner Barbara Brady crossed the finish line at the Knoxville Marathon on April 1, she joined an elite club of marathon runners—the 50 States Marathon Finisher's Club. Her daughter, Darlene Christopher, ran the marathon with her.

"It was very exciting and a huge relief to finish all 50 states," says Barbara.

They were cheered on by Barbara's husband Phil; Darlene's daughter (one of Barbara's seven grandchildren); Barbara's sister, her daughter, and two grandchildren; and many friends.

The spectators all wore t-shirts that said "Team Barbara: 50 States Marathon Club 2012". Barbara and Darlene wore signs on their backs that said "Barbara: TN is State #50" and "Darlene: Barbara is my mom." The signs and t-shirts drew favorable attention from other runners, as there were other 50 States Marathon Club members in the race as well as among the spectators.

The 50 States Marathon Finisher's Club is a select group of distance runners who have

finished one marathon in all 50 states in the union. To date, 684 people (226 women and 458 men) have made it into the Finisher's Club. Barbara is number 682.

A total of 2,802 people are in the 50 States Marathon Club. To join, a runner must have completed a valid marathon in at least 10 states and be working towards the goal of 50. Visit www.50statesmarathonclub.com to learn more.

Aprelle Duelle, also a Livermore resident, will soon join Barbara in the Finisher's Club. Although the two runners live within a few blocks of each other, they met last year through the Gansett Marathon in Rhode Island, state # 37 for Barbara and # 16 for Aprelle. (See the May 14, 2011 issue of *The Independent*.)

Originally Aprelle hoped to finish all 50 states by 2016, but she's set a more ambitious goal for herself—December 2014. Last month she ran the Kentucky Derby Marathon (#26) and will cross Vermont off the list at the end of May. She has six more marathons planned this year, which will get her to #32.

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# SHORT NOTES

## Owl Program

In Honor of Owl Mothers is the theme of the nature program to be presented by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., May 13. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 7:30 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Rd., Livermore.

For Mother's Day, visit with some of nature's most dedicated moms - owl mothers. In January, an LARP ranger program guided participants to look and listen for courting Great Horned and Barn owls. That program filled to capacity, so this is another opportunity to experience owls in the wild. Search for nests, watch for these silent flyers and listen for the screeches of youngsters begging for food. Advanced reservations are required by calling 925-960-2400. Space is limited, so registering early is recommended.

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.

## Fight Like a Girl

"Fight Like a Girl," is the topic of

a free personal violence prevention seminar for women and girls to be held Thurs., May 24 in Livermore.

Kym Rock will be conducting the seminar. Livermore Martial Arts Academy, LLC will host the event at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Livermore. The program is from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

"Kym Rock's Fight Like a Girl," is a ten year program that teaches women and kids to think smarter and have the skills and awareness to keep themselves out of dangerous situations.

To register, email Lmaa@comcast.net or call 497-6448. Registration is not required, but is helpful.

## Biggest Grill

Johnsonville Sausage is bringing big taste to Livermore with the great flavor of Johnsonville Brats.

The Johnsonville Big Taste Grill - the world's largest touring grill - will be rolling into town on May 16 firing up the grill at the Safeway store on First Street.

The semi-truck-sized grill weighs in at 53,000 pounds and measures 65 feet long, 20 feet high and 6 feet in

diameter. It has the ability to hold up to 10 grillers, preparing 750 brats at a time.

Event-goers at these events will have the opportunity to purchase Johnsonville Brats, fresh off the Big Taste Grill, while helping to support the Prostate Cancer Foundation. [www.pcf.org/site/c.leJRIROrEPH/b.5699537/k.BEF4/Home.htm](http://www.pcf.org/site/c.leJRIROrEPH/b.5699537/k.BEF4/Home.htm)

All are welcome to head to the Livermore Safeway to check out the Johnsonville Big Taste Grill and enjoy a Johnsonville Brat. The grill will be at 4495 First St., Livermore from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 16.

For more information about the Johnsonville Big Taste Grill, visit [www.johnsonville.com/bigtastegrill](http://www.johnsonville.com/bigtastegrill).

## Gene Morgan Adds Service

The Hartford has announced that it is making its award-winning AARP®-branded homeowners insurance program available through Gene Morgan Insurance Agency.

According to research from The Hartford, 60 percent of consumers prefer to buy their auto and home insurance as a bundled policy. Based on this research and strong customer

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Gene Morgan Insurance Agency was chosen after satisfying a number of eligibility requirements, which included: demonstrating a commitment to community service; meeting a high-level of business and ethical standards; and completing a training program designed to address the needs of the 50+ population. These products were previously only available from The Hartford by phone, the Internet and by mail. The AARP-branded home insurance program is designed in consultation with The Hartford Advance 50 Team, which helps to tailor products and services specifically to the interests and needs of Boomers and older adults.

Gene Morgan Insurance is a family owned insurance agency in Livermore, CA since 1953. Started by Gene Morgan, the agency is now owned and operated by his son, Mike Morgan. Gene Morgan Insurance offers a variety of options for homeowners and auto insurance, as well as business, life, and health

insurance.

## Rangeland Workshop

A workshop with the theme of Making Rangeland Stewardship work for ranchers, agencies and the land will be held Wed., May 23 at the Castro Valley Library.

The presentation is sponsored by the Alameda Creek Watershed Council and the Alameda County Conservation Partnership.

Grazing is increasingly recognized as an important tool to manage natural resources and improve habitat in the undeveloped hills and valleys surrounding the Bay Area. Grazing leases on public lands, mitigation banks and land trusts can be a win-win arrangement for the land owner and tenant. This workshop will include discussions with land managers, experienced tenants, and beginning ranchers on the opportunities and constraints of grazing for conservation. The workshop will begin with an overview of rangeland stewardship in the Alameda Creek Watershed and the East Bay, and how grazing leases can help achieve conservation goals. After a break for dinner (provided), we will go into more depth on good lease arrangements

and some of the resources available to local ranchers.

Afternoon Session 2:30 to 5:00 PM will include the following: overview of Alameda Creek Watershed rangelands; how public landowners use grazing to meet habitat, water quality, and other management goals; why some endangered species need ranchers; and the needs and constraints of grazing tenants.

Dinner will be served 5:15 to 6 p.m. following by an evening workshop.

The evening event will include information about lease arrangements that encourage stewardship; tools and resources for ranchers (Farm Bill, technical assistance, etc.); and a panel discussion with beginning and experienced ranchers.

Dinner will be provided. \$10 donation suggested to help cover workshop expenses. Space is limited - please RSVP by Friday, May 18 to Amy Evans at [amy.evans@acrcd.org](mailto:amy.evans@acrcd.org).

This workshop is funded in part by Beginning Farmer and Rancher Grant # 2011-49400-30641 from the USDA National Institute of Food & Agriculture, and by the Alameda County Unincorporated Clean Water Program

# OBITUARIES

## Heidi Black Wright

July 11, 1977 - April 24, 2012

Heidi peacefully passed away in the early morning hours of April 24, 2012 at the age of 34, eventually succumbing to the effects of breast cancer she had battled in her body and brain for over 4 1/2 years. She fought long and hard, living each minute to its fullest, clear to the end.

Heidi was born July 11, 1977 in Livermore, California. She is the oldest of four children and spent her entire childhood in Livermore. Heidi graduated from Granada High School in 1995. She studied Early Childhood Education at Brigham Young University where she met her soon-to-be husband, Scott Wright. In 1997 they were married for time and all in the Oakland Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After they completed their degrees, they moved to Northern California and began to raise their family, first in Mountain View and then in Elk Grove. Her family moved to Centerville, Utah in 2009. Heidi first and foremost saw herself as a mother to their four children. She dedicated everything she could to nurturing, teaching, caring for, and instilling principles of faith into her children and those of her community.

Heidi had an extreme passion for life. Heidi came to earth with a joy for life and a love of living. She radiated light and her smile was contagious. Her kind heart loved to serve and she enjoyed being on the go, always busy and always involved. She loved people, her family and friends, and had an amazing supply of energy. She was comfortable in the limelight and courageous in taking on new adventures. Heidi loved to organize and was a hard worker. Being with friends always brought her joy. She loved being a big sister and was a wonderful help to her parents. She was drawn to music and dance and loved to create with her hands. Her sensitivity of spirit gave her insight into people and situations, and her friendly nature drew others to her. Throughout her childhood, her faith grew and she developed a deep love for her Savior Jesus Christ.

Heidi's favorite pastimes included: scrapbooking and making decorative cards as a demonstrator for Stampin'Up; immersing herself into the world and fantasy of Disney; providing service to others; and talking with loved ones for hours on end.

Heidi leaves behind her husband of 14 years, Scott; their children, Kaylie, Cameron, Dallyn, and Kyler, all of Centerville; parents, Ken and Janelle Black of Livermore; siblings, Amy Randall (Austin) of Orem, UT, Ryan Black (Laura) of Farmington, UT, and Jason Black of Livermore; grandparents Val Black of Livermore, and Elwyn

and Janet Ralph of Centerville; and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Funeral services were held April 30 in Centerville. An online guestbook is available at [www.russonmortuary.com](http://www.russonmortuary.com).

## Michael DeLia

A memorial service celebrating the life of decorated World War II veteran Michael DeLia will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Centropointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court in Pleasanton. He died April 19, 2012 at the age of 88.

He was born July 30, 1924 in Watertown, New York and worked professionally as a hospital administrator.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Barbara DeLia, of Pleasanton, six of his seven children from a previous marriage, grandchildren and many friends.

The family prefers contributions in his memory to: Wounded Warriors Eagle Head Cane Project, c/o Tri-Valley Carvers, 452 Leona Dr. Livermore, CA 94550.



## Beverly C. Wooster

Resident of Livermore  
January 4, 1919 - May 2, 2012

After 93 years in the material world, Beverly Constance Wooster returned peacefully to the center of the circle of life from whence she came. She was born in Portland, OR to Herbert and Alice Rossi McCue. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband of 51 years David Wooster. She is survived by her daughters and their spouses, Christina and Jack Roach of Livermore and Marcia and Robert Edwards MD of Klamath Falls, OR. She loved and enjoyed her grandchildren, Diana O'Connell (Guy Morin), Michael Roach, Yuko Edwards (Andrew Inglis), Adam Edwards (Michelle Lee), Claire Edwards, Robert Edwards III and Mark Edwards. She also treasured her five great grandchildren, Kaitlin O'Connell, Kyle and Brisa Roach, and Cora and Pippa Inglis.

Beverly grew up in Oakland, CA, graduating from Oakland High in 1935. She then received her BA from Cal Berkeley in 1939, majoring in French and minoring in Italian. Beverly and David met at the Fourth of July dance in Forest Hill, CA in 1937 and married in 1939. They first lived outside of Murphys, CA in a mining cabin with dirt floors

and a woodstove, but no electricity or running water. David supervised a small crew of miners there. They moved several times, living in Henderson, NV, China Lake, CA and Gabbs, NV, before moving to Livermore in 1958 where David worked at the "Rad Lab". Beverly had a great love for books and learning and was a founding member of the AAUW in China Lake, CA in the early 50's. When they moved to Gabbs, NV, she worked as a volunteer librarian at the local library. Shortly after moving to Livermore, she was hired as a librarian for the city of Livermore and worked at the library for 25 years, a job where she served as a trusted and valuable resource to those seeking assistance, which she enjoyed very much.

Beverly remained intellectually and spiritually curious throughout her life. She spent her life reading, studying, and attending classes and seminars, learning as much as possible about her special interests: astrology and dreams, metaphysics and spiritual enlightenment, and Hollywood. She was always her own person, not hesitating to express her point of view and unafraid to step outside the box. Her friends and family loved and respected her for it. Beverly was sharp minded, actively engaging in stimulating conversations until shortly before her death. She had a keen sense of humor, loved to share her "stories" with the grandchildren, and was generous to her family.

Beverly's intellectual energy defined her social environment. She was a long-time member of the Livermore Book Club, the Sewing Group, and the Meditation Group. A unique group of friends, the Fire Maidens from Outer Space, have been cajoling and supporting each other in their spiritual explorations every Monday since November 2, 1981. While studying astrology, she found friends whose horoscopes so aligned with hers that they have been meeting regularly for over 30 years also.

Beverly fostered many long term friendships in these groups, whose members provided support and love through the years and especially as Beverly's health began to fail. The family wishes to thank all her dear friends, home caregiver Elana Earley and Daisy Maucusi at the New Haven Care Home for their devotion to Beverly.

Beverly was very much loved and will be sorely missed by her children and grandchildren, but she left us with many, many fun and remarkable memories. We are comforted knowing she is rejoining her oldest and long-missed friends Jeanne, Bettie, Dolly and Georgia, and that she can dance again with her most perfect partner David. A Celebration of Beverly's life is planned for a later date.

## Patricia Ann Nelson Newhard

Resident of Livermore  
Patricia Ann Nelson Newhard, 62, of Livermore, Ca, passed away peacefully at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton,

Ca, on May 7, 2012, after a long illness.



A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Mrs. Newhard and her husband, Michael, have lived in Livermore since 1998, previously residing in Tracy, Ca, where Mrs. Newhard worked for the Bureau of Reclamation as a Facilities Management Assistant at The Delta Mendota Canal in Byron, CA. She was retired on disability in 2001 after 18 1/2 years of federal service.

Michael and Patricia were married in 1993. She was an avid reader having a large selection of her favorite books at home including her beloved Holy Bible. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church for over ten years. As her health began to decline, she was active in the church library, wrote cards of encouragement for the Helping Hands Ministry of the church, loved watching old black and white movies, crocheting, sewing, and going to antique shops with her husband. She was a proficient Pinochle player with the card club at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livermore.

Her greatest joy as a born again Christian was serving our Lord by encouraging others and witnessing for Him.

She is survived by her husband, Michael, her two sisters Anna Lueskow of Lakewood, Ca, and Kathy Sinclair of Arkansas, her brother, David Nelson of Omaha, Nebraska, and her devoted cousin, Davie Nelson, also of Omaha.

She is also survived by her two children, Alaric Dailey, of Omaha and Tommy Stricherz of Greeley, Colorado, and his wife, Zina, who are the parents of her grandchildren, Riley, Jessica and Bradyn, her step-sons, Michael Newhard, of Stockton, Ca, and Keith Newhard of Ripon, Ca, the latter being the father of her step-granddaughter, Kaylynn Newhard, of Russellville, Arkansas, and her step-daughter Heather Newhard of Livermore, Ca, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews around the states.

Mrs. Newhard's Celebration of Life service and visitation will be held at the Trinity Baptist Church, 557 Olivina Ave, Livermore, Ca, on Monday, May 14, 2012. Visitation will be from 9am to 10:30am, with services immediately following. A reception at the church will be held immediately after services.

Burial is Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 12:30PM at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, 32053 McCabe Road, Santa Nella, Ca, 95322.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

## Cassel Montgomery

Cassel "Cass" Montgomery passed away peacefully on April 26, 2012, after a short, but valiant battle with cancer. Cass was born

in Springfield, OH, on November 19, 1931.

He was a typographer by trade and this led him to many different parts of the world and our country. One of his highlights was as the ship's typographer for the S.S. Monterey and S.S. Mariposa, both of which sailed the South Pacific. He eventually went to work for himself in San Francisco, opening up Cass Montgomery Typography, and had a successful career there. His work with advertisers led him to becoming a part-time model for his clients as well.

Cass is survived by his ex-wife Elda Montgomery, son Barry Montgomery, daughter-in-law Leslie Montgomery, and grandsons Grant and Garret Montgomery of Livermore, CA. He is also survived by his loving sisters Alma Farley of Huffman, TX, and Barbara Harvey of Houston, TX, and brother Sterling Montgomery of Livingston, TX. His son Scott Montgomery predeceased him.

As he requested there will be no services. Until we meet again Dad!

## Shirley Ann Mason

10/1/1934 - 4/6/2012  
Born October 1, 1934 in Fordyce, Arkansas to the late Mr. and Mrs. Temple and Manilla



Thornton, Shirley passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 77 on Friday, April 6, 2012. At the age of 9, Shirley moved with her parents to Klamath Falls, Oregon. She was the youngest of her family of seven siblings. She was a proud member of the Livermore Eastern Star. Shirley was a resident of Manteca since October 2010. She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Earl. Shirley and Earl raised their six children in Livermore, California.

Shirley is survived by her daughters Judy Ricks, Virginia Horgan, and Vicki (Ken) Reed; and her sons David (Jui) Mason, James (Stephanie) Mason, and Jerry (Teresa) Mason. She also is survived by eight grandchildren: Kevin Hamilton, James and Ben-

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## SUPERVISOR

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Candidates were given the chance to add any issues that they wished to discuss, and to name several endorsers. The candidates are presented in alphabetical order by last name.

### NATE MILEY

Nate Miley was elected to the Board of Supervisors after serving 10 years on the Oakland City Council. He is currently the board president. Miley grew up in Maryland, intending a political career in Washington after law school. However, after working in Oakland on a one-year project as a Jesuit Volunteer Corps member, he decided to stay.

Miley is proud of his community organizing background, and believes that power comes up from the grassroots, not from the top down. He said that his organizing showed him the importance of listening to people about their needs, and coaching them to obtain what they want. He is the coach, and the people themselves receive the glory.

Miley has two grown children and said that he is living in a committed relationship.

Supervisors are due to vote on the 2012-13 budget on June 22. The budget is projected to involve \$2.184 billion in appropriations, but identifies only \$2.096 billion in revenue, leaving a gap of \$88 million.

Shortfalls are familiar to the county. The county has lost \$2 billion from its budget over the past 10 years, said Miley. The state mandates programs, but does not fund them fully.

Management efficiencies and keeping positions unfilled will help balance the budget, said Miley. The new solar array and wind turbines that have taken Santa Rita Jail off the electric grid will help, too.

"What we won't vote for, is to go into general reserves, which are at about \$175 million. We would like the reserves to reach \$250 million, which would be 10 percent of the total budget," said Miley.

Miley said that the Valley should receive additional medical resources from the county. Miley recognizes more resources must go to Hayward and Oakland because of their need, but he would like to bring the health care and social services directors to the Valley and talk about a better way to deliver services locally.

"Maybe there could be a one-stop service center for the whole Valley," said Miley. There could be savings on renting facilities. There would be convenience in knowing all services are available at one place.

Besides getting Santa Rita Jail off the electrical grid, the county has accomplished several green projects. The Castro Valley library converted to solar power, and is selling power back to the grid.

The county is building its capital projects to LEEDS standards. Some county employees work at home. They share cubicles on a rotating basis when they are due to be in the county office. "It saves the county money," said Miley.

Miley said that the \$336 per month paid in general assistance for three months "doesn't cut it. I'd like to allow people six months on general assistance, and make sure that people are trained to look for jobs."

"That was the big thing (in findings by a task force about welfare). With the economy the way it is, you have more unemployed. How do you expect general assistance people to find jobs," asked Miley.

Miley would like to see more people on welfare converted to Social Security's Supplemental Security Income (SSI), if they qualify. That would shift the cost from the county and help recipients more.

On bird deaths in the Altamont, Miley said the answer is the repowering, which is underway at one turbine operation. The new turbines will greatly reduce the number of turbines needed for the same power output.

Miley said he'd like to see a reduction in bird kills greater than the agreed upon 50 percent. However, he is comfortable with 50 percent because everyone has agreed to it.

On open space, Miley said, "We have to do everything we can to preserve open space, agriculture and ranching in the county."

Miley has taken no position on Doolan Canyon. He said that he and supervisor Scott Haggerty encouraged Dublin and

Livermore to come to an agreement about a proposed senior development.

If the issue comes to LAFCO (Livermore has said it will take it there, if necessary) than Miley said that it would be inappropriate for him, as chair of LAFCO, to signal his intentions on any vote by announcing a stand now on the matter.

Miley supports Measure D, which voters approved to preserve agricultural uses beyond an urban limit line set by the measure.

However, "we also need to recognize legitimate agricultural uses in Measure D." He cited a Castro Valley equestrian facility where the owner wants to cover the riding ring. He does not own enough land to meet the square footage ratio between the ring size and the parcel size, so he can't install it.

Miley said that supervisors may have the discretionary power to overcome that restriction on equestrian centers. "Under the law, supervisors can make technical adjustments. We consider this as a technical adjustment," said Miley.

The equestrian issue is going through the county review process now. It will be before the planning commission soon, said Miley.

The property is under new ownership. The previous owner also applied to cover the arena and was turned down.

On the Pegasus Energy Partners solar array, Miley said it's important for a solar policy to be in place before making the decision. Supervisors approved two solar arrays much smaller, but held up on Pegasus because of its size.

Miley wants to see the staff research, including what can occur in urban areas of unincorporated land, before making a decision.

Miley is a supporter of Measure B3. "People in Livermore have been paying for a BART extension. For that alone, they deserve it. Clearly, we need the extension, if it helps (to get rid of) the clog on the I-580 corridor, said Miley.

Also, with Livermore growing as a job center, BART will help with the expansion. "It's like (Supervisor Scott) Haggerty said, for every \$1 we spend, we leverage \$3 to \$4 out of it," he said.

Building the project is a job generator, too, with an estimated 25,000 jobs coming from every \$1 billion in expenditures.

An issue that Miley added to this story was the state's realignment of the criminal justice system, in which state prisoners will be shifted to the counties.

"I feel that counties can do a better job than the state, but we received only \$9 million from the state. San Bernardino got \$20 million," said Miley. The county put together "a very good plan" by coordinating the district attorney, probation, law enforcement, and social services.

Miley's other issue is what to do with sports teams that use the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum. Those are the Golden State Warriors, Oakland Athletics and Oakland Raiders.

"We have to find a way to manage these matters, and not hurt taxpayers, but help the public. It's daunting," said Miley.

Miley said that his endorsers include the county Democratic Party Central Committee, the Alameda County Central Labor Council, Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, and 1st District Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

The Miley campaign web address is <http://www.mileyforsupervisor.com/>.

### TOJO THOMAS

Tojo Thomas has been an Alameda County deputy probation officer for 11 years. Before that, he worked for the county social services department as a family service worker.

Thomas, who was born in Kerala, India, ran MANCA, a non-profit cultural organization for Bay Area residents who come

from that area.

One of the projects that he started was a Bay Area Breast Cancer Walk sponsored by the organization.

Thomas came with his parents to Concord in 1992. He studied criminal justice in college and earned a master's degree in counseling.

Thomas said that supervisors need to look at the county budget line by line, and see "what is waste, and and what we can save."

Because he works in the field of criminal justice, Thomas said he knows there are cutbacks from the state in the field. But he feels the county "can use its funds smartly, and hire more officers."

Thomas said that he has a person working with him on the budget. "I'm learning about it. I'll see what I can do. I'm a quick learner," he said.

On the question about Valley health services from the county, Thomas said, "As a probation officer, I know there is a lack of resources for mental health clients. More can be done, and should be done. It's one of my interests."

"I'm in a helping field. People provide their own solutions. It would be good to visit Pleasanton and Castro Valley and see what people want," said Thomas.

Thomas said it would be "a great idea" to convert as many county facilities as possible to green energy. "We should see what we can do. It will save money. If we can hire a new person (in green energy), I'm all for it, if it can save money for the budget."

Thomas said that people who receive welfare come into his office. "We need to review it (payments level), and make an appropriate decision. I think in my heart, 'How do they live, at \$300 a month?' They receive help from relatives," he said.

Thomas owns land in Lake County, where he wants to build a vacation place. He likes the land and the wildlife there, so is favorably disposed to support wildlife in the Altamont.

"We need to work out an amicable solution (about curbing raptor deaths). If elected, I want to sit with the committee. I don't want any birds to die, but we need wind turbines, too," said Thomas.

Thomas said that he would have to review the county open space policies. "I like to keep open space, as much as we can, but growth is also a big thing," he said.

On growth beyond the urban growth boundaries, Thomas said that he would "seriously review it. There is room for infill development. Let's clean that out before we start building outward. When we get into open space, that concerns me."

On the county solar policy draft and the Pegasus application for more than 2000 acres of solar arrays, Thomas said, "2000 acres is a lot of property. I would seriously look into it."

On Measure 3B, Thomas said, "Raising taxes is fine to accomplish all that stuff (in Measure 3B), but you have to make sure the money goes to what is talked about in the measure."

Under issues that he raised himself for the story, Thomas said that he has "high experience in public safety. I want to make schools safer by providing school resources officers where the county (is the policing jurisdiction)."

"I'm a working man, a family man, married 11 years. I want to do what's best for the people of the county," said Thomas.

Thomas named his endorsers as Sgt. Howard Russell of the Fremont police department, Ajit Nair, a doctor from Pleasanton, and the Rev. Kurian Neduvelichalinal, vicar of the St. Thomas Catholic church in San Francisco.

The Thomas campaign web page address is <http://www.tojo2012.com/>.

# Lively 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Livermore Valley Wine Auction Sets Records

by Laura Ness

This year's Livermore Valley Wine Auction brought in a record crowd — 275 this year vs 223 last — with a goodly number of new attendees, as evidenced by the show of hands that accompanied they auctioneers warm-up act before the bidding got serious.

It was hard to settle the crowd down, though, after several rousing numbers by the infectiously energetic, yet tight, group, anchored by American Idol front man, Jason "Wolf" Hamlin, and guitar-wailing Karl Wente, who manages to make even the largest instrument look something like a toy. With a gritty rock-meets-country sound, The Front Porch Band filled the Wente barrel room with kick-ass music that was best accompanied by some of Livermore's best reds: namely Cabernet, Malbec and Petit Verdot.

The food, served promptly and efficiently by the ever vigilant and synchronized Wente catering staff, left something to be desired, namely something green. This was a hearty protein-heavy meal, with a rich spring onion soup with smoked salmon, drizzled with extra virgin olive oil, followed by pan-seared filet mignon atop a sea of herb-mashed potatoes that could have used the olive oil drizzle from the first course. A mushroom-artichoke ragu accompanied the beef, but the plates looked as though they were missing their greens. This was a small sea of carbs and cholesterol, with no alternate shoreline. If you were even remotely on the verge of vegetarian, this wasn't your din-

ner. But maybe that wasn't the point: giving your green was more important than getting your green?

One of the highlights was the 54K raised for the yearly Fund-A-Need drive, which this year benefitted the ValleyCare NICU. More results, plus highlights from the live and silent auctions, next week.

In any event, the wines did not disappoint. The 2010 Darcie Kent De Mayo Chardonnay and 2010 La Rochelle Ferrington Vineyard Chardonnay were both great pairs with the soup, the Ferrington able to handle the salmon with slightly more aplomb, given its higher acidity.

Good thing the tables were also awash in Cabs and Cab-related blends, including the most elegant and nearing ready for primetime 2009 Rodrigue Molyneux Estate Cabernet. This is a fresh, engaging, peppery and toothily tannic Cab, with suave manners, congeniality and that ever-optimistic bent that keeps it hound-bound to the hind of the hare. Another most delectable wine with the dinner was the 2010 La Rochelle Santa Lucia Highlands Pinot, which has that right down the middle appeal that gets it invited back to parties.

The pre-dinner wine tasting in the auction item filled barrel room was great fun, with primo people watching and some of the best wines to be sampled. My top ten would have to include: the 2005 Bodegas Aguirre Cabernet Sauvignon for its peppery-feistiness and awesome tannins; the 2009 Cuda Ridge Cab Franc for its lovely perfuminess, the

2009 Concannon Estate Petit Verdot for its solidly elegant rendering of this often bullmoose of a grape; the 2009 Bodegas Aguirre Malbec for its flawless balance and dead-on oak treatment to keep it from going rustic; the 2010 Merillee Chardonnay from Steven Kent for its cream cheesy frosting mouthfeel and deliciousness; the 2009 Rodrigue Molyneux Cabernet Sauvignon; the 2010 La Rochelle Ferrington Vineyard Chardonnay; the 2010 Eagle Ridge Pinot Grigio for its refreshing depth of fruit and hint of nuttiness, and the 2009 Steven Kent Cabernet, Livermore Valley.

This new and sporty SKW label has a retro feel, but it's *au courant* vino, reeking — in a good way — of sweet tobacco, cherry cigar wrapper, menthol, cedar closet and the very finest leather luggage from back when things didn't get schmoozed in conveyor belts at airports. Is that the distinctively alluring scent of my original Ghurka briefcase on the floor of the car I used to be able to afford? I remember that aroma like it was 1990. This is definitely 2009 Cab, though, thoroughly modern and quite fab, with great balance, poise and elegantly subtle nuances of coffee mocha ice cream with a pomegranate balsamic drizzle. The finish is as tidy and satisfying as beach novel, and there's nothing wrong with that. You can call a Livermore Cab with confidence.

The annual event is hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Foundation.

## FUNDRAISER

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both have CF, a fatal, genetic disease that affects over 30,000 children and young adults in the United States. They received life-saving double lung transplants. A transplant does not cure the disease. The film follows them on a tour of Japan to inspire change in the hearts and minds of a culture resistant to transplantation.

The film features other stories of people living with CF, including Livermore resident Robin Modlin and her adult daughter Anna, who has CF. Robin and Anna's role in the film was larger than originally anticipated, as Anna's health began to decline during production.

"When you set out to make a documentary, you have a vision but you don't know how everything will unfold," says director Marc Smolowitz. "Robin and Anna show what it's like to live with CF."

While the film is about living with a devastating disease, producer Andrew Byrnes says it also is a story about love between sisters, parents and children, husbands and wives, and caregivers and patients. "It's a universal story that can touch and change your life even if you have no direct relationship with cystic fibrosis or organ donation," he says. "The movie also shows what a life-saving legacy organ donation can accomplish. I do hope that people who see the film are encouraged to sign up to become donors."

Byrnes knows firsthand how transformative organ donation can be — his wife is Isabel Stenzel. "Eight years ago, I would have become a widower if she had not undergone her double lung transplant," he says.

Livermore resident Robert

Moss received a heart and kidney transplant about two years ago. He's part of the planning committee for Wine for a Cure and friends with the Stenzel sisters, Robin and Anna Modlin, and Diana Hepple.

Five years before the transplants, Moss had to stop working because of complications from diabetes and hypertension. He slipped into clinical depression and described his life as "totally flat." Because he'd had several heart attacks and bypass surgery, the condition of his heart made him ineligible for a kidney transplant.

Then, a young man in Union City was killed in a drive-by shooting. Bob received his heart and kidney.

"It's hard to express how much my life changed. When you escape the life I had, with no future, for the complete opposite, it's incredible," he says. "I can't get enough of everything. There simply aren't enough hours in the day for me now. I wake up at 4 in the morning ready to go. My wife jokes that I am practically manic because I am always looking for new things to do."

He's met with the family of his donor. Their gift, he says, is incredibly selfless. "It literally is the gift of life," Moss explains. "Deciding to become an organ donor is a highly personal decision but my hope is that if people see *The Power of Two* they will understand what it can mean."

Recently Mark Zuckerberg, CEO and founder of Facebook, announced a new feature on Facebook that allows users to share their donor status with friends and family, and to link to state databases where people in the United States can regis-

ter online to officially become donors. "We, in the transplant community, are thrilled by this news," says Moss.

According to the group Donate Life California, there was a 5,000% percent increase in signups to their donor registry in the first two days after the announcement. There are over 20,000 people on California's organ waiting list.

Attendees of *The Power of Two* screening can learn more about organ donation and CF at a question and answer session that will follow the movie. Ana and Isabel Stenzel, Smolowitz, Byrnes, Moss, and Anna Modlin will be on the panel along with some local healthcare professionals.

CFRI executive director Carroll Jenkins and *The Power of Two* cast and crew member will be at the VIP reception preceding the screening. This event will showcase wines from the Livermore Valley, including Steven Kent and La Rochelle, culinary dishes from a special tasting menu created by Kelly McFarland and Julie Racine of The Winemaker's Pour House, and live music by Livermore resident and entertainer Chris LeBel.

Tickets to the screening are \$20. Visit [www.cfri.org/wineforacure.shtml](http://www.cfri.org/wineforacure.shtml) to purchase tickets and learn more about the VIP reception and sponsorship opportunities.

For more information on *The Power of Two*, visit [www.thepoweroftwomovie.com](http://www.thepoweroftwomovie.com). On June 5, the movie will be available extensively on Cable/Satellite video-on-demand and digital broadband by GoDigital. Uplink will release the film theatrically in Japan in October.

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CARNEGIE STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA (SVRA) GENERAL PLAN

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division is the lead agency for the preparation of a General Plan (GP) and environmental impact report (EIR) for Carnegie SVRA. OHMVR Division has prepared this NOP pursuant to Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This NOP informs agencies and the public that an EIR is being prepared to address potential impacts resulting from adoption of the proposed Carnegie SVRA GP. Agencies should comment on potential environmental effects that are relevant to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

Carnegie SVRA is currently a 1,540-acre off-highway vehicle (OHV) park operated by the OHMVR Division. The project area also includes the 3,478-acre Alameda-Tesla expansion which is owned by State Parks and will be added to Carnegie SVRA upon completion of the GP. Carnegie SVRA is located within unincorporated Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, approximately 15 miles east of Livermore and 12 miles west of Tracy. Carnegie SVRA is largely located on a northern hillside and has been operated as an SVRA since approximately 1980. Preparation of the GP is in its early stages, so land use and resource management provisions have not been determined. Initial planning efforts included researching existing conditions, conducting visitor surveys and public meetings, and holding stakeholder interviews. Planning alternatives will be developed to illustrate scenarios for how the management and visitor services at Carnegie SVRA may be improved over the long term. A preferred alternative land use plan will be generated as part of the GP.

Use areas will be designated in the GP based on geographic relationships, resource values, management issues and goals, and visitor use and experiences. Goals and guidelines will be developed to guide Carnegie SVRA management and provide long-term direction for development of future facilities.

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, responses must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 2012. Comments should be submitted to:

AECOM  
Attn: Chris Mundhenk, Project Manager  
2020 L Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95811  
Phone: (916) 414-5858 | Email: [chris.mundhenk@aecom.com](mailto:chris.mundhenk@aecom.com)

A planning workshop/EIR scoping meeting will be held at the following time and location:  
Monday, May 21, 2012, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
Livermore Doubletree

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Additional info. about the planning process can be found on the following website: <http://carnegiegeneralplan.com>

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Signature of Registrant(s): Jason S. Bury, President  
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### NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the Alameda County Administrator's Office, 1221 Oak Street, Suite 555, Oakland, CA NETWORKING BIDDERS CONFERENCES FOR RFP #900997 Evaluation of the Development Review and Inspection Process in the Alameda County Public Works Agency North County - Monday, May 14, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at General Services Agency, Room 1107, 11th Floor, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA and South County - Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at Alameda County Library Administration, 2450 Stevenson Blvd., Conference Room 3, Fremont, CA Responses Due by 2:00 pm on June 5, 2012 County Contact: Linda Katz (510) 272-6342 or via email: linda.katz@acgov.org Attendance at Networking Conference is Non-mandatory. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. 5/10/12 CNS-2307267# THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3229

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Signature of Registrant(s): Jon Thomas Van Fossen, President  
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The Independent Legal No. 3231. Published May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2012.

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

**MICHAEL WHITENER, aka MICHAEL J. WHITENER, aka MICHAEL JOHN WHITENER**  
Case No. RP12628504

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Michael Whitener, Michael J. Whitener, and Michael John Whitener**  
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **BRENDA JESKE** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.  
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: **BRENDA JESKE** 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. ( \* ) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
6. A Hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:  
Date: June 12, 2012  
TIME: 9:30 AM DEPT: 201 at:  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704 Berkeley Courthouse**  
7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.  
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as

provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
10. Attorney for Petitioner: **Bernard M. King, King, Snell, Mildworm & Fox**  
39650 Liberty Street Suite 420 Fremont, CA 94538-2261 (510) 770-5770  
The Independent Legal No. 3232. Published May 10, 17, 24, 2012

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This business is conducted by a Limited liability company  
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Signature of Registrant(s): Larry Bourland, President of Serenity Stoneworks Fountains & Decor LLC  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 27, 2012. Expires April 27, 2017.  
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## Buying Your First Home

By Kelly DeYoreo

While rents have been going up, home prices and interest rates have been coming down. Many people are considering buying their first home. It's a big step, and a process that can seem intimidating at first.

One of the keys to making the home-buying process easier and more understandable is planning. In doing so, you'll be able to gain an understanding of the steps involved, and the roles played by you, your Realtor, lender, and the title company.

### Getting Ready to Buy

What do you want to buy? Your first home will probably not be the "dream home" you stay in for the rest of your life, but for the next five to eight years, how much space do you need? Is your 900 square foot, two bedroom apartment big enough, or do you really need a third bedroom and garage?

Make a list of things, in order of importance, that matter most to you in buying your first home. These things will not be the same for everyone. For some buyers, location or proximity to a particular school will be of primary importance. For others, the size and floor plan of the home will be most important.

After you've identified your main requirements, make a second list of the things you'd like to have, but don't absolutely have to find in your first home. Perhaps you'd like a large yard, but it's something you're willing to do without. Do you have to have that second bathroom, or could you live happily with one?

Do you have a time-frame in which you want to purchase? Can you spend the next six months looking for a home, or do you need to be settled more quickly?

Whatever your answers, this process will help you define your goals. Eventually, these answers will also be helpful to your Realtor in helping you find the right home.

During this "getting ready to buy" phase, keep your financial house in order. Make all your payments on time. Establish good credit, but have as little credit card debt as possible. Save for a down payment. You'll probably need at least 3.5 percent of the purchase price for your down payment, along with closing costs, but a higher down payment always makes you a stronger buyer.

### Finding a Realtor

The National Association of Realtors includes brokers and salespeople who are bound by a Code of Ethics, and have access to extensive training opportunities and a wealth of community information. Realtors are routinely active in their communities, providing them with a better understanding of the area in which they are selling.

Buying and selling real estate can be a complex matter. At first it might seem that by checking local home magazines or on-line websites you could quickly find the right home at the right price.

On-line sites are a very helpful tool for home buyers, but a basic rule in real estate is that all properties are unique. No two properties - even two identical models on the same street - are exactly alike. Homes are different, and so are contract terms, financing options, inspection requirements and closing costs.

In this maze of forms, financing, inspections, marketing, pricing and negotiating, it makes sense to work with professionals who know the community, the history of the home and neighborhood, and much more.

How do you choose? One of the best places to begin is to ask friends, neighbors or colleagues for referrals. Their experiences, good or bad, can be valuable to you in making your decision. You might also meet a Realtor at an open house, local brokerage, or on a recommendation from a lender or financial planner.

In some cases, buyers will interview several Realtors before deciding with whom they would like to work. The interview can be a good opportunity to consider the agent's local knowledge, experience, and ability to represent you. The agent should be willing to listen carefully to your needs, answer your questions, and provide a plan for going forward.

### Getting Pre-approved for a Loan

Most homebuyers will need to obtain a loan to be able to purchase their first homes. You probably will not want to waste your time looking at homes that are out of your price range. Meet with a loan broker early in the process, even before you begin seriously looking at homes.

The loan broker will have you fill out a brief application, verify your credit and income, and "pre-approve" you for a specific loan amount and purchase price. The loan broker will give you a pre-approval letter listing these amounts.

A good loan broker will recommend the best type of loan product for your combination of income, down payment, credit score, and individual circumstances.

You can visit several lenders, if you choose, and get several pre-approvals, but remember each one will probably have to perform a credit check.

Although not a final loan commitment, the pre-approval letter can be shown to the seller when you are presenting an offer on a home. It demonstrates your financial strength and shows that you have the ability to go through with a purchase.

This information is important to sellers since they do not want to accept an offer that is likely to fail because financing cannot be obtained.

### Begin Looking at Homes

Finding and looking at homes will be an exciting and cooperative process between you and your Realtor. She may call you, or email you, with information about homes which meet your needs. You might also contact her with questions about an interesting home you saw advertised.

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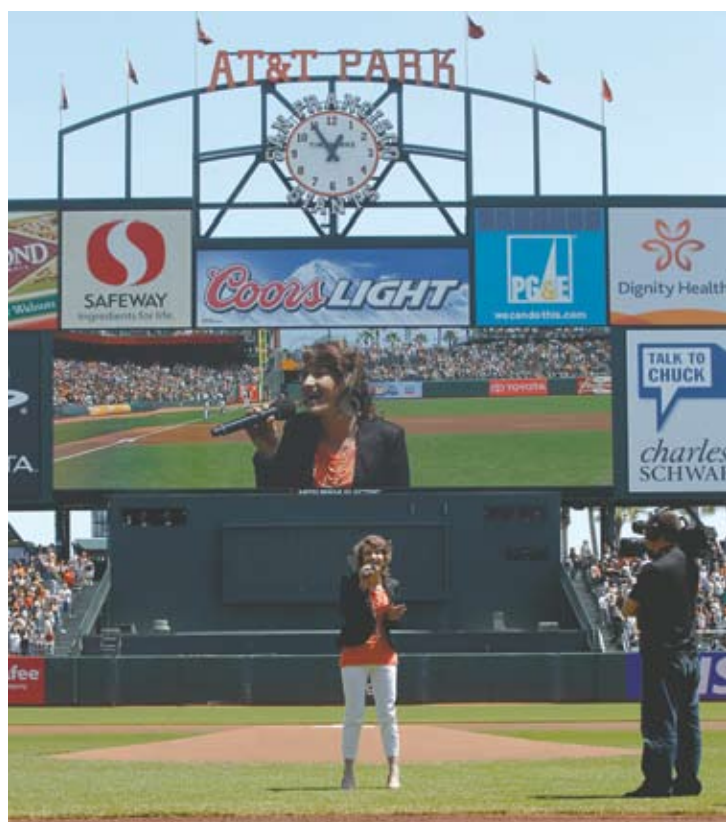
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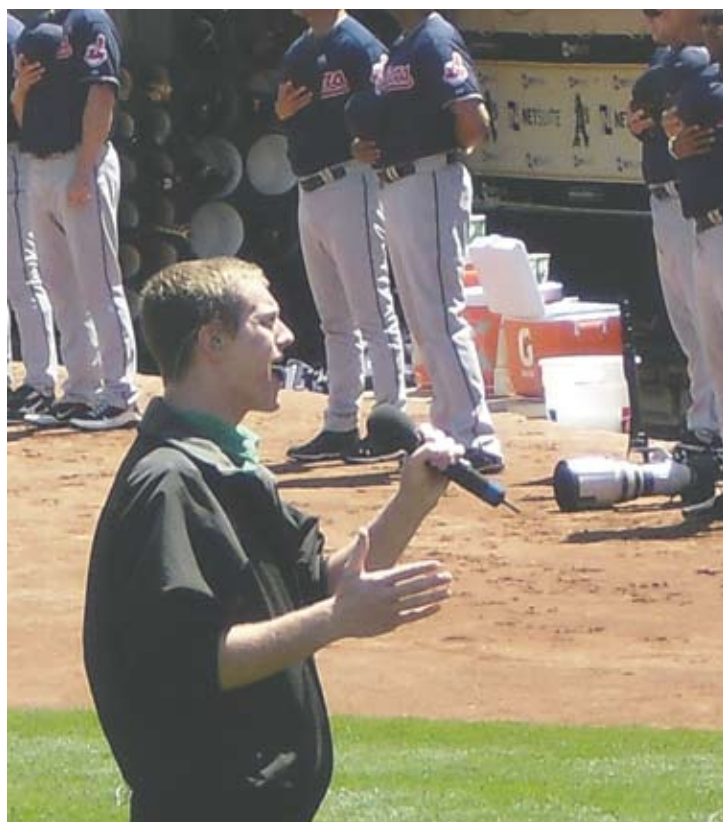
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# Local Singers Perform National Anthem at A's, Giants Games



Stevie Rae Stephens (left) performed before the Giants game; Braden Sweeney at the A's game.



By Carol Graham

Going to major league baseball games is exciting enough, for most.

For two local young adults, kicking off a game by singing the National Anthem to packed stadiums only adds to the thrill of it all.

Stevie Rae Stephens, a 2009 Livermore High School graduate, sang The Star-Spangled Banner at the Giants' May 5th game against the Milwaukee Brewers.

"The most memorable moment was how silent AT&T Park became about 10 seconds into the song," said Stephens. "Then, when I hit my first top note on the word 'glare,' there was an exhilarating uproar in the crowd that sent chills up my spine."

Two weeks earlier, Granada High School senior Braden Sweeney performed the national anthem before the Oakland A's April 22nd game against the Cleveland Indians.

"It was all so surreal," said Sweeney. "Being escorted down an elevator and through tunnels to get to the field was neat."

"I didn't know I'd use the earphones that many stars use," he added. "Because of them, I couldn't hear the delay or the crowd. I'd been practicing at home with the radio blasting music at me while I focused on singing the anthem."

The challenging Star-Spangled Banner is notorious both for its one and a half octave range, and antiquated wording adapted from an 1814 poem by Francis Scott Key.

"I just stayed focused on the song because that's what I was there for," said Sweeney. "When I was singing my last note, I felt happy with how it had gone and relieved that I had not cracked or forgotten any words."

Stephens experienced no pre-performance jitters. "I would like to say that my lack of nerves is due to some sort of skill I learned," she said. "I have no idea why I've never had stage fright! My first performance was when I was five and even then, I knew the stage would always be where I belong."

"The amount of people watching you doesn't change

your voice, so relax and grasp those two minutes."

Stephens and Sweeney, who, coincidentally, are friends and share vocal coach Nuhad Levasseur, have many years of lessons and big performances under their belts. In 2006, Stephens sang the anthem for Livermore's 4th of July celebration. In 2008, she performed before a full house at Hollywood's Kodak Theater.

Earlier this year, Sweeney produced and sang in "Performing for the Protection Plan: A Vocal and Dance Showcase," an Invisible Children fundraiser held at Livermore High School, earning more than \$5,300 for the non-profit group striving to end the abduction and use of children as soldiers and slaves in central Africa's rebel war.

"Braden sang on Sunday, and on Monday morning I received a call from our contact at the A's who said the Community Relations Department was so impressed with all the positive press leading up to Braden's performance that they donated \$2,500 to Invisible Children in Braden's name," said mother Nicole Sweeney. "How cool is that? We were over the moon with the donation."

"Braden is not only a dedicated, talented and successful individual, he's also a visionary," said Stephens. "I'm very proud of him for his accomplishments with the benefit concert, singing the national anthem for the A's, and his upcoming choreography in Hairspray."

This summer, Sweeney will be playing the part of Link as well as choreographing Hairspray for Diablo Theater Company's Stars 2000 Teen Theater.

"Whenever we watch him perform, we anticipate every single note and will the notes to come out as he would want them to," said Nicole.

Father and Livermore Police Chief Steve Sweeney added, "I was probably more nervous than he was. If a professional can forget the words, you know it can happen to any performer. He handled the whole experience with confidence and professionalism."

Stephens' mother is equally enthusiastic about the daughter named after blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan. "Stevie holds the highest number of community service hours by a Livermore High School student for traveling around the Tri-valley putting

on shows for senior citizens," said Lauri Stephens. "She has an incredible talent not only for singing but for songwriting as well."

"Stevie and I met during Livermore Idol," said Sweeney. "I was privileged to sing a song

that she wrote at a wedding with her. She is so creative, talented and amazing."

Videos of Sweeney's and Stephen's national anthem performances can be seen on YouTube.

"I will never forget how absolutely incredible this experience was for me," said Stephens, a Music Technology major at California State University Monterey

Bay. "After the anthem, I walked with my family up to our seats and the crowd around me stood and applauded me again."

As for their teams? Both the A's and the Giants won their games following the locals' performances. "Born and raised in the Bay Area, Giants are a huge part of my childhood," said Stephens. "I am a fan all the way!"

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## Viva!

### New Social Club for Young Opera Lovers to Host Inaugural Event at the Firehouse

Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) will present an afternoon of passion-stirring music by Mozart, Puccini, Verdi and Donizetti, performed by internationally acclaimed opera singers tenor Eleazar Rodriguez, soprano Rebecca Davis and bass-baritone Phillip Skinner (Tosca's Scarpia).

The performance will be at 2 p.m. on Sun., May 20 at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton.

Immediately following performance, the audience is invited to a reception where they will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the artists.

"A Passionate Afternoon" will be the inaugural event of LVO's new social club, Viva! founded by and for young opera lovers of the Bay Area. Entertainment seekers ages 21-40 are invited to join Viva! for access to special opera performance rates, VIP Opening Night, fun social gatherings, prizes, and much more.

"An afternoon of passion is an opportunity to indulge in the guilty musical pleasure of the very core essence of opera . . . and life," says Elizabeth Wells, LVO Executive Director. "The main theme of nearly every opera is that the tenor and soprano are desperately in love and it's the bass or baritone role of the opera who wants to keep them apart. How many operas would have happy endings if only the soprano had been in love with the baritone instead? Davis, Rodriguez and Skinner are all extremely moving artists who are guaranteed to leave the audience as breathless and heartbroken as the characters they portray."

Funding for this performance was provided in part by a grant from the City of Pleasanton Civic Arts.



"LVO is very appreciative of the support it has received from Pleasanton Civic Arts," says Jim Schmidt, LVO President. "Because of the grant, LVO is able to bring opera to the community in many different ways."

Viva!'s volunteer directors, local opera enthusiasts Lisa Vittoria and Christine Ferraris, share a passion for the arts, events, and Tri-Valley community activities. They say they are excited about the club's first event.

"Viva! is an awesome new club for young opera lovers who live anywhere in the Bay Area," says Vittoria. "We are excited about growing this new club and planning future events."

Both Ms. Vittoria and Ms. Ferraris will be available during the artist's reception where young opera fans interested in joining Viva! can learn more and how to get involved.

For more information visit Viva!'s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/livermorevalleyoperaviva](http://www.facebook.com/livermorevalleyoperaviva), or contact the founders at [viva.lvopera@gmail.com](mailto:viva.lvopera@gmail.com) or 925-330-1548.



Lisa Vittoria and Christine Ferraris organized the new club. In the photo at right is tenor Eleazar Rodriguez.

A native of Piedras Negras, Mexico, Rodriguez is a recipient of the Placido Domingo voice scholarship given by Sociedad Internacional de Valores de Arte Mexicano, Mexico's most renowned young artist program. In addition, he is a top prize winner in the Carlo Morelli National Competition in Mexico City. This season, he is an ensemble participant at the Badisches Staatstheater Karlsruhe, singing leading roles. Last season, he was a member of the ensemble at Theater Heidelberg (Cornelius Meister, GMD), where he gave acclaimed performances as Tamino in *Die Zauberflöte*, Jaquino in a new production of *Fidelio*, and Cassio and Rodrigo in *Otello*.

Rodriguez was a member of the San Francisco Opera's Merola Opera Program in 2009 and 2010. He earned a Bachelor of Music

Degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music where he received the Outstanding Achievement Award in opera from the San Francisco Conservatory in 2007 and 2010.

San Francisco Classical Voice wrote, "Among Merolini, already well-recognized, it proved to be a special night for Rodriguez, whose voice rang out in the 3,200-seat War Memorial Opera House, in a heartwarming 'Quoi! Vous m'aimez?' from *The Daughter of the Regiment*."

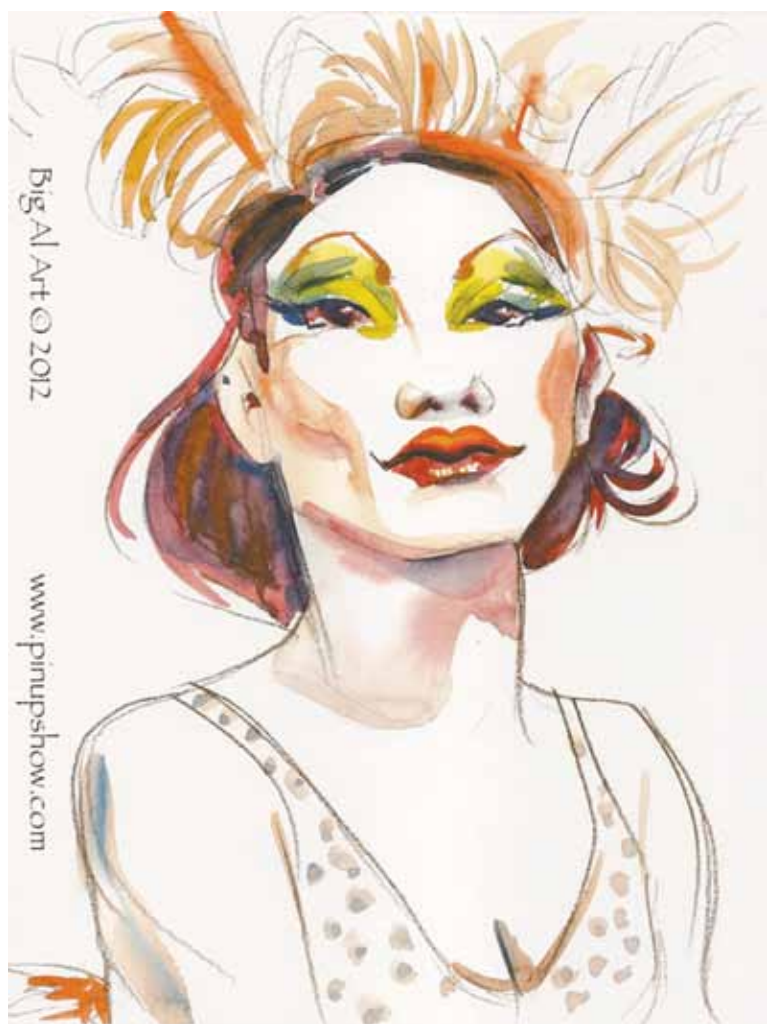
Skinner is an American bass-baritone who has sung leading roles in both North American and European opera houses. A veteran performer at San Francisco Opera, he made his debut there in 1985 and has gone on to sing over 35 roles with the company. In 2007, Skinner created the role of Edgar

Ray Killen when San Francisco Opera staged the world premiere of the Philip Glass opera, *Appomattox*. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and received his Master's Degree from Indiana University.

Lyric Soprano Rebecca Davis is fast becoming known for her brilliant and warm vocal timbre, as well as dynamic vocal versatility and remarkable vocal extension. Her voice has been characterized as "powerful, majestic, captivating, elegant, and thrilling to the bone". Rebecca made her Chicago Symphony Orchestra debut in April 2008 singing Salaambo's aria from the movie score of *Citizen Kane*. Rebecca has earned numerous singing awards, including the Grand Prize of the Chicago Bel Canto, finalist of the Tri-State Region in the Metropolitan Opera Competition, finalist and winners concert of the 2009 Renata Tebaldi competition, and finalist of the 2010 José Iturbi competition. 2010-2012 has included three productions of *La Traviata*, as *Violetta*, with Opera Santa Barbara, Festival Opera, and Opera San Jose as well as her role debuts as *Ilia* in Mozart's *Idomeneo* at Opera San Jose, *Mimi* in Puccini's *La Bohème* with Opera Santa Barbara, and *Baby Doe* in Opera Idaho's production of *The Ballad of Baby Doe*.

Tickets are \$20. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. 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.





Big Al Lopez will be at the Wild Vine with his work (at left). Above is a guitar purse, at right a shawl - just a few of the wearable works of art at Blacksmith Square.

## Art Happens Tonight in Downtown Livermore

During "Art Happens" on May 10, several downtown locations will open their doors for an evening of art exploration and creativity.

Hours are 5:30 to 8 p.m.

May's offerings feature a reception for "Sweet Lines, Fabulous Form" and the fun, lively artwork of Big Al Lopez at the Wild Vine,

from 6:00 to 7:30 pm; open studios at Firehouse Art Studios in the historic Firehouse building across from the Bankhead Theater; color-saturated, vibrant vineyard works of Nova Starling as well as open studios for the working artists at the Bothwell's Downtown Art Studio space; glass art jewelry making projects at Art Glass Studios; and

lace techniques at Café Art.

Figurehead Art Gallery exhibits an array of works by gallery artists. A special night at Blacksmith Square offers "Art of Fashion at Artistic Edge" with an evening of textile art that is wearable, creative, colorful and fun clothing, purses and accessories.

There are wine tasting rooms

and a new brewery at Blacksmith Square. There will be a fashion show throughout the night.

Artistic Edge owner Dana Klebes, said, "We are very excited about this event. We have some of the very best artists from Livermore and around the Bay Area participating and rarely do you see a gathering of this talent focused on textiles in Livermore. This is

art that you can put in your every day life and more importantly use."

A location map of art offerings through June can be downloaded from [www.bothwellartscenter.org](http://www.bothwellartscenter.org), or pick one up the night of the event from the participating locations. This new monthly event is coordinated by the Bothwell Arts Center, with significant help from LVPAC.

### Amgen Banner and Wheel Art on Display in Downtown Livermore

The Commission for the Arts invites the public to visit the Livermore Downtown area to see the art wheels and street pole banners on display in connection with the Livermore Stage 3 Finish of the Amgen Tour of California 2012.

For the Art on Wheels Project, there are a total of 30 wheels that are on display at 25 business locations throughout the downtown through May 20. The work will be auctioned off. The silent auction forms are available at the participating businesses. Bids start at \$10 per art wheel.

For the Street Pole Art Banner Project, there are a total of 15 art banners on display at the following intersections in the downtown area. The silent auction forms for all the street banners are available at ArtSpace Gallery and Custom Framing. The art banners will be on display until May 20, 2012. Bids start at \$20 per art banner.

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Framing located at 133 S. Livermore Avenue. Brochures and maps for both projects can be found on the City of Livermore website at [www.cityoflivermore.net](http://www.cityoflivermore.net).

For the Art on Wheels Project brochure and map, visit <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/civicax/filebank/documents/7594/>.

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For questions, please feel free to contact Theresa De la Vega at (925) 960-4049 or [tbdelavega@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:tbdelavega@cityoflivermore.net).

### Art Reception and Auction for Young Dublin Artists

Dublin Partner in Education (DPIE) will host an Art Reception and Auction on Fri., May 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 6680 Regional Street.

The event will celebrate the creativity of Dublin students. Winning artwork from the 14th annual DPIE Art Contest will be sold in live and silent auctions. Funds will benefit Dublin schools.

Wine, champagne, hors d'Oeuvres and dessert will be served. Auctioneer, Juliette Goodrich, CBS News Anchor and Jim Hampton, KKIQ radio personality, will auction off all 28 First Place professionally framed pieces of original student artwork. All second and third place pieces will be sold in the silent auction throughout the night. Tickets for this event at \$40 per person can be purchased by calling 925-828-2551 ex.8024 or online at <http://www.dpie.org/fundraising/student-art-auction.aspx>

To view the first place art around town before it goes to auction-visit Dublin City Hall, Main Lobby, Dublin Library, Tech CU on Dublin Blvd., Key Point Credit Union on Amador Valley Blvd., Cachet Salon on Regional Street.



## Pure Prairie League Brings Its Original Country Rock Sound to the Bankhead

Pure Prairie League arrives at the Bankhead Theater for a single performance on Thursday evening, May 17, 2012.

When they appeared on the scene in the late 1970s, Pure Prairie League pioneered a blend of vocal harmonies and rhythms that were unlike anything else on either the rock or country music scene at the time. Although the group has transitioned over the years, they retain the style that has kept a loyal following of "Prairiedog" fans attending concerts around the country.

Tickets to hear the familiar harmonies Pure Prairie League at the Bankhead Theater on May 17th range from \$28 to \$40 for adults and \$14 for students.

Pure Prairie League's original country rock style owes its roots to the different musical backgrounds the founding band members brought with them when they came together in Ohio in the 1970s. From popular East Coast rock and roll, the bluegrass and country music of Kentucky, and the rich soul and blues sounds of the Cincinnati music scene emerged a combination of smooth vocal harmonies and engaging rhythms that set Pure Prairie League apart and had a lasting influence on both their contemporaries at the time and today's top country artists.

They put out two albums in the early 1970s but when neither sold quickly, the band returned to playing bars and nightclubs. Then, unexpectedly, a single off their second album started climbing the radio charts in response to lis-



tener requests. "Amie" rode all the way into the Top 40s in 1974 and has remained a favorite country rock classic ever since. Although Pure Prairie League signed another record contract, lead singer/songwriter Craig Fuller had left, the disco era had taken hold, and album sales were slow. The band took another upward turn with the addition of up-and-coming singer/songwriter Vince Gill whose lead vocals led to a chart-topping hit, "Let Me Love You Tonight" in 1980 and renewed interest in the band. Within a decade, however, their record label folded, Gill moved on, and the band went on hiatus.

In 1998, Fuller and original bassist, Mike Reilly, decided

to restart Pure Prairie League, bringing back the rich harmonies, lively beat, and the pedal steel, fiddle, mandolin, washboard and accordion sounds for which they were known. They were pleased to discover that fans, both old and new, were eager to hear their brand of country rock. In 2005, they released an acclaimed album of new songs, "All In Good Time" filled with the kind of catchy hooks, smooth vocals, and satisfying rhythms that made Pure Prairie League's music popular from the very beginning.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org)

## Classical Guitarist Next in Concert Series



Robert Gruca

Del Valle Fine Arts Concert series will feature classical guitarist Robert Gruca for a May 19 concert.

The performance will be at 8 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

His program will include works by classical composers such as Dowland, Handel and Albeniz, as well as contemporary composers Leo Brouwer and Jorge Morel.

Gruca is described as an exciting guitarist who has earned several first prizes in national guitar competitions. He has performed a wide range of solo, chamber, and concerto repertoire throughout the eastern United States and Canada. He also toured with the Cleveland Orchestra in the US and in Europe for performances of Mahler's Symphony No. 7, and has collaborated

with that ensemble on many other occasions. He has released two CDs of solo guitar pieces.

John Holmquist, Cleveland Institute of Music, writes, "Robert Gruca is one of the most talented guitarists of his generation. A sensitive and refined musician, his virtuosic technique is always at the service of his musical expression. A player to watch."

Tickets are \$25, \$29 and \$23.

Tickets for the concerts are available at the Bankhead Theater ticket office at 2400 First Street, Livermore, by calling 925-373-6800 or on line at [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

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# Spreading a Love of Music

By Patricia Koning

After running Galina's Music Studio for nearly a decade, owner Galina Corkery has decided it's time to stretch into some new directions. One of those directions is to bring more music into the community.

"It's incredibly sad that music programs are being cut from our schools," she explains. "I want to share the gift of music. It can change people's lives."

The studio is now offering complementary music classes to Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops as well as other organizations. This spring two Girl Scout troops took advantage of this opportunity.

A Brownie troop of girls ages 8 to 10 years old, all students at the Livermore Valley Charter School, learned several traditional songs, rhythm using guitars and drums, and how to play the recorder. Each participant went home with his or her own recorder.

Troop leader Cate Casey describes it as an amazing musical experience. They also earned a music fun patch for attending the lesson.

"For over an hour, Galina and Simone worked with the girls to combine vocals, percussion, keyboards, bells, and recorders. They started with a simple beat and gradually built up harmonies and layers of sound with the various instruments," she says. "The



A Girl Scout Brownie troop earned a fun music badge at a complementary class at Galina's Music Studio.

relaxed, fun approach gave the girls confidence to experiment with the instruments and to create their own music—their pleasure in the experience was evident from the smiles on their faces!"

Another troop of older girls

formed an impromptu band during their class. "It was really incredible," says Galina. "Many had experience with music through lessons or recorder at school."

Spontaneity is one of the ideas behind the classes, says Galina.

"We find each child's musicality and try to engage everyone. It's really fun because they use their skills and learn some new ones."

This summer, Galina's Music Studio will be offering GLEE Camp for the first time. Modeled

after the popular television show, participants will learn about harmonies and how to become better singers and performers. The camp is open for children ages 10-17 and will be held from 1-2:30 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Each session of eight classes is \$175. The first session begins on June 19 and ends on July 13; the second session begins on July 17 and ends on August 10. Sign up through the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (visit <http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us/> and see the "Summer Camps" brochure).

Galina is also planning to start a choir this summer. There will be two choirs, one for children with voice experience and one for those without experience. "My hope is to grow a concert choir that might perform at local festivals and other events," she says. "I'd also like my advanced piano students to begin giving performances at local senior centers."

Another new offering is "All About Jazz," a jazz appreciation class emphasizing history, harmony, theory, and basic improvisation techniques. Students will be exposed to jazz traditions through videos, interviews, classic albums, and demonstrations. Prior knowledge is not necessary.

To learn about all of these programs, visit <http://www.galinasmusicstudio.com/> or call 925-960-1194.

## Photography Class to Show Work at Pleasanton Library

The public is invited to an open house exhibition of the photography of the Chinese American Cooperation Council Photography Class at the Pleasanton Public Library on May 19, from 2pm to 4pm.

The Chinese American Cooperation Council (CACC) is a California nonprofit organization headquartered in Pleasanton. The mission of CACC is to promote cultural heritage and enhance friendship in the Chinese American community and to facilitate the cultural and business exchanges and cooperation between the peoples of the U.S. and the Greater

China.

The photography class currently has 17 students who learn from the experience and dedication of master teacher photographer Mr. Jianzhong Cai.

A graduate of the Guangzhou University of Arts with a major in oil painting, Mr. Jianzhong Cai has over 30 years of experience in photography and is well known in China at the national level. Mr. Cai has established a professional art studio, specializing in oil painting, children picture story books and black and white print photography. He also excels in book cover design and exhibition planning.



Mr. Cai has a particular fondness for black and white photography, in particular for its simplicity as well as vibrance and clarity. He has dedicated his photography to this profound form of expression.

The program is free and open to all. No registration required. For more information email [niunmatters@gmail.com](mailto:niunmatters@gmail.com) or call the Pleasanton Library at 925/931-3400, ext 7.

At left is one of the photos that will be on display.



## Reception for Surrealist Artist

The surreal paintings of Los Gatos artist Frank Sustarich are on display at Prudential California Realty, 1780 First Street, Livermore, through June 30.

The exhibit is open during regular business hours, or by appointment.

A reception, open to the public, will be held Saturday, May 12, 5-7 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Art lovers are invited to view the show and meet the artist.

San Francisco born Sustarich began drawing in his youth and expanded to painting in his early teens. Strong family support and a creative environment helped to nurture this emerging artist. Early landscape efforts were traditional and showed a natural sense of composition.

"Even though I enjoyed painting scenes from my surroundings, I became increasingly interested in improvising my own images and selecting a palette which suited my taste," he said.

### 'Spring into Action' Benefits Lions Sight Programs

Amador Valley Lions Club will host "Spring Into Action," a fundraiser benefitting local charities as well as Lions Sight Conservation programs.

The event will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012, at Demitris Taverna, 2235 First Street in Livermore. This event starts at 6 pm with no host cocktails followed by a buffet dinner at 7pm. There will be door prizes as well as opportunities to participate in a 50/50 cash raffle and silent auction items.

The highlight of the evening will be vocal presentations by Danielle Pierce who has been performing since she was ten years old. Danielle has performed with the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre at the Bankhead Theater, where she will be appearing in Oklahoma this summer. She has participated in other theatrical productions which include: Godspell, All Shook Up, and Ragtime. Danielle also has sung at many local community events, as well as the Alameda County Fair.

Tickets are on sale now and cost \$35.00 each. To secure your ticket to this charitable event and to enjoy great food and Danielle's vocal presentations please call 925 443-8649. Space is limited.

During this same time he discovered his interest in the unusual sounds that could be heard on short wave radio.

"I was particularly interested in the sounds between channels. Many seemed so unearthly that as I let my imagination wander, I saw strange and wonderful images in my mind." This unusual connection between image and sound still serves as a means of visualization for the works he produces.

He began to exhibit his work on the Art and Wine Festival circuit. He described the Mill Valley Art Festival as the best experience he had during this time. Those early successes were a great learning experience and very encouraging.

A career in mechanical engineering occupied many of his adult years. His professional career included considerable drawing and drafting, and the artist continued painting. During that time, he tried many media but always came back to oil on canvas as his preferred means of expression. As his work in technology waned, he reasserted art with full vigor and focus.

Inspiration comes to him from many sources. Often a phrase spoken by a friend or a line of poetry is enough to start the process of visualization. Electronic music is particularly effective in creating an

abstracted sense of time and space. Many ideas result from observation of the local environment.

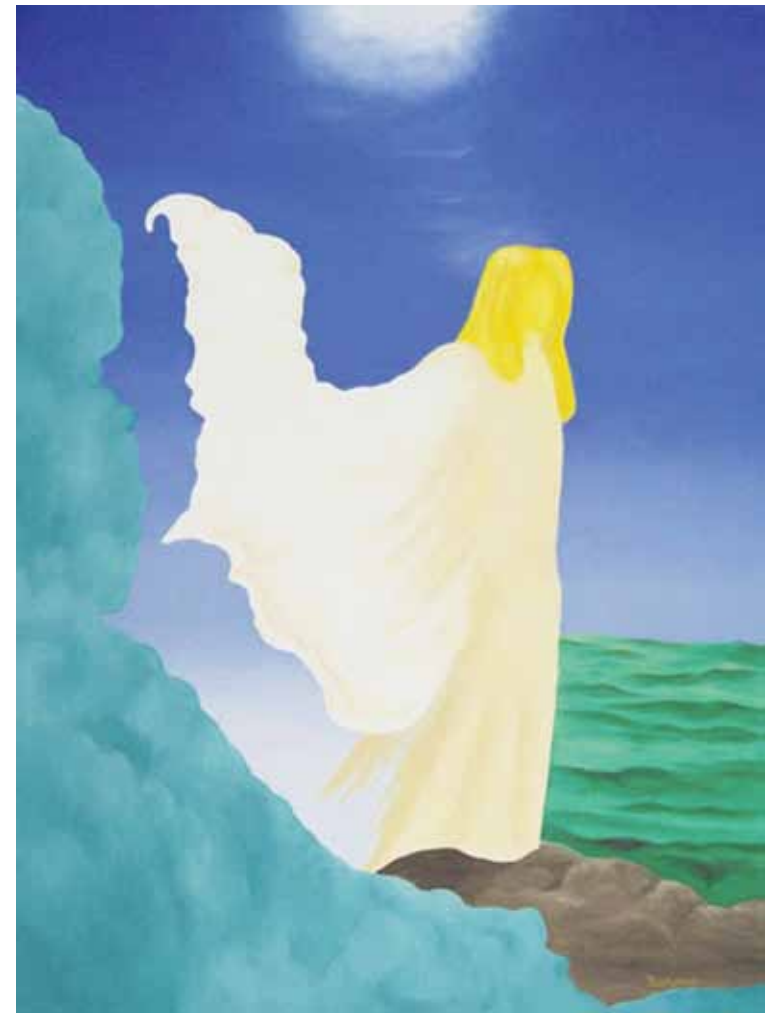
The changing political and social scene offers many topics to contemplate. He often finds inspiration in the active process of looking for inspiration combined with his personal wealth of experience in literature and the sciences.

"It seems as if one feeds off of the other, experience tells me where to look and practice tells me how to look."

His style is best classified as surrealism. His work remains unique, thought provoking and positive in intention. "I really don't want to waste time or paint on work which criticizes, complains or gives offence or insult to the viewer. I wish instead to uplift or delight."

While it is true that some pieces of his work are intended as explorations of color or shape, very few pieces of his work are without a more involved meaning. His paintings are accompanied by a few lines of poetry or prose that he proposes as his meaning behind the piece.

For information, or to arrange viewings, contact Cher Wollard at 925 824-4824 or cherw@cherw.com.



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# Mr. Half Dome Talk Takes Listeners on Adventure During Livermore Library Presentation

By Carol Graham

Mr. Half Dome has earned his moniker.

After 31 hikes to the summit of one of the world's most recognizable and iconic mountains, Rick Deutsch appropriated the nickname for himself.

"I am Mr. Half Dome," he said, laughing. "Why? Because I said so. I just made it up."

Yet the title holds within itself a world of experience, knowledge, and insights accumulating over years of talking about, writing about, and climbing Yosemite's Half Dome.

On April 29th Deutsch presented his talk "The History of Half Dome" to a full audience at the Livermore Civic Center Library. Following the presentation, Deutsch sold and autographed copies of his book, "One Best Hike: Yosemite's Half Dome."

"After my 15th trip, I tried to find a Half Dome guidebook. There were none," said Deutsch, 63. "Just a few pages in Yosemite guides. I wanted more."

Deutsch published his comprehensive guide in 2006. He recently released a second edition with extensive content added. "I included a lot more historical vignettes so it's a fun read for non-hikers also. I cover the human history and the geological reasons why Half Dome looks the way it does," he said.

Half Dome, a granite monolith rising 4,800 feet from the floor of Yosemite Valley (with an elevation of 8,842 feet) is universally recognized for its curious shape. From the valley it takes on a benevolent dome shape - a gargantuan burrowing owl gazing up toward the heavens.

From other angles, it rises up out

of the forests like a granite tsunami with a hulking backside ready to overtake its sheer vertical face.

"It's quite an interesting rock," said Deutsch.

Exfoliation - shedding of rock layers - accounts for its steep face and, despite its name, nearly all of Half Dome remains. "Only 20% is missing," said Deutsch, pointing to an enormous outline of a weeping woman's profile on the granite face.

The legend is that an Indian woman named Tis-sa-ack traveled across the plains with her husband in an arduous journey up into the mountains, heavy with burdens and weary from long days climbing. When they reached Ahwahnee (an Indian word meaning "deep, grassy valley") it had been days since they'd had water. Tis-sa-ack reached Ah-wei-ya (Mirror Lake) first and drank thirstily from it until it was dry.

In a wild fury, her husband began to beat her as she ran away. The Great Spirit, angered by the turmoil in his peaceful Ahwahnee, turned them into stone: the husband became Washington Column, the hurled burden basket became Basket Dome, the papoose became Royal Arches, and Tis-sa-ack became Half Dome - her tears streaking its face for all time.

Deutsch shared with the audience colorful stories of the mountain's most notable climbers, beginning in 1875 following an earlier report stating Half Dome was "Perfectly inaccessible, being probably the only one of the prominent points about the Yosemite which never has been, and never will be, trodden by human foot."

Although Deutsch moved to California in 1975 from his home-



Rick Deutsch hiking on Half Dome.

town of Falls Church, Virginia (elevation 325 feet), he didn't climb Half Dome until 1990. "Wow, I was hooked," he said. "I wanted to do it every year. I also realized that to see all the great things on earth, I needed to create a Life List which I wrote down and carried for 20 years. As a result, I've been to some amazing places."

His climbs and travels include Mt. Whitney, Mt. Shasta, Machu Picchu in Peru, the Great Wall, Mt. Fuji, the Taj Mahal and the Pyramids. "I'm not just a hiker," he added. "I have made over 250 scuba dives, rafted the Grand Canyon three times, and even drove a dog sled in the shadow of

Mt. Whitney."

The mottos Deutsch lives by are "Carpe Diem (Seize the day)" and "Dream as if you'll live forever; live as though you'll die today." He presents educational and motivational talks at colleges, museums, outfitters, bookstores, libraries, and health clubs.

"I love to help people accomplish their goals and get to the top of their 'mountain,'" said Deutsch. "I developed a motivational talk called D.O.M.E. 'D' is for discovering your passion, 'O' is for overcoming obstacles, 'M' is for staying motivated, and 'E' is for being enthusiastic.

"I tell stories that people can

relate to and apply to their life situation."

Although this talk centered on the history and geology of Half Dome, audience members were eager to hear Deutsch discuss the climb itself. "I think most anyone who is physically willing and able can complete this extremely strenuous hike with three things: education - learn all you can about water treatment, harnesses, gloves, boots, etc.; preparation - get your legs in shape and your upper body strong so you can pull yourself up the cables; and motivation - Do it for your own reasons. Don't get pressured into doing it if you really don't want to."

The cables, the ominous-sounding and most notorious part of the 16-mile hike, allow hikers to ascend the final 400 feet of granite to the summit without climbing equipment. "People will freak out. They'll freeze like a caterpillar that doesn't move," said Deutsch. "I have a ranger voice: 'If you're not going to move, can you lean to the right?' And, they do!"

Deutsch's daily blog at Hike-HalfDome.com offers a free smartphone app, updates on permits and weather, park-planning news, and sections on geology, history, and mishaps.

"One Best Hike: Yosemite's Half Dome" is available at REI and other outfitters, on Deutsch's website, and Amazon where reviewers wrote, "If you plan on hiking Half Dome, this is your bible! It's well-written, well-organized and extremely informative and helpful," and "His brief history of Yosemite and the hike makes for an interesting, quick read. The information on accommodations, preparations and the pictures are right on!"

Deutsch will be speaking locally again on May 15 at the Pleasanton Library and June 12 at Livermore's Sunrise Mountain Sports.

"I hope to climb Half Dome four times this year," said Deutsch. "Mission Peak in Fremont is my training ground. It takes about three hours round trip with an altitude gain of 1,500 feet. I know I'm ready for another Half Dome hike after completing it twice in a row.

"The challenge of the hike keeps me in shape. I often wonder if I can keep doing it another for 31 times."

## 'Turning Wheels Tri-Valley Receives Safeway Foundation Funds

The Safeway Foundation funds nonprofit organizations that strengthen the communities they serve. "When we were approached by the Tri-Valley Chapter of *Turning Wheels for Kids* with an opportunity to become involved, we were thrilled to be able to help fund this important cause with a \$5,000 grant through our Foundation's grant process" stated Christy Duncan Anderson, Executive Director of The Safeway Foundation.

TurningWheels for Kids, a

Silicon Valley based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serves underprivileged children in the Santa Clara County area by providing new bicycles at Christmas-time and throughout the year. This year, the Tri-Valley Chapter launched with an aggressive goal of purchasing and assembling 400 bicycles to give to local charities in the Hayward, Castro Valley and Tri-Valley Communities.

"The goal of purchasing, assembling and donating 400 bikes

by December 1, 2012 was pretty ambitious and we have quickly realized that we will need to get the community and local corporations involved if we are going to pull this off" said Rich Sims, a Tri-Valley Chapter board member.

"We are deeply indebted to and thankful for the generosity of the Safeway Foundation in helping us make a giant leap towards our goal of raising \$40,000. This grant means at least 50 children will receive a brand new bike!" said

Cathy Griggs, coordinator of the Tri-Valley Chapter.

TurningWheels for Kids Tri-Valley is a new, local chapter of an already proven, 501(c)3 organization under the auspices of the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Foundation. We are a group of local individuals from different backgrounds with a common interest ~ kids and bikes! We are grassroots and look eagerly for opportunities to serve the children of Hayward, Castro Valley, San Leandro and the Tri-Valley areas.



# California Symphony Performs Ambitious Program

By Sarah Bobson

Lara St. John is a force of nature, as witnessed Friday night at the Bankhead Theater when she performed with the California Symphony. The symphony celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an ambitious program that brought together forces *in* nature and *of* nature that included the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto and Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> under the baton of Donato Cabrera.

St. John, as a showman and a musician, is an imposing figure. She commands the stage with every movement she makes, whether it's fiddling the bow, plucking strings, or cocking her head to eye the conductor for a cue. The flowing gown she wore could not camouflage her stances or prances underneath as her fiddler's legs worked the melody, digging into the floor, drawing weak and strong beats up through her body to her fiddler's fingers, then stamping them back down again. She injected fire into the episodic swings of the first movement, *allegro moderato*, with rhapsodic flair. She played with bouncing rhythmic and color figurations and variations, driving the music with a brilliant, pointed tone and dangerous intensity. In the slower second movement, *canzonetta (little song)*, she let the plaintive folk song-like themes and harmonies breathe and expand, and the trills languish into stolidity as they might in a long, cold, cruel Russian winter. She set the pace for the hard-driving third and final movement, *allegro vivacissimo*, tearing through the chromatic deviations and virtuoso flourishes with manic, quicksilver speed, challenging the orchestra to keep pace, which they did, beautifully, without overpowering her and without sacrificing a rich tone. Soloist and orchestra did get out of rhythmic sync, but they reconnected. At the end of the first and third movements, St. John was visibly out of breath.

Tchaikovsky's violin concerto in D-major is one of a handful of warhorse Romantic-era pieces that has become standard repertoire for the world's great violinists to tackle: Yasha Heifitz (the granddaddy of them all, by which all metrics are set), David Oistrakh, Itzhak Perlman, Joshua Bell, and Midori, to name a few. The challenge is for the orchestra and soloist to make the work sound like the audacious, contemporary music it was when Tchaikovsky first composed it. Too often, soloists

resort to the showman gimmickry of throbbing vibratos, excessive rubatos, exaggerated glissandos, and sudden, attention-grabbing dynamic shifts. Their technique overshadows the music, making it play second fiddle, if you'll excuse the bad pun, to theatricality. That is not the case with St. John. Her technique, disciplined over a lifetime, serves the music. When she plays, she seems at home on the stage, but then why shouldn't she? This child prodigy picked up the violin at age two and began performing on European stages at 10. At the end of the performance, the audience, understandably, gave her and the orchestra a standing ovation.

An intermission is not enough of a breather between the Tchaikovsky and the Beethoven, two very difficult compositions that demand much of the conductor, orchestra, and audience. Called the most influential symphony ever, Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup>, as well as the other eight symphonies he composed, pushes the boundaries of social decorum and musical inventiveness. The 9<sup>th</sup> is the musical battle for ascendancy between the solidity of earthly existence and the ethereal sublimity of heaven where the soaring human spirit hopes to reach the stratum of peace, brotherhood, and divine grace. The California Symphony played ably with warmth, but a robust intensity and pointed brilliance seemed lacking. Perhaps they were just tired from the Tchaikovsky. The piece did come alive, though, in the fourth movement with the introduction of the soloists and chorus.

In using Schiller's "Ode to Joy," Beethoven calls for brotherhood through his innovative setting of words to a basically symphonic piece. The human voices pick up from the instrumental voices and they become one. In the fourth movement finale, Adam Lau's rich baritone opened the vocal portion with clarion resonance, replacing the cello and bass recitative. Although the soloists in general have relatively small parts, each of the four young singers sang with assertive poise. Daniel Montenegro has a full, deep tenor. Soprano Marina Harris sang with a clear, bell-like quality, offset by mezzo-soprano Renee Rapier's mellow, reedy, lower register. The real star of the vocal section, though, was the chorus, and especially the sopranos, who must hang their voices on high B's but mostly high A's for what seems an eternity. The California

Symphony Festival Chorus and the San Francisco State Chamber Singers and University Chorus, under the direction of Vance George, Conductor Emeritus of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, and David Xiques, combined their voices to produce sublime sonorities that could have caused an earthquake in the hall.

D. J. Sparr's "Optima Vota: Overture-Fantasia," the first number on the program, had orchestral colorations and swirling, rich harmonies, at times discordant, that seemed on the verge of coalescing into an established melody without quite getting there, but then this was billed as an overture. The

new music composition had what sounded like strains from "Victory at Sea" or other film soundtracks like Disney's "Fantasia." The young composer, also a gifted guitarist and composer in residence with the California Symphony, has performed with numerous symphonies across the country.



Pictured painting on site are, above, Szanne Johnson, and below Sherri Kelcourse.

## Art Shows off South Livermore

Artists spent last weekend creating works of art designed to "capture the essence of the South Livermore Valley.

"Tri-Valley Treasures Plein Air Exhibit" will be displayed at Studio Seven Arts in Pleasanton, May 12 and 13.

The awards and reception with the artists is set for May 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Alameda County Supervisor Nate Mile will present the awards.

The work is judged by Brian Mark Taylor.

En plein air is a French expression which means "in the open air," and is particularly used to describe the act of painting outdoors.

Participants include Dennis Baker, Linda Beach, Dana Beebe, Cheryl Bloomfield, Diane Durst, Jesus Garcia, George Michelle, Linda Hart, Anne Hartwell, Kath-



leen Hill, Szanne Johnson, Sata Kahn, Nancy Katz, Sherri Kelcourse, Susan Kendall, R. Meszarz, Prashanti Nekkanti, Bethany Okurowski, Lisa Passin, Nancy Rodrigue, Linda Sailors, Maria

SantoStefano, Vincert Walsh and Norma Webb.

They worked at Sun Hill Vineyards, Crohare Olivina, Triska Vineyards, Tarantino Vineyards, and Vieira Property.



## 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.

**Firehouse Art Studios** open studios today, May 10 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., in conjunction with Art Happens. Studios are located at 142A McLeod Street, upstairs, across from the Bankhead Theater. Artists Lynne Shephard, Claudia Willis, Martha Eddleman, Valerie Daft, Regina Leyva, and Linda Beach will be on sight to give you a tour of the studios and to discuss their art. The group is varied in its production of art ranging from traditional, to very contemporary. Oils, acrylics, encaustic, pastels, and mixed media are just a short list of what these artists use in their work. For more information contact Lynne Shephard 925 443-4406

**Art in the Vineyard**, May 27, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Art displays and demonstrations, entertainment, wine tasting (fee). Presented by the Livermore Art Association. Information, 456-2305.

**Fresh Works**, 2nd Annual Open Juried Art Exhibit, May 30-June 30, 2012. Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Reception for this exhibit is Saturday, June 2, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Regular Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday, noon to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. www.firehousearts.org/harrington-gallery

## MEETINGS/CLASSES

**Pleasanton Art League, Livermore Art Association**, meeting 7:30 p.m. Mon., May 21, Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Guest artist is Maj-Britt Hilstrom, Multimedia Printmaker and Sculptor. The public is invited. There is no admission charge. www.pal-art.com.

**Everything Poetry (in two parts)**, Second Saturday Soup-workshops 2nd Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-12 noon Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton; Third Tuesday Trope- poetry critiques 3rd Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton. Contact Cynthia Bryant at PleasantonPoetry@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

**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 email Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

**Make It & Take It**, 2nd Thursday nights, with guest artists and demos. May is "Fused Jewelry" only \$15 Art Glass Studio, 174 South L St., Livermore. For more information contact Roberta Jones at: 925-447-1962 www.artglassstudio.weebly.com

## WINERY EVENTS

**McGrail Vineyards and Winery events:** June 9th: Lobster Feed. July 7th: Sage Concert at McGrail; July 14th: Annual Cabernet Reserve Celebration and Release of the 2009 McGrail Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve. (925) 215-0717 www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Road, Livermore.

**The Winemaker's Pour House**, Be Happy At "Happy Hour" with Livermore Valley Wine. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 4 to 6 p.m. Buy a glass of Livermore Valley Wine or Flight and order a Flatbread for half price. Take the wine puzzle challenge. Ask the wait staff for the wine puzzle. Information call (925) 215-2656 or visit www.winemaker-spourhouse.com.

**Cedar Mountain Winery**, May 12, noon to 4 p.m. bottle your own wine. Earl has created a

special "Red Blend" table wine for this event only. Bring a clean 750 ml wine bottle, fill, cork and label it for only \$8.00 per bottle. Use a winery bottle for \$9.00. Fill 12 bottles, and Cedar Mountain will pay the sales tax. 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

**Charles R Vineyards**, May 12 and 13, noon to 4:30 p.m. Mother's Day Wine, Roses & Dessert at the winery. Bring Mom to celebrate her special day with a red rose (be early - limited supply). May 19th - Wine Club Pick Up Party noon to 4:30 p.m. music (Steve Kritzer & his guitar), food & wine. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore, (925) 454-3040; www.charlesvineyards.com

**La Luna Fridays**, evening of tapas, live music and wines on the terrace of Murrieta's Well on May 11, Aug. 3, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 6 to 9 p.m. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. \$50 per person, \$40 Silver Spur Club members plus tax; ticket includes live music, tapas and wine. Reservations are required. Call 925.456.2395. www.murrietaswell.com

**Garré Winery**, Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day Champagne Brunch 10am to 1:30 Buffet style brunch with custom omelettes, fresh fruit & pastries, carving stations and more. 7986 Tesla Rd. Reservations Required (925) 371-8200

**Mother's Day Picnic**, Retzlaff Estate Wines, May 13, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations Appreciated. Bring a picnic lunch and the children. Spend the day in the shade of our pepper trees and relax. A hat contest with prizes for the most colorful, the most outrageous and the oldest hat. Live music: 'TBA' \$10.00 per/adult. 925-447-8941 www.retzlaffwinery.com 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

**Tamas Estate Winery, Cafe Tuesdays**, May 15, Cape Cod Clam Bake; June 19, Southern Comfort Food; July 17, Mid West BBQ; August 14, California Classics. \$25 per person advance purchase / \$30 per person the week of the event \$20 for Salute! Club members. Price includes live music, buffet-style dinner, and one glass of wine. Purchase tickets for all events for \$75/per person & \$60/per person Salute! Club members. www.tamasesates.com. 5565 Tesla Road Livermore, (925) 456-2380.

**Vineyard Tour and tasting with Murrieta's Well co-founder Sergio Traverso**. Sergio explains the seasonal changes in the vineyard. Taste some of the most popular wines and learn how the unique terroir makes Murrieta's Well wines so special. May 19, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Space is limited. Reservations required. \$20 per person, \$10 for Silver Spur members (plus tax). 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. Call 925.456.2395. www.murrietaswell.com

**Thomas Coyne Winery Spring Open House**, May 26, 27 and 28. Noon to 5 p.m. Release of six wines 2010 Quest, California \$14; 2008 Mouvedre, Contra Costa \$20; 2004 Merlot Detjen's Farm, Livermore \$15; 2009 Confluence, California \$20; 2007 Petite Sirah, Livermore \$20. Selection of fine fruits and cheeses. "Bottle Your Own Wine" - selling Vino Tinto Barato, a red table wine, at the Open House on May 26 only. Bring your clean bottle, we will fill, cork and label it for you for \$6.00 per bottle. Or you may bottle label and cork it yourself. Use our bottle for \$7.00. For more info call (925) 373-6541 or visit http://thomascoynewinery.com. 51 E. Vallecitos Road, Livermore.

## MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

**Chris Bradley's Jazz Band**, plays at the Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 p.m. The band features real Jazz from the 1920's, 30's.

**Livermore Amador Symphony**, concert Sat., May 12, 8 p.m. Lara Webber, guest conductor. Music by Beethoven, De Fella and Franck. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First

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

**Livermore-Pleasanton Youth Outreach Symphony**, performs 7-8 P.M. Sat., May 12 at the Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Ave. Livermore. Admission is free. www.lpyos.org.

**Jazz Night Concert**, vocal/instrumental, Las Positas College, Sat., May 12, 8 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts Main Stage Theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance purchase tickets will be available online at www.brownpapertickets.com with the venue of Las Positas College, or call 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925.424.1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925.424.1119

**Tangonero**, 2 p.m. on Sun., May 13 at the Pleasanton Library. New Argentine Tango band specializing in classic tango. This free concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Pleasanton Library and will be held in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Doors open at 1:30pm. Come early to find parking and ensure a seat. The concert is open to all. No registration required. Information 931-3400, ext. 7.

**Robert Gruca**, solo guitar, May 19, 8 p.m. Del Valle Fine Arts Concert, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

**Chanticleer Love Story**, May 20, 2 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Pablo Cruise Better Than Ever!**, 8 p.m. May 25, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**San Ramon Symphonic Band**, May 25, 7:30 p.m. "An American Portrait," Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramon.ca.gov

**Swingin' Blue Stars**, May 27, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**Pleasanton Community Concert Band**, May 28, 10:30 - 12:30 Memorial Day performance, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 447-7270.

**Pure Prairie League**, country rock band, May 28, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

**Josh Gracin**, May 31, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**Blues in the Vineyard Festival**, Bay Area Blues Society and Winterhawk Winery, 4537 Abernathy Road, Fairfield. Sunday, June 3, noon to 5 p.m. Fundraising for programs such as "Blues in the Schools." Blues Harp Hall of Fame Inductee, Darrell Mansfield; Terrible Tom, who took the late, great Otis Redding's place on tour; and Alvon Johnson, Blues Guitar Player of the Year, 2002. The Festival will also feature the Oakland Blues Divas. BBQ dinners available, catered by Texas Road House for \$25. The \$25 ticket includes admission to the Festival. Regular admission is \$20 and no meal. highsierratickets.com or brownbagtickets.com

## ON THE STAGE

**Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing**, presented by Civic Arts Stage Company, May 11, 12 at 7:30 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

**Playwright's Theatre**, Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House. Staged reading. Sun., Sun., May 20, 3 p.m. "Diff'rent" by Eugene O'Neill." The Old Barn, Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, Tickets \$25. Reservations 820-1818 or www.eugeneoneill.org. Shuttle service to Tao House from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave., Danville, provided by the National Park Service beginning at 2 p.m.

**The True Story of the Three Little Pigs** presented by Bay Area Children's Theater, May 12-20, Fridays 7 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 2 and 4:30 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramon.ca.gov

**Dave Koz**, May 18, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramon.ca.gov.

**The Member of the Wedding**, previews on June 7, opens June 8, and runs through July 1, 2012, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third Street, in Hayward. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays and 2 and 8 p.m. on Sat., June 23. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre is a program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 to 5:30 and can be reached at (510) 881-6777. Information is also available at www.dmtonline.org. \$10 Preview, \$20 Sat. matinee, \$28 Thurs., Fri., Sat. eve., Sun. matinee.

## DANCE

**Anastasis Ballet Company** performs "Testimony," a benefit Shepherd's Gate. Performance May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore (348 N. Canyons Pkwy.). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (children under 2 are free) and can be purchased on the Anastasis Ballet Company website (www.anastasisballet.org), or at the door. Pre-purchased ticket holders receive priority seating.

**Zydeco at the Bothwell!** Dance and Zydeco Dance Lessons, \$15, live zydeco music, gumbo, beer & wine available for purchase. May 19, Mark St. Mary and the Delta Blues & Zydeco band; Ted Sherrod Dance Instructor both nights. Doors open at 5:30. Dance Lesson 6:00, live music starts at 6:30. \$15, more info at www.bothwellartscenter.org. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore.

**Dance Performance**, Las Positas College, Sat., May 19, 8 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts Main Stage Theater, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Advance purchase tickets will be available online at www.brownpapertickets.com with the venue of Las Positas College, or call 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door. For further information call the Performing Arts Events Line at 925.424.1100 or call Cindy Rosefield at 925.424.1119.

## AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

**Valley Concert Choral** will hold auditions by appointment for its upcoming 2012-2013 concert season on the following dates: Monday, May 14; Monday, June 4; Monday, August 27; Monday, September 10. Auditions and rehearsals will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, corner of 4th and L Streets. The Choral's 49th season will include the music of Gilbert and Sullivan, its ever-popular December holiday program including the Choral's annual Sing-it-Yourself Messiah, Durufle's Requiem, Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, and finally Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Livermore Amador Symphony at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. The Choral is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Choral performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205.

## MOVIES

**Classic films at the Pleasanton Library**, Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library present the series. Theme "Three Great Directors:" Howard Hawkes, John Ford and Alfred Hitchcock. Admission is free. The series is hosted by Candace Klaschus, Professor of Media Studies at Las Positas College. Klaschus offers a brief talk about each film prior to the screening. Refreshments are served. A complete list of the "Three Great Directors" films is available at the Pleasanton Public Library. Movies will be shown the first Thursday of each month through June 7, 2012. No registration required. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 931-3405.

## CHORAL

**Valley Concert Choral**, "Springtime Sounds, Bugs and All," Sat., May 12, 7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasanton. Bugs, love, and toasts of cheer featuring Charles Hoag's Cicada Songs accompanied clarinet and marimba, Haydn Wood's The Spider and the Fly and The Owl and the Pussycat, some madrigals, a drinking song by Brahms, and a song about the beautiful nymph Echo, with music composed by Arthur Sullivan (of Gilbert and Sullivan fame). www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

## OPERA

**Hacienda Regal Cinema**, Dublin, will screen Wagner's Ring Cycle in May, plus a film in the making of the Met Production. The schedule is as follows: Valkyrie, May 14, 6:30 p.m.; Siegfried, May 16, 6:30 p.m.; Gotterdammerung, May 19, 6:30 p.m.

**Livermore Valley Opera, A Passionate Afternoon**, Sun., May 20, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Music by Mozart, Puccini, Verdi and Donizetti, performed by tenor Eleazar Rodriguez, soprano Rebecca Davis and bass-baritone Phillip Skinner (Tosca's Scarpia). Artists'



**Livermore-Amador Symphony** will feature guest maestro Lara Webber at its May 12 concert at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The program will include Beethoven: Symphony No. 1; De Falla: El Sombrero de Tres Picos (Three-Cornered Hat); and Franck: Symphony in D. Minor. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. with a prelude talk from 7-7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:45 p.m.) at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Tickets for the concerts are available at the Bankhead Theater ticket office at 2400 First Street, Livermore, by calling 925-373-6800 or on line at www.livermoreperformingarts.org.



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reception immediately following performance. Tickets \$20. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Museum on Main, preschool pre-literacy program**, M.o.M.'s Reading Time. For ages 2 to 5 and families, free reading program, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Reading at 10 a.m. with theme crafts following. Donations appreciated. No reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please phone in advance: 925.462.2766 or email: [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org). 2012 M.o.M.'s Reading Time Dates and Themes: May 9, Please and Thank You; June 13, Flag Day; July 11, We All Scream for Ice Cream; August 8, It's A Circus; September 12, Fiesta; October 10, Creepy Critters; November 14, Thank You, Veterans; and December 12, Light Up the Seasons. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton.

**72nd Annual Pleasanton Rose Show**, Sat.,

May 12, Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Exhibitor registration, 7:30 to 10 a.m.; judging 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., show open for viewing 1 to 4 p.m., awards ceremony 1:30 p.m. Information, call the Alain Pinel office and ask for Leslie, Joyce or Marti, 251-1111.

**Antique & Craft Show and Concert**, Sat., May 12, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shop, dine and enjoy live music on the lovely grounds of the Dublin Heritage Park & Museums. Purchase an elegant box lunch and picnic on the shady lawns or in the picnic grove. Over 60 vendors will be available with antiques, collectibles, vintage and hard-to-find items and local arts & crafts and flowers. While you stroll the grounds and picnic, Le Hot Jazz Trio will perform French Gypsy jazz of the 1930s. Free admission. [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us)

**May Fair for Mother's Day**, May 12, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Murray Schoolhouse, day of French music, food, dancing the "May Pole," and browsing booths with antiques and

handmade goods at Dublin's picturesque "Heritage Park and Museums." Le Hot Jazz Trio will perform. Crepes, galettes, elegant box lunches and desserts are also on the menu. Vintage tractor/wagon rides and spring craft making. The 1856 Murray Schoolhouse Museum, 1859 St. Raymond Church and the 1911 Kolb Craftsman Bungalow and the historic cemetery will be open for viewing from 1:00-4:00. [www.ci.dublin.ca.us](http://www.ci.dublin.ca.us)

**Amgen Tour of California finish stage**, Livermore, May 15, downtown. Race hosts world's top cyclists. Variety of events will be planned around the event. [www.cityoflivermore.net](http://www.cityoflivermore.net)

**Bob Borchers, Jr.**, Wed., May 16, 7:30 p.m. LLNL Presents The Rae Dorrough Speakers Series: From Fairchild to Facebook. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**Hidden Gardens of the Valley**, a benefit for Valley Humane Society (VHS), Sunday,

May 20. 10 am – 4 pm self-guided tour offering a private glimpse into ten gardens across Pleasanton. Buzz Bertolero, the Dirt Gardener, will be on hand. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance or \$40 the day of the event, and include program, map, and directions. Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton or [www.valleyhumane.org](http://www.valleyhumane.org). Admission non-refundable. Tickets are also available in Pleasanton at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Serenity Stoneworks, 252 Main St., and Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave.; in Dublin at Armstrong Garden Center, 7360 San Ramon Rd.; and in Livermore at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Ln.

**Spring antiques and collectibles street fair**, May 27, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**San Ramon Art & Wind Festival**, Sunday and Monday, May 27 and 28 in San Ra-

mon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 10am to 5pm both days. This family friendly festival features professional kite flying demonstrations, over 200 arts & crafts booths, entertainment on 3 stages, two large kids' activity areas, food booths and more. Early morning hot air balloon launch on May 28th at 6am. For more information, call the City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 973-3200 or check out the website at [www.ArtandWind.com](http://www.ArtandWind.com)

**GibsonHouse Mystery Performers** present, Murder at the KO Corral, interactive mystery dinner theater, Sunol Valley Golf Club, Fri., June 1, 7:15 p.m. Western attire most welcome. 3-course gourmet meal and farcical mystery play, all for \$59 per sleuth, tax & gratuity included. The Sunol Valley Golf Club, 6900 Mission Road, in Sunol. Reservations required at (925) 862-2408. [www.SunolValley.com](http://www.SunolValley.com)

Yes, Livermore had a 126-foot tower—as tall as our original flag pole—with eight-foot high red neon letters spelling vertically the name RICHFIELD. The tower was shaped like a giant oil derrick with a high-powered beacon on the top. One of a series of 36 towers erected from Mexico to Canada in the West Coast, ours was near the site of the original Livermore airport south of old Highway 50 (today's Portola Avenue) just west of Rincon Avenue. A group of Los Angeles businessmen had formed a corporation known as Highway Communities, Inc. They worked in conjunction with the Richfield Oil Company to fill the needs of early automobile and airplane passengers.

Their program started officially on December 17, 1928, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Wright brothers' historic flight. In Palm City, California, as Navy and commercial planes flew overhead, Admiral Ashby H. Roberson threw a switch that illuminated beacons at the top of the first six finished towers—one of them in Livermore. The towers were called a "Lane of Light" or sometimes "The Great White Way." The plan was to help motorists by locating service stations, eateries, and hotels near the towers. In those days not many people traveled on the highways. They appreciated being able to follow the beacon's glow to fill up their vehicles, use restroom facilities, or find a place to spend the night. Each tower near an airfield held an 8,000,000-candlepower revolving beacon.

A Richfield service station opened next to the Livermore tower in March 1929. Like the other stations in California built next to the beacons, its architecture was Spanish revival style, with cream colored cement reminiscent of adobe brick capped

by a red tile roof. The deluxe lavatories, according to the *Herald*, were "in white enamel and are fitted with antique furniture. The women's compartment included a built-in dressing table and full-length mirror." Bill Bonetti and Ray Henry were station assistants; by June 1930, Bonetti was the manager; in 1959 he was the owner. There were two gas pumps, air and water hoses, a drinking fountain, and an automatic lift for raising cars for greasing service. The original plan was to also build a hotel at the site.

In March 1943 the huge tower was torn down at the request of the Navy because it was a hazard to young fliers in training who used the Livermore Airport and the Naval Air Station. The gas station remained until some time in the 1970s, according to Anita Gandolfo, when new housing developments engulfed the old

structure.

Early pilots flew visually by checking out their open cockpit windows for highways or railroad tracks or other landmarks during the day. This worked for daylight flying, but airmail operated around the clock. In 1921 an airmail pilot experimented by following bonfires lit by Post Office staff and farmers across the dark prairie to Chicago. Beginning in 1923 the Post Office worked to complete a transcontinental airway of "lighthouses"—tower beacons spaced 15 to 25 miles apart, each with enough brightness to be seen for 40 miles in clear weather. In 1926 the Department of Commerce took over this project.

Here in our area, Richard C. Sweet was caretaker in the late 1920s and the 1930s of a government searchlight beacon located on a 50-foot galvanized iron tower at the top of Patterson

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U.S. Department of Commerce. Construction of the 20,000,000 candlepower beacon began in January 1928. The *Herald* reported that it would be "the only one of its kind in the world and will serve as a guide to airplanes flying to the San Francisco Bay district at night. The beacon will be so powerful, it is believed that it will penetrate heavy fogs to a great distance." On 15 April 1928, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh pressed a telegraph key that started the beacon in operation, as well as a similar one in the Merced hills near Los Angeles. Each beacon revolved six times per minute and were visible for 100 miles.

As a part of the blackout on the West Coast after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, any surviving beacons were turned off. The old Standard tower on Mt. Diablo was torn down. The beacon was replaced on top of the Summit Building, built by the Civil Conservation Corps in 1939-42. The beacon is aging; replacing its fragile parts is difficult. But so far, on Pearl Harbor Day, the beacon is lit at dusk and remains lit until the morning. This custom began in 1964. There are still some WWII vets who attend the ceremony.

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# Milestones Community

## Rotary to Honor Dublin City Employees

The Rotary Club of Dublin will honor three city employees – Officer Channing Rhodes, Staff Battalion Chief Brian Caminada, and Julie Carter – with their annual Superstar Award on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at a special Rotarian lunch event at the Dublin Ranch Golf Course in Dublin.

The Award recognizes Dublin city employees and school district officials for their embodiment of Rotarian life, as well as other core values Rotarians hold with high regard. The Superstar Award criteria includes: leadership by example, ethics first (the Rotary 4-way test), openness to new ideas, and dedication to excellence.

Officer Channing Rhodes joined the Sheriff's Office on September 30, 2001 and has worked on diverse assignments at the Santa Rita Jail, Eden Township Station, and Dublin Police Services. One of his many contributions involves developing Dublin's Crime Free Multi-Housing program. By training and educating apartment managers on how to use the program, Officer Rhodes took the program to new heights. The program had an overall impact in keeping crime out of the community. The program also promoted a better understanding with apartment staff

and residents on how to have a better working relationship with local law enforcement.

Throughout his tenure at Dublin Police Services, Officer Rhodes received numerous letters of appreciation from citizens and law enforcement agencies for his outstanding work. His commitment and dedication to the community and the Department have earned him the nomination of Dublin Police Services' "Officer of the Year."

Staff Battalion Chief Brian Caminada began his career in January 1982 as a firefighter. Three decades of service and many promotions later, Chief Caminada now serves as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division Chief with direct management and oversight of the Department's Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), equipment, training and supplies. Chief Caminada has a philosophy that he often shares with others: "Never take yourself too serious, but always take what you do very serious."

As head of the EMS Division, Chief Caminada has utilized his experience in communications, advanced life support delivery, risk management and collaborative approach to implement many high level programs in the Al-

ameda County Fire Department. Some of these programs include: transitioning the new ambulance provider into the County EMS delivery system (Paramedics Plus); providing training on new equipment including the new 12-Lead EKG heat monitors; updating the Department Health and Wellness Program for Department employees; implementing Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) programs for all cities served by the Alameda County Fire Department and developing an Injury and Illness Prevention plan for the Department.

Chief Caminada currently serves as the President for the Alameda County Fire Chiefs Emergency Medical Services Section.

Julie Carter is the Human Resources Director for the City of Dublin and has been serving the Dublin community since 1999. In her role with the City, she has completed nearly 260 recruitments, not including the part-time positions she filled. In addition to her daily responsibilities, Julie chairs the City's Safety Committee and served as the chair of the Customer Service Committee for five years. Outside of City Hall, Julie served as the 2010 President of NORCAL HR and has been a Board member

of Northern California Chapter International Public Management Association since 2005. Most recently, she is an Alameda County Leadership Academy graduate.

Julie is a dedicated member of the City's executive team and provides City staff and prospective employees with excellent customer service and always with a smile. One heartfelt example of Julie's dedication followed the recent and tragic death of one of the City's beloved employees, Roberta Dikeman. Julie provided continual guidance and support to her family that went well beyond her role at the City, coordinating and preparing Valentine's Day cards for Roberta's children so that they would have a normal day at school. She spent countless hours on the phone and in person with Roberta's husband and friends to ensure that the family had everything they needed, from financial to emotional support.

Julie is also well known for her event planning skills. Julie orchestrated memorable civic celebrations that marked the City's milestones such as Dublin's 20th and 25th anniversaries. She coordinates City Council retirement celebrations, employee recognition

events, and staff training, just to name a few. Julie's creative touches and flawless execution became the hallmark of Dublin's events.

Julie's event planning skills came in handy for the City's two bids (in 2010 and 2011) to become an "All-America City," an honor bestowed on the community in 2011. Julie handled logistics for the competition and served as the community member liaison in Kansas City, MO. With boundless energy, Julie helped to create a memorable experience each year for the Dublin residents who joined the City in receiving this great civic honor.

In her spare time, Julie volunteers at her daughters' (Bianca, 14 and Nicole, 10) schools and at her local church.

"The City of Dublin is thrilled that the Rotary Club of Dublin has chosen to recognize public servants who dedicate themselves to making the community a better place to live everyday," said City Manager Joni Pattillo. "I look forward to the opportunity of presenting these fantastic employees and community members with this award."

The lunch event is from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers Honored

The Tri-Valley Knights of Columbus honored the region's top firefighters and law enforcement officers on Friday, April 27, during an event held at the Blackhawk Museum.

The Red, Blue, and Gold Banquet was organized by local Knights to recognize the outstanding performance of the heroes that keep our homes and communities safe. 2012 was the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for this event. The banquet and awards ceremony were hosted by CAPT Tom McCaffrey, USN (Ret) on behalf of the Knights from Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore. Nearly 300 guests were on hand to applaud the officers chosen for these prestigious awards. Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti served as the banquet emcee.

The recipients of outstanding service awards were:

Staff Battalion Chief Brian

Caminada – Alameda County Fire Department

Detective Patrick Smyth – Alameda County Sheriff's Department

Officer Kevin Johnson – California Highway Patrol

Corporal Becky Chestnut – Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office

Detective Brian Sliger – Danville Police Department

Lieutenant Nate Schmidt – Dublin Police Services

Fire Engineer Craig Berchtold – Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department

Officer Keith Tse – Livermore Police Department

Officer Doug Jones – Pleasanton Police Department

Corporal Hollis Tong – San Ramon Police Department

Captain Todd Word – San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District

Contra Costa County Sheriff



**District Deputy Ron Cortez and CHP Officer of the Year Kevin Johnson.**

David Livingston was the keynote speaker. His remarks emphasized the importance of First Responders in successful police work and firefighting efforts. He explained that the award not only serves as a display of public gratitude for a job well done, but is also highly regarded by co-workers and supervisors in the police and fire



**Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti served as emcee.**

departments. As an added benefit, the event raised \$1,800 for the 100 Clubs of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. These nonprofit organizations provide immediate financial relief to the families of officers who die in the line of duty. They also provide college scholarships for the children of these heroes.



**Livermore Grand Knight Terry Lucchesi and Officer of the Year Keith Tse.**



**Danville Grand Knight Terry Gotowka and Corporal Becky Chestnut.**



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**Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club** will meet on Thursday, May 10, 7:00 at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Ernesto Sandoral of UC Berkeley will speak on succulents. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-485-7812, or visit [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

**Amador Valley Quilt Guild** will meet on Saturday, May 12, at 1:30 pm at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton. The meeting is open to all those who are interested in the culture, history and artistry of quilting. This month there will be a Silent Auction. The auction committee and AVQ members have amassed many textile and textile-related treasures to bid on, starting at \$1.00. All items are extremely reasonably-priced, and a good way for a beginner to start, a good way to increase your current collection of fabric and quilt-related items.

**Become a literacy tutor.** Pleasanton Library's Project Read needs volunteer tutors to help adults with English skills. Project Read provides the workbooks and study guides. Training will help volunteers to develop teaching skills, craft curriculum, and gain experience. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old, fluent in American English but not necessarily a native speaker and able to devote a consistent hour or two weekly to a student for a semester. Training is May 12, 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please call or email to register for the Project Read training. For more information, email PennyJohnson@CityofPleasantonCa.gov, or call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

**Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind**, meets on Saturday, May 12, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Cafeteria Room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 East Stanley Blvd. Any visually impaired or interested person is urged to attend. Call, Carl, 449-9362 for more info.

**Three weddings and a reception**, June 10, 7 to 9 p.m. Veteran's Hall, 522 South L St., Livermore. An interfaith event featuring one Christian, one Jewish and one Muslim couple taking part in a mock wedding. Sample foods from different cultures. Donations \$5 per person, \$10 per family or dish of vegetarian wedding reception food (sweets or appetizers) would help defray the cost. Please dress appropriately for a festive event. Sign up by June 1 at <http://threeweddings.eventbrite.com>. Questions may be directed to Interfaith Interconnect, the sponsoring group composed of clergy and lay people from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com.

**Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment** (Tri-Valley CAREs) monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at the monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, May 17th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit <http://trivalleycares.org>

**The Livermore Rotary** needs gently used items for their Garage Sale to be held June 16, 2012 from 8am to 2pm in the parking lot of 1080 Concannon Blvd. Drop off gently used items Wed & Thurs., June 13th & 14th to the Portola School (2451 Portola Avenue) between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Drop off larger items between 2:00 and 6:00 pm at 1080 Concannon Blvd Friday, June 15th. Proceeds will benefit the many Rotary programs serving our community.

**Pedrozzini Scholarship Awards Reception**, May 31, 2012. The 2012 Pedrozzini Foundation Scholarship award winners are asked to attend a celebration in their honor with family and friends in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, on Thursday, May 31, from 4:30 - 5:30. Open to the public.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., May 12, 60 miles, Petaluma and beyond, meet 9 a.m., Jim Duncan, 209-1369, hey-you@comcast.net. Sun., May 13, 40 miles

ride to Del Valle, meet 9:30 a.m. at Diablo Vista Park, Gail Blanco, 872-1001, gvblanco@aol.com. Wed., May 15, 24 miles Heather Farms to Martinez, meet 9 a.m. at Heather Farm, Richard Skow, 939-6964. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Texas Hold 'em**, Exceptional Needs Network (ENN) will be hosting a Texas Hold 'em Tournament on Friday, June 1, 2012 at the Veterans Memorial Building 522 South L Street Livermore. Check-in 6pm - everyone playing must check-in by 6:45pm. 1st place - \$500, 2nd place - \$300, 3rd place - \$200, plus door prizes throughout the night. Complimentary snacks; beer and wine available for sale throughout the night. Gaming provider: Blue Dog Events. Buy-in \$60 before May 23, 2012 receive an additional \$300 in tournament chips. Unlimited re-buys the 1st hour at \$20. Add-ins for the 1st hour available at \$20. To purchase tickets - please contact Denise Gil at 925-998-4914 or ariel2kids@aol.com or ENN at 925-215-2281. ENN is a local 501(c)3 non-profit that host summer and fall respite camps for children with special needs. [www.ennetwork.org](http://www.ennetwork.org)

**Free computer classes**, The Livermore Public Library: Searching the Internet, Monday, May 14, 2012: 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Classes are hands-on, first come, first served and take place in Community Room B, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. For more information call 373-5505.

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.** Happy hour in Pleasanton, May 17, 5 p.m., RSVP by May 15 to Kathy, 398-8005. Friendly bridge, May 19, 1 p.m. RSVP by May 13 to Barbara, 426-8876. Brunch in Pleasanton, May 20, 12:30 p.m., RSVP by May 17 to Ruby, 462-9636. Lunch in San Ramon, May 23, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by May 20 to Marsha, 830-8483. Brunch buffet in Livermore, May 27, 10:45 a.m., RSVP by May 24 to Hilda, 398-8808.

**Avon Breast Walk**, Sat., May 12, raffle to raise funds for team participating in this year's San Francisco Avon Breast walk. The goal is to raise \$20,000. Livermore merchants have donated gifts. The raffle will take place at Lily Ann's Lingerie Shop in downtown Livermore. For information about the walk go to [www.avonwalk.org/goto/mb](http://www.avonwalk.org/goto/mb)

**GNON (Girls Night Out Networking) Date Night at The Races.** Fri., May 18, 5 p.m. at the Pleasanton Satellite Wagering Facility. Bring a donation for the Pleasanton Military Families. Visit [www.gnontrivalley.com](http://www.gnontrivalley.com). Pleasanton Satellite Wagering Facility (4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton). RSVP to gnoners@gmail.com by May 14. \$10/pp for GNON members, \$15/pp for nonmembers, GNON members with male guest \$16/per couple, nonmembers with male guest \$25/per couple.

**Alameda County Property Rights Task Force**, Smart Growth and Sustainable Development: program on topic to be presented on Monday, May 14, 7-9 pm. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. Free meeting, focus on new regional plan for the Bay Area and what it means to residents in the Tri-Valley. To reserve a space at this lecture please go to: <http://smartpleasanton.eventbrite.com/> and to reserve a free ticket. To leave a message call 1-800-414-3313.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated**, meeting May 10, 6:30 p.m. Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. Meet Joel Fox, Co-publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the website Fox and Hounds Daily. Fox worked for Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association for nineteen years, serving as the president from 1986 to 1998. He currently serves as president of the Small Business Action Committee. For reservations and information contact couplan1962@pacbell.net or phone Phyllis Couper, 925-462-4931, by May 7.

**Pleasantonians 4 Peace**, Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, May 23, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions?? Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. [www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org](http://www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org)

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club** meeting, Mon., May 21, IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Doors open 7 p.m., meeting 7:30 - p.m. speaker (to be announced) 8 p.m. Refreshments.

**Internet use classes**, Pleasanton Library, four-class series to learn to surf the Internet

and send emails. Absolute beginners are welcome. Classes are held at 9:00 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Registration is required. Reserve a spot at the Reference Desk, or call 925/931-3400, extension 7. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 x 25 for information. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Library programs are free and open to all.

**Singles wine tasting party**, Saturday, May 12, 2012, 7:30-9:30pm, at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd., Pleasanton. \$30 at the door includes all the wines you taste, from boutique wineries; accompanied by appetizers to cleanse the palate. This event is co-sponsored by The Society of Single Professionals, the world's largest non-profit singles organization; and by Wine Socials. Anyone wishing more information about this and many more singles parties may call 415/507-9962 or visit [www.ThePartyHotline.com](http://www.ThePartyHotline.com).

**Vendors sought**, Livermore Lions Clubs Christmas Boutique is November 3, 2012 and vendors are needed. Quality handmade (or hand embellished) items are accepted. The boutique is a major fund-raiser for the Lions Club. Rental fees are used to support eye and hearing programs here in our community. For applications please call Joan at 925-980-2628. Single or double tables are available (\$55 & \$80). Price reduced for non-profit organizations.

**DBE Daughters of the British Empire**, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, please contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

**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)

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**, meets at Hillcrest Community Gardens Building, 550 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. Mondays, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. private weigh-in, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. meeting. All are welcome. Nonprofit, self-help organization founded in 1950. TOPS members are guided by a nutritionist and a medical doctor at the national headquarters. Members are encouraged to use the diabetic exchange program and are free to use whatever food they plan. Information, contact Sue at 462-6281.

**Dress a Girl Around the World Sew Fest**: Saturday, May 19, 2012, 9am - 3pm, St. Michael Hall, 300 block of Maple Street, Livermore. For more information, please contact Suzanne Slupsky: [suzbeck@yahoo.com](mailto:suzbeck@yahoo.com), 925-352-8447.

**Overeaters Anonymous**. No weigh-ins, dues or fees. Meetings Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m. St. Barts, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Call Nora for further information at (925) 447-1676

**Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates

Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

**Operation: S.A.M.** "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit [www.operationssam.org](http://www.operationssam.org), email [operationssam@comcast.net](mailto:operationssam@comcast.net) or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

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

## RELIGION

**First Presbyterian Church**, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Service in the Chapel, 10:30 Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and children's program. For more information [www.fpclus.org](http://www.fpclus.org) or 925-447-2078.

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

**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. worship (semiformal); 9:45 a.m. adult Bible study/ Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.

**Asbury United Methodist Church**, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

**Calvary Chapel Livermore**, Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 N.L Street 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; workshops 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.

**Bible Study**, offered Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Refreshments served at no cost. 925-305-9468.

**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.

**The deaf community** is invited to worship at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, where ASL translation will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of 4th and L streets.

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

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

**Centerpointe Church**, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended-style with choir and band, family worship. 10:30 a.m. contemporary led by band, Sunday School for children and middle-schoolers. [www.centerpointechurch.org](http://www.centerpointechurch.org); 925-846-4436.

**St. Innocent Orthodox Church**, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. For details please see our website at [www.stinnocent.net](http://www.stinnocent.net) or call Fr. Leo Arrow-smith at 456-0845.

**Join in conversation about "The Shack"** Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and Thursday mornings at 10:30. Pastor Chuck Johnstone will be hosting a discussion group on the most impactful Christian writing of our time. "The Shack" has sold over 15 million copies and tackles questions about God's role in human tragedy and how guilt, shame and issues of God's judgment shape our views about God. Drop-in participants welcome. Location: 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, for more information contact the church at 925-447-1950. Copies of the book available at the class. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue in Livermore.

**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. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday school during the 10:30 a.m. service. For more information call the church office at (925) 447-3289 or SaintBartsLivermore.com.

**St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church** follows the traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer. 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Sunday school provided. For information, contact Fr. Ben Brown at 925/906-9561.

**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.)

**Tri-Valley Unity Church** has to 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. New classes, small groups, new children's and teen programs, and Sunday services (at 10 a.m.). All are welcome. Rev. Harriet Hawkins, minister. (925) 829-2733. [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com) Check out Unity of Tri Valley on Facebook.

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# Milestones

## Education

### Pleasanton PTA to Honor Winners of Excellence in Education Awards

The Pleasanton PTA Council, in partnership with the Pleasanton Unified School District, has announced the 2012 Winners of the Excellence in Education Awards. Honorees will receive their awards at the 22nd Annual Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony on Monday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road. Friends and families of the honorees, as well as community members, are most

welcome to attend the ceremony to celebrate their achievement! Light refreshments will be served.

The 2012 Honorees are as follows: Mark Aubel (Amador Valley High School/Harvest Park Middle School); Patty Bowser (Hearst Elementary); Tony Dennis (Amador Valley); Lisa Fulton (Foothill High School); Tina Gerstenberg (Fairlands Elementary); Debbie Harvey (Amador Valley); Diana Liggett (Lydiksen Elementary); Jim Rod-

gers (Valley View Elementary); Shannon Sos (Foothill High); Pam Throne (Fairlands Elementary); Lori Vella (Foothill High); Renee Verostek (Harvest Park Middle School); Kendra Zierau (Walnut Grove Elementary).

For more information, please contact Adrienne Herz at 925-485-9401.

The Pleasanton PTA Council began in 2003 as an umbrella group for all PTAs in Pleasanton. The mission of the PTA is to represent their members and to empower and support them with skills in advocacy, leadership, and communication to positively impact the lives of all children and families. More information is available at [www.pleasantonpta.org](http://www.pleasantonpta.org).

### Local Student Honored at UCLA

Three UCLA students have been honored with 2012 Charles E. Young Humanitarian Awards for their outstanding commitment to public service. The awards ceremony, a private event for family and friends, took place May 3 in the Charles E. Young Grand Salon at UCLA's Kerckhoff Hall.

The Young Humanitarian Award, established by UCLA in 1986 as an annual tribute to recognize and encourage projects that address communities' social needs, is one of the most prestigious honors given to UCLA undergraduates. Each student received \$700, to be donated to a public service project of their choice.

One of the recipients is Kendra Knudsen, 22, of Pleasanton. She is a psychobiology major who will graduate in winter 2013, developed the Creative Minds Project at Step Up on Second, a nonprofit organization in Santa Monica that serves people with mental illness. The project utilizes creative art therapies to foster change and progress toward recovery, stability and reintegration into society.

In particular, Knudsen is an art teacher and coordinator of "Julie's Room," Step Up on Second's art studio, where she is bringing together UCLA undergraduate and graduate students to facilitate creative art therapy groups.

"Kendra's attentive listening skills, sensitivity and thoughtfulness are a great help to our members," Aaron Criswell, director of supportive services for Step Up on Second, said in recommending Knudsen for the award. "Many of our members are not only fighting the stigma of mental illness but homelessness as well. Kendra's sincere acceptance of the members and her promotion of dignity and compassion make 'Julie's Room' a popular haven."

Knudsen plans to pursue a doctorate in clinical neuropsychology to investigate how creative thinking may yield health benefits for both mentally ill and healthy individuals. She will use the humanitarian award to buy art supplies for "Julie's Room" to help implement the visual art therapy component of the Creative Minds Project.

Rocky Mountain College held its 130th Commencement, Saturday, May 5, 2012, at 1 p.m., in the Fortin Education Center. Among those who will be graduating is Morgan Elizabeth Bowe of Livermore.

Hansen Shi, grade 10, of Dublin, the son of Dr. Jianxiong Shi and Mrs. Manli Zhang, earned High Honors for the winter 2012 term at Phillips Exeter Academy.

The following local residents were among 554 students who made the Dean's Honor List at California Lutheran University for the fall semester: Danika Briggs of Livermore, a senior and a communication major; Sarah Peterson of Dublin, a freshman and an English major; and Elizabeth Lopez of Pleasanton, a sophomore and a communication major. Students qualify for the Dean's List by maintaining a 3.6 grade point average in their academic subjects.

Christina Joy Edholm of Pleasanton was among more than 2,800 students who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at commencement exercises May 4 and 5. It was the largest graduating class in UNL history. Edholm received a master of science from Graduate Studies.

### Grantham Named Pleasanton Teacher of the Year

Pleasanton Unified School District's teacher of the year is Jon Grantham, Amador Valley High School Band Teacher.

Grantham has been with the district for nine years. His colleagues and parents of his students describe him as an amazing teacher who instills confidence and respect in his students. He believes in the talent and skills of his students and expects excellence from them. He is compassionate and understanding and masterfully engages students.

"Mr. Grantham brings out the best in people," said Superintendent Ahmadi, "Observing his students in the classroom and at competitions, there is no doubt they take pride in what they do. Jon is a gift to public education."

Grantham's name will be submitted to the Alameda County Office of Education for the county's Teacher of The Year program.

## Community



The Rev. Joyce Parry Moore

### St. Barts Introduces New Rector

By Laning Thompson

The new rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church brings a potpourri of experience as an opera singer, impresario, actress, dancer, teacher, cancer survivor and long-distance-runner to the pulpit in Livermore.

The Rev. Joyce Parry Moore, who began her ministry at the church on April 16, says, "The community of St. Bart's, Livermore, reflects the kind of diversity into which I am called to minister — we serve people of many demographics, cultures, and walks of life."

Joyce comes to St. Bart's from St. Paul's, Oakland where she served as assisting priest for the last year. Previously, she was chaplain of the Seamen's Church Institute at the Port of Oakland, which involved boarding container vessels to minister to seamen of many creeds.

Originally from Auburn, WA, Joyce received a graduate degree in opera from the New England Conservatory of Music and pursued a career as a classical singer. In 1995, she moved from New York to Juneau, Alaska, to perform and intern with the innovative Perseverance Theatre there.

While working in Alaska's capital city, she met and married an actor and teacher named Patrick Moore. They blended their families: "hers," a son by a previous marriage; "his," a son and two daughters, and "theirs," a daughter named Ariana. Now 12, Ariana is following in her parents' footsteps by studying acting at the Oakland School for the Arts. Her family has recently moved from Oakland to Pleasanton to be near St. Bart's.

Joyce and her husband, Patrick, acted in many plays together in Alaska before Joyce formed her own non-profit opera company — Opera to GO! — that still travels to rural areas of the state, providing entertainment, education and outreach.

During her 14 years in Alaska, Joyce received the call to the priesthood and decided to attend seminary in California. She received a master's degree in divinity from the Pacific School of Religion (PSR) at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU), Berkeley, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Pastoral Counseling at the San Francisco Theological School.

In conjunction with her doctoral dissertation, which focuses on providing creative pastoral care for women following cancer treatments, she will present a workshop entitled "Coming to Voice" on May 8 at the Women's Cancer Resource Center in Oakland.

Mother Joyce, as she is called at St. Bart's, was raised in the Methodist Church, but became a Catholic during her graduate studies in Boston. She joined the Episcopal Church after moving to Alaska, and has studied at several GTU schools, including the Franciscan School of Theology and the Center for Buddhist Studies. Her faith journey results in a very ecumenical outlook.

Mother Joyce preaches and offers communion at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services every Sunday at St. Bartholomew's, 678 Enos Way in Livermore. She was preceded as rector of St. Bart's by The Rev. Debra Low-Skinner, interim rector, and The Rev. Carol Cook.