

THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

Sands Collection Tells Many Stories



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

Tour Acquaints Officials with Doolan Canyon Potential

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) staff led members of the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) on a tour of its future Doolan Canyon park. LAFCO members took the tour of the 640-acre site May 13, riding up hills in EBRPD 4x4's. Since so many LAFCO members attended, there was a quorum. To follow Brown Act requirements, the meeting was officially opened and closed after the hill ride. No business was discussed. EBRPD's goal was to show off a gem of a future park, and to familiarize LAFCO members with a key need: access. LAFCO deals with services to new areas of development, including infrastructure

Doolan Canyon is situated between Livermore and Dublin. So far the only access to the park is by Doolan Canyon Road, which travels north from North Canyons Parkway on the north side of Livermore, and terminates at the park site. The area south of the park became controversial when Pacific Union proposed a 1900-unit senior community there. The land is outside of the planning sphere of influence of both Livermore and Dublin. Livermore was assigned the sphere of influence before county voters passed Measure D, but lost it afterward. Currently, the county makes decisions regarding the area, which is outside the urban growth boundary of both the county and Livermore. If development were to take place, it would occur as part of Dublin. Both Livermore and Dublin applied to LAFCO for sphere of influence designation in 2010. LAFCO told the cities to conduct talks and work out a solution within 90 days. That deadline passed. The

(See DOOLAN, page 10)

Memorial Day Event in Pleasanton

Pleasanton's Annual Memorial Day observance will be held on Monday, May 27, 2013 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, located at 5353 Sunol Boulevard. The event, hosted by American Legion Post 237 in Pleasanton, will take place in the garden area on the south side of the senior center. Ample parking is available and complimentary coffee will be served to early arrivals.

A preliminary musical interlude by the Pleasanton Community Band under the direction of Bob Williams gets underway at 10:30 a.m. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. The keynote speaker is Major General David Baldwin, the Commanding General of the California National Guard.

Directly following the ceremony will be a free barbecue at the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Junior and senior high school students who won the Patriotic Essay contest will be recognized at the barbecue. Teacher of the Year will also be recognized. For more information, please contact Patrick Leary at (816) 225-1805, or email commander.vfw6298@gmail.com.

Livermore Ceremonies Slated

Livermore VFW Post 7265 will host Memorial Day ceremonies at three cemeteries in Livermore.

Mon., May 27 remembrances will begin at 10 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery on North Livermore Avenue. The program at St. Michael's Cemetery begins at 11 a.m. and at Memory Gardens Cemetery at 11:30 a.m.

Post Vice Commander Joseph Revolinsky will serve as master of ceremonies.

On Saturday, members (See MEMORIAL, page 12)



BUNNIES AT PETSMA RT Meet Willis, our sweet baby boy. He's just 7 weeks old, playful, active and fun. Willis and his 6 litter mates will be at our adoption event with 20+ bunnies. Drop by this Saturday from 12-3 pm at the Dublin PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Rd. For more info, call 925-519-1723, or email ebrabbit@comcast.net. Visit www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com to see more pet profiles.



Crowds gathered in downtown Livermore to watch the start of Stage 7 of the Amgen Tour of California. For more on the race, go to page 8.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Council Wants Plan To Payoff Unfunded Liabilities

Livermore's budget picture is improving. However, there are still issues related to unfunded liabilities that need to be resolved.

The city council conducted a workshop to provide input to staff on the 2012-23 and 2013-14 budgets. Councilmembers disagreed on how to move forward.

Doug Horner and Bob Woerner favored an approach that would create a plan to deal with the \$90 million in unfunded liabilities before funding other programs. They said that the money should instead go toward the unfunded retirement medical trust, referred to as other post employment benefits (OPEB).

Mayor John Marchand, Stewart Gary and Laureen Turner agreed with the concept. However, they said that the public expects the city to continue to provide services.

The budget adopted in June of 2012 included \$350,000 in contribution to

OPEB. The plan presented Monday proposed increasing the annual contribution to \$1 million for both FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14. Staff also recommended using some of the one-time resources from FY 2012-13 to make an additional contribution of \$1.4 million.

The consensus was to leave the current \$350,000 contribution to OPEB in both the 2012-13 and 2013-14 budgets. The suggested increase in payment of \$2

million would be set aside until a plan is in place to eliminate the debt.

Staff also recommended placing \$675,000 in fund balance reserves as part of the 2012-13 budget. For the 2013-14 budget, proposed spending includes \$200,000 on a council chamber feasibility study, and \$550,000 on a design for fire station #9. In addition, \$100,000 would go to facility repair and replacement funding.

(See BUDGET, page 5)

Narum Takes Seat on Council

Newly elected Pleasanton City Councilmember Kathy Narum was sworn into office on Tuesday.

An old family friend, Judge Larry O'Neill, administered the oath of office. He described Narum as, "driven, hard working, smart and honorable."

Narum in her remarks said of her parents. "They were my sole model for the importance of giving back to the community."

Of the other three candidates, Narum said they helped to contribute to a spirited discussion. She continued, "One of the best things about the campaign were the many residents I met. I learned a lot about our community and how it developed into what it is today. To those who voted for me, I thank you for entrusting the job to me. To those who did not vote for me, I will make myself accessible. I will be transparent in my decision making."

Narum added that good governance is important. She anticipated a respectful debate while striving for consensus. There will be differences of opinion. But it will be about the issues not the personalities involved, she declared. "I'm ready to start working."

Narum finished first in a field of four candidates with (See NARUM, page 4)

Pleasanton District Approves Smaller Classes for First Grade

Pleasanton will be teaching its first-graders with 25 students per class instead of 30, beginning at the start of the new school year in August.

The school board unanimously approved dipping into the district's reserve fund for \$112,000 to supplement \$213,000 from funds collected by Pleasanton Partners in Education (PPIE) to enable the change.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said that she has talked to teachers in every school in the district. "Everyone wants class size reduction (CSR) every place," said Ahmadi.

"It is a hit to our bottom line. Deputy superintendent, Business Services, Luz Cázares and I worked hard to make sure we are very conservative. We don't want to be negative, but we are talking about deficit spending," said Ahmadi.

Trustee Jamie Hintzke said, "This is really planned deficit spending, right?" Cázares replied, "I think that's fair. How long-term that deficit spending last is the question mark."

Trustee Chris Grant said later, "Everything we funded contributes to the cost structure. If we say one thing con- (See CLASS SIZE, page 5)



Marie Black and Don Smith, curator of the Livermore Heritage History Museum, read through copies of the 1908 Oakland Enquirer. The newspapers are just one of the items that will be auctioned off. For details, see page 2.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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PET OF THE WEEK

Blazer is dashing in his collar and tail! Sporting black patches on his back, the miniature five-year-old fox terrier-mix is ready for a day out, whether at the regatta or on the green. Slip in to Valley Humane Society (VHS) and try Blazer on for size, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Mark your calendars for the Maddie's® Pet Adoption Days, June 1 & 2 and join us for a wonderful weekend free of adoption fees! Please call (925) 426-8656, or visit www.valleyhumane.org for more information. Photo - Valley Humane Society/IV. Kelly



IN NEED OF A HOME

Hi, my name is Stanley and this is my story. How does an eight year old dog end up at the shelter? Why did my owners leave me there? I have been a good dog, I protected my family and was a loyal pet. I am also extremely handsome if I do say so myself. Even though my family left me in the yard most of the time and ignored me, I still love people. I am housebroken, I sleep well all night and I don't chew anything. I may have chewed a few things when I was young, okay a lot of things, but I am totally over that puppy stage now even though I'm still young at heart.

My old owners dropped me off at the East County Animal Shelter. I was very unhappy there even though the nice Tri-Valley Animal Rescue volunteers would walk me and pet me every day. I didn't understand why I was there so I became very sad and I had a wound on my side. The TVAR volunteer people said I needed a foster home, some professional training and some veterinary care. They said it was a lot to invest in an older dog but with the Maddie's Treatable Assistance Program to offset some of the cost they could take the chance. So, that is when my life started to get better. I was taken to a foster home where I was given veterinary care, good food, a great bed and some love and attention. It was awesome! Then when they felt I was healthy and strong enough I went into professional training. I went to Diablo K9 Academy where I met Shane the trainer. He has taught me so much and I am behaving like a champ.

Now all I need is my forever home. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and Maddie's Treatable Assistance Program have enabled me to get everything I need to be an amazing and healthy pet.

I know I am a little older, but I still have a lot to give a family. I will be loyal and protect you and your home. I come with 3 free training sessions so I will stay on my good behavior and you can learn all of the things I have learned! Will someone out there please give me a chance at a forever happy home? If you are my new forever family, please email my foster mom at mcwhip@aol.com

I am also planning to be at the special Maddie's Pet Adoption Days weekend at the Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton on Saturday, June 1st and 2nd. Will you come meet me?

Luncheon to Recognize Dreammakers and Risktakers

Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual Dreammakers and Risktakers Luncheon is set for Thursday, May 30 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course. Co-sponsored by Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, the event honors the innovators around the Tri-Valley who are changing the way the world conducts business or who are impacting social change.

May 30 has been designated Livermore Day. In 1989, scientists from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory began their collaboration with a team at the Flerov Institute in Dubna, Russia. A result of this collaboration was the creation of elements 114 and 116. On May 30, 2012, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry adopted the names Flerovium¹¹⁴ and Livermorium¹¹⁶ for these manmade elements to recognize this international effort in the pursuit of pure science and the advancement of the knowledge of particle physics. The Heavy Element Group at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will be recognized for this world-wide reaching accomplishment.

Another award winner is Spigit, a Pleasanton based company that has been recognized by Inc. 5000 as one of the top 100 software companies in the nation. Spigit

has developed a platform that uses game mechanics to enable companies with large geographical dispersed workforces to engage their employees and leverage their collective intelligence.

Both Livermore and Granada High Schools are represented in the Junior Dreammakers and Risktakers awards. Braden Sweeney, a graduating senior at Livermore High, will be recognized for his extraordinary efforts fundraising for Polaris Project, fighting human and child trafficking worldwide. Using his singing talents and recruiting other performers, Braden, has for two years in a row, put together a vocal and dance talent show to raise funds for causes. This year's event raised \$7,900.

Green Engineering Academy students from Livermore High are being honored for taking an assignment - finding ways to cut energy costs at the campus - and taking it even further, resulting in potential savings of up to \$34,000 annually. Laila Hassen, Ivan Valdez, Nick Sanchez, and Areli Hernandez were able to identify more than 45 quad lamps, multiple thermostats and old computers that were outdated and simply sucking up too much energy to be cost effective in today's classroom.

"Dreammakers and Risk-

takers is an event created to shine a light on the enormously talented people who populate the Tri-Valley," said Dale Kaye of Innovation Tri-Valley. "We need to remind ourselves and the rest of the world that we have created an ecology of innovation. Our education systems, our companies and laboratories are part of the seeds of opportunity that will continue to create recognition for this area as one of the best places to live and do business."

The Las Positas Student of the Year award, sponsored by Sandia National Laboratory, will be presented to Abigail Moore. The award is presented to an outstanding student that shows leadership and educational excellence. Abigail will be presented with a \$1000 scholarship from Sandia.

Reserve a spot now for this luncheon by going on-line to www.livermorechamber.org, or calling the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce at 925-447-1606. The event starts with networking from 11:30 am to noon, with the program and lunch starting at noon. Poppy Ridge Golf Course is located at 4280 Greenville Road in Livermore. The cost of the luncheon is \$45 per person for members; non-members are \$55 per person. A table with eight seats is \$300. Space is limited.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

In Alden Lane Nursery's demonstration garden a plant that blooms very seldom is in full flower. Puya Alpestris is from Peru. It requires a super dry winter to bloom. It hadn't bloomed for the last five years, because the winters were too wet. The flowers are bright teal blue with orange anthers and a green stigma. It looks waxy but when you feel the petals they are like silk.

Heritage Guild to Host 40th Annual Auction

This year marks a special anniversary for the Livermore Heritage Guild. Forty years ago a group of concerned Livermore citizens gathered to save and restore the old Downtown Railroad Station. The building led to the creation of the Guild.

The Guild holds an annual auction and dinner as its primary fundraising event. This year's event will be on Saturday, May 25; dinner at 6:00 p.m., auction at 7:00 p.m. at the Duarte Garage, L Street and Portola in Livermore.

The auction and dinner are open to the public. Doors open for a preview at 5 p.m. Dinner is \$15 with tickets available at the History Center. There is no charge to attend the auction.

The Livermore Heritage Guild is entirely self-supporting, receiving no gov-

ernment support. It relies on donations and fundraising activities to maintain the history museums and community programs.

The Carnegie Library houses the Guild's archives of original source historical materials documenting Livermore's storied past. The archives include newspapers dating back to 1870, the Mendenhall family bible and over seven thousand historic photos.

The Guild provides a third grade elementary school Livermore history program including the LHG HistoryMobile which provides on-campus presentations of Livermore history providing the benefits gained from local history field trips, and historic downtown walking tours.

The Guild has researched, written and published sev-

eral books on Livermore's history.

In addition to the Railroad Station the Guild restored and maintains the Duarte Garage. The Guild restored three antique Fire Trucks, including the Sea-grave, which are displayed at the Duarte Garage.

Report to School Board on East Side Plan Delayed

The Pleasanton school board will postpone a scheduled demographic report discussion until its June 4 meeting.

The board was scheduled to hear the report at its meeting May 28. However, city staff needed more time to prepare its presentation. Part of future school planning will involve a decision on whether to build a school on the city's East Side.

The East Pleasanton Specific Plan committee

has been deliberating on the future of 350 developable acres east of Busch Road and north of Stanley Boulevard. The school board wants to learn more about the profiles of potential housing there, and the number of children that could be expected from the homes.

The Pleasanton Planning Commission is in the processing of reviewing the options for development on the Eastside.

Mayors Conferences Issue Trails Challenge In Contra Costa and Alameda Counties

In a regional move to counter the national epidemic of obesity and related health issues and costs, elected officials are taking the Mayors Trails Challenge to residents of Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

"This is a way to show people that health and wellness can be fun and include outdoor recreation," said East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Robert E. Doyle.

The Mayors Trails Challenge is a product of the Alameda and Contra

Costa Mayors Conferences, brought together by the East Bay Regional Park District which spans both counties. The two Mayors Conferences are challenging each other to get the most participants to register for East Bay Regional Park District's free Trails Challenge program between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Now in its 20th year, the East Bay Regional Park District Trails Challenge offers a free, self-paced walking or hiking program featuring trails within the

East Bay that comprise some of the most popular walking, hiking, biking or equestrian destinations. Each registered Trails Challenge participant receives a t-shirt and electronic guidebook (computer or mobile application). Trails are rated for easy, moderate or challenging levels of activity. More information is online at www.ebparks.org.

Dublin, Livermore and District Trails Challenge and Pleasanton are members of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference.

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Lab Announces Leadership Reorganization

Director Parney Albright has announced a reorganization of leadership for some of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's national security programs.

Effective May 1, Bruce Goodwin now serves as associate director at large for National Security Policy & Research, while Charlie Verdon has taken on the position of acting principal associate director for Weapons & Complex Integration (WCI). Ron Lehman has been named as a counselor to the Laboratory director.

Goodwin was the current principal associate director for WCI. Verdon has been serving as the principal deputy of WCI and Lehman served as director of the Center for Global Security Research (CGSR).

In his new role Goodwin will lead CGSR as well as oversee the National Security Office (NSO). Coordinating with the Laboratory's senior management team, Goodwin also will take on high-focus key initiatives

and special assignments.

"This new role will allow us to strategically coordinate broad national security policy engagement at the international level," Albright said. "Bruce will lead a proactive and revitalized effort across the Laboratory in developing a national security policy engagement portfolio.

Since joining the Laboratory in 1985, Goodwin has served as leader of the Lab's nuclear weapons program, previously known as Defense and Nuclear Technologies, since 2001.

Verdon will take over the leadership of WCI in an acting capacity while the position is posted and a screening committee works to select a permanent replacement for this key role.

"Charlie brings an extraordinarily broad national security technical leadership background and expertise to this position," Albright said.

Verdon joined the Laboratory in 1998. He has held a variety of scientific and leadership roles in the WCI

organization, most recently serving as the principal deputy.

To further support the Lab's presence on the national security scene, Albright appointed Lehman to serve as counselor to the director. Lehman has served as director of CGSR since 1996. Prior to joining the Laboratory in 1993, Lehman served as director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, assistant secretary of the Department of Defense, and Chief START I negotiator. He currently serves as board chair of the International Science and Technology Center and as vice chair of the DOD Threat Reduction Advisory Committee.

Albright commented, "I am confident that these organizational changes and new assignments will help position us to meet our current mission deliverables and help us achieve key Laboratory priorities to enhance and expand our mission in the broad national security space."

Corbett Bill Would Try to Fill Redevelopment Gap

A bill designed to help local governments fill the gap created by the abolition of redevelopment districts has cleared a committee in the State Senate.

SCA 9, which was introduced last year by Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee May 15. Corbett's 10th Senate District includes the Valley until 2014, when redistricting will kick in because Corbett's four-year term will be ended.

All five Democrats on the committee voted for the measure. One Republican was opposed, and another abstained. One of the Democrats was Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, who includes the Valley in his 7th Senate District. The 7th District will remain in the Valley after 2014.

The bill would lower the two-thirds threshold necessary to pass special taxes for economic development to 55 percent.

A statement from Corbett's office said that with the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies (RDA), local communities need another tool to help construct economic development projects that address urban blight and other related issues.

"This constitutional amendment will empower communities across California to determine, if approved by 55 percent or more of voters, whether or not funding economic development projects long term makes sense in their locality," said Corbett.

Livermore assistant city manager Troy Brown said

that there are three or four bills in the Legislature that are meant to address the disappearance of redevelopment agencies.

Corbett's bill and the others would give the city a mechanism that it could use to fund a number of projects. Right now we have none, said Brown.

Asked about what projects might be accomplished, Brown replied, "We haven't talked about any options whatsoever. We would look at a broad range of needs, and have a discussion."

Livermore's Redevelopment Agency helped to

create infrastructure for the Bankhead Theater, a parking garage, several downtown buildings and the First Street streetscape, and senior housing.

Corbett said in a YouTube video that when redevelopment agencies were operating, Hayward funded transit projects and San Leandro built a senior center.

SCA 9 is endorsed by the California Labor Federation, California Special Districts Association, California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Safeway Finalist for Support Freedom Award

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office, announced that Safeway, Inc. of Pleasanton as one of three finalists for the 2013 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the DoD's highest recognition given to employers for exceptional support of employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve. A review board comprised of military and civilian leaders selected 30 finalists from a pool of 2,899 nominations submitted earlier this year by National Guard and Reserve Service members.

Safeway, Inc.'s nominator, a Navy Reserve employee, praised the company's special intensive training program for National Guard and Reserve junior officers and non-commissioned officers to prepare them for management positions within the company. To date, 81 National Guardsmen and Reservists have been promoted as a result of the program. Safeway's military employees are featured on a "Wall of Honor" at the corporate office. The nominator said he would not have been able to serve his country without his employer's support.

A national selection board of senior DoD officials, business leaders and prior awardees will select 15 Freedom Award recipients, which will be announced early this summer. The 2013 recipients will be honored at the 18th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony in Washington, D.C. on September 26, 2013. Past recipients of the Freedom Award have met privately with the President and Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Dublin Honored

The City of Dublin received the Sharing the Benefits Award from ABAG.

The award was one ABAG's 2013 Growing Smarter Together Awards.

Dublin was honored for Emerald Vista, which ABAG describes as a "model development exemplifying community revitalization." Dublin replaced public housing known as Arroyo Vista with a new neighborhood while avoiding the displacement of current residents. Emerald Vista includes 188 units of affordable housing and 198 market rate town homes and single family homes. The new community features a community center, childcare center, active open space areas and access to the regional trail along Alamo Creek.

The City of Dublin, Housing Authority of the County of Alameda, Eden Housing, and KB Home worked in partnership to build Emerald Glen. It is located between Dougherty Road and Amador Valley Boulevard.

Motorcycle Fatality

The driver of a motorcycle involved in an accident on May 13 has died from his injuries at the hospital. He was a 44 year old Livermore resident. The collision is still under investigation and no further details are being released.

The accident occurred on northbound Holmes Street just north of Concannon Boulevard.

The Livermore Police Department is still looking for witnesses to the collision. Anyone who may have witnessed this collision and not yet talked to the police, please call Officer Boyes at (925) 371-4896.

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EDITORIAL

World Series Support

Livermore and District 57 Little League will act as the hosts for the inaugural Intermediate Little League World Series to be held July 30 through August 5, 2013 at Max Baer Park in Livermore.

Among the cities that Livermore beat out for the honor of hosting the event were Chicago and Vancouver, Washington.

Representatives of Little League are looking for community support to ensure that the tournament remains in Livermore far into the future. Like the Amgen Tour of California, the World Series provides another opportunity for Livermore to focus the eyes of the world on the city. Four international teams will be among the ten teams vying for the title. Teams, coaches, officials and families will descend on the city where they will stay in hotels, dine and shop. The championship game will be broadcast live on ESPN.

According to Little League, the World Series in Pennsylvania reports an economic impact of \$50 million each year. Adding the World Series will help to continue to strengthen the city's economic growth.

We encourage businesses and residents to step up to the plate and help the city hit a home run with the inaugural event to keep it coming back year after year.

Anyone wishing to make a cash donation should contact Steve Fields at (925) 606-6909 or at Steve@AllFieldsSports.com.

One Delta Panel Passes Its Final Report

The Delta Stewardship Council passed a final EIR and a Delta plan. The decision won't have much effect on Zone 7 Water Agency, the Valley's water wholesaler.

The stewardship council met May 16 in Fresno. It voted unanimously for both the plan's adoption and its final EIR.

The adopted plan is not part of the Governor's proposal to build two tunnels to channel water from the Delta to the south.

The stewardship council was created in 2009 by the Legislature to create a plan to manage the estuary. It was part of a package of water bills focusing on the future of California water. The package also included setting goals for reducing per-capita consumption of water.

The council's approved plan allows urban development only in the Delta's cities, not in outlying undeveloped areas, which have been shown to clearly have a natural role to play in Delta management.

The plan also mandates the expansion of flood plains in the Delta, something that some farmers there don't want because it takes away farm land.

The council is separate from the group of federal and state water contractors that have been meeting in Sacramento since 2006 to work on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The group is trying to wrap up its plan. Gov. Jerry Brown set an Oct. 1 deadline for the final EIR. However, comments on the proposal are expected to extend the period by an unknown number of months.

Zone 7 Water Agency general manager Jill Duerig said that the agency is involved in the ongoing work of BDCP. The Zone has relied on liaison representatives from BDCP to the stewardship council to carry the ball concerning the interests of the state water contractors, which include Zone 7.

The big player for Zone 7 in Delta management is the BDCP, because it is focused on the needs of state and federal water contractors to provide as much water as possible from various projects while still protecting

endangered Delta fish and plant species.

Zone 7 water comes from Oroville Dam. It is sent through the Delta to the South Bay Aqueduct, which is fed from a pumping station in the southern Delta.

Brown has proposed to BDCP that two tunnels be built under the Delta to convey the state contractors' water, so that pumping water from the Delta would not threaten the Delta fish in critical locations and times.

Delta farmers and business owners don't like the tunnels plan, and say that the BDCP should listen more to them in making their final decision. They believe it would have a negative impact on the area, because of loss of farmland.

The Stewardship Council was supposed to be able to see a finished BDCP and consider it in its final plan. However, the council faced its own deadline, and acted without seeing a final plan.

Nevertheless, the council did work on its plan thoroughly, having gone through five rounds of decisions, and having draft EIRs for comments, said Duerig. She did not have any specific comment about the plan. It will go to the Legislative Analyst's Office for a final look.

NARUM

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4,643 votes. David Miller collected 3,159 votes to finish second. Olivia Sanwong's total was 2,014 good for third. Mark Hamilton received 1,873 votes to finish last.

The by-mail only election took place on May 7. Only 11,812 of Pleasanton's 41,984 registered voters returned ballots.

Narum comes to the council from the Planning Commission. Prior to that she served on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

During the campaign, Narum stated that maintaining the quality of life in Pleasanton is why she chose to run for city council. "I will work to promote fiscal sustainability for the city, ensure responsible growth, keep our schools great, and preserve and create more parks and open space."

Brown Retains Same School Spending in May Revise

California Gov. Jerry Brown's May revision of his January budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year will spend \$1.3 billion less. However, it continues to treat schools better than the manner in which they have become accustomed during the past five years.

Brown's estimated budget now is \$96.4 billion, compared to \$97.7 billion in his January message. Still, the new numbers from Brown are higher than last year's budget, thanks to voters' passage of Proposition 30 in November, and a one-time windfall from wealthy people cashing in their investments to avoid higher federal taxes this year.

However, reductions in the federal budget -- the sequestration cuts, higher Social Security payroll taxes, and a decline in wages -- put a dimmer light on budget prospects than appeared in January, Brown said in a news conference May 14 in Sacramento.

Brown won't cut back funding for K-12 schools,

though, much to the relief of administrators in the Livermore and Pleasanton school districts.

Pleasanton deputy superintendent, business services, Luz Cázares, told the school board on May 14 that the governor's revision was good news. The one-time allocation of \$2.9 billion next year based on the one-time revenue boosts will earmark \$1 billion for implementation of common core curriculum, including teacher training and instructional materials. Common core, adopted by 47 states, will go into effect in 2016.

The increased funding for schools also is expected to help smooth out a cash flow problem. The state has been late in distributing its cash payments to districts. It's the money they use to pay teachers and other operating obligations. Pleasanton borrowed short-term to deal with the interruptions in cash flow.

In the Livermore school district, chief business of-

ficial Susan Kinder said that receiving more revenue from the state will help greatly with cash flow payments.

The Livermore district this year borrowed from the county treasurer's office to meet its month to month obligations. The interest is low, at 0.27 percent, said Kinder.

The state is supposed to pay districts monthly. However, in many months there are no funds, said Kinder. "Think of it like a job handing you an IOU every month. That's what we've been dealing with," she said.

The Proposition 30 long-term funding will bring its improved spending to schools for seven years. However, its effects are not clearly known now. It will depend on how Brown's proposed Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) distributes the money. Districts with higher concentrations of minority and low income students will receive more money. The theory is

that all districts will be paid more money; the needier districts even more.

Livermore and Pleasanton are waiting to see just how the Legislature deals with Brown's budget. During a discussion of the class size reduction ratio that Brown might settle on, Cázares said, "It's a second iteration of the governor's grand ideas. They are just ideas, not law."

In Sacramento, Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett stated in a prepared statement, "I applaud the governor for his continued commitment to bolstering California's ongoing economic recovery."

Corbett added, "The basis of our state's future success depends largely on a strong and robust education system that prioritizes the needs of California students. We must continue to fund education fully and fairly so that California's future generations may thrive and propel our state forward in the years ahead."

Swalwell Raises \$262,000 in First Quarter

Congressman Eric Swalwell took office as the 15th District representative on Jan. 3. Campaign contributions since then totaled \$262,000 at the close of the first quarter March 31.

State Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, who has announced her interest in running for the seat in 2014, has accumulated \$16,000.

Swalwell listed nearly \$172,000 from individual contributors, including almost \$164,000 from itemized donations, which were contributed by 188 individual donors. Some 74 donors were from the 15th CD, including 42 from Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon.

Eight donors were from Washington, D.C. Of the remaining 106 donors, most were from the East Bay and the Bay Area, with the remainder from other cities nationally.

Swalwell received nearly \$91,000 in donations from PACs. They ranged from \$500 from the Bikes Belong Coalition to a top of \$7500 from The Association for Justice, which formerly was

called the National Trial Lawyers Association PAC.

Among PAC donors to Swalwell were companies with a Valley presence. They include Oracle at \$2180, Clorox Employees at \$2500, and Chevron, Calpine, and Safeway, all at \$1000.

Unions supporting Swalwell include AFSCME, the American Postal Workers, and United Food and Commercial Workers, all at \$1000, and the Sheet Metal Workers International Association at \$5000.

Corbett listed \$5200 in individual contributions, with \$4501 from nine donors itemized. Six of the donors were from Fremont or Hayward and one from Pleasanton.

Corbett received \$11,000 in donations from committees. Teamsters Union and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers PACs each gave \$5000. Southern California Democrat Kevin De Leon's Assembly campaign for 2018 donated \$1000. De Leon is a senator, who served two previous terms in the Assembly.

Swalwell donors living

in Livermore include LLNL physicist Jay Davis \$500, Indian cuisine restaurant owner Santokh Singh Judge \$500, winegrower David Kent \$2500, retired law enforcement officer Richard Knowles \$350, tech consulting firm CEO Paula McGuinness \$2000, and retiree Patrick McMenamin at \$250.

Other Livermore donors listed were superior court Judge John Passima \$1000, LLNL physicist James Trebes \$500, and superior court Judge Hugh Walker \$500.

Pleasanton residents who donated to Swalwell were civil engineer James Azar \$500, Toll Brothers project manager Todd Callahan \$500, lawyer Colleen Davies \$2600, retired engineer Ted Fairfield \$250, realtor John Ferreri \$250, attorney Gregory Hitchan \$1000, Wendy's of the Pacific CEO Joe Johal \$2500, and consulting firm principal Patrick Johnson \$250.

Also listed as donors from Pleasanton were consultant Patrick Johnson \$250, M&M Development

owner Anthony Macchiano \$2600, attorney Paul Martin \$250, and Pleasanton Garbage Service owner Robert Molinaro \$2600, as well as Leisure Sports CFO Patrick O'Brien \$600, Chris Mondello \$250, Calpine senior vice president Joseph Ronan \$2600, lacrosse firm owner Denise Watkins \$2600, and corporate director William Watkins \$2600.

In Dublin, contributions came from police products company owner James Cunningham \$1000, veterinarian James Delano \$1300, Dublin Active Investors (with no principals listed and based in Danville, but which is proposing a 1900 senior community on Doolan Canyon Road) \$500.

Other donors from Dublin are surety broker Jason Jenkins \$500, writer-editor Claudia McCormick \$500, deputy sheriff Robert McGrory \$250, H&N Enterprises owner Robert Nielsen \$1000, tech CEO Viji Suryadevara \$500, real estate investor Gregory Tomlinson \$500, and Elliston Winery vice president Kenny Zhao.

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Terrorism Tom O'Neill Livermore

Perhaps the first thing to say about terrorism is that it is the practice of insanity. Insanity has the same root as the word sanitation. Sanitation is wholesomeness; insanity is a lack of wholesomeness.

The insanity of terrorism is readily obvious in the bombing of a marathon. Indiscriminately, participants and by-standers are maimed or murdered. No doubt the intention is protest; but there is no proper correlation between victims and the person or persons to whom the protest is addressed. Suppose for instance I have swindled you out of some property, and you feel you have ex-

hausted all legal measures for its recovery. Can you then murder my grandchild as a means of "sending a message?" When people do such things, clearly they act outside the sphere of wholesomeness. Their action ignores significant parts of the context; they act insanely.

The most dramatic and successful acts of terrorism in the history of the world were the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Japan was not even nominally a democracy. A minority only of the thousands whose lives were extinguished on those days in 1945 had participated in or had leverage over the decisions of the Tojo government. Those bombings constitute the greatest advertisement for terrorism yet seen. By those acts on those days our nation provided history's paramount example of what terrorism can accomplish.

Today it's important to realize that terrorism is not limited to acts of terrorism; the threat of such acts is itself terrorism. Our nuclear arsenal tells the world at large that we are at present willing to destroy indiscriminately huge swaths of the human race if our policy-makers feel sufficiently thwarted. While many people are impressed

with us and will imitate us if they can, far better or worse at this moment our nation remains our planet's foremost exponent of terrorism, with a nuclear threat second to none. We teach by example.

Water Rich Buckley Livermore

Concerning California Delta 35-mile double barrel pipe lines for our Delta Recovery Plan, if the ice caps are melting anyway oceanographers say that much fresh water overriding our northern oceans block off upwelling deep ocean salt water. This is apt to trigger a new ice-age. Why not pipe some of the excess fresh water melt-off down to California.

Also, fresh water freezes at a much higher temperature than salt water. Seawater is about 28.4°F (-2°C), instead of the 32°F (0°C) freezing point of ordinary water. The additional concern over the polar ice cap melt is our northern oceans then re-cap with fresh water ice sheets on an even larger scale than current polar ice sheets. The whole process triggers an ice age. Why not pipe some of the problematic excess northern ocean fresh water to California in ocean-

floating (fresh water is lighter and floats on salty water) flexible synthetic pipelines in the ocean. Bring the water to some strategic release point to increase year round flows in our Delta.

To the extent that may all sound logical and maybe worth investigating, pretty much represents how our government has allowed a handful of ge-engineers to operate in complete secrecy with our atmosphere and the air we breathe, backed up with the usual military-industrial complex of chemical suppliers and weapons developers, and their sycophantic Congress. Together they spray aluminum oxide Chemtrails all over the globe, without even considering or exploring the unintended public health consequences, with no public discussion, and no vote of the people.

97% of Scientists Agree Lex Maxwell Livermore

A review of 12,000 papers on climate change, in the May 15th issue of "Environmental Research Letters," found that 97 percent of scientists attribute climate change to human activities. Although we're

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BUDGET

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\$500,000 to median landscaping upgrades and an additional \$140,000 to fund balance reserves.

Neither budget proposes adding staff or implementing new programs that would require ongoing expenditures.

Horner said he would not support spending any money on anything until the unfunded liabilities issue is resolved. He pointed out that actuarial analysis suggests \$9 million a year be contributed to OPEB. The proposed \$2 million won't solve the problem.

Woerner agreed that the proposed funding is not a solution. "You can't just put a little bit of money away and hope." He suggested that the money designated for OPEB be put aside until a permanent solution could be developed. While the issue has not reached a crisis point, Woerner said it is one that needs addressing. "We do have time to engage the community in a conversation."

Gary reminded the council that the city is required to

pay some amount into OPEB each year. He also noted that there are other upcoming issues that could impact the budget, including the implementation of the new federal health care requirements.

Marchand commented that it took 20 years to incur the debt. It will take time to solve the problem. In the meantime, we have to continue to fund services. The council chamber is used by a lot of people. A better facility is needed.

City Manager Marc Roberts suggested bringing back budget and cost control options for the 2013-14 spending to deal with the problem. "We will need to work with bargaining units."

In reporting on the budget, Roberts told the council, "For the first time in five years, we have good news or at least a whole lot less bad news. The budget is balanced without the need to use reserves."

Douglas Alessio, Administrative Services Director, reported that general fund revenues in the 2012-13

budget are expected to increase by roughly \$5.8 million over the previously adopted budget. This increase is primarily due to the city's two largest revenue sources; property tax and sales tax. An additional \$675,000 property tax revenue is anticipated. This increase is due to the improving real estate market and the addition of the Prime Outlet Mall to the property tax roll. Sales tax revenues are expected to sharply increase by roughly \$4.7 million. The spike is due to a one-time settlement over \$3.2 million relating to a sales tax dispute.

Most of the remaining increase is attributable to the strengthening economy and the addition of retail opportunities in the city. The city has also seen an increase in revenue attributable to charges for services. This category of revenue includes development related activity as well as the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department contract to provide services to the Veteran's Administration facility.

Looking ahead to FY 2013-14, staff anticipates revenues increasing over the previously adopted general fund budget by roughly \$4.5 million. These increases are anticipated in property tax, sales tax and charges for services. These estimates reflect the addition of an auto dealership, a full year of the outlet mall, continued improvement to the real estate market and related development activities.

Councilmember Turner wondered if there were a way to include higher salaries for staff. "They have been very patient."

Assistant City Manager Troy Brown explained that employee contracts would be coming up for renewal during the budget cycle. Staff would come back to the council for further direction on negotiations.

Both Turner and Gary suggested providing additional summer reading at the Springtown Library. Gary also wanted to spend money to improve the collection at Springtown.

The final budget will be brought back to the council in June.

Horizon Celebrates 40th Year of Community Service

The 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Horizons Program was celebrated on May 22, 2013 in the Community Room at the Livermore Library.

"We were happy to welcome the community and previous or retired staff to help us share in this historic accomplishment. Horizons has weathered four decades of service to the Tri-Valley community during very turbulent times, staff cuts and fiscal uncertainty in the country. Through it all, our dedication to the youth and families in the Tri-Valley has never wavered and our impact on the quality of life, crime reduction, and prevention has saved money for the City of Livermore and the Livermore Police Department. It's time to celebrate our past accomplishments as we look towards the future and our 50th Anniversary," said Horizons Family Counseling Interim Manager Lynn Gardner.

Horizons is a division of the Livermore Police Department. Its mission is to provide effective, proven, caring and affordable services and programs to meet the

mental health needs of youth and families in Livermore and the Tri-Valley area.

Horizons began as a recreational program for youth on April 1, 1973. Over the years, its services have increased and developed, and the agency has served thousands of families with its programs. "Horizons offers a wide variety of services to our community," said Gardner. "We offer case management and counseling services to families at our family counseling clinic, and individual and group counseling is offered to all students at each of the five Livermore middle schools through our clinical training program in partnership with the school district."

"We also run 'Path to Picasso,' an art program for at-risk youth each summer. Much of the public art seen in Livermore was created by students participating in this program. Horizons also offers a 'Strive to Succeed' program in which seniors at Del Valle High School are introduced to working professionals in various careers, to help them develop career plans and goals

of their own. 'Crossroads to Change,' a program for building self-esteem and leadership skills in middle school girls, has grown and expanded over the past several years. Horizons also works in partnership with the Alameda County Probation Department to support youth on Probation as a member of the Delinquency Prevention Network for Alameda County."

Ileana Soto, Interim Clinical Director, remembers the days, 8 years ago, before we began offering the Parent Project® to parents (and teens) of our Horizons families. "We knew we were somewhat effective and had developed expertise in helping families with at-risk teens; however, the addition of the Parent Project® Program allowed us to give parents specific tools that most of us did not learn in our families: how to work with a strong-willed teen."

"I am proud that Horizons, the police and the City support this program," said Ileana Soto. "I am proud to have worked at Horizons for 20 years!"

CLASS SIZE

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tributes to deficit spending, they all do."

What will happen to Pleasanton's class size ratios after this coming year is not clear. It depends on what Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature settle on as the numbers for CSR and the financial formula to implement it, said Ahmadi and Cázares.

Hintzke said that the district has been assuming that in 2014-15 there could be a 20:1 ratio in K-3. However, according to Ahmadi there are too many variables in Brown's firming up of funding on CSR and other aspects of education financing reform to guarantee a reliable prediction right now.

One thing was clear at the May 14 meeting -- parents really want CSR. They applauded the board's unanimous vote. Eleven speakers talked to the board about how much better smaller classes are for students.

Like parents advocating CSR at previous board meetings, some speakers quoted from studies on the impacts

of CSR. Others offered personal observations about better classroom climate because of smaller classes.

Jeff Durban said that when he went to school, the class size ratio was 30:1. Today, education faces different conditions. More families have both parents working. Kindergartners are expected to read. First and second-graders are learning basic computer skills. A ratio of 20 or 25:1 would be better for today's education, said Durban.

The board also congratulated two new principals. Jason Krolkowski, who was an assistant principal in the San Ramon Valley district, will replace Foothill High principal John Dwyer, who will take a high school position in Cupertino.

Aileen Parsons will be the new principal at Pleasanton Middle School, replacing John Whitney, who will retire at the end of this school year. Parsons is principal at Fallon Middle School in Dublin. Previously she was assistant principal at Pleasanton Middle School.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Bicycle wheels were turned into works of art by Livermore students. The finished work was displayed in the plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater during the Angen Tour of California event in Livermore last Saturday.

Zone 7 Approves Fiscal Year Budget

Zone 7 Water Agency directors unanimously approved a \$151 million budget for the coming fiscal year at its May 15 meeting.

Capital improvement portions of budgets vary from year to year at Zone 7. In some years, large capital projects are under construction, but in other years, expenditures are much less.

Whatever the case, Zone 7 budgets for the expenditures before they are needed. The funds are placed in reserves. Then the district spends down the reserves, said assistant general manager Kurt Arends.

There was a big ticket item in the coming year's budget: the payback to a banker for the \$30 million on a line of credit that was used to pay for construction of the Altamont pipeline to west Livermore.

The major items on which the public focuses -- water rates -- already were approved a year ago, when the board decided to create a two-year schedule on water rates.

The board adopted the

two-year schedule to provide water users more predictability. There was no increase in rates in the first year, which began on Jan. 1, 2013. Directors recognized that the economy was still pulling out of the housing foreclosure and recession problems, and wanted to make it easier on customers.

The second year of the schedule will come into play on Jan. 1, 2014, with a 2.65 percent water rate increase. Directors determined that some increase was needed to keep Zone 7 in good shape.

Costs of water treatment chemicals go up annually. In addition, the agency is also ramping up its fund to take care of replacing components of an aging water system.

Also at the Zone 7 meeting, the agency gave \$50 checks to winners of a youth science fair competition. Their projects were related to some aspect of water.

Winners from Fallon Middle School in Dublin were Brittany Brunckhorst and Mallika Pajjuri. Their

experiment looked at which inexpensive items could be used to filter out certain bacteria from water. They used banana peels, seaweed and cheesecloth in their project. They found that cheesecloth made it worse.

Jacob Rakestraw and Ethan Valdez of Livermore High School experimented on desalination apparatus that people could use at home and build for \$20.

Nadia Hassen, Benjamin Newton, Lucas Pham, and

Ryan Friesen from Livermore High School won the team award for their estimate of how much evaporation could be prevented along the California Aqueduct by covering it with solar panels. They also estimated total energy output from the panels.

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SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore Fusion U13 Girls Premier team capped off the spring season with a nice win over the Mill Valley Rockers. Fusion dominated the first half with several shots on goal but Mill Valley's goalie was able to keep Fusion from scoring going into half time. Fusion came out punching in the second half and their tenacity paid off early when Aly Silva was able to knock in a deflected ball sent into the box by Kamy Farro. Fusion defenders Hailey Hahlbeck, Kaitlyn Krakoski, Nicole Fairbanks and Alora Garcia along with defensive midfielders Hayli Edwards, Madison Hood and Sarah Vilha provided stellar effort holding off the Rockers to a final score of 1-0. Pictured is Aly Silva making one of her several runs at the goal.



In the Pleasanton Run for Education held on Sunday, April 14, 2013 the two youngest winners were Varun S. Rao and Gene Wang. Friends and classmates in the 6th Grade at the Pleasanton Middle School, they were the only two entrants in the 13 years and under category of the Half Marathon Race. Both are 11 years old. They ran the 13.1 miles easily and comfortably in under 2 hours. Gene finished in 1:56:22 and Varun came in 10 seconds later in 1:56:32 with a mile time average of less than 9 minutes per mile. It was Varun's first Half Marathon. He was coached by his mother, Geeta Subramonian, who also ran the Half Marathon. She finished 15 minutes after the boys in 2:11:14. Pictured are Varun Rao, PPIE board member Kelly French, and Gene Subramonian. The run, hosted by Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE), raised money that will be used to fund programs in the Pleasanton school district.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Mini Teal: Kaelin Construction Inc. vs. State Farm Insurance / Leslie Wolf 4: Brigette Vance drove in Ella Piergrossi for the winning run on a fifth-inning single as Kaelin Construction Inc. won its playoff debut. Piergrossi had two hits and two runs. Also scoring for Kaelin Construction Inc. were Vance, Sophia Blaska and Lizzie Allen. Monica Nader, Rylie Palfalvi and Allison Chervet singled and scored in State Farm Insurance / Leslie Wolf's second-inning rally. Top Players: Kaelin Construction - Lizzie Allen, Ella Piergrossi, Brigette Vance, State Farm Insurance / Leslie Wolf - Allison Chervet, Monica Nader, Rylie Palfalvi

Mini Black: Athen's Burger 7, Hopyard Ale House 6: The "visiting" Hopyard Ale House came out strong in this playoff game, loading the bases in the top of the first inning. Avery Clark stayed tough in the circle for Athen's Burger. Together with her team of strong defenders they kept the top of the first inning scoreless. Athen's Burger took an early lead in the bottom of the 1st and held the lead through 5 innings. In the bottom of the 3rd, Athen's Burger had a 3-1 lead with bases loaded. Hopyard Ale House's Isabella Restani stopped the Athen's Burger rally by catching a pop fly for the 3rd out. In the top of the 4th inning, with 2 outs, Erica Haley made an awesome play in centerfield for Athen's Burger. She got to the ball, threw it hard to her infield, and held the Hopyard Ale House runner at 1st. In the top of the 6th inning, Hopyard Ale House's Abbey Baer hit a hard line drive to right field for a RBI that tied the game at 5 runs apiece. With time expired, the game went into International Tie-Breaker. Hopyard Ale House continued battling and got the go ahead run with a base hit by Daylin Williams. Being the "home" team, Athen's Burger had one more chance to battle back and they did, winning it 7-6.

Athen's Burger 15, Maher Educational Services 6: In this second round of playoff games, Maher Educational Services wasted no time putting runs on the board leading the 1st inning 2-1 and adding on 3 more in the top of the 2nd. Athen's Burger answered back in the bottom of the 2nd with 3 runs scored and a base hit by Julia Novi to tie the game at 5 apiece. At this point Athen's Burger's bats were on fire: AJ Molina (base hit), Ella Melvin (base hit), Samantha O'Brien (base hit, 2 RBI), Ella Gervasoni (base hit, RBI), Julie Novi (base hit), Avery Clark (RBI), Alex Stokoe (base hit, RBI), Erica Haley (base hit, RBI) & Olivia Soble (base hit). Athen's Burger's defense was tough. AJ Molina, catching her second full game of playoffs, stayed sharp behind the plate for her pitcher Avery Clark. In the top of the 4th, with bases loaded, AJ made a force play at home then threw the ball to Samantha O'Brien at 3rd for the double play to end the inning. Samantha O'Brien, Ella Melvin, and Julia Novi all made key fielding plays to help maintain the Athen's Burger lead. Maher Educational Services' offense did a great job: Kristen Giletti

(base hit), Samantha Madsen (2 base hits, RBI), Caelin Cavanaugh (base hit), Grace Haubner (base hit), Kayla Gonzaga (RBI) and Rachel Singh (base hit). Kim Ebberts made a great catch in centerfield for an out, Rachel Singh pitched a great game, and Caelin Cavanaugh and Kayla Gonzaga did a great job sharing catching duties for Maher Educational Services. Athen's Burger now heads to the Championship Game.

Minor Black: California Pizza Kitchen 6, Savvy Seconds 3: California Pizza Kitchen won its final regular-season game before a long, playoff journey. Brooke Promes went 3-for-3 with 2 RBI, Kannon Phipps had 2 RBI and Rachel Petty drove in 2 runs while pitching three scoreless innings. Savvy Seconds was led by Emily Yamasaki's 2-for-3 hitting, with Hannah Haynie and Addy Mapes each driving in a run. Top Players: California Pizza Kitchen - Rachel Petty, Kannon Phipps, Brooke Promes; Savvy Seconds - Hannah Haynie, Addy Mapes, Emily Yamasaki

Major Teal: Maher Educational Services 10, Diablo Designs Tile and Stone 4: For Maher Educational Services: Alyssa Crumrine had two RBIs. Kennedy Scofield had a base hit. Shauna McMeekin had two RBIs. Top Players: Maher Educational Services - Alyssa Crumrine, Shauna McMeekin, Kennedy Scofield

Major Black: Richert Lumber Co., Inc. 6, Maverick Networks 4: Maverick Networks took an early lead with 1 run in the 1st inning then scored 2 more in the 2nd. But Richert Lumber Co., Inc. came alive scoring 5 runs in the 3rd with a timely bunt by Nagisa Smalheiser to lead the rally. Despite a big double by Maverick Networks' Emily Crimi in the 5th, Richert Lumber Co., Inc. kept strong and won the battle. Great pitching all around and a sweeping catch in right field by Angel Duffy to cement Richert Lumber Co., Inc.'s victory. Top Players: Richert Lumber Co., Inc. - Angel Duffy, Jessica O'Neal, Nagisa Smalheiser; Maverick Networks - Emily Crimi, Arabelle Franco, Kaitlyn Jones

Richert Lumber Co., Inc. 2, Greg Jefferies Academy 0: Strong defense and pitching by both teams made for a scoreless game until the bottom of the 4th with a timely bunt by Richert Lumber Co., Inc.'s Jenna O'Neal and a triple by Caroline Clark for a RBI each. Both teams continued to stay solid but Richert Lumber Co., Inc. retained the lead to the end. Great pitching by Greg Jefferies Academy's Ana Maria Beard and Richert Lumber Co., Inc.'s Jessica O'Neal. Top Players: Richert Lumber Co., Inc. - Caroline Clark, Jenna O'Neal, Jessica O'Neal; Greg Jefferies Academy - Hannah Myers, Halle Uhl, Michelle Wood

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

AA Division: Pirates vs. Yankees: The Pirates came out swinging with many hits including a double by Tyler Caldeira. London Bishop, Ryan McKinzie and Ben Rho had a great day at the mound with many throws into the strike zone. Nate Lee walked away with the Pirates' game ball for his contributions at bat as well as



Fusion U9 Maroon Boys coached by Robbie Rix had an excellent Spring Season as they developed in skill and camaraderie. Teammates are Matthew Sunnergren, Jason Krakoski, Mick Maier, Tyler Trudeau, Alex Garcia, Ayden Kelleher, Dominic Galo, Eddie Cordero, Montgomery "Gummy" Carey, Peyton Bruan, Rodrigo Salazar, and Ryan Martin. Pictured are "Gummy" Carey as he dribbled the ball to goal and Tyler Trudeau assisting during their Morgan Hill Playdate last weekend.



Livermore National Little players took part in Little League Day at the Oakland Coliseum on April 28th, 2013. The Oakland A's won and the kids had a great time.



Taylor's Martial Arts team members pictured are (back, from left) Joseph Vitale, Rachel Bryant, Sifu Wade Taylor, Hector Flores, Jaden Husser, Vince Aying; (middle) Jodi Bryant, Joseph Ventura, Noah Britto, Luke Harrach; (front) Sofie McMichael, Tanya Sharetskaya, Helena Macias, Alexis Aying, Mayalanni Erediano, Elizabeth Garcia, and Caitlyn Macias.

making some key plays at first. For the Yankees on offense, Kade Ornellas slammed a hit to center field for a double and 3 RBIs. Noah Roe hit the ball past the third baseman for another double. Sean Stotts, and Nathan Bruan all had singles with Noah driving in the tying run.

Red Sox vs. A's: The entire Red Sox team contributed. Game balls went to Daniel Vergara and Ty Clappin. Daniel had a great night on the hill in his second game as a pitcher fanning 3 of 5 batters faced. He also made a great play at SS early in the game. Ty had a terrific game as well. Ty hit his first home run out of the year and made 4 solo outs in a row playing at 1st. For the A's, Guy Gates put together a solid game on offense, while Carlos Flores anchored the defense with some outstanding plays.

Red Sox vs. Diamondbacks: The D-Backs' pitchers had a great evening on the mound, with Jacob Kelleher pulling off a three strike inning early in the game. Thomas Schnapp really turned out the heat on the mound with 6 outs in two innings. Cameron Angotti recorded a force out at 3rd, Jonathan Lindberg chalked up an RBI for the evening. In the end, the Sox inched out a victory over the D-Backs, led by game ball recipient, Daniel Vergara's clutch hit in the bottom of the 6th to score runners from 2nd and 3rd. Daniel also struck out 3 of 4 batters faced. Also, a shout out for the Red Sox entire pitching staff that accounted for 15 strikeouts in 6 innings.

Diamondbacks vs. Yankees: The Yankees struggled with their game. Top hitters: Riley Scott and McQuilliam each connected for a single. Ornellas, Scott, Lortie, and Foley were the pitchers. Ornellas had two strike outs and Scott had one. Xavier Lortie had a nice put out at 1st base.

Diamondbacks vs. Pirates: It was an action packed game with D-Backs' pitcher, Larry Wisely closing out two innings with 5 strikes and one out on a pop fly. James Theberge had an eye blinding hit and Dominic Gozzo landed a double off of the Pirates' pitching team. Tommy Wisely III had a great hit to the right outfield fence line, good for 2 RBIs. Luca Montalvo drove home a hit. Jacob Kelleher drove home two runs for D-Backs for the lead. The Pirates fought hard and rallied with a 5 run inning. Contributing were Cameron Adriaens who went three for four. Cameron also pitched a great inning early in the game earning him the Pirates' game ball. Notable plays were executed by Tanner Lee playing catcher and first baseman Ben Rho caught a fly ball and had a nice pick up on the field. In the end, it was the D-Backs' Michael West, who pitched a perfect inning, and Tommy Wisely III with a game saving catch.

Giants vs. Red Sox: Giants' Braden Illingworth got things started with a great hit. Jacob Woods and Ray Castillo kept the momentum going showing off nerves of steel at the pitching mound. Alex Giles closed out the game with an exciting triple. For their part, the Red Sox continue to roll. Michael Maloney earned the game ball, striking out 3 batters in the 3rd inning. Michael also got a great hit to right field scoring 2 runs. Ty Clappin, (catcher), threw a pick off

attempt to Kytler Green at first who started a run down that ended with Joshua Nixon tagging out the runner at second.

Yankees vs. Giants: For the Yankees, Caleb Penner and Jason Rudocloff hit singles with 1 RBI. James Foley made a nice play at 1st base for the last out of the game.

Yankees vs. A's: Another great game played by the A's. Guy Gates was solid on offense. Carlos Flores came out swinging and also played great defense at 3rd base. Game balls go to Nathan Hernandez and Donovan Umeki for their double RBIs. For the Yankees, Kade Cronellas hit a triple for an RBI and Xavier Lortie doubled. Nathan Bruan stole two bases. He was on third when Nathaniel Perez hit a double to drive him for one off the Yankees' 4 runs. On defense, pitcher Kade Ornellas fielded a slow moving batted ball and tossed it to the catcher, Sean Stotts for the first out of the game. Riley Scott recorded three strike-outs in the 4th inning and Xavier Lortie had three in the 5th, shutting down the A's.

AA Division: Diamondbacks 12, Giants 1: The Diamondbacks turned up the heat to come out on top versus the Giants. For the Diamondbacks, Matty Sciascia pitched three scoreless innings, struck out 5 batters, and scored 2 runs. Joey Gomez pitched the balance of the game, holding the Giants to one run, striking out 2 batters, playing an outstanding game on defense in the infield, and great hitting (2 hits, 1 walk). Adam Patterson scored two runs, and Joshua Kim's great base running turned a walk into a run. For the Giants, Patrick Connolly came in as a relief pitcher and went for 3 and 2/3 innings with 10 strike outs. Carter Purl hit a double and scored the only run for the Giants.

Rangers 10, Diamondbacks 6: For the Rangers, Caelob Stimpson was the MVP of the game with 3 hits, 3 runs and 3 RBIs. Jacob Hutchinson stole bases like a pro bringing him home to score 3 times. Collin McDowell hit a line drive that led to an impressive slide scoring run. Justin Pestana was impressive on the pitchers mound striking out 8 batters in 3 innings. For the Diamondbacks: Jeffrey Patterson wowed the crowd with an out of the park home run with an RBI. Niles Moy got his first run of the season with superb base running. Aiden Follis pitched 3 1/3 innings, making 3 defensive outs in the second inning. Joey Gomez had 2 runs, threw a runner out at home, and got 3 strikeouts in relief pitching.

Rangers 9, Giants 7: For the Rangers: Sebastian Krinard had a great offensive game with 2 hits, 1 run and 3 RBIs. Joseph Mifsud stole home on 2 passed balls. 1st baseman Jacob Hutchinson caught an impressive pop-up in the 6th. 2nd baseman Julian Quigley caught an impressive pop-up in the 2nd inning. Caelob Stimpson came in as closer not allowing any runs. For the Giants: Michael Turpin hit two RBIs. Singles, Cooper Wilcox hit a 2 RBI Single and Gabriel Emfinger and Jonah Johnson had a Single.

Majors: Diamondbacks 12, Rangers 5: For the Diamondbacks, Josh Goldstein pitched an outstanding game. The Diamondbacks' offense was sparked by Francis Contarciego, who went 3-4, and Brandon Martin with 2



Core Volleyball's 14-2 Silver team from Dublin played in the NorCal Volleyball Regional Finals Tournament in Sacramento on May 18 and 19. The girls went 5-1 to capture first place in the Bronze 1st Flight Division. The Core team brought together girls from San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. The Core girls played Club Kalani of Oakland in the finals. Club Kalani and Core had become rivals over the season with competitive matches and the Core girls taking the title in the end. Pictured are Coach Roger Hauk, Maddy Klessel, Sarah Greier, Alexis Kim, Srindhi Srinivasan, Ashley Hedt (back row); Tori Reiner, Mila Steinberg, Sabrina Quilalang, Breanna Leegwater (front row); Rachel Malmrose, Allison Smith, Kyle Kim and Barbara De Souza Lhamas.

hits. For the Rangers, Chris Lewis was a standout on defense. The Rangers' hitting was highlighted by Grant Ikeda, with two solid hits, and Sean Haley, with a 6th inning grand slam.

T-Ball: A's vs. Giants: For the A's, Caleb Martin played great in both the infield and outfield, and went 3 for 3 in a coach pitched game. Power hitter Jace Whatley got 2 doubles and a single. He showed off his great arm by throwing a batter out all the way from shortstop and scored a run by sliding into home.

A's vs. Cubs: For the A's, Hayden Druba went 3 for 3 and continued his double streak, and made an impressive play at 2nd base. Nicholas Baxter had three solid at bats (coach pitched) and got 2 RBIs. He stopped a hard hit ball headed to him at the pitchers mound. The Cubs came out swinging, scoring 19 runs. Matteo Lortie played an excellent game with 3 singles and 3 RBIs. Outfielder Noah Montalvo played a great defensive game and also hit 3 singles.

Cubs vs. Giants: Despite the Giants being down players, they played their hearts out. For the Cubs, both Koy Trane and Chaz Patterson hit amazing home runs on the Majors' field. On the mound, pitcher Alex Montalvo had an excellent game.

Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association results:

U8: Raspberry Punch vs. Pretty Pumpkins: The Pretty Pumpkins were ready to play softball starting the game with four runs, with hits by Jenn Morrison, Jayden Morton, Dakoda Hood, Kate Hankins, Taylor Jeffrey, Anabella Pedretti, and Ysabel Smith. Defense was strong with Jayden Morton striking out two batters, and Dakoda Hood making a great play at first base. The second inning Pretty Pumpkins' Kristen Johnston and Jayden Roldan added singles. Great defense continued for a quick three up-three down half inning led by pitcher Jayden Morton. The fourth inning was played well by both teams, with PP Jayden Roldan and Bella Rivalie also recording hits.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:

Minor A: Cardinals 3, Red Sox 0: The Cardinals' offense was on fire in pulling off a win against the outstanding Red Sox. For the Cardinals, Tyler Mutz showed his awesome hitting power with a single in the first inning and another single in the third inning racking up a RBI. Hudson Lehev had a big base hit in the second inning that helped to load the bases. Jacob Phillips came up to bat with a powerful swing and drove home 2 to get the Cardinals on the scoreboard. Outstanding Cardinals' pitching by Jacob Koelle-Pittel, Tyler Mutz, Ben Johnston, and Alex Grasso kept the Red Sox scoreless. For the Red Sox, Jevon Burns had a powerful line-drive single in the second inning and did an outstanding job as catcher. Dominic Skally was outstanding behind the plate with big hits in the first and third innings. He was unstopable from the pitchers mound and struck out two batters in the third inning. The Red Sox pitchers' Jo Jo Camilleri and Dominic Skally pitched a strong game.

Giants 3, Cardinals 0: The Cardinals' defense was strong and had many great plays. Jacob Phillips made a great catch at third base in the first inning for the third out. Jacob Koelle-Pittel caught a high hit pop fly at second base to close out the top of the second inning. Ben Johnston made a great play on a ground ball, gobbling it up, and throwing it to Alex Grasso at first base for the out. Jacob Phillips was the only Cardinal to reach base during the game with a deep hard hit to center field. Alden Schwartz had an outstanding day on the mound and struck out two batters. Hudson Lehev, Ben Johnston, and Hayden Borg were also strong from the pitching mound. The Giants were strong on offense and defense. The top defensive players were Kyle Clements and Rio Sakya who both made outstanding fielding plays and Matt Stiger who had a great day pitching with two strike outs. The top offensive players were Brendan O'Hara who had a lead off base hit and scored the first run of the game. Zachary Caulfield was outstanding with a two hit game and two RBIs. Aiden Ott played an outstanding game both offensively with an RBI double and defensively at first base.

Phillies 1, Athletics 3: A potential rally stalled in the 1st inning after singles by Marco Wilde and Adrian Vargas. Pitcher Ashton Baswell threw well in the 1st striking out a batter, and helped himself by cleanly fielding a comebacker and throwing to 1st for the out. Ozy Cervantez made a fine play at 3rd base. Player of the game, Joey Keeler, singled to center in the 2nd inning and was also strong on the hill the same inning striking out one. Birthday boy Connor Rosales started a 2-run rally in the 3rd inning with a lead off single and moved to third when Marco Wilde smoked a double. Connor scored when Adrian Vargas singled him home. Ozy followed with another RBI single to left, scoring Marco. The A's nearly pulled off a beautiful double play in the 3rd with Noah fielding on the mound, when Marco offered a crisply hit ball to 2nd. Marco quickly tossed to shortstop Adrian at the 2nd base bag for an out. Adrian then fired



Kylie Moore of Livermore Fusion SC was recently invited to be part of Norcal Premier Soccer League's PDP Program, rostered to the Region 3/4 Team which consists of top players from clubs based in the East Bay and Tri-Valley areas. PDP's goal is to assist clubs in developing their most skilled and motivated players by selecting the top 30-40 players per region and providing them training 1-2 times per month. PDP is partnered with ACF Fiorentina, a professional club from Florence, Italy that has developed a successful youth program based on a scientific method that focuses on developing psycho-motor and coordination skills for young player. Select members representing each region competed in the Spring PDP Play Dates in Morgan Hill on Sunday, May 19th. Region 3/4 edged out a win against Region 2 (South Bay) with a 1-0 match followed by a dominant 6-1 win over Region 8 (Central Valley). Moore started as the center midfielder in both games. Pictured in the photo is Livermore Fusion SC's Kylie Moore representing Region 3/4 in Norcal's PDP Program.

a throw to stretching first baseman Ashton Baswell who snagged the ball out of the air just after the batter beat the throw. Joey led off the 4th with a shot to left field for a single. Keeler hustled to third after Wyatt Krauss' towering single over the shortstop, and scored when Noah ripped an RBI single through the right side of the infield.

Minor AAA: Red Sox 6, A's 1: This game was intense with the two teams evenly matched for most of the game. The top defensive player for the Red Sox was pitcher Mateo Wilde, who struck out player after player. Top defensive Red Sox players were Will Wentworth with 1 RBI and later in the game Joey Keller, who had a big hit with 3 RBIs. Top defensive players for the A's were pitcher Ryan Juric, who struck out 8 players and caught one foul fly, and Max Silveira, who made three outs on first. Top defensive players were Cooper Meyer, who hit a double, and Ian Silveira, who scored one run.

Phillies 1, A's 14: The Phillies' top defensive players were Aiden Buenostro and Justin Gilliam, with a great double play. Their top offensive players were Calvin Fletcher and Kevin Gad. On defense, all the A's excelled at working together as a team. Top defensive players were Jake Kilbane, Nick Lydon, Ian Silveira, Cooper Meyer, and Hunter Houghton. On offense, every player got on base and practically every player got a hit. Top offensive players were Dylan MacDonald, who hit an incredible 3 out of 3; Hunter Houghton, who hit 3 out of 4 with one double and 3 runs scored; Jake Kilbane, who hit a home run in the first inning; and Noah Van Atta, who scored 3 runs, one for every time on base.

Majors: Phillies 1, Cardinals 0: The first game of three playoff contests was won by the Phillies with excellent pitching by Logan Greenough who recorded a win with a 4 hit and 7 strikeouts outing. Dillon Martinez

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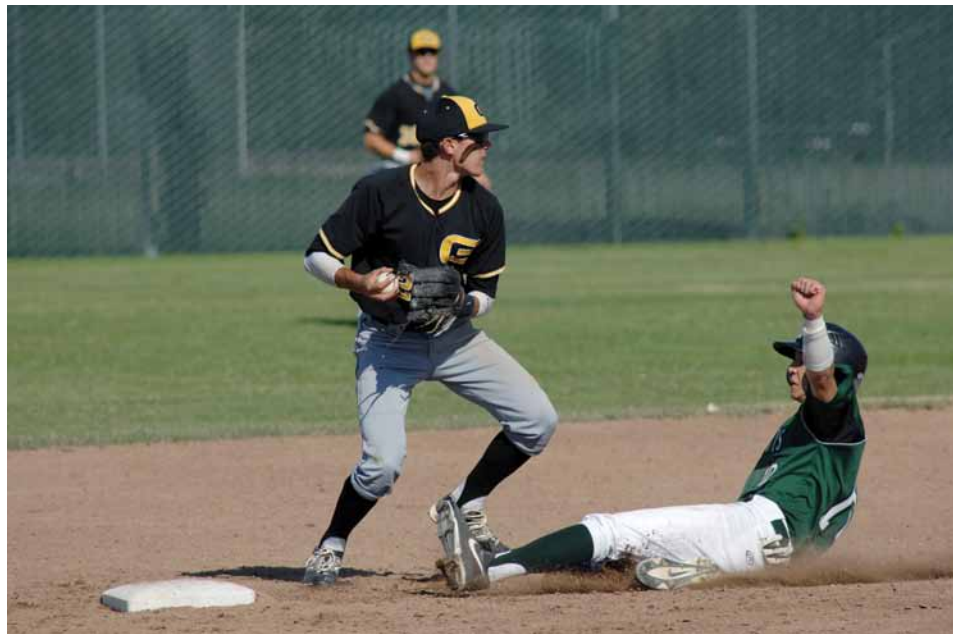


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Granada High School's varsity baseball team ended the regular season with a 13 and 1 record in the EBAL and an overall record to 23 and 1. Granada ended the season with an 11 to 2 victory over crosstown rival Livermore last week. Granada clinched the EBAL title earlier in the week with a 6 to 0 win over Monte Vista. The team celebrated its first title in 21 years. Granada earned a first round bye in the NCS Division 1 playoffs. On May 24, Granada will take on the winner of the Deer Valley vs. Liberty. The Cowboy boys also headed to the NCS playoffs. They played College Park at College Park on Wednesday in opening round division 2 match-up.

closed the door on the Phillies, earning the save with 3K's. Dillon's home run also proved to be the game winning hit. The Phillies' offense included singles by Justin Watson, Kyle Corriera, and Luke Moylan. Cardinals' pitcher Zachary Clark also had an outstanding game and ended the day with 9 K's and scattered 4 Phillies' hits over six innings. The Cardinal offense was led by Nicholas Meléndez who went 2-2 at the plate, including a double and Zachary Macintire and Devon Pearce who reached base with singles. The game was highlighted by excellent defensive plays by both teams.

Farm: Giants vs. Cardinals: Jack Robbins used a wide turn at first base for a double in his first at-bat. Jack followed up with three additional singles. Nateal Leary hit four singles. Ava Schwarz was 4-for-4, with her most exciting play in the fourth inning where Ava showed off her 13.9 speed to beat out the throw to first base. Thomas Cooper hit two doubles, with his strongest hit in the first inning when he bombed one to the fence in right field for an RBI. On defense, Thomas Cooper made the first catch of a fly ball in the outfield this season. Lukas Cusimano was 3-for-4 with an RBI in the second inning. Dominic Franco had two doubles in the game. Franco finished his doubles by sliding aggressively into second base. Dominic also had an outstanding defensive play at shortstop in the first inning when he fielded the ball and fired in one motion towards first. Conner Karidan had strong at-bats with a double in the second inning and two singles later in the game. Conner also completed an unassisted out at third base. For Luke Schwarz, his best hit was in the third inning when he doubled to the left field fence. Alex Maciel was 4-for-4 with an RBI in the first inning. Scotty Lineweaver hit three singles and a sacrifice RBI in the third inning. Joe Cooksey's best plate appearance was in the second inning with an RBI double. Gavin Bates was 3-for-4 including a very high double in the fourth inning. Gavin also fielded four balls in the first inning on defense.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

Single A: Cardinals 22, Angels 23: This elimination play-off game proved the maxim first uttered by the unforgettable one we always remember, "It ain't over till it's over." The Cardinals appeared to have the upset well in hand going into the bottom of the sixth with an 8 run lead after four consecutive 5-run innings. However, the Angels' offense had warmed up with a 5-run fifth and developed a full head of steam in the sixth as the Halos sent 13 batters to the plate before scoring the ninth and winning run on Andrew Lorenz's infield hit to the right-side. Despite the final inning, the Cardinals' defense was stout and held the Angels scoreless in the second and fourth after executing five put-outs at first and benefitting from only one Angels' strike-out. The Cards' batters seemed to be hitting M&M's and were supported by 9 of 12 hits from the bottom of the batting order and were led by the consistent slugging of Brandon Von, Braden McRae, and Tyler Delisle who hammered two doubles each. The Angels' offense was anchored by Josh Raborn and Robert Groust as each hit 4 of 4, posted a double, and combined evenly for 8 RBIs. Tristen Webb initiated the Angels' rally in the first inning with a shot down the left-field line but came up a step short of an in-the-park home run, settling for a triple.

AAA Division: Giants 10, Phillies 4: The Giants and the Phillies challenged each other in the playoffs. The Phillies put the first run up on a powerful double by Cameron Winter in the 1st. Superb pitching by the Giants' Aden Calvacanti, with 5 strike-outs in 2innings, enabled the Giants to take an early lead by the 3rd inning. Slugger Michael Bearden played an awesome game with 2 singles and a double, with 2 RBIs. In the 4th, Phillies' Zachary Neal loaded up and smacked a deep blast to centerfield, earning him a lead-off triple and much admiration. Aiden Bartlett followed up with a single and sparked a rally that put 3 runs on the board for the Phillies. The Giants countered in the bottom of the 4th. With 2 outs and the bases loaded, Jeffrey Fairbanks launched a high and deep shot to right field for a base-clearing triple, cementing the win for the Giants. Final score 10-4.

Majors: Phillies 6, Giants 7: Battling for the chance to play the Angels, the Phillies and Giants both played a hard head to head game, going an extra inning to break a tie. The ending was a nail biter, with Rigo Zapien ending the game with a tie breaking double, 2 run RBI that almost cleared the fence. For the Giants, Eamon Smith displayed excellent pitching skills for most of the game with a bare handed catch and throw to home to keep the Phillies from scoring a run and a big catch in right field. Gavin Napier's amazing defensive plays at shortstop and a giant double in the 1st inning earning 2 RBIs. Nolan Smith's solid catching for most of the game kept his team alert and focused. For the Phillies, Rigo Zapien connected for the game winning hit that nearly cleared the fence and brought in 2 runs. Ryan Brandt played stellar defense including catching a line drive to 2nd, a grounder to shortstop that was thrown to 1st for the out, and critical

back up on a pickle in the last inning. Dalton Johnston slammed 2 strong lead off hits, and consistently played strong defense at 1st base.

Amador Swimming

Jason Chen set two EBAL records and grabbed two individual first place finishes, and Seniors Bryan Hughes and Nick Johnston both had top two eight finishes to lead the Amador Valley High School swimming and diving team to a fifth place finish at the EBAL league meet.

Chen set records in both the fly and back, finishing first in both events while Hughes took a third and a fourth in the IM and fly, and Johnston had an eighth in the 200 free and a seventh in the back.

The IM was a good event for the Dons with Kevin McLaughlin (4) and Alex Gilchrist (8), along with Hughes', giving them three top 8 finishes. The 200 free actually had four in finals, with three in the "B" finals. RJ Scott, Thomas Gjerde, and Jordan Reznick finishing 9, 15, 16 behind Johnston's eighth.

The fly was another good event as Gjerde and Gilchrist gave the Dons four in the finals. They finished 13 and 14 behind Chen and Hughes.

Rounding out the finals individual swimmers were Scott and Reznick who went fifth and ninth respectively in the 500 free, and Anthony Jong who finished 14th in the breaststroke.

Sam Sorsen and Kevin Yan had record breaking days for the Amador Valley JV boys swimming and diving team at the EBAL league meet. The Dons finished third overall with 15 individual top 10 finishes.

Both Sorsen and Yan set league records while finishing first in their events. Sorsen set his in the 200 free while Yan got to the wall first in the fly. Sorsen also recorded a second, in the 100 free, and Yan took third in the IM. Sorsen also swam two relay teams which placed second. In the 200 free relay he was joined by brother Tom Sorsen, Stephen Li, and Eric Li; while the 400 free relay featured Alec Gauthier along with Tom Sorsen and Eric Li.

All of the relay swimmers also had top ten finishes in an individual event. In fact three of them, Eric Li, Stephen Li, and Tom Sorsen did it in the 50 free where the trio went 5-9-10 respectively. Eric Li had a second top 10 with a fourth in the 100 free. Rounding out the relay top 10's was Alec Gauthier who finished ninth in the IM.

Not to be forgotten is Jeff Wang who also had a banner day. Wang finished third in the backstroke and fourth in the 500 free. Wang was joined in the top 10 in the backstroke by Ben Oliver (7) and Evan Lee (8).

The final top 10 swimmers were Perry Jia who was eighth in the breaststroke and Chris Azuma who finished ninth in the 200 free.

Iris Brand finished first in record setting time and also recorded a third, and Lauren Hall was the league champion in diving to help the Amador Valley varsity girls swimming and diving to a third place finish at the EBAL league meet.

Brand set the league record in the 50 free and then followed that effort with a third in the 100 free. Iris' sister Kristen also had a very good meet finishing fifth in the 200 free and 10th in the 100 free.

The Dons had 15 swimmers in finals including Eva Chung who had a great day with a second in the IM and a third in the breaststroke. It was a comparatively young Dons' swimming squad with only Kristen Brand, Lissi Knell (16th in the 500 free) and Senior Bernadine Martin (14th in the 500 free) competing in finals.

Junior Cate MacGregor had two finals appearances, placing 12th in the IM, and 15th in the 500 free. Sophomore Anna Parker had a 9th in the 100 free and a 12th in the backstroke. Another sophomore Rachel Knowles was 15th in the 100 fly. Amador had two freshmen in the finals: Lily Gribbell finished 10th in the 50 free and Caitlyn Plattel finished 11th in the 100 free.

Rachel Bench and Rebecca Pollitz posted a pair of top 10 finishes and swam on the third place 400 free relay team to lead the Amador Valley JV girls swimming and diving team to a fourth place finish in the EBAL championship meet.

Bench and Pollitz both recorded fourth place finishes: Bench in the 100 free and Pollitz in the 50 free. Bench also placed eighth in the 100 breaststroke while Pollitz had a ninth in the 100 free. Joining the duo on the relay team were Lucy Bell, and Jacqueline Wood.

Wood also placed sixth in the breaststroke. In fact, the breaststroke was a good event for the Dons as Mackenzie Bammer joined Wood and Bench in a 6-7-8 finish.

Amador's final top 10 finish was recorded by Kaitlyn Schnierer who placed seventh in the fly.

finished 13th and Heather McKenzie squeezed into the scoring column by finishing 16th.

The boys managed a pair in the top 16 with Adam Beymer scoring in ninth place and Pierson Connors in 11th.

Martial Arts

Taylor's Martial Arts from Livermore had a very successful showing as it had sent 14 of its students to compete at the California Black Belt League Valley vs. The Bay Sport Karate Tournament in Pleasanton, on May 11, 2013. The following students competed and placed in the tournament:

Forms: Sofie McMichael – 2nd Place First Timers Forms; 1st Place 8-10 yr old Beginners Forms and Forms Grand Champion; Luke Harrach – 2nd Place 8-10 yr old Beginners; Helena Macias – 2nd Place 8-10 yr old Intermediate; Alexis Aying – 4th Place 8-10 yr old Beginners; Jodi Bryant – 1st Place 11-13 yr old Beginners and Forms Grand Champion; Jaden Husser – 1st Place 11-13 yr old Intermediate and Forms Grand Champion; Elizabeth Garcia – 2nd Place 11-13 yr old Intermediate; Hector Flores – 1st Place 11-13 yr old Advanced and Forms Grand Champion; Rachel Bryant – 1st Place 15-17 yr old Advanced; Joseph Ventura – 1st Place 18+ yr old Advanced

Sparring: Sofie McMichael – 1st Place First Timers; Mayalanni Erediano – 1st Place 6-7 yr old Boys & Girls Beginners and 7 and Under Grand Champion; Alexis Aying – 1st Place 8-9 yr old Girls Intermediate; Noah Britto – 3rd Place 10-11 yr old Boys Intermediate; Jodi Bryant – 1st Place 10-11 yr old Girls Beginners; Elizabeth Garcia – 1st Place 10-11 yr old Girls Intermediate and 8-11 yr old Girls Grand Champion; Hector Flores – 1st Place 12-13 yr old Boys Advanced and 12-15 yr old Grand Champion; Joseph Vitale – 1st Place 14-15 yr old Boys Advanced; Tanya Sharetskaya – 2nd Place 14-15 yr old Girls Black Belt; Rachel Bryant – 1st Place 16-17 Advanced and 16-17 yr old Grand Champion; Joseph Ventura – 1st Place 18+ Advanced and Men's Grand Champion

Father's Day Run

Cathy Ratty loves local tradition. A Pleasanton resident for 35 years, Ratty has been racing in the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's Father's Day 5K/10K Run for so long that she has migrated from the 30-40 age category to the 50-60 age group.

"I love this race," says Ratty, a senior vice-president/regional manager at Heritage Bank of Commerce, a sponsor of the event. "It's kind of a hometown race. It's just really nice."

The race, to be held on Sunday, June 16, starts and finishes under Pleasanton's Main Street arch. Attracting thousands of Bay Area runners and walkers each year, the 10K run begins at 8 am, the 5K run and walk begins at 8:20 am and a Kids' Challenge starts at 9:30 am. Participants may register in advance at www.spiritrun.com. The race title sponsor is the accounting firm of Sensiba San Filippo.

The Father's Day Run began in 1994 as the Arroyo Centennial Trails Run (ACT II) when it attracted over 1,100 runners as part of the Pleasanton Heritage Days. The Rotary Club of Pleasanton, a longtime sponsor of the event, took over management of the



Pleasanton Junior Football League teams will be using the "heads up" football program designed to make the game safer.

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Amador Valley High School girls' varsity softball team defeated crosstown rival Foothill, 11 to 0 to finish 13 and 1 in league play. The overall team record is 22 and 2. Regular season EBAL champ, Amador Valley drew a bye in the first round of the NCS Division title chase. In the second round, they will face the winner of the San Ramon-Santa Rosa game.

Run in 1997 as a way to raise funds for scholarships to local students. As the race has grown, so have the Club's community projects. Over \$300,000 in educational scholarships has been awarded over the years to students who might not have been able to attend college without the community's support. For our exciting 20th Annual event, the funds raised support not only college scholarships for local students, but also other worthwhile community organizations, including Hope Hospice, Rotaplast, The Tri-Valley YMCA, The Valley Humane Society and Victims of the Boston Marathon Tragedy.

While many runners will be first-time participants this year, many others have made a habit of spending Father's Day morning running the streets of downtown Pleasanton and the beautiful Arroyo Trails. This event is not just for runners. The 5K event is attended by many walkers to take in the fresh air, great scenery, and to spend time with their family and community members while raising money for worthy causes.

"The race is on Father's Day," says Ratty, "So it's kind of a tradition."

Heads Up Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League (PJFL) is committed to ensuring a positive youth football experience and advancing player safety this fall by providing league-wide coaching education and teaching resources that benefit players, parents and coaches through USA Football's Heads Up Football program.

USA Football is the official youth development partner of the NFL and its 32 teams. PJFL includes a contact division as well as a flag and cheer division. The Contact Football division is comprised of 24 teams that span 2nd - 8th grade and has more than 500 players and more than 120 coaches.

Every PJFL coach will be trained in Heads Up Football techniques before leading their teams this season. All PJFL head coaches and assistant coaches will complete USA Football's accredited Level 1 Coach Certification Course, which includes Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) concussion recognition and response protocols; proper helmet and shoulder pad fitting; and Heads Up Tackling techniques, which aim to take the head out of the line of contact.

Through Heads Up Football, Player Safety Coaches will be trained by USA Football to implement, evaluate and monitor all Heads Up Football player safety protocols within the organization. Player Safety Coaches work with league commissioners, coaches, parents and players throughout the season to provide on-site clinics and mentoring to ensure that coaching and player safety best practices are used.

"PJFL has been around for 44 years and this program backed by USA Football and the NFL will ensure we will

be around for another 44 years," said PJFL Board President, Dan Faustina. "Our number one priority has and will continue to be player safety and the Heads Up Football program will give our coaches, players and parents the tools to make our game safer for the youth we serve."

"Heads Up Football promotes a safer, better game," USA Football Executive Director Scott Hallenbeck said. "We are proud to have Pleasanton Junior Football League join us in leading America's youth football community through Heads Up Football, helping to set the highest standards of player safety and coaching education in any youth sport."

USA Football's Heads Up Tackling technique, endorsed by medical and football experts, teaches players to keep their heads up and out of the line of contact. Coaches, parents and players are taught proper helmet and shoulder pad fitting.

For more details on the league visit www.pjfl.com.

LJFL Joins USA Football

The Livermore Junior Football League (LJFL) has joined the USA Football organization to take advantage of their various programs, such as the Heads Up Tackling instruction, concussion recognition and response, and proper equipment fitting. All these programs are used by league coaches to ensure the safety and well being of each player. LJFL has taken a concerted role to make sure each coach has received this training before being allowed to coach in LJFL.

The Heads Up Football program by USA Football was created with direction from independent football and medical experts. All coaches in a Heads Up Football league must be certified via USA Football's nationally accredited Level 1 coaching certification course. All football players should be taught the proper fundamentals and know that their safety is the top priority as they participate in the sport they love.

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

Pleasanton Rage

Registration is now open for the Fall Rec Season for girls in the US/U6 to U19 age divisions. Rage has new programs to enhance the Rec soccer experience for all players and coaches including revamped Rec Flight programs, free coaching education, and reduced fees for US/U6-U7 players. Come out and play, register at www.pleasantonrage.org. Early bird discount for registrations by May 31.

British Soccer Camps

As the number of soccer players in the USA nears 20 million, Challenger Sports, has been invited to hold one of its "British Soccer Camps" right here in the growing soccer community of Dublin.

City of Dublin Recreation Department is offering "British Soccer Camp" sessions for the following ages: August 5-9: Ages 3-5, Mini Soccer 9am-10:30am, \$142; Ages 6-14, Half Day, 9am-12pm \$191; and Ages 7-12, Half

Day/ Emerald Glen, 9am-5pm, \$268.

Space is limited. Parents are encouraged to sign up on line in advance at www.ci.dublin.ca.us or, for more information please contact Dan James- 916 596 1694.

Hook & Ladder Run

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will be hosting the 5th Annual Hook and Ladder Run, Sunday, June 2, 2013 at Wente Vineyards, located at 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. This event will include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, and a kids' 1 mile fun run. The event benefits the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 that supports, injured and fallen firefighters, the Burn Foundation and other local charities in the Tri-Valley.

Through April 30th, registration is \$30.00 for the 5K or 10K (\$20 for those 17 and under) and \$10.00 for the kids' 1 mile fun run. On May 1st, 5K and 10K registration fees increase by \$7.00 and kids 1 mile fun run by \$5.00. Registration closes May 25th, or when sold out. Starting time for the 5K and 10K is 8:00 a.m., followed by the kids' 1 mile fun run beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The first four years have been tremendously successful. To keep this event safe and enjoyable for all, entries are limited to 1,500.

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

Awards will be given 3 deep in each age group (M & F) 12 and under, 13-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. Special prizes for overall top 3 male and female race winners 5K and 10K run. Top 20 male and female racers in both 5K and 10K will receive a "TOP TWENTY" technical tee shirt. Special top 3 Firefighter awards for both 5K and 10K. Ribbons, fire prevention materials, and ice cream will be served to all kids participants.

Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase. Many of the event sponsors will have booths and all participants will receive a tee shirt and gift bag. Great raffle prizes are available to all runners and additional tickets will be available for purchase. Event website, to sign up go to www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Umpires Chosen

Little League Baseball and Softball announced the 115 umpires who will be working the nine Little League World Series this summer. The Little League World Series schedule kicks off with the Big League Baseball World Series in Easley, S.C. on July 24 and ends with the Little League Baseball World Series Championship Game in South Williamsport, Pa. on August 25.

Umpires are selected for a World Series after going through a lengthy and stringent selection process. Appointment as a member of the umpiring crew for a World Series is the highest honor Little League Baseball and Softball can bestow on an umpire, and selection means that these umpires have reached the highest level of proficiency and are considered among the best in the world. The men and women volunteering for these series come from 28 states, six countries, Aruba, Curacao, and Puerto Rico.

The list of umpires at the Livermore site are: 2013 Intermediate (5070) League Baseball World Series (July 30-Aug. 5; Livermore, Calif.) - Donald "Troy" Carmont (Surrey, British Columbia), Jack Conway (Florham Park, N.J.), Mark Cychaniak (Port Charlotte, Fla.), Jimmy Darden (Odessa, Texas), Donald Dozier (Austell, Ga.), Stu Hartenstein (Columbus, Ohio), Jonas Jackson (Escondido, Calif.), Jorge Lebron (Yabuco, Puerto Rico), Charles Lloyd (Arbutus, Md.), Ken Mitchell (Everett, Wash.), Thomas Paster (Freeport, Ill.), and David Rast (Albuquerque, N.M.)

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After eight days of racing along nearly 750 miles of California's roadways, highways and coastlines, BMC Racing Team's Tejay van Garderen (Boulder, Colo.) sealed his first major stage race win at the 2013 Amgen Tour of California, which concluded in Santa Rosa. He finished third in stage 7, which started in Livermore and ended at the summit of Mt. Diablo.

Team NetApp-Endura's Leopold König (CZE) overtaking Team Jamis-Hagens-Berman's Janier Alexis Acevedo (COL) in the final meters to win Stage 7.

The eighth annual Amgen Tour of California from May 12-19 ran south to north for the first time this year, covering nearly 750 miles of California's most scenic highways, roadways and coastlines. With one of the most difficult courses in race history, 127 riders on 16 teams (111 remained in the final day of racing) battled through 12 Host Cities and a record 60,000 feet of climbing, including the epic summit finish atop Mt. Diablo.

As part of the event in downtown Livermore, a Breakaway Mile walk was held. Taking part were 150 community members including cancer survivors, patients, caregivers and advocates. Prior to the professional start of the race, the Breakaway Mile crosses the start line to honor the millions of cancer survivors worldwide and celebrates scientific innovations. Livermore resident and cancer survivor Dee Williams was honored as the Breakaway from Cancer Champion during the Livermore Breakaway Mile. She led the Breakaway Mile. Williams also presented the Breakaway from Cancer Most Courageous Rider Jersey.

The official race start was announced by cancer advocates Matt and Dana Croghan in memory of their daughter, Korriane Croghan.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Breakaway Mile took place prior to the race (top photo, right). The other two photos show the riders heading out Patterson Pass Road.



Little League Looking for Help to Stage World Series in Livermore

Representatives of Little League were on hand at the May 13 Livermore City Council to request the city's help in staging the upcoming World Series.

Livermore and California District 57 Little League will act as the hosts for the inaugural Intermediate Little League World Series to be held July 30 through August 5, 2013 in Livermore. The action will take place at Max Baer Park in Livermore.

The goal is to hold an event that will ensure that the series remains in Livermore in the future.

Ten (10) teams from around the world — one lo-

cal host team, five more U.S. teams and four international teams — as well as families, fans and friends will travel to the area for 19 games culminating with the championship game Monday, August 5, which will be broadcast live on ESPN.

District 57 is comprised of the Tri-Valley cities.

Bill Aboumrad told the council, "This is an international event. There will be 175 players and coaches plus officials housed in Livermore hotels. The opening ceremonies will be held in front of the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. We are looking to

have the community behind us."

Others described the World Series as a family friendly event that celebrates kids and their accomplishments. Included in the action will be an exhibition game from the Challenger League, which is comprised of players with developmental and physical challenges. Now in its 23rd season, the Little League District 57 Challenger program lists 100 players participating in its program.

Steve Fields, the director of development for the World Series, told the council that his job is to raise

the money. "This event will change the way Livermore is seen by the world. This year there are 10 teams; in 2014 it will expand to 14 teams and by 2015, action will last two weeks featuring 16 teams.

"We are already booking hotels and working with restaurant to feed the participants. We are responsible for providing the food. The World Series held in Pennsylvania reports an economic impact of \$50 million each year. We are here to determine how the city can help us to plan for 2014 and beyond," stated Fields.

Councilmember Stuart Gary asked staff to meet

with representatives of the Little League to discuss how the city might become involved. He noted that the city would not be able to write a check. However, in-kind services would be a possibility.

As part of the announcement for the event, Dave Wetmore, World Series Tournament Director, declared, "We're excited to bring this event to the Tri-Valley. We're expecting close to 10,000 people to attend the 7-day event. They will shop, dine, and stay in our community."

Livermore and Northern California District 57 Little League were selected over thousands of other districts, cities and states that were all vying to host this global event. Among the cities that Livermore beat out for the honor were Chicago and Vancouver, Washington.

"It was a difficult choice, since all the cities are so close in terms of what they have to offer," stated Stephen D. Keener, President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League Baseball and Softball. "Any of them, we are confident, would do a terrific job of hosting such a high-profile event. Ultimately, the Board of Directors settled on Northern California, the greater San Francisco area, Livermore, and Granada Little League,

as its top choice."

The Intermediate Division began as a two-year pilot program, before becoming an official division in 2012.

Players ages 11-13 are eligible to play in this Intermediate baseball league, which features a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot bases, also known as "50/70".

"People see it as a great way to make the transition from the Little League field to the standard baseball diamond," Wetmore said. "For us, it has kept more players in our programs into their teenage years."

Anyone wishing to make donations to the Little League Intermediate Division (50/70) World Series should contact Steve Fields at (925) 606-6909 or at Steve@AllFieldsSports.com, information at www.intermediateworldseries.org

Summer Swim Season Opens in Pleasanton

Pleasanton's summer Recreational Swim season begins Saturday, May 25th. During renovation of the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center this summer, recreational swim will move to the Amador Valley High School pool, located at 1155 Santa Rita Road.

Because the pool starts at 3.5 feet and quickly reaches a depth of 12 feet and has a limited shallow area, recreational swim is recommended only for accomplished swimmers. In addition, an adult swimmer in the pool must accompany all children under the age of six at all times. For customer safety, swimmers lacking the necessary level of proficiency may be removed from the pool at the discretion of the aquatic staff.

All summer swim lessons will be conducted at the DBAC 50-meter pool, as will lap swim. Water Fitness classes will be offered at both the DBAC 50-meter pool and the Amador Valley High School pool.

To ensure a safe visit for everyone, it is imperative

that all participants read through and understand the facility information prior to their visit to the Amador Valley High School pool as there are changes and modifications to what the community is accustomed to at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center. Please download a Recreational Swim flyer at www.PleasantonAquaticCenter.com for dates, times, fees and facility rules.

The City's Aquatic Center staff is making every ef-

fort to ensure that the public has a safe place to swim and cool off during the summer. In addition to the rules and policies posted on the www.PleasantonAquaticCenter.com site, it should also be noted:

- Personal food/drink items may be brought in; however, alcoholic beverages and glass containers are strictly prohibited. There will not be a snack bar for food or drinks. There is, however, a drinking fountain on-site.
- No changing areas are available, and changing clothes

on the pool deck is prohibited. Come dressed to swim. Portapotties with a hand-washing station adjacent to the facility are available for use.

• Maximum facility capacity is 320. After maximum capacity has been reached, the pool will be closed to all additional participants (even spectators) until space becomes available.

• Admission fees must be paid at the Amador Theater Box Office, in front of the school campus, prior to swim entry. Receipts must be presented at the pool gate for admission.

• Small personal items (i.e. car keys, driver's license, cell phones, etc.) may be checked in/ out by a designated staff person who will secure items during your visit. Items are limited to what will fit in a small bag. It is recommended that swimmers leave all valuables at home.

Additional questions or concerns may be directed to the staff at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, (925) 931-3420 or Recreation Supervisor, Michelle Stearns at mstearns@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

For a schedule and complete information about the City of Pleasanton summer Aquatics program, please visit www.pleasantonaquaticcenter.com, or call (925) 931-3420.



Water Fitness classes will be offered at both the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center and the pool at Amador Valley High School this summer through Pleasanton's Community Services Department. Photo - Dino Vournas

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SHORT NOTES

Heron Nesting

Heron Nesting viewing with SFBBO will be offered on Sun., May 26 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff.

Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park. The location will be provided upon reservation.

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 to help participants hopefully witness parents feeding chicks in the nest. Only a short walk is needed to reach the viewing location. Reservations are required by 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 \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified.

Parents Day/Gardening

A family barbecue and gardening celebration will be held in honor of Parents Day on Saturday, June 1 from 12:00pm - 3:00pm at Rosewood Gardens, 35 Fenton Street.

The Livermore assisted

living and memory care community is opening its doors to neighbors, family and friends for this special event. In addition to a traditional grilled menu, chefs will feature herbs and vegetables such as those that will be featured in the community's new edible garden this summer, tended by residents and associates.

There is no fee to attend and all are welcome with advance reservations to 925-443-7200.

Recycling Board

The Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board has two vacancies, one in the category of "an Environmental Educator employed as such on a full-time basis" and another in the category of "a representative of the recyclable materials processing industry." The appointees must live in Alameda County. Appointment terms are two years and Board Members are eligible for re-appointment to one additional two-year term.

The Recycling Board administers the voter-approved Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative, which levies an \$8.23 per ton landfill disposal fee that generates approximately \$8.0 million per year for waste reduction and recycling programs in Alameda County. Fifty percent of the money is returned to local

jurisdictions on a per-capita basis. The balance is appropriated by the Board for countywide source reduction and recycling programs, public education, recycled product procurement, market development and grants to community organizations.

To be considered for appointment to the Recycling Board as "an Environmental Educator employed as such on a full-time basis" or "a representative of the recyclable materials processing industry," please submit a resume and cover letter stating qualifications to: Kevin Jenkins, 1221 Oak Street, Suite 536 - Oakland, CA 94612, faxed to 510-271-5151 or emailed to Kevin.jenkins@acgov.org with the subject line "Recycling Board Vacancy." The deadline for application is June 14th, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Minority and female candidates are urged to apply.

Questions regarding the application process may be addressed to Kevin Jenkins at 510-268-5376.

Questions regarding the Recycling Board may be addressed to Tom Padia or Gary Wolff at (510) 891-6500 or email at tpadia@stopwaste.org or gwolff@stopwaste.org.

Fair Food

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How about deep fried: fruity pebbles, pineapple upside down cake, oatmeal crêpe pies, sweet watermelon, cookie dough and red velvet cake? Or do you crave anything on a stick? Try pudding, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly or Doritos, all on a stick. Indulge in gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches like the Dagwood with gouda cheese, turkey, cranberry and Dijon mustard. Do you have a sweet tooth? Consider the Crispy crême donut burger or a hot dog sundae. If your palate calls for more health-conscious consumptions, you won't be disappointed. Healthy food selections include fresh salads, fish tacos, shrimp cocktail, fish ceviche, grilled veggies, gelato and fresh fruit. Of course, one can't leave a visit to the Fair without indulging in the annual and traditional favorites: corn dogs, funnel cake, corn-on-the-cob, hot dogs, cotton candy, shaved ice, smoky BBQ, grilled sausages, burgers and cold ice cream. The lengthy list of Fair food is beyond comprehension.

This year's 101st celebration runs June 19 to July 7, 2013, closed on Mondays, featuring

\$1 admission and \$1 rides on opening day. "Summer Fun Starts Here," kicks off the slate of numerous popular traditions, among them: exhibits, animals, horse racing, and Big O Tires free Concert Series nightly along with special event days. Visit the website at www.alamedacountyfair.com for the details.

Squadron Open House

East Bay Cadet Squadron 18, located in Hayward, CA, will open its doors on Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 2-6 PM for an Open House. Members of the community, specifically young adults between the ages of 12-18 who are interested in getting involved in a youth group, are invited to visit the Squadron headquarters located on the south end of the Hayward Executive Airport in the Air National Guard building (1525 West Winton Ave).

The day's events will include information on our three missions: Cadet Programs, Emergency Services and Aerospace Education. In addition, we will offer self-guided tours of the facility and be available to answer any questions. The Cadet Color Guard will be giving demonstrations, as well.

Squadron 18 was recognized as the 2012 California Wing Cadet Squadron of the Year

and our squadron members are extremely active in Cadet Programs throughout the state and nationwide. New cadets will be exposed to leadership, character development, aerospace education (including Orientation Flights in our powered aircraft and gliders, where cadets can get hands on in the cockpit), emergency services (such as search and rescue) and exciting activities throughout the state and across the nation.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 61,000 members nationwide. CAP performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 32 lives and mobilizing 703 search and rescue missions during the fiscal year 2012. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counterdrug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 26,000 youth between the ages of 12 and 21 who currently participate in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 72 years. For more information, visit www.govcivilaipatrol.com.

OBITUARIES

Cecilia Saenz

Cecilia Saenz, 97, a longtime resident of New York City, Houston, TX, Livermore, CA, Washington, UT, and Loveland, CO peacefully went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 13, 2013, surrounded by family following a brief hospitalization in St. George, Utah.

Cecilia was born on January 23, 1916 in Bogota, Colombia, South America. She immigrated with her sister, Anita to the United States in 1950 and together they raised their four children; Rodolfo, Polin, Manuel, and Estella.

She was self-educated learning to read, write and speak English. She worked as a dental assistant for several years in New York City. She loved to travel and visited China, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Germany, Holland, Canada and took cruises to Alaska, Mexico, and the Mediterranean. Our Mamita was an extraordinary cook. She loved to sew, shop, work-out and spend lots of time with her family.

Cecilia was well-loved by everyone throughout her life. Her happy, gentle personality was evidenced by an infectious smile, a little laugh and sense of humor. She loved her family being known as the family matriarch. Although a private person who respected others she was always recognized for her warm greetings, name recollection and gentleness. She made others feel better just by being in their presence.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Sonia, her son Rodolfo, her daughter-in-law Alicia, and her sister Anita.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Paulina & Larry Duffy, Grandchildren; Connie (John) Nolan, Bill Gonzalez, Michael (Italia) Gonzalez; Great Grandchildren; Meghan, Shane, and Jack Nolan; Nicholas, Michael, and Autumn Gonzalez; Nephew, Manuel (Anna Maria) Prado and Niece, Estella Ospina; Great Nieces and Nephews; Claudia Prado, Marcella (Mike) Adams, Manuel (Gabiella) Prado,

Isabel (Danny) Laigo, Mauricio (Kaelin) Prado; Carolina (Fabio) Montenegro, Liliana (Jose Fernando) Vera, Jaime Felipe (Patricia) Ospina; Great-great Nieces and Nephews; Aundrea Clark, Antonio, Angelina and Andres Prado, Fabio Enrique, Maria Alejandra, Manuela and Gabriela Montenegro; Jose Alejandro and Valentina Vera; Katalina, Laura and Sofia Ospina; Step-Grandchildren, Randy Duffy, Brett (Julie) Duffy, Heidi Duffy; step-great grandchildren, Will (Danielle) Duffy, Kristin Duffy, Jennie Donsi, Christian and David Duffy; step-great grandchildren, Caelyn and Gavin Duffy.

A Memorial Mass was held on May 18, 2013 at 9:30am at St. Michael's Chapel in Livermore, California. The Celebration of Cecilia's life and scattering of her ashes will take place on August 3, 2013 at 9:00 am in the San Francisco Bay.

Cecilia and Anita were the matriarchs of the family and left a legacy of love, faith, strength, determination and vision. We, their family, have the privilege to carry on.

Evelyn Ann Pierini

April 24, 1920-May 14, 2013 Resident of Ione, CA

Evelyn peacefully passed away at her home in Ione, California with her loving family surrounding her. She was 93 years old.

Evelyn Ann Botelho, the oldest of seven children, was born in Oakland on April 24, 1920. She had two brothers and four sisters.

She was feisty and spunky as a child. She loved to do the hula and was a great seamstress.

In 1937 she married William T. Souza and raised a family. She has two sons, Bill and Richard, and one daughter, Kathy. She also took care of foster children in the 1940's and 1950's. A foster son, George Rodriguez lived with the family from the early 1950's until he got married. He became a permanent member of the family. Her family was her life. Two of her grandsons, Dean and Rickie, lived with her for awhile. She had sev-

en grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Her first husband William died in 1986 and she was a widow for several years until she met and married Russ Pierini in 1994. She was also preceded in death by two children and two grandchildren in the last ten years of Evelyn's life. She was married to Russ for nineteen years until her death. They traveled through the Panama Canal on a cruise for their honeymoon, and returned and set up their home in Fremont, Pioneer and finally settled in Ione, CA.

Viewing and a rosary will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2013 at St. Michael Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore at 11:00AM. Mass of the Resurrection will follow at 12:00PM. Interment will be at St. Michael Cemetery, 3885 East Avenue, Livermore, following mass. A reception after cemetery services will be at Bill Souza's home, 535 Cedar Dr., Livermore, CA. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Hospice of Amador County in honor of Evelyn A. Pierini. For a memory book entry please go to website: www.catholicobituaries.org.

Arrangements by Holy Angels Funeral & Cremation Center FD1974.

Jeanne Ellen Bridges

July 17, 1923 - May 13, 2013 Resident of Pleasanton

Jeanne Ellen Bridges passed away after a brief illness on May 13, 2013. Jeanne was born in Coffeyville, Kansas on July

17, 1923. She is survived by her sons Robert, Thomas, William and David Bridges, daughter Carol Koepp, fifteen grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren. Jeanne was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Bridges, her second husband, Bernard Wilson and her son, Ernest Bridges.

Born and raised in Kansas, she was active in local society. Her voluntary service with the American Red Cross during World War

II occasioned her meeting Robert Bridges, a U.S. Army Air Corps officer who was teaching pilot flight training and they subsequently married. After the war, they resided in Hawaii and the San Francisco Bay Area where she raised a family. Jeanne was a dedicated volunteer at St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco and, in her later years, she found enjoyment in watching her family grow.

Graveside services were held at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo on May 20th. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to one's favorite charity.

Renee T. Lee

1917-2013

Livermore native Renee passed away May 8, 2013 at the age of 96. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Kelly Lee, and her beautiful daughters, Annamarie Kennedy and Karen Wilson.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Lattig (Glenn), son-in-law Douglas Wilson; grandchildren Maryann McBee (Greg), Jon Kennedy (Katie), Patrick Kennedy, Terri Kennedy, Kelly Gilbert (Mark), Jennifer Murphy (Dave), and many beloved great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She lived her last five years at Auburn Ravine Terrace and came to view her caregivers as part of her extended family. "Blessed are those who knew you and those that called you friend. You enriched each life that entered yours right to the very end." Renee was so strong in her faith and her love for her family. She will be forever loved and missed.

A celebration of her life will be held on May 25 at noon at 676 Vivian Drive, Livermore, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Renee's name made to Sutter Auburn Faith Hospice, 11775 Education Street, Suite 201, Auburn, CA, would be appreciated.

Dario John Cunial

April 25 1935 - May 15 2013 Resident of Livermore

Dario Cunial was born to Italian immigrant parents and raised in Susanville, CA. He graduated from Lassen High School. At



an early age he showed leadership, determination and outstanding athletic ability. While in high school he was senior class president and a four-sport letter winner, excelling in football, basketball, track and baseball.

After graduation from Lassen High School in 1953, Dario went to California State University at Chico and majored in Physical Education with the goal of becoming a teacher and a coach. While at CSU Chico he played football and in his senior year he was elected Sheriff of Pioneer Days.

After graduating from CSU Chico in 1957, Dario returned to Susanville for a final summer of logging before being drafted into the United States Army. After "boot camp" he was assigned the rest of his tour in Chicago where he enjoyed watching the Cubs and the White Sox.

Dario finished his credential work at California State University at Sacramento in the 1959-60 school year. He then began his 36 year tenure as a teacher & coach. He taught in Yuba City for two years then transferred to Fremont Unified School district where he spent the next 34 years, mostly at Horner Junior High School. Through the years, his students have shown him their appreciation by referring to "Coach Cunial" as the man who made a difference in their lives.

While living in Fremont, Dario met and married a fellow teacher, Mary Ann, in 1964. They moved to Livermore in 1967 where they raised three children. Dario was very active in all aspects of his children's lives, especially education and sports. He coached many Livermore Recreation Department teams and whether coaching or spectating from soccer to swimming, he always delivered positive encouragement. His cheers can still be heard by his kids today.

Some of Dario's favorite activities were attending Stanford football games


(along with the pre-game tailgate) and watching both the 49ers and the Giants. He loved traveling with Mary Ann and camping with his family at Pinecrest Lake. He also enjoyed teaching drivers training as he found that these students were "truly motivated". In later years he rediscovered Bocce ball and loved the fun and camaraderie of playing with friends, especially on his own home courts.

Dario and Mary Ann's kids blessed them with seven grandchildren. They all loved time with their Papa, especially because of his more relaxed rule book. As they grew, he had fun watching and participating in all of their activities.

Dario passed away at his home in the same way he loved life, surrounded by his family. He is survived by: his wife Mary Ann; three children: Julie Moylan (Steve), Steve Cunial (Kathy), Dena O'Hara (Dan); seven grandchildren: Ashley, Kyle, Luke, Andrew, Taylor, Brendan and Emily; his brother Dino Cunial and his sister Norma Farano and their families.

A memorial mass is planned for Saturday, June 8th at 11:00 am at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1315 Lomitas Avenue in Livermore where he has been an original and active parishioner for 46 years. A celebration of Dario's life will follow in the hall on the church grounds. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to either St Charles Borromeo or Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568.

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cities are still talking. However, Dublin has authorized a study of the area, which would include its growth potential.

Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti, a LAFCO member, told The Independent that no discussion regarding the sphere of influence took place during the tour of the park site. Instead, the focus was on EBRPD's desire to provide more access to its Doolan Canyon property, as well as connectivity to other EBRPD parks.

Sierra Club representative Dick Schneider said that EBRPD wants to build trails and non-motorized roads so that all district lands are connected.

Sbranti said that ideally trails could bring access from the Moller Ranch's recently approved development in Dublin and the Contra Costa area north of Moller Ranch. That might even happen before plans could be firmed up for access to the park from Doolan Canyon Road, said Sbranti.

"The Doolan Canyon park site is an island with no access points. LAFCO wanted to impress on Livermore and Dublin the potential opportunities to connect to it. (EBRPD) could do something remarkable. It could initiate a much bigger park," said Sbranti.

Sbranti was referring to the potential for as much as 1600 acres more north of Doolan Canyon, because developer Braddock and Logan has expressed interest in seeing their land used for park space. However, that option is still in the talking stage.

Dublin councilmember David Haubert, a former representative of the public on LAFCO, and Mayor John Marchand, a LAFCO member, were also on the tour as were Livermore Councilmember Laureen Turner, EBRPD director Ayn Wieskamp of Livermore, and Dublin planning commissioner Morgan King.

Others attending included representatives of Pacific Union, the developer proposing the senior housing, the Greenbelt Alliance, and Friends of Livermore.

Marchand described Doolan Canyon as "absolutely spectacular." He said that he used a picture of the lake on the property on his mayoral campaign brochure. "The park is only five minutes from Costco (on North Canyons Parkway), and it's a wilderness area," said Marchand.

Sbranti said that talks between Dublin and Livermore are going well. "I have a great relationship with Marchand. The staffs are in contact," he said.

Lab, University Partner to Address Urban Issues

In the future, researchers from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and New York University hope to take on some of the pressing problems in major urban centers, such as transportation and clean air.

These are some of the subjects of a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by LLNL and New York University on behalf of the Brooklyn-based Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP).

Founded about a year ago, CUSP is a public-private research center that uses New York City as its laboratory and classroom in an effort to help cities become more productive and livable.

"The digital age has produced an incredible ability to collect, store and analyze data," said Steven Koonin, the director of CUSP who is a former Under Secretary of

Energy for science.

"Bringing this 'big data' to bear on societal problems – from clean air to transportation to health care – is at the heart of CUSP and a path to improvement of both existing and newly built cities," Koonin added.

LLNL's Nancy Suski, deputy program director for Domestic Security, spearheaded the development of the MOU and has been working with CUSP since June. She echoed Koonin, saying the collaborations with CUSP will be about cities and "big data."

"It's driven by the fact that the world's population is migrating to urban centers," Suski said. "Currently, about 80 percent of the population in the United States lives in cities. The idea is: how can you make cities safer, more efficient, more secure and improve the quality of life for their inhabitants?"

Having the capability to better understand cities through the data that is produced is a "monumental task" in Suski's view.

"That's where the Laboratory comes in," she said. "To better understand the performance of urban systems, and more importantly, to predict their performance is going to require modeling and simulation at the scale and speed of the Lab's high performance computing resources."

For example, LLNL's Jim Brase, deputy associate director for Computation, has been working with a New York University researcher on the number one complaint of New York City residents – noise.

Their ultimate goal is to use the information they obtain to attempt to figure out ways to reduce the problem.

"We're looking at how to measure the urban noise

field and that will involve traditional sensors, and New York University students will even use apps on their cell phones," Brase said. "We want to try to understand the sources of noise and their impacts on people."

New York City has a huge database of non-emergency calls and an extensive amount of information about public works, fire and police responses.

"By correlating the non-emergency calls with other city service calls, you can begin to develop a better understanding of the problem and take corrective action," Suski said.

"Problems like these give LLNL researchers an opportunity to use our extensive data science and network analysis capabilities to improve the quality of life for citizens who live and work in urban centers."

The MOU provides opportunities for LLNL to host several CUSP researchers through co-op programs, summer student internships and fellowships. Lab employees also will have the chance to take sabbaticals or guest lecture at CUSP.

Among the academic institutions that have partnered with CUSP are Carnegie Mellon University, City University of New York, the Indian Institute of Technology (Mumbai), the University of Toronto and the University of Warwick.

The center's industrial partners include IBM, Cisco, Siemens, Con Edison, National Grid and Xerox, among others.

In addition to its partnership with LLNL, CUSP also has concluded agreements to work with three other Department of Energy national laboratories – Brookhaven, Los Alamos and Sandia.

En Garde: A Year Later, A Year Wiser

by Laura Ness

After two stingy, nail-biting vintages that had growers scraping to get Bordeaux varietals (especially Cabernet Sauvignon) even close to what he considers "ripe," Csaba Szakal of Ed Garde Winery was reasonably ecstatic to welcome the relative generosity of vintage 2012. And still, it was not without out its vexations and tribulations, with Petit Verdot quite near the top of the "problem child" list.

But Csaba is not complaining. He's learned to roll with Mother Nature's punches, knows he can tinker a bit here and there to push things in a better direction, has learned to let patience take its course. That is probably the most important lesson: patience. Let the wine come around, find its way, learn its identity. Wine is a living organism and needs to be treated with respect.

We got to re-taste a number of wines that we visited in their pubescent state last year, in the early part of 2012.

How have things changed? Well, for the most part, things are solidly moving in the blessed direction of happy endings. We began with the 2011 Tempranillo, a wine with a distinct nose of sawdust and soy sauce, and flavors of sarsaparilla, cherry, orange peel and almonds. We both agreed it needed something – probably some Petit Verdot or Malbec.

Next it was the phenomenal 2012 Pinot Noir from an older vineyard

in Sonoma, across from De Loach, who cancelled their contract on this small lot of Martinelli clone, a rarity in California. Resting in Vicard Prestige oak, this wine is already highly beguiling, with aromas of sweet ganache, flavors of moist chocolate cake and a velvety texture that simply stops you in your tracks.

Next came a barrel sample of the 2012 Malbec from Alexander Valley, hanging out in Hungarian oak. It's watermelon all the way, with a nice chewy texture reminiscent of sugar crystals and coconut filings on those watermelon candy slices I used to love as a kid.

When we dipped the thief into the 2011 Ghilmetti Cabernet Franc, we were immediately arrested by its awesome grapefruit and rose petal aromas. I wanted to dive into this beauty and take a swim. One sip, and I was hooked by the elegant, velvety mouthfeel, the charming orange zest and the vein of tasty red currants leading to a finish of peppery perfection. A touch of Petit Verdot made this sing even more sweetly.

The 2011 Ghilmetti Petit Verdot, pulled from a Hungarian barrel made of extra tight grained Hungarian oak, exudes delirious notes of cigar, baking spice, peppered bacon fat and clove. This fantastic wine is lovely and rich, with

plum, black currant, basil, tarragon. Can't wait for this to be bottled.

About 20% of the 2012 Petit Verdot was saignéed, and found its way into to a gorgeous rose, leaving behind a fabulous beverage filled with high-toned aromatics of tart blackberries, cherries, cigar and tar. Fuller-bodied than the 2011, it offers up a mélange of savory flavors, including grapefruit, capers, chamomile, red pickled cherry peppers, beets and red plums. This is going to be a really interesting animal!

Csaba purchased his first Petite Sirah from Ghilmetti in 2012 as well, and after bleeding off 5% of it, he let it ferment. It went very quickly: only 10 days. He was a bit concerned about initial tannins and bitterness, but after pressing, it was fine. Its enticing aromas of graphite, licorice and tar set you up for a very juicy, fruity explosion of flavors, seething with pepper, clove, orange peel, caramelized brown sugar and great tannins. We agreed it rated an "A" for Awesome! Said Csaba, "2012 was a ridiculously good vintage." I have to concur.

Then it was on to the heavy-duty part of the job: tasting the Cabernet Sauvignons. First stop, the 2011 Diamond Mountain, from a new Boute Grand Reserve barrel with light

toast. Csaba explained he bought the barrel in 2010 but alas, he had no Cab to put in it! But he was able to obtain some of the Concanon clone Cab from this vineyard in 2011, and my, oh my, it is terrific. Aromas of pretty sandalwood, cedar and leather conjure up visions of a well-furnished library in a magnificent countryside mansion. And the flavors play the vision out to perfection. The wine exhibits gorgeous old world character, filled with classic cigar and flowing with minerality. Now, this is a wine! It's elegant and classy, poised for success and stacked with wonderful sandy tannins that make your mouth politely ask for more.

For those who prefer a richer style of Cabernet, the 2011 Cab from a Darnajou heavy toast barrel, with its aromas of roasted almonds and brownies, will satisfy. Too bad he only got two of these barrels, and they will probably go into a blend. Flavors of chocolate cherries, intense chocolate frosting and fudge certainly made for a dangerous encounter with a barrel. Csaba had tried in vain to buy these barrels from the rep, calling three times before giving up and buying them on the internet.

We then sampled a 2012 Cab from a medium plus toast Darnajou barrel with tight grain: this presented

a much more elegant and complex nose than the heavy toast barrel sample, followed by a simply gorgeous, flowing elegance on the palate. The sheer velvet texture was wrapped with pleasing notes of leather, currant and chocolate ganache. A very pretty wine! Would love to bottle that entire barrel all by its lonesome.

With so much promise already on tap for vintages 2011 and 2012, Csaba is eagerly awaiting what 2013 has in store. He's getting some Pinot Noir from Green Valley, off hiway 12, that he's very excited about. Get ready for the 2012 rosé, which he may have bottled by now, generously endowed with aromas and flavors of green coconut, grapefruit, roses, strawberry and watermelon.

He smiles proudly, taking another sip: "I made this just like my grandfather used to make rose!" It's done in breathable plastic tank, surlees, with full malolactic. It's a wine his grandfather would be proud of, and a wine Csaba was ecstatic to share with his father, who recently came from Hungary to help him with the final blends on the wines, and to celebrate their son's birthday. Who would let an ocean get in the way of a sea of fabulous wines, or a chance to raise a glass in celebration of family, traditions and the love of the finer things in life?

MAILBOX

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William Roland
Livermore

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Photos - Doug Jorgensen
The B-24 comes in for a landing (at left). Top photo shows an array of bombs. In the middle photo, the P-51 Mustang escorts the larger plane. The bottom photo provides a birds' eye view of the Pacific Coast.

Flying Back in Time Aboard a WWII Aircraft

By Carol Graham

During takeoff, I sit buckled in on the floor. Directly in front of me is a .50 caliber M2 Browning machine gun tilting out of the open waist-gunner window.

The warm wind whips my hair around and through squinted eyes, I struggle to see what isn't there.

I see wedding rings flashing on adrenaline-fueled hands, steadily chipping away at the black paint on the gun's locking pin. I see fresh-faced men, trim, not yet filled out - crouching, bracing and moving catlike through the close quarters. I see soldiers' eyes looking to one another, communicating silently, as their whole world is contained for a moment in history within this WWII B-24 Liberator named Witchcraft.

A bell sounds and I unlatch my safety belt. During our before-flight briefing, we'd learned this is our signal to move anywhere, to touch anything. There are 13 of us aboard the flight from Santa Barbara to Monterey - ten passengers and three crewmen. Several are service members or veterans; one had a father who went down on a B-24, but survived, during the final year of the war.

"After my dad passed away, my brother and I made a donation to become sponsors of the Collings Foundation, and to have my dad's name painted on the B-24 so

he will continue to fly almost every day," said Eric Buecheler of Santa Cruz. "This is my sixth flight on the B-24. Each trip has been different and each trip special. They all remind me of how proud I am of my father and how lucky I am to be here as he almost didn't make it."

In 1944, pilot John Buecheler was returning from a mission over Germany when his plane's number three engine was hit by enemy fire. "The waist gunners were screaming that they were wet with gasoline," John said. "We immediately shut down engine number four and turned off the ignition. We were still heading west but the plane was flying sideways. It was now impossible to land the plane. Having no other choice, I gave the order to bail out."

John, the last remaining crewman aboard, was able to parachute out as the bomber plummeted below him. "I landed in a cabbage patch but was soon captured by a German soldier, with his dog, pointing a Luger at me, saying, 'Raush! Macht schnell! Make it fast. For you, the war is over,'" John remembered. "He had an envious look on his face."

The young pilot was held at POW camp Stalag Luft I with some of his crew members until the Russians freed the camp in May, 1945.

"This is as close as I can get to my dad these

days," says Buecheler. "I take friends and family on each flight to help them understand the sacrifices our soldiers went through. It's a thrill every time I hear the first engine fire up, and feel and hear the power. I can visualize my dad in the pilot's seat."

Today, flying over the Pacific Ocean, its teal waters dotted with white caps 2,000 feet below, it's impossible not to feel the presence of those who were here under much different circumstances. The sense of comradeship they felt is still palpable, similarly bonding our diverse group seven decades later. We are sharing something profound.

One veteran gazes out the waist gunner window, his expression impossible to discern. I wonder, is he looking at the landscape or into yesterday?

All at once, the Collings Foundation's P-51 Mustang "Betty Jane" comes alongside. Her presence is a thrill, just as it must have been as she escorted heavy bombers on missions during the war. Quicker and more agile than "The Witch," as the B-24 was affectionately called by her crewmen, the two-seater fighter plane skims around us, like a fly teasing a Saint Bernard. She is inland, then underneath, then out over the ocean. She comes in fast and does a magnificent roll above us.

To say the flight is exhilarating isn't enough. So many emotions are provoked that it's difficult to have room for all of them: excitement, pride, nostalgia,

gratitude, sadness, wonder, compassion and respect. For days, they keep resurfacing.

"Can you imagine," Buecheler leans in to ask, "what this was like when hundreds of planes flew out together on a mission?"

I am silent at the thought.

I stare at California's coastal hills rising majestically from craggy turquoise bays. During the war, the crews did not enjoy such scenic excursions. They flew much higher, where the cold air gnawed at them. Looking around, I notice outlets where the crew plugged in the electric flight suits that provided them with warmth but could also burn the crooks of elbows and knees.

We move freely through the plane, from the cockpit to the tail gunner bubble, around the ball turret and across the narrow catwalk in the bomb bay. The Witch is not airtight; there are inches-wide gaps that allow fleeting glimpses of land and sea below. I feel the instinctual frisson of apprehension that I first felt as a child walking over the gapped planks of a seaside pier as waves surged underneath.

At the front of the plane, I examine the bomb site. Looking through its crosshairs at the ocean below, I feel a chill go through me. "Good God," I say to no one. During the war, the Liberator's range proved invaluable for scouting and destroying German U-boats. As I look down at the ocean, I can clearly see kelp beds and I wonder how it felt for a bombardier to discover a



submarine lurking so threateningly below the surface. B-24s are credited with having sunk 72 U-boats in all, allowing safer passage for Allied transports.

By the time we land, wisps of fog are beginning to move inland. A crowd has gathered to welcome the warbirds to Monterey for their three-day visit. I see the same look in the visitor's eyes that I know must be in my own: an indescribable mixture of interest and awe, along with an eagerness to be transported back to an incredible period in time.

Flights aboard the Witchcraft, the world's only remaining flying true B-24, and on the B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine," are of-

fered as part of the Collings Foundation's annual Wings of Freedom Tour - a national 120-city tour coming to the Livermore Municipal Airport May 26 - 28. The P-51 Mustang will join them. Thirty-minute flights cost \$425. Tickets for ground tours cost \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children 12 and younger. Admission is free for WWII veterans, many who attend to speak with visitors about their wartime experiences.

"Go see the planes, and hopefully fly in one," says Buecheler. "In either case, you will be glad you did. It's a one of a kind experience."

For more information, visit www.collingsfoundation.org.

Wings of Freedom Tour in Livermore over the Weekend

The Wings of Freedom Tour will land at the Livermore Airport on May 26, 27 and 28 at the Livermore Airport.

The Collings Foundation's Living History Display of Aircraft includes Boeing B-17 'Flying Fortress,' Consolidated B-24 'Liberator,' and North American P-51C 'Mustang.' Visitors are invited to tour the aircraft inside and out for a \$12 donation for adults

and \$6 for children under 12. World War II veterans are free.

Ground tours and displays will be from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 26; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28. On May 26, "Big Band of Rossmoor" will perform during the afternoon. Locally based aircraft will be on display Monday, May 27. They include: AT-6s/SNJ/Howard, T-28s, P-51s, P-40, and a Yak 18. Military vehicles of the era will also be on display along with historical photographs and memorabilia. All of this is no extra charge.

For further information call Kevin Ryan 925.216.4371.

MEMORIAL

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of American Legion Post 87 and Boy Scouts of America will place American flags on the graves of veterans.

The program at each location will be as follows: Presentation of the colors by Michael Gilmore III and Kyle Berg from Boy Scout Troop 924; singing of God Bless America by Gina Collinsworth; reading of general order #1, which established a day of remembrance for fallen soldiers; placement of a ceremonial wreath by Gold Star mother Janet Hopkins and Blue Star mother Karen Hunter Haggerty; presentation of flowers by Josefa Higuera Livermore DAR's Pat Moore; guest speaker Lt. Colonel James R. Davis, Camp Parks Garrison Commander; and a 21-gun salute followed by playing of Taps by Scout Frankie Kerstetter.

The ceremony will conclude with the playing of Amazing Grace by bagpiper Rick Reed. Reed will also accompany the Scouts as they present the colors at the start of the event.

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Sands Collection Tells Many Stories

By Carol Graham

In 1966, Bill Beiriger was serving on the USS Oriskany, an aircraft carrier nicknamed the Mighty O, during the ship's second deployment to Vietnam.

On October 26th, tragedy struck as one of the worst shipboard fires since WWII broke out when a magnesium flare accidentally ignited. Forty four members of the Oriskany's crew and air group were killed.

"A Catholic chaplain that I served mass with every day died in the fire," said Beiriger. "I'll never forget it."

Nearly five decades later, Beiriger devotes much of his time to collecting, displaying and exhibiting sands from many of the battle sites of another war: World War II.

His collection began in 1955, when Beiriger visited the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History and saw the sand collection. "I thought, 'Gee, that's an inexpensive hobby.' Now I have about 4,100 samples of sand in my collection."

Beiriger categorizes his extensive collection using 40 different identifiers including longitude, latitude, town, county, country, color, size, mineral composition, when it was acquired and from what source.

"I've traded with people from all around the world. The sands I've personally collected are primarily from the US, Canada and the Caribbean," said the Livermore resident who retired twenty years ago from the Lawrence Liver-

more National Laboratory. "Sand can be collected and categorized by places visited, places in the Bible, deserts, lakes, beaches or

dunes. There are many ways to do so."

Beiriger's interest in sands from battle sites was piqued after reading A Bell

for Adano several years ago. He created a display with sands from the battle sites of Sicily and Italy, arranging them to trace troop

movement northward. This display will be shown at the 2013 Alameda County Fair in June.

He then created a WWII Pacific Theater display which was housed for a time at the Livermore Library. Vials of sand from 27 battle sites - including Iwo Jima, the Aleutian Islands and the Philippine's Bataan Death March route - are accompanied by the name and location of each battle, the year it took place and a photograph.

"In doing these exhibits, I always learn. And I hope the people that look at them learn," said Beiriger, who serves as education chairman of the Livermore Valley Lithophiles, visiting about 50 local classrooms each year. The organization hosts an annual show at The Barn in November, during which Beiriger displays his collections.

"The comments I hear most often are 'I didn't realize so many people collect sand,' and 'I didn't know there were so many colors of sand.' There are red, black, white and green sands," said Beiriger.

One of his favorites is in fact a green sand from Hawaii. It comes from olivine which, when of gemstone quality, is also called peridot. Other prized samples include sand from Antarctica and Galapagos Island, both collected prior to environmental restrictions, and Baby Krakatau, a restive volcano growing rapidly atop the spot where its father blew itself to smithereens in 1883.

Is Beiriger's sand col-

lection close to completion? "No. I know people who have ten to fifteen thousand samples," he said. "I'm still hoping to collect sand from Midway, Wake, Timor and the Solomon Islands."

Beiriger noted that he washes his samples to remove bacteria, viruses, algae, insect eggs and heavy metals such as lead. "That ruins mine for forensic purposes, but sand is often used forensically now. Detectives ask collectors, 'We found sand on someone's clothes (shoes, tires, etc.). Can you tell us where it's from?'"

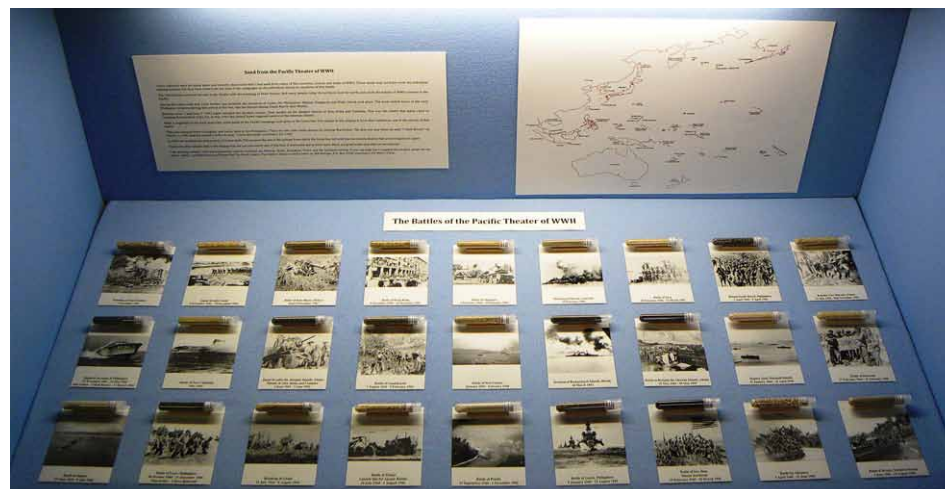
"During WWII, the Japanese sent about 300 incendiary balloons to Oregon, Washington and Northern California hoping to burn down the forests," he added. "The balloon ballasts contained black sand. A collector revealed where that sand came from. We were able to bomb the factories that were making those balloons."

As for the USS Oriskany, four decades after that tragic fire and repairs that allowed the carrier to continue missions, it was sunk off the coast of Florida, settling in an upright position at a depth accessible to recreational divers. It is known as the largest vessel ever sunk to create a reef, perhaps providing a home for the corals and sea animals whose shells will one day make up the Caribbean's beautiful white sands.

To contact Bill Beiriger, email info@lithophiles.com.



Bill Beiriger and his collection of sands.





Lara Webber

Lara Webber Selected to Lead Symphony

Amador Symphony Association has selected Lara Webber as music director to follow Dr. Arthur Barnes who is retiring after next season. She will begin conducting LAS concerts in the fall of 2014.

Webber has resided in Livermore for several years. She acted as the guest conductor for the symphony's May 2012 concert. Together with her family, she now considers Livermore to be her hometown, where she is strongly committed to local music programs.

Webber comes to the Livermore-Amador Symphony having established herself early in her career as a conductor with great artistic depth and versatility. She has achieved national recognition as one of the most talented and versatile conductors of her generation. She has served as guest conductor with numerous major American orchestras, performing a broad range of repertoire. Most recently, she held the positions of assistant, then associate conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and in that role, she programmed and conducted over eighty concerts annually. Prior to her appointment with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, she was associate conductor of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. She was also Director and Conductor of the Los Angeles Debut Orchestra, for which she was honored by the city of Los Angeles. Notably she was conductor of the Emmy-nominated Disney Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra, whose concerts were broadcast nationally on the Disney Channel. Lara remains committed to arts education with vast experience programming and performing children and family concerts, as well as bringing music to Livermore elementary school children.

Webber's appointment follows a formal search and evaluation (by the Livermore-Amador Symphony search committee) of potential candidates in the region.

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New Program Provides Music Education for At-Risk Livermore Youth



Pictured are, from left, Aaron Ortiz, Kevin Lewis, David Jonas, and Chris Fleckner, founders of Music Pathways, a new program that provides music education to at-risk Livermore youth. Photo - Matthew Garza.

Without music, Chris Fleckner and Kevin Lewis would not be where they are today - working together to use music to help others find themselves.

Fleckner and Lewis have created Music Pathways, a new program that provides at-risk Livermore youth a complete musical experience that includes use of an instrument, private instruction, group practice, and a live performance at no cost. The program is offered through ABC Music in downtown Livermore, where Fleckner serves as manager, and in partnership with the Children's Music Arts Foundation and East Bay Community Services. The program is open to youths ages 14 through 18. Participants will receive weekly private lessons at ABC Music from April through October. In November the participants will perform live at Livermore's Bothwell Arts Center.

Fleckner and Lewis say they feel extremely fortunate to have had the chance, in their youth, to

experience the transformative power of music. Through Music Pathways they hope to extend this opportunity to Livermore kids who might not otherwise get the chance.

Fleckner grew up in Livermore and attended local schools. By the time he reached high school, Fleckner said he didn't fit in. "I was terrible at sports, and miserable at STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects. Although I had supportive parents and a stable home, I was a typical apathetic suburban youth." His grades were poor and he skipped school regularly. Fleckner drifted away from his school work, and towards his first love: playing guitar. He joined a band. The band entered a local Battle of the Bands competition and his life changed.

"Playing in a band tied me into other people, and taught me teamwork and self-discipline. Music got me engaged and gave me a reason to go to school. It gave me a goal and a com-

pass, and showed me how hard work pays off and can positively impact your life," said Fleckner.

Eventually, Fleckner returned to his books, finished high school, and earned a BA. Today, while running ABC Music, he is working towards a masters degree in Public Administration. "I've had to work very really for everything I've achieved. That's one of the main lessons we hope to teach through Music Pathways - that hard work really pays off."

Lewis grew up in Monrovia, in southern California, in a household that he describes as "broken." Lewis's father was an abusive alcoholic who was constantly getting into trouble. One evening, when Lewis was eight, his father was thrown out of a bar -- literally -- and landed in an alleyway next to a Ludwig drum set. Lewis's father brought the drum set home for Lewis to play. "That was the only good thing my dad ever did for me," Kevin says.

Under the tutelage of

his musically inclined older brother, Lewis blossomed into an accomplished drummer. His mother, who played the trombone and sang opera, taught him the nuances of listening to music. Lewis poured himself into music. It gave him an outlet to escape the difficult circumstances that surrounded him. "There was constant fighting in the house. When my dad would start up, I would play that Ludwig drum set until my hands ached, remembering everything my brother and mother told me to do."

Lewis constantly thinks back to those dark days. "If not for my mother, my brother, and my drums, my life would have turned out very differently."

Lewis, who works for the City of Livermore's water department, has been informally helping out aspiring local drummers for years. "Kevin has given away countless drum sticks and drum heads and constant tuneups," according to Fleckner.

Lewis has even given

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Jane Monheit to Share Jazz Vocals at the Bankhead Theater on Her New Album Tour

Jane Monheit was acclaimed as “the real jazz deal” by The Los Angeles Times for her heartfelt and romantic interpretations of songs, from sultry blues to lively swing.

A single intimate evening concert with Jane Monheit at the Bankhead Theater will be presented on June 5, 2013, her only Bay Area appearance on the tour launching her latest album, “Heart of the Matter.” Tickets range from \$25 to \$45 for adults and \$14 for students.

A native New Yorker born into a musical family on the south shore of Long Island, Monheit’s mother, grandmother and aunt were professional singers and both her brother and father played the guitar. Monheit began singing as soon as she could talk, surrounded by the sounds of jazz and Broadway tunes. She performed in community theaters and played clarinet and piano in high school before attending the Manhattan School of Music. At the age of 20, Monheit was named a finalist in the prestigious Theolonius Monk Institute Jazz Vocals Competition and released her debut album, “Never Neverland” just two years later. Nominated twice for a Grammy Award, she has performed around the world alongside stars from diverse musical genres including Michael Bublé and fiddler

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Barnes will retire from his position as full-time music director of the Livermore-Amador Symphony at the conclusion of his fiftieth season with the orchestra. He took over the podium in the fall of 1964, just a year after the Symphony was formed. His eclectic background and skills are largely responsible



Jane Monheit (Photo Vincent Soyez)

Mark O’Connor.

Early exposure to the music of Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Sarah Vaughn planted the seeds of Monheit’s sleek jazz and blues style, but she draws inspiration from other stars including Bonnie Raitt and Joni Mitchell. On stage and in the studio, she interprets a mix of popular hits, Broadway tunes, and songs by composers from around the world, making each one of them her own.

While Monheit described her prior release, “Home,” as a reflection of her life experience as a woman and mother, her 11th album, “Heart of the Matter,” released last month, puts a focus on lyrical interpretation. The album pays homage to the music of great songwriters in a carefully chosen, eclectic selection from the Beatles “Long and Winding Road” to “Depende

de Nos” by Brazilian musician Ivan Lins. The album also includes “Night Night Stars,” the first song Monheit has released for which she wrote both the music and the lyrics.

Whatever she sings, Monheit adheres to one key tenet she learned from Ella Fitzgerald – that jazz can be as much about happiness and joy as anything else. She is indifferent to how others might choose to classify her music since, as she once told The Los Angeles Times, she just thinks of herself as a

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away four complete drum sets to kids who couldn’t afford them. His only stipulation: When the recipient outgrows the drums, Lewis wants them back in exchange for \$200 cash that he gives with no strings attached.

When Lewis and Fleckner came up with the idea to take Lewis’s largesse to the next level, they reached out to two other long-time Livermore community activists, Aaron Ortiz and David Jonas. Music Pathways was born. Ortiz is CEO of East Bay Community Services, one of the program’s sponsors. Jonas

is a local entrepreneur who is involved with a variety of community initiatives. The group attracted 8 participants for the inaugural Music Pathways program -- six boys and two girls -- and hopes to make Music Pathways an ongoing community offering.

Says Lewis, “In my heart, I want to give, and I don’t want anything back. I have been given so many opportunities during my life. Why shouldn’t I pass them along to others?”

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Actor and director Gary Armagnac will be the featured guest. Mr. Armagnac, director of Livermore Shakes 2013 production of *The Taming of the Shrew* will speak about his long career acting in and directing Shakespeare's works. He is also well known for appearing in a beloved and award-winning episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. He will discuss his concept for *The Taming of the Shrew* as it will be set in post World War II America.

Veteran actor Bill Wolak and up and comer Sean Higgins will present the life of an actor; one at the beginning of his career and the other with a long and rich career. Both actors are featured in the shows this summer.

The price is \$30.00/person and includes the program, a tapas sampler and one glass of wine. Please RSVP for the Swirl talks by e-mailing Katie Marcel at Katie@LivermoreShakes.org or by calling (925) 443-BARD.

For its 2013 summer season, Livermore Shakespeare Festival will present William Shakespeare's comic look at the battle of the sexes, *The Taming of the Shrew*, and *The Liar*, adapted by David Ives from a 17th century comedy by Pierre Corneille. The productions play in repertory June 20 – July 21 under the stars at Concannon Vineyard. Tickets on sale now. Visit www.LivermoreShakes.org or call 925-443-2273 (BARD) for more information.

Multi-Cultural Magic in Pleasanton

By Susan Steinberg

A magical multi-cultural experience for all ages – the “Ramayana” was presented by the Pleasanton Civic Arts’ Resident Stage Company over the past 2 weeks.

All those braving the unfamiliar title and its puzzling pronunciation were treated to an age-old epic drama, as familiar to Asian audiences as King Arthur mythology to Western Europe. In fact, the tradition of the Ramayana has much in common with our own oral sagas.

The subjects found in “The Iliad,” the Norse eddas, the Arthurian legends have echoed through our cultural and literary heritage: heroes versus villains, loyalty versus treachery, love versus hate, stability versus chaos, and good versus evil.

These archetypes are the essence of human history, so it is not surprising to find them represented in revered traditional tales around the world. Ramayana (“Prince Rama’s Journey”) first written down in Sanskrit by the poet Valmika over 2,000 years ago, exists in popular retellings throughout Southeast Asia, from Japan



Ravana (Leigh Hooks) sneaks up on Sita (Madhumitha Krishnan). Photo Aaron Zwiefel Photography

to Mongolia, Thailand to Sri Lanka. India still produces modern versions of the tale, celebrates its important events and worships its hero as a deity.

This reviewer has enjoyed the story as an Indonesian shadow-puppet show complete with Gamelan Orchestra, a musical Bharatanatyam dance performance, and a huge illustrated manuscript exquisitely drawn by Mughal artists.

Children are especially attracted to the drama’s wild

demons, heroic battles, and animated animal participants, and re-enact them in play much like “cowboys and Indians,” or “space heroes against aliens.” So it was especially appropriate to involve an enormous cast of children, many on stage for the first time, and all enthusiastically involved in this lively presentation.

Only three adults anchored the story: a scribe/poet (played by Valley actors Tamara Laine and John Ruzicka), the marvelous Leighland Hooks as villainous Ra-

vana, King of the Demons, and his noble adversary, the heroic Prince Rama, acted by Salim Razawi. Two separate casts of youngsters took multiple roles, ranging from humans to demons, trees to birds, and monkeys, LOTS of monkeys. Having attended only one of the performances, I could cite a hysterical Sugriva (Ian Taylor); Daniel Golubchik as Rama’s brother, valiant Laksmana; Samantha Herlich as Sarana, a demon spy; Anika De as a marvelous vulture; Madison Goard as Jatayu, the virtuous king of birds; Amelia Benson as mischievous monkey Nala; Avery Clinton as Rama’s wife Sita; and most impressively acrobatic Michelle Formin playing the monkey hero Hanuman.

Movement Director Amelia Adams staged an amazingly kinetic ensemble show, featuring the art of Acro Yoga, (“blending the wisdom of Yoga and the dynamic power of partner acrobatics”) as characters balanced on each other, flew through space, or assumed sculptural poses to illustrate the dramatic narrative. To have trained so many

children in this complicated choreography was a miraculous achievement, and the ease of their interactions belied the difficulty of their routines. Mime and traditional gestures made many Ramayana conventions obvious: the green faces of the demons, as well as their out-thrust tongues, and the heroic poses of Rama, already a semi-deity.

Effective lighting, whimsical costumes, and appropriate musical excerpts added to the show’s dramatic effect, and the dance sequences that included everything from a mini conga line to Macarena movements enhanced the joyful mood of the participants and audience alike. Special kudos to Director Michael Truman Cavanaugh and Artistic Director Rebecca J. Ennals, who have brought such sparkling shows to enrich the Valley’s multicultural life.

The only sad note of the afternoon was the news that SF Shakes, famous for its unique ability to involve students in productions, classes, and audiences, has been dropped by Pleasanton for the following season.

Antique and Collectibles Faire to Be Held in downtown Pleasanton

The Antique and Collectibles Faire will be held on May 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Downtown Pleasanton.

There will be up to 400 dealers selling Antiques & Collectibles only. All items will be twenty years or older.

This is the place to shop for Repurposed, Upcycled, Rustic, Antique, and Collectible; Clothing, Furniture, Jewelry, Toys, Ephemera, Home Décor, and more.

Free appraisal will be offered by Steve Yvaska, appraiser and dealer with 40 years experience, from 10:00AM – 1:00PM. He will be located near the information booth on the corner of Main and Division. Limit three items per person.

This is a rain or shine event. No admission fee.

The Pleasanton Downtown Antiques and Collectibles Faire is run by Jerry Goldman.

For dealer or show information, please contact Jerry at Turn Key Show Productions, (650) 242-1294 or email jerry@turnkeyprod.com, or website www.pleasantonantiquefaire.com.



Wheels to Unveil New Art Mural at Bus Stop

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, operator of the Wheels bus service, unveils a new art mural at the Wheels bus shelter on Vasco Road, cross street East Avenue, in Livermore. The mural, Monet's of Water Lillies was developed, designed and executed by nine art students from Granada High School under the guidance of Art Instructor, Laura Thournir.

Wheels, in collaboration with the City of Livermore, will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, May 29 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. with the student artists and Thournir.

The Wheels Bus Shelter Art Mural Program provides an opportunity for young artists to utilize their creativity. They are able not only to showcase their talent, but also enhance the appearance of neighborhood streets and bus shelters. The Bus Shelter Art Mural Program was initiated to discourage vandalism at bus shelters and has been embellishing Tri-Valley neighborhoods since 1999.

"This program provides an outlet for our youth to develop their artistic abilities while contributing to their community," said Laureen Turner, Chair of the Board at Wheels. "Each piece of the collection enhances the streetscape for all to enjoy, bus riders and community members alike. This is the 14th year of the program and we plan to continue the tradition."

For more information on the Bus Shelter Art Program or to see the entire art mural collection, visit www.wheelsbus.com.

Broadway Star of 'Wicked' Returns to Firehouse

Returning to the Firehouse Arts Center by popular demand, Broadway Star David Burnham brings his one-man show to Pleasanton this summer on Saturday, June 8, at 8:00 p.m. He will be performing songs from many of his past roles, along with favorite Broadway standards and selections from his popular solo CD recordings.

Burnham is familiar to Broadway fans from having embodied the starring role of Fiyero in the Tony Award-nominated mega-hit musical Wicked. What fans may not know is that he also actually

created and developed the role in the original Los Angeles production workshops.

First gaining critical acclaim when he was chosen, after a two-year search, to replace Donny Osmond in the national tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Burnham had accepted the role after touring the U.S. as Peter opposite Ted Neeley in the national tour of Jesus Christ Superstar.

Burnham won the prestigious Helen Hayes Award for Best Actor for his portrayal of Fabrizio Nacarelli

in the National Tour of the 6-time Tony Award-winning musical The Light in the Piazza. As a member of the original Broadway cast, he performed on both the Tony Awards and Live from Lincoln Center telecasts. Last year he returned to NYC, starring in the new Off-Broadway show The Best is Yet to Come – The Music of Cy Coleman.

On film, David is the voice of the Prince in the Warner Bros. animated feature film The King and I, and can be heard as Willy in Disney's Home on the Range.

In addition to theater roles, David performs with symphonies all over the country

"Burnham's dazzling singing charms the pants off everyone in the audience...when he smiles, you could swear sunlight glints off his teeth," gushes The Hollywood Reporter. Closer to home, the San Francisco Bay Times noted: "He is a force of nature and the au-



David Burnham

dience loves him from start to finish."

This show is part of the Firehouse Arts Center's Cabaret Series, produced and presented by Esses Productions. The series concerts always sell out, so advance ticket purchase is recommended.

Tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tick-

ets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.



Wente to Host 41st Annual Art in the Vineyard

The Livermore Art Association will present the 41st annual "Art in the Vineyard" at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery on Sun., May 26. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Art in the Vineyard has become a tradition in the Livermore. A group of 32 multimedia artists will take part in the event, which includes music and wine tasting.

The \$15.00 Wine tasting fee includes a commemorative wine glass. (\$10.00 for Club Wente members)

Wine tasting will begin at 11.00 A.M. Food and refreshment will be offered by Wente Vineyards and Strizzi's Restaurants for a nominal fee

Music will provided by San Francisco Bay Area band, Delta Brew. Art demonstrations will be held throughout the day.

There is no admission charge. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery is located at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore.



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After a week's stay in London, I got antsy to head to the continent to continue expanding my horizons. Back then, students could fly cheaply just about anywhere in Europe, but I decided to take the more adventurous route. I rode a train to the Port of Dover, where I boarded a hovercraft to cross the 42.5 kilometers (26.41 miles) of the English Channel's rough seas to the Port de Calais on the French side.

Had I consulted my *Frommer's Guide to Europe on 5 Dollars a Day*, the traveler's bible in those days, I would have known better than to arrive on July 14, Bastille Day, a national holiday commemorating the beginning of the French Revolution. As I learned all-too-abruptly, the shops were closed, the buses weren't running, and the streets were devoid of Frenchmen in berets. I panicked until I saw one lone gendarmerie, a policeman. I flagged him down and told him I was looking for a room. He looked at me as though I were a troglodyte and said, in a tone reminiscent of Inspector Clouseau's superior in the Pink Panther films, "It is Bastille Day, you idiot. Everything is closed." (He didn't say "idiot," not in so many words.)

I walked around in the hot sun for what seemed like hours until I saw "Pension" on a sign. I went inside and got the last available room, which cost the equivalent of \$2.50 a night. It had four beds plus, in the middle of the room, what looked like a tiny child's toilet without a seat. While I was rummaging through my suitcase, one of my roommates, a pretty blond, walked in. Katie gave me the rundown on the place, including the location of the water closet, or W.C. as it was called for short, which was basically a two-by-four room with a toilet, a flushing chain hanging from the ceiling, and a huge mothball clamped inside the upper rim of the bowl to mask odor. I pointed to the tiny toilet. Katie said she didn't know what it was, but since it had a nozzle that oddly enough squirted water upward, she used it to wash her feet. We later found out the oddity was a bidet.

Katie and I left to explore Paris. On our way out of the pension, we ran into a tall, slim, handsome young man. We exchanged information about ourselves. Katie was 22, like me. She lived in the Midwest. She came to Europe to visit the great opera houses, especially

Yesterday into Today

EUROPE

By Sarah Bobson

La Scala in Milan, because she dreamed of becoming an opera singer. I learned later she was hard of hearing and tended to sing off-pitch. The young man, Barry, who was only 18, was from Belfast, Northern Ireland. He came to England to research suitable housing and job opportunities for his family. Belfast, he said, had become too violent due to the fighting between the British and the Irish Republican Army rebels. Whenever he, his parents, or his younger sister left the house, they never knew whether they'd return. His sister, in fact, had barely missed getting blown up by a pipe bomb that had exploded under a car she had walked past minutes before.

In the spirit of the 60s, the three of us became fast friends. We toured Paris together, crossing back and forth across the Seine, on foot, taking in both the Right and Left Bank. We visited the tranquil Jardin du Luxembourg, where a

uniformed lady resembling a meter maid made us pay a few centimes before we could sit down on one of the park chairs. We were disappointed by the Mona Lisa in Le Louvre. We hung over the railing at Notre Dame Cathedral and tried to touch the gargoyles. Inside the Moulin Rouge, we looked for the table where Toulouse Lautrec drew the cancan dancers. One evening, we treated ourselves to L'Opera. Our \$3 tickets bought us seats at the top of the theater, near the magnificent chandeliers.

After a few days, we began to feel quite French. In the mornings, we sipped espresso coffees and eat croissants. In the afternoons, we bought Croque-Monsieur sandwiches (made with ham and melted cheese on top of the bread) from a street vendor. We stopped for French pastry when our energy levels waned. The day we visited Versailles, we took a loaf of freshly baked

French bread, a round of brie, and a bottle of red wine, and made a picnic on the palace grounds. Barry even wore a beret for the occasion.

We wanted so much to be cosmopolitan and French. Paris, after all, represented high culture and sophistication. In my Humanities class I had learned that during the 20s, when America was in the grips of prohibition, the wine flowed in Paris. The city of love and lights attracted the great writers and artists of the day: Sartre, de Beauvoir, Camus, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Wolfe, Picasso, Cezanne, Matisse, Renoir, Monet, Manet, Rodin. I had fantasized often what it would have been like to attend Gertrude Stein's famous salons where those luminaries sipped chardonnay and munched petit fours as they exchanged ideas that would influence writers, artists, and students for generations to come.

If Paris expanded my horizons, French sensibilities challenged me. Parisiennes seemed so lax about cleanliness. They didn't use deodorant, for one thing. For another, even though it seemed someone was always sweeping the old, narrow, cobblestone streets, they still reeked of

centuries of washed-away garbage and dog poop. Restaurants didn't seem to have health codes. One evening at a nice bistro we saw people actually bring their dogs to their tables. The canines scratched and shook off loose hairs, not to mention fleas, but no eyes looked askance, except those belonging to Katie, Barry and me. One afternoon we were eating in a café on the Left Bank when I noticed the lettuce moving in my salad bowl. Upon closer inspection, I saw a worm luxuriating in the foliage as though it were having an afternoon repast at some tropical island resort. Without haste, I called the waitress over and indignantly pointed to the bowl. She bent down for a closer look. I expected that, like any waitress in an American restaurant, she would be mortified at an incident that could throw negative aspersions on the café's reputation, she would apologize, and she would offer me free lunch. Instead, she dug her fingers into my salad, lifted out the dining millipede, squashed it, dropped it on the floor, said "Bon" (which I interpreted as "problem solved"), and walked away.

At that point, I got antsy to push on to another European country.

Pleasanton Residents Recognized for Contributions

By Carol Graham

The 7th Annual Community of Character Luncheon and Awards Ceremony was held on May 16th at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Pleasanton.

The event was hosted by the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative, a group of community volunteers, school district officials, city representatives and various service clubs, churches and businesses working together to create a community culture built on integrity.

Three residents and a local service club earned this year's Juanita Haugen Community of Character Awards for upholding the collaborative's objectives of consistently modeling honesty, compassion, respect, self-discipline, integrity and responsibility.

"This is a great opportunity to recognize people who have really made a difference in our community," said Kelly Dulka, President of the collaborative and Executive Director of Tri-Valley YMCA.

"Awardees, both this year and in years past, have expressed their deep gratitude for having been recognized not for an accomplishment or an achievement but for who they are: people of amazing character."

The service club award went to the Rotary Club of Pleasanton in recognition of 48 years of community service. Individual awards went to Pleasanton Police Department volunteer Pam Yeaw, Poet Laureate program initiator Jim Ott, and former President of

the Pleasanton Rotary Tom Fox.

"Looking around the room and seeing so many leaders and friends from the community made the day special," said Rotary Club of Pleasanton President Julie Lewis. "I enjoyed hearing the stories behind the honorees."

The club, often referred to as "Downtown Rotary," was recognized for nearly five decades of contributions including the planting of hundreds of trees within the city and at the Sports

Park, involvement with installing the blue water hydrant markers throughout the city, and awarding scholarships to students in financial need.

"Volunteering not only benefits the community but provides a sense of being connected to others," added Lewis. "Through volunteerism, friends and memories are made, along with a sense of accomplishment. People who volunteer are never lonely."

Honoree Pam Yeaw was

recognized for volunteering up to 80 hours monthly to work with youths who have committed minor offenses and to assist the Pleasanton Police Department with traffic violations, freeing their time and energy for more urgent matters.

"Pam has acted in a responsible and compassionate manner to give time and service to the people of Pleasanton," said nominator Joanne Gunson. "Her story, her life and her

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The Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation Awards \$351,000 in Scholarships

The Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation has awarded \$351,000 in scholarships to 121 Livermore students for 2013. The funds are awarded to assist deserving students as they pursue their advanced training and higher education goals at vocation schools, community colleges and universities. Since 2008, the foundation has awarded nearly \$2,000,000 in scholarships to over 500 local students.

Each student will receive \$1,000 per year for one to four years. The foundation awarded scholarships to 57% of this year's applicants. "While we are pleased that well over half of the applicants received scholarships, limited funds prevented us from awarding money to all the deserving students which applied," stated Beth Trutner, Board of Directors Secretary and Scholarship Committee Co-Chair. "Our applicant pool was filled with well qualified students."

Pedrozzi scholarships have been awarded annually since 2008 to graduates of accredited high schools in Livermore following a generous bequest from Livermore businessman Mario

Pedrozzi to the community. Recipient section criteria include the student's essay responses, school and community service activities, work experience and GPA. This year's recipients are current students at Granada, Livermore and Vineyard high schools and Las Positas Community College (LPC) in Livermore, as well as other community colleges and universities within and outside of California. In partnership with the Veterans First Program at LPC, the 2013 recipients include ten students studying at LPC following active duty in the US armed forces.

The community is invited to a celebration honoring the 2013 Pedrozzi scholarship recipients. The event will be held Thursday, May 30 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm at the Bankhead Theater Plaza (2400 First Street, Livermore). Besides hearing from many of the 2013 Pedrozzi scholars, attendees will learn more about the foundation and plans to expand its mission beyond only awarding scholarships to students.

The 2013 Pedrozzi Scholarship recipients are:

Community College Awards: Stacy Amador,

Nikita Bhakta, Lindsay Bowser, Emily Cryer, Samantha DeSilva, Marina Gandara, Bianca Garcia, Michael Hawkins, Christopher Holzschuh, Reyna Ibarra, Lauren Koelsch, Heather LeCon, Audrye McLaggan, Trevor Nigg, Romina Oviedo, Brandon Self, Hailey Silveira, Hope Silveira, Hannah Smith, Cody Thompson, Stephanie Wilson, Brianna Zantman
Vocational School: Steven Bueno

Undergraduate Awards: Elizabeth Allendorf, Mikaela Bailey, Danielle Bakalar, Briana Belanger, Krisnah Bhakta, Evan Carlo, Danielle Carter, Corrina Chang, Peter Chatterjee, Alex Chung, Jessica Clark, Kurt Cofer, Molly Cooper, Alexander Cyr, Ariadna Dang, Toan Dao, Bianca Devoto, Scott Emrich, Taylor Futral, Jonathan Gamble, Collin Gill-Sommerhauser, Megan Gilmore, Maryann Gong, Nicole Guzzo, Jessica Hallum, Tamara Harris, Laila Hassen, Kristen Hayden, Cory Herro, Malani Hibbard, Andrew Hill, Amber Hilton, Ashley Holmes, Kathleen Hornbacker, Trevor Houghton, Rachel Howden, McKenzie Hubert, Bri-

ant Jacobs, Spencer Jeppson, Ashley Jess, Jeff Katen, Aleksander Klimek, Caleb Knight, Breanna Krumins, Haley Londry, Branden Lopez, Deena Malaeb, Jeremy Martin, Philip Massoud, Ryan McCallum, Alejandra Mendez-Reynoso, Michael Miille, Kelly Morana, Ashley Moylan, Natsuki Nishikawa, Kendall Ott, Gennavieve Owen, Rachel Pegler, Emily Perry, Andrea Pickett, Alison Pierson, Jessica Rogers, Michelle Runyon, Shaudee Salari, Aaron Sanchez, Nicholas Sanchez, Marissa Scheid, Alan Schellenberger, Megan Schoendienst, Morgan Self, Selena Shang, Georgia Sheppard, Christopher Small, Samantha Smith, Eric Smyth, Rachel Sowa, John Stepanek, Braden Sweeney, Emily Tallarico, Darli Teichera, Jacob Torres, Lynn Hao Tran, Anne Williams

Graduate Awards: Katja Ballard, Lisa Banke, Ashley Eickhof, Diana George, Jenna Wiley

Veterans First Awards: Anthony Aguilar, Ryan Beattie, Jason Bernacil, Jillian Camacho, James Ferguson, Caroline Gagne, Tyler Jones, Howard Lattin, Kyle McCarty, Carlos Orozco



Balloon launch is part of the festivities.

Art and Wind Festival in San Ramon on May 26 and 27

The San Ramon Art & Wind Festival is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 26 & 27 in San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 10am to 5pm both days.

The Festival will feature over 150 arts and crafts booths juried by Pacific Fine Arts featuring a wide range of artwork including paintings, sculpture, woodwork, toys, jewelry, hand painted clothing, stained glass, music, photography and more.

Kites are one of the main attractions of the event. There will be kite flying demonstrations throughout both days by professionals from all over the country. Free kite making workshops will be sponsored by Hill Physicians Medical Group, and there will be kites available to purchase. After purchasing or making your own kite, spend some time enjoying the beautiful San Ramon Central Park and the perfect conditions for flying a kite.

Entertainment will be provided on four stages. Two large kids' activity areas will feature rides, a slide, face painting, a rock-climbing wall, hamster balls, and fun crafts for the kids to make. New this year is Hula Hoop Rhythms with Choi Tse entertaining visitors with hula hoop tricks and giving lessons to anyone who wants to learn.

This year there will be 24 food booths operated by local non-profit organizations that raise much needed funds for their organizations and projects in the community. There will be gyros, Filipino food, peach cobbler, barbecued pork sandwiches, ribs, tri-tip sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, nachos and more.

The festival will also feature an early morning hot air balloon launch on Monday, May 27 at 6 a.m. Bring the family for a spectacular close-up view of 4 hot air balloons as they lift slowly into the sky.

The East Bay Bicycle Coalition will provide free valet bike parking this year at the San Ramon Art and Wind Festival on Sunday & Monday, May 26 & 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in San Ramon's Central Park. Trained staff and volunteers will watch over bikes in a secure and sectioned off area adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail just north of Bollinger Canyon Road. The Iron Horse trail borders the west side of San Ramon Central Park, the festival site.

For more information, call the City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 973-3200, visit our website at www.ArtandWind.com or follow us on Twitter @CityofSanRamon.

COMMUNITY

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example can help motivate others to seek a spot to serve and enrich lives."

Added Jerry Pentin, "I honestly don't think there's been a fundraiser or project in Pleasanton within 20 years that one way or another hasn't seen support from the Yeaws."

Pentin nominated Las Positas College English teacher Jim Ott who started Pleasanton's Poet Laureate program and served as a Trustee on the Pleasanton Unified School Board. He's been involved in numerous commu-

nity programs including Partnerships in Education and the Pleasanton Library Strategic Committee.

"I admire his dedication to his community, his family, and even himself as he sets goals," said Pentin. "He's always been a teacher. All of his endeavors are ultimately associated with sharing knowledge. I know he worked with Juanita, that she mentored him, and that this is truly a special award for him."

The awards carry on the lifetime work of Pleasanton education advocate

Juanita Haugen, who passed away in 2007. She was the longest-serving school board member, and founded the Pleasanton Youth Collaborative, which later became the steering committee that oversees Pleasanton's Youth Master Plan.

The awards luncheon was open to the public. It was attended by city officials including Mayor Jerry Thorne and Chief of Police Dave Spiller.

"The event was attended by people who have a sense of community, a

dedication to civic duty and to making a difference in the lives of others," said Haugen's daughter Heather Rizzoli. "When people attending our annual luncheon look around the room and see our present and previous award winners I believe they will agree that these are people who give unconditionally, conduct projects to help others whenever there is a need to be filled, and do so while exhibiting excellent character. It is an ideal I think most people wish to achieve."

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Art Happens, 2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 9 p.m. Downtown Livermore. Art displays, poetry, entertainment, special events. For the brochure go to www.bothwellartscenter.org.

Seasons of the Valley, an exhibit of the art of Bettie Goosman is displayed at The Purple Orchid Inn, 4549 Cross Rd., Livermore to the end of June. Art can be viewed daily from 8am. to 6 p.m. For more information call (925) 606-8855.

Imagination Expressed, Pleasanton Art League show at Museum on Main, Pleasanton. April 9 through June 10. www.PAL-ART.com.

Fresh Works III: Annual Open Juried Exhibit. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Admission is free, donations appreciated. Works from 73 established and emerging artists using a variety of media are on display through Saturday, May 25. Gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12-5pm; Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Angela Johal Exhibit at the Figurehead Gallery. "Emanations" explores the life of the "Nuclear Woman" that incorporates original 60s vintage images and mixed media. They are reflective of her life growing up in a time when the role of the woman was defined by a male-dominated society. Figurehead Gallery is located in the Old Theater Mall, 2222 2nd St. Livermore. Please visit figureheadgallery.com for more information. The exhibit may be viewed Wed-Sat 12pm-6pm until June 2nd.

Exhibit, Cuda Ridge Wines, Louise Gray's colorful abstract art on display through June 30. Cuda Ridge Winery is located at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore.

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

Gallery on the Green, new art show hosted by Pleasanton Art League. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 8, Wente Vineyards Event Center, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

The Contemporary Landscape: Exhibition at the Harrington Gallery at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, June 7 through July 19. Invitational exhibit featuring 5 very different artists, from abstract to conceptual. John Crawford, John Maxon, Margaret Rinkovsky, Jenn Shifflet, Jeff Snell. Opening reception with artists on Wednesday, June 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12-5pm; Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Admission is free, donations always appreciated.

East Meets West art reception Sat., June 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lily Xu, Bill Paskewitz, the late Marilyn "Tilli" Calhoun, Walter Davies, Kurt Fehlberg and Katie Caulk; as well as poetry by Cher Wollard, Jim Curcuro and Kay Speaks. Display through September.

Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Ukulele Circle in May, May 25th. Sessions are 2nd and last Saturday of each month from 12noon-1pm at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Fine Art on Friday, 10 a.m. with Art Critique & Coffee at the Corner Bakery Cafe, Pleasanton Gateway Plaza. Professional, Local and Emerging Artists of the San Francisco Bay Area. Contact Claudette for more information 510 543-4776.

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

Preschool Art classes: Thursday mornings 9:45 – 10:45. Children aged 3-5 are welcome to join this class. Classes cover drawing, painting, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information please contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>

Art Classes. For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Home school classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

Piano and keyboard lessons, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your work - Contact PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2013 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 through high school

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. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

Summer Drawing Classes in the evenings at the Figurehead Gallery 2222 2nd Street, Suite 21, Livermore: Jacob Hankinson, Portrait Drawing, Mondays, June 24-August 12, (8 week session), 7-9 PM, \$200; Jacob Hankinson, Intro to Drawing, Fridays, June 21-August 9, (8 week session), 4-6 PM, \$200; Ozell Hudson, Portrait Drawing, Tuesdays, June 25-August 27, (10 week session), 7-9 PM, \$250; Ozell Hudson, Figure Drawing, Wednesdays, June 26-August 14, (8 week session), 7-9 PM, \$250. 2222 2nd St. Suite 21, Livermore. 337-1799 or figureheadgallery.com

WINERY EVENTS

Las Positas Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Rd., Livermore. June 7: Evening at the Vineyards - Live music by Patty & Abigail, dancing, individual Pizzetta and glass of wine. Tickets are \$30 for general public and \$25 for Wine Club members. For more information or to make a reservation call 925-449-9463 or visit our website at www.laspositasvineyards.com. June 19: Evening at the Vineyards - Live music by Bones-Quigley, dancing, individual Pizzetta and glass of wine. Tickets are \$30 for general public and \$25 for Wine Club members. For more information or to make a reservation call 925-449-9463 or visit our website at www.laspositasvineyards.com.

Live Music, The Winemaker's Pour House, 2241 First St., Livermore, 215-2656. www.winemakerspourhouse.com. Erika Gersten; May 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m., BoSco Duo; May 24, 7-10 p.m., Amber McDonald; May 25, 7-10 p.m., Papa's Garage; May 26, 5-8 p.m., Jimmy Ashley; May 30, 6:30-9 p.m., Jack Quigley; May 31, 7-10 p.m., Joey T.

First Family of Chardonnay Celebration Dinner, Wente Vineyards, May 23, 6 to 9 p.m. hosted by fourth generation winegrower Philip Wente. Sample pairing of Chardonnay and wine country cuisine. Indulge in four courses paired with Wente Vineyards Chardonnays. \$89 for Club Wente members, \$109 nonmembers. Information, 456-2405.

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. Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.org.

McGrail Vineyards and Winery, Brushstrokes and Wine Notes, painting class, 11-2, Sat., May 25. Tickets are \$50. Please purchase tickets at www.brushstrokesandwinenotes.com. 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore. 215-0717.

Fourth Friday Uncorked will be hosted by Charles R Vineyards on Fri., May 24, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Jessica Caylyn's brand of music boldly walks the line of rock & country. Country food served. www.charlesvineyards.com. 8195 crane ridge road, Livermore.

Spinning and Weaving with Treadles to Threads will be offered at Retzlaff Vineyards on May 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring a spinning wheel and a pot-luck dish to share for lunch. Don't spin yet? Join the "Try it Out Circle" for those who would like to learn. Entry fee is \$5.00. retzlaffwinery.com, 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Las Positas Vineyards will open its tasting room on Memorial Day from noon to 5 p.m. laspositasvineyards.com, 1828 Wetmore Road, Livermore. Classic tasting is \$5 and Reserve flight is \$15.

Fenestra Winery, Spring Fling and Annual Whites Sale over the Memorial Day weekend. At the "Whites Sales" every white wine will be at a special price for this weekend only. There is a \$15 entry fee (\$5 for wine club members and designated drivers). A special release of the "first-ever" True White will be introduced, along with a new Estate Rose, and the familiar Semmonay©. Herb plants and edible flowers, of choice, provided by Baia Nicchia, are included with every purchase of \$150 or more. Local vendors will be on hand. Chef Chacon, of Fremont, will also be offering his famous grilled kabobs and BBQ corn. Live music performed by the Hurricane Band. Fenestra Winery is located in an historic winery building built in 1889 near Hwy 84, 6 miles east of 680. For information, phone 925-447-5246 or email info@fenestrawinery.com

The Wine Girls and Friends hosting Paint the Patio Purple, on May 24th at 5:30 at The Steven Kent Winery, 2443 Tesla Rd., Livermore. This is a dinner event and raffle of Livermore Wine Country baskets and much more. Pre-sale tickets are \$20, which includes dinner and a glass of wine. Additional wine, soda and water will be available for purchase. Guests will rock out to music by the QuickFix Band. Benefit for the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. Tickets are limited to the first 100 guests. Please contact Susie Gazzuolo at sgazzuolo@yahoo.com or contact Cindy T at cindy@stevenkent.com in the Steven Kent Winery tasting room.

Don Edwards, June 8, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Broadway Star of 'Wicked' and vocal dynamo David Burnham returns to the Firehouse Arts Center with his one-man show performing songs from many of his past roles, along with favorite Broadway standards and selections from his CDs. Sunday, June 8, 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$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.

Pavlo, Canadian guitar master, June 28 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Led Zepplin Concert Experience, West Coast Performing Arts Presenters, June 29, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Martina McBride, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Wed., June 26. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo

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

Juice Newton, "American Girl" and "Angel of the Morning" artist brings her trio show to the Firehouse Arts Center on Friday, May 31, at 8:00 p.m. Winner of the Grammy for Best Pop Female, the Academy of Country Music's New Female Vocalist of the Year, and a People's Choice Award, Juice Newton has strings of top-10 hits that just keep on coming. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets \$40-\$50, with group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center.

Pete Escovedo and his Latin Jazz Orchestra, June 1, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

Stars of the Future: Harp Competition Winners' Recital, with special guest performance by International Prize Winner Seika Dong. The Firehouse Arts Center will present in concert the winners of the Northern California Harp Competition on Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m. Competition will be held at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music on May 26, with harpists from Northern California and Nevada competing in 5 divisions, and ranging from age 8-23. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets \$10-\$20 available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center.

West Coast Swing Band Lone Star Retrobrates, June 2, 2 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Free admission. 373-5505.

Jane Monheit, jazz and cabaret. June 5, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

The Quebe Sisters Band, Texas fiddle with three-part harmony, June 7, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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ON THE STAGE

Shakes at Swirl, Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents show at Swirl on the Square, 21 So. Livermore Ave. May 29, 5 to 7 p.m. Actors Bill Wolak and Sean Higgins share stories about their careers and Livermore Shakes 2013. Each event \$30 includes tapas sampler and a glass of wine. RSVP to katie@livermoreshakes.org.

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

Amplified, a staged performance and open mic event presented by Pleasanton's Teen Poet Laureates. Thursday, May 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Performers include The Anchormen from Amador Valley High School, poets from Foothill High School's Teens for Literacy, members of AVHS Writers Bloc, improvisation artists from Creatures of Impulse, and rappers Jay Kim and Jacob Kleinberg. Admission is \$5 at the door. For more info, or to find out how to participate, contact Pleasanton Teen Poet Laureates Arany Uthayakumar, aranybarney@gmail.com, or Diana Fu, diana21.fu@gmail.com.

Trinity Church's drama ministry, Acts One, will present a faith based spring play entitled "Alcatraz Realty Company." Performances are at Trinity, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore on May 31st at 7 pm, June 1st at 8pm and June 2nd at 6pm. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For more information call the church at (925) 447-1848.

The Keys to the Hotel Barbary, Douglas Morrisson Theatre in Hayward. Five scenes will be presented on June 10th at a live staged reading at the Morrisson Theatre, and the audience will decide the winner. Admission for the reading is free, and tokens to vote will be sold for \$5. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre is located at 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, next to the Senior Center and the Japanese Gardens. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 to 5:30 and can be reached at (510) 881-6777. Information is also available at www.dmtonline.org.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents William Shakespeare's comic look at the battle of the sexes, The Taming of the Shrew, and the madcap comedy of manners, The Liar, adapted by David Ives from a farce by Pierre Corneille. The productions play in repertory June 20 – July 21 under the stars at Concannon Vineyard. Tickets on sale at www.LivermoreShakes.org or 1-800-838-3006. For more information call (925) 443-BARD.

The Golden Follies with guest Chanteuse Darla Wiggington, 2 p.m. June 23. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

Hamlet, San Francisco Shakespeare, Free Shakespeare in the Park, Amador Valley Community Park, corner of Black Avenue and Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton, June 29 to July 14, Saturdays and

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

MOVIES

Free Classic Film Series. Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, 1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. through June 6, 2013. The program is hosted by Candy Klaschus, a film historian who coordinates the Humanities program at Las Positas College. The programs are free and all are welcome to attend. Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405.

Bishop Ranch Outdoor Movie Night

Fri., June 21, dusk. 6111 Bollinger Canyon Road (Bishop Ranch 1), San Ramon. Free summer screening of Jurassic Park. No reservations required. Note: To ensure that everyone can see the screen, we ask that those attending bring only blankets and low beach chairs. The evenings can be chilly in San Ramon—dress warmly.

Civil War on Film. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. June 28, 2 p.m. "Glory"; July 12, 2 p.m. Lincoln; July 19, 2 p.m. Conspirator. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Picnic Flick. movies begin at dusk, approx. 8:30 p.m. Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. July 12: Madagascar 3; Aug. 2, Angels in the Outfield; Aug. 23, Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3. No pets please. 556-4500 for more information.

DANCE

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

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

Forest Fantasia Dance Changes Everything. Livermore School of Dance, Junior, June 15, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Dance Changes Everything. Livermore School of Dance, jazz, June 21 and 22, 7 and 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankhead-theater.org or 373-6800.

Sleeping Beauty with a Twist. Livermore School of Dance Ballet, June 22 and 23, 7 and 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Friday Evening Group Dance! Learn how to dance with great instructors from It's All About Dancing, new dance every week from Salsa, Tango, Swing and more. Group lesson starts at 7:30, followed by open dance until 9:45 in our new location at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore; 925-449-9292. \$15.

VOLUNTEERS

Jeans and Jewels 2013 Committees now forming. Volunteers are needed. Tri-Valley Conservancy is hosting the event. The next meeting for volunteers will be held on Tues., May 28 at 5:30 p.m. Please contact event coordina-

tor Jill Naughton at 449-8706 or jnaughton@trivalleyconservancy.org if planning to attend the event or for more information about volunteering.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Auditions, 50th anniversary, Valley Concert Chorale, scheduling appointments for auditions for singers. Mon., June 3. Auditions and rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at 2020 Fifth Street. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205.

Auditions, The Foreigner, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre; June 9, 1 to 3 p.m. with callbacks by invitation, June 16. 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, Pleasanton. Prepare a 2 minute comic monologue; cold readings from the script may be requested. For an appointment, call 462-2121 and leave a message or email kbreedveld@trivalleyrep.com. Performances will be August 17-25 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

All aboard Noah's ark! Calling all children and youth to sing and dance under the rainbow in Benjamin Britten's children's opera, "Noah's Flood." The call is out for all creatures great and small to attend a two-week opera camp, July 1-12, and then sail away with Mr. and Mrs. Noah on the Ark. "Noah's Flood" will have two public performances: July 13 at St. Bartholomew's Church in Livermore and July 14 at St. Clare's Church in Pleasanton. The opera, recently featured in the hit movie "Moonrise Kingdom," will be co-produced by Cantabella Children's Chorus and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. For more information and to register for the camp, call Cantabella at (925) 292-2663, or visit the online registration site <http://cantabella.org/opera-camp/>. No experience needed. Financial assistance is available.

OPERA

Livermore Valley Opera Presents a Passionate Afternoon, May 25, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

A Grand Opera Afternoon, featuring opera, wine and food June 2, 3 to 5:30 p.m. Soiree Series hosted by Livermore Valley Opera. Rustic Mediterranean-style setting. Attendance limited to 90 people. Reservations and information at www.livermorevalleyopera.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Annual Auction and Dinner, Livermore Heritage Guild, May 25, Duarte Garage, Portola and L Streets, Livermore. Preview 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., auction at 7 p.m. Auction is free and open to the public. Dinner \$15. Tickets to the dinner available at 449-9927, History Center, 3rd and J Sts., Livermore.

Spring Antiques and Collectibles Faire, Main Street, Downtown Pleasanton, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 26. www.pleasantontown.com

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

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

Chili Shooters Stampede, June 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. downtown Livermore. Taste chili created by downtown restaurants. www.LivermoreDowntown.com

1st Wednesday Street Party. Jump into Summer, June 5, 6 to 9 p.m., downtown Pleasanton, Pleasanton Downtown Association, (925) 484-2199, www.pleasantondowntown.net

Firehouse First Fridays Open House, June 7, July 5 and Aug. 2, 5 to 7 p.m. Activities range from Open Mic in the Firehouse Theater, the show in the Harrington Art Gallery to a hands-on art project for the kids. Free event. Open to all ages. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Livermore Rodeo Parade, 10 a.m. in downtown Livermore, Second Street. June 8.

95th Annual Livermore Rodeo, June 8 and 9 Robertson Park Stadium, www.livermoreroodeo.org

An Evening with Voices from the Civil War. Tues., June 11, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series, Brother and sister performing team,

Ethan and Alyssa Foster return to represent opposing sides of the American Civil War. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Bonsai Show. Valley Bonsai Society 5th annual show June 15-16, Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, 10am to 4pm. Expert on hand to demonstrate styling. Finished tree will be raffled.

Alameda County Fair, June 20-July 18, live horse racing, carnival rides, entertainment, exhibits, animals, etc. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, www.alamedacountyfair.com.

Lincoln and the Constitution Today, a panel discussion. Sun., July 7, 2 p.m. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Presented by the Museum on Main in the Pleasanton Library's large meeting room. Featuring Profs. Margalynne Armstrong (Santa Clara), Daniel Farber (UC Berkeley), and moderator Prof. Jesse Choper (UC Berkeley). www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

Cuda Ridge Hosting Open Mic at the Winery

Cuda Ridge Wines will host the 4th Annual Open Mic at the winery on Saturday, May 25th from 12:00 - 5:00. Come out and listen to several of the very talented local musicians for a day of excellent music, wine, food and friendships.

There is no cost. Cuda Ridge Wine will be available for purchase by the glass or by the bottle. Posada's Catering will host an Oyster Bar. Those attending may bring food, but no alcohol.

Anyone interested in performing please contact Roger Kardinal (rkardinal@comcast.net), or just show up. DC Sound will be setting up the equipment and mixing the sound. There will be a sign up sheet and each act will be played in order.

There will be chairs and tables set up; but to insure a seat, bring a chair. Cuda Ridge Wines is located at 5385 East Avenue in Livermore. For details call 510-304-0914 or email info@CudaRidgeWines.com

Art Exhibit at the Livermore Library

The "Art of the Truth-Compassion-Tolerance International Exhibit," details both an inner spiritual life and an outer human rights tragedy. After touring more than 40 countries and 200 cities worldwide, it has arrived at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave..

This exhibition portrays the manifestation of good and evil in the context of a modern human atrocity: a 14-year brutal persecution by the Chinese Communist Party against Falun Dafa. In China, Falun Dafa has been banned and its practitioners persecuted since 1999.

This exhibit showcases realistic oil paintings and Chinese watercolors from renowned artists. The paintings feature themes symbolizing the ideals of goodness and courage that have inspired Falun Dafa practitioners to stand up to brutality while maintaining an unwavering commitment to non-violence, compassion and forbearance in order to uphold justice, freedom, dignity and humanity.

This free exhibit will

be on display through the month of May.

The library is located at 1188 So. Livermore Avenue.



"In Harmony"

Milestones

Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation Selects Carolyn Siegfried as New Executive Director

The Board of Directors of the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation has named Livermore resident Carolyn Siegfried as the Foundation's new Executive Director.

"The board is very pleased to have someone with Ms. Siegfried's background and qualifications join us as Executive Director," commented Paula Orrell, President of the Board. "As an active community leader, she is invested in the community and supporting Livermore students."

Recently serving as President-Elect of the Foundation board, Ms. Siegfried was involved as the board established its new mission, vision and values. To leverage the gift that Livermore businessman Mario Pedro-

zzi left the community, the board of directors expanded the organization's mission beyond awarding scholarships to Livermore students. The revised mission reads: We encourage and assist Livermore students in their pursuit of higher education and advanced training by providing scholarships, information, and other resources. "The Board of Directors understands that Mr. Pedrozzi left this community a tremendous gift, and as a good steward of that gift, the Foundation has a wonderful opportunity to inspire the community to join in assisting Livermore students as they pursue the education and training required for their chosen careers," states Ms. Orrell.

Ms. Siegfried succeeds

Tim Daniels as Executive Director. "With his extensive experience in nonprofit leadership, Mr. Daniels brought much needed and sustainable organizational structure to the Pedrozzi Foundation. The board is grateful for his expertise during its transition from a founding to a governance board of directors," shared Ms. Orrell.

A Livermore resident since 1988, Ms. Siegfried earned her MBA and general engineering degrees from Santa Clara University. She held nonprofit management roles at Hope Hospice and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, in addition to her role as television host for Tri-Valley Community Television. Ms. Siegfried is an active community member and currently serves as the chair of the marketing committee to promote Camp Shelly, the family friendly campground near South Lake Tahoe operated by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

Since 2008, the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Private Foundation, has award nearly \$2 Million in scholarships to over 500 Livermore students, including \$351,000 to 121 students this year. The community is invited to a recognition ceremony for this year's scholarship recipients, which include community college, vocational school, undergraduate and graduate students. The event will be held Thurs., May 30 from 4:30 – 5:30 pm in the courtyard in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

Visit PedrozziFoundation.org to learn more.

Community

Fire Academy Recruits Graduate



Recruit Academy class

On May 17, 2013, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) and the Moraga-Orinda Fire Department (MOFD) graduated the 15 newest Firefighters from an 11 week Academy. While the Recruits joined the LPFD and MOFD with varying degrees of emergency services training, each of them received and were tested on highly technical training specific to the emergencies seen in this region. This training included firefighting in the urban wildland interface, vehicle extrication, pressurized natural gas line firefighting, commercial structure firefighting and technical rescue training.

The graduating Recruits are Aaron Bates, Darren Bourne, Ryan Capes, John Duffy, Adam Elliott, Joel Ficher, Robert Hernandez, Christopher Jesberg, Jeff Keena, Brittany McMahan, Frank Nasca, Gilbert Perez, Christopher Sillers, Ryan Stark and Mathew Venema.

The Livermore-Pleasanton



Recruit Academy took place in wildland fire training at Sycamore Grove Park.

ton Fire Department and the Moraga-Orinda Fire Department partnered in providing the Fire Academy to their newest recruits in an effort create a more efficient and cost effective process that utilizes a regional approach to training, much as our organizations use in our daily providing of service. Nine members of the Recruit Fire Academy were hired by the LPFD and six by the MOFD for a total Academy of 15

members. While sixteen Recruits started the Academy 11 weeks ago, one of the LPFD Recruits resigned during the Academy.

The graduation ceremonies were held on May 17, 2013 in Pleasanton.

Fire Chief Jim Miguel (LPFD) and Fire Chief Randy Bradley (MOFD) hosted the graduation where the Recruits had their badges pinned and were officially sworn in to their fire departments.



In foreground (from left) are co-owners Scott Roseman and Rex Stewart, and store manager Mark McKinney. Following a ribbon cutting ceremony by New Leaf co-owners Scott Roseman and Rex Stewart, and store manager Mark McKinney on May 15, the public was served coffee and light refreshments. The 19,000-square-foot store is open daily from 8 am to 9 pm. For more information about New Leaf, visit www.newleaf.com or www.facebook.com/NewLeafPleasanton. The store is located at 3550 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to edit-mail@compuserve.com. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

Dedication of HistoryMobile. Livermore Heritage Guild invites the public to attend 11 a.m. on Sat., May 25 in front of the historic Livermore Southern Pacific Depot, 22 South L Street. A children's chorus will perform the official Livermore song. Refreshments will be provided. Tours of the HistoryMobile will be available. For information, visit www.livermorehistory.com.

Beginners Internet and e-mail classes. Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used e-mail, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Learn to keep in touch with loved ones and access internet sites all around the world. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

Alameda County Master Gardeners are on hand on the 2nd Saturday of every month to give advice and guided tours of the Earth-Friendly Demonstration Garden. Talks start at 10:00. Topics are: June 8, attracting honeybees in the garden; July 13, creating a border to attract beneficial insects; Aug. 10, getting a garden through the summer heat; Sept. 14, autumn blooming perennials/planting for fall color, inviting birds for autumn - see production trees they love; Oct. 12, best drought resistant secret - bulbs; and Nov. 9, composting ABCs. Talks begin at 10 a.m.; topics may be subject to change. The Demonstration Garden is located at the Martinelli Event Center, 3575 Greenville Road in Livermore. Information, 930-1130.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Lunch in San Ramon, May 26, noon, RSVP by May 27 to David, 833-7647.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., May 25, 30 miles from Shannon Center in Dublin to Sunol, Niles and Palomares canyons, meet 9 a.m. Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2815. Sun., May 26, 62 miles flat delta lands around Lodi, meet 8 a.m. at Lodi High School, hosts are Julie Hampton and Dick Ward. Wed., May 29, 30 miles from Shannon Park to Castro Valley, meet 9:30 a.m. Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2815. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Diabetes Self-Management Classes, free 7 week series will teach participants how to manage diabetes with exercise, healthy eating and medications, and answer questions about living with diabetes. Thursdays July 11 though August 22, 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. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. For LARPD register on-line www.larpd.dst.ca.us/Space is limited.

Volunteer drivers, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical appointments out of the Tri Valley area (San Ramon, Walnut Creek, etc). The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must

have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: jcullen@ssptv.org. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Measure B Funds.

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

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

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

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafrath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

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 Gloriosio by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

Operation: S.A.M. "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued support of deployed troops. Preparation of comfort packages takes place every other week - all year long. Providing morale support for those deployed. All information provided is confidential and is not shared for security purposes. To submit a name and address, inquire about donations or helping, please visit www.operationsam.org, email operationsam@comcast.net or call 925 443-7620 for more information and the calendar of events.

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.

Pleasanton Military Families is a Pleasanton based support group for those who have a loved one serving in the Military. The group gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to share concerns, fears, and to celebrate the joys that are experienced. There is no better support than being surrounded by others who know what you are going through. Three times per year, the group collect supplies and sends care packages to the troops. Please contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

Livermore Military Families, a support group for families in Livermore who have a loved one serving in the Military, is intended to be a safe place for family members to come and share their experiences and concerns with others who understand what they are going through. All family members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Livermore Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information please call Tami Jenkins, 925-784-5014 or email livermore-militaryfamilies@yahoo.

Disability Action Network (DAN) meeting, second Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m., Livermore CRIL office, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore. The Disability Action Network is a group of people with all kinds of disabilities who are working together to make changes in the community. The group works on health care, housing, access, attendant programs, transportation, and other issues affecting people with disabilities. For more information, please call Jessica Lehman at (510) 881-5743 x5937.

Good News Bears, nonprofit with a mission to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals, assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by the group. Log on to www.goodnewsbears.org or call 373-7982 for more information.

Ravenswood Historic Site, operated by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Ravenswood, is a restored Victorian country estate. The public is invited to join free tours noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month except December, with the last tour starting about 3:15 p.m. Also available on tour days are a gift shop featuring unique Victorian gift items and the Ravenswood Progress League's Tankhouse Tea Room. Special events each year include the Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social on the second Sunday in August and Victorian Yuletide the second Sunday in December. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. For more information, call 925-443-0238 or visit the LARPD Web site at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

RELIGION

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

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut St., Livermore, holds Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school for all ages

at 9 a.m. Children's classes during adult worship service. AWANA children's program Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 449-4403 or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. worship (semiformal); 9:45 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.

Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

Calvary Chapel Livermore, Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 or www.calvalrylivermore.org.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church, 1239 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Adult Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Prayer each Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7:30 p.m. 449-3824.

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

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

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

The deaf community is invited to worship at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, where ASL translation will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of 4th and L streets.

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

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and

children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

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

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry Moore, Rector: 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist with Taize music; 10:20 am Godly Play for children; 10:30 am Sung Eucharist with choir (child care available). Youth Group meets Sundays from 4 to 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall for "Rite 13" and Journey to Adulthood" programs. www.saintbartsLivermore.com for more information.

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

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilcare 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 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.org (925) 829-4793.

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

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

Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat, an informal gathering to discuss ideas. Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. The topic is "Who bears the responsibility of moral education in our society?" Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open

to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) June 2. For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

Unity of Tri-Valley Church, Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m.; all are welcome. Ongoing small groups, weekly activities, choir, classes, and Children's church. 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). (925) 829-2733, www.trivalleyunity.com Rev. Karen Epps.

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

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

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

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 Garaventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 11:45 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.

Grief Workshop, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. June 13th & 27th July 11th & 25th August 8th & 22nd. 2013. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-2377 for more information.



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Honors for Pleasanton Teacher, District

The Pleasanton school district has named its Teacher of the Year, and won honors from three organizations.

Christie Carnahan, a first grade teacher in the dual immersion program at Valley View Elementary School, was selected Teacher of the Year for 2013-14.

Carnahan has been with the district for 17 years. Valley View principal Rafael Cruz said, "Carnahan is the consummate professional and is respected and well-liked by students, staff, and parents."

As winner of the Pleasanton title, Carnahan is nominated for the Teacher of the Year in Alameda County.

Harvest Park Middle School was named a Cali-

fornia Distinguished School by the State Department of Education. The program "recognizes, identifies and honors those schools that have demonstrated educational excellence for all students and progress in narrowing the achievement gap," said a news release from the school district.

Harvest Park principal Ken Rocha said, "Congratulations to everyone involved, including our office staff. It takes a village."

The distinguished school awards alternate between elementary education one year and secondary (middle school and high school) the other.

Last year, Fairlands Elementary was awarded the honor.

The recognition for Har-

vest Park was conferred at a ceremony May 17 in Santa Clara. The school was presented with a plaque and a flag.

Another honor for the district came from U.S. News & World Reports, which ranked Amador Valley and Foothill high schools in the top 100 in California.

The ratings are based on academic scores, student improvement, preparation for college, and educating minority and economically deprived students.

All of the district's 14 comprehensive school sites have been honored by the California Business for Education (CBEE).

They are among 2108 public schools in the state to receive the title of 2012 Honor Roll School.

Robert Richard Griego III (pictured) of Livermore, has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization open to first and second year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing.

RPI freshman Chris Paradis is an infielder for the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute baseball team. The Sunol native has made three appearances and has a batting average of .333 on the season. The Engineers currently have an overall record of 21-7 and a conference record of 13-5.

Three students from Livermore are among those students who made the Seattle Pacific University 2013 Winter Quarter Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List have completed at least 12 credits and attained a 3.50 or higher grade point average. The students are Ethan James Moody, Katie Jeannette Thralls, and Kiley Alyse Zeitler.



Chen and Sato Honored as Foothill High School's Students of the Month

Pleasanton North Rotary have recognized the academic achievements of Mark Chen and Takashi (Sean) Sato in their selection as January and February 2013 Students of the Month.

Chen, a Foothill senior, was nominated by the school's senior department his success with advanced placement classes in variety of a subjects including honors global studies, English, calculus, history, biology, computer science, chemistry, Spanish, and economics.

Foothill's faculty singled out Chen for his hard work, diligence, and maturity.

"Mark Chen is the perfect choice for the Student of the Month Award," wrote Spanish teacher Karen Maurice in endorsing him for the honor. "He is very dedicated and serious about his education, and it shows in everything he does."

Sato's affinity for language learning drew support from Foothill's languages department.

"Sean Sato is our man," wrote department leader Tom Diehl. "Sean is not only a diligent and outstanding student. He is a very respectful and helpful young man as well."

A Foothill junior, Sato was one of the top students in advanced placement Japanese. He is also taking ad-



Mark Chen (top photo) and Takashi (Sean) Sato (bottom photo) are the January and February Students of the Month for Pleasanton's Foothill High School. They were presented certificates recognizing their achievements by Rich Gorton, Foothill High School vice-principal, at the May 10 meeting of Pleasanton North Rotary, the program's sponsor. (Photos by Dave Cherry)



vanced placement Spanish and world history.

Chen and Sato were presented Student of the Month Certificates and \$50 awards

by Foothill Vice-Principal Rich Gorton at the May 10 meeting of Pleasanton North Rotary, the program's sponsor.

Thomas Coyne Releases New Wines

Thomas Coyne Winery has released five new wines.

They are 2012 La Petite Quest, California; 2011 Quest, California Red Table Wine; 2007 Cabernet Franc, Livermore Valley; 2010 Pe-

tit Verdot, Lodi; and 2007 Petite Sirah, El Dorado.

The winery is located at 51 East Vallecitos Rd. in Livermore. It is open for tasting from noon to 5 p.m. on weekends.

For information, call 373-6541 or go to <http://thomascwynewinery.com>. Look for the winery at www.facebook.com/thomascwynewinery and twitter.com/thomascwynewine