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Find Out What's Happening

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.

Wall of Heroes Dedication Scheduled

The "Wall of Heroes" will be dedicated on Memorial Day, Mon., May 28.

The wall is comprised of bricks engraved with names.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7265, American Legion Post 47, and Fleet Reserve Association, Livermore, will host the dedication at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L Street.

The event is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. The schedule includes an invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Boy Scouts presenting flowers to Gold Star and Blue Star mothers, and Braden Sweeney singing the National Anthem.

Scheduled speakers include Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Assemblymember Joan Buchanan, Congressmen John Garamendi, Jerry McNerney and Pete Stark, Beth Wilson, and closing remarks by VFW Post 7265 Commander Virgil Stanger. Braden Sweeney will sing "America the Beautiful."

Members of the VFW, American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, Gold Star Mothers and the Blue Star Mothers were involved with raising the money to create the wall. People were to buy a brick to commemorate their loved ones, living or not. The wall is three feet tall and about 40 feet long. The Veterans Memorial Building at the corner of Fifth and South L streets in Livermore was constructed in the 1930s as a memorial and meeting place for veterans of World War I.

Memorial Day Programs in Livermore and Pleasanton

The Livermore VFW Post #7265 will be holding a Memorial Day Program at the three Livermore Cemeteries on Monday, May 28, 2012.

The order of events at each cemetery will be the same. The ceremony is scheduled to start at Roselawn Cemetery at 10:00am; second ceremony will be at 11:00am at St. Michael's Cemetery; the third ceremony will start around 11:30am at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Invocations will be given by Rev. Steve Wild.

Other organizations participating are the Daughters of the American Revolution, Blue Star Moms, Blue Star Dads, Gold Star Mothers, American Legion Post #47, Fleet Reserve, Reboot Camp, Boy Scouts of America, and Livermore Military Families.

In addition to this year's ceremonies, Post #7265 will dedicate the highly anticipated Veteran's Memorial Wall at the Livermore's Veteran's Building located on the corner of 5th and South L Street at 1:00pm.

The public is encouraged to attend to remember and to honor service men and women both past and present.

Order of Events is as follows:

- Assembly and parade. Posting of colors by Boy Scout Troop #924 - Scout Master, Mike
- (See MEMORIAL DAY, page 8)

Speaker Says

Tri-Valley Can Be The Next Silicon Valley

The Tri-Valley has the potential to become the next Silicon Valley, a prominent, local venture capitalist said last week.

However, we "have to get the word out" about the skills, talent and experience that are here and available to address national problems, according to Bob Borchers, the venture capitalist.

The Tri-Valley has the necessary ingredients but has to find ways to combine them in a recipe

that leads to a culture of innovation, he said. Silicon Valley does this already - it has "various mixers" in which potential entrepreneurs encounter and try out new ideas that may lead to commercial success, he said.

The Tri-Valley has a "tremendous, untapped resource" in the two national laboratories, Lawrence Livermore and Sandia, which are encouraging industrial operations in the eastern

"Open Campus" portion of their combined sites, he said. This resource and the existence of top tier technical firms like Sybase and Oracle suggest a promising future for innovative business development in the Tri-Valley.

Borchers, a Livermore High School graduate, spoke at Livermore's Bankhead Theater as part of the Rae Dorrough Speaker Series. The comments about the need for a recipe to combine

Tri-Valley entrepreneurial ingredients came in response to a question from the audience.

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

In a previous position, he played a key role in the development, product launch and global expansion of the iPhone. The

topic of his talk last week was "From Fairchild to Facebook: The History and Future of Venture Capital."

Borchers defined venture capital in simple terms as private equity, or ownership, in which investors are willing to take high risks for the promise of high rewards. It is sometimes described as a field in which experts have some kind of uncanny knack

(See TALK, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

An art mural located on Bus Shelter #32, located on Santa Rita Road at the Safeway Shopping Center in Pleasanton, was unveiled on Monday. The mural was created by high school students from Foothill High School under the guidance of art teacher Trish Fenton. Some of them are pictured. This Wheels Bus Shelter Art Project is a collaboration of the Livermore Amador Transit Authority (LAVTA), the City of Pleasanton, the Civic Arts Commission, and the Pleasanton Unified School District. As operator of the Wheels bus system, LAVTA started the Bus Shelter Art Project in 1999 to as a way to contribute to the overall appearance of the community. The program helps to mitigate vandalism. There are a total of ten mural installations at bus shelters in Pleasanton and Livermore, some of which can be viewed at Facebook/wheelsbus. For more information about the Wheels Bus Shelter Art Project, please call Rosemary Booth at (925) 455-7555.

Off-Road Vehicles At Nature Site?

Controversial Plan Under Review

A meeting Monday evening kicked off a public review process that will determine whether the hilly, 3,000-acre nature site east of Livermore called Tesla can become an off-road vehicle park.

The meeting was held at

Livermore's Doubletree Inn by the State Department of Parks. The department's Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division operates the 1,400-acre Carnegie off-road park next door to the Tesla site.

Both Carnegie and Tesla are

owned by the Off Highway Division, whose general plan calls for expansion of Carnegie's off road vehicle activities into Tesla. State law requires public review and input because carrying out the plan would mean substantial changes to an area that is now

used for cattle grazing, but is otherwise undeveloped. There is \$20 million earmarked for the project.

An estimated 120 attended, with strong feelings both for and against the off-road expansion. (See OFF-ROAD, page 5)

Task Force Forming to Work On East Pleasanton Plan

Pleasanton is taking applications for the newly approved East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force.

Last week the city council approved moving forward with the specific plan. The vote was unanimous.

The area is approximately 1000 acres in size, the largest piece of real estate remaining to

be planned. Of that acreage, 700 are lakes and 100 are located within the airport protection zone. In addition, a portion of the property that could accommodate housing is outside the city's urban growth boundary (UGB).

The UGB bisects the plan area in a north/south direction along the proposed El Chorro

(See TASK FORCE, page 4)

San Ramon Refund Would Impact Rest of Tri-Valley

By Ron McNicoll

The Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is in talks with San Ramon hoteliers about the hoteliers' desire to have the more than \$400,000 they pay to CVB sent back to them.

San Ramon hoteliers want the money returned instead of having it disbursed to the CVB

staff, which promotes all five Tri-Valley cities as venues for business conferences and cultural and recreational activities.

The hoteliers say they are not getting their money's worth. They contributed \$400,000 last year to CVB under the Tourism Business Assessment District

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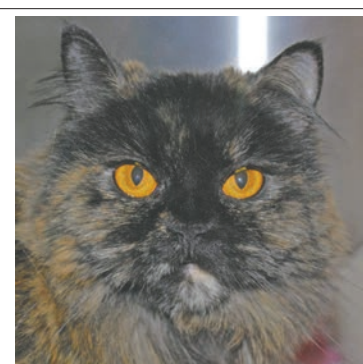


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Downtown Inc. partnered with Livermore School of Dance and local band, Rock On Tap, to create a Flash Mob following the finish of the Amgen Tour of California. Dancers performed to the Monkee's Theme Song. The Livermore School of Dance choreographed a dance routine that participants were able to view online to learn the steps.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Purr! Meow! Ever seen a Persian cat more beautiful than myself? I bet you have not. My name is Mischief and I am a year old full-bred Persian. Recently, my human mom had cataracts surgery and my kitty fur was getting in her eyes so she could no longer keep me and keep herself healthy. While I may not be so sure of other kitties, I sure do love humans and their attention. For information, call 426-8656 or go online to www.valleyhumane.org or www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Open Tues. & Wed., 9 to 2; Thurs. & Fri. noon to 7; Sat. 10 to 4; Sun. noon to 4. Photo courtesy of Ken Jacoby

BLACK HOLES INHIBIT STAR FORMATION

Studies of radiation that was emitted by 65 galaxies billions of years ago suggest that super-massive black holes in the galactic centers blocked star formation by producing so much energy that they dispersed the cold gas that might normally coalesce into stars.

The project made use of data from two space-based telescopes: the European Space Agency's Herschel Space Observatory, which recorded far-infrared (heat) radiation, and NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, which recorded X-rays.

Analyzing radiation that was emitted eight to 12 billion years ago, it compared infrared from regions surrounding galactic centers, where the extraordinary gravitational attraction of massive black holes draws in surrounding material, with X-rays coming from the centers themselves.

The amount of infrared radiation is thought to reflect the rate of star formation, since the newly created stars warm surrounding dust, which then re-radiates the heat. By contrast, the X-rays are more direct indicators of the size of the black hole and the energy that is released by the matter that falls into it.

Comparing one to the other over a range of intensities, the researchers found that galaxies with the most powerful black holes at their centers were surrounded by regions of less active star formation, apparently because the extremely high level of energy output dispersed matter that could otherwise have collected and become stars.

The lead investigator, Mathew Page of the Mullard Space Science Laboratory at University College-London, said, "We wanted to know how star formation and black hole activity are linked. The two processes increase together up to a point, but the most energetic black holes appear to turn off star formation."

"Now that we see the relationship between active super-massive black holes and star formation, we want to know more about how this process works," said William Danchi, Herschel program scientist at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "Does star formation get disrupted from the beginning with the formation of the brightest galaxies of this type, or do all active black holes eventually shut off star formation, and energetic ones do this more quickly than less active ones?"

A report on the research was published in the journal Nature.

LOOMING SHORTAGE OF HELIUM

The nation is running out of helium, with serious potential consequences for medicine, industry and research. The second most abundant element after hydrogen, helium is the cooling fluid in medical detectors like MRIs. It is an essential ingredient of electronics manufacturing. The Defense Department and NASA use it in making rocket fuel and in purging rocket fuel tanks. Of course, it is used in party balloons.



We use helium at such a rapid rate and with so little effort at conservation, in fact, that we are in danger of running out, according to New Mexico Sen. Jeff Bingaman, who introduced legislation to protect the supply.

For example, NASA uses up to 75 million cubic feet per year for pressurizing rocket motors without recovery systems.

Helium is produced in the atmosphere by alpha particles streaming from the sun and in the earth by the decay of elements like radium and uranium, which emit alpha particles. Alpha particles are helium nuclei, so when they capture electrons, they become helium atoms.

The atmospheric helium is difficult and expensive to make use of because it is diffuse, at about five parts per million. The helium underground can be separated relatively conveniently from natural gas, where it can be found at concentrations up to 2 percent in western (but not eastern) U.S. deposits.

The U.S. supply is the world's richest, with about 80 percent of world helium. However, it is selling the gas at an unsustainable rate, according to Cornell's Robert Richardson, a Nobel laureate who chaired a report for the National Research Council on the importance of the protecting the resource.

A national helium reserve was established in 1925 for airships. Helium was recognized as strategically important during the Cold War. Collection and storage were upgraded in 1960, but in 1996 Congress ordered the reserve sold off by 2015 at low prices as necessary to reduce the national deficit.

The surge of supply further depressed prices, reducing incentive to conserve it. As a result, the world is expending a resource that is nearly impossible to replace. Once used, if not recaptured, helium rises in the atmosphere and is lost forever.

Spot shortages are already occurring. There have been threatened or actual shutdowns of MRI facilities in Canada and UK in 2012, for example. If present policies continue, Richardson expects useful helium supplies to be essentially gone in a quarter-century.

In a 2010 interview, he noted that there is no substitute for helium in cold temperature applications, such as cooling MRI magnets and in various research applications around the world. In some applications, such as welding, other gases such as argon may substitute.

To motivate conservation, Richardson's recommendation is to stop suppressing the price of helium and allow it to rise with market forces, probably by factors of 10.

A party balloon might literally cost \$100 if this happens, he notes. The sharp price rise will be far more serious for those who need helium for scientific and industrial applications. However, he says that we will have to face increased costs anyway. The price will skyrocket by a factor of 1,000 or more if we have to separate it from the air, he says.

Weddings To Help Three Religions Build Understanding, Cooperation

Local Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders will perform mock weddings in their own religious traditions next month in a 2-hour program designed to encourage mutual understanding and cooperation.

The program, hosted by Interfaith Interconnect, will take place on June 10 in Livermore's Veterans Hall, 522 South L Street, from 7-9 p.m.

Members of the public are invited to attend regardless of religious affiliation, organizers said. If they belong to a formal religion, they are asked to bring food as they might to celebrate a wedding in that religion. Alternatively, they are asked to donate \$5 to \$10 to defray costs.

Organizers also suggest that attendees who have a formal religion dress as they would at a wedding in that faith.

To the Rev. Lucas Hergert, pastor of Livermore's Unitarian Church, "This is a really interesting opportunity to learn about other people's religious traditions. Our purpose is not to advocate for one religion over another but to show similarities and differences."

Rabbi David Katz of Temple Beth Emek in Pleasanton, stated, "The very essence of a wedding is bringing two people together. This is about bringing us all together."

To Abdul Awwaz, a Muslim who is on the board of the Livermore mosque, the evening is a chance to "discover commonalities between the three Abrahamic faiths. Because of politics or whatever, people sometimes forget these things."

Martha Williams, pastor of the United Christian Church in Livermore, said she is "both delighted and excited" to be preparing for the event. She expects it to be a "celebration of people coming together in love, making commitments, joyful celebration."

While the Tri-Valley has had many other interfaith activities, such as last December's joint celebration of holidays, none of the religious leaders was aware of another ceremony based on weddings in different traditions.

Those planning to attend are asked to sign up by June 1 at <http://threeweddings.eventbrite.com>.

Interfaith Interconnect was formed after the inspirational 9-11 commemoration held last year at Asbury Methodist Church. The group is comprised of clergy and lay people from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. The group hopes to grow to include all faiths and to plan future activities. Please e-mail any questions to interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com.

Five Year Review of Site 300 Clean-up Underway

The U.S. Department of Energy /National Nuclear Security Administration has begun the second Five-Year Review of its environmental cleanup of the High Explosives Process Area Operable Unit at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Site 300.

Superfund law requires that the protectiveness of cleanup actions be evaluated every five years when contaminants remain at the site above levels that allow unrestricted access. The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to evaluate the progress of the cleanup remedy towards achieving the Site's cleanup objectives, and whether the remedy continues to be protective of human health and the environment.

The selected remedy for the High Explosives Process Area Operable Unit includes: (1) monitoring ground water to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy in achieving cleanup standards, and to ensure there is no impact

to down gradient water-supply wells; (2) institutional controls, such as access/land-use restrictions and measures to prevent use of contaminated ground water and onsite worker exposure to contaminants volatilizing from surface water; (3) extracting and treating volatile organic compounds, and perchlorate in ground water to mitigate unacceptable volatile organic compounds inhalation risk for onsite workers, prevent further impacts to ground water and offsite plume migration, and reduce contaminant concentrations in ground water to cleanup standards; and (4) monitored natural attenuation of nitrate in ground water.

The remedy at the High Explosives Process Area Operable Unit is protective of human health and the environment upon completion (i.e., when cleanup standards are achieved) for the site's industrial land use. The cleanup standards for ground wa-

ter are drinking water standards. Because drinking water standards do not differentiate between industrial and residential use, the ground water cleanup remedy will be protective under any land use scenario upon completion.

The Five-Year Review report summarizes the nature and extent of contamination and describes the U.S. Department of Energy's progress in cleaning up the High Explosives Process Area Operable Unit. The draft Five-Year Review report for the High Explosives Process Area Operable Unit is now available to the public at the Laboratory's Environmental Repository in the Tracy Public Library, 20 East Eaton Avenue, Tracy, CA 95377, [telephone (209) 835-2221]; the Laboratory Discovery Center, Greenville Road at East Gate Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, [telephone (925) 422-4599]; and online at <http://www-envirinfo.llnl.gov/>. Upon completion of the review, a copy of the final

report will be placed in the information repositories listed above and a notice will appear in local newspapers announcing the completion of the Five-Year Review report.

For further information, the public may contact Claire Holtzapple, U.S. Department of Energy Site 300 Remedial Project Manager Livermore Site Office, by mail P.O. Box 808, L-293, Livermore CA 94551; by phone 422-0670; or by email claire.holtzapple@nnsa.doe.gov.

Lab Helps with New 'Earthquake' Show

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory seismologists were on hand Wednesday at the media premiere of the California Academy of Sciences' new show, "Earthquake: Evidence of a Restless Planet."

"Earthquake" is a new planetarium show and major exhibit opens to the public on May 26. The show launches visitors on a tour through space and time - flying over the San Andreas fault before diving into the planet's interior, traveling back in time to witness both the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and the breakup of Pangaea (the supercontinent) 200 million years ago.

With an emphasis on scientifically accurate data, the show draws heavily from the expertise of key partners. Lawrence Livermore provided accurate ground motion simulations for the 1906 earthquake, ground motions for a hypothetical earthquake on the Hayward Fault, visualizations of

seismic waves traveling through the Earth, and a temperature map of Earth's interior based on imaging with seismic waves.

"The LLNL team is happy to have contributed data to the show and thrilled to see the results in such a stunning visual form," said Arthur Rodgers, a seismologist at LLNL. "It's also satisfying to know that many people might learn something they didn't know about earthquakes or plate tectonics through work done at LLNL."

Starting at Point Reyes in Northern California, the show flies south along the San Andreas Fault until it reaches San Francisco. The Golden Gate Bridge fades away as the clock rewinds to 1906. The audience experiences an all-digital recreation of the 7.9-magnitude earthquake, followed by a scientific dissection of the event - including views of the underground fault

plane and the propagation of seismic energy waves based on supercomputer simulations.

Guests then embark on a high-speed tour of the past 200 million years, witnessing the formation of the Atlantic Ocean, flying over the cradle of humanity in Africa's Great Rift Valley, and visiting sites of historic earthquakes in India, China and Japan - including the 9.0-magnitude Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in March 2011.

A planetarium presenter will bring audiences even more up-to-date during a live portion showing the latest seismic events happening around the planet - earthquakes big and small occur almost constantly. The show ends with a look at the modern building strategies used by scientists and engineers for a safer and better prepared future.

Watch the trailer: <http://video.calacademy.org/details/487>.

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Pleasanton Council Rejects Appeal of Wal-Mart Grocery Appeal

The Pleasanton City Council rejected an appeal aimed at preventing Wal-Mart from opening a neighborhood grocery store in the city.

The vote was 4 to 1. The appellant, Councilmember Matt Sullivan, voted against the motion.

Wal-Mart proposes to locate a neighborhood grocery store in a former Nob Hill store in the Meadow Plaza Shopping Center on Santa Rita Road. The store has been vacant for three years.

Wal-Mart's plans conform to the CUP for the location. In addition, Wal-Mart has agreed to abide by the conditions under which Nob Hill operated.

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

At last week's council meeting Mayor Jennifer Hosterman declined to re-open the public hearing on the issue. A speaker, who had not offered an opinion at a previous meeting, was allowed to address the council.

Sullivan had not talked about his reasons for opposing Wal-Mart during earlier hearings. Last week he declared that the issue

was not about a use permit, rather about the economy and those fighting for the right to make a decent living.

He said that he had been accused of waging a personal vendetta against Wal-Mart. "It is about the impact the store will have on our local economy. Wal-Mart is damaging to local economies and local workers. This is not just about Wal-Mart, but how city policy already has damaged our local economy. There are too many grocery stores in Pleasanton. The city prepared an economic study prior to the approval of the second Safeway. The study found that existing stores would lose 10 to 20 percent of sales to the new Safeway. Less than 6 months after the new Safeway opened, the only locally owned store, Gene's, was sold because of the resulting loss in sales."

Sullivan continued, noting that although Wal-Mart has not yet opened, it is already impacting other grocery businesses. Workers at other stores are reporting reduced hours and pay. People who previously made a decent wage with benefits will have less disposable income, less purchasing power resulting in

less tax revenue that helps to pay for city services. "This is a race to the bottom that only benefits Wal-Mart."

Sullivan said the council does not have to approve Wal-Mart's plans. It could declare a moratorium on new grocery stores and pass an emergency grocery and retail ordinance. The ordinance would require an economic and environmental analysis and a public hearing prior to the approval of a new grocery store. "I am interested in economic justice. We are ignoring the real issues about damaging our local economy, our residents and our workers."

Hosterman stated, "There is not a lot of what you said that many of us would disagree with you on."

Leslie Jones, the lone speaker from the public, supported Wal-Mart. She said it is about the principles of the free market, property rights and limited government. "It's about competition. The consumer will determine who stays in business."

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio said that people have the right to shop where they choose. This decision is about the rule of law. "It's not up to the council to determine if it likes a business.

Wal-Mart has gone through the legal process and met all of the city's requirements."

Councilmember Jerry Thorne said he could find no technical errors in the application.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern said she didn't believe

there were too many grocery stores in Pleasanton. People go out of town to shop at Costco and Target, because they offer lower prices. "I believe in free enterprise. We need to lower some of the prices in Pleasanton."

Hosterman pointed out that

the Wal-Mart grocery store is 33,000 square feet. A grocery is a permitted use at the location. "I don't appreciate how the corporation deals with its employees and communities. However, this is not a big box store. There is already one in Pleasanton."

Former Lab Manager Takes Senior UC Job

Former Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory associate director Glenn Mara has been chosen Vice President for Laboratory Management at the University of California. He is serving in an acting capacity now and will take the position on a permanent basis starting July 1.

Mara takes the place of Bruce Darling, who has moved to Washington, D.C., to become executive officer of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council.

Mara, an engineer by training, joined the Livermore Laboratory in 1971. He had increasingly

responsible positions over the years. He was named associate director for engineering in January 2002 and deputy director for operations in October of that year. He retired effective January 1, 2005.

In 2006, he returned to work temporarily at Los Alamos, where he served as Principal Associate Director for Weapons Programs as part of a transition team preparing for new contracts.

He was rehired by UC in 2009 as Associate Vice President for Laboratory Programs, suspending retirement benefits as required by University policy, according to a UC spokesperson.

The Laboratory Management operation at UC is akin to corporate headquarters for a company with multiple branches - in this case, the three national laboratories at Livermore, Los Alamos and Berkeley. In the past several years, the office has dwindled to a staff of 10 in keeping with the University's reduced role in managing the two weapons laboratories, Livermore and Los Alamos.

BerkeleyLab remains a UC-managed lab, but Livermore and Los Alamos are now for-profit facilities operated by a consortium of which UC is only a part.

Kinnamon To Leave College District for Southern California Position

Joel Kinnamon will be resigning as chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District to become the new president of College of the Desert in Southern California.

On May 18th, the college announced his selection as president. College of the Desert is located in Palm Desert, which is in the Coachella Valley, 11 miles east of Palm Springs.

Kinnamon will be succeeding Jerry Patton as superintendent and president of the college. Patton will retire June 30. Kinnamon will begin his new job on July 9. He will be the seventh president of the college.

Kinnamon was absent from the Chabot-Las Positas district office on Monday and Tuesday, and unavailable for comment. A press release on the web site of College of the Desert quoted Kinnamon as saying, "It is an honor to be selected by the board to lead College of the Desert, a

leader in higher education in the region and the state."

"I look forward to working with the board, faculty, staff and community to build upon the good work that has already been done, and to continue COD's record of student success and community partnerships," said Kinnamon.

Kinnamon has a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Florida, a master's

degree in business administration from Oklahoma City University, and a bachelors degree in Economics from Oklahoma State University.

Kinnamon was appointed chancellor of Chabot-Las Positas in 2007 following a six-month national search. He had previously served as the district's vice chancellor of educational services and planning for five years.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Child Safety Event

On Fri., May 25, 2012 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. the Livermore Police Department will participate in the National Child Safety event "Take 25." The campaign is to encourage parents and guardians to take time on May 25, National Missing Children's Day, to talk to their children about ways to stay safe.

The Livermore Police Department has teamed up with the Baskin Robbins located at 4323 First Street in Livermore. There will be an informational table outside of Baskin Robbins with LPD vehicles on display and child safety information for parents and children. Baskin Robbins will be handing out coupons for ice cream to the first 100 children during the hour.

Buchanan Chairs Review

Assemblymember Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) announced that Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez has appointed her Chair of a new special committee that will assess the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 2, a plan that will reorganize several agencies and departments of the executive branch.

"The Governor has presented the Legislature with a broad proposal to streamline the administrative functions of the Executive Branch," Buchanan stated. "I look forward to our discussions on how to make California state government as efficient, accessible, and responsive to the needs of the public as possible."

Assemblymember Buchanan is currently the Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on State Administration, which has held a number of hearings in the past few months to evaluate some of Governor Brown's other proposals to reorganize

the executive branch. She is also the Chair of the Select Committee on Government Efficiency, Innovation, and Technology.

The committee membership will include members with diverse expertise in the areas the Governor has proposed to reorganize. Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian (R-San Luis Obispo) will serve as Vice Chair, with Assemblymembers Bill Berryhill (R-Stockton), Roger Dickinson (D-Sacramento), Linda Halderman (R-Fresno), Isadore Hall (D-Los Angeles), Mary Hayashi (D-Hayward), Alyson Huber (D-El Dorado Hills), Kevin Jeffries (R-Lake Elsinore), Bonnie Lowenthal (D-Long Beach), V. Manuel Pérez (D-Coachella) and Norma Torres (D-Chino) filling out the rest of the special committee's membership.

Vote by Mail

The Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 in California. The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. The period for requesting Vote-By-Mail Ballots for this election must be received by mail no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 29th. Voters may vote in person in the Registrar of Voters office Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. or on Election Day, June 5th until 8:00 P.M. at the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street, Room G-1, in Oakland.

Voters who are ill or will be away on Election Day may also designate, in writing, another person to pick-up and return their ballot before the election. Voters with questions concerning Vote-By-Mail policies should call the Registrar of Voters, Vote-By-Mail Section at (510) 272-6973.



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EDITORIAL

Leaving a Legacy

Lifelong Livermore resident Marilyn "Tilli" Calhoun, who died last week, leaves a legacy that will live on.

She was a descendent of two pioneer families, the Teeters and the Holms, who settled in Livermore in the late 1800s. Tilli took an interest in the arts, education and history, making contributions in each.

As an award winning painter, Tilli became very involved in the promotion of cultural arts in Livermore. She represented the Livermore Art Association on the Livermore Cultural Arts Council for over thirty years and was active in the Livermore Art Festival and helped with the annual Summerfest. She was also one of the founders of the Livermore Art Association Gallery.

In the area of education, she worked as a resource librarian at Marilyn Avenue School for many years and for the gifted student program at Arroyo Mocho. She encouraged kids to read and to broaden their horizons by learning about other cultures from around the world.

Tilli wrote and illustrated two local history books entitled, "Rodeo" and "Early Days in the Livermore-Amador Valley" that were used by the Livermore School District. Along with helping to found the Heritage Guild History Center, she established the History Mobile, a travelling museum sponsored by the Guild that visits Livermore schools to teach Livermore's agricultural past and its Native American history to thousands of third grade students. A proposal has been made to paint one of Tilli's local scenes on the side of the History Mobile.

Early this year she was presented a lifetime achievement award from the Livermore Cultural Arts Council. She received PTA Life Membership awards from Marilyn Avenue and Fifth Street Schools, as well as a variety of awards and commendations from other groups.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand called Tilli a "remarkable woman." He adjourned the city council meeting on Monday in her honor. It was a fitting tribute to a person who will have an impact on our community for generations.

Stark Explains Why He Won't Attend Debates

Eric Swalwell, Dublin City Councilmember and candidate for Congress in CA-15 continues to criticize Congressman Pete Stark for not participating in debates.

Tri-Valley area Chambers of Commerce originally planned a Congressional debate May 21. "This area was not previously represented by Congressman Stark in the old CA-13 and voters here do not know much about him," said Eric Swalwell, Dublin City Councilmember and Candidate for Congress in CA-15. "He cannot duck and hide from the voters. They deserve a serious discussion about the issues."

Stark, at one time, represented the Valley in Congress. Redistricting placed the area back into the new District 15, which is represented by Stark.

Stark and Swalwell are two democrats listed on the June 5 ballot. Conservative independent Chris Pareja is also on the ballot. The top two vote getters will be on the November ballot.

During an interview, Stark said he was willing to debate the other candidates in very structured, independent debates. "Other debates provide Swalwell a platform to attack me on personal issues." He used the League of Women Voters debate

as an example.

Stark also talked about some of the other issues that have been discussed during the election.

One involved an investigation by the House Ethics Committee. "Anyone can file a charge. Some investigations are conducted based on newspaper stories. The issue was a home I owned in Maryland that is my primary residence. I broke no laws," Stark stated. The ethics committee report found that Representative Stark did not violate House ethics rules.

Stark also talked about other issues. He has a goal of obtaining funds for the widening of Highway 84. Federal funds for the BART extension to Livermore are also on his list.

He is interested in pursuing a scientific campus at the national laboratories in Livermore. Over the years, Stark has opposed the Lab's work on weapons. However, he believes that recent work on such projects as global warming, geothermal energy and supercomputing are worthy of support. "We need to make good use of all those resources," he stated.

Stark said that his main focus is on programs for children. Education is especially important to secure the nation's future.

TASK FORCE

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Road extension alignment. According to Pleasanton Planner Janice Stearn, the general plan recognized that future planning for the area could necessitate a modification to the UGB. A vote of the people would be required to move the UGB.

The city's current general plan allows the following land uses within the developable area: high density residential, retail, highway, service commercial business and professional offices, general and limited industrial, business park, public and institutional and parks and recreation.

The lakes would be used for flood protection, groundwater recharge, habitat and recreational purposes.

The goal is to wrap up the process of planning the area by October 2013.

City staff had recommended limiting the task force to thirteen: two planning commissioners, one housing commission, 1 park and recreation commissioner, two major property owners, one Zone 7 representative, and six neighborhood representatives.

However, Councilmember Cindy McGovern stated, "This is one of the most important issues in front of the city because of the amount of land involved. Whatever goes there will impact the entire community. Previously, there was a housing cap and growth control; no housing numbers were assigned by ABAG. We should have at large representatives from across the city on the task force. The goal is to come up with a plan that would not be referred."

Councilmember Matt Sullivan

Pleasanton Facilities Panel Envisions New Buildings for the High Schools

By Ron McNicoll

A committee charged with helping to create a new vision for Pleasanton school facilities has come up with ideas for new buildings on all three of the district's high school campuses.

The Facilities Master Plan Committee (FMPC) met May 17 at Village High School. Members of the committee played architect by placing simple cutouts on a Google satellite map showing the construction that they would like to see take place.

The participants made it clear that the "new buildings" are by no means at a commitment level by the district. This is dreamwork only, a dream that includes being in a world that has adequate financing to fund such projects.

In pasting up its visual wish list, the committee addressed some long-standing concerns at the high schools.

Student pick-ups and drop-offs by parents have been problems at nearly all district campuses. At Amador Valley High School, the panelists decided to ease congestion by making the driveway longer in the pick-up area.

Extending a driveway sounds simple. However, doing so would wipe out three portable classroom buildings, which were built before more campus construction occurred after 1994.

The disappearing classrooms, which are seen as good candidates for replacement because of aging issues, would reappear in a new two-story classroom building, resembling the modern one north of the Amador Theater.

To gain more parking, a one-story structure would be built at the north end of the current parking lot.

Traffic flow would be readjusted so that drivers could come out of the lot, and head north or south at an added traffic light. Right now, they can only turn right and head south out of the driveway, then go through a circuitous route to turn around and head north.

The panelists also installed a new administration building on the site of the current one.

FOOTHILL THEATER, STUDENT UNION
At Foothill High School,

construction of a student union and an arts building, including a theater and gallery space, and parking structures were the new items on the map.

The student union long has been seen as a big need by the students. They gather outdoors where they are "stratified by classes," said one of the committee members. A student union would provide a place with many services and opportunities for students to mix.

The arts building would be near the front of campus, and eliminate some parking. However, that would be more than offset by new parking structures on campus, said principal John Dwyer.

The parking structures and changes in parking circulation would clear up some of the automobile problems, said Dwyer.

The hope for the arts center is that it would have a theater "along the lines of (Pleasanton's) Firehouse Arts Center Theater," said Dwyer.

The theater could also function as a lecture hall, so that several classes could attend one speech. It would be ideal for serving the career tech academies, where some cross-discipline lectures can occur, said Dwyer.

Much of what the committee is trying to accomplish is to build or renovate facilities that can match the changing demands of the 21st century workplace. The career academies, with their aims toward specific fields, is part of that, said consultants LPA and committee members.

BIG DREAMS FOR VILLAGE CAMPUS

Village High School is the district's continuation school. Upwards of 200 students attend Village. There never has been a master plan for the campus; as a result, the campus is not laid out well.

Village High shares a site with Horizon High School, which is a special program for students who are mothers, and the adult school, which includes independent study that leads to a diploma for students who did not get one during high school attendance.

The campus is split-level. The Village administrative offices are

down the hill from classrooms, making supervision difficult.

Village faculty and students want new buildings for their culinary academy, administrative offices, and multipurpose room. The multipurpose room is small and windowless, as the committee experienced first-hand at its meeting there.

If a new multipurpose building were built, it could free the old building for use as a counseling center. A survey at Village conducted by consultants showed that space devoted now to counseling is inadequate.

Panelists around the Village High table came up with some big dreams. One was to build a two-story classroom building on the baseball field next to Village.

That move would unify Village on one campus and provide space to create a quad, where students could have some green open space and a place to congregate that would be their own.

Committee members said that the school district owns the field, and leases it to the city for \$1 per year, so revenue loss to the district would not be a factor.

The city would have a voice in that issue, too. Its need for recreational fields is one reality that can affect the dream.

The politics of the issue prompted senior director of pupil services Kevin Johnson to say, that in reality, no one should count on the district using the ball-field land for a two-story building, or anything else.

In reply, Jane Golden, the district's director of curriculum and special projects, said that the committee's assignment was to dream big.

Another big idea was to expand the Village campus to displace the adjacent district headquarters and the district's operation and maintenance (O&M) facility.

Johnson said that because of financing reasons, moving the district facilities won't happen.

One of the consultants said the O&M operations did not necessarily have to be near a district's headquarters. In fact, it is unusual to find one close to the administrative headquarters,

he said.

Committee members suggested such locations as Stanley Boulevard and Busch Road, where the city government corporation yard is located. The O&M location on the headquarters/Village site is fronted by First Street, which makes it a valuable property if the district wanted to sell it, said Brock Roby, a realtor on the committee.

The district has picked up income from selling other sites over the years, including the planned Sycamore High School and Del Prado elementary school sites.

NEW CULINARY PLACE WOULD BE BOOST

The culinary program is the star at Village. However, it occupies only a corner of a small portable building. Putting it in a separate larger building, which would take up some parking spaces in the Village lot, would give the classes their proper due, said committee members.

Ideally, Village could coordinate its schedule to match the two comprehensive high schools, and be host to a culinary program for the entire district, said one committee member. Grants for career technical education could support that, she said, adding that such a unified program would be a source of pride for Village students.

Golden said that with such ideas as unifying the culinary program, and possibly expanding the Village campus, a separate discussion appears to be in order, with the Village principal and several teachers present.

Next meeting announced for the FMPC will be at 5 p.m. June 14.

A town hall meeting concerning the facilities planning process drew only one-half dozen or so on May 16, said superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. It was the same night as various activities at the school sites.

Ahmadi said that she will shift the communication about FMPC progress to the Parent Communication Council (PCC), where each school is represented. PCC members can provide the link between their campuses and the committee.

MAILBOX

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15th Congressional District Rick Knowles Livermore

The newly realigned 15th Congressional District which

will include Livermore does not take effect until January 2013. Until then, John Garamendi (10th District) is Livermore's Congressman. Pete Stark is not our "current representative". In order for that to happen, Pete Stark (13th District) needs to be elected over the other candidates in the new 15th Congressional District. If you would like to check these facts, you can call Congressman John Garamendi's office at 925-932-8899.

Eternal Polygamy Scott Braithwaite Livermore

My mother has, in mock jest, instructed my father, "If I die, please don't marry another woman for eternity." That's because in the Mormon faith the highest form of marriage is for eternity. While a man is no longer allowed to marry multiple women at the same time during this life, marrying another spouse for eternity after the first has passed away is practiced today by Mormon leaders and members.

Mitt Romney's statement this week that "marriage is a relationship between one man and one woman" should be followed by "an eternal marriage is a relationship between one man and one or more women" in keeping with his faith.

Polygamy during this life, however, is fairly recent in Mr. Romney's ancestry. His paternal grandfather was born into a polygamous family, and overall his genealogy contains 6 polygamous men with 41 wives. On average, that's roughly a different wife for each night of the week.

Tony Favero, in his letters from February and March, would be better served to focus his dislike of polygamy on Mr. Romney rather than gay couples who wish to marry. Support for Mr. Romney is support for eternal polygamy.

Blended System Robert S. Allen BART Director (1974-1988) Livermore

When High Speed Rail (HSR) costs neared \$100 billion, HSR, Caltrain, and MTC came up with

their cheaper "Blended System." Electrify Caltrain (\$1.4 billion), and run HSR's many, faster trains on its 2-track line with 43 grade crossings!

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Shocking Endorsement David Johnson Pleasanton

I'm shocked and appalled that you would lower the Independent's morals to the standards practiced by Pete Stark.

Your rationale for supporting him is based on previous brief flashes of respectability surrounded by many more examples of a man who is dishonest, hot headed and not at all shy in throwing out flat out lies.

One should support a candidate who shows real leadership and perhaps most importantly honesty. Your statement that "Stark is aging and arrogant when dealing with his opponents" should have also included his verified dishonesty and his verified falsehoods that he has spouted about anybody who dares to challenge him. Let me recount some specifics for your editorial staff and perhaps rather than support a verified liar, you could have simply declined to support any candidate.

Dishonest? You be the judge. The office of Congressional Ethics United States House of Representatives investigated Pete Stark in November 2009 for alleged violation regarding listing his house that he owns in Harwood, Maryland as his principal residence on Maryland tax forms. By doing so, Representative Stark

received state and county homestead tax credits and any annual increases in his home assessments were capped at no more than 10 percent. In order to qualify for the Maryland Homestead Tax Credit, Maryland law requires the home to be used as the owner's "principal residence"—where the homeowner regularly resides and is designated for voting, obtaining a driver's license, and filing income tax returns. When questioned on this he continually didn't remember or didn't recall. Is this the type of representation that the Independent supports?

Aging? You be the judge. Representative Fortney "Pete" Stark identified Fremont based Solyndra—the bankrupt solar energy firm as a car manufacturer when asked about his views on new policies regarding Silicon Valley and high tech. Interestingly he apparently never figured out that it's Tesla Motors that makes electric cars as he never acknowledged his error.

Arrogant? You be the judge. Pete Stark accused San Francisco Chronicle conservative columnist Debra J. Saunders of donating to his opponent. A statement that he knew was not true.

In addition, Pete Stark accused one of his opponents of taking "hundreds of thousands of dollars" in bribes, again an outright lie in which he had to apologize later for such a statement.

Stark also had accused one of his opponents of having a spotty voting record. But Alameda County Registrar of Voters records show that his opponent has voted in every election since he returned in 2006 from Maryland, where he had attended college and law school.

These are just a few examples of the type of person that Fortney "Pete" Stark is.

Fortunately, newspapers such as the San Francisco Chronicle, Contra Costa Times and the Hayward Daily Review endorse somebody else for Congress.

Is Pete Stark really the type of person that the Independent wants the general public to support?

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Zone 7 Talks About Money's Role in Creating More Board Diversity

By Ron McNicoll

With by far the lowest compensation package for directors at any of six other comparable water agencies, Zone 7 Water Agency directors are addressing what they might want to do about the situation.

Sentiment was clear at the board's meeting on May 16 that directors don't see a need for a raise from the \$146 they receive for each meeting. The meetings are limited to four per month, which gives the directors a maximum total of \$639 per month.

That sum pales in comparison to the average of \$1543 per month among the other agencies. Further, those agencies average from \$642 to \$1959 in group benefit costs. Zone 7 directors don't receive any benefits.

In this context, directors talk-

ed about changing the structure of how directors are paid, partly with an eye toward attracting a more diverse group of people who would run for the board.

Chris Moore said that he is satisfied with the staff recommendation not to raise salaries for the coming year.

However, Moore said that raising compensation may "spur the interest of people who can contribute to this board. If you look at the make-up now, you have a lot of people in engineering and from the ranching community. The make-up reflects the history of this board."

Moore continued, "That's not bad. It's just that there are other people who can contribute. It shouldn't be about compensation, but it should be there to help."

Moore added that perhaps

paying health care benefits would be "a good way to attract board members. Maybe the cost of health care is a burden."

All six comparison districts offer retirement plans, and pay most or all of employee health benefits. Some also pick up at least part of dental and vision plans.

Dick Quigley said that the big contrast between Zone 7, with no fringe benefits and relatively low pay with a four-meeting ceiling, draws "giggles at how our board pays itself," when he attends water profession meetings.

Quigley said he is comfortable with not raising pay for next year. "I have a good retirement form LLNL. Others, if not retired, have to take a day vacation, and lose money. I'm not so sure that we don't lack candidates because of

our compensation."

"I think the board needs to look at how we fit into the scheme of things with neighboring agencies. It might make us look like dunderheads. I don't want to be an agency that looks like a dunderhead," said Quigley.

Bill Stevens stated, "We all have jobs and make good money. It would be nice to have someone else take on this job. Maybe if we offered a little more money, people would want to run."

Stevens, a Livermore resident, said, "We have the same old fuddy-duddies from Livermore. There is not one director from Dublin." (Five directors are from Livermore, and two are from Pleasanton.)

Two directors were not supportive of the idea. Board president Sandy Figuers said, "In the grand scheme of things, none of this would change any opinion to run."

Figuers added that people can be well-compensated on the BART board or the board of supervisors, but the pay at those agencies has not created a field of Valley candidates for those seats.

"We could pay \$5000 per month, and pull people out of the woodwork, but those people would serve for the money, not for the board," said Figuers.

Director John Greci said he favors leaving the pay level the

way it is. "The general manager hasn't taken a raise, our employees haven't gotten a raise." Greci, who is retired from LLNL, added, "It would be nice if you provided a retirement program."

A.J. Machaevich said that he sees the issue differently from other directors. "I'm a consultant (to the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District). I am also a consultant to the board." Machaevich said that maybe the board could develop a schedule of fees for the things that directors take on, such as representing the board at other agency meetings.

"It doesn't have to be a lot of money. It could be a minimal payment, but we would be saying that we value your judgment; you are working for us; and you deserve to have your financial (costs) offset," said Machaevich.

Machaevich said he does not want a raise in pay. "However, I think you should be paid for a full day meeting, or a couple of hours. You should receive some compensation for that." Figuers agreed it was a good point.

Zone 7 does pay expenses to directors for attending conferences, but approval for each visit must be approved by the board.

The board will discuss the subject again at its meeting June 20.

WINNERS GET SCIENCE AWARDS

On another item, Figuers presented awards to two teams of science students who won for their water-related experiments in the annual Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair. Members of Zone 7 staff judged the water entries.

Maryann Gong and Uzair Mohammad of Granda High School won for their experiment that showed compacting cellulose filters resulted in better filtration of a certain bacteria.

This type of filtration has the potential to help develop low-cost methods of providing potable water in rural areas, said the Zone 7 judges.

Cody Lee, Hayden Goldstein and Kyle Tucker won for their experiment to determine the most efficient design of water turbines.

They compared four types of turbines — water wheel, a "razor blade" design, fan blade and windmill — that are commonly used in dams, rivers, and ocean waves to generate electricity.

Studying how fast each turbine lifted a fixed weight at a fixed distance, they found that the water wheel was the most efficient design. The judges said that in the future, turbines may be able to help water agencies save energy costs.



Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board members and employees took part in a ribbon cutting to dedicate the new sign in front of the Robert Livermore Community Center.

Technology Company Moving to Livermore

Bay Area Development Company announced that it has completed 504 funding for ROR3 Devices, Inc. in Livermore. The financing allowed the technology company to purchase a 3,074 square foot commercial condominium located at 3139 Independence Drive in Livermore.

Founded in 1990 by Jack McCauley, ROR3 is a full service consulting, engineering and product design company and is considered one of the pioneers of USB technology. McCauley

focused on USB programming in the company's early years and later expanded its services to include software management solutions, consulting and project management.

With a reputation for providing turnkey, customized solutions and responsive service, ROR3 serves OEM customers throughout the United States and Asia, and counts Electronic Arts and Activision among its clients.

With demand for his services

continuing to grow, McCauley needed room for expansion. Working with Joe Lampe, Senior Vice President at Bay Area Development, he was able to secure financing to purchase a larger space that will allow him to meet future demand and fix his occupancy costs for the long term. Lampe worked with Bank of America to structure the deal and estimates that four new jobs will be created as a result of ROR3's expansion.

OFF-ROAD

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Joe Ramos, Sector Superintendent of the Off Highway Division, said he hopes "people will consider how" the expansion can be carried out, "not just for or against it."

Off-road proponents cited the cost and difficulty of finding suitable sites for their sport. They noted the family value of parents bonding with children in recreation.

Gregg DeHaan, who came to the meeting from Alameda, said that he has a son and daughter who are learning from the off-road experience just as he learned motorcycle riding from his father. "It teaches courage, not giving up. It teaches you so much."

He said the availability of a state facility makes the sport affordable. For \$5, one vehicle can drive all day, something like buying an all-day ticket giving access to all the slopes at a ski resort. By contrast, going to commercial off-road establishments can cost \$25 for using a single track, which is like access to a single slope for the day.

Opposing the proposed expansion, a citizens' organization called Friends of Tesla Park points to the visibly rutted landscape of Carnegie to support fears of extensive damage to Tesla. They point out that Tesla is rich in history and has rare and endangered plants and animals

as well as Native American artifacts.

Livermore's Bob Baltzer came to the meeting with a written statement summarizing 50 years of experience in the area, starting before motorcycles began using what is now Carnegie for hill climbing.

In the 1960s, he wrote, he saw "the progression of dirt bike trails which left terrible raw dirt scars on the land." By 1990, he was "just sickened" by the destruction that had followed formation of the state off-road vehicle park.

A decade ago, driving past Carnegie on Corral Hollow Road, he noted "bare dirt with vertical ruts everywhere." Over this past weekend, he saw that "the vegetation is starting to come back, but it will never hide the ruts and scars. . . . The trails that are now in use show up as ugly scars on Google Maps.

"The idea that the state wants to extend this abomination into the Tesla area is . . . repulsive."

Monday's meeting was not a public hearing but a public explanation that the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division is revising its 30-year-old general plan. In fact some members of the audience complained that that there were no plans for a public hearing and asked for more specific information than was available.

TALK

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for picking winners, but in truth "there is really a lot of serendipity" in it, he said.

Venture capital has played a major role in the U.S. economy, by some accounts leading to 11 percent of private sector jobs and a fifth of the gross domestic product. It has "created some great companies," he said. It has also "destroyed value" by overinvestment and the creation of economic bubbles that later burst and damaged the U.S. economy.

Venture capital firms generally raise money from major investors like pension funds and wealthy families, creating investment funds that last for a decade. They aim for a return of three to four times the original investment. The money is generally not liquid, so investors need to be able to do without it for the lifetime of the fund.

His experience suggests, "The best returns come from the riskiest companies, started from scratch." A venture firm typically buys a significant share of the company, takes management positions "and hopefully adds value."

While no single investment can be guaranteed success, he believes that patience, steady progress and the fundamentals of sound management and a good product or service provide the most likely path to profitability.

More than once, he referred to venture capital as "catalyzing" innovation. When it is most productive, Borchers said, the stimulus provided by venture capital will lead not only to solid profits, but to new companies spinning off the start-ups, turning into a virtuous cycle. "Success breeds success," he said.

A spectacular example was the decision of the firm that became Venrock Associates to help Fairchild Semiconductor get started in Mountain View in the

late 1950s. Fairchild's success established Silicon Valley as the heart of American innovation, spinning off so many successful high tech companies that they became known as Fairchildren.

On the East Coast, a comparable development took place at about the same time, when American Research Development Co. backed Digital Equipment Corp.

The history of venture capital is a mixture of successes and failures. The regulatory environment has played a role in its ups and downs, Borchers said. The relatively low capital gains tax rates of the 1960s encouraged investment and innovation, he said. The flow of venture capital slowed during the "doldrums" of the 1970s after the tax rate rose to 49 percent. Then the flow picked up again when the tax rate returned to lower levels.

A very different problem arose in the 1990s, when venture capital profits encouraged over-investment and the growth of a bubble. In 1984, Borchers said, \$6 billion was available for venture capital — a "healthy amount." By the late 1990s, money was flooding the markets and the slogan was, "Get big or get lost." Companies hired more employees than they needed or could support. In 1999 alone, \$200 billion was raised for

venture capital.

The crash came on March 10, 2000, he said. The investment community is still dealing with it today. The hundreds of billions of dollars are still working their way through the business system, making it difficult to raise new money.

The decade since then is sometimes called "lost," sometimes the "hangover." During the "hangover," Venture capital has underperformed basic investment indices like the Dow Jones Industrial Average and NASDAQ. There were 1022 venture firms in 2000, and 462 in 2010.

Today, the situation is slowly improving. The markets are starting to open. There are new contributors like so-called angel investors, often private individuals who can quickly fill the gap between funding initially offered by friends and family and the millions of dollars that may come later from venture capital firms.

Borchers considers the lessons from the past decade to be basic ones. Bigger does not mean better. Too much money can confuse the system and support companies that need to be allowed to fail.

The fundamentals of good management, steady progress and an excellent product still matter, he says.

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SPORTS NOTES



Pictured is the Amador Valley High School Dons JV baseball team. Story at end of Sports Notes.

Concussion Conference

A conference on concussion in sports will be held Sat., June 2 in Pleasanton. The program will offer free guidance for students, coaches and physicians. The event will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pleasanton Marriott, 11950 Dublin Canyon Rd., Pleasanton.

Keynote speaker will be concussion expert Dr. Mark Halstead. He is director of sports concussion program and assistant professor of orthopedics at Washington University School of Medicine.

Hosting the event will be Mark Ibanez, KTVU. Former NFL players will be present.

The program is presented by Packard Children's Health Alliance. Registration is online at www.head-trauma.org, or call 460-8444.

Seahawks Host Swim Meet

The City of Pleasanton's Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center will be the host site for a competitive swim meet in the coming weeks. The Pleasanton Seahawks Swim team will host the Senior 2, Long Course meet during the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3. The meet is expected to draw about 500 swimmers and spectators from throughout the Bay Area who will begin to arrive each morning at 7:00 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. meet start. The meet is expected to conclude both days at approximately 3:00 p.m.

As a result of the meet, the aquatic center's regularly scheduled weekend programs will be cancelled. However the public is invited to attend the meet for which there is no admission fee.

The City of Pleasanton has worked with the Seahawks to develop plans for a successful competition and reduced impact on the neighborhoods surrounding the Aquatic Center, located at 4455 Black Avenue near Santa Rita Road. City staff has developed a traffic flow system for the Aquatic Center to facilitate competitor drop-off, and participants have been notified of pre-designated parking locations that would reduce the impacts on

the surrounding neighborhoods. For more information, please contact Michelle Stearns at (925) 931-3423.

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results:

Majors: Foothill Angels vs. Dublin Angels: On Wednesday 5/16, the Foothill Angels played an exciting interleague game with the Dublin Angels at Bernal fields in Pleasanton. Solid pitching by Foothill starter Trevor Doster was backed by impressive defense from Maxwell Stubbs at 2nd base and a spectacular catch in foul territory by first baseman Owen Camp. Ramon Cristwell, Owen Camp and Mitch Lawrence followed with strong pitching to hold the game at a 3-3 tie into the 6th inning. In the bottom of the 6th, Foothill's Owen Camp drew a walk and AJ Warford followed with a mammoth 2 run walk-off homerun deep over the center field fence to secure a dramatic Foothill win.

AAA Division: Red Sox vs. Nationals: On 5/19 at Bernal Fields, the Red Sox bats came alive in a 19-8 victory over the Nationals, highlighted by top hitters Ryan Weiglein, Brayden Mahdavi, and Jacob Fineberg. Ryan Weiglein went 6 for 6 at the plate. Jacob Fineberg had 2 solid hits, and Brayden Mahdavi blasted a double off of the wall. The Red Sox also turned in a solid defensive effort led by Eric Andre with several put-outs at shortstop, Thomas Barbounis who caught 2 solid innings, and Dylan Weiglein with 2+ innings pitched.

AA Division: Pirates vs. Indians: On 5/19 at the Sports Park, the Pirates exploded for 12 runs defeating Indians 12-3 behind a balanced offensive attack. Pirate's hitters included Will Sadler with 2 singles and 2 RBIs, Matthew Wesson with 3 hits and 2 RBIs, and Nate Cohn with 2 big hits. The Pirates also received stellar pitching from their entire staff including Trevor Cheng with 2 shutout innings, Nate Cohn, and Owen Clevenger. The Pirate's defense also shined with 2 great defensive plays by Jimmy Andre at 1st and 2 caught fly balls by Kody Coogan in the outfield.



The Castle Bats, Castlewood Country Club's first ever senior tennis team, won the Northern California Sectional Championship on May 20 at Stanford University in Palo Alto. The rookie team of seniors (ages 50 through 61) had earlier won the District Championship on May 6 in Sacramento, making them eligible to compete at Stanford. Over 8000 USTA (United States Tennis Association) players overall competed during the season and the competition was narrowed down first at district level and finally sectional level. The Castle Bats are a senior women's 3.0 doubles team. Due to winning the Norcal sectional championship, they will represent Northern California at the USTA Nationals in Indian Wells in October. The Castle Bat players who competed at both district and sectional levels are Arlie Alford, Captain, Robin Bunton, Co-Captain, Anna Barletta, Debra Hunt, Lori Johnson, Cheryl Moeller, Myra Rayfield, Sandra Stites and Sussy Torbeck. The team's coaches are Jim Swansinger and Adri Ciarnotto and the tennis office manager is Lisa Bargeman. The team's moto is "BATTITUDE!" Pictured are (standing, from left) Anna Barletta, Sussy Torbeck, Debra Hunt, Sandra Stites; (seated) Seated, Myra Rayfield, Robin Bunton, Co-Captain; Arlie Alford, Captain; and Cheryl Moeller.



Livermore Girls Softball U10 Team Xtreme took home the Championship Title, winning three straight playoff games, and taking first place in the league standings. Jade Overton pitched an outstanding game, followed up by Bella Rosa to close it out. Excellent hitting by Sara Kramm, Lexi Shribner and Natalie Hill, and superb fielding work from Ashely and Kendall Yamamoto, with Annette Rizzo at catcher, Xtreme still had to fight off the Giants in the last inning. Down by one run, the girls came alive at the plate. With bases loaded, Katie Keenan singled to drive in the tying run. Skylar Shepherd then singled to drive in the winning run. An exciting game to the very end! Congratulations to both Xtreme and the Giants. A well played game by all the girls. Pictured are (from top left to right) Katie Keenan, Sara Kramm, Natalie Hill, Ashley Yamamoto, Kendall Yamamoto, Skylar Sheperd, Jade Overton, Bella Rosa, Annette Rizzo, Lexi Shribner, Katherine Frost. Annette Rizzo, Jade Overton, Katherine Frost and Bella Rosa were chosen for the All-Star team.

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

Majors: Red Sox 6, Giants 12: The bats were swinging early in this game at the Majors field. The Giants started strong with a 0-3 lead after the first inning. This got the Red Sox swinging in the second inning, and capitalizing on Giants' errors, the Red Sox took a 5-3 lead after two innings. Conner Johnston took the mound, and with a great defense behind him their lead was held to two runs. Giants bats started up again and they put up four runs, and took the lead in the third inning. The Giants never looked back

scoring runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Red Sox standouts: Mason Arnold - single, Kyle Betz - single, RBI, Kevin Lee. Giants standouts: Brian Torres - 1B, RBI; Hunter Burke - single, triple, RBI; Conner Johnston - 2 singles, 2 RBI's

AA Division: A's 5, Yankees 3: The Yankees and A's played a great game, with the A's winning 5 to 3 in six innings. Jarrett Williams went two for three, while Stone Stephenson was HBP twice to get on base. Chad Chiaverini went to the box with confidence and walked. Shane Napier also had a good hit in the 4th inning to get on base. Defensively, the Yankees had Shane Napier pitching 2 1/2 innings, with Jesse Goodman pitching well in the 3rd and 4th

innings. For the A's offense, Jake Kennedy ripped a double scoring two runs. Hunter Thompson had a well hit single, scoring a run. Eli Nuddelman and Ben Nuddelman played great defense for the A's. Ben made a great catch in the 6th inning. Cole Reppas made a fast play at 2nd base.

Cardinals 16, Giants 4: Parker Hively of the Cardinals had a great game today, from his slams into center field for several RBI's, to his great defensive plays as an outfielder, and his most exciting play as a catcher when he threw a runner out at second base. Reef Sweeney of the Cardinals controlled the game with his precise pitching. Reef consistently struck out the opponents batters and did not allow the Giants to score the first four innings

of the game. For the Giants: Peyton Lemmons, Eric Vanadrigg and Jeffrey Fairbanks played amazing.

AA Cardinals played a son vs. mom baseball game. The moms took the lead the first five innings, but the undefeated big red machine known as the AA Cardinals took the win 11-9. Top mommy and son players, Brenda Chambers and son Talon Chamber, Mimi Sweeney and son Reef Sweeney, Shelly Stone and her son Aaron Stone. Special thanks to umpires Jose and son Joseph.

A Division: Cardinals 10, Yankees 9: Cardinals top players: Securing the win for the Cardinals was closing pitcher Chase Vogler. Chase did not allow any runs in on his watch and consistently struck out each

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SPORTS NOTES



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Amador Valley High School Dons defeated crosstown rival Foothill Falcons 13-0 in EBAL softball action. The Dons have compiled a perfect 24-0 record so far this season. Johanna Grauer (15) was the winning pitcher. Amador has a bye in the first round of the NCS playoffs. They are scheduled to play the winner of a game between Livermore and Santa Rosa. The Amador game will be a home game this Friday at 4 p.m.

batter. Bambos Charalambos played an awesome game, from his fielding to hitting ability. Yankees top players: Logan Moore, Daniel Villaseor and John Clapp.

Red Sox 16, Cubs 13: Another close game it was and it could have gone either way. For the Cubs, Tyler Bury continues to be on fire leading the team going 3 for 3 with an amazing 5 RBIs. Jason Leveque-Rovasio played an excellent game and hit 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs. Daniel Rochin continues to be a leader for his team with his consistent hits and fielding. He went 2 for 3 with 1 RBI. For the Red Sox Karl Meyers had 3 singles, 1 double and 4 runs - great day at the plate. Antonio Sotka had 4 singles, 3 runs and 1 RBI. 2 singles, 3 runs, 5 RBIs. Josh Murano led the team with 2 singles, 2 doubles, 3 runs and 5 RBIs. He also had two key plays at pitcher, driving two outs to Drew Kardy at first. A great game played by both teams, 13-16 and Red Sox take the win.

T-Ball: Phillies vs. Giants: Phillies: Riley Durrant, Matt Sunnergren, Zach Berg; Giants: Cole Ebel, Connor Kenyon, Tyler Kardy

Cardinals vs. Giants: Cardinals: Niko Temores, Lilly Higgins, Chloe Lankenau; Giants: Mark Sorrenson, Lucy Patrick, Massimo Agrella.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

A Division: Padres vs. Dodgers: Defense: Jared McQuilliam showed great effort in the field by staying with the ball and threw the runner out at 2nd. Jackson Nystrom played great defense, snagging two pop ups. Offense: Derrick Cravin made an impressive line drive to center field. Evan Nystrom hit an awesome home run that almost sailed over the fence. Jay Hawkins had a solid base hit and also demonstrated skillful glove work on a pop fly to make an out at first. Despite the oppressive afternoon heat, the Dodgers played exceptionally well and kept things exciting for the crowd. Defense: Thomas McKnight made a heads up play and tagged first base for an out. Offense: Brayden Nunes made solid hits and 2 RBIs.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:

T-Ball: Orioles vs. Rangers: The Orioles battled the Rangers last weekend in TBall/Coach Pitch action. For the Rangers, Hudson Faye and Aydan Duffin crushed extra base hits; on defense, Allie Lindsey and Jack German threw leather all over the field for three innings—each was exceptional. For the O's, Alex Maciel sprayed base knocks around the outfield like a true professional; Lucas Cusimano raked all day—line shots to left field and center field with ease. Finally, Gavin Bates was en fuego: he crushed two blasts to the outfield and flew around the bases like lightning. On defense, Ava Schwarz was stellar with several stabs and grabs at first base. Porter Seiwald was spectacular at second base, fielding several line drives and ground balls—as well as multiple force plays and cut offs.

AAA Division: Rangers 11, Cardinals 1: Ranger's pitcher, Adrian Ayala pitched a hit-less game for three innings, striking out seven and grounding out two Cardinals batters. Adrian also went three-for-three at the plate and drove in two RBIs. Scott McPherson relieved Adrian in the fourth to close out the game and logged a triple in the third inning that resulted in two RBIs. Cardinal Quinn Tudor (pitcher) and Conner Hardesty (catcher) tagged out a Ranger trying to steal home in the first inning. Caleb Chance (1 RBI) and Colton Trudeau hit safely for the Cardinals and Colton showed his base running skills by zipping around the bags to score for the Cardinals. Nicely placed hits by Devon Pearce, Dylan Baxter, Tristan Shackelford, Nick Puso and Austin Overton (combined four RBIs) helped the Rangers maintain their lead and close out the game.

A's 7, Rangers 4: On offense for the A's, Zachary Parodi pitched four innings tallying



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Foothill High School Falcons defeated Amador Valley, 3 to 0 in the final game in EBAL baseball action. Foothill played James Logan in the opening round of the NCS playoffs. The game was played Tuesday with results after The Independent's deadline.

left in the game, Carlson found the back of the net, giving West Coast Wave a 5-1 win over Delta Magic.

Hook and Ladder Run

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters foundation will be Hosting the 4th Annual Hook and Ladder Run, Sunday, June 3, 2012 at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd. Livermore. This event will include a 5K run/walk, 10K run and a kids' 1 mile fun run. The event benefits the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that supports injured and fallen firefighters, the Burn Foundation and local charities in the Tri-Valley.

Through May 31st registration is \$30.00 for the 5K or 10K and \$10.00 for the kids' 1 mile fun run. Race day registration is \$35.00 and \$15.00 respectively and will begin at 6:30 a.m. Starting time for the 5K and 10K is 8:00 a.m., followed by the kids' 1 mile fun run beginning at 9:45a.m.

The first three years have been tremendously successful. To keep this event safe and enjoyable for all, entries are limited to 1,000. Please keep in mind that should we reach the 1,000 participant limit we may not have day of registration.

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, 13-19, 20-29, 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. New for 2012 are special top 3 Firefighter awards for both 5K and 10K. Ribbons 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. The event is family friendly and attendance is expected to sell out at 1000 participants.

Event website: www.onyourmarkevents.com.

Triathlon Series

On Saturday, June 16, a field of close to 1000 first-timer, few-timer, and many-timer triathletes will be on hand to kick off On Your Mark Events' 25th annual Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series (four triathlon events), at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton.

The Tri-For-Fun features a course distance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake); 11-mile bike (loop course, flat streets); 3.1-mile run (rolling fire trail). The course is perfect for the newcomer as well as the seasoned triathlete. Along with the shorter (than usual tri distance) course and the safe, friendly, and non-competitive atmosphere, the Tri-For-Fun makes an excellent event for the numerous first-time triathletes.

After the novice athletes master the first three Tri-For-Funs, they can meet the challenge of the final event - the Tri-For-Real. The final event of the series is held at the same location, but the distances have been increased to 700-yard swim, 20-mile bike, and 4-mile run. The Tri-For-Real is also professionally timed, giving our official results.

The 2012 On Your Mark Tri-For-Fun Series dates are June 16, July 21, and August 18. The Tri-For-Real will be held on September 16. All races will start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. There is a 1,000-participant maximum for each triathlon. The triathlons do sell out.

Entry fee for the three Tri-For-Funs is \$65.00 in advance, and \$75.00 day of. Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments, snacks, and entry into the always-exciting raffle (must be present to win). (\$75.00 advance, and \$85.00 day of for the Tri-For-Real, which also includes trophies and medals.) Multiple-triathlon discounts are available.

Check-in and registration will begin at 5:00 a.m., with the first wave hitting the water at 7:00 a.m.

To register or to receive more information about the Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832 or visit their website. Online registration is available on Active.com.

LHS Alumni Golf

Livermore High School Alumni Assoc. is holding its Annual Golf Tournament on Friday June 1 at Las Positas Golf Course.

This shotgun/scramble event starts at 12:30. Funds raised will contribute to installation of document scanners for LHS students.

Please contact Ray-925-606-5518 or Kristen - 925-447-4758 to support LHS students.

Baseball Summer Camps

Livermore High Varsity Baseball Coach David Perotti is hosting two summer camps. Each camper will receive individual instruction from coaches and Livermore High play-

ers, a snack each day and a camp shirt. There are two 5-12 year old camps that cost \$125. The two dates are: June 18-22 and July 9-13 and run from 9-12 each day. For more info to sign up please contact David Perotti at (925) 586-2811 or dpperotti@yahoo.com or check website www.eteamz.com/lybv

Badminton

The Quarry Lane Badminton team is headed to the North Coast Section (NCS) Championships.

After competing in their first championship game on Saturday, May 12, 2012, several members of the team qualified to move on to the NCS Championships. This past weekend, students faced off against students from other schools in the area, including Dougherty Valley High School.

Correction

The caption under the girls varsity lacrosse picture on page 6 of last week's Independent was incorrect. Foothill High defeated Amador Valley, 13 to 12. Amador was not undefeated.

Gesink Wins Amgen

The 2012 Amgen Tour of California concluded at L.A. LIVE in downtown Los Angeles, with Rabobank's Robert Gesink of the Netherlands winning the overall race.

Sunday's Stage 8 route, the final stage of the eight-day, nearly 750-mile race, took cyclists from Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills to L.A. LIVE in Los Angeles where massive crowds lined the streets. Peter Sagan (SVK) of Liquigas-Cannondale won Stage 8, claiming his fifth win of the 2012 Amgen Tour of California, a historic first for an American race. Tom Boonen (BEL) and Gerald Ciolek (GER), both of Omega Pharma-QuickStep, came in second and third in the stage.

For Gesink, the win marked both a remarkable comeback and bittersweet win in remembrance of his father, who passed away after a cycling accident in October 2010.

American teammates David Zabriskie and Tom Danielson of the Garmin-Barracuda team took second and third place overall. It was Zabriskie's fourth second-place finish in America's Greatest Race, having finished second in 2006, 2009, 2010 and 2012.

RadioShack-Nissan-Trek took the overall team competition; Sagan won the Visit California Sprint Jersey; Canada's Sebastian Salas of team Optum Powered by Kelly Benefit Strategies won the Nissan King of the Mountain Jersey; the Netherlands' Wilco Kelderman of Rabobank won the Rabobank Best Young Rider Jersey; New Zealand's Jeremy Vennell of Bissell Pro Cycling won the Exergy Most Aggressive Jersey; while Australian Robbie McEwen, who announced earlier this year that the 2012 Amgen Tour of California would be his last professional race, won the Amgen Breakaway from Cancer® Most Courageous Rider Jersey.

Amador JV Baseball

The Amador Valley High School Dons JV baseball team defeated the crosstown rival Foothill Falcons 11 - 3 on Friday, May 18 during the last game of the EBAL season. The standing room only crowd was treated to a very exciting and entertaining game. The Dons had excellent pitching from Jordan Ott, clutch hitting from Sean Thomas, Jordan Ott, Jack Moroney, Jacob Kinney, Steve Nice, Willie Stafford and Alex Zwingle to lead the team to victory. The Dons pounded out 15 hits and scored their most runs in a league game this year. Ott pitched 6 solid innings and held the Falcons to just two earned runs. The Dons also had excellent team defense turning two double plays, as well as several other great defensive gems.

For the Dons offense, Sean Thomas had two doubles and a single, scored two runs and had 3 RBI. Jordan Ott had two singles, a sacrifice fly, scored two runs and had 2 RBI. Jack Moroney had two singles and an RBI. Jacob Kinney walked, doubled, scored two runs and had one RBI. Steve Nice had a double and a single and scored a run. Willie Stafford doubled, was hit by a pitch and scored two runs, and Alex Zwingle doubled and drove in a run.

To recap the game: The Falcons scored an unearned run in the bottom of the first inning to take a 1 - 0 lead.

In the top of the third inning the Dons



Pictured is West Coast Wave U10G forward Kara Kolte fighting to keep their 3-0 lead in the 1st half against Delta Magic.



The West Coast Wildfire U12 girls played a double header Sunday to rack up two more wins in the Norcal Premier spring league. In game one the girls traveled to Chabot College to play FC Alliance. The girls dominated on offense with goals by Isabella Barbero, Keili Prenton, and Amanda Zeck. In game two, the girls played the Walnut Creek Lightning at home. Huge kicks from goalie Claire Abele proved too much for the Lightning to handle. Forward Meghan Giamona and mid-fielders Kira Karter and Kaitlynn Funsch easily controlled the center of the field by winning all air balls and out maneuvering the defense. A strong West Coast back line led by Kylie Martinez, Jennifer Gibson, Tori Diehl, Maddie Stewart, and Lauryn Souza shutdown the Lightning offense and kept shots on goal to a minimum. With a 4-1 win over Walnut Creek, the girls are in first place and head into their final game undefeated. Pictured is Forward Meghan Giamona breaking free of a defender. Meghan produced her first hat trick of the season by scoring all four goals in the game against the Lightning.



Soccer Troy Dayak stated, "I have been watching Rachel play since she was 9 years old. I can remember thinking to myself that Rachel would be a great attacking outside back. This past year when we formed team Kryptonite I had the luxury of moving Rachel to that position. It is nice to see that that vision has also captured the eye of a Div 1 College Coach as Rachel has been recruited as an outside attacking back" Rachel's father Jeff Leonard said, "The message I have shared with Rachel forever is to play soccer because you love it, and let the college side of things take care of itself. Fortunately for Rachel, and with much help from West Coast Soccer, and all of the coaches she has played for throughout the years that opportunity will be at the Division 1 level at Sacramento State as she concurrently begins to pursue her professional dreams of becoming a nurse."

West Coast Soccer has announced that its first scholarship athlete, Rachel Leonard, has verbally committed to Sacramento State University. "I am very excited about going to Sac State; I really see myself there and have been thinking about it a lot, said Rachel. Director of West Coast



The new par-3 golf course is now open at Las Positas Golf Course at 917 Clubhouse Drive in Livermore. The Links 9 course replaces the former executive golf course that was closed due to the construction of the West Jack London Boulevard extension. It offers a walkable golfing experience to players of all levels. For questions regarding the Las Positas Golf Course, contact Jeff Shafer, Maintenance and Golf Operations Manager at (925) 960-8026 or jshafer@cityoflivermore.net.



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HOOK AND LADDER RUN

Sunday, June 3, 2012

5K RUN/WALK, 10K RUN & KIDS ONE-MILE FUN RUN



Time: 8 a.m. 5K and 10K (Registration/Check-in: 6:30 a.m.)

Place: Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd, Livermore, CA 94550

Benefits: The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 that supports: Injured and Fallen Firefighters, Burn Foundation and Local Charities in the Tri Valley.

Course: The 5K is a run/walk that is 50% paved and 50% dirt road and is stroller friendly. The 10K is 90% dirt road and 10% paved road. Strollers are not allowed in the 10K. Both runs travel through Sycamore Grove Park and are very flat with only one hill on the 10K. No Dogs.

The Kids 1 Mile Fun Run (for ages 12 & under) will take place at Wente Vineyards at 9:45 a.m. Finisher ribbons, ice cream and fire prevention material for all kids.

Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race. Wente Vineyards will have additional food and wine tasting for purchase.

Registration & additional info at: www.onyourmarkevents.com

MEMORIAL DAY

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Gilmore
 • Invocations – Reverend Steve Wild
 • Pledge of Allegiance – Commander Virgil R. Stanger, Sr.
 • Reading of General Orders #11 by Comrade Robert Armstrong
 • Placement of wreath by Gold Star, Blue Star representative –
 • Presentation of flowers and wreath by Daughters of American Revolution – Representative Kathy Chase
 • Meaning of Memorial Day
 • 21 gun Salute - Livermore VFW Rifle Squad

• Taps – Scout Troop #924
 • Closing ceremony – Commander Virgil R. Stanger, Sr.

Livermore Post 47 of the American Legion and Boy Scout Troop 931 will place American flags on the graves of all known veterans in the three (3) Livermore cemeteries; Roselawn, St. Michael's and Memory Gardens (Odd Fellows) Cemeteries. Flags will also be placed at each of the flagpole areas in the cemeteries on May 26. On May 28, Livermore Post 47 of the American Legion will raise the American flag and place

at half staff at 9:00am, Roselawn Cemetery, at the GAR flagpole at the west end of the cemetery. At 12:00 noon the flag will be raised to full staff. At 4:30pm the flag will be retired.

Pleasanton Plans Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 will host a Memorial Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. on May 28 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will present a program of special Memorial Day Concert between 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Vintage Aircraft Flying into Livermore Airport

The Wings of Freedom Tour will land at the Livermore Airport over the Memorial Day weekend.

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine," Consolidated B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft," and a P-51C Fighter "Betty Jane" will fly into Livermore Airport Sunday, May 27. Local citizens will have the opportunity to visit, explore, and ride these unique and rare treasures of aviation history. Local World War II veterans

will discuss their experiences.

The B-17 "Nine O Nine" is one of only nine in flying condition in the United States. The B-24J and Dual Control P-51C Mustang are the sole remaining examples of their type flying in the world.

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.

Ground tours and display will be from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 27; and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, May 28 and 29. Flight experiences are scheduled before and after the ground tours.

Locally based aircraft will be on display Monday, May 28. They include the following: AT-6s/SNJ's/Harvard, T-28s, P-51s, P-40, CIA Tracker from the USS Hornet, and a Yak 18. Military vehicles of the era will also be on display. Historical photographs and memorabilia will be displayed. The Singing Blue Stars of the USS Hornet will be performing songs of the 40s and 50s from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All of this is no extra charge.

Radio station KKIQ will be broadcasting live on site 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The "Big Band of Rossmoor" will perform during the same time.

The event is part of the Collings Foundation to promote living history.

In 1979 the Collings Foundation was founded to support "living history" events involving transportation. Originally founded with the focus of automobiles, the foundation moved to aircraft as the need for quality aviation history exhibits grew.

For further information call Kevin Ryan 925.216.4371.



The Game's Afoot: Tri-Valley Classical Christian Academy, a relatively new private Christian school in Livermore, will present a production of Shakespeare's Henry V on Friday, June 1st at 7:00 pm. The show will be held at their new campus, 2540 S. Vasco Rd. The actors, all students from TVCCA, range from K – 8th grade. Following the abridged—but original language—production the school will host an Open House for families interested in learning more about classical education, its long and beneficial history, and its recent rebirth in the last 30 years. Pictured are Aidan Epperly as the Dauphin, Luke Wassei as his father the King of France, and Emily Johnson as the Constable of France. The school is accepting students in all grades, K – 8. The performance is free to the public. However, as space is limited an RSVP is appreciated. Please RSVP to TVCCA Drama Team at tvcca.main@gmail.com

SPORTS NOTES



Youth United, a group of Livermore youth ministers from various churches, hosted Stationary Bike Races downtown on Tuesday while Amgen's Tour of California raced through town. For more information about Youth United, contact Mary Mele at marykmele@comcast.net.

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got on the board. Jacob Kinney led off the inning with a walk. Parker Newman also walked to put runners on first and second. Sean Thomas then hit a booming double all the way to the left center field fence driving in Kinney and Newman, and the Dons took the lead 2 to 1.

In the bottom of the third inning the Falcons answered with two of their own to retake the lead 3 to 2. In the same inning the Dons made one of their many great defensive plays to shut down the Falcons. With Falcon runners on second and third, and no outs, they tried a safety squeeze. Dons' pitcher Jordan Ott bounced off the mound to field the bunt on the left side. Ott turned to check the runners and caught the Falcons runner off third base. As Ott ran the Falcon runner back to the third base, low and behold the runner from second base was also at third and Ott tagged both players, but by rule the runner that had previously occupied the base was called out.

In the top of the fourth inning, the Dons scored two more runs to take a 4 to 3 lead. Jordan Ott led off with a single. Ott stole second base and then Jacob Kinney hit a double over the Falcons right fielder that bounced all the way to the fence. Ott scored to tie the score at 3. Parker Newman then singled up the middle driving in Kinney and the Dons were back on top by a score of 4 – 3.

In the bottom of the fourth inning the Dons pulled off the first of their two double plays. With a Falcon runner on first base and no outs, a Falcon batter hit a hard ground ball to Dons third baseman Steve Nice. Nice snagged the ground ball, threw a laser to Dons second baseman Zach Schmidt who turned the play at second for the first out, and then Schmidt quickly threw to first baseman Sean Thomas for the around the horn 5 – 4 – 3 double play.

In the top of the fifth inning the Dons scored two more runs to add to their lead. Sean Thomas led off with a single to center field. Steve Nice then hit a double to the wall in right field sending Thomas to third base. Will Pickett then walked to load the bases. Jordan Ott then hit a sacrifice fly to center field driving in Thomas to make the score Dons 5, Falcons 3. Jack Moroney then

singled to right center field to drive in Nice and the Dons were ahead 6 – 3.

In the bottom of the 5th inning, Dons pitcher Jordan Ott struck out the first Falcons batter. The next batter walked, but then the Dons pulled off their second double play of the game. Dons second baseman Zach Schmidt fielded a ground ball, fed shortstop Jack Moroney with a perfect throw to force the runner at second base, and then Moroney fired the ball to first baseman Sean Thomas for the 4 – 6 – 3 double play and the Dons were out of the inning.

In the top of the 6th inning the Dons added three more runs to their lead. Willie Stafford led off the inning with a double to right center field. Sean Thomas then hit a double to left field, his third hit of the day, to drive in Stafford to make the score 7 – 3. Dons. Jordan Ott then lined a single to right center field to drive in Thomas for the Dons' eighth run. Jack Moroney then singled to left field with Ott advancing to second. Cory Melton hit a line drive single to left field to drive in Ott to make the score Dons 9, Falcons 3.

In the bottom of the 6th inning, the Dons defense shined again. Third baseman Steve Nice turned in two great plays and then Parker Newman made an excellent running catch on a sinking pop up in shallow center field to end the inning.

In the top of the 7th inning the Dons added two more runs. Tyler Staniford led off the inning with a walk. Willie Stafford, Don Camello and Kyle Lawrence were all hit with a pitch, with Lawrence getting an RBI for his plunking when Staniford scored. Alex Zwingle then doubled to left field to drive in Stafford to make the score 11 – 3. Dons. Keegan Sheehan entered the game as a pinch runner Kyle Lawrence. Sheehan crossed the plate to a throng of cheers from the Amador players and parents scoring the first run of his career.

In the bottom of the 7th inning Max Molz came in to pitch for the Dons. Molz struck out a batter, and then Willie Stafford caught a high fly ball in center field for the second out and then second baseman Jake Dees caught a high pop up to end the game.

The Dons JV team finished with an overall record of 13 – 13 (5 – 9 in EBAL).



Restored Rambler is shown parked in front of Shepherd's Gate in Livermore.

Restored Car to Help Raise Funds for Shepherd's Gate

A 1959 fully restored Rambler will be raffled off to raise funds for Shepherd's Gate.

Pastor Bob Ferro started out with the desire to help the less fortunate. The idea was to purchase, build and raffle off an old car/hot rod. The search began in 2007 for a car. Ferro said that after 6 months or so, he came across an old church friend who had started, but not finished a hot rod project on a 1959 Rambler American 2 door coupe. It was lightweight, cute and powered by a Ford 289. "A lot of work had already been completed. The best part, he donated the car and parts to the project."

The work got underway in 2008 with a group of men from Cornerstone Fellowship in Livermore taking on the project. "Many, many hours of labor went into the project with each team

members' talent being put to use," according to Ferro.

The result, three years later, is a "tricked out, smoothed over power window, power steering, power disc brakes, power door locks, air conditioned, fuel injected 5.0 Mustang powered car. It was ready to be raffled off to benefit Shepherd's Gate, a nonprofit home that participates in the rebuilding of the lives of women.

Raffle tickets are \$10. They can be purchased at SGRamblerRaffle.EventBrite.com. The raffle winner will be selected at the annual Rimz and Ribz event on July 14.

Additional information about Shepherd's Gate and its work can be found at www.shepherdsgate.org.

To view the car go to www.rambleraffle.com.

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Art and Wind Festival This Weekend

"Let's go fly a kite!" The San Ramon Art and Wind Festival is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 27 and 28 in San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 10am to 5pm both days.

The festival will include 200 arts and crafts booths juried by Pacific Fine Arts. The Festival will feature 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 professional flyers from all over

the country, free kite making workshops for youth, and lots of kites to buy. After purchasing or making a kite, spend some time enjoying the beautiful setting at San Ramon Central Park with the perfect conditions for flying a kite.

There will be entertainment on three stages and two large kids' activity areas with rides, face painting, and fun crafts for the kids to make.

This year there will be 27 food booths operated by local nonprofits that raise much needed funds for their organizations and projects in the area. There will be gyros, Filipino food, peach cobbler, barbecued pork sandwiches,

Caesar salad, tri-tip sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, nachos and more. Last year the non-profit groups who participated collectively earned over \$85,000.

The festival will also feature an early morning hot air balloon launch on Monday, May 28 at 6 a.m. Bring the family for a spectacular close up view of 6 hot air balloons as they lift slowly into the sky (weather dependant).

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

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tivities will feature family games, food trucks, and live music including Jason "Wolf" Hamlin, Livermore's own American Idol, and The Humming Birdz, High Octane Blues.

Pets and outside alcohol are not allowed. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. KKIQ Radio, 101.7 FM, will broadcast the music accompanying the firework display.

The entrance fee is \$20 per carload in advance or \$25 at the gate – walk-in entry fee is \$5 per person. Purchase advance parking ticket at www.LivermoreFireworks.org. Information regarding options for public transportation and overflow parking is also available on the website.

Livermore resident Wendy Weathers, Livermore Fireworks Community Committee Chairperson, is overseeing the efforts to bring back the 4th of July event. "With Las Positas

College's higher elevation and larger site, even more Livermore residents and visitors will be able to enjoy the day's festivities and fireworks show," declared Weathers.

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SHORT NOTES

Mentor Program Added

GNON has a vision to expand its function within the business world by introducing an unprecedented mentorship program to teach future young women entrepreneurs the essential marketing and networking skills necessary to be competitive and successful in today's workforce. To kick off this vision, GNON founder Frances Hewitt has selected Amador Valley High School (AVHS) Junior DECA student, Miss Sri Muppidi as the first intern to spearhead this exciting mentorship program called GNONettes. The internship will offer Miss Muppidi the opportunity to utilize her current extracurricular activities in marketing and leadership by solidifying what the mentorship program's goals are and what qualifications future interns will require to fit the program's needs.

Muppidi holds positions such as: AVHS's Human Rights Club Vice President/Treasurer and California DECA Vice President of Civic Consciousness (representing 3,000 California DECA members). She has three years experience as a VT Seva representative and has been recognized at DECA Marketing Competitions at regional, state, and international levels. Muppidi has been the recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2012, 2011 and 2010 and has been awarded the 2012 Gold Award in Girl Scouts.

To learn more about GNON's mentorship program, please contact

GNON Founder/Director, Frances Hewitt at (925) 487-4748 or at gnoners@gmail.com.

Book Events

Towne Center Books events:
Happy Hour Returns with S.G. Browne, Wed., May 30, 5:30 p.m. S.G. Browne (Scott) the author of Fated and Breathers will discuss his newest book Lucky Bastard which is available now. Penny Warner, humor columnist and author of the Party Planning Mystery series will MC this event. Reservations are very helpful for set up and food. 925-846-8826 or orders@townecenterbooks.com.

Luncheon with Anita Amirrezvani, Friday June 22, Anita's newest book Equal of the Sun will be available June 5 allowing plenty of time to read it before the luncheon. Anita's first book was Blood of Flowers, a historical novel of an ill-fated young woman whose gift as a rug designer transforms her life. It was a book club favorite. Reservations are required. 11:30 social; 12:00 lunch and program. \$15.00 lunch only \$30.00 lunch and book. 925-846-8826 or orders@townecenterbooks.com.

The store is located at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton.

Summer Classes

Registration is underway for Summer Community Education Classes. Classes are available for all age groups.

Kids can have fun participating in programs like football camp, volleyball, fencing, filmmaking, stop motion animation, and comic drawing. Teens can prepare for the next school year by enhancing their essay writing skills and learning SAT test preparation techniques.

Adults can save money by learning to make household cleaners, mineral make-up, and soaps. Piloxing is a new offering that is a heart pumping, body toning combination of Pilates and boxing. Classes are returning in photography, Olivina Estate olive oil tasting and food pairing, and backyard farming in partnership with Alden Lane Nursery.

To Register and learn more, visit the Community Education website at <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed/index.php>, or call (925) 424-1467.

School Fund-raiser

StopWaste.Org, the local government agency leading Energy Upgrade California in Alameda County, announced this week that local schools have raised \$18,000 through its innovative school fundraiser, Energize for the Prize.

From September 2011 through April 2012, Alameda County public and private schools, PTAs, and education foundations earned financial incentives for every home they signed up for an energy upgrade through Energy Upgrade California, the statewide rebate program that helps

homeowners save money on energy efficiency upgrades to their homes. The schools and organizations earned \$100 per upgrade with additional awards for the top five schools with the most sign-ups.

Pleasanton Partners in Education (comprised of 15 schools in Pleasanton) raised \$2,300 through Energize for the Prize.

Schools will have another opportunity to participate in Energize for the Prize during the 2012-2013 school year, and can sign up beginning in May 2012.

"We hope to get even more schools and homeowners involved next year by providing more ways for schools to participate and raise money," said Wendy Sommer, principal program manager at StopWaste.Org.

Schools and school organizations can learn more about Energize for the Prize and sign up for the program by contacting an Energize for the Prize Outreach Coordinator at (510) 891-6528 or visiting EnergizeForThePrize.org. Information for homeowners about energy efficiency upgrades, rebates, and Energy Upgrade California Participating Contractors can be found online at EnergyUpgradeCA.org.

Safety Fair

June is designated as National Safety Month. The Electrical Contractors Trust of Alameda County is kicking off the month with its 2nd Annual Safety Fair Saturday, June

2nd 10 AM - 3 PM. The Fair is open to the public and people may attend with their families. Admission to the event is free. The Alameda County Firefighters are cooking a free lunch. CO2 detectors will be given to people who visit all the booths. There will be raffles every 30 minutes during the fair. Pre-Registration is advised. To preregister, visit www.electricalcontractors.com or by phoning 510.867.0487. Those that pre-register will receive a gift (while supplies last).

Exhibitors like Milwaukee Tool, Thomas and Betts, Graybar and Simpson Strong-Tie will provide the latest tool safety updates.

While the theme of the fair is Construction Safety we want to make sure our members, their families and the local community are aware of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning and thus we will give away 100 CO2 detector's. There will be several public services in attendance such as Kaiser, PG&E and ICE Safety Solutions each will have something pertaining to home life. There are several classes available to take, such as Powder Actuated Tool Certifications, Fall Protection, and Distracted Driver.

The fair will be held at IBEW Local 595, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin.

Coldwell Banker

According to the newly released REAL Trends 500 ranking report,

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is ranked first in sales volume and transaction sides among the San Francisco Bay Area's residential real estate companies in 2011.

The REAL Trends 500 is an annual research report that identifies the country's largest and most successful residential real estate brokerage firms as ranked by closed transaction sides and separately by closed sales volume. REAL Trends, Inc. is a leading source of analysis and information on the residential brokerage and housing industry.

With 45 offices and more than 2,800 sales professionals in the Bay Area, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage accounted for more than \$8.6 billion in closed sales volume and 10,530 closed transactions in 2011, putting it at No. 1 in both categories.

NRT LLC, the parent company of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, was ranked as the No. 1 residential real estate brokerage firm in the United States based on sales volume and transaction sides for the 15th consecutive year.

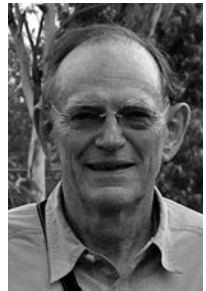
"Being ranked as the top residential real estate firm in the country underscores the tremendous efforts our sales associates and employees put forth every day to deliver an excellent customer experience," said Bruce Zipf, president and CEO, NRT LLC. "We are proud of our 2011 results and look forward to demonstrating our continued leadership in 2012, both on a national level and in the local markets that we serve."

OBITUARIES

Edward Bauer Clark

Edward B. Clark died at home on May 18, 2012 in Livermore, Ca.

He was born on February 16, 1932 in Columbia, Missouri to Myrtle and Arnold Bauer.



He is survived by his wife of thirty-two years, Connie Ilene, two sons, H. Todd and J. Christo-

pher, from his marriage to Marianne Fontana; two stepchildren, Michelle and Brian Ferrario; five grandchildren: Myria, Taylor, Morgan, Cameron, and Brandon. Siblings: William Clark, Sue Schmidt, Sandra Marsh, Robert Mallory, five nephews and one niece.

Edward graduated from East High School in Denver, Colorado. He received his Medical Degree from the University of Colorado, and completed his internship and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Flint, Michigan.

He served two obligatory years in the U.S. Army at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Edward established his medical practice in Livermore, CA 1966-1993. He served as Medical Director of a health maintenance organization, and then Alameda Alliance For Health, retiring in 2000.

Ed felt privileged to have had an enjoyable medical practice in Livermore.

He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Livermore.

Through Connie's interests and encouragement, they traveled extensively and enjoyed life and their families, friends, and community.

Respecting Edward's wishes, a memorial service will not be held.

Contributions may be made to Marilyn Avenue School, Livermore, CA, noting on memo line either: Athletic Scholarships or After School Program.

James Lee Littlepage

Dec. 28, 1933 - May 11, 2012

James Lee Littlepage of Longmont, CO, died May 11, 2012 at Longmont United Hospital. He was 78.

Lee was born in Seattle, WA to Arthur and Kathryn (Westfall) Littlepage. His family were early pioneer cattle ranchers in San Diego County, CA.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 at the age of 18 and served on the U.S.S. Siboney

(CVE-112), an escort aircraft carrier, during the Korean War. Lee graduated from the University of Nevada Reno in 1963 with a degree in electrical engineering. He worked for the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Livermore, CA for 17 years, after which he worked as a manufacturer's representative in the biotech field where he met many lifelong friends. Throughout his adult life he was an entrepreneur, thinker, and inventor.

After retiring he served on the board of directors for the Longs Peak Water District. Lee was an avid gardener and loved to tinker and invent electronic and mechanical items.

His family, including four loving granddaughters, survives him.

Private family services will be held. Cremation is at Ahlberg Funeral Chapel and Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Longmont United Hospital at <https://www.luhcares.org/Foundation/MakeAGift.aspx> in Lee's name.

Please share your happy memories of Lee at www.ahlbergfuneralchapel.com.

Lenore Robinson

Lenore Robinson, age 95, born 9-25-16 in Hanford, CA, died 5-15-12 in Livermore, CA, formerly of Fremont, CA, after a long illness.



She pre-deceased by her loving husband of 53 years, Ted Robinson, and is survived by her daughters Fran Davis of Castro Valley, CA, and Denise Lee Gordon of Livermore, CA, her brother Leonard Chollet (sister-in-law Dina) of Oroville, CA, granddaughters Kelly Clark of Livermore, CA, Lisa Herendeen of Fremont, CA, and grandson Ken Murphy of Ridgecrest, CA.

Also surviving her are nieces Kathleen Halterman of Grass Valley, CA, Michele Lenore Chollet of Oroville, CA, nephews Dave Chollet of Paradise, CA, and Paul Chollet of Auburn, CA, numerous great nieces and nephews, and great grandsons Cameron and Brandon Clark of Livermore, CA, Scott Herendeen of Fremont, CA, and great granddaughter Katie Murphy of Pahrump, NV.

The family is grateful for the loving care provided to Lenore by her caregivers Rosalie and Robert in Fremont, and Tess and Edgar in Livermore during the past five years.

Lenore enjoyed working for many years in the Elections Department of the Alameda County Clerk's Office, and especially enjoyed family gatherings and traveling.

Lenore will live on forever in the hearts and memories of family, friends, and all who knew her.

A Memorial Service for Lenore will be at 1:00 p.m. at Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue in Oakland, CA on Friday, May 25, 2012.

Michael Craig Hartle

Sunrise: 12.27.50; Sunset: 4.2.12

After a courageous three year battle with pancreatic cancer, Michael passed peacefully at his ranch in Casper, Wyoming in the arms of his sister, Sandra Hartle Gomez.



A native of northern California for 50 years, Michael spent many of those years building custom homes, travelling, and enjoying the good life with family and friends.

Michael moved from his home town, Pleasanton, California to Casper, Wyoming in 1999 to help build and open a new Home Depot. He retired shortly thereafter. Michael was born in Pullman, Washington; raised in Pleasanton, California by his parents, father - Dr. Dwight C. Hartle, D.V.M. and mother - Evelyn. Both preceded him in death.

Michael leaves behind many memories, friends and family in California: Relatives, Terra, Finney and Stover families, his best life-long friend and sister, Sandra Hartle Gomez, Debbie Fancher, David (Nancy) Long, Kathy Cope, Tiffany King, Marilyn Mann, Bonnie Redgrave, Trudy Silva, and cherished lifetime friend, Joe (Yvonne) Giordano. In Wyoming: Best friend, Miles Hartung, Ruth Doyle, Rudy (Phyllis) Garcia, Leroy Huseby, Samuel Morrison, Kari Miller and family, and Gay Swynenberg, companion for many years. Many more friends shared his humor, smiles and laughter, too many to name, but you are remembered. Michael loved motorcycles, cooking, animals and music. He was an avid collector of cowboy videos. His favorite line: "It's been quite a dance, Woodrow..." Lonesome Dove.

At his request, there was no service. He was cremated in Casper, Wyoming; and returned home to California with his sister along with the ashes of his best long-time canine friend, Shesha. At a later date, his ashes will be spread around the North West Coast Mountains and the Santa Cruz area with the most spectacular sunset present.

Thanks to Amedishys Hospice

Care of Casper, Wyoming, and the staff that was so caring in Michael's last journey. A special thanks to Christa Booth, R.N. for her excellent care, concern and love. She was an angel to both Michael and his sister, Sandra.

In lieu of cards and tears - Wear purple, make a difference, donate to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

God bless, run with the spirit of the wolf and travel soft paths.

This old cowboy is riding his stallion up on the mountains and over a rainbow.

"Wow, what a ride"

Nolan "Ozzie" Davis

Resident of Alamo

Nolan "Ozzie" Davis was born in 1932 and was raised in Montclair, California. Just out of high school, he met the love of his life Velia (Vee) Delgado. They were married in 1953, and the same year, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard. During the majority of his time in the Coast Guard, the young couple lived in the Lime Point Lighthouse under the Golden Gate Bridge. His job was to protect the bay waters even though he was very susceptible to seasickness.

Fresh out of the service, Ozzie followed in his father's footsteps, opening a small used car lot on Mission Boulevard in Hayward. Finding success with his first lot, he opened a larger lot down the street. His keen business sense and impeccable timing led to great success in the auto business.

Three children, Sheryl, Michael and Gary, completed their family. In the 1960s, the family moved from city life to explore the ways of life in the country. Palomares Canyon in Castro Valley proved to be a perfect location to raise a family. He quickly became a fixture in the Palomares community. Through 4-H, the family learned to raise horses, pigs, sheep and a variety of other animals. Endless social gatherings endeared Ozzie to the canyon crowd. There were many Raider games, barbecuing for parties in his homemade "Mexican Pressure Cooker" and 4-H auctions that bonded the canyon crowd. The neighbors in this tight knit group would go to the ends of the earth for each other. Like the time they worked together tirelessly to save a friend's house from sliding down the hill after a particularly bad rainstorm.

In 1966, he opened a Pontiac/Rambler Dealership in downtown

Livermore, and soon thereafter added a Toyota franchise. Ozzie became a mover and shaker on the Livermore scene, even sitting on the board of the Livermore Rodeo Association. He helped shape the Rodeo's marketing and operations and took pride in driving his steer horn adorned convertibles in the rodeo parades. His acute business sense led him to relocate his dealership to Dublin in the 1980s. At the time of the move, Livermore's mayor, Dale Turner, sent him a letter stating Livermore was sorry to see him go, because Ozzie Davis Pontiac/Toyota was the highest tax producing business in Livermore. Ozzie's foresight and creativity propelled the Dublin dealership to California's number one Toyota franchise; taking in such unusual down payments as a horse, diamond ring and slot machine. His business acumen and dedication set an example for his children that hard work pays off.

As a young man, Ozzie held an interest in hunting, and as time passed, his interest grew to an obsession for worldwide big game hunting. This passion took him from the wilds of Mozambique, Africa to the Rainforest in South America. To date, he holds several Boone and Crockett world records, and his trophies are currently on display in The Wildlife Experience Museum in Colorado.

After retiring in 1989, his love of the Hispanic culture and customs drew him to spend half his time in Cabo San Lucas. When he wasn't deep-sea fishing or golfing, he found joy distributing clothes to the needy. For years, he collected used clothing and hauled bags upon bags to Cabo. He would seek out the poorest barrios to distribute clothes. It was hard to tell who had the bigger smile, Ozzie or the lucky recipients of the free clothing.

One of his greatest delights was spending time with family, including his son-in-law, Bill and daughter-in-law, Lori. From the time they were young, Ozzie taught his grandchildren, Jennifer, Michelle, and Lauren, the joys of fishing. His great-grandchildren, Alexa, Braydon, and Emery, brought him such happiness; he looked forward to each and every visit.

Ozzie is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Velia.

Wanda Lee Coody Chilton Resident of Livermore
Wanda was born on June 3, 1925 in Lunsford, Arkansas. She passed away peacefully at her residence in Livermore, CA

on Saturday, May 19, 2012. She was 86 years old. She was the 4th of six children born to Wiley and Clida Coody, who preceded her in death as well as her siblings, Dorothy, Readis, and William. Married to Glen Taylor on Feb. 9, 1957, Donna and Darla were born in the fall of 1957. They were so happy to have twin girls. Wanda and Glen divorced a couple of years later. She found her true love in 1960 and married Delmar Chilton on Nov. 26. Daughter; Sheila was born in 1962. They were happily married for 44 years. Delmar passed away in 2005.

Wanda loved babysitting her grandchildren and other kids. She enjoyed gardening as well. She also enjoyed attending church and was a member of both San Bruno Church of God and locally, Sunset Community Church in Livermore.

She is survived by her daughters Darla Padilla, Donna Neckritz, both of Livermore and Sheila Lane of Magalia, two sisters, Lula and Lucille; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 11a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore, CA. Burial to follow service at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in Colma.

Obituary/ Memorial Policies

Obituaries are published in The Independent at no charge.

There is a small charge for photographs in the obituaries.

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Summer Luncheons

Mary McMahon
Livermore

Nobody asked me (they never do) about a fine summer activity. The Chamber of Commerce sponsors 4 monthly luncheons at various places. They have a guest speaker, a fine meal and they last from 11:30 to one o'clock, since everyone needs to return to work except us Clampetts.

Other Uses

Peta Grimes
Livermore

I am sorry that Supervisor Scott Haggerty is defending the spending of \$14.5 million on Stanley Blvd. at a time when the schools and local law enforcement are suffering from deep budget cuts. Before their work, Stanley was a great road - it got you to where you wanted to go with no distractions, a minimum of signals and very few disruptions. The same claim cannot be made about very many roads around here.

The basic purpose of roads is to enable cars to travel from one place to another. Not every road has to be "hospitable" for bicycles and pedestrians, and adding these travellers almost always causes a reduction in the auto-friendliness, and more accidents. The traffic people then decide that the road is unsafe and has to be 'enhanced' with multiple traffic lights, thereby further reducing its efficiency.

Most of the improvements cited by Scott are unnecessary frills. I think it is a mistake for Alameda County to spend money on this frivolous project when the area's core services are in trouble. If the only allowed use for this money is on roads, there are many other roads in the county that need work more than Stanley. If the money can be diverted to other uses, then I am sure the local schools or police districts would welcome it.

After wasting this huge amount, I hope the county does not come crying to its constituents for more money.

Saving Tesla Area

Bob Baltzer
Livermore

My first job at the Lab in 1962 was at Site 300. At that time the ridgelines that formed the canyon walls were barren, but pristine with some trees to the south and bare grassland to the north. Where Carnegie had stood, there was only a state marker featuring Carnegie bricks that were still scattered around the area.

During the 60's, I worked on several large HE experiments at

the site and witnessed the progression of dirt bike trails which left terrible raw dirt scars on the land. Instead of stopping the destruction, whoever owned the land then commercialized it and the state eventually took it over and continued the use adding other types of off road vehicles to add to the destruction. Not too long before I retired in 1990 I had occasion to go out there and was just sickened by what had been done. About 10 years ago, I was coming back on I-5 from the south and cut through on Corral Hollow Rd. The whole ridgeline was bare dirt with vertical ruts everywhere.

I drove out there over the weekend and they have apparently stopped the vertical riding because the vegetation is starting to come back, but it will never hide the ruts and scars that mar the landscape. The trails that are now in use show up as ugly scars on Google Maps. The idea that the state wants to extend this abomination into the Tesla area is so repulsive that I attended "Scoping" meeting on Monday and spoke in support of the Friends of Tesla Park who are trying to stop this development. It takes a while to appreciate the wild beauty of that area, but what the state wants to do out there is just criminal.

Swalwell Record

Connie Campbell
Tri-Valley resident

Your editorial endorsing Rep. Pete Stark unfairly attacks Dublin Councilman Eric Swalwell's record on the environment.

Councilman Swalwell is a member of the Tri-Valley Conservancy's Advisory Board, an organization that is instrumental in land preservation in this Tri-Valley. His presence on the Advisory Board is a direct reflection of his efforts to promote viticulture and open space in Dublin. His record supports the promotion of open space in Dublin. Councilman Swalwell created a wine sub-committee in Dublin to connect Dublin to Livermore's wine region, he even dubbed it "Grapes Not Growth."

I have followed the Doolan Canyon issue very closely, and was encouraged to see Councilman Swalwell was the ONLY Dublin councilmember who voted against Doolan Canyon moving forward. In fact, that is the only substantive vote that has been taken on the issue. No environmental review has even been conducted - the only vote Councilman Swalwell took was to approve which objective environmental consultant the developer would have to use IF

a review is conducted. This vote did not move any project forward or backward.

In fact, I was encouraged that Councilman Swalwell specifically stated his approval of the city consultant was not an approval of the project. As a resident of this Tri-Valley, Councilmember Swalwell has been a breath of fresh air compared to how his predecessors in Dublin have approached open space.

Response

Diana Mead
CORVA, Asst to N. Director,
Grants
Escarbajo Buggy Club
Team UNlimited Racing

The article in The Independent makes the OHV Division of California State Parks sound like invading aliens (moonscapes, devastation, etc.) It is not a "little known branch," of the State Parks Department. In fact this division has been in existence since 1971. It is the only division of California State Parks that takes no money from the general fund. Please reread the last sentence. The SVRA's (State Vehicle Recreation Area, of which Carnegie State Park is one,) are 100% self funded. The general tax paying citizen does not pay anything toward the OHV Trust Fund.

The OHV Division of California State Parks operating budget, includes operation of the eight SVRA's, grants to fund OHV management for counties, law enforcement, non profits, BLM, USFS, etc and land acquisition. The source of the budget funds are primarily from three sources: user fees for SVRA's, registration fees for off highway vehicles and fuel tax for the fuel purchased for OHV's. Ms. Armantrout seems to have no issue with the first two sources but calls the last source, "gasoline taxes", disingenuously suggesting that the fuel taxes generated when we pull up to the pump and fill our family car, is going to buy land for OHV recreationists to destroy. This is simply not true.

Prior to 1971, when the OHV trust fund was established, a taxpaying California citizen could deduct tax paid for fuel to power an off highway vehicle (farm tractor, atv, etc.) The reason for the potential deduction was to reimburse Californians who purchased fuel for vehicles that would not travel on the government maintained road system. Clearly, folks who use tractors are still paying fuel taxes for the trucks they use to get into town. Like other legislation in California, this was deemed a "fairness" issue.

The SVRA's and the trail system that the OHV trust fund grants manage/maintain are our "roads". The State developed the

formula to determine how much fuel tax goes into the OHV trust fund based on the numbers of OHV's registered in the state. The formula does not include any street legal vehicles such as Jeeps, or mountain bikes, equestrians, etc, that also use the trails that our fund maintains.

Basically, the fuel taxes that go into the OHV trust fund, are not "the publics' tax revenue," unless that public owns, and registers an OHV in the state of California.

Back to the article by Ms. Armantrout. A leisurely drive along Corral Hollow Road, commencing at Hwy 580 in Tracy, heading toward Livermore, is beautiful to some beholders. Most of the area is ranch land, devoid of the native oak trees, thanks to the cattle. Then we have the Lawrence Livermore Labs, Area 300, a test site cordoned off by miles of barbed wire fencing. There are many lovely rock formations, some with the requisite graffiti. Travel then leads to Carnegie State Vehicle Recreation Area. Yes, there are trails visible from the highway. There are also well maintained camp grounds, event areas, and archeological sites. The site was originally inhabited by indigenous people. In the 1800's, Carnegie was a brick manufacturing facility and a thriving small town complete with railroad. OHV activity on the site dates back to the early 1900's. Since the state purchased the area, and began managing and measuring OHV activity, Carnegie serves as an example of well run park, teaming with wildlife and renewable resources.

OHV trust fund money was used to purchase the Alameda-Tesla land adjacent to Carnegie. The purpose was to grow the OHV recreation area AND to provide other recreation opportunities easily accessible for an urban and suburban population. The OHV community understands this will be a multiple use area, but make no mistake, OHV funds were not used to purchase this land to prevent access for the OHV population of the bay area.

As to the 20 million dollar "state parks" funding, when state parks are being forced to close, please reread the first paragraph again. This division of the State Parks Department, is separate and wholly self funded. No SVRA's are slated to close. None are in need of any state general fund dollars and the Carnegie expansion is not using any State Parks funding that could have kept another state park open. Legally, it just doesn't work that way. This suggestion is akin to my not buy-

ing a house because my cousin is foreclosing on theirs. Of course legally, I can choose to help my cousin, even if I feel he is not financially able to continue his mortgage payments because he has no source of income. However by California state law, State Parks may not be funded by the OHV trust fund.

I understand that owning or using an OHV is not for everyone. In fact some find it abhorrent. To this I will only say that we are proud of our diverse heritage in California. OHV activities are enjoyed by many families over many generations. OHV's provide access to many areas for the disabled, the young

and the elderly, who might not otherwise see that perfect vista. Motorsports are an attractive alternative to gangs, drugs and video screens for young people. OHV activity contributes to our economy as well as the OHV trust fund.

As a liberal progressive and an off highway recreation advocate, I believe in building bridges. I believe in managing our resources and studying the science available to us. But mostly, I believe in being honest with the public. Off highway recreation is not going away. Please help us to manage this activity responsibly and honestly.

Rain Forest Soils May Hold Key to Producing Biofuels

By deciphering the makeup of a bacterium found in the soil of a tropical rain forest, scientists may have a better understanding of how to more efficiently produce biofuels.

The production of liquid fuels derived from plant biomass offers a promising technology for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and dependence on fossil fuels.

While sugars stored within the plant cell wall, known as lignocellulose, are plentiful enough to supply most energy needs on the planet, their extraction is difficult and requires chemical pretreatment followed by enzymatic digestion using micro-organisms. However, while ionic liquids - salty solvents - improve the digestibility of lignocellulose, they also are toxic to bacteria used in subsequent conversion steps.

Using new experimental methods and computational analysis, a team of scientists from the Joint BioEnergy Institute (JBEI), led by Lawrence Livermore's Michael Thelen, discovered how certain bacteria can tolerate manmade toxic chemicals used in making biofuels.

"Discovering microbes naturally tolerant to salty liquids and understanding their mechanisms of tolerance should significantly enhance biofuel production," Thelen said.

The team describes an in-depth characterization of native bacterial resistance to the toxic effects of an ionic solvent used in biofuel production in the May 14 online edition of the journal, the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

Microbes found in natural environments, such as decomposing forest soils, produce highly efficient enzymes to degrade

lignocellulose and are often able to adapt to stressful changes in the environment. An alternative approach involves harnessing the positive traits of these native bacteria to engineer existing laboratory strains for more effective biofuel processing in the presence of toxic solvents.

Thelen and his colleagues isolated Enterobacter lignolyticus strain SCF1, a bacterium that can degrade lignocellulose from plant biomass. They found that SCF1 grows well in the presence of relatively high concentrations of an ionic liquid that is used for lignocellulose pretreatment. This chemical is highly toxic to other bacterial species.

"We looked into how SCF1 tolerates this ionic liquid by using high-throughput growth assays, composition analysis of the bacterial cell membrane, and by determining all of the genes that are differentially expressed when SCF1 cells are exposed to an ionic liquid," Thelen said.

By mapping these analyses onto all of the known metabolic reactions identified in the genome sequence of SCF1, the team found that the bacteria can resist the toxic effects of an ionic liquid by adjusting the composition of membranes to reduce cell permeability, and by increasing a type of transport protein that can pump the toxic chemical out of the cell before damage occurs.

Other Livermore researchers include: Jane Khudyakov and Patrik D'haeseleer. Other institutions include: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Joint Genome Institute and Sandia National Laboratories. JBEI is one of three Bioenergy Research Centers established by the DOE Office of Science in 2007.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 462902

The following person(s) doing business as: Tommie's Cafe @ Lifestyle RX, 1119 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): J Cubed Inc, 869 Caliente Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/1/2012. Signature of Registrant(s): Jon Thomas Van Fossen, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 15, 2012. Expires March 15, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3231. Published May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2012.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

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

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

Michael Whitener,
Michael J. Whitener, and
Michael John Whitener

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: BRENDA JESKE in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: BRENDA JESKE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

5. (*) The petition requests authority to administer the

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

6. A Hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: June 12, 2012
TIME: 9:30 AM DEPT: 201
at:

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA,
County of Alameda
2120 Martin Luther King
Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94704
Berkeley Courthouse

7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. Attorney for Petitioner:
Bernard M. King
King, Snell, Mildwurm

& Fox
39650 Liberty Street
Suite 420
Fremont, CA 94538-2261
(510) 770-5770

The Independent Legal No. 3232. Published May 10, 17, 24, 2012

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464591

The following person(s) doing business as: Serenity Stoneworks Fountains & Decor LLC, 252 Main St, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Serenity Stoneworks Fountains & Decor LLC, 252 Main St, Pleasanton, CA 94566

This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/17/2007.

Signature of Registrant(s): Larry Bourland, President of Serenity Stoneworks Fountains & Decor LLC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 27, 2012. Expires April 27, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3233. Published May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2012.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/29/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee

in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.

Trustor: LARRY A. KINGSEY AND MARILYN KINGSEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS
Duly Appointed Trustee:
Western Progressive, LLC
Recorded 10/5/2006 as Instrument No. 2006375341 in book ---, page --- and rerecorded on --- as --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California,
Date of Sale:
6/8/2012 at 12:00 PM

Place of Sale:
At the front Fallon Street entrance to the Alameda County Courthouse 1225 Fallon Street Oakland, CA

Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$341,746.96
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1117 PINE STREET, LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA 94551
A.P.N.: 098-0349-046-00

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code §2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or

authorized agent, declares as follows: The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporation a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/or the timeframe for giving Notice of Sale Specified in subdivision (s) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been provided or the loan is exempt from the requirements

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:

If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866) 960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.allsource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2011-15462. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale

Date: 5/2/2012
Western Progressive, LLC,
as Trustee
c/o 18377 Beach Blvd.,
Suite 210
Huntington Beach, California 92648
Automated Sale Information
Line: (866) 960-8299
<http://www.allsource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>
For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (866) 240-3530
Tunisha Jennings,
Trustee Sale Assistant

THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3236 Published May 17, 24, 31, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464629

The following person(s) doing business as: Hallie B. Accessories, 2265 Vintage Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jennifer L. Miller, 3176 Rodeo Lane, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/1/2006.

Signature of Registrant(s): Jennifer L. Miller

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 8, 2012. Expires May 8, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3239. Published May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464651

The following person(s) doing business as: Baljit Singh Fitness, 900 Bluebell Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Baljit Singh, 5050 Hacienda Dr #2322, Dublin, CA 94568

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant began to trans-

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464600

The following person(s) doing business as: Bay Area Family Fitness Centers 703-RWD, LLC, 4250 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bay Area Family Fitness Centers 703-RWD, LLC, 4250 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by a Limited liability company

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrant(s): David Morrison, President/CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 13, 2012. Expires April 13, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465006

The following person(s) doing business as: All About Me Kids Salon, 156 South J Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jennifer L. Miller, 3176 Rodeo Lane, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/1/2006.

Signature of Registrant(s): Jennifer L. Miller

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464651

The following person(s) doing business as: Baljit Singh Fitness, 900 Bluebell Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Baljit Singh, 5050 Hacienda Dr #2322, Dublin, CA 94568

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant began to trans-

act business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2011.

Signature of Registrant(s): Baljit Singh

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 30, 2012. Expires April 30, 2017.

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SUMMONS Cross-Complaint (CITACION JUDICIAL- CONTRADEMANDA) CASE NO. 109CV158607

NOTICE TO CROSS-DEFENDANT:

(AVISO AL CONTRA-DEMANDANDO)

Roof Guard Roofing Company, Inc., a California corporation; DLM Plastering Co., a California corporation; Gilman Construction Company, an unknown entity; Foothill Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc., a California corporation; A&M Precast Concrete, Inc., a California corporation; G Depalma Construction, a Sole Proprietorship; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY CROSS-COMPLAINANT: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL CONTRA DEMANDANTE): LWGCS, Inc., a California Corporation

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response to this court and have a copy served on the cross-complainant. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in a proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property

may be taken without further warning from the court.

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

Tien 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al contrademandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en lacorte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

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puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.suorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA** 191 N. First Street San Jose, CA 95113

The name, address, and telephone number of cross-complainant's attorney, or cross-complainant without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del contrademandante, o del contrademandante que no tiene abogado, es): **Von Ryan Reyes (SBN 205186)** Nathaniel R. Lucey (SBN 260796) ERICKSEN ARBUTHNOT 152 N. Third Street, Ste 700 San Jose, CA 95112 (408)286-0880 (408)286-0337

DATE: (Fecha): DEC 05, 2011
Chief Executive Officer/Clerk David H. Yamasaki
By: Clerk, by (Secretario) L. Barajas Deputy (Adjunto)

The Independent Legal No. 3241. Published May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464887

The following person(s) doing business as: Awakening by Desi, 7150 Foothill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Desiree Ralph, 7150 Foothill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrant(s): Desiree Ralph, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 4, 2012. Expires May 4, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3242. Published May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464473

The following person(s) doing business as: Roannes Place, 578 Mayten Dr, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Erica Andracchio, 339 3rd Ave, San Francisco, CA 94118 (2)Lauren Barnard, 460 N. Third #2, San Jose, CA 95112 (3)Megan Condon-Trant, 1586 Parkside Ct, Tracy, CA 95376
This business is conducted by a General partnership
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 17, 2012.
Signature of Registrant(s): Erica Andracchio, Lauren Barnard, Megan Condon-Trant
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 25, 2012. Expires April 25, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3243. Published May 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2012.

NOTICE OF INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed competitive bids will be accepted in the office of the GSA-Purchasing Department, County of Alameda, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Suite 907, Oakland, CA 94612 **NETWORKING BIDDERS CONFERENCES for RFP #900984 Hazardous Materials Response Plan North County**—Wednesday, May 30, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at General Services Agency, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Room 1107, 11th Floor, Oakland, CA and **South County**—Thursday, May 31, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at Castro Valley Library, Chabot Room, 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA **Responses Due by 2:00 pm on June 28, 2012 County Contact: Ann Marie Romero (510) 208-9742 or via email: annmarie.romero@acgov.org** Attendance at Networking Conference is Non-mandatory. Specifications regarding the above may be obtained at the Alameda County GSA Current Contracting Opportunities Internet website at www.acgov.org. 5/24/12 CNS-2317155# THE INDEPENDENT Legal No. 3244

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Which Home Improvement Projects Offer the Best Return?

By Kelly DeYoreo

It's a common question asked by a homeowner about to embark on a home remodeling project: "How much of the cost am I likely to get back when I sell the house?" There's no simple answer, because what a buyer is willing to pay depends on many things, including the functionality of the improvement, the quality of workmanship, and the overall value of your home compared to other homes in the neighborhood. The current features of your home will have an effect on the added value of the improvement. For example, if you live in a 4 bedroom, 1 bath home, adding an additional bathroom will add much more value than if you already have 3 bathrooms in your 4 bedroom house.

There are very few remodeling or improvement projects that will have a 100 percent return on investment; in other words, where you will recoup your entire cost. But if you love your home, and plan to stay in it for several years, that's fine. Your \$50,000 investment in a backyard pool and deck may not increase your home's value by \$50,000, but if your family enjoys the pool for the next ten years, who cares?

Nevertheless, it's valuable to have some idea of what your home improvements may be worth.

"People buying a house look first at kitchens and baths," says Kermit Baker, director of the remodeling futures program at the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. Although these rooms can be the most costly to redo, they're more likely to pay for themselves. Adding a room, such as a family room or additional bedroom, may also fare well at resale time. Selling price is, to a large degree, determined by square footage, so bigger homes command higher prices.

Each year, Remodeling magazine's Cost vs. Value Report provides an interesting look at the percentage of a home improvement project's costs that are likely to be recouped at resale. The report finds that not all home remodeling jobs are created equal—you'll probably get more of your investment back after building a wooden deck, for example, than adding a sunroom.

Of the projects Remodeling magazine has analyzed in their 2011-12 Cost vs. Value Report (www.costsvalue.com), here are the five projects in the San Francisco Bay Area with the best return on your cost. Also listed are the five projects with the lowest return on your investment.

- The 5 Best**
1. Minor Kitchen Remodel. This project might include new countertops, appliances, painting, adding new hardware to cabinets, and a new kitchen floor. A homeowner could expect to recover about 115 percent of the cost of this project.
 2. Front Door Replacement. Homeowners who install a new entry door recoup, on average, 106 percent of their investment. A new door, painted an attractive color, makes a good first impression on a potential buyer.
 3. Converting an Attic Bedroom. If a homeowner happens to have a home with a large attic space, converting some of that space to an additional bedroom can be a cost-effective way of enlarging the home, without having to add to the foundation or roof of the existing house. A seller would recover 102 percent of this cost of this project, on average.
 4. Window Replacement. Replacing those old aluminum windows with high quality, energy-efficient windows is a noticeable and desirable upgrade to many buyers. This typically increases your selling price by about 101 percent of the cost of the project.
 5. Garage Door Replacement. Replacing that old, weathered garage door with a new, sectional, insulated door will have an average cost recovery of 101 percent.

- The 5 Worst**
1. Backup Power Generator. Installation of a backup electrical power system to provide emergency power will cost, on average, about \$18,000, but homeowners can expect to recover only 46 percent of that cost.
 2. Sunroom Addition. A sunroom, or Florida room, can be a wonderful place to comfortably enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, even in bad weather. Its resale value, however, will only be about 63 percent of its cost to build.
 3. Home Office Remodel. Thinking about converting a spare room, perhaps a bedroom, into a home office, with built-in cabinets, desktop, and computer-ready wiring? Expect to recover about 67 percent of the cost. While a home office is a great feature for some, many buyers might prefer to have the additional bedroom.
 4. Roofing Replacement. Something that periodically needs to be done, certainly, but the added value will be about 74 percent of its cost.
 5. Master Suite Addition. Adding a master bedroom suite with walk-in closet and master bath with double sinks, tub and separate shower is an appealing, but expensive, improvement. On average, a seller would get back about 76 percent of its cost.
- In order to maximize your cost recovery, choose styles, colors and designs that are stylish, classic and somewhat neutral when planning your home improvement project. Keep in mind that you'll probably have to sell it someday, so while that purple bathtub might appeal to you, it probably won't be a selling point to future homebuyers.
- Most experts counsel against undertaking an expensive home improvement project purely as an investment. Consider whether it will improve your own enjoyment of your home, and your quality of life for as long as you live there. Be smart about what you spend, and talk with a local Realtor to get an idea of how much value the proposed improvement might add to your particular property. Make informed decisions based on what you want, and what you can afford.
- Kelly DeYoreo is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore



Dale Larsen was sitting in his yard when he says he was treated to hundreds of images of the solar eclipse. The sunlight was beaming thru the leaves and branches of a walnut tree leaving hundreds of images all over a fence next to his garden and on the wall of the house. The images were moving back and forth as the wind blew. He states, "My camera managed to catch the images. Pretty neat."

SAN RAMON

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(TBID), which was passed by all five cities.

CVB promotes the Tri-Valley as an entire region. All cities benefit, CVB executive director Grant Raeside told the Independent.

There is no way to measure the exact impact that losing \$400,000 from a CVB budget that totaled \$1.7 million last year, but would cause some direct effect on the advertising budget, said Raeside.

Tom David, the only San Ramon hotelier on the 14-member CVB board of directors, told the San Ramon City Council on May 8 that the hoteliers could "take \$100,000, and hire someone and bring in 10 times as much business."

When pressed for details, though, David, who manages the San Ramon Marriott, said that the hoteliers have not drawn up a specific plan for staffing and spending.

David said that much of the money from the CVB budget goes to promote weekend tourism, where the big attractions are Livermore wine country "and the quaint downtowns in Pleasanton and Livermore."

San Ramon is chiefly a business destination, with its Bishop Ranch business park. There is some weekend business in weddings, and one destination golf course, The Bridges.

The assessment paid by the hotels comes from a \$2 per-night, per-room fee on stays in hotels that have more than 35 rooms. The hotels send the fee revenue monthly to Pleasanton, which disburses it quarterly to CVB.

The rise in fee from \$1 in 2010 has enabled CVB to expand its staff to seven people and increase its promotional activity.

Grant Raeside, who was hired as executive director six months ago, told The Independent that the effort has been accelerated since he has come on board. Staff is larger and is working harder at publicizing the Tri-Valley.

Raeside said that he is due to meet with an expert in national branding to learn how to position the Tri-Valley to compete in the national market.

"Why can't we be Napa/Sonoma/Livermore, and be the best area outside of San Francisco (to attract tourists)? We have to educate people. We have more golf courses than Napa and Sonoma combined," said Raeside.

"People don't know we have almost 5000 hotel rooms, and

Bocce Tournament to Raise Funds for Diabetic Youth Foundation

By Carol Graham

For Livermore resident Debbie Cordiano whose daughter Marissa was diagnosed with diabetes at age 9, the Diabetic Youth Foundation has been a godsend.

"About two weeks after Marissa's diagnosis, a friend brought me a registration form for Camp Arroyo's Family Education Camp and said, 'This is where you need to be,'" said Cordiano. "No question about it, it was the best advice a friend ever gave me."

In partnership with the Diabetic Youth Foundation, the Rotary Club of Livermore will hold a fundraising tournament at Livermore's Campo di Bocce on Sunday, June 24th.

"This particular event will support our Spring Family Education weekend at Camp Arroyo and help ensure that scholarships and opportunities to attend are available to all east bay and Tri-valley families," said DYF's Development Manager Krystle Samai. "The foundation serves over 1,800 people each year and for some kids, their time at camp is the highlight of their year."

"For many parents, it's the first time they realize that their child and their family will be okay."

The tournament, which runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will consist of 20 four-person teams. Entry is \$100 per person. Each team is guaranteed three matches. Participants will be treated to

brunch, coffee and soft drinks, with the winning team receiving dinner and wine for eight at Campo di Bocce.

"Our big push right now is for sponsors for this event," said Rotary Board Member Scott Trudeau, a retired Livermore Police Captain. "We are close to a sell-out for teams, having sold 18 of the 24 team slots already. But team entries really only cover our cost for the facility rental, food, etc., so the sponsors are very important."

Samai added, "Without generous supporters and donors, this much-needed diabetes resource would not be able to help the thousands of children, teens and families who live with diabetes here in our community."

One such family is the Katens. "In 2008, when our youngest son Joey was in kindergarten, our world as we knew it was turned upside down," said Margaret Katen. "We received a crash course in diabetes management - how to prick his finger seven times a day to test his blood sugar, how to count carbohydrates in his food, how to determine insulin doses and draw them up into syringes and, toughest of all, how to give him three to five injections per day."

Coming home from the hospital with bags of supplies and reference materials, the Katens felt ready to handle the challenge, however it wasn't long before they started experiencing emotional and physical exhaustion associated with the constant care required to get through each day.

"Fortunately, hospital staff had told us about the Diabetic Youth Foundation," said Katen. "Our first experience with them was at Camp Arroyo which offered something for every family member. Joey had the chance to participate in fun and challenging activities without his parents' constant supervision while hanging around with dozens of other kids who all had to perform the same testing, carb-counting and injecting rituals. He didn't have to explain to anyone what he was doing."

"His teenaged brother made new friends while spending time discussing issues and feelings with kids his own age, and as parents we were offered a chance to meet other parents of diabetics - many with years of experience and positive attitudes."

The camp also offered an opportunity to learn about current diabetes research, resources and treatments. "In short, it was the perfect way for us, as a family, to recharge our batteries before heading back into the real world with our new mindset and set of tools," said Katen.

When the spheres of DYF, Rotary, Camp Arroyo and Campo di Bocce come together, the

outcome can only lead to good things. DYF is a 75-year-old non-profit whose mission is to improve the quality of life for children, teens and families affected by diabetes.

Rotary International, with 1.2 million members serving in 33,000 clubs worldwide, strives to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance goodwill through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. Camp Arroyo, run by The Taylor Family Foundation, hosts racially and socio-economically diverse groups of children with chronic medical, developmental and emotional challenges by offering 16 summer sessions and nine weekend sessions throughout the year - completely free.

Campo di Bocce is a Livermore bocce facility, Italian ristorante and wine bar with eight state of the art bocce courts offering recreation, fun and good food to individuals, groups and organizations.

Cordiano plans to attend the bocce fundraiser with Marissa who recently celebrated her 16th birthday. "The foundation has been like a family to us," she said. "They've been so supportive, educating me and my family, including grandparents, and friends who have helped Marissa learn how to deal with every aspect of her diabetes."

"They've helped make us feel like we're not alone."

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over 50 wineries. We have not done anything bad. We haven't done anything. The exciting thing is we have opportunity," said Raeside.

Although David referred to the wine country and the "quaint downtowns" as a focus that drains money away from promoting the San Ramon hoteliers interests, Raeside said that CVB is encouraging all hotels to present packages to their guests that would encourage longer stays from their business trips, so they could enjoy those Tri-Valley amenities.

Raeside said that CVB is glad to work with San Ramon in identifying more weekend attractions in that city.

Raeside appealed to the hoteliers and the council to allow CVB a chance to perform, now that there is new leadership in the organization. He said that the key is communication. He felt strongly that San Ramon could resolve its concerns with good dialogue with CVB.

David said that hoteliers have tried to communicate in the past, but weren't being listened to, and simply gave up.

"It's very difficult, as the sole representative of San Ramon, (on the CVB board) to sway anything in favor of San Ramon. You quickly get outvoted, shut down, and we move on. It has been very adversarial and frustrating," said David.

David also said that there can be change. Directors are discussing a bylaws change to put an eighth hotelier on the board. That change would give hotels a majority on what would then be a 15-member board, but "it's not an easy ship to turn," he said.

Kevin Goebel, a Pleasanton hotelier who is the CVB board president, told the council that he was "disappointed and puzzled about (the council's) resolution." He said the issue had not been addressed by the CVB.

David and San Ramon economic development director

Marc Fontes are on the board. However, they did not bring the request about diverting money back to San Ramon to the board's attention, said Goebel. Fontes did suggest the bylaws changes about creating a majority for hoteliers, said Goebel.

The San Ramon council has no power to change policies of the TVB. The hoteliers were asking for an endorsement of their request to have the money returned to them, rather than spent by CVB.

The council voted unanimously to endorse the hoteliers' point of view, but not before councilmember Phil O'Loane added an important word to the motion.

The word was "believe," which made the resolution read that the "San Ramon hotel operators believe that the (CVB) board of directors has not been responsive."

O'Loane said that after hearing presentations from the hoteliers and CVB representatives, he did not know whether the CVB board has been unresponsive to the hoteliers, as the hoteliers claimed. The complaints aired by the hoteliers appeared to have enough merit that it was important to stand with the hoteliers.

The issue was brought up at the CVB directors' meeting on May 16. A committee was created that includes San Ramon hoteliers and city staff to conduct a dialogue with others on the board.

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Buffalo Rome, Asleep at the Wheel Featured Rodeo Weekend



Buffalo Rome

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western music events at the Bankhead Theater in conjunction with the 94th Annual Livermore Rodeo this June.



Asleep at the Wheel

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Joni Morris

Patsy Cline Tribute Returns To Firehouse

Back at the Firehouse Arts Center by popular demand, Joni Morris will perform "A Tribute to the Music of Patsy Cline" on June 3rd at a 2:00 p.m. matinee.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Patsy Cline was born in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia in 1932 where she began entertaining her neighbors as early as age three. Her "big break" came when she won an Arthur Godfrey Talent program in 1957 with the hit "Walkin' After Midnight." From there, she pursued a recording career, appearing at the Grand Ole Opry in 1958. She received national awards in 1961 and 1962 and recorded ageless hits such as "Crazy," "Sweet Dreams" and "I Fall to Pieces."

Her career ended with an airplane crash in Tennessee in 1963,

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Stardust Cowboys Bring the Music of the Old West to the Library

The Stardust Cowboys will perform at 2pm on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event.

The Stardust Cowboys play a blend of mostly original with western traditional tunes, reminiscent of the '40s-'50s Bob Wills, Spade Cooley and Gene Autry era, honoring both the cowboys of yesteryear and silver screen with songs about the Old West.

You'll hear Bob Wills Texas style western swing followed by old-time cowboy tunes. Their originals are written distinctly in a cowboy swing flavor and about living life in the hardy setting of the western country.

This group, stacked with song-writing talent and honorees in Western Music, has energized crowds throughout California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Montana & Canada for more than 25 years at nightclubs, casinos, fairs, rodeos, regional concerts, cowboy events and many name act openers. Many of their members have been inducted into various western music halls of fame, and their songs have frequently hit the top 10 on western swing charts. The Academy of Western Artists nominated the song "Ridin' Back To You" for 2010 Western Song of the Year and the "Ridin' Back To You" CD won the Will Rogers 2011 Western Album of the Year.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.



Stardust Cowboys



Pictured (from left) Big Cat and the Hipnotics, Big Cat, and Barbara Dane.



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Evening of Blues to Benefit Bothwell Arts Center

A special night of Blues to Benefit the Bothwell begins with folk and blues icon Barbara Dane sharing more than half a century of music. Her repertoire ranges the classics of Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey to her own acoustic comments on life, accompanied on piano by the highly-sought after Tammy Hall. Dane is backed up by the Angela Wellman on trombone. Then West Coast innovators Big Cat & the Hipnotics, featuring Allen Vega on guitar, take the stage performing their electric world of rhythm and blues.

The performance will be Fri., June 1 at 8 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

Dane's blues, jazz and folk music career spans more than 60 years. Her first concert was in 1947, sharing a folk stage with Pete Seeger. In 1959, she sang hot jazz on TV with Louis Armstrong and toured with Jack Teagarden. For a year she sang blues with Willie Dixon and Memphis Slim as her back-up, and took over Muddy Waters' band when he became ill. In 1971 she sang before tens of thousands on the Washington

Mall in protest of the Vietnam War. She recorded mainstream jazz with Earl "Fatha" Hines, blues with Lightnin' Hopkins, and traditional jazz with her own band. Says Duane Gordon, who frequently manages Bothwell's music productions through www.valleysingout.com, "Dane offers a genuine experience of the American spirit of truth and survival that is the heritage of Folk, Blues, and Jazz. In 2011, the New York Times published, "She (Dane) still has pipes of polished bronze".

Big Cat and the Hipnotics,

featuring lead singer Big Cat Tolefree with Allen Vega on guitar, is known throughout the West Coast music scene. They recently opened for B.B. King, and in the past, Tolefree opened for the Temptations, Jimmy McCracklin and others. In 2011 Tolefree was named "Male Blues Vocalist of the Year." Lead musician Vega plays a smokin' gun of a blues guitar, and Vega's former band, Smokin' Gun, won a Bay Area Music Battle of the Bands. Vega has opened for Bobby "Blue" Bland, Etta James, Buddy Guy, and the list goes on.

The Bothwell Arts Center is a project of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation. Proceeds from the performance benefit the Bothwell and the thousands of artists, performers, teachers and students of the arts that rely on the Bothwell's inexpensive rental space that allows them to rehearse, create, teach, learn and perform.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, on sale at www.bankheadtheater.org, or the Bankhead Ticket Office at 925-373-6800.

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years, they have collaborated with such musical legends as Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton and Garth Brooks, incorporated musical play-acting into their performances, and brought their trademark sound to pops symphony concerts. Asleep at the Wheel, now one of the longest running acts in country western music, was honored with The Americana Music Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009.

Contemporary country band Buffalo Rome brings their strikingly pure three part harmonies and intricate sound to lively country rock songs and classic ballads. Known for "putting the West back in country western music," singer/songwriters Michael Visconti, Kevin Douglas, and Mark Schaffel bring their unique musical talents and diverse life experiences to give such songs as "Big Sky" and "Ocean in Montana" a fresh, mature sound. As a group and indi-

vidually, all three have performed extensively at venues from the Grand Ole Opry to honky tonks and fairs from coast to coast. Tickets for performances by Asleep at the Wheel and Buffalo Rome are available now at the Bankhead Theater ticket office.

Buffalo Rome and Asleep at the Wheel are the final two events in LVPAC Presents' fifth and largest season to date, a showcase of nearly 50 events featuring acclaimed performers across a wide range of musical styles and genres. As the number of events at the Bankhead Theater has grown, show attendance has increased as well and the 2011-2012 season saw a record number of sold out shows, ranging from hard rock and jazz to vocal groups and world music.

The complete 2012-2013 LVPAC Presents season will be officially announced in June. However, four special summer performances are already scheduled. Jon

Anderson/The Voice of YES will appear at the Bankhead Theater on Tues., June 19, 2012. Best known as the lead vocalist and creative force behind the success of popular progressive rock band YES, Anderson's distinctive vocals were at the center of the band's classic hits such as "Roundabout" and "Owner of a Lonely Heart." Other summer performances include the sounds and sprit of New Orleans' famous Preservation Hall Jazz Band on July 7th, flamenco guitarist Ottmar Liebert and his band Luna Negra return by popular demand on August 9th, and one of the original country music outlaws, Jerry Jeff Walker will appear on August 17th. Tickets for the shows in the LVPAC Presents summer series are now on sale to the public.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit www.bankheadtheater.org

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but her style and popularity have endured.

In 1973, Cline was elected posthumously to the Country Music Hall of Fame as one of the major female vocalists of all time and the first female to receive the Hall of Fame honor.

Joni Morris emulates Cline's soul-stirring voice and flamboyant nature, performing with the passion and personality that captivated Cline's fans. In addition to paying homage to country music of the late 1950s and early 60s, the genre's "golden years", Morris adds the quick-witted humor and audience interaction for which she has become known.

She says, "Patsy Cline recorded some of the most beautiful songs I've ever heard in my life. I never get tired of singing them."

Morris has traveled nationally for the past fifteen years with her four-piece band, After Midnight,

and has appeared before enthusiastic audiences at colleges, festivals, dinner theaters, conventions, casinos, and private parties. The San Francisco Chronicle wrote, "Morris is more than just an imitator. She has the tremendous talent of her own which comes through with each song and sounds even better than Cline."

Tickets are adult \$15, \$20 and \$25; child \$12 and senior \$20. Group discounts are available.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance.

The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

Gypsy Soul Concert in Pleasanton

Acoustic rock duo Gypsy Soul brings its stirring and soulful sound to the Firehouse Arts Center on June 2 for an 8 p.m. concert.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Lyricist/singer Cilette Swann and composer/musician/producer Roman Morykit discovered a musical kinship and formed Gypsy Soul in 1990. For the next few years they wrote songs and cultivated their sound while playing in Los Angeles venues such as The Troubadour and Luna Park. Then with the financial support of friends and family, they recorded their debut CD, "Test Of Time" in 1995. Aaton, a French camera company for which Swann was working, was so impressed with the duo's music that they offered free equipment to produce a music video. With 14 volunteers and donations from other Los Angeles production companies, Swann's filmmaker assistant directed the band's first video for "Silent Tears." A friend financed the pressing of the first 1,000 CDs.

Armed with video and CDs, Swann and Morykit began touring and attracted the attention of a small independent record company. They released the CD nationally and "Silent Tears" reached the Top 40 radio charts, along with artists such as Celine



Roman Morykit and Cilette Swann perform as Gypsy Soul.

Dion and Brian Adams. However, just as the single was taking off, the record company ran out of money and the duo's career was stalled.

After sitting out the remainder of their contract and writing more songs, the two decided to start their own record company, Off The Beaten Track Recordings. They secured national distribution and released their sophomore effort, "Sanctuary."

Since that time, Gypsy Soul has released ten albums and a live DVD, recorded at the Triple Door in Seattle, Wash. In addition, they

have sold more than 1.5 million downloads worldwide.

Gypsy Soul has been "Top Pick/Critic's Choice" in 60 publications including the Los Angeles Times, and other publications.

Tickets are \$14, \$18 and \$22. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

3rd Annual Chili Shooters Stampede Set

The 2012 Livermore Chili Shooters Stampede/Western Heritage Celebration will be held on June 2 in Downtown Livermore. The festivities are from noon to 4 p.m.

Restaurants will be giving sample tastes of chili made using a restaurant's own ethnic and regional spices and ingredients. Chili tasting fee is \$15.00 Official Taster Shot Glass and Tasting Passport.

Sierra Nevada Brewing Company will offer a different beer creation taste at each participating retail/shopping locations. The event will also be showcasing Livermore's newest Craft Brewers, Altamont Brew Works. Chili and Sierra Nevada Craft Beer Tasting fee \$25.00 Official Taster Shot Glass, Taster Beer Glass and Tasting Passport.

There will be western themed music and activities throughout the downtown.

They include Old West ranch and farm equipment display, farm animal petting zoo, bouncing pony races, Old West train rides, blacksmith demonstrations, and roping

and rodeo demonstrations.

The Chili Shooters Stampede and Western Heritage Celebration is produced by Livermore Downtown Inc.

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Smith Students Get a “Cow’s Eye” View

By Patricia Koning

Fifth grade students at Smith Elementary School in Livermore no longer have to wonder what the lens or retina of an eye looks or feels like. On Friday, May 11, they saw the ocular system from the inside out through a cow’s eye dissection led by Livermore optometrist and Smith parent Dr. Steven Faith. His son Alec is a student in the fifth grade class of Terry Linney, who hosted the project.

He led off the lesson with a quick overview of how the human eye works and some optical illusions to demonstrate how the eye can trick the brain. Next, small groups of students each received a cow’s eye and were tasked with locating the optical nerve.

Cries of “yuck” and “ew” were quickly replaced by “wow” and “neat” as the students began taking apart the cow’s eyes. Fourth grader Catherine Linney wasn’t quite convinced. “It’s pretty gross. I definitely don’t want to touch it,” she says. “But it is interesting.”

Catherine was sitting in on the dissection because her mother, Ms. Linney, wanted her to see it. Linney’s son, who attends Mendenhall Middle School, also came to see the special project. Dr. Faith led



Fifth grade students at Smith Elementary School in Livermore got a close up look at how an eye looks and feels. Dr. Steven Faith led a lesson on how an eye works.

the cow’s eye dissection with all four of Smith’s fifth-grade classes.

He pointed out to the students a

major difference between the eye of a cow and that of a human – the aqua blue material behind the

retina of the cow. Known as the tapetum lucidum, this reflective material enables cows to see bet-

ter at night.

The students were especially interested in the lenses, which some said felt like a jellybean, and the cornea. “I thought the lens would be hard, but it’s squishy,” says fifth grader Lindsay Jones. “This is pretty cool.”

The point of the dissection, says Linney, is to teach students about the anatomy and health of the eye and that science isn’t gross. “Also,” she adds. “It’s important for the students to see a member of the community taking time to teach them something new.”

Dr. Faith will lead cow’s eye dissection projects at any school in Livermore. Contact him at Livermore Optometry Group, 925-447-3883 or www.livermore-optometry.com.

“All you have to do is ask,” he says. “Getting the cow’s eyes used to be much more difficult, but with the advent of homeschooling you can easily find them online. This is always entertaining. The kid’s reactions are usually the same – they expect dissecting a cow’s eye to be gross but most find it quite fascinating.”

Fifth grader Audrey Kane summed up this sentiment perfectly. “It was fun, but sort of nasty,” she says.



The Youth Exchange between Pleasanton and Tulancingo sister city organizations is happening soon. Pictured are six of the students who participated last year. This is the 29th year of the program, which includes visits of Pleasanton students to Tulancingo. Most of the students who have participated in the program have ended up forming lasting relationships that continue today. Pictured (from left) are Roxanne, Edwardo, Sebastian, Anne Richert from the Pleasanton Sister City organization, Allie, Maria, and Aldo.

Winners of Congressional Art Competition Announced

Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) held an exhibit of all of the artwork submitted for the annual Congressional Art Competition. The winners of this year’s competition were revealed at the exhibit at the Elsie May Goodwin Gallery in Stockton.

“Year after year, I have been impressed with the talent and passion of the young artists from our region. This year’s submissions were no exception, and I commend each of the students who participated in the competition. I look forward to welcoming our first place winner, Amy Kim, to Washington, D.C.,” said Rep. McNerney.

The winner will be flown to Washington, D.C. in June, where she will attend a reception for all of the winners across the country

and see her artwork displayed in the Capitol. The second place winner’s artwork will be displayed in Congressman McNerney’s Washington, D.C. office, and the third and fourth place winners’ submissions will be displayed in his district offices.

Winners are: 1st Place: Amy Kim, 11th Grade, Quarry Lane High School - Dublin, Flying for Dream – Pencil and Pastel; 2nd Place: Ivy Liao, 10th Grade, Amador Valley High School – Pleasanton, Eden – Colored Pencil;

3rd Place: Miry Kim, 10th Grade, Amador Valley High School – Pleasanton, Polluted Tear – Acrylic; 4th Place: Sherry Xu, 9th Grade, Morning Light Education – Dublin, Passing the Reins – Oil.

Shakespeare Festival Launches Fund-raiser for New Stage

Livermore Shakespeare Festival needs a 10th anniversary present—enough money to rebuild its outdoor stage at Concannon Vineyard.

The raised wooden stage, which had been safely stored during the winter, was damaged in last summer's surprise rainstorm. The wood was soaked, warped and delaminated and the supporting structures suffered extensive water damage.

Temporary fixes got the stage through the 2011 season. Now the company must rebuild it for the coming season, opening in July with Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

"The stage must be in excellent

condition to provide a safe performing platform for the actors," notes Producing Artistic Director Lisa Tromovitch, "and to enhance sightlines and sound for the audience."

The goal is to raise \$9,000 to rebuild the stage, which is installed in front of a landmark Victorian home on the Concannon property during performances. With government and private grants drying up, the Festival is asking for the support of the Tri-Valley community.

Making use of modern technology, Livermore Shakespeare Festival has joined Kickstarter, an online funding platform for creative projects. To join the effort, supporters can go to kickstarter.com,

select "Livermore" from a list of participating cities, find details of the reconstruction project and, if they choose, make a contribution.

"Once rebuilt, the stage will last for at least five years," says Tromovitch. "Join us this summer at Concannon to see a fine Shakespeare production on a stage you helped us to build."

The 2012 Livermore Shakespeare Festival will run July 12 through August 12 at Concannon Vineyard. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 7 pm. Tickets range from \$25-\$39, day-dependent with discounts for seniors, students, and educators. For more information, visit www.LivermoreShakes.org.



Trinity's Drama Ministry, Acts One, is presenting "The Lion and The Wolf" at Trinity Church, Livermore, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore on Anniversary Sunday weekend, June 1-3, 2012. As the story is told the characters head perilously towards certain destruction. Is there something they have missed? What could possibly save them? Journey with the cast and meet the biblical characters David, Eve, Gideon, Joseph, and Deborah and a host of other travelers. Their complaints and their rebellion lead them down a dark path; death is a certainty. "The Lion and The Wolf" features Harry Briley, Sarah Dane, Rodney Hale, Becky Henderer, Christie Henderer, Lorin Jensen, Tina Jensen, Evelyn Lawson, Sue Noble and Sara Stoebe in the cast. The director Sara Stoebe, who also appears in the production, has a 30 year history in community theater with many Southern California and Bay Area credits. Performances are at 7:00 pm on June 1 and 2 and at 6:00 pm on June 3. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For more information call the church at (925) 447-1848.

Summer Camp Offers Creative Options

Inspire Academy of Music and Art is offering a variety of summer camps for aspiring young performers including writing, acting, playing music or creating costumes. Beginners and skilled performers (ages 5-8+) are all welcome.

Inspire Academy will offer one week summer sessions (morning and afternoon available) from June 18 through August 10. Owner and chief maestro of Inspire Music Academy, Tamriko Siphraşvili, is a

graduate of the Moscow Conservatory of Music.

Patrycja Poluchowicz, who holds dual music degrees from Europe and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, will lead the Musical performance camps. She brings a wealth of knowledge and creativity as an accomplished pop and musical-theater performer.

Professor and graduate of UC Berkeley, Fredric Zimmerman, will conduct the Jazz camp where

students will write improvisational music and jam with other campers. His specialties include Jazz, Rock and Popular Music.

With 30+ years of piano experience, Debbie Boyden completes the distinguished group of faculty.

Summer sessions are forming now. For more information contact Inspire Academy: (925) 461-3266, 3240 Santa Rita Rd., Suite 7, Pleasanton, CA 94566 or go to www.inspiremusicacademy.com

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Benefits Exceptional Needs Network

The Exceptional Needs Network (ENN), founded in 2001 in the East Bay, hosts summer and fall respite camps for special needs children with developmental delay at Camp Arroyo in Livermore. Serving these special individuals, at no cost to families fits right in line with The Taylor Family Foundations mission in providing a free camp experience. For some families, it is the "once a year respite" break to recharge and be able to do typical family outings while their special needs child reaps the benefit of attending camp in an environment with his/her peers.

ENN's camp program is comprised of a myriad of fun activities provided by vendors throughout the Bay Area along with ENN's experienced trained staff, which are made up of special needs educators, college-bound students pursuing the field, and nurses.

ENN depends primarily on funds through donations, fund-raisers and grants to pay their exceptional staff and vendors.

ENN will hold their next fundraiser "Texas Hold 'Em Tournament" on Friday, June 1, 2012 at the Veterans Memorial Building in Livermore - 522 South L Street. This event is open to adults only

- 21 years and older. All skills are welcome. Check-in begins at 6pm, 1st deal begins at 6:45. 1st prize \$500, 2nd prize \$300 & 3rd prize \$200 including door prizes throughout the event.

Complimentary snacks provided, beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Gaming provider is Blue Dog

events. Unlimited re-buys for the 1st hour available at \$20 each, add-ons for the 1st hour available at \$20 each. Buy-in \$70 after May 23, 2012 and at the door.

For tickets, or more information contact Denise Gil at 925.998.4914 or ariel2kids@aol.com or ENN @ 925.215.2281 or www.ennnetwork.org

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Yesterday into Today

Coconut Grove in the 60s

By Sarah Bobson

Coconut Grove in the early 60s was a lush, relaxing garden.

That was long before the onslaught of the wannabees that woke up the sleepy town with its mom-and-pop stores with hand-painted signs. It was long before the glitterati turned the hole-in-the-wall eateries serving hamburgers and French fries into high-priced bistros and brasseries serving grilled artichoke appetizers and entrees like seared salmon with Asian noodles. Back then, tourists visited the Grove only as a quick side trip on their way to Key West, the southern tip of the continent.

Growing up in nearby Miami, I remember the bohemian artists nestled in shacks in the Grove's dense foliage and hardwood hammocks. They lived inexpensively in those days. They carved their sculptures and painted their pastels. They walked around the village in their spattered clothes. They ate lunch in run-down cafes and bought sunglasses and colorful, garish short-sleeved shirts decorated with palm trees.

By the mid-60s, the bohemians had competition for their laid-back lifestyle. Hippies, preferring for some reason the oppressive heat and humidity of the sub-tropics to winter all summer long in Berkeley, began descending upon the tiny village. They took up residence not among the banyan trees, the poinsettia bushes, and the royal palms, but in the sparser Peacock Park, a small grassy area along the Biscayne Bay that had a baseball field, a tiny playground, and a bridge from which people could spot stingrays and manatees. The hippies arrived, like the crows in Hitchcock's film "The Birds," a few at a time. But this changed rather quickly as their numbers swelled to an alarmingly large cluster of unwashed young people with long hair, often frizzy, dressed in ethnic blouses and shirts, decaled torn jeans, sandals, and love beads.

On a lazy summer afternoon when we had nothing better to do, my mother, my brother and I would hop into my mother's old,

runty Studebaker and journey the nine-and-a-half miles from Miami to Coconut Grove. One afternoon, after parking the car, we were walking along McFarlane Rd., which runs past Peacock Park, toward the shops on Main Highway and Grand Avenue, when my mother started shaking her head to the beat of "tsk-tsk-tsk."

"What a shame," she said, gazing at the young people on the grass across the street. "Look at them, lying there, smoking. Don't they have anything better to do?"

The concept of young adults soaking up the rays in sunny, 'ole Florida, one of the vacation spots of America, when they should have been working or attending school, suddenly seemed strange to her. She would have tsk-tsk-tsk'ed even more had she identified the pungent aroma in the air that wafted toward us.

That was my first up-close encounter with that group my parents' generation considered misguided, forlorn, and altogether taboo. My brother and I were still in school. It would be several years before I would think it really cool to liberate my hair and let it fly freely, and to dare to wear a multi-colored poncho. For the time being, my associations with Coconut Grove consisted mostly of working as a volunteer.

While I was in high school, I thought I would major in sociology in college, so I wanted to gain some field experience. For one summer, through the auspices of the United Way, I met several times a week with a social worker, a gentle, nurturing black man, who supervised my sessions with a handful of local black boys and girls in a small park. The children and I played games and sang songs. I snuck in reading and writing lessons when I could. Mostly, I just tried to get the children to trust and feel comfortable with a white girl, which wasn't easy to do in 1965. Although the Civil Rights Act passed the year before, desegregation was slow coming to South Florida. Blacks lived in their neighborhoods,

whites lived in theirs, and we each socialized with our own.

One day, in a casual discussion, I learned that the children had never ventured more than a few blocks from their neighborhood. Their mothers, working long hours as domestics, didn't have the time, the energy, or the means to go any distance that wasn't absolutely necessary. They considered day and weekend trips, which I and my family took for granted, luxuries.

I hatched the idea to conduct a newspaper drive to raise the money to rent a school bus to take us all to the nearby Monkey Jungle in South Miami, a favorite tourist attraction. The children went from door to door of the rundown, wooden frame bungalows in their neighborhood and collected newspapers, and we sold them to a recycle plant. We earned enough money to not only rent the school bus but to pay the admission fees for the children and their parents. The social worker and I paid our own way.

The morning of the trip, as we boarded the bus I saw that the faces of the children and their parents beamed with joy and anticipation. The air was absolutely electric with excitement. At the Jungle, I took lots of pictures of the children running beneath the net enclosure that allowed the monkeys to swing freely in the trees while we remained captives below. A week after the trip, I presented the developed prints to the families as keepsakes. One mother looked at them and, her eyes watery, said, "That's the best time I've had in my entire life."

That for me was Coconut Grove in the 60s, a Garden of Eden, of sorts, a sleepy town of greens and browns, where the bright colors were found in flowers and not neon, where bohemian artists and hippies and poor blacks lived their lives in simple earth tones. It was before the onslaught of the glitterati who wanted to feel artsy, if only for a few hours, dining on fancy-schmancy meals and buying high-priced, boutique clothes.



Art in the Vineyard is held at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery in Livermore.

Art, Entertainment, Wine All Part of Annual 'Art in the Vineyard'

Livermore Art Association will host the 40th annual "Art In the Vineyard" at the Wente Estate Winery, the oldest continuously operating family-owned winery in California. Art in the Vineyard will be held Sunday, May 27th from 11:00 am-5:00pm.

The work of thirty-five artists will be featured. There will be live music by Vested Interest, wine, food, and art demonstrations throughout the day.

Admission is free. A \$15.00 Wine tasting fee includes a commemorative wine glass (\$10.00 for Club Wente members). Wine tasting begins at 11.00 am. Food and refreshment will be offered by Wente Vineyards and Strizzi's Restaurant for a nominal fee.

Wente Vineyards Estate Winery is located at 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

For information contact, Edmee Acuna Keele, Art in the Vineyard Chairperson, ekeele@sbcglobal.net

Antiques and Collectibles Along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton

The Spring Antiques and Collectibles Faire returns to Downtown Pleasanton this Sun., May 27.

Over 400 dealers will fill Main Street. The event runs Sunday only from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be vintage, retro and antique home decorations, clothing furniture, jewelry, art, pottery, books and collectibles. All collectibles will be 20 years or older.

There is no admission fee.

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

Free *Friday Nights LIVE!* Outdoor Concerts Begin in June

The “*Friday Nights LIVE!*” summer-long series of free outdoor concerts in downtown Livermore will return on June 1, 2012 with a dozen local performers, ranging from acoustic folk musicians to classic rock and roll bands. The series was introduced last summer, adding new energy and excitement to the downtown area on weekends as several hundred enthusiastic attendees came to the concerts each week. Free to the public, the “*Friday Nights LIVE!*” concerts are sponsored by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. They are held on the Shea Homes Stage outside the Bankhead Theater from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each Friday night from June through mid-September.

Kicking off the “*Friday Nights LIVE!*” series on June 1 will be Jessica Caylyn with her big soulful voice and fresh country/alternative pop sound. The Jessica Caylyn Band appeared in last summer’s series as did three other groups who return this year, acoustic folk group Blind Dog, Latin jazz musicians El Desayuno, and the classic rock of The Gabe Duffin Band. Eight additional groups, from classic rock, blues and country, to acoustic guitar and folk rock, fill the rest of the schedule including the appearance on June 29 of former American Idol contender, Wolf Hamlin and his band The Drifters with their outlaw country rock style. The final concert on September 14 launches the fourth annual *LVPAC Guitar FEST* featuring live music, free clinics and other events for guitar enthusiasts and music fans.

“The very positive response to last year’s inaugural “*Friday Nights LIVE!*” series convinced us to bring it back this year,” said Len Alexander, Executive Director of LVPAC. “Both downtown businesses and local residents were enthusiastic about the addition of free live music on the weekend and appreciated hearing the local talent. We were pleased that the success of the 2011-2012 *LVPAC Presents* season was able to provide sufficient funding to support the series for a second year,” he added.

The opening of “*Friday Nights LIVE!*” launches a summer of music at the Bankhead Theater. In addition to performances by country western groups Asleep at the Wheel and Buffalo Rome concurrent with the 94th Annual Livermore Rodeo on June 9, four *LVPAC Presents* summer shows were recently announced. They include the trademark vocals of Jon Anderson/The Voice of YES on June 19, New Orleans’ famous Preservation Hall Jazz Band on July 7, the return of flamenco guitarist Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra on August 9, and the country rock of Jerry Jeff Walker on August 17th.

The schedule for the free “*Friday Nights LIVE!*” concerts in 2012 is:

June 1: Jessica Caylyn Band, Soulful and contemporary country rock

June 8: The Gabe Duffin Band, Classic rock from the 60s to the 90s

June 15: Audio Illusion, Favorite classic rock, pop and blues

June 22: The Hurricane Band, Collage of classic rock, blues and country

June 29: Wolf Hamlin and the Drifters, American Idol contender’s outlaw country

July 6: Blind Dog, Contemporary acoustic folk rock

July 13: The Hummingbirdz, Fiery, passionate, soulful blues

July 20: Rock on Tap, Serving up classic rock and roll

July 27: El Desayuno, Latin jazz with salsa and soul

Aug. 3: The Gabe Duffin Band, Classic rock from the 60s to the 90s

Aug. 10: Frankie Bones & the Truck Stop Daddios, Acoustic folk rock with a splash of ukulele

Aug. 17: Roger Kardinal & Friends, Smooth vocals and 6- and 12-string guitars

Aug. 24: El Desayuno, Latin jazz with salsa and soul

Aug. 31: Stone Groove, Classic rock with an edge

Sept. 7: Blind Dog, Contemporary acoustic folk rock

Sept. 14: LVPAC Guitar FEST opening, TBA

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. For information, go to www.bankheadtheater.org

Varied Repertoire Planned by Cantabella Children's Chorus for Anniversary Concerts

Cantabella Children’s Chorus presents its Annual Spring Concert, *The Pure, The Bright, The Beautiful*, Saturday, June 2, 2012, at 1:00. Featured will be the training and performing choirs. There will be a pre-concert reception at 4:00 featuring the performing choirs and the CCC Alumni Choir with a reception following, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

This year Cantabella celebrates twenty years of teaching music literacy to children from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

The repertoire includes the world premier of a piece especially commissioned by Cantabella and supported in part by a generous grant from the City of Pleasanton Community Grant Program, by Emeritus Professor Frank La Rocca of California State University, East Bay.

The world premier of the piece, which he composed expressly for the abilities and voices of the approximately one hundred members of Cantabella’s performing choirs, will be performed at their spring concerts, titled *The Pure, the Bright, the Beautiful*, at Livermore’s Bankhead Theater. Dr. La Rocca and Cantabella’s board selected a poem by Charles Dickens, *These Things Can Never Die*, for the text of the piece.

According to Dr. La Rocca, “I am deeply impressed with the dedication of Bee Chow and the many other adults who serve the Cantabella organization. Cantabella is a very accomplished group of young singers and I was honored to compose *These Things Can Never Die* to celebrate the twentieth anniversary.”

Other repertoire include two more world premiers by Paul Shin and Jungsun Lee, and works by Bach, Mozart, Britten, Rutter, Faure, Copland and other contemporary composers as well. Folk songs from the United States and around the world will be sung in Latin, German, Korean and Finnish.

Concerts on June 2 are at 1:00 PM, Training and Performing Choirs (with pre-concert reception) and at 4:00 PM, Performing Choirs and Alumni (with reception



Chorus performs holiday program.

following). Tickets are \$15 - \$25 / Students \$10 at Cantabella.org/tickets and at the Bankhead Theater box office and website. More

information 925-292-2663.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.



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ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the artfield, 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed.-Sun. 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927.

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

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

Arts Encounter at the Farmer's Market, Delucchi Park, next to the Farmers' Market in downtown Pleasanton, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 9. Hosted by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council. Features "Creatures of Impulse" Pleasanton's very own nationally-recognized teen improv troupe. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Poet Laureate, Cynthia Bryant, will host a poetry critique group called "Tuesday Trope" from 7-9 p.m., on the first Tuesday of every month, beginning in June at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. This is an open group, need not be a resident of Pleasanton, free to all. Please bring 10 copies of one or two of your original poems to workshop. E-mail Cynthia at pleasantonpoetry@ci.pleasanton.ca.us

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

Make It & Take It, 2nd Thursday Nights, with guest artists and demos. June is "Mosaic Flag" only \$15 Art Glass Studio, 174 South L St., Livermore. For more information contact Roberta Jones at: 925-447-1962 www.artglasstudio.weebly.com

Beginning Stained Glass, start and finish a small stained glass window (14" x 14") using cutting and manufacturing skills. Learn how to use basic glass tools. Limited to 8 students. Additional studio hours are available at a daily, weekly or monthly rate. Tools and supplies are \$174. Does not include glass. 5 week class, 2.5 hours each. Your choice of: Weds 10-7p, Thurs-Sat 10-9p, Sun 10-4p. Classes are ongoing. Art Glass Studio, 174 South L St., Livermore. For more information contact Roberta Jones at: 925-447-1962 www.artglasstudio.weebly.com.

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its Summer Sessions for 2012. Summer classes are one week long and cover a wide range of projects, from drawing and painting, to printmaking, mask making, sculpture, AP projects and portfolio preparation. Instructor Peggy Frank has been working with youngsters in the Valley for thirty years in her Livermore studio. Students entering second grade all the way through high school are welcome to enroll. Contact Peggy at (925)443-8755 or email her at frank.a@comcast.net.

WINERY EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Retzlaff Winery, Fran and Lanny Replogle invite the public to celebrate the Memorial Day Weekend, May 25, 26 and 27, with a day in the country, a picnic on the lawn, and to taste outstanding new wines. At the "Whites Sales" every white wine will be at a special price for this weekend only. There is a \$10 entry fee. Herb plants, of your choice, are included with every purchase of \$150 or more. Vendors will also be on hand, selling ceramics, Scentsy & Velata products, and barrel-stave candleholders. Blue Sage Catering will also be selling their famous BBQ pulled-pork sandwiches. The winery is open for tasting and sales every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 5pm. For information, phone 925-447-5246 or email info@fenestrawinery.com

Eagle Ridge Vineyard will be releasing its 2011 MadCait Angelica Dessert Wine and 2007 Petite Sirah on Sun., May 27. Both wines will be paired with tidbits to enhance their unique flavors. Food/wine pairing is complimentary for "Taste of the Vine" Wine Club Members. Come visit us 12:00 - 4:30. 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 447-4328.

Spring Pairing featuring the cuisine of Chef Neil Marquis & the winemaking insights of Steven Kent Mirassou, Wednesday, May 30, 2012, 6:30p.m. at the La Rochelle Tasting Room, 5443 Tesla Road, Livermore. \$75 per person, reservations required, 925-243-6442. Age 21 and over event.

Garré Vineyard and Winery, starting

June 1, live music and dinner on the patio every Friday night from 6 to 9pm. Starting June 7, dinner and bocce ball every Thursday 5:30 to 9 p.m. June 17, annual Father's Day BBQ noon to 3 p.m. with reservations required. 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore; www.garrewinery.com, (925) 371-0639

Wine in the Garden Party, Rodrigue Molyneux, June 2nd, 12:30-5:00. Taste the new releases: 2009 Cabiovese, Sangiovese, and Barbera. Entertainment by Latin guitarist Tom Duarte; food by Executive Chef Tracy Flores. \$10 per person, wine club free. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore, 925-443-1998, www.rmwinery.com, info@rmwinery.com

Charles R Vineyards will host Fourth Friday Uncorked starting in June. Monthly Friday Night's on the patio with Wine, Music, Games & Tapas from 5:30 - 8:30. \$10.00 per person \$5.00 per person Club Members. Bring dad out on Sunday, June 17th from noon to 4:30pm for great wine, food and fun. Featuring pulled pork sandwiches along with terrific Charles R wine. Also a game of chance just for dad to test his luck. 8795 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore (925) 454-3040 www.charlesvineyards.com

Chardonay Tasting with Philip Wente, historic tasting of five Wente Vineyards Chardonays during a private wine and cheese reception. Saturday, June 2, 2012, 3 pm to 5 pm. Reservations are required 456.2305. \$25 per guest, \$20 for Club Wente Members, plus tax. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery and Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore.

Fleeces, Food and Fun, Retzlaff Estate Wines, June 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your spinning wheel and a potluck dish to share for lunch. Don't spin yet? Join the "Try it Out Circle" for those who would like to learn. Bring your own water, but please buy sodas and wine from the winery. Entry fee \$5.00 925-447-8941 www.retzlaffwinery.com 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Page Mill Winery, Potty Party, Sat. and Sun., June 9th & 10th. Thanks to those of you who purchased the 2010 Pinot More, construction of the new bathroom is underway and should be completed in June. The 2011 Pinot Gris will be released that weekend too. Free for Underground Wine Club Members. \$10.00 for non-members and includes wine tasting, light snacks, & music. Page Mill Winery is located at 1960 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. www.pagemillwinery.com

The Winemaker's Pour House hosting Picazo and McGrail's award winning winemaker Mark Clarin for a food and wine pairing on Wed., June 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Wines to be poured: Picazo Vineyards Merlot, Tuxedo Fume Blanc and McGrail Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon. The Winemaker's Pour House, 2241 First St., Livermore. For more information call (925) 215-2656 http://www.winemakers-pourhouse.com

Father's Day Picnic, Retzlaff Estate Wines, June 17, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations Appreciated Bring a picnic. Plan to decorate your table and compete for the most sumptuous and the most colorful décor. Prizes for oldest Dad, Dad with most kids. Listen and dance to the music of: TBA; \$10.00 per adult. 925-447-8941 www.retzlaffwinery.com 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

A Night on the Greenville Hill by Horse and Carriage, Thursday June 21, 5-8pm. Charles R Vineyards, Bent Creek and McGrail Vineyards host a magical night of Wine, Food Pairing & Wagon rides. \$45.00 per person, \$40.00 per person for club members - Limited Availability. 8795 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore (925) 454-3040 www.charlesvineyards.com

Tamas Estates, Café Tuesdays this summer: June 19, Southern Comfort Food; July 17, Mid-West BBQ; August 14, California Classics. \$25 per person advance

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MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Authentic New Orleans Style/Danceable Dixieland Traditional Jazz now at Sunol Jazz Cafe. Comfort food served up with Smokin' Hot Jazz every 1st and 3rd Wednesday Mission Gold Jazz Band. Dinner orders begin at 6 pm; music from 7:30.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blues in the Vineyard Festival, Bay Area Blues Society and Winterhawk Winery, 4537 Abernathy Road, Fairfield. Sunday, June 3, noon to 5 p.m. Fund-raising for programs such as "Blues in the Schools."

Top names, such as, Blues Harp Hall of Fame Inductee, Darrell Mansfield; Terrible Tom, who took the late, great Otis Redding's place on tour; and Alvon Johnson, Blues Guitar Player of the Year, 2002. The Festival will also feature, the Oakland Blues Divas. BBQ dinners available, catered by Texas Road House for \$25. The \$25 ticket includes admission to the Festival. Regular admission is \$20 and no meal. highsierratickets.com or brownbagtickets.com

Blues to Benefit the Bothwell, June 1, 8 p.m. Barbara Dane, Big Cat and The Hipnotics, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Gypsy Soul Acoustic Rock, 8 p.m. Sat., June 2, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Stardust Cowboys will perform at 2pm on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this event. The Stardust Cowboys play a blend of mostly original with western traditional tunes, reminiscent of the '40s-'50s Bob Wills, Spade Cooley and Gene Autry era, honoring both the cowboys of yesteryear and silver screen with songs about the Old West.

Patsy Cline Tribute with Joni Morris, June 3, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.

firehousearts.org.

Buffalo Rome, country and western, June 8, 8 p.m., LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Carl Tilchen performs his Jazz, Blues, and R & B songs at Panama Red Coffee Company, 2215 First Street, Livermore, 8 to 10 PM on Friday, June 8. Performance will feature Tilchen's Original Comedy Songs: Google's Car No Driver, and Occupy Wall Street. For information 510-371-9688. Please e mail to carltilchenmusic@gmail.com. Website carltilchen.wordpress.com.

Karla Bonoff, singer-songwriter, June 9, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Asleep at the Wheel, country and western, June 9, 8 p.m. LVPAC Presents, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Doors Legacy Band, June 16, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Jon Anderson, June 19, 7:30 p.m., lead vocalist and creative force behind YES. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

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

Improv in the Barn, June 8, 7 to 9 p.m. Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, Teen improve group, "Creatures of Impulse," and Dublin Youth Advisory Committee present various theater and improv games. Audience participation. Open to all middle and high school students. \$6 at the door.

Night at the Improv, June 9, 8 p.m. Tickets \$10. Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramon.ca.gov

Two's Company with Vicki Lewis and Joan Ryan, 2 p.m. Sun., June 17, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Tennessee on the Farm, featuring plays by Tennessee Williams. June 23 at 5 p.m. and June 24 at 2 p.m. at Forest Home Farms Historic Park, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Three short one-act plays by Tennessee Williams to be performed are *The Pretty Trap*; *27 Wagons Full of Cotton*; and *The Case of the Crushed Petunias* will be performed in various locations on the farm grounds. Wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$50.00 for a fund-raiser celebrating the Historical San Ramon Valley and one of America's greatest playwrights — to benefit The San Ramon Historic Foundation and Danville's Role Players Ensemble. For additional information call 925-820-1278, or email: mail@danvilletheatre.com

COMEDY

Comedy @ Firehouse Arts with Brad Upton and Myles Weber, June 14, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

DANCE

Friday Evening Group Dance! Learn how to dance with great instructors from It's All About Dancing, new dance every

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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.

Hit the Dance Floor, June 14 and 16, 7 p.m. Thurs., 2 and 7 p.m. Fri. Livermore School of Dance Jazz Division performs. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Ballets To Remember, Valley Dance Theatre Presents, Sat., June 23, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Valley Concert Chorale will hold auditions by appointment for its upcoming 2012-2013 concert season on the following dates: Monday, June 4; Monday, August 27; Monday, September 10. Auditions and rehearsals will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, corner of 4th and L Streets. The Chorale's 49th season will include the music of Gilbert and Sullivan, its ever-popular December holiday program including the Chorale's annual Sing-it-Yourself Messiah, Durufle's Requiem, Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, and finally Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Livermore Amador Symphony at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. The 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.

MOVIES

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

Tri-Valley Film Showcase, June 9, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dublin Heritage Park and Museums. Showcase of short films by Arcbound, local student filmmakers. Three viewings followed by Q&A sessions with the filmmakers. 556-4500.

CHORAL

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Students \$10 at Cantabella.org/tickets and at the Bankhead Theater website and box office.

MISCELLANEOUS

Spring antiques and collectibles street fair, May 27, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Main Street, downtown Pleasanton. Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, www.pleasantondowntown.net.

San Ramon Art & Wind Festival, Sunday and Monday, May 27 and 28 in San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 10am to 5pm both days. This family friendly festival features professional kite flying demonstrations, over 200 arts & crafts booths, entertainment on 3 stages, two large kids' activity areas, food booths and more. Early morning hot air balloon launch on May 28th at 6am. For more information, call the City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 973-3200 or check out the website at www.ArtandWind.com

Gibson House Mystery Performers present, Murder at the KO Corral, interactive

mystery dinner theater, Sunol Valley Golf Club, Fri., June 1, 7:15 p.m. Western attire most welcome. 3-course gourmet meal and farcical mystery play, all for \$59 per Sleuth, tax & gratuity included. The Sunol Valley Golf Club, 6900 Mission Road, in Sunol. Reservations required at (925) 862-2408. www.SunolValley.com

3rd Annual Chili Shooters Stampede and Western Heritage Celebration, June 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Livermore. Chili tasting and western family fun. For more information, please visit the Livermore Downtown website at www.livermoredowntown.com

Livermore Rodeo Parade, June 9, 10 a.m. downtown Livermore. Presented by Livermore Rotary Club.

94th annual Livermore Rodeo, June 9 and 10, Robertson Park Stadium, Livermore. www.livermoreroдео.org.

Three weddings and a reception, June 10, 7 to 9 p.m. Veteran's Hall, 522 South L St., Livermore. An interfaith event featuring one Christian, one Jewish and one Muslim couple taking part in a mock

wedding. Sample foods from different cultures. Donations \$5 per person, \$10 per family or dish of vegetarian wedding reception food (sweets or appetizers) would help defray the cost. Please dress appropriately for a festive event. Sign up by June 1 at <http://threeweddings.eventbrite.com>. Questions may be directed to Interfaith Interconnect, the sponsoring group composed of clergy and lay people from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com.

Ed Kinney Lecture Series, 7 p.m. An Evening with Mark Twain, Tues., June 12. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. \$10 general admission, \$5 members & seniors, \$3 students/teachers with ID. All tickets are paid at the door. All tickets are open seating. Information www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

Bonsai Show, Valley Bonsai Society annual show June 16 and 17, Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Expert on hand to demonstrate

styling. Finished tree will be raffled. Information, 980-3438.

Old Time Tea Party, Museum on Main, Saturday, June 16 from 10am - 12 noon - kids bring along your best manners for an Old Time Tea Party at Museum on Main. Create own yummy tea flavor, design a fan and learn the language of fans, make a fancy necklace to wear, and of course enjoy a delicious cup of tea and special treats. Museum on Main family day, 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Free. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or phone (925) 462-2766.

Alameda County Fair celebrates its 100th Anniversary: 1912 - 2012, June 20-July 8 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Celebration includes a downtown Pleasanton Parade on June 23rd, a brand new concert format (one show nightly at 7pm), and a variety of distinctive memorabilia chronicling its 100 year history. Tickets and information at www.AlamedaCountyFair.com

Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian

National Guard, Company I, and Battery E

At the southeast corner of Carnegie Park, a bronze plaque by a small flagpole was dedicated on 10 May 1958 as a memorial to the officers and men of Company I (a capital letter i, not a Roman number one), Fifth Infantry, California National Guard, active in Livermore from 1900 to 1917. Fifty-two young men were sworn in during the official organization of the company on 20 April 1900 in the IOOF Hall. Captains of the company through the years were Carl M. Warner, J.O. McKown, Earl J. Inman, Chester Young, Louis J. Nissen, Bruce H. Painter, Joseph S. Concannon, and Henry A. Mehrmann. At the time Livermore was the smallest community in California to support such a company. Local newspaper editor Maitland R. Henry believed that three factors influenced the city's decision to have a National Guard unit: the young men in the small town would have an activity, the state would pay, and a strong feeling of patriotism was in the air because of the recent Spanish-American War.

The men met weekly for drills and at a rifle range to practice their shooting skills. Most years they participated in a state encampment for several weeks, often in Santa Cruz or Atascadero. After August 1904, the Sweeney Opera House was their headquarters. They gave the proprietor, John Sweeney, the honorary title of "colonel."

Company I was called into service four times. Earl J. Inman had been promoted to captain in November 1905. After the San Francisco earthquake on Wednesday, 18 April 1906, Inman waited impatiently for orders, expecting his company to be sent to

the stricken city. Finally, he got through to the Adjutant General in Sacramento, who told him to take the men to San Francisco on Friday. Inman, unwilling to wait that long, "rented" the Livermore Local, a Southern Pacific train, and used it for transporting the company into the city on Thursday evening. The men remained on duty from April 19 to May 19, helping to police the stricken city. Guardsmen Chester, Archie, and Fred Young as well as their nephew Norman Sweet all went to the city with the company. They wrote home on anything they could find. One message arrived on a tomato can label and another on a box cover. With a return address of "Jefferson Square," Norman wrote in a letter to his mother, Alice Young Sweet, on April 29: "We were on guard duty Friday night and Saturday. We go on for 24 hours and usually get 48 hours off. We have battalion drills from 4 to 5:30 every afternoon." He and a fellow guardsman climbed up to the top of Russian Hill, where they could see the entire burned district. Lt. Clarence Beck wrote home that he had to "confiscate every wagon I could find at the point of a pistol and looted 15 grocery stores and hauled the goods to

camp" to be distributed to the homeless by the Red Cross.

In 1913 the company helped to fight a large fire on Mt. Tamalpais from July 17 to July 20. A third call, this one from the federal government, came in 1916. From June 25 until October 10, the company was stationed at Nogales, Arizona, where President Wilson had called out a military force to quell the activities of bandits on both sides of the Mexican border. Livermore sent three officers and 83 men in response. The company's last call came on 24 September 1917 when it was consolidated with Company A, also of the Fifth Infantry, to form Company A, 159th Infantry, 40th Division, at Camp Kearny, prior to service in World War I. Fourteen members of the company served as officers in the war. Over the 17 years, a total of 414 men were members of the company, according to Maitland Henry's history.

The unit sponsored numerous community activities in Livermore. On Thanksgiving eve, they held an annual ball. In 1900 at the first ball, the *Herald* noted, "Mr. and Mrs. J.O. McKown headed the grand march and under their leadership some intricate and pretty

evolutions were executed. There were a hundred couples in the march, and it presented a brilliant spectacle with the uniforms and evening clothes of the gentlemen and the costumes of the ladies." The entertainment continued until four in the morning. Once a year the company held a play, with male cast members chosen from the guard, and women from the community. The first one, called "Santiago," was held on 2 May 1904 in the Sweeney Opera House. The company also sponsored community basketball games.

Another National Guard unit was started in Livermore on 14 February 1922; this was Battery E, 143rd Field Artillery. It was transferred to Santa Barbara at the end of May 1930. Robert Livermore, the original Robert Livermore's great-grandson, served in Battery E from 1922 to 1940 and ended his career in the National Guard as a captain. The Barn was built as a warehouse for the unit.

The popularity of the original Company I continued. A number of reunions were celebrated in Livermore by the "Old Guard" from 1928 until 1981, when age and death had thinned the ranks down to three—Robert Livermore, John Jensen, and Chester Anderson. The small memorial flagpole of 1958 in Carnegie Park was replaced in 2005 by a 60-foot pole composed of three 20-foot remnants of the original wooden town flagpole. Carole Vercellino still has her grandfather's (James Conniff) medals and other memorabilia from Company I. Does anyone else out there have similar keepsakes?

(Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)

Milestones

Education

Selena Shang and Malia Gonzales receive BetterGrads-Pedrozzi Scholarships

By Patricia Koning

Granada High School juniors Selena Shang and Malia Gonzalez were both selected as recipients of the second annual BetterGrads-Pedrozzi Scholarship. Both students will receive \$1,500 when they enroll in a 2- or 4-year university.

"The BetterGrads program helped me attain first-hand information I wouldn't have received anywhere else. In addition, the BetterGrads-Pedrozzi scholarship has helped me get one step closer to college and continuing my education," says Malia. "Thank you BetterGrads-Pedrozzi!"

Kevin Adler, founder and executive director of BetterGrads, says the organization was thrilled at the quality of this year's applicants for the BetterGrads-Pedrozzi Scholarship. "Our winners, Selena and Malia, are exceptional young women who have shown enormous growth through the BetterGrads program and the College Prep Club at Granada High School. We applaud them and their fantastic mentors, Julie and Caitlin, for reminding us all of the limitless potential of our nation's youth," he says.

In Granada's College Prep Club, students explore topics like SAT prep, applications, financial aid, choosing a school, and college life. The e-mentoring program connects Granada students with Granada alumni attending college.

Adler, a graduate of Livermore High School, founded BetterGrads in 2009 as a nonprofit mentoring organization. He decided to start the College Club and e-mentoring program at Granada after noticing that the school had only two career counselors for a student body of



Pictured are Selena Shang (left) and Malia Gonzalez.

2,300, far below the U.S. Department of Education's recommended 250:1 student-to-counselor ratio. He worked with academic counselor Roxanne Engel to design the program.

Last year, the Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation partnered with BetterGrads to begin offering scholarships. Alyssa Horning and Yari Suarez, both seniors at Granada, were the first two recipients of the scholarship.

"The BetterGrads program in Granada High School's College Prep Club has given me new insight into college life through my warm, friendly college mentor and on how to prepare for college as a high school junior," says Selena. "It was great to meet new friends who are motivated to go to college just like me. The opportunity to apply for this scholarship has given me the experience of an application process so that I will

be ready next year for college and scholarship applications."

Adler says the BetterGrads program is set to launch at Livermore High School in the 2012/13 academic year. He is actively looking for alumni, parents, teachers, and staff to become involved and help coordinate the program. To learn more about BetterGrads, visit <http://bettergrads.org>.

The Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation was created at the bequest of Livermore businessman Mario Pedrozzi after his death in 2002. The Pedrozzi Foundation provides college scholarships to graduates of Livermore high schools, as well as to graduates of Alameda County high schools attending St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park. Since 2008, it has given away \$1.5 million in college scholarships to 415 Livermore students. For more information, visit www.pedrozzi-foundation.org.

Community

Lab Scientists Earned \$10 Million Through Early Career Research Program

Four Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory scientists have earned \$10 million in funding through the Department of Energy Office of Science Early Career Research Program (ECRP).

"Early career" is defined as principal investigators (PIs) who are within 10 years of receiving a doctorate and are either untenured assistant professors on the tenure track, untenured associate professors on the tenure track, or full-time, non-postdoctoral, permanent DOE national laboratory employees. The PI must be employed by either a U.S. academic institution or a DOE national laboratory.

This year, the Office of Science awarded 68 recipients out of a total of 850 proposals. In comparison to other DOE labs, Livermore tied with Oak Ridge and Argonne national laboratories, which all won four awards each.

The five-year awards are designed to bolster the nation's scientific workforce by providing support to exceptional researchers during the crucial early career years, when many scientists do their most formative work.

Céline Bonfils, a climate scientist in the Program for Climate Model Diagnosis and Intercomparison (PCMDI) within the Atmospheric, Earth and Energy Division, earned the award for detection and attribution of regional climate change with a focus on the precursors of droughts. Bonfils was selected by the Office of Biological and Environmental Research.

Bonfils plans to look into the naturally driven and externally forced components of known major large-scale subtropical drought precursors, such as specific changes in atmospheric circulation and ocean surface temperatures. The work will extend her exploratory research in this area originally funded by the Laboratory Directed Research and Development program.

Gianpaolo Carosi, a particle physicist in the Physics Division, won the award for his work in search of dark matter axions with new high-frequency tunable microwave cavities. He was selected by the Office of High Energy Physics.

Carosi plans to focus on developing new microwave cavity structures and integrating them into the main Axion Dark Matter (ADMX) experiment to get a better idea of the mass of axions. Dark matter is an unknown type of matter that is estimated to make up more than 80 percent of the universe. It neither emits or absorbs light or other radiation so it can't be seen directly with telescopes.

Andreas Kemp, a physicist in the Physics Division, earned his award for large-scale modeling of intense short-pulse laser interaction for High Energy Density Laser Physics (HEDLP). Kemp was selected by the Office of Fusion Energy Sciences.

Kemp plans to work on full-scale simulations of recent Titan laser experiments at the Lab to better understand the angular distribution of energetic electrons generated in the short-pulse laser interaction, and the implications for fast ignition.

Jaime Marian, an engineer in the Materials Science Division, won the award for his work in computational modeling and design of radiation-tolerant materials for fusion. He was selected by the Office of Fusion Energy Sciences.

Marian said his research has benefited tremendously from the Laboratory Directed Research and Development program.

Marian plans to focus on high temperature metallic materials for fusion environments, such as oxide strengthened steels, and refractory alloys based on tungsten. He also will look at metallic glasses and amorphous materials.

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 editmail@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.)

1st Annual Tri-Valley Bark For Life, Saturday, June 2, 2012, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sunol Community Park, fund-raising event benefitting the American Cancer Society by honoring the lifelong contributions of Canine Caregivers. The American Cancer Society Bark For Life is an irresistible way to partner with your canine best friend, smile, and make new friends – canine & human. Register @ www.relayforlife.org/barklivermoreca Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/trivalleybarkforlife

Tri-Valley Haven is offering a sexual assault support group for survivors of sexual assault on Fridays at 1 pm at their Livermore community building. The group will help survivors gain further knowledge and understanding of the effects of sexual assault and help them find support in a safe and confidential environment. This group aims to support each participant by creating an empowering atmosphere where participants can learn new coping skills. To sign up for the SA Group or for additional information, please call Christine at Tri-Valley Haven: 925-667-2707.

15th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. This event runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging begins at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks performing at 6:30 p.m. and the parade begins at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at 7:45 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories for great prizes. The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. All donations are tax deductible. For complete details and to download a registration form, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

Livermore High School Alumni Assoc. is holding its Annual Golf Tournament on Friday June 1 at Las Positas Golf Course. This shotgun/scramble event starts at 12:30. Funds raised will contribute to installation of document scanners for LHS students. Please contact Ray-925-606-5518 or Kristen - 925-447-4758 to support LHS students.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., May 26, 58 miles, Shannon Center to the Flynns, meet 9 a.m., Dan Carhart, 828-8964. Sun., May 27, 47 miles Dublin to Moraga loop, meet 9 a.m. at Shannon Center, Jim Duncan, 209-1369. Wed., May 30, 55 miles from San Ramon over Dublin Grade to Castro Valley, meet 9:30 a.m. at Central Park, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581 (advanced ride). Fri., June 1, 24 miles up Mt. Diablo, meet 4 p.m. at St. Timothy's in Danville, Rebecca Wood, 577-3842. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Care Planning, one-hour presentation for seniors and their families, sponsored by Visiting Angels, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Sun., June 3, 11 a.m. to noon Information 443-1000.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will feature dinner and the movie, *Iranium*. Thursday, June 14, 6:30 p.m. at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore, CA. Dinner for this event will be \$22 per person. For reservations and information, contact Phyllis Couper at 925-462-4931 or email coupclan1962@pacbell.net.

Three weddings and a reception, June 10, 7 to 9 p.m. Veteran's Hall, 522 South L St., Livermore. An interfaith event featuring one Christian, one Jewish and one Muslim couple taking part in a mock wedding. Sample foods from different cultures. Donations \$5 per person, \$10 per family or dish of vegetarian wedding reception food (sweets or appetizers) would help defray the cost. Please dress appropriately for a festive event. Sign up by June 1 at <http://threeweddings.eventbrite.com>. Questions may be directed to Interfaith Interconnect, the sponsoring group composed of clergy and lay people from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, interfaith.

interconnect@gmail.com.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free Twelve Step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. floor. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or visit: www.foodaddicts.org.

The Livermore Rotary needs gently used items for their Garage Sale to be held June 16, 2012 from 8 am to 2pm in the parking lot of 1080 Concannon Blvd. Drop off gently used items Wed & Thurs., June 13 and 14 to the Portola School (2451 Portola Avenue) between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Drop off larger items between 2:00 and 6:00 pm at 1080 Concannon Blvd. on Friday, June 15. Proceeds will benefit the many Rotary programs serving our community.

Pedrozzi Scholarship Awards Reception, May 31, 2012. The 2012 Pedrozzi Foundation Scholarship award winners are asked to attend a celebration in their honor with family and friends in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, on Thursday, May 31, from 4:30 - 5:30. Open to the public.

Texas Hold 'em, Exceptional Needs Network (ENN) will be hosting a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on Friday, June 1, 2012 at the Veterans Memorial Building 522 South L Street Livermore. Check-in begins 6pm - everyone playing must check-in by 6:45 pm. 1st place - \$500, 2nd place - \$300, 3rd place - \$200, plus door prizes. Complimentary snacks; beer and wine available for sale throughout the night. Gaming provider: Blue Dog Events. To purchase tickets - please contact Denise Gil at 925-998-4914 or ariel-2kids@aol.com or ENN at 925-215-2281. ENN is a local 501c3 nonprofit that host summer and fall respite camps for children with special needs. www.ennnetwork.org

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA. Brunch buffet in Livermore, May 27, 10:45 a.m., RSVP by May 24 to Hilda, 398-8808.

Internet use classes, Pleasanton Library, four-class series to learn to surf the Internet and send emails. Absolute beginners are welcome. Classes are held at 9:00 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Registration is required. Reserve a spot at the Reference Desk, or call 925/931-3400, extension 7. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 x 25 for information. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Library programs are free and open to all.

Vendors sought, Livermore Lions Clubs Christmas Boutique is November 3, 2012 and vendors are needed. Quality handmade (or hand embellished) items are accepted. The boutique is a major fund-raiser for the Lions Club. Rental fees are used to support eye and hearing programs here in our community. For applications please call Joan at 925-980-2628. Single or double tables are available (\$55 & \$80). Price reduced for non-profit organizations.

Bike Maintenance Basics: 7 pm - 8:30 pm, Thursday, May 31. REI certified bike tech Bri O'Dowd for an informative presentation that will teach you how to lube a chain, fix a flat tire in record time, and make other minor adjustments to your bicycle. No experience necessary. Register for this free class at www.rei.com/dublin to save a seat. The presentation is free and open to the public, and will be held at REI, 7099 Amador Plaza Road, in Dublin. The public may contact our Dublin store's Customer Service Department for more information, (925) 828-9826.

DBE Daughters of the British Empire, John McLaren's Roses of Britain Chapter in the Tri-Valley meets at 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Castlewood Country Club. DBE was founded in 1909 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization made up of women of British or British Commonwealth heritage and ancestry with a focus on charity and fellowship. Those interested in helping with "the cause," enjoying social activities, and forming long-lasting friendships, please contact Edith Caponigro at 925-998-3500 or Jenny Whitehouse at 925-484-1273 for additional information.

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly),

meets at Hillcrest Community Gardens Building, 550 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore. Mondays, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. private weigh-in, 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. meeting. All are welcome. Nonprofit, self-help organization founded in 1950. TOPS members are guided by a nutritionist and a medical doctor at the national headquarters. Members are encouraged to use the diabetic exchange program and are free to use whatever food they plan. Information, contact Sue at 462-6281.

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

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical appointments. 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.

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

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 Grafath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

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

D.A.R. Daughters of the American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Pleasanton. Meetings first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. Group is comprised of descendants of Patriots of the American Revolution. It is a service organization that provides contests, awards and scholarships and events celebrating American history. For members, prospective members, and information on meeting location, contact Ann 510-507-5509 or anarisco@comcast.net.

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 send care packages to the troops. Please contact PMFSG.ca@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting.

Free counseling on job search skills and resume writing is now available at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Sign up at the Reference Desk for a 20 minute consultation. Receive help with resume writing, find employment web sites, learn how to search for a job on the web, and get help with on-line applications. The Pleasanton Library has extensive support material available to assist job seekers. For appointments call the Reference Desk at 925/931-3400. Library programs are free and open to everyone.

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 livermoremilitaryfamilies@yahoo.com.

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

The Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave. in Livermore and is open Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Buena Vidas Youth Ranch has been running Bingo for 16 years and is now working with Livermore Charter, Christensen, Arroyo Seco, East Avenue, Livermore High and Granada High schools, Pleasanton Seahawks and All American Sports Academy Teams. Come play Bingo and support the kids in the Valley. Call 925-606-7777 for more information.

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.

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, has services at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. 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.

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

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

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 N. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvalyrlivermore.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 524

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.

Bible Study, offered Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Refreshments served at no cost. 925-305-9468.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended-style with choir and band, family worship. 10:30 a.m. contemporary led by band, Sunday School for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointechurch.org; 925-846-4436.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. For details please see our website at www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. Leo Arrow-smith at 456-0845.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday school during the 10:30 a.m. service. For more information call the church office at (925) 447-3289 or SaintBartsLivermore.com.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church follows the traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer. 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Sunday school provided. For information, contact Fr. Ben Brown at 925/906-9561.

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

Tri-Valley Unity Church has 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. More room for all the new classes, small groups, new children's and teen programs, and Sunday services (at 10 a.m.). All are welcome. Rev. Harriet Hawkins, minister. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com Check out Unity of Tri Valley on Facebook.

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pentecost, St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, May 27. A rousing celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. St. Lively music, dynamic preaching, baptisms, and our famous "Tongues of Fire Chili cook-off!" Services are at both 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Chili cook-off after the 10:15 a.m. service. All are welcome! Church office: 925-462-4802.

Community HU Chant is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday May 26 at 10:00 AM. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 4th Saturday at The Heritage Estates, 2nd Floor Activity Room at 900 East Stanley Blvd, Livermore. For More Information contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.

Milestones

Education

LHS Twins Headed to U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar

Every year the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) invites a select group of young men and women from around the nation and abroad to attend the Naval Academy Summer Seminar program. Summer Seminar is a fast-paced leadership experience that helps educate, motivate and prepare selected students who are considering applying for admission to the USNA.

This year, Livermore High School juniors, Ashley and Jessica Lois, were selected to participate in the USNA Summer Seminar beginning June 2, 2012. Ashley and Jessica hope to join their brother, Midshipmen Kevin Lois, who just completed his first year at the Naval Academy.

Summer Seminar teaches prospective applicants about life at the Naval Academy, where academics, athletics, and professional training are key elements in developing our nation's leaders. Students will have the opportunity to live in Bancroft Hall, along with participating in academic and leadership workshops. They will also participate in daily physical training involving group runs and conditioning exercises. They will experience first-hand what the Naval Academy has to offer through its exceptional academic, athletic, extracurricular activities and leadership training programs.

Summer Seminar has an academic focus, with each student attending eight 90-minute work-

shops, covering subjects from information technology, naval architecture and mechanical engineering, to oceanography, mathematics, history and meteorology. Students will also participate in seamanship and navigation classes and will take a cruise aboard a Navy Yard Patrol (YP) Craft to apply what they will learn in class.

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy is a four-year college that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen.

Foothill High Students Awarded Scholarship from Pleasanton North Rotary

Three college-bound students from Pleasanton Foothill High School have each been awarded \$2000 memorial scholarships recognizing their voluntary community work, school involvement, and academic achievement from Pleasanton North Rotary.

Seniors Alex Dickinson, Arin Miller, and Patrick Shevelson were

presented the awards by Kevin Greenlee, PNR New Generations chair, in ceremonies at the high schools May 14.

Dickenson received awarded the 2012 Stephen Parker Memorial Scholarship. It is dedicated to memory of the 1979 graduate of Pleasanton Foothill High School. She is planning to attend

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. She has chosen to major in kinesiology, with a concentration in physical therapy. Army ROTC is also in her plans.

Miller was presented the 2012 Chuck Pickins Memorial Scholarship, named for PNR first president. She also plans on attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, with a major in business administration. Miller is the recipient of a Falcon Pride Award at Foothill and former PNR student of the month award winner. She received a Foothill academic letter for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for three or more semesters.

Shevelson was singled out for a Robin Barnett Scholarship. He is headed to Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio where he will major in economics. Patrick distinguished himself as a student athlete including four years of lacrosse and two years on the football team. He was involved in many community projects in his 13 years as a Boy Scout. He is playing on a career in law enforcement, with an eye towards a job with the FBI. The scholarship commemorates the life and work of Robin Barnett, a former teacher at Foothill High School.



Pictured are, from left, Patrick Shevelson, recipient of the 2012 Robin Barnett Scholarship; Alex Dickinson, recipient of the 2012 Stephen Parker Memorial Scholarship, Kevin Greenley, PNR New Generations chair; and Arin Miller, recipient of the 2012 Chuck Pickins Memorial Scholarship.

Community



Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty awarded the winners of Tri-Valley Conservancy's (TVC) Third Annual Livermore Valley Uncorked Wine competition. Supervisor Haggerty stated, "This competition is important to promoting our valley as a premier wine making region." "Laura Mercier, TVC Executive Director, added, "This competition is the only wine competition of its kind focusing solely on wine made of Livermore Valley fruit." Pictured is Supervisor Haggerty presenting the Best in Sow award to John Kinney of Occasio Winery for the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon. Blanch's & Galle's Vineyard. The wine was also named Best Red. The Best White went to Tamas Estates 2009 Pinot Bianco Riserva, Buttner and Marina Vineyards; Best Dessert to Ruby Hill Winery 2009 Ruby Port Blend, Livermore Valley. For the complete list of winners, visit www.trivalleyconservancy.org



On April 1, Paul Epperson, a sophomore at the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School (LVCP) and member of Boy Scout Troop 942, completed his Eagle Scout project. He designed, funded, and built six raised garden beds at the Livermore Valley Charter School, which will be used by biology classes to grow vegetables and flowers. He received funds from the LVCP Parent Teacher Student Group and help from friends from two other Boy Scout troops who attend Livermore High School, Granada High School, and LVCP. He hopes to earn his Eagle Scout award this summer. Shown here are Ryan McCollum (Troop 942), Chris Heckman (Troop 900), Max Hayes (Troop 942), Paul, Chris Wapman (Troop 942), Ian Ransom (Troop 939), and Mr. Ransom. Paul's father Patrick is not shown as he is taking the photo.