

THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A



Find Out What's Happening

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

Council Trims Pay, Benefits

The Livermore City Council eliminated medical benefits for the council and mayor.

The vote was unanimous. The council also approved placing two measures on the November 2014 ballot that would control future compensation for councilmembers and the mayor.

In the future, councilmembers and the mayor will be able to participate in health and welfare benefits on a self-paid basis. Salaries were set at \$1070 monthly for the councilmembers and \$1490 monthly for the mayor with the maximum increase in any given year 5% or the change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less.

The changes reduce the maximum compensation for a councilmember from \$45,435 to \$13,007 a year and the mayor from \$51,320 to \$18,112 per year.

Previously, the councilmembers and mayor could enroll in medical, dental, vision and life and long term care plans with the city paying the premiums. They could also elect to enroll in the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) or the Public Agency Retirement Services Alternate Retirement System. In the future, enrollment would be in the alternate retirement system.

The change in benefits will become effective Jan. 1, 2015. The change in salary would be effective the first day after any of the councilmembers or mayor begins a new term of office, or Dec. 1, 2014, whichever occurs later.

One of the ballot measures will approve the changes in the compensation package. The second, would deal with the ability of the council to change the salary levels.

Mayor John Marchand and Councilmember Bob Woerner will write the arguments in favor of the two measures. All of the councilmembers will sign the argument.

No Definitive Answer on Ag Water

Whether local vineyard owners will receive adequate water this year is still up in the air.

For cattle ranchers, the news is more dire, with many having to cull herds they cannot feed or water. There will be an impact on the price consumers pay for beef.

According to Zone 7 executive director Jill Duerig, "There is over an 80 percent chance that water will be available for vintners this year through the aqueduct. The water may not be of the quality the growers would like due to salinity." She

pointed out that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is pumping water through the aqueduct right now.

Zone 7 obtains its water from DWR via the aqueduct. Local vintners access the water through turn-outs. As long as there is water, they can take it, according to Duerig. However, if the state shuts off the pumps, certain portions of the aqueduct go dry. There is nothing that can be done if it is along one of the local turn-outs.

Duerig said that if water quality continues to decline, the pumping would stop.

"Vineyard owners don't want the water with high salts anyway, because it destroys the vines. Some of the big vineyards have wells they can access when the canal supply is interrupted."

She said that Zone 7 has water due to it that it did not take in 2013 even although it was allocated. "Quite a lot of what is called carry-over water was stored for Zone 7. The state has guaranteed it will deliver all of the carry-over water."

However, Duerig points out, DWR determines what counts as carry-over water. The state could say the water

in Del Valle, which it owns, counts as the carry-over.

Zone 7 stores water in Semitropic in Kern County. In normal years, the agency would have access to the water when there is an allocation. There is no allocation planned before Sept. 1, said Duerig.

Efforts are underway to make that water available to Zone 7 now.

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan's office has written a letter to Mark Cowin, Director of the Department of Water Resources. It notes that Zone 7 Water stores water in Semitropic Water Stor-

age District's groundwater basin in Kern County under an agreement to deliver emergency water in times of need for the health and safety of its customers. Zone 7 has responded to the current water supply emergency by calling for delivery of its banked supplies but is not able to access that supply because there is not sufficient water in the State Water Project or Central Valley Project systems to facilitate the exchanges typically used to deliver banked water.

The letter points out that to address this problem,

(See WATER, page 10)



Young chalk artists were busy creating works of art during The Big Draw in downtown Pleasanton. The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council hosts the event to raise funds to support arts in the schools. The festive day included professional chalk artists, painted pianos, take a seat poetry chairs, a special display at the Harrington Art Gallery, live performances and an artist and artisans row.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Signature Gatherers Accused Of Lying

The supporters of the Dublin Open Space Initiative have accused the Let Dublin Decide Initiative signature gatherers of spreading falsehoods to try to get Dublin voters to sign their petition.

Under California law, lying to induce someone to sign a petition is a criminal offense, and has been cited as grounds to invalidate an initiative.

The principals behind the Let Dublin Decide Initiative have hired professional signature gatherers to qualify their initiative for the ballot. They have shown up at the Dublin Library, and in front of Safeway, as well as going door-to-door soliciting signatures.

Some Dublin residents report that they were told some "pretty amazing things" to get them to sign by the Let Dublin Decide representatives. These residents when asked if they would sign the Let Dublin Decide petition, said that they already signed "the initiative," thinking it was the same group and the same initiative as the one they actually signed, the Dublin Open Space Initiative.

According to supporters of the Dublin Open Space Initiative, different residents were given different explanations, including the following:

The Open Space petition (See INITIATIVES, page 5)

Sunrise Loses Del Valle Kayak Contract, Igniting Local Furor

The surprise decision by East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to award the Lake Del Valle kayak concession to a Fremont store, rather than continue with operation by Livermore's Sunrise Mountain Sports, has ignited a furor among local outdoor enthusiasts and park users.

The decision was made last week by the Park Dis-

trict board of directors, which overruled the opinion of its Operations Committee that the award should go to Sunrise. The Operations Committee in turn had overruled the judgment of Park District staff that the contract should be awarded to the Fremont store, called Outback Adventures.

That another contractor should be seriously consid-

ered came as a surprise to many early this year when the issue arose as the March 31 end of the concession contract approached. Sunrise started the kayak operation in 2006, building the popularity of the sport year after year by offering instruction, special paddling events and boats for rent and purchase.

Owner Kim Granfield in-

creased revenues every year and paid his bills on time. He and his staff were described as courteous and responsive to customers. They paid the Park District 10 percent of proceeds as agreed.

On the other hand, as one kayak industry source said, speaking on the condition of anonymity, competition and the rebidding of contracts

(See KAYAK, page 4)

Dublin Adds 1200 Units to Downtown Plan, Reduces Commercial Area

The Dublin City Council voted 4-1 to change the city's Downtown Specific Plan by adding 1200 more residential units to the plan, raising the total to 2500 units.

The council at its meeting May 6 eliminated approximately 773,000 square feet of non-residential uses to facilitate the residential expansion. Some 193,000 square feet of retail commer-

cial space was part of that non-residential reduction.

The Downtown Specific Plan is split into three areas: the Transit-oriented Area near the West Dublin BART station; the Retail District,

which features big-box stores and big parking lots; and Village Parkway at the eastern-most portion of the Downtown Specific Plan.

Some 800 of the 1200 residential units will go to

the Transit-oriented portion. Another 300 will be placed in the retail area, and the remaining 100 in Village Parkway.

Besides approving the (See DUBLIN, page 9)



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Pleasanton Moves to Stage 3 for Water Conservation

The Pleasanton City Council voted unanimously to institute stage 3 of its water conservation plan, which includes a mandatory 25 percent reduction in water use.

Daniel Smith, Director of Operations Services, told the council that the city will have to get through the hottest months using the water that is currently available. The state will be delivering 5 percent of the requested water, but not until after September 1. "If we don't

meet our numbers, we could run out of water this summer."

Smith added that the final snowpack report on May 1, showed it at 18 percent of normal with water content only 7 percent of normal.

Pleasanton is in line for \$14.8 million in funding to move forward with phase II of its plan to treat and distribute recycled water. In the meantime, plans are to maximize the use of recycled water available to the (See PLEASANTON, page 10)



A seven man break-away led the Amgen Tour of California until the climb up Mt. Diablo, when the peloton caught them. Winner of stage 3 is Rohan Dennis. Last year, he came in 11th in the same stage. Riders turn from Cross Road onto Patterson Pass Road near Livermore.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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PET OF THE WEEK
Two-year-old Toby is looking for his Atlas, someone to encircle him with their arms and never put him down. The tender tabby would love to be your whole world. It's no myth that cats make great companions! Shoulder a new responsibility - adopt Toby at Valley Humane Society (VHS), 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information, please call (925) 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby

Water Conservation Mandatory for All of Livermore

The Livermore City Council approved an interim emergency ordinance at its meeting on Monday that would implement mandatory water conservation throughout the entire city.

A four-fifths vote is required to enact an emergency ordinance. The vote on Monday was unanimous.

When the mandatory measures were originally enacted on April 15, they applied only to customers served by the City of Livermore Municipal Water utility. The balance of Livermore is served by the California Water Service Company.

All water users in the city will now have to meet the mandatory 30 percent

reduction in water use. That can be accomplished by cutting indoor use by 5 percent and outdoor use by 50 percent. Setting sprinklers to run at half the time previously programmed will achieve the 50 percent reduction.

Public Works Director Dan McIntyre stated, "The entire City of Livermore, along with the rest of the Tri-Valley, is affected by the drought. If conservation targets are not achieved by all of us before early summer, it will severely reduce the water supplies remaining to provide for any outdoor irrigation later in the summer. Outdoor irrigation water we save in the first half of the summer is water that will be available for irrigation in the

second half of the summer." He added that Cal Water supports the emergency ordinance.

The Water Conservation Ordinance was amended to make it easier to program automatic irrigation controllers. Previously, properties with odd street address numbers were limited to irrigating no more than twice a week on odd dates; even street address numbers were limited to irrigating no more than twice a week on even dates. Under the revised ordinance, properties with odd street address numbers are allowed to water no more than twice a week on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Properties with even street address numbers are allowed to water

no more than twice a week on Tuesday, Thursdays or Saturdays. No watering is allowed on Sundays. Watering would be permitted between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m.

McIntyre stated, "By amending the ordinance, we've made it more convenient for citizens with automatic sprinkler systems

to do so."

The required reduction in water use is based on a comparison with the same time period as in 2013.

Mandatory conservation measures include no washing of driveways, sidewalks or other paved surfaces, and washing of vehicles limited to once a month unless a

commercial car wash is used. A complete list of the mandatory measures, conservation tips and rebates, drought updates, and other information can be found at www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/drought.asp. Customers with questions or concerns can call the Drought Hotline, 960-8180.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Most EV Ready

Alameda County has been selected as the Bay Area's Most "EV Ready" Large Community as part of the 2014 Ready, Set, Charge! Bay Area Electric Vehicle Readiness Awards, sponsored by the Bay Area Climate Collaborative (BACC) and Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

The Awards Committee selected Alameda County for incorporating electric vehicles (EVs) into its Climate Action Plan and General Plans, its EV infrastructure of 80 public and fee-free charging ports, plus its expansion of EVs in its fleets - currently at 23 EVs and with 26 more to be deployed this year. Alameda County has also provided region-wide leadership heading a collaborative procurement of 90 electric vehicles and charging stations for 10 municipal agencies.

Voter Registration Deadline

The deadline to register to vote for the June 3, 2014 Statewide Direct Primary Election is Monday, May 19, 2014.

Alameda County residents must be United States citizens, 18 years old and not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony to be eligible to register to vote.

Voter registration affidavits are available at the Registrar of Voters office and at libraries, fire stations and post offices. You may also complete the registration form online at www.registertovote.ca.gov. Completed affidavits must be delivered to the Registrar of Voters office at 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, and Oakland, CA 94612 or postmarked by May 19, 2014 in order to be valid for the June 3 election.

Voters can call the Registrar of Voters

office at (510) 272-6973 or (510) 267-8683 or visit www.acgov.org/rov to check registration status.

Real Estate Roundup

The Livermore Chamber of Commerce's Real Estate Roundup 2014 will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, Wednesday May 28 from 9:00 am 1:30 pm. This event is open to the entire community and serves as an update on new Livermore residential and commercial real estate developments and other issues of local interest.

Real Estate Roundup includes a bus tour of new Livermore developments as well as a trade show and networking event and a panel of speakers.

Topics and speakers include: Dave Stark, BayEast Realtors; Mark Triska, Colliers International; Dave Best, Shea Homes; and Steve Kiefer, City of Livermore Community Development and Economic Development.

Tickets are \$45 for Chamber members and \$55 for non-members for the Expo and lunch program \$75 for Chamber members and \$85 for non-members for the bus tour, Expo and lunch program

For further information or to make reservations, visit livermorechamber.org or call 925.447.1606

Correction

Statistics in a story about high schools in last week's Independent switched numbers for Granada and Livermore High School's information.

Granada is ranked 249 in the State, and 1,139 in the nation. Livermore High is ranked 345 in the State, and 1,537 in the nation.

Urinary Incontinence and Pelvic Prolapse

Free Education Seminar

Speaker: Michael T. Margolis, MD

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: ValleyCare Medical Plaza
2nd Floor Conference Room
5725 W. Las Positas Blvd.
Pleasanton

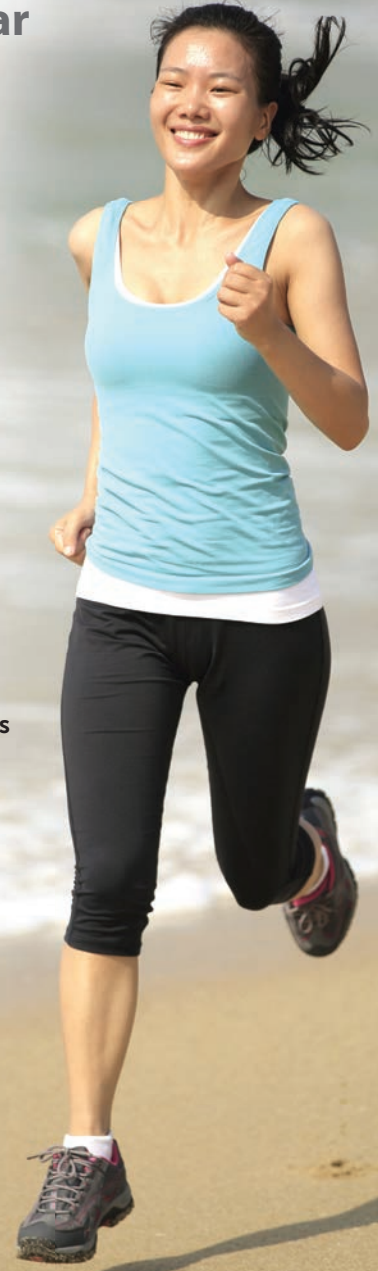
It's an embarrassing topic that many women don't wish to talk about. Make plans to attend this seminar where ValleyCare pelvic surgeon/urogynecologist, Dr. Michael T. Margolis, will discuss the latest treatment options and simple outpatient procedures that have a high probability of success.

We invite you to register for this free seminar online at www.valleycare.com/educationseminars or by calling 800-719-9111.



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Brilliant Event Team



Livermore Downtown's Wine Country Festival, every first weekend in May, launches the summer and a season of amazing events and festivals all throughout the Livermore Valley. The 2014 Festival proved to be the biggest ever! More wine and beer tasters, than ever before. More bands playing, than ever before. More arts and crafters, from around the country, than ever before. More sponsors, than ever before. Most importantly, more volunteers, than ever before.

We greatly appreciate all of the amazing support that we receive from all of the different components that make this Livermore Wine event, by far, the largest in the East Bay. A very hard working staff works diligently to keep its growth and vitality sustainable and two of those members are moving on to new adventures now but made sure they stuck with us through the Festival to insure they left it in peak condition. Thank you to Holly Feidy for being on the LDI team for 4 years and to Pam Perreira for her service for the last 5 years. They brought skill, commitment and lots of humor to the process!

To the rest of you that worked, volunteered, supported or enjoyed the festival this year, thank you! More to come in 2014 so check out the event calendar and get involved! It's all about you! The Livermore Community!

- Rachael Snedecor - Executive Director



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Double Barrel Wine Bar
First Street Wine Company
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Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard
Winemaker's Pour House
Zephyr Grill & Bar

Entertainment Committee

Livermore Music House
Double Barrel Wine Bar
Livermore School of Dance
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Hydration Station

Livermore High School Parent, Teacher & Student Association
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EDITORIAL

Harness the Energy

An enthusiastic crowd gathered to take part in the Mayor's Summit on Homelessness in Livermore.

The overall theme of the day was the importance of having a home. It was pointed out that living on the street places the focus on simply surviving, finding a place to sleep and food to eat. A permanent place to live allows people to deal with other issues they are facing.

Some of the guest speakers debunked myths concerning who are the homeless. It was pointed out that people generally do not migrate from where they think is home to become homeless. "Personal failings do not cause homelessness. Public policy and lack of investment cause homelessness. Housing solves homelessness."

Several good ideas came out of the session.

One proposed a one-stop location where those who are homeless or about to become homeless could access a variety of mental health and social services, take a shower, have mailboxes, and find job counseling.

A second suggestion focused on Housing First as a way to provide permanent housing. Once in a home, people can move on to deal with issues such as drug use and mental health.

Over 200 people attended the summit. Livermore and the entire region should not let this opportunity go away to harness the energy of those people in working to make solutions to homelessness a reality.

Advanced Manufacturing Methods Under Development At LLNL

New approaches to manufacturing are enabling researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to explore innovative ways to make one-of-a-kind objects using 3D printers and other techniques.

Known generally as additive manufacturing, the methods promise less waste and in some cases lower cost than conventional approaches. They start with digital designs that simulate the manufacturing process so that different configurations can be tested in computer models before a product is actually made.

The actual manufacturing process builds three-dimensional objects by adding layer after layer of material according to the computer design. Compared to what is expected in another decade, additive manufacturing is at an early stage of development, according to sources at the Laboratory and in industry. However, it is rapidly becoming practical for industrial purposes.

Do-it-yourself additive manufacturing or 3D printing technology can easily be ordered online through sites like Amazon, which sells hardware, software and instruction booklets.

Commercial firms promise actual or soon-to-come products ranging from mobile phone cases to musical instruments, from furniture

to custom prosthetics.

According to Tim Shepherd, an analyst with the marketing research firm Canalis, "(Additive manufacturing) has now moved from a new and much-hyped, but largely unproven, manufacturing process to a technology with the ability to produce real, innovative, complex and robust products."

Worldwide, industrial estimates suggest that the additive manufacturing market is worth about \$3 billion and growing at a rate of more than 30 percent per year.

Germany is arguably the leader in additive manufacturing technology, but China and Japan also have strong programs, according to Betsy Cantwell, director of economic development at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Siemens, G.E. and Rolls Royce are among major industrial firms that have made large commitments to additive manufacturing.

At LLNL, additive manufacturing is being developed through a program created to give promising, early-stage research projects seed funding rapidly, without waiting for cumbersome government review processes to reach a decision about a grant.

This program is called LDRD, for Laboratory Directed Research and Development. The additive

manufacturing LDRD effort has grown from \$2 million in 2011 to \$5 million today.

The Laboratory's efforts in additive manufacturing were boosted last week when it announced that it had entered into a partnership with FATHOM, an Oakland-based company that specializes in 3D printing and additive manufacturing. FATHOM's additively manufactured products have been used in the fields of energy, medicine, electronics, consumer goods and the environment, according to an announcement of the partnership.

To Cantwell, the Laboratory's economic development director, additive manufacturing is a continuation of the precision manufacturing that the Laboratory has prided itself on for decades.

To start with, ultra-precision machining was required in the nuclear weapons program that is the reason for the Laboratory's existence. The Laboratory's expansion into laser research, particle research and astronomy built on those capabilities and led to others, some of which can be addressed using 3D printing and other techniques.

Because additive manufacturing is based on digital processes, and those can be corrupted or stolen during transmission, there is a need for attention to cybersecurity,

according to Cantwell. Private industry is paying careful attention to this area, she said.

"If you send a design over the internet, how can you guarantee it is printed where you paid to have it printed?"

"How do you guarantee that what has been printed is actually yours?"

"If you choose five places to build and market something under your name, how can you be sure what is printed is what you designed?"

She compared the problem to that of counterfeit bolts, in which the integrity of airplanes, buildings and other structures can be endangered by the use of substandard bolts passed off as the real thing.

In a large and rapidly growing market, industry has a large stake in making sure the security problem is solved, just as the Laboratory does, Cantwell said.

LLNL will work closely and interactively private industry to both the private and the public sectors, she said.

"By working with industry to bring national lab capabilities to bear on advancing manufacturing, we enable the innovation that leads to new economic opportunities and makes U.S. manufacturing more competitive in the global marketplace."

KAYAK

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should be healthy for the sport. Outback Adventures appeared "full of energy" and "hungry" in its bid, apparently impressing Park District staff, which scored it well ahead of the bid from Sunrise.

Outback hired a Walnut Creek civil litigation firm, Bowles & Verna, to demand recusal by Ayn Weiskamp, the board member representing Livermore, for an alleged conflict of interest.

The conflict was said to be Weiskamp's service on the Livermore City Council some 20 years ago when Granfield purchased the site of the present Sunrise store in downtown Livermore from the city. Weiskamp says that she had no particular role in the decision to sell the property — a contention supported by then-mayor Cathie Brown. The EBRPD legal staff advised her that recusal was unnecessary, but she withdrew to avoid the appearance of a conflict.

Whether her participation would have mattered is questionable. With four companies bidding, Sunrise did not even come in second. Under a scoring system led by the Park District's revenue manager, Sunrise came in a distant third with 56 points after Outback (84 points) and Valencia-based Rocky Mountain Recreation (70.) Sunrise barely edged out Wheel Fun Rentals of Ventura, which emphasized bicycle sports and was awarded 55 points.

Dave Lunn, a former Zone 7 manager who is active in local park activities and attends Park District meetings, does not think the bidding and scoring system was fair and impartial. He has a lot of company in the Livermore area, including hundreds who have signed a petition on behalf of Sunrise. Lunn took an extra step in asking the State of California to review the process for fairness. EBRPD manages the Del Valle site for the State and must obtain the State's approval before the final concession contract can take effect.

In his letter to the state, Lunn notes that it appears that none of the reviewers ever realized that these staff complaints had not been properly vetted and definitely not been shared with the former concessionaire. It also appears that these complaints were brought

to the attention of Outback who used this information to focus their presentation and proposals to attack the former concessionaire.

Whether the State will take his suggestion, and if so what the outcome will be, is unknown. Published criteria for evaluation of the bid included quality of past and projected future service, relevant business experience, financial capability, ability to secure insurance and plans for enhancement. "Enhancement," was explained as "proposed enhancement plan of services at the Food and Marina Concession and evidence of ability to accomplish these objectives."

Sunrise did not score well in most if not all of these categories despite the added advantage of a successful eight-year track record.

During that time, Sunrise raised participation in paddling sports and brought thousands of visitors to Del Valle, including local residents who have taken classes and rented at Del Valle during Sunrise's eight years of building the sport.

The Park District acknowledges that Sunrise is a leader in the field of recreational kayaking, and its instructors are certified by the American Canoe Association, the largest paddle sport organization.

Sunrise owner Kim Granfield is himself a top-ranked kayak instructor. He participates in regional kayaking seminars to spread appreciation of the sport and teach safe paddling, not just at Del Valle but in other parts of the state.

So why the low scores to Sunrise in its bid to retain the concession?

Possible explanations abound. Other kayak firms got personal interviews with Park District staff. Granfield did not. Out of state on a family emergency, he was promised a telephone interview, which never took place.

Another explanation has to do with communications. Lunn, the former Zone 7 manager, says he was present at a Park District committee discussion of the concession contract when Park District staff criticized Sunrise for not communicating with them when large groups of kayak users showed up.

Asked whether they had ever communicated their

dissatisfaction to Granfield, the staff said they had not, according to Lunn. So how could he know to respond, especially since bringing lots of kayak users to Del Valle was what he was expected to do? Besides, the argument goes, Park District staff did not have a role even when they did know that a big paddle was coming. There was nothing required of them.

Other explanations suggested by Lunn and others:

- Eight years of success in building kayaking at Del Valle was not a criterion in evaluating the bids. Sunrise's performance counted for nothing.

- There was no credit for geographic proximity. Sunrise can show up with extra boats in half an hour if needed. Unless it sets up a store in Livermore, Outback will not be able to do that.

- Park District staff who reviewed the proposals were finance and facilities people who may know structures and money, but did not know kayaking.

To Lunn, and to several other well known people around Livermore who asked not to be identified, the whole process smelled "fishy," in the words of a former community leader.

In a letter asking for a State review of the bidding evaluation and contract award, Lunn said he was "very disturbed with the lack of professionalism on the part of EBRPD staff."

Asked for comment last Monday, the owner and founder of Outback, Jay Ganje, declined a live interview but said he was willing to take questions in writing. In response to an email, he sent the following information about anticipated Del Valle operations:

- They will offer recreational and sea kayaks in numbers that match demand as well as bikes, picnic game rentals and windsurfing and sailing equipment.

- They expect to draw customers from around the Bay Area. They will not require reservations for rentals and will rent "stable recreational kayaks and paddleboards" to anyone "regardless of prior experience." Narrower sea kayaks will be available to those who have self rescue experience.

- Bike rentals will be a "great addition" to Del Valle, which is "a great area for biking."

- They demanded that Ayn Weiskamp recuse herself because "comments made at the first committee meeting combined with the vastly disparate staff evaluation scores and the subsequent information... suggested that there may have been a conflict of interest." The conflict came to nothing when Weiskamp withdrew, which "showed high integrity."

Revise Focuses on Teacher Pensions, Rainy Day Fund

By Ron McNicoll

California Gov. Jerry Brown focused on long-term funding needs to which the state is already committed when he unveiled his May Revise for next fiscal year's proposed budget.

At a news conference in Sacramento May 13, Brown talked about funding the future of teacher pensions, support for Medi-Cal costs that rose above predictions, and the need to pay down current debt, and build a rainy day fund for future contingencies.

"Some say that economic growth in the next 30 years will be half of what it was in the past 30 years. If that's true, we'll have to have far more fiscal restraint than I have proposed. I've taken a middle course," said Brown. He said that his outlook is safe for the next five years.

The teacher pension part of Brown's presentation may be a challenge to local school districts, although that's not clear, because Brown has not specified any figures for revenues for schools in the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

Brown said at his news conference that he would put \$450 million into the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) in the first year, and increase it later. Ongoing contributions would grow to more than \$5 billion by 2020-21, and eventually eliminate the unfunded liability in 30 years.

Pleasanton school dis-

trict assistant superintendent Luz Cázares told The Independent that currently school districts pay 8 percent to STRS for every teacher's pension. Brown's accelerated plan will raise that to 19 percent in seven years, and presumably plateau there, said Cázares.

Whether that will hurt districts depends on how much money the governor and Legislature give schools. Cázares said that although Brown has not announced any numbers on the revenue side for school districts, he is committed to closing a funding gap in LCFF itself, she said.

If Sacramento doesn't give schools enough to cover the STRS funding increases, the money would have to come from somewhere else in the budget, which would affect the programs, said Cázares. It's all speculative right now. "One of the unfortunate things about the California budget is that everything is speculative until the budget passes," said Cázares.

The May Revise also contains \$1.2 billion more to pay for additional people

who signed up for Medi-Cal. That will cover an additional 1.4 million more people who signed up, some because they learned of their eligibility when counselors from California Covered told them about it.

Although costs went up for Medi-Cal, the important thing was that people will be healthier because of it, said Brown. When a questioner asked Brown what answer he would give to critics who say that his freeze of a Cost of Living Adjustment for welfare "takes food out of children's mouths," he replied, "Many of the same children are among the 3.6 million children who will receive more health care services."

The rainy-day fund to cover any contingencies in the general fund is needed because of the unpredictability in the state's finances, said Brown. He pointed to a graph that depicted the past 15 fiscal years. Only three of them showed black ink. Brown called it a reflection of the odds -- 11 to 3 -- against having a balanced budget. The rainy day fund is needed.

MAILBOX

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Voter Turn Out Steve Wright Dublin

It is with mixed emotions that I read your front page article with regard to the numbers associated with Dublin's Measure B.

I find it gratifying that Measure B passed with 79% of the 6,138 persons who voted. What is really APPALLING is that 6,138 persons represented only 26% of those eligible to vote for this Measure. What happened to the other 74%? It is going to be that 74% who would have screamed the loudest if the Measure had

not passed and they would have to suffer the budget reductions within the District.

It is not a situation where someone was going to have to take time off from whatever they were doing to go to a polling place to vote the ballot. All they had to do was sit in their Laz-e-Boy rocker/recliner, fill out the ballot, place it in an envelope, affix a stamp to it and drop it off at the nearest post office or drop-box on their way to, or, from wherever they were going that day. That should not have been a very difficult task.

Spare the Air George Fay Livermore

Today (Monday) is a spare the air day, as I am sure tomorrow and the next will be too. What do I see? LARPD maintenance people using noisy and highly polluting gas powered (probably 2 stroke engines) weed whackers and leaf blowers at Les Knott park this morning. There you go - a government agency that refuses to help out on a spare the air day. Thanks for being a part of the solution - Knott!!

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INITIATIVES

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they signed was found unconstitutional and had to be re-written, so they have to sign it again.

The one they signed was found defective and had to be re-written.

Their initiative is to prevent mud-slides in Doolan Canon.

They, the signature gatherers for Let Dublin Decide Initiative, are the same group that sought signatures for the Dublin Open Space initiative.

All of those statements are totally false, state the Open Space Initiative supporters. The Dublin Open Space initiative was not found unconstitutional or defective; the signature gatherers making the claim that they are Open Space Initiative supporters, are not the same group but rather promoters of the competing initiative; neither initiative is intended to prevent mud-slides.

One woman who was approached at the Dublin Library to sign the Let

Dublin Decide petition was told something she knew was a falsehood. She filed a complaint with the Dublin city clerk, and was subsequently contacted by Dublin Police asking if she intended to press criminal charges. She has not decided what course to take.

Under California Elections Code 18600 it is a misdemeanor to utter falsehoods as inducements to get signatures on a ballot measure.

Friends of Dublin Open Space spokesman Morgan King, one of the authorizing signers of the Dublin Open Space Initiative, says they are considering whether other steps should be taken. His group, led by David Bewley and himself have already obtained the requisite number of signatures to qualify their initiative for the ballot.

Janet Lockhart, spokesperson for the Let Dublin Decide initiative, did not respond to questions asked in an email.

New COO Named at ValleyCare

Robert Kowal has been named the new Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the ValleyCare Health System.

Kowal replaces Cindy Noonan, who left ValleyCare May 9 after 25 years of service. CEO Scott Gregerson said that Noonan was moving on to another facility.

Kowal, who lives in Sonoma County, is coming out of retirement to take the job. Gregerson said that he worked as a vice president at Sonoma Valley Hospital about 10 years ago. When Kowal also came out of retirement when he took leadership of that hospital.

"He was brought out of retirement to stabilize a struggling community hospital. I found him to be as inspiring as he was effective. I know that we will be well-served by his presence," said Gregerson.

The COO position at ValleyCare is responsible for operations.

Kowal headed the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, which is more than twice the size of ValleyCare. He raised it to a leadership position in that area, even competing favorably against Johns Hopkins, said Gregerson.

Kowal's salary will be \$312,000, less than Noonan's pay of \$377,000. Noonan's salary had been reduced

from \$412,000 earlier this year as part of pay cuts for all administrators in a cost-saving drive to help put ValleyCare back into a black-ink budget.

The non-profit health care system lost \$5.1 million in the past fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2013. The previous three years also saw losses in the millions.

Estimated total savings for the next fiscal year budget are between \$5 million to \$5.5 million, said Gregerson.

Gregerson said it will take approximately a year

of retrenching to move back into annual black ink.

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The annual Bras for the Cause fund-raiser was held last weekend in Pleasanton. Pictured at left are some of the participants. The purpose of the event, presented by Tri-Valley SOCKS, is to both have fun and to raise money to help in the fight against breast cancer.

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SPORTS NOTES

Boosters Announce Olympian Award Finalists

The Livermore-Granada Boosters organization was launched in 1949 by a group of former Livermore High School athletes, former students, and civic-minded businessmen to foster and stimulate scholarship and athletics in the community high school. This group felt that good students, active in athletics, were a nucleus of future good citizens, with qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit.

In 1958, the Boosters instituted the Olympian Award to honor male scholar-athletes from Livermore High School. In 1966, the award was expanded to include newly opened Granada High School. Since 1979, the Livermore-Granada Boosters honor one male and one female scholar-athlete from each high school with the Olympian Award.

Each of the 4 winners receives a \$2,000 scholarship, and each of the six finalists receives a \$500 scholarship. All eight finalists receive an Olympian Finalist Award Plaque.

Team award plaques are presented to the outstanding male and female athlete leaders on each varsity team. They are selected by fellow team members.

This year the Olympian Scholarship Awards banquet will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center on May 19. More information on the banquet, as well as photos and video of sports are available at www.livermoregranadaboosters.org

This year's finalists are the following:

DOMINEX KOVACS - Dominex, a senior at Granada High School with a weighted GPA of 4.23, has earned two varsity blocks in football and three varsity blocks in volleyball. Dominex was named First Team All-League in football and 3rd team All-Eastbay. He volunteers as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter. He plans to attend the University of Chicago where he will major in Physics.

NICHOLAS SILVERTHORN - Nicholas is a senior at Granada High School with a weighted GPA of 4.07. He has earned four varsity blocks in swimming and has earned First Team All-League honors in the 200IM, 100 free, 200 Medley relay and 400 free relay. Nicholas is the NCS 500 free champion and holds several GHS swim-



Livermore-Granada Boosters Olympian Scholarship finalists are (front, from left) Morgan Brandt, Alexandra Hernandez, Kirsten Mork, Greta Kohlmoos, Sarah Wilkinson and Michelle Hawkins; (back) Casey Soltis, Dominex Kovacs, Nicholas Silverthorn, Drake Foote, Franklin Kerstetter, and Andrei Kasten.

ming records. Nicholas plans to attend UC Berkeley where he will continue his swimming career.

CASEY SOLTIS - Casey is a senior at Granada High School with a weighted GPA of 3.33. He has earned three varsity blocks in football, three varsity blocks in baseball and one varsity block in wrestling. Casey was named First Team All-League and Second Team All-East Bay in football. In baseball he was named All League Honorable mention. He plans to major in Construction Management at the University of Oregon and continue his baseball career.

DRAKE FOOTE - Drake is a senior at Livermore High School where he has a weighted GPA of 4.28. He has earned four varsity blocks in track, and three in soccer. Drake is a National Merit Commended student, a six time NCS scholar athlete and has earned his Eagle Scout award. He plans to major in Physics at UC Davis and will run track.

ANDREI KASTEN - Andrei is a senior at Livermore High School where he has a weighted GPA of 3.55. He has earned three varsity blocks in track, two varsity blocks in basketball and one in football. Andrei is a two-time First Team All-League in track and All-League Honorable Mention in football. He is second All-time at LHS in the triple and long jump and a member of the LHS All-time 4x100 relay. Andrei plans to run track for UC Santa Barbara and major in Engineering.

FRANKLIN KERSTETTER - Franklin is a senior at Livermore High School with a weighted GPA of 4.26. He has earned four varsity blocks in track and two varsity blocks in football. Franklin was selected First team All-League in foot-

ball and All-League in track. He holds the LHS second all-time discus record. He is a four time NCS scholar athlete and has earned his Eagle Scout Award. Franklin plans to major in Mathematics at UC Davis where he will continue his track career.

MORGAN BRANDT - Morgan is a senior at Granada High with a weighted GPA of 4.20. She has earned four varsity blocks in track and one varsity block in soccer. She has received First team All-League honors in track, is a member of the All-Time GHS 4x100 relay team and has twice been selected as team captain for her team. Morgan plans to major in Kinesiology at Point Loma College.

GRETA KOHLMOS - Greta is a senior at Granada High School with a weighted GPA of 4.08. She has earned four varsity blocks in water polo and three varsity blocks in swimming. In water polo she is a four time MVP for her team and has been selected three times to the First-Team All-League team, twice to the First-Team All NCS team and selected to the All-American Honorable mention team. She holds the GHS All-Time water polo scoring record. In swimming Greta has earned First Team All-league honors and is a GHS record holder for several swim relay teams. She is a NCS scholar athlete and has been an Academic All-American. Greta plans to attend UC Davis where she will continue her water polo career.

KIRSTEN MORK - Kirsten is a senior at Granada High School with a weighted GPA of 4.41. She has earned four varsity blocks in track. Kirsten was selected First Team All-League in the high jump in 2012 and 2013, won the NCS high jump in 2013 and has placed in the high

jump three times at the Meet of Champions and qualified for the state meet. She received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Science in 2012. Kirsten plans to continue her track career at Cal Poly where she will major in Computer Science.

MICHELLE HAWKINS - Michelle is a senior at Livermore High School with a weighted GPA of 4.50. She has earned four varsity blocks in water polo and four varsity blocks in swimming. Michelle was selected to the First-Team All league Water Polo team in 2012 and 2013 and three-times to the Second-Team All-NCS water polo team. Michelle is a four time NCS scholar athlete and has been named Captain and MVP on her team. Michelle plans to attend Diablo Valley College where she will continue her water polo career.

ALEXANDRA HERNANDEZ - Alexandra is a senior at Livermore High School with a weighted GPA of 4.00. She has earned three varsity blocks in cross country, three blocks in track and one block in soccer. Alexandra is a two time league champion in cross country and the NCS Division II champion in 2013. She is a two time state meet qualifier and a four time NCS scholar athlete. Alexandra plans to major in Nursing at Point Loma College where she will continue her track and cross country career.

SARAH WILKINSON - Sarah is a Livermore High senior with a weighted GPA of 4.22. She has earned four varsity blocks in soccer and was named to the EBAL All-League First Team. Sarah was selected as team MVP and is a CIF scholar athlete. She plans to continue her soccer career at UC Irvine and major in Criminology.



The Livermore Fusion 00G Gold team entered the weekend with two big matches to play. On Friday, they faced crosstown rival West Coast Wrath coming away with 2-0 win under the lights at Las Positas College. On Saturday, Fusion defeated first place Heritage Crush moving the Fusion girls into first place in their division. Team members pictured are (back row, left to right) Coach Frank Vitale, Abby Harnish, Samantha Kwan, Christine Aredo, Katherine Lewis, Kaitlin Krakoski, Emily March, Lauren Meeker, Alaina Sekany, Kennedy Griffith, Izzy Midgley, Lauren Moore, Cassidy Bates, Abby Fraser, Kalea Bartolotto, Sophia Gallardo, and Lindsay Harnish.



Granada Little League Farm division A's and Orioles played. In the 4 innings of play, the A's offense racked up 43 hits with 10 doubles. Top offensive players Robert Hansen, Lane Curtin, and Ian Leaverton. On defense, the A's put out 13 Orioles, including 2 fly balls and 2 double plays. Top defensive players were Zachary Lytle, Tyler Kennedy, and Zachary Lindstrom, who received the game ball.



West Coast U18 Kryptonite has tallied over 25 tournament championships, 3 state cup championships, and a national championship to their name. This past weekend marked an end to an era as Kryptonite played its final game against long time adversary Juventus La fenice. Kryptonite would take the final game 3-1. Coach Dayak who has guided the Kryptonite through their youth career says, "It has been a pleasure and honor coaching against Darrell Ringman who has done an outstanding job developing La fenice into one of the top teams in the state." Coach Darrell said after the game, "It's been years of awesome competition with a great team, terrific coach and role model. It's been a great ride, best of luck to West Coast for the future"



The Granada High School varsity men broke two swim relay records at the East Bay Athletic League championships held on May 9-10 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The new records are in the 200 Medley Relay 1:34.19, and the 400 Free Relay 3:05.30. The relay consisted of (left to right) Maxime Rooney (So), Bryce McLaggan (Sr), Trent Trump (Sr), and Nick Silverthorn (Sr). The varsity men's team placed 2nd overall. They will be competing at the North Coast Section Championships to be held in Concord on May 16-17.

West Coast Soccer

The Norcal State Cup Championship was held at the new Mary Grogan Soccer Complex in Modesto on May 10, 2014. West Coast U16G Wild made it through over 200 U16 girls teams in Northern California to the top of the state again in 2014. Along the way the defending State Champions West Coast Wild qualified for the finals by defeating some of the top teams and clubs in Norcal. Victories included 2-0 quarterfinal win over San Juan and a 2-1 semifinal win over Davis Legacy.

In the final, West Coast faced a fiercely confident Santa Clara Sporting Green team. Wild team was eager to implement and execute the strategy developed by Coach Dayak as they came out strong in the second half orchestrating many scoring opportunities until finally netting one with a brilliant cross from Hanna Beauchamp to Sydney Lunt who tied things up. Sporting held the score at 1-1 in regulation. The game went into overtime where West Coast wasted no time and put the pressure on determined to win the Cup. Hanna Beauchamp brought down a punt from Sporting GK and slotted a perfectly placed pass to Kassidee Wiley who banged home the game winner. Solid team defense sealed the victory and the Wild's place in history as one of the only Livermore teams to ever win back to back State Cup Titles.

Next up for the West Coast Wild is a trip to the Pacific Northwest to the Showcase of Champions in Seattle WA where they will compete in the WCDA College Showcase event. By winning Norcal State Cup the Wild earn a birth into the US Club National Championship competition in Greensboro N. C. on July 18-21st. West Coast Wild will also be traveling together in the West Coast Bus to San Diego for the Prestigious Surf Cup. For more information on Wild go to www.westcoastsoccerclub.com

West Coast Wildkatz finished Mother's Day weekend in first place after an unbeaten weekend in Spring League play. The U10 West Coast Wildkatz Livermore's premier soccer club worked hard for a well-earned draw versus rival Pleasanton Rage and then played very well together for a 2-0 victory over Diablo FC.

In Saturday's game against Pleasanton, the Wildkatz fought hard to overcome an early goal. The defense, led by goalkeeper Katie Carlson and solid defensive play by Jayden Morton, Jade Castillo, Melanie Lambert and Allie Santellano allowed the Wildkatz midfield free to put pressure on their frequent rivals. Midfield play, led by Teagan Conklin, Mia Marks, Elissa Giuliaci, started to combine with forwards Emma Colmenero and Kate-



Wishing their moms a Happy Mother's Day are Fusion SC 97 players (back row) Luis Garcia, Giovanni Vera, Jack Schoendienst, Brandon Replogle, Coach CJ Salazar, Trevor Ross, Roberto Soto, Jonathan Banales, Alec Foster, Devon Shorridge, Max Ibanez; (front row) Cameron Ourdoune, Jaime Osorio, Matthew Garcia and Luis Ceja; not pictured, Connor Richardson.

lynn Strong to breakdown Pleasanton's strong defensive unit.

In the second half, midfielder MJ Anzo collected a pass on the left flank just before midfield and flew by two Rage defenders. Anzo drove home the tying goal with her shot going into the side netting.

This left the teams tied for first place with the Wildkatz ahead on goal difference.

Katz certainly had a challenge ahead of them on Mother's Day versus Diablo FC.

Anzo, who was involved in all three goals over the weekend, found Conklin just outside the penalty area. Conklin weaved between two defenders and let a shot go from the penalty box to get the 1-0 lead.

With just over five minutes left in the first half, Anzo made yet another run with the ball down the sideline. The speedy midfielder spotted Marks setting up in the penalty area. Anzo let go a perfect, low cross and Marks hit an equally divine one time shot the goalkeeper had no chance saving to double the score to 2-0.

Passing combinations and strong defense continued to end the weekend with 2-0 victory and a 1-0-1 record for the weekend.

West Coast Wrath U13 worked together as a team against a respectable Heritage Crush team and held Crush to a 1-1 draw. Wrath started the first half powerfully, and worked the Crush defense. Wrath pressed forward with great passing. Kaila fought hard and centered the ball to Sydney, who scored her first goal for Wrath, finishing the half 1-0. All the girls played strongly in the second half. The Wrath defense of Kylie, Aryanna, Fran and Regan worked together well to defend the goal, and passed out of defense to their midfield and wingers. Kate and Tyler worked hard in midfield along with Camryn and Steffanie. Crush continued to pressure and their tenacity paid off when they finally broke through and brought the score back to 1-1. Wrath wingers Abby and Allyssa worked hard on the outside, while Janessa, Savannah, Kaila and Sydney supported the team up-front.



The AASA Future Stars 10u Blue girls softball team, based out of Livermore, once again showed what they were made of by going undefeated in all 5 games played over the weekend at the USSSA Hot Tamale tournament in Concord. This is the teams second tournament in which they have taken the 1st place title. Pictured are (bottom row, from left) Kylie Alfano, Delaney Johnston, Emily Aleman, Angelica Morales-Madriral, Dakoda Hood and Taylor Rapp; (top row) Coach Steve Johnston, Marissa Herrera, Coach Kim Hood, Lexy Dimas, Alexa Snider, Makayla Winchell and Coach Brian Rapp; (not pictured) Jazzy Rios.

Brianne played an outstanding game to keep the score at 1-1.

be the cap on Fusion's 4-1 win.

On Sunday, Fusion defeated PAC San Jose Newells, with a tight 1-0 score, after Max Ibanez got his head on the ball and popped it in just out of the keeper's reach.

Livermore Fusion

On Saturday, Fusion SC 97 faced BUCS Select. Trevor Ross scored the first goal 22 minutes into the game, when he slide kicked the ball in from the center of the box after a well placed pass from Max Ibanez. Alec Foster followed one minute later with a blast from 35 yards out that sailed over the keeper and into the upper left corner of the net. He then followed it up with a third goal two minutes later that went in off the post. Four minutes later Jonathan Banales scored yet again with a well placed kick that would ultimately

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:
Single A: Athletics 11, Yankees 12 (5/7): The Athletics scored five runs in the first inning. Yankees' Henry Gleason showed his stuff with a grounder out at first. In the second inning, the Yankees started to slow the A's scoring rush, with a 1-3 put out by Troy Rodriguez Armando Sotka. In the bottom of the second, the Yankees

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Pictured are the Livermore American Little League AA Giants.



Livermore Phantom Lacrosse U15 won their last regular game of the season against the Scorpion Pincers in Danville 14-3. Cole Niermeyer, Andrew Choumas, and Jace Gersten were great working together on attack. The defensive players used strategies they have been working on and were able to succeed. The offense did a great job of controlling the ball and tempo. Shane Jenkins scored six goals, Devin Funaro and Alex Witthoef each scored two, with Kai Berkey, Harrison Folmar, Jace Gersten, Ryan Nostrand, and Jacob Vane scoring one goal each. Pictured is Goalie Ryan Nostrand outmaneuvering opponents as he ran to the other end of the field and scored a goal.



Great all around play as the Fusion U11 Boys gold dominated the game last Saturday against San Ramon. An early goal by Chandler Olsen helped get Fusion off to a great start. The defense held the score with solid work by Dillon Gillespie and Damian Styles and goalkeeper Mikey Christian making some great saves. A new and aggressive San Ramon came on strong after half time sneaking two quick goals past the Fusion defense. In the photo, Fusion goalkeeper Mikey Christian and defenders Dillon Gillespie and Damian Styles protect the Fusion goal from the San Ramon attack.



The West Coast WildKatz U10G team thanked their moms by playing two great soccer games over the Mother's Day weekend. Game one delivered a tie against a tough Pleasanton Rage team. Game two against Diablo was 2-0 shutout victory for West Coast. After the weekend, the WildKatz move into first place in spring league play. Pictured is West Coast forward Jade Castillo making a move a Diablo defender.



Pictured with the championship trophy are members of the West Coast U16G Wild. The team captured the Norcal State Cup Championship over the weekend.

started their scoring rampage, with 4 runs on singles by Coyle, Rasmussen, Johnson, Gleason, and both Rodriguez brothers.

The top of the third, Johnson at pitcher, threw a beautiful toss to Coyle at third to stop the runner from advancing. A double hit by A's Shane Meyerdrove in two runs. The Yankees held the A's to 4 runs with good defense. The Yankees' scoring was slowed temporarily by a double-play by A's Danny Julson who caught Johnson's fly ball for the second out and turned around and took out Bielski who was headed for third. The A's were shut down in the 5th inning. The bottom of the 5th, Yankees' Landon Dattilo started off with a solid single followed by a single by Coyle. Then Joey Bielski singled to send Dattilo to third. Gleason hit a single (scoring the 300th hit of the season) and sent Bielski running for home. Bielski scored the 8th run of the game. Troy Rodriguez smacked a screamin' double, bringing in both Rasmussen and Johnson, and the inning was over, with 5 runs for the Yankees. In the final inning, Yankees' Troy Rodriguez hit a solid single. Then, Sotka clobbered the ball more than half way to the play structure for a triple, bringing in Troy to make it 11 to 11. The Yankees' Vinny Melissare hit a single bringing in Sotka in with the winning run.

AAA Division: Cardinals 11, Reds 10 (5/6): The Cardinals took two losses in a row, first to the Pirates then to the Reds, while playing with positive attitudes. Cardinals' Aiden Bartlett has been playing amazing offense and defense. He connected for two hard hits and showed his defense on second base to keep the Reds from stealing. Cardinals' Wilson Schwegler has been hitting and bringing in the runs. He hit a nice hard hit to center for an RBI. He made an out at third and a hard throw to first. Cardinals' Austin Lane was on offense with aggressive base stealing, and steals at second, third and home base.

Rangers 1, Cardinals 12 (5/10): Even though that have all been hitting great, the offense matched up with the defense. Cardinals' Tallon Chambers showed off his pitching in the second inning, allowing 1 hit. Defense kept a scoreless inning for the Rangers. Cardinals' Daven Estrada came in in relief and got the third out in the fourth and brought in the heat to shut down the Rangers in the fifth. Alex Scull has been holding the ball behind the plate to stop anyone from coming in. Cardinals' Zach Neal took another one for a ride over the fence for a solo home run!

Majors: LNL Diamondbacks 14, LALL Athletics 4 (5/5): The LNL Diamondbacks and the LALL A's played their second game in 3 days on Monday with the Diamondbacks looking for payback after the A's took the first game on Saturday. They got their chance in the 2nd inning with a pair of lead-off hits by Mejia and Meriou. Making the most of several walks, the Diamondbacks scored 7 runs in the inning to take a commanding lead. The A's made several attempts to get the runs back on extra base blasts by Matthew Hagan and Michael Bearden, each earning a RBI. However, Diamondbacks' pitcher Bobby Farner was at the top of his game and kept the A's off the bases for most of the ballgame. The Diamondbacks added extra runs in the 5th, helping them to secure the win with a final score of 14-4.

LALL Athletics 11, LNL Giants 1 (5/7): The LALL A's and the LNL Giants played on a "windy" Wednesday. The A's pitching was masterful;

Kyle Kohn pitched an amazing 5-2/3 innings allowing only one run with 10 strike-outs. The A's offense threatened several times after scoring 2 runs in the 1st, but Giants' pitcher Ruloma worked to get the outs when needed, leaving runners stranded in almost every inning. Ruloma was a factor for the Giants on offense as well, going 2 for 2 and earning the RBI for the Giants' only run. The A's significantly inflated their modest lead in the top of the 7th, scoring 8 runs on 6 hits. Cole Gibson finished the job as closer for the A's with 2 strike-outs and by making the unassisted final out on a high infield pop-up.

Athletics 15, Giants 4 (5/10): The A's and the Giants met for their final regular season game Saturday. It began with a strong pitching match-up and skilled defense on both sides. The A's broke the game open in the 3rd fueled by Jake Kennedy's lead-off single to right field. With an additional runner on, Parker Hughes then launched a rocket to the outfield to bring in 2 runs

for what ultimately became a 5 run inning. The Giants looked to keep the game close by posting 3 runs in the 3rd and 4th innings. Smart base running by speedster Steven Lee as well as power-shot singles by Aden Cavalcanti and Jacob Hager kept the Giants fired up. But the A's bats continued to be smokin' hot, scoring 9 runs in the 4th and 5th innings. Supported by several great infield plays by second baseman Jesse Goodman, the A's took the win with a final score of 15-4.

BringHome.scentsy.us played a great game when Amanda Bilter singled down the 3rd base line. Reese Seltzer had a hard hit single that knocked in a run. Quinn Seltzer made a great play in the field when she caught a fly ball for an out and tagged 3rd for a solo double play. Abrew Construction also had a great showing with Kensington Abrew leading off with a single to right field. Sarah Bull singled up the 3rd base line and Olivia Marcoux had a hard hit single up the middle. Top Players: BringHome.scentsy.us - Amanda Bilter, Quinn Seltzer, Reese Seltzer; Abrew Construction - Kensington Abrew, Sarah Bull, Olivia Marcoux

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results:

T-Ball: 4LEAF, Inc. vs. Uncle Credit Union: 4LEAF, Inc. played an exciting coach pitch game against Uncle Credit Union. Huge hits by Natalie Knosp and Thea DeGroot for Uncle Credit Union. Uncle Credit Union player Sarah Candland made some great infield plays. 4LEAF, Inc. had huge hits from Amelia Umentum and Annabel Gomes. Aurora "Speedy" Nicolas had some great throws to the catcher from 1st base. Top Players: 4LEAF, Inc. - Annabel Gomez, Aurora Nicolas, Amelia Umentum; Uncle Credit Union - Sarah Candland, Thea DeGroot, Natalie Knosp

Pro Image Studios vs. Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors: Top Players: Pro Image Studios - Addison Chandler, Jacie Childers, Rylee Costello; Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors - Karina Badger, Vanessa Valle, Isabella WyrOUGH

Pro Image Studios vs. Richert Lumber Ace Hardware: Both Pro Image Studios and Richert Lumber Ace Hardware played well on dirt Wednesday evening. Clair Yung of Richert Lumber Ace Hardware showed off her solid throwing skills once again and Charlotte Santana knocked the cover off the ball when she hit for Pro Image Studios. Top Players: Richert Lumber Ace Hardware - Isabella Beatty, Madison Bona, Claire Yung; Pro Image Studios - Colie Armstrong, Haley Madson, Charlotte Santana

Micro White: BringHome.scentsy.us vs. Abrew Construction:

BringHome.scentsy.us vs. FutureFUND: BringHome.scentsy.us was led by Athena Couches and Ella Kuipers for the offense. Athena had a hit to right field for a single and Ella singled up the middle. Lena Clark made a great stop at short stop on a hard hit ground ball. FutureFUND was led by Ashley Mantha when she had a great hit through the infield for a RBI. Alyssia Stevens hit a line drive up the middle to get on base. Kaeliana DePerio had great glove skills making several stops at 3rd base and getting a solo out.

Micro Teal: Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors vs. Land Home Financial: Paige Nothelfer played great and made some tagged outs at 1st base. Aliyah Armendirez and Abby Harmon got a double when Armendirez caught the ball as pitcher and threw it to 1st for a forced out. Top Players: Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors - Aliyah Armendirez, Abigail Harmon, Paige Nothelfer; Land Home Financial - Ella Green, Paige O'Brien, Sydney Stark

Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors vs. Schlicher Orthodontics: Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors' Allison Clark as catcher caught a throw at home for an out. Tanaya Barrett great hit to left center. Caitlyn Burgess made a great hit. For Schlicher Orthodontics, Sydney Head had a great turn as catcher, while Alyssa Ager was pitcher and Ishita Kottakota slammed a solid hit. Top Players: Tim McGuire/Alain Pinel Realtors - Tanaya Barrett, Cait-

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Andrew Berg is about to apply the tag on Will Wentworth during a steal attempt in a Granada Little League game between the Minor AAA Diamondbacks and Cardinals.

Photo - Bill Nale



The West Coast U12G Kaos met up with the Montclair Clippers for a soccer shootout. West Coast moved ahead first with two goals in the first half and a quick goal at the start of the second. Montclair battled back with two goals of their own. Late in the second, Kaos sealed the win with a fourth goal giving them a 4-2 victory. Forward Maddie Allum recorded her first hat trick of the season. Pictured is defender Madison Sullivan clearing a ball out of the backfield.

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Amador 2nd in We the People Nationals

Amador Valley High School's Competition Civics team finished second in the 27th annual We the People national finals in Washington, D.C.

Judging was announced on April 30. Amador finished second in the finals last year, too. The finals in the past two years have been won by two different schools in Portland, Oregon.

Amador won the national competition in 1995, when Skip Mohatt was the school's first Civics Competition coach. Brian Ladd, the coach this year, was a new teacher at that time. He worked with Mohatt, and trained subsequent coaches, before taking over the job.

Amador won second place in 2006-08, 2011, and 2013. The school was third in 1994 and in 2009.

The contest at regional, state and national levels is organized around knowledge of various aspects of the U.S. Constitution. Amador won the state competition, winning the right to represent California in the national competition. Foothill High finished second at the state level.

Amador coach Brian Ladd said that the team "performed incredibly well. In the 22 years of Amador Valley teams, this was the best performance I have experienced at the national competition."

"The students were on the top of their game. When asked questions about their testimony by state Supreme Court judges, lawyers, lobbyists, and elected officials, they did not hesitate to offer, on point, substantive answers with passion and with great depth. I cannot express how proud I am of this team," said Ladd.

Ladd is reducing his involvement with the team next year, turning the advisor's job over to English teacher Stacy Sklar. "She will do a great job. I will continue to be active in the program in helping not only Amador Valley, but other schools in the area," said Ladd.

The Amador team of 24 seniors spent more than 15,000 hours collectively in study and preparation. They competed against 1,500 of the brightest students in the United States.

Members of the team are Bianca Bacaltos, Eric Chan, Naomi Chan, Alexandra Gonsman, Donnall Hegarty, Daniel Huang, Liana Huynh, Nisha Kale, Almas Khan, Kathryn Kitayama, Shilpa Krish, and Emly Lu.

Other members are Armin Mahini, John Malchar, Kaitlyn Mallie, Kabir Sethi, Lillian Sun, Jennifer Teitell, Kristina Vateva, Rose Wang, Jarry Xiao, Christine Xu, Jennifer Yip, and Tandy Yuan.

Principal Turns into Wrestler to Benefit Haven

Eric Dillie put his old high school wrestling skills to the test, and helped raise \$1,000 for Tri-Valley Haven.

Dillie, principal at Livermore Valley Charter Prep (LVCP), coaches the school's wrestling team. A student suggested a charity wrestling match to benefit the Haven. Dillie liked the idea, and a goal of \$1,000 was set.

Students were out on the prep school grounds at the former Portola Avenue School at 10 a.m. on May 1, putting their money for their favorites into buckets marked for Dillie or his opponent, LVCP senior Nick Toro.

Toro wrestles in the high school heavyweight division, and will be playing football this fall for a private liberal arts college in southern California.

As Dillie describes the bout, "We were very evenly matched while on our feet, and neither of us could gain an advantage. I chose the down position to start the second period. Nick took me to the mat. I held him off for almost two minutes, but my fatigue and his 100-pound weight advantage finally kicked in and he pinned me."

For people who want to see the action, YouTube has it at <http://YouTube/rS8wfh15Aje/>.

Ann King, executive director of Tri-Valley Haven, said, "We really appreciate it. It's a very great gift, and the fact it was a student's idea, makes it even sweeter."

The Haven operates the only domestic violence shelter for homeless women and children in the Valley. It also runs a year-round shelter for homeless families, Sojourner House, and a food pantry.

"We are not able to do what we do, without community donations. We would not even come close to covering it," said King.

Dublin to Host Small Business Development Forum

Starting and growing a business can be both inspiring and overwhelming. To help residents obtain the right knowledge to build a successful company, the City of Dublin, in partnership with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and the California Small Business Development Center, will gather a panel of experts together for a "Meet the Business Resources" event on Tuesday, May 20, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, at the Dublin Library.

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti says, "The City of Dublin is dedicated to the growth and success of our small business community, and we are excited to bring this new event to our small business owners. This event will allow them to have direct access with the key resources in establishing or growing a business."

- The seminar will include:
 - Attorneys discussing business formation, intellectual property, and employment law
 - A certified public accountant providing information on record keeping and taxes
 - A lender offering information on how to get a loan
 - Insurance agents discussing professional liability, errors and omissions, and general insurance

- A SCORE counselor offering advice on business planning, marketing, and free business resources
- City of Dublin staff discussing permits, licenses, zoning, and incentive programs

Lee Lambert, Director of the Alameda County Small Business Development Center, said, "This program gives small business owners the knowledge, tools, and contacts to launch and to grow. We look forward to working with Dublin businesses to enable local businesses to progress."

Interested parties may register at www.dublin.ca.gov/meetthebusinessresources. For information, call (925) 833-6650.

Exhibit Looks at Events in China

By Carol Graham

The young man bound to a chair is bathed in golden light. His face is raised toward a hand that reaches down from above, while a swarm of demonic creatures threaten from below.

The painting, Uncompromising Courage, is based on the true story of Liu Chengjun, a Chinese citizen who in 2002 was sentenced to 19 years in prison for his involvement in broadcasting programs that revealed the truth about Falun Gong.

Falun Gong is a spiritual discipline first introduced in China in 1992 that combines the practice of meditation, moral teachings and slow-moving exercise. Although it initially enjoyed support from Chinese officials, by the late '90s the Communist Party viewed Falun Gong as a potential threat due to its size, independence from the state and spiritual teachings.

Tensions culminated in April 1999 when more than 10,000 Falun Gong practitioners gathered peacefully near Beijing's government compound to request legal recognition and freedom from state interference. This demonstration is widely seen as the catalyst for the suppression that followed, including the torture of many thousands of practitioners in an effort to "transform" them.

Uncompromising Courage is one of 25 paintings featured in the Truth-Compassion-Tolerance International Art Exhibit at the



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Xiao Wang is shown in front of some of the work on display at the Livermore Library.

Civic Center branch of the Livermore Public Library throughout May.

"I worked to bring the exhibit to the library again this year after last year's big success," said Livermore's Xiao Wang, a mechanical engineer who volunteers with the Asian Art Foundation. "This exhibit offers an excellent chance to share what is happening in China, and the courage, persistence, compassion and peacefulness Falun Gong practitioners manifest when facing severe suffering and persecution. Many people are moved to tears when they view these paintings."

Much of the exhibit's artwork arises from the personal experiences of its eight featured artists.

"How horrible and severe the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners is!" said Wang. "Thousands of people have been tortured to

death, and tens of thousands are put into jails or labor camps. Yet they maintain the ideals of goodness and courage to stand up to brutality with an unwavering commitment. They hold the firm belief that good will prevail over evil."

Wang has firsthand experience with how devastating the Falun Gong persecution can be.

"In 2010, my dad was illegally arrested and sentenced to four years in prison," Wang said of her father, a well-respected judge. "After suffering much torture he was released in March and is recovering at home. But the persecution is still going on in China. We hope more people can join us to stop it."

In addition to the exhibit, Pleasanton author Margaret Zhao will be speaking about her book Really Enough, a True Story of Tyranny, Courage and Humor at the

Interact Car Wash Set for Sunday

Between May 17 and May 31, car wash fundraisers throughout Alameda County will demonstrate how these events can benefit organizers while minimizing water use and protecting local waterways from pollution caused by wash water runoff entering the storm drains. Once in the storm drain system, that water goes directly to creeks, wetlands and the Bay, without any treatment.

With help from the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program, four fundraising groups have partnered with local self-service car wash businesses to use the facilities for the duration of the events, ensuring proper treatment of the wash water. Just like during

traditional car wash fundraisers, organizers will wash patrons' cars for a donation. The following fund-raisers are scheduled:

In Livermore, the Granada High Interact Club will host a car wash starting at 3 p.m. on Sun., May 18 at Livermore Car Wash, 2855 Old 1st St.

Besides harsh detergents, car wash water contains motor oil, lubricants and heavy metals from brake linings, tires and exhaust—all washed off the car along with regular dirt and grime. When cars are washed on the curb, these pollutants enter the storm drain system and are carried directly to local creeks, wetlands and the Bay, harming fish and other aquatic life. Commercial car

wash businesses are required to collect and treat the wash water before discharging it to the sanitary sewer system, which carries the wastewater to treatment plants.

Commercial car washes also use significantly less water than home car washing. While 10 minutes of home car washing with a typical 5/8" garden hose uses more than 100 gallons of water, washing a car at a self-service car wash with a high-pressure wand uses only 11-13 gallons per 3-minute cycle, according to the International Car Wash Association. In addition, many commercial car washes recycle the wash water for multiple uses before discharging it to the sewer system.

Applications for Tourism Grants Are Due Soon

The City of Livermore is accepting applications for 2014-2015 Tourism and Special Event Grants. Under this program, five (5) grants of \$1,000 each will be awarded to organizations that successfully demonstrate that their event will directly benefit Livermore downtown businesses and local wineries.

Events must at least: 1) be held within the grant period between July 1, 2014-June 15, 2015; 2) generate the largest attendance (minimum of 1,000 expected attendees); and 3) encourage tourism to the area. Grant funds cannot exceed fifty percent (50%) of the event expenses and groups must demonstrate that at least fifty (50%) of the event expenses will be generated from other sources.

Organizations inter-

ested in being considered must submit an application form along with supporting documentation to Theresa De La Vega, Economic Development Specialist, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. The application period is May 12-30, 2014. Completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on May 30, 2014 to be considered.

The application form and guidelines are now posted on the City of Livermore website and is also available at City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue. For questions or to request a copy of the application form, contact Theresa De La Vega at (925) 960-4049 or tbdelavega@cityoflivermore.net.

library on Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. Zhao will talk about her experiences growing up in Communist China when her wealthy family was unjustly branded an Enemy of the State.

The Truth-Compassion-Tolerance International Art Exhibit has been shown in 200 cities throughout 40 countries worldwide. Following Livermore's exhibition, it will move to the State Capitol in Sacramento. The artwork, as well as smaller prints, are available for purchase with all monies raised being donated to Friends of the Falun Gong.

For Wang, the painting Lotus Candle holds a special significance.

"Numerous candlelight vigils have been held around the world to remember Falun Gong practitioners who have died from torture in China," she said. "The lotus flower is a symbol of cultivation and purity in Chinese culture because it rises from the dirt at the bottom of a pond. It lives in the silt but keeps unstained from the filth. Its stem can bend easily but won't break. Lotus Candle shows the contrast between the peacefulness and compassion of Falun Gong practitioners and the ferocity and brutality of their persecutors."

As for Liu Chengjun, his imprisonment turned out to be much shorter than his 19-year sentence. Within two years, he was dead from injuries he sustained while being tortured. The film he had been punished for broadcasting revealed that, as with other genocides throughout history, propaganda was used to demonize one group while inciting terror in others.

Yet in the painting, Chengjun, like the lotus flower, remains clean, unmarred and reaching for the light. For more information, visit www.falunart.org.

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SHORT NOTES

Dublin Summer Camps

The City of Dublin Parks and Community Services Department is now accepting registration for Summer Camp. Residents can register on-line at www.DublinRecGuide.com, by mail, or in person at the Shannon Community Center, located at 11600 Shannon Avenue in Dublin.

This year's Summer Camp schedule offers a variety of programs focused on creative and culinary arts, sports, science, and other recreational activities for kids, from preschoolers to teenagers. New camps this year include Camp Shamrock, where children will be able to explore many activities, including crafts, songs, and stories, and Full Day Art Camp, a week-long camp featuring "Creative Adventure with Sculptures and Art" in the morning, followed by a supervised lunch break and "Clay Art," offered by Clay Cat Shop, in the afternoon.

Other camps include: Xanadu, Jr. - A Musical is a three week, full day performing arts camp. Xanadu follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California in 1980.

Afternoon Swim Camp offers more than a normal week of afternoon swimming. Participants will enjoy water and land games, and learn basic water safety skills. Several morning sport camps connect to swim camp; residents can look for the camps listed with "Swim Camp option."

A full listing of camp programs is available in the Summer Activity Guide. The Guide is available on-line at www.DublinRecGuide.com. Printed copies are also available at Dublin City Hall, Dublin Library, and the Shannon Community Center.

For more information, contact the Dublin Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 556-4500.

Pleasanton Program

The City of Pleasanton Community Services Department is offering new enrichment opportunities for youth through the YOUTH LEAD program, a program specifically designed for students in middle school and high school to grow and apply leadership practices now.

The YOUTH LEAD program is designed for young people to learn valuable life skills pro-actively.

The YOUTH LEAD program directly targets two of the goals outlined in the Pleasanton Youth Master Plan. First, the program addresses the goal of "Prepared Youth," or equipping youth with age-appropriate skills and tools to manage the transition into responsible young adulthood. The program also addresses a second goal of "Contrib-

uting Youth," or connecting youth to community, school, adults, and peers, and providing opportunities to make meaningful contributions.

This summer's camp offering, Maximizing Your Strengths as a Leader, is designed to show youth how to increase and command personal power, wield more influence in the local and global community, and build character by learning to lead with the: Head (strong mind, strategy, vision, creativity); Heart (caring, compassionate, activist-oriented, inspirational); Hands (being an admired role model, responsible, high work ethic), Gut (excellent instinct rooted in deep knowledge and skills); and, Soul (impeccable character, trustworthy, honest, demonstrating integrity). Participants will cement the skills they learn through participating in dynamic, experiential learning activities, and can practice those skills in a safe environment.

All summer camps will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building, Main Hall in downtown Pleasanton. Maximizing Your Strengths as a Leader will be offered in two sessions. The session for rising 6th-8th graders will take place July 14-16 from 9:00am-12:00pm (registration bar code: 57992). The session for rising 9th-12th graders will take place on July 21-23 from 9:00am-12:00pm (registration bar code: 57993). Register at www.pleasantonfun.com.

For more information about the camp curriculum, please visit <http://www.triplepointadvisors.com/youth-lead-camps.html>.

Gluten-free Diet

Celiac Disease, The Gluten-free Diet is the topic of a 7 p.m. Thurs., May 22 presentation at the Pleasanton Library.

Certified Health Coach and Gluten Practitioner, Kim Rice, will share why gluten is a problem for many people and the difference between celiac disease and non-celiac gluten sensitivity. She will also cover suggested testing for both conditions. It's estimated that gluten sensitivity affects over 16 million Americans. That's one in every four.

Rice is a wellness coach and Certified Gluten Practitioner in Pleasanton, California. She has been following a gluten and dairy-free lifestyle since 2007. She has experienced amazing results losing over 60 pounds and a whole host of health issues along the way. Her youngest son, diagnosed on the autism spectrum, has been on the same diet since 2009 and it has changed the course of his life. He is now considered "recovered."

All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

For more information, please call the Reference Desk at 925/931-3400, ext. 4.

Dublin Leadership City of Dublin now accepting registrations for its 2014 Leadership Academy, "Inside Dublin."

The goal of Inside Dublin, which is sponsored by the City of Dublin, is to inform the program's participants about city services, the issues (present and future) facing the community, and to encourage community involvement at all levels. The program will include presentations on topics such as public safety, local government, and community services.

Inside Dublin is a 7-week program (six Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, and one Saturday field trip) beginning on Saturday, September 27, 2014. Class size will be limited to the first 20 candidates (applicants must live or work in Dublin), so sign up now.

For an application, please contact Linda Smith, Assistant City Manager, at 925-833-6650 or download an application from our website at <http://www.dublin.ca.gov/insidedublin>.

Nature Programs

Valley View Adventure is the topic of the Sat., May 17 program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Danny Haberman at 11 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park at the Wetmore Road entrance.

Come to Sycamore Grove to take an adventurous hike with a ranger up to the top peaks in the park. Get a view of Sycamore Grove and the Tri-Valley, and discuss what can be seen along the way.

The topic for Sun., May 18 will be Heron Nesting Viewing with SFBFO. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 10 a.m. at the Arroyo Road entrance to Sycamore Grove Park.

Join Ranger Amy and knowledgeable birders from the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory for an intimate peek at the nesting habits of great blue herons. There will be spotting scopes, and observers hopefully will witness parents feeding chicks in the nest. Only a short walk is needed to reach the viewing location. Reservations are required by emailing wolitzer@larpd.org or calling 925-960-2400. Group size is limited to 15 people. Ages 9 and older only please.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$3 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

DUBLIN

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addition of residential units, the council set a minimum density in the downtown area. It also passed a straw vote 4-1.

The minimum density was set at 22 units per acre, except for the transit area, which was set at 30 units to the acre.

The council's actions were prompted by two things. One is the city's shortfall in meeting the requirement for its share of regional fair-share of work-force housing, as set out by the state and ABAG.

The shortfall affects the current year period, which ends this year. However, the city also must look ahead to the next fair-share housing period, which runs from 2014-19.

The current shortfall was created by reducing densities in East Dublin as developers proposed lower densities to suit their proposed types of housing.

The other motivator was the longstanding theme of Dublin City Councils to create what they have called a vibrant downtown. In their view, it requires more people downtown who will shop in the stores. Some of the units will be placed in mixed-use buildings with retail downstairs and residential units upstairs.

Councilmember Kevin Hart cast the lone vote in opposition. Hart said that he realized what the council's majority wanted to do in following the staff recommendation, but said that he resented having to act under pressure from Sacramento.

There is no direct punishment for a city that does not adopt an approved housing element that meets regional fair-share housing designed to balance residential units with jobs. However, failure to do so could result in losing eligibility for certain state transportation and housing funds.

Hart said, "We shouldn't have to feel like we have a gun to our head. I'm not interested in approving 1200 additional units in that particular area."

Councilmember Abe Gupta supported the vote, but said that it might turn out that the downtown could be a poor place to add housing to meet the city's assigned regional housing goals. The area known as the Transit Center, near the East Dublin BART station and Hacienda Crossings shopping center might be better.

Assistant City Manager Linda Smith said that the Transit Center has been earmarked for office developments. "We would have no opportunity for job creation in Eastern Dublin if that office designation were changed," she said.

Gupta said that it could take many years before anyone wants to build offices in the Transit Center. Meanwhile, it's possible that the idea that more people living in the downtown retail area will support more commercial development there is not necessarily true.

Gupta cited South of Market next to downtown San Francisco, where "hundreds and thousands" of residential units were built. Many people circulate in those neighborhoods. "The reality is there is a struggle to get commercial (activity there). Those areas are ghost towns at night."

Gupta pointed to The Terraces and The Groves in East Dublin, where he lives. He said, "There is a lot of multi-family high density, but almost no commercial. I always said that those types (of residential development) should support commercial. You see a lot of people walking around there. For whatever reason, commercial hasn't followed."

Mayor Tim Sbranti and others on the council said

that the plan will be reviewed at meeting in the summer.

SCULPTOR APPROVED FOR EMERALD GLEN

The council also approved staff negotiations with sculptor Todji Kurtzman, the winner in a contest to create a sculpture for the Emerald Glen Recreation and Aquatic Complex.

Dublin received more than 150 responses from artists in the United States, Canada, and as far away as Israel, said Ann Mattola, the city's Heritage and Cultural Arts manager.

Staff and the project's architects narrowed the entries to seven finalists. A nine-member public art panel interviewed the finalists, and selected Kurtzman.

The panel was so impressed with the other six artists that they have been made part of an exclusive pool from which the city will draw the artists who will be considered for two other city works -- one at Fallon Sports Park, and the other at John Monego Court.

Kurtzman's work is called the "Spirit of Alameda Spring." It is described as "skipping a stone across time."

The Alameda Spring refers to the first spring in Dublin to which Native Americans, and later Dublin settlers were drawn. Pictured in mock-up drawings, the abstract sculpture features a figure who has thrown a stone, which is skipping across seven different sculptured splashes. The splashes correspond to seven points in Dublin's history.

Asked by a council member where he draws his inspiration from, Kurtzman said, "That's a good question. I don't know how to consolidate that answer. It's a life's journey. Every step, every experience, has been a long journey of commitment and dedication."

OBITUARIES

"Chris"

Thelma Buchheit Pleasanton

"Chris" Thelma Buchheit passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 23, 2014. Born Thelma Grace Christman on Aug 10, 1927 in LaPorte, Indiana, she was the



seventh of eight children born to Aurora Otis and Jennie May Christman. She grew up in Michigan City, Indiana until the family moved to Highland Park, Illinois, where she attended high school. Shortly after high school she met Robert N Crocoll, and they married in 1948. They had 3 children; Sandi, Lauri and Bryan. Robert passed away in 1974.

She and Frank L Lehre married in Reno, Nev., when they moved to California in 1975. They owned and operated Dublin Travel. She continued the business after his death in 1983. In 1982 she became the President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, and in 1985 she became the first female member of the Tri-Valley Exchange Club, serving there until 2002.

She met Lawrence L Buchheit in 1985, and they married the following year in Pleasant Hill. They were very active in the surrounding community and were members of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Dublin. Larry passed away in 2008.

Chris is predeceased by her elder daughter Sandi, her son Bryan, her three husbands, and 6 of her 7 siblings.

She is survived by her daughter Lauri Grant (Bruce) of Belmont; 5 grandchildren, Darren Lehre

(Lisa) of Novato, Nikki Grant (Travis) of Sebastopol, Michelle Crocoll of Sacramento, Christa Flesch (Daniel) of Manteca, and Casey Crocoll of Hayward; 3 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandson, and her older brother, Al, of Reno, Nev.

Balloons, bubbles, and bright clothing were part of the celebration of her life held Saturday May 10, 2014, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin.

Mary Rita (Ravazzini) Beard

Mary Beard passed away peacefully on May 1, 2014. Mary was born on December 13,

1924, in South San Francisco to John and Anita Ravazzini. The family moved to Livermore in 1925. Mary was raised in Livermore and attended Livermore schools, graduating from Livermore High School with the class of 1943. She married Donald R. Beard in October 1952. They made their home in Livermore.

Mary was active in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagles, Livermore No. 609 for many years, and she was an excellent bridge player. Mary worked for Bank of America, then for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in accounting retiring after twenty-eight years. Mary and Don traveled extensively throughout the world after their retirement.

Mary was predeceased in death by her parents, John and Anita Ravazzini, by her husband of 47 years, Don Beard, and by her sisters Margaret Ravazzini, Irene Poulsen, and Clea Strojnan.

She is survived by her sister Dolores Gillette of Turlock, CA, and brother John Ravazzini Jr. of Tracy, CA. She is also survived by nieces Wanda Beard of Arizona, Paula Kutscher of Turlock, Dena Caraveo of Tracy, and nephews James Gillette and Ron Gillette of Livermore, Lee Tyler Gillette of Salida, Michael Gillette of Denair, and John Ravazzini III, and many great- and great-great-nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 11:30 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Callaghan Mortuary 925 447-2942

Irene C. Heise

1918 - 2014 Resident of Livermore Visitation will be held Thurs., May 15, 2014, 6-7 pm, with Rosary 7 pm at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA. Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church, Fri., May 16 at 11 am, 458 Maple Street, Livermore. Burial, St. Michael's Cemetery.

James T. (Jim) King

July 3, 1941 - April 20, 2014 James passed away peacefully at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton, CA, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Jim loved classic cars and owned three. He also loved collecting die cast cars. He was an avid bowler for years. He loved traveling and going to car shows. He was a manager at Jiffy Food Store in Livermore for several years before going on to work at the Lawrence Livermore Lab as a mechanic in the motorpool.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Joyce Ann King. He is survived by his sons, Kevin King and John and his wife Jane King and his grandchildren Faith King and Jeffery Rombouts, also his fiancée Bonny Hutchens. He is also survived by his sisters Barbra Mayer from Bald Knob Arkansas, Milda Mendenhall from Livermore, CA, and his brothers

Terry King from Prineville Oregon and Jimmy King, plus many nieces and nephews. He was a loving gentle and friendly man with a big heart and a caring soul and the world was a better place for knowing him.

Services were held at Memory Gardens Cemetery April 30th.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations in his name be made to St Jude Children's Hospital.

Paul S. E. Jensen

Paul S. E. Jensen, age 94, passed away peacefully with both daughters at his side at Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton, WA on April 29, 2014.

Born and raised in Oakland, CA to parents of Danish decent, Dad proudly served four years in the Navy during WWII as a Chief aviation machinist mate stationed in Alaska helping to protect our country from invasions. His civilian job was as an electrician and he could fix anything! Some of his favorite things were dancing, camping and trout fishing with his family. Our Dad was a quiet, yet a strong man, a generous, good-hearted husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. All who knew him, loved him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister, first wife, Elynore, and second wife, Levon. Surviving him are his two daughters, Lynda and Elayne; son-in-law Jerry; grandchildren Mark, Paul and Scott Spruiell and Tiffany Green; great-grandchildren Jaxon Green, Wesley, Garrett, Clay, Tori, Sydney, Carlie, Jessica, Mackenzi and Lacy Spruiell; sister-in-law Vivian Beban and niece Julie Sherman.

Irene lived life to the fullest all the way to the end,

she loved to travel, art, sew, play cards, and visit with her many friends.

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We all will miss him terribly, but know he is resting peacefully now.

Eusebia Z. Seril

Resident of Livermore Eusebia was born on Oct 28, 1946 in the Philippines and passed away on Wed., May 7, 2014 in Pleasanton, CA.

She was kind, gentle, loving and always giving of herself. She was charismatic and her laughter was contagious. She loved to sing and dance. She is survived by her loving family, husband Felix; daughter Emelda Clymer and son-in-law, Steve Clymer and son Johnny De Peralta; grandchildren: Elyssabeth and Emily Clymer; and stepsons, Arnel Seril, Jonathan Seril, Noel Seril, Jeffrey Seril, and Arthur DePeralta.

A visitation was held on Monday, May 12. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, May 14th at St. Michael Church in Livermore. Graveside committal followed at St. Michael Cemetery in Livermore.

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city. For example, recycled water will be trucked to use on its golf course. In addition, water used to keep dust down during construction of projects will be recycled water.

Smith said that the mandatory level can be achieved by reducing indoor water usage by 10% and outdoor water usage by 40%.

In addition, all lawn and landscape irrigation is limited to no more than two days per week. Outdoor watering that results in water runoff will also be prohibited, as will the hosing down of driveways, sidewalks, or other hardscape. Customers

will be fined for excessive water use with penalties compounded for subsequent excessive use.

“Our goal is to educate the community regarding conservation and to encourage compliance with the 25% mandate so that we have adequate water supplies throughout the summer and fall,” said Smith.

“Our primary focus will be to first and foremost seek compliance and collaboration, not the implementation of fines and/or penalties. This is a community issue that requires everyone’s cooperation.”

He said that the target will be people who are using a lot of water and not conserving. If someone is already conserving, there is an appeal process to avoid being fined. The reduction required will be based on

water use during the same period last year.

WATER AND DEVELOPMENT

Councilmember Karla Brown asked about proceeding with development projects in light of the water shortage. There are 1300 units approved, but not built. There isn’t enough water for existing residents, she noted.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said there is no moratorium on construction. Developers with approved housing have development agreements that entitles them to pull permits when they are ready. He added, if stage 4 were instituted, there would need to be a discussion regarding building permits.

The council also proclaimed a local drought emergency to provide necessary flexibility in situations regarding fire safety, water availability for fire service, and quicker access to supplies or resources during the dry summer months, as well as the authorization to collaborate with other local agencies on critical drought issues.

Information about water saving strategies is available at www.pleasantonwaterconservation.com, and by calling the City’s Water Conservation Hotline at (925) 931-5504.

SPORTS NOTES



West Coast Wrath U13 girls continued strong in Spring League with a hard fought draw against Heritage Crush. The team, coached by Kendra Perry, includes Janessa Sanchez, Brianna Radloff, Kylie Karter, Camryn Hunsinger, Regan Mah, Aryanna Shokoor, Steffanie Angelo, Sydney Myers, Francesca Hyde, Kate Wallace, Allyssa George, Abby Hoobing, Tyler Enderlein, Savannah Seals, and Kaila Vasconez, pictured.

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lyn Burgess, Allison Clark; Schlicher Orthodontics - Alyssa Ager, Sydney Head, Ishita Kottakota

Mini Teal: Brandon McGuire State Farm 10, B&S Hacienda Auto Body 2: Lots of great defense. Fly balls were caught and force outs were made. Game was close until the last inning, when Brandon McGuire State Farm came up with great hitting and base running. Top Players: B&S Hacienda Auto Body - Lauren Pollack, Jordan Searwar, Ava Thompson-Ryan

Vagaro 9, Leslie Wolf State Farm 1: The game between Leslie Wolf State Farm and Vagaro was closer than the score indicates. The game was led by excellent pitching and solid defense by both teams for the entire game. It was only in the last inning that Vagaro exploded offensively. For Leslie Wolf State Farm, Emily Simon led the defense, catching two tough fly balls and pitching two solid innings. Alexia Garcia provided an anchor on defense at 1st base and Chloe Yeagly smashed a single, hitting in the only RBI for the team. For Vagaro, Isabella Tesconi pounded two hits, including hitting in the go ahead run. Brooke Elson demonstrated her offensive and defensive talents, getting a hit and making a great defensive play at 1st base that squashed a rally. Trixie Ramirez led all Vagaro hitters, going 3 for 3 at the plate, including a double. Top Players: Leslie Wolf State Farm - Alexia Garcia, Emily Simon, Chloe Yeagly; Vagaro - Brooke Elson, Trixie Ramirez, Isabella Tesconi

B&S Hacienda Auto Body 4, Sens Research 4: Very competitive game, with lots of hits, base runners and defense. Lots of fly balls and fly outs too. Sens Research trotted out some great pitchers, while B&S Hacienda Auto Body sent a different player to the mound every inning. With two outs, B&S Hacienda Auto Body tied the game with a 2 RBI single. Then with winning runners on base, Sens Research got the final out they needed to secure the tie.

Handles Gastropub 10, Brandon McGuire State Farm 9: For Handles Gastropub, Hanna did an awesome job of pitching. She caught a line drive. She also got 2 runs. Ashlee hit a hard ball for a double and Imoen got the winning RBI. For Brandon McGuire State Farm, McKenna pitched very well. Bela made a great diving stop at 1st base. Alex did a good job at defense as well as hitting. Top Players: Handles Gastropub - Imoen Bradley, Ashlee O’Dell, Hanna Walder; Brandon McGuire State Farm - Bela, McKenna Madden, Alex Surrena-Thompson

Minor Teal: Association Management Solutions 5, Logo Boss 3: Association Management Solutions played a good game with great pitching from Cynthia with 4 strikeouts, 2 big hits, and an out from a pop up. Emily also caught a pop up and had a big double hit making 2 RBIs and Emma pitched 2 strikeouts and played a good defense. Logo Boss played strong with great pitching from Juniper and Emma, both with many strikeouts. Peyton was super at defense. Top Players: Association Management Solutions - Cynthia Arriaga, Emily Sanchez, Emma Seitz; Logo Boss - Emma Crab, Juniper Huneke, Peyton Williams

Association Management Solutions 11, HYATT House Pleasanton 1: Association Management Solutions played strong with short stop Minami catching a pop up, making a RBI and making a double play. Adriana pitched 2 strikeouts, hit a double, and made outs at 1st base. Isabella at 3rd base threw to 1st for 2 outs and had a RBI. HYATT House Pleasanton played well with pitcher Ellie and catcher Victoria. Hailey had a big hit to score a run. Top Players: Association Management Solutions - Isabella Damaser, Adriana Martinez, Minami Smaheiser; HYATT House Pleasanton - Victoria Galvan, Haley Kolon, Ellie McElroy

Major Black: Baron’s Jewelers 12, Amador Valley Optometric 8: Baron’s Jewelers came out on top with a 12-8 win. Halle Uhl went 3 for 5 with 3 RBIs. Lauren Hermes went for 3 with a 2 singles and a double and a RBI. Vanessa Zapata went 3 for 5 with a RBI. Amador Valley Optometric battled back but came up short. Samantha Santana had a 3RBI home run. All Stowel and Emily Yamasaki both went

2 for 3. Top Players: Amador Valley Optometric - Samantha Santana, Alfie Stowel, Emily Yamasaki; Baron’s Jewelers - Lauren Hermes, Halle Uhl, Vanessa Zapata

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

Majors: A’s 0 Giants 10: It was another battle of the bay when the LNL Giants played the LNL Giants. Elijah Maravilla of the LNL Giants came ready to play, pitching a complete game with 3 strikeouts and no runs. Maravilla rounded out his game at the plate hitting 2 for 2, including a home run. Eric Ruloma of the Giants also went 2 for 2 with a base hit and home run.

LALL Giants 4, LNL Giants 14: Everyone was seeing black and orange as the LNL Giants played against LALL Giants. Eric Ruloma of the LNL Giants pitched another great game with 8 strikeouts. At the plate, Ruloma had a nice base hit and huge 2 run homer. LNL Giants’ Jackson Nyström was hot at the plate with a hard hitting double that scored 2 runs and a base hit. Patterson brothers of the LNL Giants were also hot at the plate. Adam Patterson had two base hits, including a perfectly placed bunt. Jeffrey Patterson had a hard hitting double and a single. Patrick Connolly of the LNL Giants had a fantastic base hit that scored 2 runs.

LALL Reds 9, LNL Giants 7: Giants’ Randy Rego pitched a great game and went 2 for 2 at the plate with two hard shots. Shyston Bright of the Giants played a great defensive game including a great catch in left field and at 3rd base he fielded the ball nicely to throw out the runner at first. Giants’ lead off hitter Mateo Moncada went 2 for 3 with a single and a double to centerfield. Moncada defensively showed off his skills catching a hard line drive to him at short and made a leaping catch at third. Moncada also came in as relief pitcher tallying 3 strikeouts.

AAA Division: Pirates 12, Yankees 6: The Pirates continued their winning streak with a strong outing on May 7. At the plate, Connor Morgan had a clutch hit for an RBI and Angel Ixta knocked in a few runs with a couple of great hits. Kytler Green gave the Pirates their first ground ball double play of the year by fielding a ball at shortstop, stepping on second, and throwing out the runner at first. Kade Ornellas and Dominic Gozzo helped on the defensive end by making outstanding catches in the outfield. For the Yankees, Ty Clappin pitched several strong innings and contributed at the plate with solid hitting. Kyle Denton pitched well striking out a couple Pirates’ hitters late in the game.

Pirates 16, Giants 6: For the Giants, Darren Jackson had an all around great game with good defense and offense. He made his pitching debut and pitched two solid innings. Jonah Johnson had a solid start on the mound and added two hits. Shane Pollard hit for an RBI. For the Pirates, Angel Ixta had an amazing day on the mound, allowing only 4 runs over 4-1/3 innings. Mike Ayler and Cameron Angotti contributed to the Pirates’ offense with doubles resulting in 2 RBIs each. Connor Morgan made an outstanding defensive play by catching a pop fly and throwing a runner out at home plate for the Pirates’ second double play in as many games.

Giants 14, A’s 2: The Giants were able to shut-down the A’s at the plate. The A’s managed to put a few runs up on the board with RBIs by Carter Purl and Chance Bright. Ben Rho made a great play at third base. A’s Nicco Lamanna threw some nice pitches on the mound.

Red Sox 12, A’s 4: For the A’s, Timothy Cowan made a nice play at second base quickly reacting to a hit that could have brought in some runs for the Sox. Instead it went straight into his glove and he threw it first for the out. Carter Purl had some amazing bunts which brought advanced runners first and second. Other great defensive plays were made by Jake Beers, Ben Rho and Hayden Henry.

A Division: Giants vs. Diamondbacks: For the Giants, Koy Trane hit a triple in the 1st inning and brought

in 2 runs, then followed that up with a double in the 2nd inning. As the 1st baseman, he got 3 players out in the 4th inning. Jacob McLaughlin tagged 2 players out at 3rd base and showed strong hitting during his at bats, bringing in additional runs for the Giants.

Pirates vs. A’s: A’s player of the game went to Jake Sekany who played excellent defense in the field and was a laser show from the plate. Pirates played well the entire game.

Pirates vs A’s: It was an action filled game. A’s player of the game was awarded to Thomas Harris, who went five for five at the plate and brought in three RBIs. A great evening for baseball.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:
Farm: A’s vs. Diamondbacks. Diamondbacks went 4 innings, with the A’s putting out 12 batters. Top defensive players responsible for 9 put outs were Anthony Ponce, Marco Gozon, and Mason Ravera, who received the game ball. The A’s had 39 hits, including 10 doubles. Top offensive players responsible for 9 singles and 3 doubles were Diego Silva, Dawson Kerezsi, and Carson Williams.

Minor A: Red Sox vs. A’s: Coached by Tom Beasley, Red Sox’s Aiden Reilly made his pitching debut, with a solid outing including at least one strikeout. Paul Beasley made a great catch at shortstop and Lukas Anderson a great catch for an out at home. A’s pitcher Riley Winchell did a fantastic job with at least two strikeouts. Jack Stephens made an amazing catch. Shea Venghley pitched as well and got a great hit.

Pleasanton Jr. Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League (PJFL) is taking registrations for the 2014 Contact Football, Flag Football and Cheerleading season. Entering its 45th season, PJFL offers contact football and cheerleading for boys and girls in the 2nd through 8th grades as well as flag football for boys and girls in the 2nd through 12th grades. Everyone plays in PJFL. There are no tryouts and there are no cuts.

Contact Football registration includes a uniform and all necessary equipment and contact players practice 3 times per week beginning in early August and play games on Saturdays at the Pleasanton Sports Park beginning in early September. Flag Football registration includes a jersey and all necessary equipment and flag players practice 1 time a week beginning in mid-August and play games on Saturdays at Hart Middle School beginning in mid-September. Cheer registration includes a uniform and training and cheerleaders practice two times per week beginning in late June and cheer on Saturdays at the Pleasanton Sports Park beginning in early September.

Beginning in 2013, the PJFL contact division adopted the USA Football “Heads Up Football” National Initiative to help make the sport of football better and safer. “Heads Up Football” features a comprehensive collection of resources, programs, applications and promotions to create change and address the complex challenges of player health and safety in youth and high school football. Learn more at www.usafootball.com.

For more details and to register a player or cheerleader for the 2014 PJFL season visit www.PJFL.com.

Walk-in Registration

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club is holding its third and final walk-in registration for fall soccer on May 18th between 10am and 2pm. This is being held at the Fusion SC office located at 1976 Fourth Street in Livermore. Online registration is also available 24x7.

For more information on fall soccer programs, please visit the fusionsc.org website, call 925-443-7570, or drop by the office Monday to Friday between 9:30am and 3:00pm.

Water Polo Signup

LARP sponsors a USA Water Polo team (USWP), the LAZERS, which encourages high standards of play and good sportsmanship. As a USWP club team, all practices and competitions will be sanctioned, requiring all participants to be registered with USWP. All experience levels are welcome, however athletes must be able to swim two laps (50 yards) without stopping.

To register, call LARP at 925-373-5700, or visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us. For more information about the LARP LAZERS, visit lazerswaterpolo.weebly.com or email lazerswp@gmail.com.

Summer session teams are available for the following age groups: 15+ Girls, 15+ Boys, 14 & Under Co-ed Level 1 (Beginner) and Level 2 (Intermediate). Session begins the week of May 27, and all practices are at RLCC

Mavericks FastPitch

The Mavericks FastPitch 12U Livermore teams are looking for players to fill multiple open positions for the 2014 summer season. Focus for this coming year is player development, play time and team growth as an A-team in a positive coaching atmosphere. To schedule a private tryout or to learn more about the Mavericks organization, email MavericksFastPitch@hotmail.com or visit www.mavericksfastpitch.com.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Last Thursday was Bike to Work Day. In the photo, Jeff Sperry and Madeline head for Las Positas College. Sperry works at the college. Madeline attends the day care there.

WATER

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Semitropic has developed a water conservation program that can be used as an exchange vehicle. Semitropic has secured the opportunity to temporarily fallow approximately 11,000 acres of farmland on two islands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The water conserved from that acreage would be delivered via existing infrastructure to Zone 7.

The letter adds that the State Water Resources Control Board has a very short window to approve the transfer, and cannot do so unless the Department of Water Resources adopts an accounting mechanism for the amount of water conserved and the amount of water delivered in this transfer. “This water transfer is consistent with the Governor’s most recent Drought Proclamation of April 25th, which state in part: The Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board will immediately and expeditiously process requests to move water to areas of need, including requests of voluntary water transfers, forbearance agreements, water exchanges or other means.”

Buchanan’s Chief of Staff Susanna Schlendorf believes that local vintners act responsibly in regards to their use of water. She relayed information provided by Buchanan at a recent meeting in Livermore.

Buchanan spoke of the use of drip irrigation, sensors and computers to monitor water use. Schlendorf commented that vintners have found that using water sparingly enhances the quality of the grapes.

RANCHERS
AccuWeather Global Weather Center sent out information regarding cattle producers in California that included an interview with Sunol rancher Tim Koopmann, who says, “By far, the last four years have been the most stressful and economically damaging. It’s the worst I can remember.”

Koopmann, 61, who serves as the president for the California Cattlemen’s Association, has lived through several harsh droughts at

his 2,600-acre family ranch, which has been located in Alameda County since 1918.

Cattlemen living in the area graze herds on annual grassland of approximately 180,000 acres.

Koopmann, who has had to cull about half of his own herd down to 200 mother cows, said cattle ranchers are faced with tough decisions due to a lack of forageable food and basic water supplies.

An average cow requires about three percent of its body weight daily in dry matter, he said. An average mother cow needs around 12 to 18 gallons of water a day to sustain itself.

“From early winter, around November, we have a green feed source which peaks in June. Thousands of stocker cattle are sent to California for winter gains,” he said. “We’re a rare commodity.”

In November 2013, thousands of cattle were sent for their winter gains, which average around 300 pounds, but they were sent back to neighboring states in December due to a lack of water for both food supply and basic drinking sources.

“There is no water,” Koopmann said, citing a well on his property he thought would never go dry. “It’s not just grazing; we don’t have water for stocked cattle.”

This has been detrimental to some California cattle ranchers who rely on getting paid by weight for stocker cattle’s winter gains. “It’s had a big impact on folks because a lot of people count on that as their sole source of income,” Koopmann said.

Rebuilding herds while maintaining the integrity of the breed will be extremely difficult for cattlemen because livestock are specifically bred for their respective climate and regions, Koopmann added.

“It’s like starting from scratch,” Koopmann said. “We’ve all worked diligently to provide that. It’s amazing how different cattle are. Everybody adapts their cows to their specific area.”

In order to rebuild herds, ranchers will have to be able to find replacement cows

that are not so high in price that they cannot generate a profit.

Due to the massive reduction in cattle supply nationwide, beef prices, already hovering at record highs, have spiked 1.9 percent in March, bringing the Choice beef retail value to \$5.27 per pound.

Koopmann said it frightens him to see areas of California that have exhausted their water resources, including increased sinking due to groundwater extraction in the Central Valley, one of the largest agricultural hubs in the United States.

“There is a growing international market for our product,” he said, citing an impairment in overall profitability for cattle ranchers nationwide. “I’m afraid our domestic supply will be challenged. I fear we’re going to overprice ourselves (as beef prices are expected to rise).”

FUTURE IN CALIFORNIA

Schlendorf, offered some background on the water situation. “California is the only state in the country that has no legal framework for managing groundwater. There must be some kind of sustainable groundwater management. In addition, the use of recycled water is being encouraged,” she said. More storage both above and below ground is needed.

Population growth and the changing agricultural practices have an impact on water supplies. Schlendorf said in the past, crops were annual such as tomatoes. Water was needed only during the growing season. Now grapes and nuts are the crops. The trees require water year-round.

“Without water in the aqueduct everybody suffers. Ranchers, who rely on runoff water, are feeling the lack of water particularly hard. Meat and dairy prices will go through the roof. It really is a crisis,” she stated.

Schlendorf says that Zone 7 has done a good job managing the water it has. She pointed out that there are communities with almost no water, because they did not plan ahead.

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U.S. Ranks as Top Destination for International Homebuyers

By Cher Wollard

U.S. real estate has always attracted international buyers: immigrants looking to start a new life, investors seeking a safe haven for their money and, increasingly, temporary visa holders residing here for professional or educational reasons.

Between March 2012 and March 2013, international clients accounted for 6.3 percent of existing home sales in the nation, according to a study by the National Association of Realtors.

About half of those sales were to buyers with permanent residences in other countries, who purchased real estate here as investments or vacation homes.

The other half included recent immigrants and those holding visas allowing them to work or attend school here.

Realtors interviewed anonymously for the survey gave a variety of reasons for the trend:

"I work with relocation companies who send international clients to me on a regular basis... The clients have usually been transferred here for work for a minimum of three years," one agent said. "They sometimes choose to purchase after renting for a year because of the tax savings."

"International clients buy property here because it's cheaper than where they are from, and it's a good investment," reported another Realtor.

California, along with Florida, Texas and Arizona, accounted for more than half of all international real estate sales in the nation.

The California Association of Realtors, in its own survey of international clients, found that the vast majority – 85 percent – did not consider purchasing real estate anywhere but the United States.

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This mirrors responses from international buyers in other states. But there are differences.

Across the nation, Canadians have accounted for the largest number of foreign buyers – 23 percent, followed by purchasers from China at 12 percent, Mexico at 8 percent, and India and the United Kingdom at 5 percent each.

These five nations account for approximately 53 percent of all international transactions in the United States, with China and Canada being the fastest growing sources of international buyers.

"We have a lot of Chinese clients. Due to the value of the Chinese yuan, clients obtain U.S. dollars relatively easily," the N.A.R. report quoted one Realtor as saying. "The Chinese economy is booming, and the Chinese like to diversify their money in different investments. U.S. real estate is their best choice."

Other nationalities who account for significant numbers of purchases include Germany, Argentina, Israel, Australia, Korea, Brazil, France, Venezuela and Russia.

In California, however, almost half (46.6 percent) of international clients in the survey held permanent residency in Asia, primarily China or Hong Kong. Europeans consisted of 13.7 percent of international clients, followed by Canadians (12.5 percent).

While international buyers are diverse, the "typical" international buyer in California last year was a 48-year-old, college-educated married man from Asia, purchasing as an individual, rather than as part of a corporation or investment group. He tended to prefer single-family homes in suburban neighborhoods in Southern California or parts of the Bay Area, and was likely to purchase the property with cash.

Los Angeles County was the top California location where international buyers purchased properties (35 percent), followed by Orange County (22 percent), San Diego (20 percent) and Riverside (14 percent). In the Bay Area, Santa Clara -- the heart of the tech industry -- and Contra Costa counties were the top draws, at 7 percent each.

Additional findings from C.A.R.'s 2013 International Clients Survey include:

- Nearly 70 percent of international buyers paid all cash for their properties. That's more than twice the percentage of U.S. buyers who paid all cash (27 percent).
- International buyers were more likely to purchase property in the U.S. primarily for investment purposes or tax advantages (18 percent) or to rent them out (14 percent). American home buyers are most likely to say they purchased primarily because they were tired of renting (23 percent).
- International buyers were about as likely to say they purchased the home as a primary residence (32 percent) as for investment or rental purposes (33 percent). In contrast, three-fourths of U.S. residents purchase property as primary residences, while only 19 percent of purchases are for investment.
- While the primary language of many international buyers was Chinese (36 percent), 70 percent communicated in English during their transactions.
- International buyers typically spent half as long looking for properties-- five weeks -- as U.S. buyers.
- Among the amenities international home buyers looked for when purchasing California properties: designer kitchens, wine cellars, saunas, private beaches, putting greens, heated floors and outdoor kitchens.

California Realtors Defend Higher Loan Ceiling
C.A.R. President Kevin Brown responded to a recent editorial in the Wall Street Journal on housing finance reform.

The editorial contended the current limit of \$625,000 on FHA-backed mortgages does not need to be raised. According to the editorial writer, with a 20 percent down payment, a buyer could purchase a home costing \$780,000, "a mansion in most places."

The editorial further states that the government is subsidizing wealthy buyers with the higher limit.

In a letter to the editor, Brown writes that the editorial is "a continued depiction by many policy makers and pundits that higher loan limits have allowed Californians to live in 10,000-square-foot mansions at taxpayers' expense. While a \$780,000 house may be a mansion in Texas, Alabama or other states, in California that buys a 2,400-square-foot house in Orange County or a 1,600-square-foot house in the San Francisco Bay Area—hardly mansions."

During the economic downturn, the ceiling was raised to \$729,750 in high-cost areas, such as the Bay Area.

California lawmakers, including U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer as well as most of the California delegation to the House of Representatives, have been urging Congress to reinstate the higher limits, which lapsed at the end of last year.

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Partnership to Help Finance Axis Renovations

The Pleasanton City Council okayed an agreement to act as the lead agency in applying for a HUD Section 108 loan of \$1.25 million to pay for improvements in a new clinic building purchased by Axis Community Health.

Axis is the only provider of medical care for low-income and uninsured residents of the Tri-Valley. It is also the only provider of affordable outpatient drug and alcohol recovery services for adults and the sole provider of outpatient drug and alcohol services for teens. For the past two years, Axis has been enrolling more than 300 new medical patients and 50 new behavioral health clients each month.

Total cost of the remodel is estimated at \$11.9 million. Measure A funds will pay a portion of the debt. Tax exempt bonds will account for \$7 million, with the remaining \$2.4 million coming from other sources. Axis purchased half of a building in the Hacienda Business Park and plans to convert it into a full medical clinic.

The space acquired by Axis is currently a vacant warehouse and will require a full remodel to create clinical space. Because the site was in foreclosure, Axis was able to realize significant savings, and purchasing the site for \$ 2.35 million.

Adding the clinic would enable Axis to more than

double its capacity to serve low-income area residents and better meet the challenges of evolving health care needs. Repayment of the \$1.25 million loan would be shared by the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin, and the County of Alameda.

HUD's Section 108 loan program allows jurisdictions to borrow against their future allocations of community block grant funds to obtain a larger infusion of funds for major projects.

The 20 year loan would require annual payments of \$62,500. Pleasanton's share would be approximately a total of \$388,000. The repayment scheduled would be \$16,922 per year or could

be made in one lump sum.

Livermore's share is calculated at \$389,884, or \$19,494 a year; Dublin, \$221,676 or \$11,084 annually, and Alameda County, \$299,997 or \$15,000 annually. The share of each agency is based on population.

Axis owns property on Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. It is the location of its current clinic. The city council expressed interest in obtaining the site.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said Axis plans to continue to operate there. If there were a change, Axis would approach the city first concerning the disposition of the property.

Since the mid-1980's, Pleasanton has provided a total of over \$ 1.2 million through its annual grant programs toward four separate clinic expansion and remodeling projects to convert office space to medical space. The City of Livermore has provided a comparable level of funding for these capital projects. In addition to capital funding, Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin all provide varying levels of annual financial support for medical programs and services provided by Axis. In recent years, Pleasanton has provided Axis annually an average of \$ 100,000 toward capital projects and \$ 22,000 for services.

In Dublin, the city council voted unanimously at its meeting May 6 to contribute \$221,000 as its share of payment on the loan.

Dublin will pay from its annual federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Mayor Tim Sbranti said that Dublin has been paying \$10,000 to \$15,000 to Axis out of CDBG funds on annual requests for the past four years to help Axis with other capital improvement costs for its facilities. "Now we are fixing that amount at \$11,000," said Sbranti.

Councilmember David Haubert said, "We made a firm statement. We value Axis. We are here for the long haul, and are assuring the services."



Livermore Toyota has partnered with Granada Little League (GLL) to help support little league baseball for our youth. On May 3, Livermore Toyota presented GLL a check for \$10,000 to help improve and maintain the GLL baseball fields and surrounding areas. This partnership will continue for three years, and will provide \$30,000 in total to the GLL program. Heath Rickoff, the Business Development Manager for Livermore Toyota, stated, "We are extremely proud to support Granada Little League as a community partner in Livermore. The Sullivant Auto Group has a long history of Charity contributions and community service and this gift continues that tradition. Being a large business in this city is not just about profit and loss, but being a part of the place we do business and supportive of all of the residents who have welcomed us here and offered us their amazing support. We look forward to a long partnership with Granada Little League to keep the Little League World Series here in Livermore and help be an active supporter of this great community." The GLL Board members noted, "The generosity of Livermore Toyota will provide the youth, their families, and friends an opportunity to establish long lasting memories of their children playing baseball at a quality venue. Their involvement with GLL will allow us to continue in providing a special location where players and fans can truly enjoy a special time in our busy lives." GLL is looking for additional sponsors for the upcoming World Series in Livermore. Anyone interested should contact Steve Fields at Steve@IntermediateWorldSeries.org. The Little League Intermediate World Series will be held July 29 to August 4 at Max Baer Park in Livermore.

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10th Birthday Party Planned for Library

Livermore Public Library's Civic Center Library is ten years old in May. On May 17, 2004, The new Civic Center Library first opened to the public on May 17, 2004. To celebrate, the library will have a free birthday celebration on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 2:00 pm. Join the fun, have a piece of cake and be entertained by the Element 116 band.

This band is named after Livermore's own element, also known as Livermorium. Element 116 is a band comprised of mainly middle school students from five schools within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD). Under the lead of director Patty Jo Struve, the band plays a mix of jazz, Latin, rock and swing. The band is sponsored by the East Avenue Middle School Boosters and is open to all students within LVJUSD. Element 116 is donating its time and music. Other donors are A.Rents, Checkers Catering, and Delford West.

The Civic Center Library was a welcome improvement over the old library and has been enthusiastically embraced by the Livermore community. The new 53,000 square foot facility replaced what was then a 35 year old, 15,500 square foot main library located on the opposite end of the Civic Center campus. At the new library, the children's section alone was equivalent to the entire public space in the old library. The additional space in the new Civic Center Library enabled a large expansion of the books and other materials available for checkout and the new community rooms allowed the library to offer more programs for children and adults. In addition to adding space, the new library brought many new amenities for the Livermore community, including study rooms, an art gallery, a café, numerous public use computers, and the Friends of the Livermore Library bookstore.

In the ten years since opening, the Civic Center Library has become a community hub and has made a positive contribution to the quality of life for Livermore residents and other patrons who work in the Livermore community.

Over 350,000 people visit the Civic Center Library each year to check out a book, DVD, or magazine; to study or research a topic; to attend a program or class; or to use a computer or the free wireless internet access. Library staff also receives frequent comments from patrons saying that they make sure to take their out-of-town visitors to see the beautiful Civic Center Library.

The Civic Center Library is open from 10:00

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Tradition of Dancing the Night Away In Full Swing

By Carol Graham

Like countless others this time of year, Jeffrey Throop looked forward to the prom. He dressed up, shared a limo with a pal, and couldn't wait to hang out with friends.

But unlike countless others, it was Jeffrey's 18th year attending the prom.

"He's been going since 1996," said mom Nelly Throop, of the annual prom hosted by Pleasanton's Keystone Adult Learning Center. "Adults with disabilities have the same needs, wants and desires as everyone else, and want to live life to the fullest."

This year's prom, themed Happily Ever After, took place May 2 at Pleasanton's Hilton. Nearly 150 participants aged 16 to 60 danced to the catchy beats of Call Me Maybe, Moves Like Jagger, and Gangnam Style.

"My favorite moment from year to year is when the deejay plays YMCA," said Rotarian Ron Hyde. "There is a rush to dance floor followed by one of the most energetic dances you've ever seen."

The Pleasanton North Rotary and Keystone work together each

(See DANCING, page 9)



Swingin' Blue Stars Perform Songs of the 40's and 50's

The Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet return to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton for their fourth annual Memorial Day Weekend appearance. Featuring a back-up swing band, this group of four female vocalists has become iconic in the Bay Area and

beyond for their USO-style performances showcasing songs of the 40's and 50's. This year's show will be presented on Sunday, May 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Originally calling themselves The Singing Blue Star Moms, the group was founded in 2002 by mem-

bers of the East Bay Blue Star Moms who had sons and daughters serving in the military. Initially, they began singing together to relieve the stress of having loved ones serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as to entertain aging veterans in the Bay Area. They

selected their repertoire to demonstrate appreciation for veterans of all wars, while at the same time increasing public support for troops currently serving in combat.

Within a few years, their high-spirited WWII style swing repertoire gained a solid following throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Public demand expanded beyond the initial Blue Star Mom "support our troops" mission, with requests to perform for a variety of groups and events.

On New Year's Eve 2006, the group was the opening act for the re-established

Glenn Miller Orchestra before an audience of 1,400 big-band enthusiasts and swing dancers on the USS Hornet. Then in May of 2007, the group officially added "of the USS Hornet" to their name, and cemented their relationship with the famous WWII aircraft carrier-turned-museum in Alameda. In January of 2011, their name was changed to "Swingin' Blue Stars (from Singing) of the USS Hornet," but they are quick to tell us their mission of bringing history to life for their audiences remains the same.

Among many memorable

moments for the group so far, was their performance at Pearl Harbor for the dedication of the new Visitor's Center. They performed many of the fan-favorites that are included in their coming Firehouse Arts Center show, including: In the Mood, Rum and Coca-Cola, and The Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B.

Tickets are \$12-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets can be purchased at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848, or at the box office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.



Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet coming to Pleasanton.

Band Concert Features Students from Local Schools

The annual year end ABC Band Program concert will be held on May 20 at Granada High School in Livermore at 7:00pm.

The concert combines the ABC bands from Altamont Creek, Rancho Las Positas, Emma Smith, Arroyo Seco, and Our Savior Lutheran.

They could be dubbed the most un-sung couple in Livermore for the limited acclaim they've received over the past years for their philanthropic work in the community. But pianissimo is far from the enthusiasm and excitement their after-school ABC Band programs generate in Livermore's elementary schools. Looking at expanding to 9 schools next fall from the present 6, Stan and Marianne Houston,

owners of ABC Music Store & Academy in downtown Livermore, are busy hiring more conductors and buying more instruments for an expected 250 4th & 5th graders.

The music store has been located at 2156 First Street in Livermore for 47 years, the last five of which have been under the Houston's ownership. "These past five years have been both a wonderful and unexpected collaborative effort between the parents, the schools, and our store. It doesn't often happen that, in spite of a bad economy and a diversity of demographic needs, everyone involved with this program has been supportive and dug in their heels to make it work. Truly, I've

been convinced in the saying 'it takes a village'."

Both of the Houston's Bay Area stores operate as for-profit businesses, but that's where any similarity to any other retail store ends. Instead of taking home a salary or paycheck, the Houston's defer any personal income and give back 100% of the profits from every sale towards subsidizing the cost of their band programs, scholarships, and other school music needs. Over the past five years, the Houston's have donated over \$150,000 to local school music programs.

Donations at this event support music programs in the community. For information, go to www.abcmusicstores.com



Bob Bronzan photographed the cast during a rehearsal.

Thoroughly Modern Millie Set in the 20s

Livermore High School's spring production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be presented May 15, 16 and 17. The play is "modern" tale of boy meets girl, set in the Roaring 20s.

In 1922, on her first day in New York City, Millie Dillmount (Meghan Hornbacker) runs into [literally] Jimmy Smith (Sean McGrory) and he recommends the Hotel Priscilla. Millie and Miss Dorothy Brown (Allie Reggiardo) are just two of the girls living at the "Priscilla Hotel for Single Young Ladies" run by Mrs. Meers (Aubrianna Decker). In the Hotel Priscilla laundry room, two Chinese immigrants, Ching Ho (Eric Maravilla) and Bun Foo (Ryker Johnson), are working for Mrs. Meers to earn enough money to bring their mother from Hong Kong over to the States.

As a modern flapper, Millie's goal of getting a job as a stenographer—once she gets past Miss Flannery (Nicole Blair)—is to work for her single boss, Mr. Trevor Graydon (Braeden Zeitler), in order to become Mrs. Trevor Graydon; love is not to factor into the equation. Meanwhile, Millie, Miss Dorothy and Jimmy enjoy the NYC nightlife, including speakeasies and parties at Muzzy Van Hossmere's (Emily Stuart) mansion, but then the problems begin: the owner of Millie's dingy hotel kidnaps young girls to sell to the Far East; her wealthy boss is slow in proposing marriage; and the man she actually falls in love with doesn't have a dime to his name – or so he tells her.

Performances are at 8 pm on May 15, 16, and 17. Tickets are \$10 reserved seating and \$5 in the balcony. They can be purchased online at the Cowboy Webstore at livermorehs.schoolloop.com.

Valley Dance Theatre to Present Program Featuring Excerpts From Legendary Ballets



Madison Burgess and Sam Gonzalez perform a segment from *Slaughter on Tenth Avenue* (above right). Eleanor Mount and Eric Rhodes perform an excerpt from *Romeo and Juliet* (left photo). Photos by Jerwin Chua.

Valley Dance Theatre (VDT) will present its 2014 spring repertoire production, *Spring Rep*, on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater. The theater is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore.

Dancers will perform excerpts from legendary ballets that include the flamboyant Spanish style of *Don Quixote*, the pure lyricism of *Romeo and Juliet*, and the Broadway-style drama of *Slaughter on Tenth Avenue*, along with several newly premiering works.

According to Artistic Director Betsy Hausburg, the global trend in ballet, from the Bolshoi to San Francisco, is toward inclusion of much more contemporary-style choreography in each season's productions. Valley Dance Theatre's approach is that the classics are more entertaining and effective in bringing people to an

appreciation of ballet. "The classics are timeless and draw audiences with well-loved scenes and familiar music. We believe a mix of centuries-old and newer works affords audiences a much richer and more enjoyable experience," she says.

udy Eckart, a local businesswoman and audience member, states, "Seeing *The Nutcracker* every year has become a tradition in my family and those Valley Dance Theatre productions are reassuringly familiar yet always feature some unique touches. VDT's spring shows feature varied styles which always include the classics as well as original choreography. Dance moves range from smooth and elegantly beautiful to startlingly athletic to comic. Thanks to VDT, I've seen and enjoyed clog dancing, step dancing, Bharatanatyam, a Vietnamese harvest dance, and much more."

The program will be ac-

companied by the newly formed Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra.

Originally formed in 1995 with musicians from the Livermore-Amador Symphony only, The Pit Orchestra has evolved into a group of instrumentalists who also perform with a number of other musical groups from around the Bay Area. According to Conductor Bob Williams, who moved from the role of musician to conductor in 1998, the orchestra often includes instrumentalists from as far away as Concord and San Jose, Calif. "About one third of the pit orchestra consists of Livermore-Amador Symphony musicians, but I form the rest of the group from the approximately 50 other musicians who regularly attend rehearsals," Williams says. "The pit can accommodate only about 33 people at one time, so the instrumentalists volunteer for performances

according to their personal availability. It's a logistical challenge, especially when we have multiple performances of a production like *The Nutcracker* in December, but it always works out."

"I am very excited that Bob Williams has agreed to lead our very own pit orchestra," commented Betsy Hausburg. "The finest musicians from the Tri-Valley area will be assembled to provide exciting live music for all future Valley Dance Theatre productions."

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for students 17 years and younger. They may be purchased online at www.bankheadtheater.org; by phone at 925-373-6800 or in person at the theater box office, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Box office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m., Saturday 3:00-6:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to show time.

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'Best of the Best' Raises \$125,000 for LPC Foundation

Las Positas College Foundation Chair Martin A. Livingston announced that the 11th annual "Best of the Best" Gala, held at the college on April 26, raised \$125,000 for the benefit of the LPC campus community. "The 'Best of the Best' uses a format unique in the world of fundraising. The students are the stars of the evening and the Tri-Valley community supports them with remarkable generosity," said Livingston.

Event committee Chair Stephanie Beasley explained that, rather than the typical sit-down dinner, "Best of the Best" guests sample "heavy hors d'oeuvres" donated by ten outstanding Tri-Valley restaurants and enjoy wine courtesy of fourteen Livermore Valley wineries. Entertainment for the evening is a Performance Showcase of pieces from the college's yearly musical, the vocal and instrument jazz groups, dance, vocal and Speech soloists.

"As result of our format," Beasley continued, "event overhead is remarkably low. Income falls to the bottom-line; it benefits deserving students by underwriting

scholarships and the entire campus community in the form of project grants for which no other resources are available."

The event this year also had on-line and silent auction components and a Fund-A-Need "reverse auction" in support of college's Early Childhood Development Program. Livingston noted that all of the event elements contributed to the bottom-line. He added that "Our Foundation is especially grateful to the 19 Tri-Valley event cash- sponsors. We cannot thank these community-focused organizations enough for their support of our foundation and 'our Community's College.'"

"Best of the Best" Sponsors were: Platinum level - Lawrence Livermore National Security, the Livingston Family, Sandia National Laboratories and Wells Fargo; Gold Level -Chevron, Follett Higher Education Group, Fremont Bank, Kaiser Permanente, Shea Homes, Topcon and Safeway; Silver level - Palo Alto Medical Foundation, PG&E, Sensiba San Filippo, UNCLE Credit Union and

ValleyCare Health System; Media Sponsors - Comcast, The Independent and KKIQ.

Supporting restaurants were: Bar Tatami. Coco Cabana, Eddie Papa's, Faz, Koi Palace, Lokanta, Nonni's, Posada, Uncle Yu's and Zephyr.

Wines were provided by: BoaVentura de Caires, Cedar Mountain, Chouinard, Concannon, Darcie Kent, Cuda Ridge, La Rochelle, Las Positas College Cellars, Mitchel Katz, Page Mill, Retzlaff, Steven Kent, Wentz and Westover.

The Las Positas College Foundation has two goals: (1) to inform and educate the Tri-Valley communities about the extraordinary successes, remarkable opportunities and financial challenges at the College that they own; and (2) to give businesses and individuals an opportunity to invest in the future of the College's students. The Foundation's main focus is the funding of student scholarships, supporting vital educational programs, and continuing outreach to the community through college sponsored programs.

Cantabella Showcases Unity in Diversity with *One Nation, Many Voices*

Cantabella Children's Chorus will celebrate the diversity of America during their annual spring concert, *One Nation, Many Voices*, to be held on Saturday, May 31.

The concert will take place at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

The choir will open the program with familiar songs that unite America, and then embrace the diversity of the country with selections from around the world including music from South Africa, Japan, China, India, Australia, the Americas and places in between. Choral pieces in at least 12 languages, with familiar sing-alongs such as the *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and *God Bless America*, will be included in the concert.

Artistic Director Bee Chow and the Chorus will unite their talents with local professional dancers and musicians from a variety of traditions. Folk songs such as *Kaana Kameme* and *Shumayela*, from Africa, will be accompanied by authentic African percussion played by Catherine Ndungu-Case of Cheza Nami Foundation.

To the Chorus' *Dravidian Dithyramb*, an arrangement from India, classical Indian dancers Anisha Mukherjee and Maya Manesh from the Ushanjali School of Dance will perform the *Bharatanatyam*, literally the 'dance of India', directed by Naina Shastri, Ushanjali's Artistic Director.

The Australian tribal song, *Sesere eeye*, and, the Israeli celebration song, *Hava Nageela*, will also be performed with choreography. The chorus will also perform one of their all-time favorites, *Hope for Resolution*, a song for Mandela and De Klerk, to commemorate the life and work of Nelson Mandela.

Cantabella brings together some two hundred and fifty children in three training and three performing choirs to rehearse weekly. The choristers learn a wide range of music, and, present it with the focus and power. Classes range from the training choirs for kindergartners and elementary kids, to the more advanced children's choir, honors choirs and a special chamber choir, which includes young men with "Changed Voices." All

choirs are taught by a staff brought together by Chow.

The chorus has taken their place among the finest of children's choirs in the country. Their seasons have included tours to the World Vision International Children's Choir Festival in South Korea, the World Choir Games in Cincinnati where the Honors Choir won two silver medals, and more recently to Santa Barbara where Cantabella was showcased by the American Choral Directors Association Western Division Conference. Cantabella regularly collaborates with other local arts organizations such as Livermore Valley Opera, Valley Concert Chorale, and others.

The 1:00 PM concert will feature the youngest training choirs along with the accomplished performing choirs. The 4:00 PM concert will present the Children's, Chamber, and Honors Choirs.

Children under 18 are admitted free (restrictions apply) through the support and sponsorship by Clorox Corporation. For more information, please visit cantabella.org/tickets.

Teen Poet for the Month of April

James Wilker has been selected as Teen Poet of the Month for April. The competition is sponsored by Kevin Gunn, Livermore Poet Laureate.

The winning poem is as follows:

It starts with a jest and ends with a deathly silence
Exhaling corruption as the wisps of innocence fade
Acts to dissuade are replaced with acts to persuade
Temptation from a false pretense
Side effects may include sordid sadness and moral subsidence
Precipitating your sense of security
Diminishing your soul's purity
When the devil knocks will you welcome him with defiance?
Can't you hear the calling of the philandering fluid?
Drink me and experience thrills that can't be obtained through abstinence
Swirl, stumble, dazed and confused, fall to your concrete cradle
The qualifications it takes to be included
Getting lost in your mind's labyrinth
the consequences can be fatal

Theme for May is the end of school and/or the beginning of summer. Poems should be 30 lines or less. The deadline to submit a poem is May 30. They should be sent to Livermorepoetry@gmail.com. Reference May Teen Poetry in the subject line.

Annual Golf Tournament Benefits Melanoma Research

By Carol Graham

The suntan as a symbol of privilege and prestige isn't new.

For centuries suntanned skin had exposed that one was unfortunate enough to have to labor outdoors in the hot sun. Then, during the industrial revolution when workers moved indoors to hold factory and office jobs, a suntan suddenly revealed coveted leisure time - days of sailing, tennis and lounging on tropical shores.

People went from wearing sunhats and gloves to wearing bikinis and baby oil. California girls, Coppertone kids and bronzed athletes graced magazines, movies and TV screens.

Then science entered the picture, and another consciousness began to emerge: sun causes premature aging, wrinkles, brown spots, loss of elasticity, cancer, and even death. The idea of a "healthy tan" suddenly became as preposterous as the idea of a healthy cigarette. It was a myth, that whole "brown as a berry" mentality, but we'd believed it, it was ingrained, and we didn't want to let it go.

Around the same time that Bain de Soleil and Sea & Ski began helpfully labeling their products with an SPF (Sun Protection Factor), tanning beds were, incongruously, skyrocketing in popularity and feeding the suntan myth with a twist to a new generation: salon tanning was safer than outdoor tanning. (Wording is partly to blame; the term "salon" implies luxurious pampering, whereas a more apt phrasing, say "char-broil tanning," may have neatly nipped things in the bud.)

All of this begs the question: what meaning are we placing on suntans? Health? Wealth? The good life? Fun? Sexiness? Power? And is that superficial and fleeting darkening of the skin as it attempts to protect itself from ultraviolet rays worth the risk of crinkly, spotted skin and cancer?

Skin Cancer Awareness Month takes place each May, the perfect pre-summer month to revisit the subject of

sun exposure risks, to consciously question our ingrained notions, and to decide whether they bear passing on to another generation.

Each year more than one million Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer, the most common form of cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Cancer is a general term for the nearly 200 diseases that begin with an uncontrolled growth of cells that can invade and damage normal tissues. Skin cancers can be divided into two types: melanoma and non-melanoma. Non-melanoma skin cancers are usually referred to as basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. They are most often treated with surgical removal since they do not normally spread to other parts of the body.

Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, is one of the fastest growing cancers both in the U.S. and worldwide. It begins in melanocytes, cells producing the pigment melanin that colors the skin, hair and eyes, and forms moles. The greatest contributor to melanoma is exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays from natural or artificial sources, such as sunlight and indoor tanning beds. Since melanoma can occur in all melanocytes throughout the body it is usually, but not always, a cancer of the skin.

Early detection of melanoma is essential to improve the prognosis. For many, that means knowing what to be aware of and not postponing a visit to the doctor. An ABCDE guideline highlights what to look for with spots and moles: A for asymmetry, B for borders that are irregular or blurred, C for color that is uneven, D for diameters larger than 6 mm, and E for evolving spots or moles that change in size, shape or color.

But for others, like blond, light-eyed Terry Patters, the diagnosis can be much tougher. Terry's diagnosis was complicated by the fact that her melanoma started deep in the bottom layer of her skin's epidermis, likely in the meninges (membranes that envelope the central nervous system), before it manifested itself as pain in her neck. By the time it was correctly diagnosed, it was too late to alter its course.

"Terry would light up a room when she walked in," said her son Dave Patters. "She was a beautiful, loving, classy, devoted wife, mother and friend. If you speak to all who knew her, you would hear how much everyone misses her."

To help the Melanoma Research Foundation find effective treatments and raise awareness about melanoma, the Patters family will host its 4th Annual Terry Patters Golf Tournament Benefitting Melanoma Research on Monday, August 4th at Poppy Ridge Golf Course.

"In the past three years, the tournament has raised more than \$82,000," said Dave. "Please tell your friends and family to come join in the fun. If they are not golfers, they will enjoy coming for dinner or joining the wine tour and tasting."

The wine tour includes transportation to and from tastings at Concannon, Wentz and Murrieta's Well where guests will also enjoy lunch on the outdoor patio. Tickets for either the wine tour or golf tournament, which also provides lunch, cost \$160, and includes an evening barbecue buffet. Dinner-only tickets cost \$55.

In the meantime, be sun-smart by using a broad spectrum high-SPF sunscreen, wearing protective clothing and seeking shade, doing self-exams and dermatology screenings, refusing to perpetuate the myth that tanned skin is healthy or attractive, and participating in fundraisers or donating to foundations that help raise awareness and seek to eliminate skin cancer.

"I think Terry would be very proud that our yearly event is making people aware of the deadly disease and informing people how to protect themselves," said Dave. "She would also like to know that the money raised in her honor will go toward research leading to a cure for melanoma. She was the core of our family and left behind her husband of 36 years, two children and two grandchildren. She is missed by all who knew and loved her."

To learn more or register for the fundraiser, visit melanoma.org, or events.melanoma.org/TerryPattersGolf2014.

Bothwell Concert Features National Fingerpicking Champion

Only one person has ever won the world's top competitions in both "fingerstyle" and "classical" guitar, the 1998 National Fingerpicking Champion and the Guitar Foundation of America International Classical Guitar Competition. That person, Michael Chapdelaine will play a solo concert at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore on May 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.00, Seniors and Students \$10.00



Michael Chapdelaine

and are available at only at the door. Contact Michael Ferrucci at Frettedfriend@gmail.com, or 925-337-5516 for additional information.

The Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 8th Street.

Prior to winning the Championship, Chapdelaine had also won top honors in four international "classical" guitar competitions, including first prize in the Guitar Foundation of America Competition. He has been awarded two National En-

dowment for the Arts Solo Recitalist Fellowships and holds a Master of Music degree from Florida State University. In recent years he has toured 4 continents and been seen around the world on CNN and Headline News.

Chapdelaine, who studied with Andrés Segovia, earned the distinction of winning the 20th annual National Fingerpicking Championship, traditionally dominated by steel string

players, while playing on a nylon string classical guitar. He bested an international field of guitarist by playing a broad spectrum of musical genres ranging from traditional South American dance music to his own fingerstyle compositions, which included a blues number he calls Blue Chile. "The biggest thrill about winning Winfield was seeing how much people like my original compositions," Chapdelaine said.

His original works, which he has only recently introduced to the public, bring together a broad variety of musical styles from classical to country to blues.

He says, "I grew up playing pop music in Navy clubs. . . I needed to find a way to mix the groove and fun of that music with the discipline and expressive beauty of classical music. Music is fun, if it's not fun, why bother?"

Livermore Valley Opera – Then and Now

Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) completed its 2013-2014 season with four outstanding performances of Gioachino Rossini's *La Cenerentola* (Cinderella). Independent reviewer Sarah Bobson told her readers "The cast of strong principals performed superbly, the chorus outdid previous performances, and the orchestra never sounded better."

Livermore Valley Opera traces its roots back to 1992 on the inspiration of Fremont resident Steve Ola whose initial attempt at opera production led to staging Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, *The Mikado* in Fremont and at Livermore High School. Livermore residents Raquel Holt, Sue Sohm, Karen Schipper, Doug Holt and Alan Frank sang in the chorus. The production drew a larger audience in Livermore, which led the five chorus singers to ask: Why not an opera company in Livermore? The five singers formed LVO's first Board of Directors, obtained federal tax-exempt status and staged their first opera, *The Barber of Seville* at Livermore High School.

Board member Raquel Holt recalled, "Livermore Valley Opera's first five years were years of struggle. Funding came out of the founders' pockets and a few supporters. The production staff was drawn from local volunteers, a number of them scientists, engineers and technicians from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Sandia National Laboratory. Sets were constructed in volunteers' back yards and singers were given honoraria of \$50.00 or less. Many orchestra members donated their fee back to LVO. When LVO first started, it used pick-up orchestras with different conductors for each production. As its reputation grew, many musicians stayed with the company. In 2007 Alexander Katsman, who had been connected with LVO since its early years, was appointed conductor and musical director. Mr. Katsman, the native of St. Petersburg, Russia, is an alumnus of the San Francisco Opera's Merola Program and St. Petersburg Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory. He conducts extensively throughout the Bay Area. Under his vision the company experienced tremendous growth in musical and artistic levels of productions. In 2012 Mr. Katsman was also appointed the Artistic Director of the company."

Since those early years, new volunteer Board of Directors members have come aboard. Raquel Holt is the only LVO founder still actively serving on the board. Former Livermore Mayor John Shirley served on the board for many years, four years as the president of LVO. John is credited with initiating a more formal fundraising process that remains intact today.

Richard Deets, LVO Vice-President, commented, "Livermore Valley Opera's ability to produce world class opera is a testament to the support we receive from our generous contributors and sponsors as well as the wonderful audiences who fill the Bankhead Theater for each performance."

Additionally, the LVO Advisory Council provided valuable insight and support for every production. Board member Stephanie Petermeier says she loves teaming up



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A scene from the recent production of "Cinderella." The opera drew rave reviews.

with Advisory Council chair Valarie Huff for LVO social events. Another Advisory Council member, Erie Mills, a well-known Metropolitan Opera soprano and former board member of Opera America, provides LVO with valuable guidance. Ms. Mills is credited with arranging for the services of internationally known Stage Director, Bruce Donnell, and Shirin Eskandani, Angelina (Cinderella), in LVO's production of *La Cenerentola*.

Livermore Valley Opera expanded in 1994 by introducing "Opera in the Vineyard" with principal singers performing charming arias in outdoor settings at various wineries in the Livermore wine country. More recently, LVO has staged these very popular performances at Retzlaff Vineyards which comfortably seats 250 guests.

The Bankhead Theater opened in 2007. Livermore Valley Opera is very proud to have been the first resident company to perform at this 500 seat state-of-the-art theater with a very successful production of Giacomo Puccini's *La bohème*. Opening Night Galas have more recently become a tradition for Livermore Valley Opera. The gala has been held at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard for several years. Since 2011, The Opening Night Galas have been sponsored by Charlene and Doug McKenney of Northwestern Mutual Pleasanton. Safeway, Livermore, has provided ice cream for a number of years to the de-

light of our Sunday matinee audiences.

"An Intimate Musical Evening," the first of a continuing Soiree Series to be held in private homes to showcase opera singers singing favorite arias, was initiated in 2009. Yet another venue for LVO productions opened in 2011 at the Pleasanton Firehouse Art Center supported by a grant from the City of Pleasanton. This year the Firehouse production, for May 24, 2014 at 2:00pm, will feature two one-act comic favorites, *The Coffee Cantata* by Johann Sebastian Bach and *La Serva Padrona* (The Servant Mistress) by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi.

Livermore Valley Opera initiated its "School Outreach Program" in 2011, visiting music classes of several hundred students in Livermore schools. The program has expanded to over 5000 students in Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton public schools. This season's assembly program is built around a fully staged One Act chamber opera, sung in English, entitled "The Telephone" by Gian Carlo Menotti; adapted, directed, and sung by Director of Educational Outreach, Nikolas Nackley, alongside soprano Amy Giovanetti and pianist, Danielle Naler. "The Telephone" has been met with rave reviews by students ranging from first grade to high school. Students are invited to a fully staged dress rehearsal at the Bankhead Theater at no cost to teachers and students. The LVO

Teen Esteem Strives to Bring Awareness to The Issues Teens Face

"Student Outreach Program" is supported by grants from the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton as well as a grant from the Livermore Rotary Club.

In addition to the "School Outreach Program," LVO presents "OperaLive!" at the Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton libraries. Gary Sears, LVO Community Outreach Coordinator, remarked, "Livermore Valley Opera is committed to making opera more accessible to the community. All of these programs are free public events. The one-hour performances feature our principal singers performing arias and duets from an upcoming opera and possibly other well-known operas. The singers give attendees a preview of the wonderful talent that they will hear at the Bankhead Theater."

Livermore Valley Opera added a new venue to its repertoire in 2012 with two productions of Gian Carlo Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors in collaboration with the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The first performance featured 11 year old Jonathan Telander of Stockton as Amahl, while the second performance featured 13 year old Sophie Morgan of Dublin and a member of the Cantabella Children's Chorus as Amahl. The company is planning several 2014 performances of Amahl and the Night Visitors.

Current LVO Board president Jim Schmidt stated, "We combine the talents of professional musicians, stage directors, principal opera singers, and designers with the dedication and practical abilities of volunteers filling such critical roles as board and advisory council members, chorus directed by Bruce Olstad, stage crew, marketing and set builders to reach our artistic goals. Bruce Donnell, our stage director for Cinderella, came by way of the New York Metropolitan Opera. Shirin Eskandani, Cinderella, came from the Palm Beach Opera. She will perform with the San Francisco Merola Opera Program this summer. LVO's Prince Ramiro in Cinderella was tenor Marco Stephani. He is a Pleasanton native who has sung with Opera Theatre of St. Louis and Palm Beach Opera. The company is thriving within its means with productions that please but keep costs intact. The repertoire is enjoyable and inviting to East Bay audiences."

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty presented the First District Arts Leadership Award to Jim Schmidt during the Board of Supervisor's meeting in September. Jason Victor Serinus, opera reviewer for San Francisco Classical Voice, commented: "Livermore Valley Opera has mounted several excellent productions, which shows that they put a lot of thought into what they do. They also draw from a pool of excellent singers. Eugene Brancoveanu, for example, has sung in many major venues. And, the audience, comprised of people from all over the East Bay, really loves opera. I have come to expect wonderful things from this company."

Livermore Valley Opera was granted full status in 2011 as a Professional Company Member of the prestigious Opera America, the national organization dedicated to this unique art form. Valery Goodman and her husband Ron, who attend LVO's operas regularly, observed, "LVO has sure come a long way. It is a first class opera company now."

By Carol Graham

While sex, alcohol and drugs have been a part of youth culture for decades, access and exposure to information through the internet and social media has become so pervasive that it is aiding and even encouraging risky behavior at a younger and younger age, said Teen Esteem Executive Director Linda Turnbull.

"Many times choices made in high school can either help teens achieve their goals, or prevent them from ever achieving those goals," she added. "Our goal is to help teens recognize that they are the ones in control of their future by the choices they make."

Through classroom presentations and school-wide assemblies, Teen Esteem strives to bring awareness to the issues teens face, while empowering, encouraging and equipping young people to make healthy choices guided by respect for themselves and others.

A recent grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation will be used toward providing assemblies at both Livermore and Granada High Schools, along with a parent-education night for each school prior to the assembly.

Linda Watanabe McFerrin will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch on Saturday, May 17, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton.

Poet, travel writer, novelist and teacher Linda Watanabe McFerrin is a contributor to numerous journals, newspapers, magazines, anthologies and online publications including the New York Times, the

"I think when a teenager comes to his parents and enthusiastically discusses what he learned about drugs, alcohol and relationships, it's a huge win," a father wrote to Teen Esteem. "You guys tackle difficult topics with a very vulnerable audience and you're doing it effectively. You should be really proud of what your team is achieving."

Although Teen Esteem has given presentations to Livermore 9th graders for more than 15 years, the district will now have the opportunity to host assemblies at a reduced rate.

"It costs us \$1,000 to conduct a two-day classroom presentation with two speakers. Schools do not pay for classroom presentations. Teen Esteem covers the costs through the generosity of businesses, foundations and individual donors," said Turnbull, adding that half of the school's \$2,500 cost for assemblies will be covered by the grant.

The advent of social media has amplified both the opportunity for and the fall-out from risky behaviors including prescription drug abuse, illegal drug use, sexual activity and underage drinking, while increasing

incidents of bullying, depression and suicide.

"Suicide is the third leading cause of death for ten to 14 year olds," said Turnbull. "Today's youth culture is very different than it was ten years ago. Kids today are looking for ways to escape the ongoing pressures they face. One in 20 kids aged nine to 17 is diagnosed with major depression. Prescription drugs are abused more than all illegal drugs combined except marijuana and has become a national epidemic."

Turnbull said parents most often want to know how to improve communication with their teens, what realistic expectations are concerning dating and curfews, what red flags to look for, and what to be aware of concerning the latest trends in technology.

Teens typically ask how they can be treated with more respect, how to say no when pressured, what the likelihood is of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, and what they can do to handle the pressures they face.

"Pressures today are overwhelming many teens," said Turnbull. "Kids are overscheduled and have

very little down time. Expectations are coming at them 24/7, and sometimes kids wish their parents would just listen."

She encourages parents to help their kids find their passion and to allow them to fail.

"Kids will fail, just as we have, but they learn from failure. We do them a disservice by not allowing them to fail and to figure things out for themselves, especially as we prepare them for adulthood," said Turnbull. "Kids need their parents' unconditional love. They need to know that when they fail, their parents still love them and that that love is not based on what they can or cannot do."

While Teen Esteem had initially hoped to be able to hold Livermore's high school assemblies this spring, the assemblies will likely take place during the next school year. Turnbull, added, "Parents contacting the principals of the high schools reinforcing the desire for the assembly always helps."

To learn more or join an email list, visit teenesteem.com, call (925)855-9941, or follow on Facebook.

Poet to Be Guest Speaker at California Writers Club

Washington Post, the San Francisco Chronicle Magazine, Modern Bride, Travelers' Tales, Salon.com, Mia Magazine, and Bay Nature.

She is the author of two poetry collections, past editor of a popular Northern California guidebook and a winner of the Nimrod International Katherine Anne Porter Prize for Fiction. Her novel, Namako: Sea Cucumbers, was named Best Book for the Teen-Age by the New York Public Library.

Her newest book is Dead Love, a novel about Japan and zombies (Stone Bridge Press, 2010).

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. The meeting will be Saturday, May 17, 2014, 2:00- 4:00 p.m. (registration at 1:30). The cost for CWC Members is \$10, nonmembers, \$15. Anyone interested in the

program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations requested by contacting GeorgeCramer@trivalleywriters.org no later than Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

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

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Call to artist - Square Connections Community CD Case Art Show. Those interested are invited to create art that fits into a CD case: use the case as its frame / medium is up to the artist. Take the finished art to the Downtown Art Studios during Second Thursday Open Studios on June 12th, July 10th, August 14th. The entries will be displayed in an art exhibition at Panama Red in October, just in time for ArtWalk on October 12th.

Far and Near, a photography exhibit featuring the work of John Joh, Lee Tang Joh and Reece Wollard, is on display through June 6 at the office of Prudential California Realty, 1983 Second Street in downtown Livermore. The show can also be viewed during normal business hours, or by appointment with Cher Wollard, 925-784-4679 or chervu@chervu.com.

Fresh Works: Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery exhibit. New juried installation featuring 68 artists. Variety of media, including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, sculpture, mixed media. May 3 through June 7. Adjudicated by Carrie Lederer, Curator of Exhibitions and Programs for the Bedford Gallery. For more info: 925-931-4849, or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. Artful Bouquets, Teen Art Showcase May 15-31, reception with artists May 15, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Oneida Stowe retrospective, Figurehead Gallery, May 16-June 21. Opening reception 6 to 9 p.m. on May 17. 2222 2nd Street, Old Theater Mall, Livermore.

Figurehead Gallery, "Retrospective" of the work of Oneida Stowe. May 17 through June 14. The public is invited to attend the opening on Sat., May 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. Figurehead Gallery is located at 2222 2nd St. Suite 21, Livermore. Hours are Wed.-Sat. noon to 6 p.m. For further information contact Ken Ball, 925-353-0419, ball@figureheadgallery.com

Art in the Vineyard, Livermore Art Association show, May 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Live music, artwork displays, wine tasting (with purchas of glass). Free admission. Wente Vineyards, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. www.livermoreartassociation.org.

Jade Fon Retrospective and Plein Air Painters, June 20-July 26, Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Reception 6 to 8 p.m. Thurs., June 19. www.firehousearts.org.

Gallery on the Green, Saturday, June 21, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Pleasanton Art League show. No admission fee. Wine Tasting \$15 per guest, \$10 for Club Wente members includes a Riedel Crystal glass. For more information call the Vineyard Tasting Room 925-456-2405.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Classes at the Figurehead Gallery:

Figure Open Studio: Long Pose, on the Third Saturday of the month 5/17, 6/21 with Jacob Hankinson, Ozell Hudson, or Carolyn Lord. 9 am - 1 p.m. \$30. Register at www.figureheadgallery.com/classes.html or call Ken Ball at 925-353-0419.

Show and Tell, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. Refreshments are brought by the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at danne_miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at lryan@Livermoreperformingarts.org

ACC / Art Critique & Coffee meetings now at New Leaf in Pleasanton's Vintage Shopping Center on Bernal & Vineyard. Brings together professional, local and emerging artists meetings each Friday at 10:30 a.m. to share latest work, fine tune each piece with gentle critiques and share tips, techniques and opportunities. Join the mailing list and receive the latest news on when and where the next meeting will be held. PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude). No instructor. Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@earthlink.net.

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2014 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 and older to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome as are adults, if space allows. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or weekly school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

WINERY EVENTS

Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. May 21, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery; May 28, Crooked Vine Winery and Stony Ridge Winery. Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.org.

Cedar Mountain Winery: 5 days of wine tasting at Swirl. Small tasting room open next to Swirl "On the Side" offering flights, wine by the glass, and

wine by the bottle to compliment the food and entertainment at Swirl. May 15, 5 to 10 p.m., May 16, 4 to 10 p.m., May 16, noon to 10 p.m., May 18, noon to 6 p.m.; May 29, 5 to 10 p.m. Cedarmountainwinery.com, cedarmtn@wt.net. Swirl located at 21 South Livermore Avenue #105, Livermore.

The Winemaker's Pour House, Live music: 2241 First St., Livermore. www.winemakerspourhouse.com or 215-2656. Live music: May 15, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; May 16, 7-10 p.m., Tumbledown House; May 17, 7-10 p.m., Frankie Bones & Fire Hazard; May 18, 4-7 p.m., Brian Cooper; May 20, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the Piano; May 22, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; May 23, 7-10 p.m., Toucan Jam; May 24, 7-10 p.m., Better Days; May 25, 4-7 p.m., Steve Kritzer & Friends; May 27, 6-9 p.m., Glen Osur at the Piano; May 29, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings; May 30, 7-10 p.m., Timmy G & Dueling Guitars; May 31, 7-10 p.m., Georgi & the Rough Week; June 3, 6-9 p.m., Glenn Osur at the Piano; June 4, 4-7 p.m., Brian Cooper; June 5, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings.

Nottingham Cellars, May 15th - Blackhawk Food, Wine & Film Festival will feature Livermore wineries, including Nottingham Cellars, as well as food tasting from local restaurants, auctions, live music and the main event, "Top Hat," a 1935 musical comedy from Hollywood's Golden Age, starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The event will take place at the Blackhawk Museum - 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville from 5:30pm-8:30pm. May 17 and 18, join Nottingham Cellars at the 37th Annual Primavera Art Show & Wine Stroll, one of the oldest art shows in the area, kicking off on May 17-18 in the rotunda area of Blackhawk Plaza. Wine tasting will take place from 1-4pm, both Saturday and Sunday around the perimeter of the rotunda. Wine tasting tickets are available for purchase for \$10, with proceeds going to the Arts in the Schools Fund. May 21, Nottingham Cellars will be featured at Handles in downtown Pleasanton from 6-9pm. Five wines on tap, including the new Vasco Urbano Viognier, Grenache Rosé and GSM! www.nottinghamcellars.com

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, May 16th "Evening in the Vineyards" free concert from 6-9pm featuring live acoustic guitarists Patty & Abigail. Wine, beer and artisan pizza's crafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To make reservations go to www.laspositasvineyards.com under "happening's page" and it will direct you to the link to RSVP. Space is limited so please RSVP to reserve you seats today. Sun., May 18, "Sunday Funday" special wine & chocolate pairing flight. \$10 for club members & \$15 for non-members. For more information, call 925-4499463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com.

Wente Vineyards, 5:30 p.m. Thurs., May 22, Chardonnay Reception with the Wente Family, sample four Chardonnays paired with signature appetizers and at 6pm. be part of the live national toast. Cresta Blanca Event Center: 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore Valley.

\$35 Club Wente members, \$45 public. 925-456-2405 Limited seating - reservations required

The Winemakers Studio at Wente Vineyards, step into the studio and walk away a winemaker apprentice; behind-the-scenes look at seasonal grape growing, winemaking, wine and food pairing and wine tasting experiences. Grand opening May 23, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Thursday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. wentwinemakers.com

Taste our Terroir, July 24 - 27: Livermore Valley's food and wine affair spans four days. On Thursday night, the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence has 20 winemakers partnering with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. Taste pairings and cast your vote for the coveted People's Choice Award. Friday through Sunday, wineries across the region host cooking demonstrations, barrel seminars, vineyard tours and more. Purchase aicket for the entire weekend and be upgraded to VIP admission for the Thursday night event. Tickets for each event are on sale now at Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, LVwine.org. This weekend extravaganza sells out every year.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Orchestra and Wind Ensemble Concert, Las Positas College. May 15, 7:30 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, main stage. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

Livermore-Amador Symphony, Five Dedicated Decades, two works by Barnes, Tchaikowsky, May 17, 8 p.m. Final concert for Dr. Arthur Barnes. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Sex, Swagger and Swing! Frank Sinatra and Bobby Darin in the Concert That Never Was Starring Jonathan Pretz and his Mini Basie-Style Big Band. May 18, 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet: return for their 4th annual Memorial Day Weekend show at the Firehouse Arts Center. Four vocalists plus big band present special musical tribute to the Armed Forces in the style of The Andrews Sisters, with songs from the 40's and 50's. Sunday, May 25, 2:00pm. Tickets are \$12-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to the performance.

Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, May 31, 8 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Red Molly, Fri., June 3, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Joni Morris Presents a Tribute to the Music of Patsy Cline, June 7, 8 p.m.

Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Violinist Mads Tolling is joined by Cabaret singer Wesla Whitefield for an extraordinary program of duets and solos featuring the songs and music of Duke Ellington, Rodgers&Hart, George Gershwin and others. June 8, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

The Doo Wah Riders, country with a Cajun twist. Sat., June 14, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's Broadway Chorus Sings, "The Colors of Broadway," June 14 at 2 and 8 p.m. and June 15 at 2 p.m., Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Tickets at www.broadwaychorus.org/

ON THE STAGE

The Music Man: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre presents a new production of the musical theater classic. Bay Area favorites David Judson and Amy Franklin Leonard's headline as fast-talking con-man Harold Hill and his small-town sparring partner Marian the Librarian. Hill swoops into town posing as a boys' band director, selling instruments ("Seventy-Six Trombones") and uniforms to the naive town-folk and planning on skipping town without delivering. Directed by Pat Parr and choreographed by Joy Sherratt, with Music Direction by Brett Strader. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m., May 2 through May 18 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Reserved seat tickets are \$17-\$38, and youth, senior, and group discounts are available. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Youth Arts Month: May 2014. The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, in conjunction with several other area entities, has designated May as Youth Arts Month. May 15 - Teen Fine Art Show and Reception; May 20 - "FRESHMAN YEAR!" Workshop; May 23 - "JAMFEST" live local teen bands concert. Visit www.FirehouseArts.org for detailed event information. Info also on facebook: www.facebook.com/CreaturesOfImpulse; www.facebook.com/HarringtonGallery; www.facebook.com/PleasantonPoetry

Ladybug Girl and the Bumblebee Boy, the Musical, May and 18, 2 and 4:30 p.m. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-3343.

El Paso Blue, Sunday, May 18, 2:30 p.m. -- Octavio Solis' contemporary play El Paso Blue, part of Eugene O'Neill's Foundation, Tao House Playwrights' Theatre series in the Old Barn at Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville. Directed by the playwright. El Paso Blue (1994), by one of this generation's finest Latino playwrights, is a "modern Western with music." Tickets \$25. Online at www.eugeneoneill.org or (925) 820-1818. Transportation to site is by National Park Service shuttle

from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville.

One Act Plays, Las Positas College Theater Department. May 21, 1 p.m. and May 23, 8 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, black box theater. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents William Shakespeare's beloved romantic comedy Much Ado About Nothing, and one of the most cherished love stories in English literature; Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, adapted by Christina Calvit. The productions play June 19 - July 20 under the stars at Concannon Vineyard in Livermore Valley Wine Country. Tickets on sale at www.LivermoreShakes.org or (925) 443-BARD. For more information call (925) 443-BARD.

Golden Follies, 2 p.m. Sun., June 22, featuring new routines and new show by area seniors. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

The Taming of the Shrew, San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, June 28, 29, July 5, 6, 12 and 13, 7:30 p.m. Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita Rd. and Black Avenue. Free admission.

COMEDY

Firehouse Open Mic, June 12, 7 p.m. Open to ages 16 and up, featured closing act TBA. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

MOVIES

On May 24, the Town of Danville will screen two films by legendary writer and director, John Hughes. The films will be shown at the Village Theatre and Art Gallery, located at 233 Front Street. The double feature will begin with Pretty in Pink and continue with Ferris Bueller's Day Off. These films may have mature themes and language; parental guidance is recommended. The first film starts at 2:00 p.m., with a 15-minute intermission between films. Tickets are now on sale for \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.villageatreshows.com or call (925) 314-3400.

Wizard of Oz, movie sing-along, 11 a.m. Sat., June 7 at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First St., Livermore. 75th anniversary of the movie, fundraiser for the Livermore Cultural Arts Council. Tickets \$10 available at http://thewizardofozsingalong.brownpapertickets.com or at the event starting at 10 a.m. Costume contest and trivia contest.

Classic Films at the Pleasanton

Library, 7 p.m. first Thursday of each month through June 5, 2014. Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Public Library present "Make 'em Laugh" Series" Hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and Coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College. A brief talk about each film is presented prior to the screening. Refreshments are served. For more information, call Penny Johnson, 925-931-3405. Admission is free. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

DANCING

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Spring Rep. Valley Dance Theatre, May 31, 7 p.m. and June 1 at 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Xtreme Force Dance Company, A Dance Year to Remember, 6 p.m. June 7. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Keep On Dancin', Livermore School of Dance, June 19, 20, 7 p.m., Jazz Junior, June 21, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

CHORAL

Valley Concert Chorale with Las Positas College Choir Concert, Foothill and Amador Valley high schools - A Morten Lauridsen Festival, May 18, 7:30 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. 424-1100.

Cantabella Children's Chorus: annual spring concert, One Nation, Many Voices, on Saturday, May 31st at 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. The choir will open the program with familiar songs that unite America, and then, embrace the diversity of our country with culturally interesting selections from around the world, including music from South Africa, India, Japan, China, Australia, the Americas and places in between. Tickets: Adults \$18. Children 18 are free (restrictions apply). For information and tickets, go to Cantabella.org/tickets.

OPERA

Coffee and Seduction. Livermore Valley Opera, Sat., May 24, 2 p.m. includes food and wine reception. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Soiree Series: A Grand Afternoon, June 1, 3 to 6 p.m. Benefit for Livermore Valley Opera. Afternoon outdoor recital. www.livermorevalleyopera.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Taste and Toast of Chile, Thursday, May 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Danville Senior Center located at 115 East Prospect Avenue. Stellar wines, tasty tidbits and entertainment from the culture of Chile will be featured. The cost is \$5 residents, \$6 for non-residents and \$8 at the door. For more information or to register, call the Danville Senior Center at (925) 314-3490.

Speech Night Performance, Las Positas College speech department. May 16, 7 p.m. Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, main stage. 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006; information 424-1100.

Amplified, second annual teen poetry and open mic event, May 22, 5:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Livermore Heritage Guild annual auc-

tion. Duarte Garage, corner of Portola and Livermore Ave., Livermore. May 24, preview 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. (tickets \$25), auction begins at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the History Center (Old Carnegie Library building at 4th and K Streets) in May. Items include furniture, glassware, tools, old radios, all manner of cute collectibles and objets d'art. Local wine and olive oil. Gift certificates for wine tastings. Hats. All sorts of odd things.

Antiques & Collectibles Faire, May 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. downtown Pleasanton. Pleasanton Downtown Association www.pleasantondowntown.net

Goodguys 21st Summer Get-Together, May 31-June 1, Sat. 8 to 5; Sun. 8 to 4. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Giant Show & Shine with American made & powered cars and trucks of all years, makes & models as well as special indoor specialty exhibits. See over 2,500 hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars and trucks sprawled throughout the entire fairgrounds, a giant Swap Meet & AutoTrader Classics Cars 4 Sale Corral, vendor exhibits, Goodguys AutoCross, Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge, model car show, free kids entertainment and so much more! Visit www.good-guys.com for complete event details.

5th annual Chili Shooters Stampede, June 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. downtown Livermore. Taste chili created by local restaurants; western tradition and activities showcased. Presented by Livermore Downtown, Inc. livermore-downtown.com or 373-1795.

Wizard of Oz, movie sing-along. 11 a.m. Sat., June 7 at the Vine Cinema, 1722 First St., Livermore. 75th anniversary of the movie, fundraiser for the Livermore Cultural Arts Council. Tickets \$10 available at <http://thewizardofozsingalong.brownpapertickets.com> or at the event starting at 10 a.m. Costume contest and trivia contest.

An Evening with King Henry VIII, June 10th, 7 p.m. Museum on Main 2014 Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors, \$5 members, and \$3 students/teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability.

Livermore Rodeo: Festivities kick-off on Wednesday, June 11th, with the 33rd Annual Celebrity Coors Cattle Penning and Rodeo Mixer. On Thursday, June 12, come join us for Family Night. Sat., June 14 and Sun., June 15, 96th Annual Livermore Rodeo. Grand entry 3 p.m. Robertson Park Stadium, Livermore. www.livermorerodeo.org

Alameda County Fair, June 18-July 6 (closed Mondays), Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Live horse racing, carnival and midway, displays, livestock, entertainment. www.alameda-countyfair.com.

year to provide an evening of fun for adults with disabilities that include Down syndrome, autism and cerebral palsy.

"Some participants are or were enrolled in the special education programs at local high schools," said Keystone's Executive Director Nancy Brum. "They were not able or not comfortable attending the prom at their high school. This event gives them an opportunity to enjoy themselves in a safe and fun environment. For others, it is just a fun time to cut loose with many of their peers."

Keystone Adult Learning Center was established in 1989 by a group of parents and local community members who felt there were not adequate services in the Tri-Valley area for the developmentally disabled community. Throughout its 25-year history, Keystone has maintained its family-like atmosphere while providing vital services that include recreation and education for students, and a much-needed respite for parents and care providers.

"I cannot begin to say enough about Keystone and the volunteers who made this possible," said Rita Kronenberg, whose 42-year-old daughter Chantal attended the dance. "People should understand this population

is not really any different. They too love to have a good time and be with their friends. All the way home Chantal talked about who she saw, the cake and punch, and how she can't wait till next year."

Although there is an admission fee, Brum said it covers only a portion of the event's expenses. "In 2004, due to increasing costs, we were unsure if we could continue to sponsor the prom," she said. "The Pleasanton North Rotary stepped in and became our saviors! Without their support, we could not continue to hold this event."

Rotary pays for photos, favors, food and the deejay who, said Hyde, "refuses to up his fee after many, many years because this is one of his favorite events, and the Hilton agreed essentially to give us the big ball room as long as the date of the event did not conflict with wedding events."

Rotarians volunteer at the prom, and also bring along family members to keep things moving on the dance floor.

"When I'm dancing with the friends of Keystone, I always see their happiness at this event," said Lety Hyde. "We can learn a lot from participants' positive attitude of acceptance. I'm glad there are volunteers who give their time, money and effort

to help these families."

Other prom sponsors include Pleasanton's Allegra Print & Imaging, Dublin's McNamara's Steak & Chop House, and Livermore's Gentile Enterprises Photography.

"Every year we are touched to see the excitement and joy on the participants' faces as they come all dressed up ready to celebrate their prom night," said Brum. "It's a memorable night for the participants and also rewarding for the volunteers. Parents are often

so grateful that their children have a special event just for them, and some of our participants call us months in advance wanting to know the date of the next prom."

Hyde agreed, adding, "We get joy and satisfaction knowing that some very special people who did not have the opportunity to attend a prom have a memorable evening that they'll talk about for six months after. Then, with anticipation, they'll talk for another six months about the next event."

LIBRARY

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Milestones Community

New Leaf Markets Celebrating 1st Anniversary in Pleasanton

New Leaf Community Markets in Pleasanton invites local families to a one year anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 17 from 1 pm – 4 pm.

Festivities include live music by the Rock/Pop/Funk group, the Max Cruise Band, face painting, balloon twisting and a raffle for a summer BBQ package val-

ued at over \$1,000. Over 20 different food and products vendors will be doing demonstrations and offering free samples.

A \$5 BBQ plate will be

sold with proceeds benefiting the Valley Humane Society who will have therapy dogs at their information booth. Several local health practitioners will also have booths, including holistic chef Suzanne Aziz, Dan Taylor of Tri Valley Trainer and Dr. Brian E. Thomason who will be providing information about thyroid disease and diabetes.

New Leaf has donated over \$16,000 to local groups since opening last year; \$5,000, or 5% of sales on Community Days, was

donated to the American Cancer Society, Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Socks, the Tri-Valley YMCA and the Non-GMO Project; \$11,000 was donated in the form of scholarships and cash donations to a dozen groups ranging from Valley View Elementary School to the Pleasanton Partnership in Health.

New Leaf Community Markets, located at 3550 Bernal Ave in the Vintage Hills Shopping Center in Pleasanton, visit www.newleaf.com.

Eagle Scout Rank Achieved

Justin Kehl of Boy Scout Troop 931 earned his Eagle Scout rank late last summer. Justin began his scouting career during the First Grade as a Tiger Cub in Pack 915 at Croce Elementary School. After earning each rank and having many fun adventures, he earned the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouts, before bridging over to Boy Scouts of America Troop 931.

He earned 31 Merit Badges, completed over 70 hours of community service, spent more than 50 nights camping, and served in Leadership Positions including Den Chief, Troop Guide, and Patrol Leader.

For his Eagle Project, Justin chose an ambitious



Justin Kehl

project at the Livermore VA Hospital which included raising enough funds to cover a concrete pad, an ADA approved bench, and landscaping an area for Veterans and their families to rest and enjoy the beautiful

scenery. Justin worked with the VA and Alden Lane Nursery to plan the project and to select appropriate plants. Justin led a group of volunteers to prepare the site and complete the landscaping to create an inviting rest area. Justin wishes to thank the volunteers who worked on his project, the Scouters who encouraged and supported him on his journey to Eagle, and the individuals and local organizations who contributed to his project.

Justin graduated from Livermore High in June 2013 and currently attends Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he is majoring in Software Engineering. He is the son of Steve and Charla Kehl.

Education

LVCP Student Is Winner in State History Contest

Micaela Gallegos, a sophomore at Livermore Valley Charter Prep (LVCP), was named a state champion in National History Day competition in Riverside.

She was one of seven LVCP students who attended the competition, after earning their way through Alameda County competition.

Micaela's winning entry combined history scholarship with literary effort. She researched the Guayaquil Conference of 1822 and the correspondence between the two key figures of the conference, Simón Bolívar



Micaela Gallegos

and José San Martín. She then wrote a series of fictitious letters between the two

based on historical facts.

To add authenticity to her work, Micaela wrote the paper in both English and Spanish. LVCP principal Eric Dillie said that Micaela's accomplishment was "no small feat for anyone who understands the challenges of writing academically in multiple languages."

Dillie said that an added dimension to Micaela's project is that she and her family have lived in Ecuador. Her family attended the event.

Micaela was supported by LVCP teachers Katie Daitoku and Brett Banducci.

Military



Air Force Airman 1st Class Nicholas C. Desin (above right) graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Desin is the son of Gregory A. and Sylvia M. Desin of Pleasanton. He is a 2009 graduate of Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton.

Air Force Airman Cole G. Alexander graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Alexander is the son of Leah and John Alexander of Livermore. He is a 2013 graduate of Granada High School, Livermore.

Air Force Airman Adam J. Harlan (above left) graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Harlan is the son of Catherine D. and James C. Harlan of Livermore. He is a 2013 graduate of Granada High School, Livermore.



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Livermore-Amador-Genaeological Society meeting on June 9 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. Speaker will be Kay Speaks with a focus on U. S. Customs & Immigration Service (USCIS). This is a little known resource until recently and there are many files available including Alien Registration Forms, and US Citizenship and Immigration Services and Genealogy. Discover the unique information available with information, and photos not accessible elsewhere. Kay is past presenter for the Ed Kinney Lecture Series for the Museum on Main. Visitors are always welcome. For additional information contact by e-mail: program@L-AGS.org

Free Diabetes Self-Management Classes, series of classes will teach how to manage diabetes with exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer questions about living with diabetes. Thursdays, May 15 through July 3 5:30-7:30 pm at the Dublin Senior Center, and Wednesdays July 9 through Aug. 20, 9:30-11:30 am at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. For LARPD register online <http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us/> Space is limited.

Drop in computer tutoring, Need help with downloading E-Books from the library to your E-Reader, sending E-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions, or have other questions. The Pleasanton Library offers assistance on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 4 for Ref. Desk). Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information. The programs are free and open to all. No registration required.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 17, 30-40 miles Feather Pedals Ride, meet 9:30 a.m. at Draeger's Market in Blackhawk Plaza for loop through Alamo and Danville, Carol DaShiell, cd3141@yahoo.com. Sun., May 18, 47 miles Dublin to Moraga loop, meet 8:30 a.m. at Shannon Center, Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Wed., May 21, 40 miles from San Ramon Central Park to Diablo Junction and Walnut Creek, meet 9:30 a.m. Jim Conger, 876-4949. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Hall, Pleasanton. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, May 28, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions??

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

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA, May 22, 11:30 a.m. Chinese lunch in San Ramon. RSVP by May 19 to David, 833-7647. May 24, 1 p.m. friendly bridge in Dublin, RSVP by May 17 to Marge, 828-5124. May 24, 5:30 p.m. family dinner at Colombo Club (Oakland), RSVP to Gino ASAP, 243-1282. May 28, 1 p.m. lunch in Fremont, RSVP by May 25 to Vickie, 510-656-1166. June 1, 2 p.m. Proof at Chanticles Theater, Castro Valley, RSVP before May 10 to Ruby, 462-9636.

OperationSAM "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 morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

ClutterLess (CL), Special open Speaker Meeting, June 2 in Pleasanton. Tina Razzell will speak about her book: "Living Simply - Improve Your Life with Less Clutter." This is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday at the St Mary & St John Coptic Orthodox Church. Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our 925-525-3992 or 925-922-1467 or go to www.ClutterLess.org

Operate Kidsafe, free child safety event, Sat., May 17 and Sun., May 18 at Livermore Ford Lincoln, 2266 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. Photos and fingerprints printout provided to parents. No database or records of children are maintained. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., information 282-4660. Operation KidSafe information at 866-962-5487.

Pleasanton Lions Club, dinner meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$10 for those who would like to have dinner. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Ct., Pleasanton. For more information, visit the website: <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>

Tea Dance featuring The Mellotones Combo Jazz Band, presented by VFW Post 6298, 1 to 3:15 p.m. on May 21. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Music from the American songbook played for listening and dancing for a variety of ballroom experiences.. Admission \$10. Food and drink will be provided. Proceeds benefit needy veterans and their families. Information joephylb@att.net or 443-2224; bobness2@gmail.com or 443-2245.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) Pleasanton, meets Wednesdays 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton (not affiliated with the church. Information at www.dbsalliance.org/pleasanton or contact chapter leader, Al Pereira, 462-6415.

Shepherd's Gate Thrift Store, 1362 Railroad Avenue, Livermore. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Last Friday of every month 50% off most of the store sale. For more information visit www.shepgate.org/ holiday

Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets the first Saturday of the month through May at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel of Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Members are descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. DAR is dedicated to preserving American history, promoting patriotism and securing America's future through patriotism and better education. For

information contact jhlchapter@yahoo.com or 784-1935.

Pain Support Group, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Questions, call the church at 447-1950.

Bereaved Mothers' Network of the Tri-Valley, offering support, understanding and compassion to mothers who have suffered the loss (past or present) of a precious child. Safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment. Monthly meeting held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month. Livermore Civic Center Library in Community Room "B." Small voluntary donations to help with meeting and outreach costs are appreciated. For further information reach Katie Strube at katiestrube@comcast.net.

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

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

Assistance League® of Amador Valley invites all visitors to join this group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Parkview, 100 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. For more information, go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, e-mail assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com, or call (925) 461-6401.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the third floor movie 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.

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

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. Contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional

information.

American Legion Post 237, is looking for new members. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Bring a copy of discharge document DD-214 to a meeting. Mailing address is Amer. Leg. Post 237, P.O. Box 823, Pleasanton, Ca. 94566.

VFW Post 7265, Livermore, invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Meetings on the 1st Monday begin at 7:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. Information, call 455-5039.

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.fpcpl.us or 925-447-2078.

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

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

Congregation Beth Emek, Center for Reform, Jewish Learning, Prayer and Community in the Tri-Valley. 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. Rabbi Dr. Lawrence Milder, www.bethemek.org.

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

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

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. Hispanic service starts at 2 p.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

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

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school. For information, call 925-447-1246.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743

East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Calvary Chapel Livermore, meetings Saturdays at 6 p.m. 5860 Las Positas Road, Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvalrylivermore.org.

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

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concanon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Senior adult ministries meet every other month. Office at 846-8650 for more information.

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

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

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, (925) 447-3289. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:20 a.m. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 a.m.; child care for children under 5 available at 10:30 service.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ at 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, worship service 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Sundays, all are welcome. 925-447-4333 (a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30

a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 829-4793.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email pmjrmueler@gmail.com for more info.

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

Bethel Family Christian Center, 501 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Teaching Sessions; Sunday 10:25 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kid's Church following worship, nursery available; Wednesday 7 p.m. - Back to the Point Bible Study; all ages; Friday 7 p.m. - Celebrate Recovery; in the dining hall; 925-449-4848.

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

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

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

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

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

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtri-valley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick.

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year).

Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Thursday 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Lynnwood United Methodist, Worship services are 9:00 and 10:30 am with childcare at both times and Sunday school at 10:30 am. 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, pastor. 925 846-0221. www.lynnwood.org

Grief Journey, Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Each person's grief journey has its own path and its own time. Although there is no right or wrong path, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey and will be explored in a series of bi-monthly workshops at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton Second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. May 22nd. June 12th and 26th. July 10th, and 24th. and August 14th. 2014. No per-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 9050 Mocho St., Livermore. 3rd ward 9 a.m., 2nd ward 11 a.m., Mocho branch (Spanish) 2:10 p.m. 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore: 1st ward, 9 a.m.; 4th ward 11 a.m., Springtown ward, 1 p.m.

Concert/Workshop - by Charley Thweatt, 12:00-2:30 pm., following the 10:00 Sunday service on May 25, he will be the guest speaker and musician. The Workshop will include acoustic music and storytelling; \$20 suggested love offering. Lunch is served after the service. All are welcome. Unity of Tri-Valley, 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. www.unityoftrivalley.org 925.829-2733.

Eckankar, "ECK Masters: Our Spiritual Companions and Guides" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, May 18, at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road. For further information, Please contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Pleasanton 1st Ward: Sunday at 1 p.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Pleasanton 2nd Ward: Sunday 1 p.m. at 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 3rd Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 3574 Vineyard Ave. Pleasanton 4th Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Dublin 1st Ward: Sunday 9:30 a.m., 8203 Village Parkway.



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Milestones Community

E.O. Lawrence Award Goes to Two Lab Researchers

Two Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers won the Ernest Orlando Lawrence Award for their contributions to the Department of Energy's missions in science, energy and national security.

LLNL seismologist Stephen C. Myers was recognized for his work advancing national security and non-proliferation by developing seismic monitoring technologies to locate nuclear explosions. Former LLNL scientist Siegfried H. Glenzer, an 18-year Lab veteran who joined the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory at Stanford University last year, was recognized for his work advancing fusion and plasma sciences at LLNL's National Ignition Facility (NIF).

LLNL Director Bill Goldstein said the Lawrence Award recipients demonstrate the talent and innovativeness of Lawrence Liver-

more researchers and their commitment to developing groundbreaking technologies in many fields.

"I am proud of my colleagues and their scientific discoveries," Goldstein said. "This important award continues to validate the impact Lawrence Livermore researchers have made on the science and technology that enhances our national security."

Myers, who conducts research in the LLNL's Global Security program, leads a collaborative project involving a team of researchers from LLNL, Sandia and Los Alamos national laboratories, and the Air Force Technical Application Center (AFTAC).

The team developed a technology known as the Regional Seismic Travel Time Model and Computing Code (RSTT). It improves the accuracy of locating seismic events using a 3D

model of the Earth's crust and upper mantle. RSTT achieves this by analyzing regional seismic wave propagation, which varies geographically, to improve the travel time prediction of the waves.

RSTT enables the use of regional data in seismic analysis, which lowers the magnitude of events that can be detected. RSTT also reduces the search area for events by approximately a factor of ten. Those events — both past and present — include explosions from nuclear and conventional weapons, mine explosions and earthquakes that measure a magnitude of approximately three or higher.

Myers, a 17-year Lab veteran, said he was extremely honored to be selected.

"I think it's a great achievement for myself and my entire research team to receive this award," he said. Since 2010, RSTT has



Stephen Myers

been used by AFTAC and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization to monitor nuclear events around the world, including North Korea. The U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center also is testing the technology to locate earthquakes.

Glenzer worked at Lawrence Livermore from 1995 to 2013, departing as the plasma physics group leader at NIF. He and his team developed novel Thomson X-ray scattering techniques to measure the physical properties of dense, short-lived states of matter. They used the X-ray to advance fundamental understanding of high-energy density physics.

Their research aimed to understand conditions such as those found in the interiors of giant planets or in inertial confinement fusion experiments with the goal of producing a microscopic star in the lab.

"The Award is a great honor - not only to me, but to all the scientists with whom I was privileged to collaborate on in our great endeavor to understand nature," Glenzer said.

He and his team performed the very first experi-

ments on NIF, starting from NIF's early light in 2004 to full-scale inertial confinement fusion hohlraum experiments from 2008 to 2010. After the successful demonstration of the required hohlraum radiation temperature and radiation symmetry, they fielded the first implosions with thermonuclear fuel.

The Lawrence Award was established to honor the memory of E.O. Lawrence, who founded Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and co-founded Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

In addition to Myers and Glenzer, four other researchers from DOE national labs and academia won the award. Each winner will receive a citation signed by Secretary Moniz, a gold medal bearing the likeness of E.O. Lawrence and a \$20,000 honorarium.

Lynn Seppala Presented with 2104 Distinguished Engineer Award

Livermore resident Lynn Seppala received the 2014 Distinguished Engineer Award from South Dakota State University during a ceremony held April 29.

He graduated from the university in 1968 with a B.S. in physics.

Seppala has spent most of his career at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. His achievements there include optical designs for a linear accelerator that will advance studies in precision physics, the first-ever, in-laboratory thermonuclear ignition that could lead to an unlimited source of energy, and the Large Synoptic

Survey Telescope, which will map out dark matter and unravel dark energy's nature.

In describing his career, the university noted that his achievements are considered all the more impressive due to his struggles with a stroke in 1992 that paralyzed his right side and seriously affected his speech and cognitive abilities.

In his acceptance speech, Seppala talked about how his stroke impacted his life.

He stated, "Given a choice, I would have avoided the painful losses. Yet, looking back, I am content, even satisfied, with the path

that I had to follow. As tough as it was for my wife, family and me, the stroke freed me in ways that I could have never imagined."

Seppala described the process of recovery, "Who I was, my identity, was defined by what I could do: designing optics, playing soccer and going skiing. Throughout many therapy sessions, my psychologist repeated over and over, 'You are the same person and will always be an engineer, even if you never work again.' I said, over and over, 'No, I am no longer that person and I do not know who I am now.'"

Seppala noted that it took months for him to realize that who one is, is separate from what one can do. "This was a time marked by tears, anger, frustration and depression. I finally accepted the losses and began to build a new life. Free from worrying about what was gone, I spent time figuring out what I could do."

He said the turning point occurred when a friend who is a physician and was an Olympic skier visited while he was in a wheelchair. He told me, "This is a tragedy but let's get back to skiing."

"Benchmarks became

important. Skiing progressed from a fall at every turn on a beginner's slope to a few falls per run to reaching the top of the mountain and going down expert slopes."

After his stroke Seppala could no longer add or subtract. He said during his talk, "Work was more difficult. It was hard to keep track of all sides of a complex task. My brain could not simultaneously process as much information as it could before."

"I worked to boil down problems to fundamental principles. If I could keep the problem in my head all at once, I could solve it. I

learned new ways to attack a problem, often gaining insights."

He said, "In the end, my stroke confronted me with just another engineering problem. There were new boundary conditions and constraints to deal with, meaning that alternate solutions had to be found."

Seppala concluded, "Ask people who have overcome tragedies and you will hear a common theme. They say, 'I am not a hero. I am not an extraordinary person; I just chose to carry on, to adapt and to make my life more fulfilling than before.'"