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

Park District Reports Budget Is Balanced

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board of directors reviewed the staff's budget recommendations for the coming year.

Staff reported that revenues are stable, as property taxes have neither risen nor decreased and earned revenue from programs and rentals has done the same. Expenses in some areas have increased, so adjustments in other parts of the budget have been made in order to balance it.

After the next fiscal year, the District will have 10 percent, or \$1.6 million, in reserves. Some reserve funds are needed to cover several costs including installation of new water-saving smart meters for parks, which will pay for themselves over time, and a field lighting renovation at Robertson Park.

In addition, Alameda County election services are increasing 425 percent compared to the 2010 election – from \$50,000 to \$213,000 to participate in an election. LARPD will budget for this each year to ensure funds are in place for election times.

The District will defer any purchases of capital equipment as one way to trim the budget for next year. In another area, Board members asked staff for more information on statistics and attendance at Valley Rock Gym.

The budget includes another year without salary increases for employees – the most recent across-the-board increase was July 1, 2008. A budget proposal includes a one-time retention bonus for employees to reward their tenure and to show gratitude for the lack of pay increases.

"I'm really pleased the District is not looking at layoffs this year," General Manager Tim Barry said. "We're going to continue providing the popular programs and important community facilities the District operates."

Projects in the capital improvement budget for 2012-2013 include the field conversion to synthetic turf at Robertson Park, completion of the Resource Management Plan for Sycamore Grove Park, renovation of the



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Report Says East Bay Economic Expansion Opportunities Look Good

By Ron McNicoll

Good opportunities exist in the East Bay to expand its economy, according to a report by the East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

The government-business partnership has been operating for 22 years, and annually issues what amounts to a State of the East Bay Report, which cov-

ers Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The report shows that there are a large amount of vacant office spaces in the Tri-Valley. The exception is Bishop Ranch in San Ramon, which has just under a 3 percent vacancy rate.

Since rental rates are cheaper in the East Bay than in San Francisco or San Jose, the high

vacancy rates in office space is seen as an opportunity for Valley office landlords.

Livermore office space shows a 17 percent vacancy rate, and Dublin 16 percent. North Pleasanton and South Pleasanton are at 10 percent each, but the document doesn't provide the location of each area. Hacienda Business Park's vacancy rate is

19 percent.

Retail floor space vacancy fares better in the Tri-Valley, with a 7 percent vacancy rate in Livermore in the fourth quarter of 2011, compared to 8 percent at the same time in 2010. Bishop Ranch's vacancy rate is at 9 percent, compared to 7 percent one year earlier.

At Hacienda Business Park

retail vacancy rate was 6.8 percent, up from 5.7 percent the year before. North Pleasanton at 0.2 percent is down from 0.3 percent. South Pleasanton at 7.8 is lower than last year's 11.6 percent.

The science community, including Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), continues to help attract jobs and

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The "Wall of Heroes," in front of the Livermore Veterans Building, was dedicated on Memorial Day. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7265, American Legion Post 47, and Fleet Reserve Association, Livermore hosted the event. 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 purchased engraved bricks to commemorate their loved ones, living or not. 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. In the photo, a visitors reads the names.

Pleasanton School Board Mulls Restoration Of Jobs

By Ron McNicoll

Pleasanton school trustees have heard the public and district staff tell them what they want to see restored in the coming school year budget.

The board heard the recommendations at its meeting May 22, and took no action. Trustees made some comments, but gave no direct commitments about how they will vote on the staff recommendations, or whether they will add anything to the staff's list.

The board will meet again June 5, which is the last scheduled meeting before the district must have its budget submitted to the state on June 15.

At its May meeting, the board cut programs and laid off teachers and others who occupy 70 full-time equivalent (fte) positions. That represents 65 people, said assistant superintendent for human resources Bill Faraghan.

Staff has recommended the board bring back 14.9 fte, at a cost of \$1,292,000. The positions are in counseling, spread

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Scientist Nominated To Lead NRC Has Livermore Connections

By Jeff Garberson

A scientist with connections to Livermore has been nominated to head the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

Allison MacFarlane, a nuclear waste expert, was nominated by President Obama last week to serve out the remainder of the term of Gregory Jaczko, who resigned. The term ends June 30, 2013.

MacFarlane is a geologist by training and an associate professor at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. She earned a PhD at MIT and has worked at Harvard and Stanford. She has both professional and personal ties to Livermore.

In the 1990s, she took an interest in a ceramic matrix approach to immobilizing nuclear waste being explored at Lawrence

Livermore National Laboratory – a program later terminated by the Bush Administration. She visited the Laboratory as a member of a National Academy of Sciences committee studying ways to dispose of spent weapons fuel.

She was married in Livermore nearly 12 years ago to Hugh Gusterson, a sociologist who has studied and written extensively about Lawrence Livermore and

Los Alamos National Laboratories.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversees the U.S. nuclear power industry, from reactor design to operational safety to waste disposal. If MacFarlane's nomination were confirmed by the Senate, she will replace a chairman whose tenure was controversial for both his policy positions and his management

style.

Jaczko once worked in the office of Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), a consistent critic of the nuclear industry's safety record. Earlier this year, Jaczko cast the sole vote against the first proposed new U.S. nuclear power plant in more than 30 years.

He was accused of abrasiveness and harshness in relations

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Amador Valley Softball Riding at Number 1 Nationally

By Ron McNicoll

Amador Valley High School girl's softball team is ranked first in the United States by one national poll, thanks to its 25-0 record.

The MaxPreps Poll, online at <http://www.maxpreps.com/>, moved Amador up from second place on May 22, after the North Carolina team that held first place was upset in a 1-0 game during playoffs in that state.

Another national poll listed Amador in fourth place nationally and second in California two weeks ago.

Amador's regular season has ended as EBAL champions. The team is playing in the CIF Division 1 North Coast Section (NCS) championship playoffs. Sportswriters have tabbed them as favorites to win the NCS title.

In the first playoff game,

Amador beat Livermore High School on May 25 by a score of 10-0, in five innings. That qualified them to face Freedom High School from Oakley on May 30, after The Independent's deadline.

The game against Livermore was called after five innings because the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) uses the mercy rule in girls softball. If one team is ahead by 10 runs after five innings, the game ends.

Counting the Livermore game, the Dons have scored 179 runs and opponents plated only 10. The Dons led the East Bay Athletic League with a team batting average of .317.

Twenty of Amador's 25 games through last Friday were shut-outs. Pitcher Johanna Grauer was responsible for all of them. She has won 23 of the 25 games.

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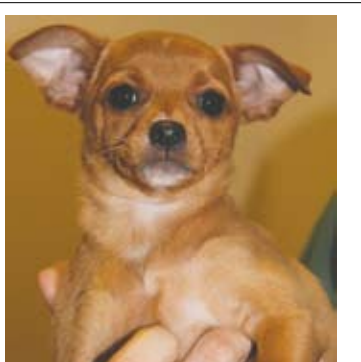


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Amador Valley High School varsity softball team celebrated a win in the NCS playoffs. The team played last night in the semifinals.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet "The Candies." Pictured is Butterscotch; we also have Carmel, Nougat, and Licorice. Born on February 21, these pups are ready to find forever homes. Their very pregnant mom was found roaming a Shell gas station, so we named her Shelley after we rescued her. Shelley is about 2 years old and also waiting for a new home. This whole family are Chihuahua blends and absolutely delightful. Three of the puppies are boys and one is a girl. For more 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. 9AM-2PM, Thurs-Fri. 12-7pm, Sat. 10-4pm, and Sun. 12-4pm. Photo courtesy of Regina Gieler

EMERGENCY POLIO EFFORT

The continued spread of polio in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan plus a billion-dollar shortfall for international immunization programs has caused the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to launch an emergency plan comparable to those that went into effect during the H1N1 pandemic of 2009 and the Indonesian tsunami of 2004.

The Eradication Initiative is supported by the World Health Organization, Rotary International and other organizations. An Initiative report warned bluntly, "If immunity is not raised in the three remaining countries to levels necessary to stop polio virus transmission, polio eradication will fail."

In the past two years, worldwide polio diagnoses have declined by half, from 1,352 to 649. India, once the world's most difficult polio challenge, was declared polio-free in February of this year. This progress in many parts of the world has made the failure to stop it elsewhere all the more painful.

Nigeria and Afghanistan saw incidence rise threefold or more in 2010-11, Nigeria from 21 to 62 and Afghanistan from 25 to 80. Pakistani cases rose from 144 to 197. Each new case represents an epidemic, in the view of public health experts, because fewer than one in 100 who carry the polio virus show any symptoms. The rest go about their daily affairs, unintentionally spreading the disease.

By some estimates, a resurgence of the disease in the Third World could lead within a decade to as many as 200,000 children being paralyzed every year.

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative lacks \$945 million of its 2012-13 budget of \$2.19 billion, the report said. As a result, the program has canceled or reduced "polio vaccination campaigns in 24 high-risk polio free countries."

The emergency plan involves both management and field efforts. One high priority is to ramp up vaccination efforts in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan to the level needed to block all transmission of the disease by year's end. This involves social and political efforts as well as medical ones. For example, Rotary International has started one-on-one meetings with the heads of state of the countries with the most severe polio epidemics.

At the managerial level, supporting organizations like the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and the UN Children's Fund have created emergency operations centers like those established following the 2004 Indonesian earthquake and tsunami and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic.

APPROXIMATE IS CLOSE ENOUGH FOR COMPUTER CHIP

Rice University researchers have described a prototype com-



puter chip that runs up to 15 times more efficiently than normal chips and processes data imperfectly but well enough for certain applications such as cameras and hearing aids.

While some computer output requires completely correct answers, like bank balances and space flight trajectories, others can be merely "close enough" because our eyes and ears are used to making corrections, says research leader Krishna Palem.

The general approach is sometimes called probabilistic computing. It involves removing selected portions of traditional computer chips that carry out calculations that are not vital to the essential correctness of a final answer. As part of an international team, Rice has been working on it for about a decade.

Simulations last year suggested that carefully pruning out selected portions of traditional computer chips could yield altered chips that were half the size, used half the energy and ran twice as fast as the originals.

Working on an actual chip, the researchers then found they could reduce energy demands 3.5 times while sacrificing only 0.25 percent in accuracy, according to Rice graduate student Avinash Lingamneni. Allowing the error rate to rise to 8 percent, combined with improvements in processing, yielded chips that were "up to 15 times more efficient," he said.

The research is still at the prototype level. However, the improved efficiency suggests longer battery life and less buildup of heat where approximation is acceptable; for example, in rendering images.

Christian Enz, from the Center for Electronics and Microtechnology, the Swiss partner in the research, said, "Particular types of applications can tolerate quite a bit of error. For example, the human eye has a built-in mechanism for error correction. We . . . found that relative errors up to 0.54 percent were almost indiscernible, and . . . errors as high as 7.5 percent still produced discernible images."

Other collaborators in the research were UC Berkeley and Singapore's Nanyang Technological University.

How soon "probabilistic" chips are available for everyday use is unclear. Electronics writer Joel Hruska says that Intel among others is working on commercial versions.

Meantime, researchers who detailed the work won the "best technical paper" award from attendees at the international Association for Computing Machinery conference, held earlier this month in Italy.

County Wants Impacts of Shipping Wastes Studied

Last July the City of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Recology, Inc. to ship as much as 5 million tons, or 400,000 tons per year, of the city's waste over a 10 year period to Yuba County.

The current agreement with Waste Management takes the city's waste to the Altamont Landfill site in Livermore. The contract is anticipated to expire in 2015 based on the San Francisco's current diversion rates.

Changing where San Francisco waste is taken would mean that fees used to fund a variety of projects in the Valley would be substantially reduced.

Waste taken to the Altamont Landfill generates a \$1.55 per ton fee, of which 31 cents goes towards recycling education programs, 31 cents goes to Livermore as the host community, and 93 cents is set aside to purchase open space in the east county area. The host fee goes to the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center to repay its Bankhead bonds. There would be an impact on fees available for future open space acquisition. If Recology moves the waste to Yuba County, over 40% of the Altamont fee would be lost.

Recology plans to ship the waste by rail to its 236-acre Ostrom Road Landfill in Wheatland, CA, 130 miles away. Currently, no train goes all the way from San Francisco to Yuba County; there are no existing facilities to handle the transfer of trash from trucks to trains.

An environmental review is underway for the proposal.

The Alameda County Community Development Department has raised questions about potential impacts to be studied in the EIR.

A letter was sent commenting on the the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Recology Green Rail Project.

The letter notes that major components of the proposed project would be located in Alameda County—specifically, a new collection center transfer facility in the City of Oakland and train and truck routes that would either go north through Alameda County or South and East through Alameda County. The letter states, "We question whether the interests of Alameda County residents will be adequately reflected in the EIR process. The project description provides no information about how Alameda County communities will be engaged in the CEQA process."

"While the project description makes reference to transporting the waste and empty steel containers by truck and rail, it is not clear whether it is intended that the analysis in the EIR include consideration of potential impacts, such as increased air pollution and noise, which may result from the increase in truck and rail traffic through Alameda County. It is important that the draft EIR include this analysis and identify potential impacts for each alternative route under consideration, as well as a discussion of how frequently each route will be used."

In addition, the letter continues, the EIR should analyze all reasonable alternatives that could potentially result in reduced environmental impacts; for example, transporting the waste using alternative modes of transportation, such as clean-fuel trucks, to existing landfills that are closer to San Francisco.

The project description indicates that several components of the project, such as the Ostrom Road Rail Spur and Unloading Facility and some other segments of rail line, are new construction. Since much of this project does not yet exist, the EIR should clarify that the project constitutes a new project rather than one that uses only existing facilities.

Maps Expected to Depict Solar's Impacts on Altamont Species

Alameda County planning staff will hold the third in a series of community meetings to take input on setting a policy for location of solar power arrays.

The meeting will be from 6:30 pm. to 8:30 p.m. May 31 at the county public works building, 4825 Gleason Drive, Dublin.

Center of attention for planning new solar installations is the eastern Altamont, near the boundary with San Joaquin County.

Solar firms like the location because it is near an entry to the power grid, making the cost of hooking up is relatively inexpensive. The short distance is also helps to move electricity to the grid efficiently.

Greenvolts is already in business there. Cool Earth has an approval for using part of a 140

acre parcel.

The big proposal is an application from Pegasus Energy Partners for a 2200 acre solar site. Supervisors want to establish a policy on placement of solar panels before making a decision on the Pegasus proposal.

The area is controversial because environmentalists say that the use will harm endangered plant and animal species. It would take some prime agricultural use away. The area has less than 4000 acres of prime agricultural land. There is also concern that it would set a precedent for the rest of the county.

Members of the county agricultural advisory committee have raised concerns about the potential to end agricultural use in the county. The solar firms have emphasized that they can

put the land back to its original condition, if they leave in 30 years or sooner.

However, some members of the committee said that once the ecology of the area changes, and people give up farming the land, agriculture won't come back.

The last community meeting was held on Feb. 28. Environmentalists requested that the planning staff draw up maps that illustrates where the policy's impacts would occur.

A representative of the California Native Plant Society said he would like the endangered native plants in the area to be shown.

Rich Cimino, conservation director of the Ohlone chapter of the Audubon Society, asked that the maps indicate the location of future wind turbines, which will

be replacing old, outdated turbines that have killed thousands of raptors over the years.

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(continued from page one) restrooms at both ends of Sycamore Grove, and a portion of the trail in the park will be repaced as part of a larger project. In addition, LARP will implement a state grant to install interpretive panels in the park. Ravenswood Historic Site will receive another phase of a facelift, this time for some renovations to the Carriage Barn.

At the Robert Livermore Community Center, there is a plan to expand the existing Community Garden to accommodate 20 to 25 more plots, with the potential for half plots.

The preliminary budget will be considered for approval by the Board at its June 13 meeting.

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Lions Club Select Dale Kaye as Alameda County Citizen of the Year

The Livermore Lions Club selected Dale Kaye, CEO of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, as its Citizen of the Year in Alameda County.

The club has been awarding the honor since 1924. One early recipient was Earl Warren. Warren was Alameda County's District Attorney and later became Governor and Chief Justice of the U S Supreme Court. Scott Haggerty, Alameda County supervisor, received the honor three years ago.

Kaye thanked Marshall Kamena, Livermore Mayor Emeritus, and the Lions Club, which has been serving out community since the 1920s.

She noted that the community has embraced the Kaye family since its arrival a little over 8 years ago.

"As a filmmaker and a person who has always been fascinated with possibilities and potential, I love the aspirational people in the county. The Livermore Valley is a wonderful piece of Americana with its ranchers, its vintners, and its PhDs. I see this valley as a place where the cowboys still have ranches without fences and the innovators have ideas without boundaries. I am proud to be a part of it," Kaye stated.

Marshall Kamena, who made the presentation said, "During Dale's tenure as President of the Livermore Chamber she has set a very high bar for growth and success. The organization is now in the top seven in the entire Bay Area. The chamber has re-branded itself as the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce; and her efforts as President of the Livermore Valley Film Commission speak for themselves."

Kamena continued, Kaye is a graduate of Boston University. She has presided over unprecedented growth for a chamber organization in Alameda County and the Bay Area. Since her recruitment by the Chamber eight years ago, she formed the Livermore Valley Film Commission, an economic development initiative to bring films and commercials to this area. Recent films that shot on location here include HBO's *Hemingway and Gellhorn* and Paramount's newest forthcoming release, *Star Trek 12*. Last year the film office, which primarily hosts national commercials, had over a \$1 million economic impact on the area.

Kaye was a key founder of Innovation Tri-Valley, a business led initiative to create a

human ecology of business and academic innovation in the Tri-Valley. It is creating programs and educational courses to help bring business here, help existing business scale up and training for jobs that did not exist just a year ago.

Just prior to moving to this area, Dale was Vice President of Gold'N Hen Productions, a subsidiary of MSI Entertainment with offices in New York City and Los Angeles. She and her partners acted as agents for many popular actors in Hollywood. Kaye produced *Replacing Dad*, a movie for CBS, and has developed other projects for CBS and ABC, including a feature for Paramount and independent films. Her husband, Ted Kaye, the former Disney Corporation Vice-President, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Las Positas College Foundation.

Before joining Gold'N Hen in 1994, Kaye organized and managed Florida's first Film Commission office in Los Angeles. That office, developed at the direction of Gov. Lawton Chiles, marketed the state of Florida as a film location.

Dale was active in Florida state politics. She was a key player in many political campaigns



Pictured at the presentation are (from left) Dale Kaye, Marshall Kamena, Ted Kaye and Erik and Amy Edelberg, Dale's son and daughter-in-law.

where she did everything from media strategy to Presidential advance work. She rose through the ranks of Jacksonville, FL city government to become one of the youngest — and first female — division heads. She worked with three mayors and headed the City's Public Relations Department. In that role, Kaye helped to create the Jacksonville International Jazz Festival. The Florida Film Festival in Jacksonville, chaired by Burt Reynolds, and the Jacksonville Film Commission were spear-headed by her as well. She brought home over 20 major films and several TV series during her tenure as a film commissioner.

Under her leadership her staff was recognized repeatedly for its excellence in graphics, copywriting, videos and print/television ads. She was the recipient of a national award from PBS for the promotion of the Jacksonville Jazz Festival.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Swalwell Endorsed

Alameda County Supervisor, Scott Haggerty endorsed Dublin City Councilman, Eric Swalwell in his campaign for Congress in District 15. "Having represented Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and Fremont I know our communities' needs. In Congress, Eric will be a champion for our area and work hard to create new jobs, support local transportation needs and protect our environment. We need a leader like Eric in Congress," said Haggerty.

According to a press release, more than seventy-five locally elected officials and community leaders have endorsed Swalwell for Congress across every community in the district. The release states that support crosses party lines and also includes the mayor and every member of the Union City City Council. Swalwell also has the full support of local law enforcement including every police officer association, the Deputy Sheriffs Association, Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern, and Alameda County Sheriff Emeritus Charlie Plummer.

Economic Development

The City of Dublin is preparing its first Economic Development Strategy. It will provide a road map for promoting job creation, economic growth, business attraction and retention while balancing and maintaining quality of life standards.

A Community Workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the Council Chamber at Dublin City Hall. The public is invited to share ideas on Dublin's strengths and opportunities.

Energy Grant for Lab

Assemblymember Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) announced that Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was awarded \$600,000 from the California Energy Commission to develop a low-cost nitrogen oxide (NOx) sensor for small distributed generators.

Funding for the project, which was recently approved, comes from the Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) program. The low-cost, highly-sensitive sensor will be able to measure very low emission levels of NOx and can seamlessly integrate with NOx pollution control systems.

"The project will help develop technology that can be used to reduce more cost effectively emissions in California," Buchanan said.

Researchers with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore will develop a NOx sensor for small distributed generators that are having difficulty achieving required control levels. Existing NOx sensors lack the accuracy and precision needed to help control or monitor emissions from small natural gas-fueled engines.

The researchers plan to build upon their success in developing automotive NOx sensors to customize them for stationary distributed generators. Prototype sensors will be built and tested in simulated environments in the laboratory before final testing in operating generators.

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EDITORIAL

Bridging Differences

Area residents have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the customs of other religions. On June 10, Interfaith Interconnect will host "Three Weddings and Reception."

During this interfaith event, one couple each from the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths will take part in a mock wedding. Following the ceremonies there will be a time to visit with people of other faiths.

There is no admission fee. However, a donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family or vegetarian food to share would help defray the costs of the event.

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

Interfaith Interconnect is comprised of clergy and lay people from Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. The group's goal is to involve all faiths and to produce events that provide an insight into all beliefs. In a world that at times shows no understanding of those who may practice a different religion, a festive occasion, such as the one planned for June 10, provides an informal way to help bridge the differences.

NRC

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with NRC staff, particularly women. More substantively, the NRC's inspector general reported that he withheld information from other commissioners in order to influence waste disposal policy.

MacFarlane has been interviewed before by the Independent for articles published in 2010 and earlier this year. Because the nomination process is underway, she declined to comment for this article, referring questions to the White House press office. However, it is clear that if she were confirmed, she will step into a position that is subject to complex political, commercial and scientific pressures.

Influential politicians and others started taking sides early.

One news article suggested that during the nomination process, she will face tough questions from Republicans who want to revive the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste disposal program in Nevada. MacFarlane has studied the Yucca Mountain program in detail and concluded that it does not provide long-term security and safety for nuclear wastes.

Robert Zubrin, a writer for the conservative National Review Online, announced a "red alert" aimed at preventing confirmation. Zubrin didn't like Jaczko either, he wrote in a column that appeared Monday. His objection is that Jaczko and MacFarlane are both Yucca Mountain opponents.

A more moderate position was taken by Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who said, "While she was not my choice, she's certain to be an improvement over the incumbent." James Inhofe (R-OK), ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works committee, said he plans to point out that MacFarlane has no management experience comparable to leading the 4,000-employee Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

To Harry Reid, Senate majority leader, MacFarlane's opposition to Yucca Mountain is a plus. Coming from Nevada, where Yucca Mountain is widely unpopular, he has been one of Congress's most outspoken opponents of the program. He said he would work to ensure MacFarlane's confirmation by combining it with the proposed extension of Republican commissioner Kristine Svinicki, whose term is expiring. Moving the confirmations forward simultaneously will increase the chances that both will be successful, analysts said.

Also on the positive side, a New York Times editorial last Friday referred to MacFarlane's "strong credentials" for the job. Focusing on operations rather than waste disposal, the editorial

called on her to be "independent and aggressive. . . Both industry and her fellow commissioners will have to be pushed to implement necessary improvements" brought to light by the Fukushima nuclear power plant disasters in Japan.

"Personal accolades came from several sources as well. Graham Allison, director of Harvard's Belfer Center, where MacFarlane has worked, said MacFarlane "has a winning way...she is a friendly person...a nice person. I think she'll find it stressful, but I suspect she'll be very adaptable and successful."

Albert Carnesale, a former UCLA chancellor and nuclear engineer who worked with her on the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, praised her as "objective. Even when she has a view, she's open to changing it, if new evidence or new arguments are presented that would convince her to do so."

Beyond the nomination process, industrial pressures will undoubtedly loom large in the job of a new NRC chair. An anticipated nuclear energy renaissance has not materialized.

Economic factors are a key reason. There is lower energy demand because of the sluggish economy. Natural gas-powered electrical plants are some five times cheaper and twice as fast to build as equivalently sized nuclear plants.

Beyond economics are the safety issues raised by the Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan.

MacFarlane has a strong scientific background for the technical part of the NRC job. She is a genuine expert on Yucca Mountain, having written a book on the subject, *Uncertainty Underground*, published in 2006.

These credentials and her Washington experience were strengthened by her selection for the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, established by Energy Secretary Stephen Chu in early 2010 at the direction of President Obama.

The Commission was charged with recommending policies for storing, processing and disposing of nuclear waste, particularly from power plants.

MacFarlane and the other commissioners developed eight recommendations, of which the first was increasing community involvement in any decisions regarding nuclear waste.

The report warned strongly that doing nothing is unacceptable. "Tens of thousands of tons of spent fuel (have accumulated) at more than 70 nuclear power plant sites around this country" with no option beyond letting it continue to accumulate, according to the report.

JOBS

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among the three school levels, elementary school reading and PE specialists, and the addition of two sections at Foothill and Amador Valley high schools.

Also, the staff recommends restoring \$100,000 of the \$150,000 that the district intended to pull back from Regional Occupational Program (ROP) funding, as permitted by new state rules.

ROP, which is supported jointly by the Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin school districts, faces its own shortfall from the state budget deficiencies, and has had to authorize teacher layoffs equivalent to 18 fte.

If Pleasanton decides to give the \$100,000 to ROP, it would allow restoration of several ROP classes at Foothill and Amador Valley. If those classes were not restored, it would result in bigger class sizes in the two campuses' career tech programs.

Various speakers among the 16 who addressed the board May 22 asked for many of the staff recommended restorations. Several speakers advocated for positions that were not on the list. All of the positions have been the subject of past advocacy during the budgeting process.

Library assistants spoke May 22. However, none of the recommended restorations included the seven who have received layoff notices. One assistant, Joyce Sanborn, said that the district is retaining five assistants, who among them have 80 years' experience. They know they can't maintain the library program themselves, said Sanborn.

The assistants maintain the library program. They read to elementary school children, showing them the differences between fiction and nonfiction, and talking about transmitting true information vs. false information. "The library touches every student and every teacher. It's not just checking out books," said Sanborn.

There are more than 200,000 items, worth a total of \$4 million housed in the libraries. "You can't even safeguard the collection with only five library assistants," said Sanborn.

Advocates for the Barton reading program said that it reaches kids who can't be reached with other programs. They told stories of children moving ahead by two

grade levels in just five months after enrolling in the program.

Board president Joan Laursen said that perhaps something can be worked out where the district can continue to operate Barton and restore reading specialists. The specialists would not be able to teach Barton, unless they took the special training to learn how to teach the program.

Board and staff said the restorations are made possible by contract concessions from the teachers union, which gave up a total of \$2.3 million.

NO CERTAINTY UNTIL BOARD VOTE JUNE 5

However, just because the teachers granted \$2.3 million in concessions and the staff recommends restoring \$1.2 million does not mean that the board will vote to restore the programs, or make more than the \$1.2 million in restorations on June 5.

Trustee Jamie Hintzke said, "Maybe people think we have a bit of room there for more restoration beyond \$1.2 million. I'm not interested in restoring the whole \$2.3 million. I'm concerned about the (district's) cash position. It's difficult to use funds to finance ongoing expenditures. If it is a one-time thing, that's different."

Hintzke recalled that the board suddenly had to face a mold problem at Hearst elementary school at a cost of \$1 million. Some of the money was recovered from the original contractors on the school, but the board still has to pay the remainder. What is more important is that the money was needed upfront, "so we need the reserve," she said.

The board paid for the mold remediation by borrowing from the Sycamore Fund, which once contained \$7 million. It is now at approximately \$4 million. The district's intent is to restore the fund to the \$7 million level, when that is possible. In the past, some interest from the fund has helped finance the district's technical equipment.

The district also is obligated by the state to carry a 3 percent reserve, which works out to about \$3 million. If the reserve dips below that over a specified period of time, it could eventually risk budget takeover by the Alameda

County Office of Education.

Other trustees were noncommittal about what more might be restored. Chris Grant said, "There are a lot of things not on the (staff recommendation) list. I'm sure we trustees would have our own lists."

The staff-recommended list is important for its "closeness to kids and their needs. It's a lot of intricate thought from folks who manage our school sites," added Grant.

Although the \$9 billion deficit in Brown's January budget grew to nearly \$16 billion in his May revision, he did not include education in the additional cuts beyond the January budget.

However, the money coming to education and other state responsibilities is dependent on Brown's November ballot initiative. It would temporarily raise the state sales tax by one-quarter of one cent, and the state income tax on income above \$250,000.

If the tax initiative were to fail, Pleasanton would experience a \$5.5 million shortfall. However, the district can still move ahead with the \$1.2 million in restorations that the board will consider June 5.

The district can access a total of \$8.1 million, which represents \$2.2 million in cuts made earlier this year, \$3.2 million in reserves, \$2.2 million in teacher concessions, and \$300,000 in donations from Pleasanton Partners in Education (PPIE), which is still raising funds.

Theoretically, the \$5.5 million shortfall if November taxes fail, still would leave the district with a \$2.6 million. Subtract the \$1.2 million in recommended cuts, and there would still be room for \$1.3 million in restoration.

However, even the budget that Brown will receive from the Legislature in June is not a sure thing. Laursen told board and audience that it's possible that Democrats, who control both houses, may not cut social services as deeply as Brown is asking.

If that happens, Brown then would have to make up the difference. That would raise the possibility that more money could be taken away from education.

Laursen said that in past state budgets, "the education cuts

stayed," while other areas of the state budget were restored.

BOARD APPOINTS ADMINISTRATOR

The board approved the hiring of Odie Douglas to replace the retiring Cindy Galbo-Lorimer as assistant superintendent of educational services.

Douglas worked for seven years for the Lodi school district, where he served in two administrative capacities. He will be paid \$162,340 in his first year, and rise one salary step each year.

The compensation includes five furlough days. Earlier in the meeting, the board approved five furlough days for all administrators and confidential personnel.

Douglas' contract says that stipends can be added for a master's degree and a doctorate, which he has. The stipends are cumulative.

Trustee Jeff Bowser said that he had received e-mails questioning the desirability of replacing an administrator at this time, because the state budget difficulties.

Bowser, who was a teacher and principal in the district before changing careers, said that it is an expensive position to fill, but "teaching is pivotal. We need an instructional leader, especially with our limited resources. (The position) provides us with guidance and supervises the principals."

Bowser said, "It would be disastrous not to fill the position, especially with (the district's work in) closing the achievement gap."

Chris Grant said that superintendent Parvin Ahmadi did an outstanding job on the hiring process, which included interviews by district and community members.

The board also approved the use of \$75,000 to fund band and string teacher positions at the elementary schools. The money comes from the Pleasanton School Education Enrichment Foundation (PSEE), which gave the district \$722,000 this year.

Trustees also approved rehiring Kidango, which was the only one of two interested parties to submit a bid to operate the district's child care center on the district headquarters site.

MAILBOX

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Three Weddings

Jacky Poulsen
Interfaith Interconnect

I would like to invite members of our community to a unique event coming up on June 10. Interfaith Interconnect is hosting this highly unusual event titled "Three Weddings and a Reception." The evening will consist of three mock weddings, performed by real clergy. One couple from each the Protestant, Reform Jewish, and Muslim faiths will be "married" in a traditional ceremony.

Community members are our wedding guests, and will learn about the rituals, vows, customs, and their meanings.

The ceremonies will be followed by a reception, where guests will be able to meet and mingle with members of other faiths, and sample finger food typical of what would be found at each of these weddings (note that this is not a dinner). This will take place at the Livermore Veteran's Memorial Building at 522 South L Street in Livermore from 7pm to 9pm. There is no cover charge, though guests are asked to make a \$5 donation (\$10 per family) or bring a platter of vegetarian food (savory or sweet) to share with other guests. Since this is a festive affair, guests are asked to dress as if attending a real wedding.

This promises to be a very educational as well as fun event! All ages are welcome, though it is not specifically geared towards children. To sign up, or for any questions, please visit www.threeweddings.eventbrite.com or email interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com.

Interfaith Interconnect is a relatively new group, comprised of local clergy and lay people of

different faiths in the Tri-Valley. The group hopes to grow to include additional faiths and to plan future activities to further understanding of each other's religions. Anyone unable to attend the June 10 event, but interested in being informed of future events, may email interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list.

We hope you can join us!

Vote for Swalwell Bill Watkins, CEO, Bridgelux, an LED lighting company based in Livermore. Phil Wentz, Wentz Vineyards in Livermore

Silicon Valley is home to some of the world's most renowned innovators and leaders, like Steve Jobs, who have literally changed the world. Entrepreneurs start with fresh ideas and combine that with vision, passion, and hard work.

We've had the pleasure of meeting a politician who embodies this Silicon Valley brand - Eric Swalwell. Eric has a broad and deep understanding of the pressing economic and social challenges so important to our District, and beyond the borders of our state, facing them with compassion, honor, judgment and integrity. We're proud to endorse him as a candidate for Congress in District 15 in the East Bay.

California is facing a 10.9% unemployment rate and a decline in manufacturing jobs. There's been much talk lately about Eric's opponent in this race, who has held the seat for 40 years. We don't need more of the past. We think it's time to focus on the future by electing a new, inspiring leader to represent us in Congress.

We need a leader with a vision for our economic future - Eric Swalwell has that vision, and the energy to fulfill it. He's committed to creating policies that encourage clean energy, domestic manufacturing, and job growth in the innovation economy. Eric Swalwell is the kind of leader we need to revitalize our economy.

We need a leader who will listen to and understand our concerns and take action - and Eric Swalwell has a history of doing

both. As a Dublin Councilman, he rolls up his sleeves, meets with constituents, gets out in the community, and takes direct action to improve our region.

And we need a leader committed to quality education for our children - Eric Swalwell shares that commitment. As the founder and president of the Dublin High School Alumni Association, he brought his business background and his experience in the Alameda County District Attorney's office to create new ways to reform and improve our public schools.

Silicon Valley was built by those willing to make big bets on the future. We have confidence that investing your vote in Eric Swalwell will result in great rewards for our district, state and nation. We see in him what we've seen in some of the great entrepreneurs of Silicon Valley - vision, passion, energy, and the drive to make things better for all the people who live and work in his district.

We hope you will join us in supporting Eric Swalwell for Congress on June 5th.

Garbage Rates Dwight J. LeVan Livermore

Recently I read how Livermore garbage rates will be increasing. Just great, our City Government failed again.

Let's look at their decisions. First with little public input, they negotiate a contract and replace Waste Management. Livermore Sanitation is now the provider. Wonderful, but their contract is guaranteed and promises a better deal for the citizens of Livermore. Problem is the State mandates a reduction in waste through recycling. The City provides wonderful, very large recycling bins that divert large amounts from landfill (we all hope). So, did the City fail to understand what their citizens would naturally do? YES, they did fail. Let's review further. Your bill is based on the size of the regular trash bin. But hey, we're not using the larger volume, so let's only pay for the next smaller size. Wonderful, a savings.

Now Livermore Sanitation must be guaranteed their expenses as the article pointed out

and they say it's because people reduced the sizes of their garbage cans. Are you telling me no one in City Government anticipated the reduction in the savings that most customers apparently did? Shame on the City and those who contracted with Livermore Disposal. It's nice to see Livermore Sanitation workers driving about the City in their \$30,000 to \$50,000 dual cab pick-up trucks on their way to work each day with nothing loaded in the bed. The individuals (maybe the Manager of waste and recycling who was quoted) who signed that contract should be fired for bad judgement or incompetence. But unless people speak out, no one is held accountable for the City's failure.

(Editor's note: Waste Management did not bid for the contract.)

Stark and Debates David Johnson Pleasanton

Throughout Pete Stark's career, his penchant for verbal volatility has been well documented. He once called a black Cabinet official a "disgrace to his race," accused a female colleague of being a "whore" for industry, and dared another member of Congress who told him to "shut up" to come and fight: "I dare you, you little fruitcake." That history is one of the chief reasons why House Democrats passed Stark over for the gavel of the powerful Ways and Means Committee in 2010, despite his seniority.

Now he dares to say that his opponent was provided a platform to attack him on personal issues at the League of Women Voters debate.

Just one more example of Pete Stark simply not telling the truth. In fact, he was the one that falsely accused his opponent of taking "hundreds of thousands of dollars" in bribes; a statement that he was forced to apologize for under the threat of a slander lawsuit. He also accused his opponent of having a spotty voting record, again a flat out lie that he was forced, again, to apologize for. At the conclusion of the debate, he lashed out at his opponent with a profanity laced sentence (More MAILBOX, page 5)

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The color guard paraded the colors at the opening of the Memorial Day ceremony held at the Senior Center in Pleasanton. The Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 hosted the event. The Pleasanton Community Concert Band performs a program of special Memorial Day music.

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reportedly calling his opponent a "f--- crook"...

Even the Chronicle has had enough of him saying "Stark's disregard for the truth, not to mention basic decency, has been an embarrassing display in Campaign 2012."

Perhaps the real reason for him turning down invites for public debates sponsored by such organizations as the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce

(a non-partisan group), and the Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs Association (another non-partisan group) is that he really has nothing truthful to offer and is worried that he will continue to show his arrogance and dishonesty in front of an audience.

Cigarette Tax David Pastor Pleasanton

Proposition 29 has devolved

from a simple cigarette tax argument to "get big tobacco." Don't read it, shoot the messenger. First, any cigarette tax initiative is a classic case of tyranny of the majority. With more non-smokers than smokers, it should be simpler to impose the non-smoker's will on the minority.

A better way, if it is such an important subject to the majority, would be to tax everyone (More MAILBOX, page 10)

EAST BAY

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venture capital to the East Bay. More than \$2.5 billion in venture funding capital in the past two years came to the East Bay, much of it in the high-tech sector.

Some of the money came to GreenVolts, which built a solar array in the Altamont. Another firm receiving venture capital is Fulcrum Bioenergy, with headquarters in Pleasanton.

Fulcrum has built a biofuels waste treatment plant in northern Nevada, which will produce ethanol. In other business, the company plans to take feedstock on a contract with another firm, and use it to produce more than 700 million gallons of transportation fuel at facilities to be located across the United States.

High tech has been growing in part because of "strong research institutions such as LLNL and UC Berkeley," says the report. The East Bay produces 2.5 percent of all U.S. patents.

MEDICAL FIELD EXPANDING JOBS

One of the "brightest spots" in the East Bay labor market over the past decade has been health care. Nursing and residential care facilities added more than 2900 jobs since 2002. Ambulatory health services added more than 15,000 jobs in the same period.

The report says that rather than cut their health care consumption altogether during the recession, residents have moved from expensive hospital care to more affordable outpatient services.

The education and health care sector of the East Bay economy is expected to climb by 149,000 jobs over the next five years.

The report notes that education in the East Bay varies according to ethnic group. Graduation rates and SAT scores are high among whites and Asians, and lower among African Americans and Latinos.

More focus is needed in improving education for these minorities, since there is a close correlation between educational level and employment and income, says the report.

The East Bay's unemployment rate is at 9.2 percent, the best since the recession began.

However, the distribution is uneven among ethnic groups. Lowest unemployment rates, as of 2010 statistics, are 9.6 percent for whites, 9.7 percent for Asians, 14.7 percent for Hispanics, and 19.9 percent for blacks.

There is no ethnic majority in the two East Bay counties. Whites have the highest statistical segment, at 1.1 million population. Hispanics are second, with 638,000, Asians third with 525,000, and blacks fourth with 272,000. Some 72,000 are multiracial, 17,000 are Pacific Islanders, and 13,000 are American Indian.

EAST BAY IS HOT SPOT FOR B-CORPORATIONS

One new development in the past year has been the creation of a special category of business

called the B-corporation. The East Bay has 0.8 percent of U.S. population, but 5.7 percent of the nation's 521 B-corporations.

B-corporations are certified as promoting sustainable business, and maintaining high social, environmental and legal standards. Certification is determined by an impact assessment survey that looks at employees, consumers, community, accountability, and environment, says the EDA report.

The path was cleared for B-corporations by a California law in 2011 that set up different rules for it.

Most CEOs and boards of directors in corporations see their missions as making the highest profit possible for investors. If they choose to reduce profits somewhat, in order to undertake socially conscious work such as paying more for better environmental controls, or spending money on projects that benefit poor people, they could be subject to lawsuits by investors who could claim they were failing to maximize profits.

The new California law, and similar legislation in six other states, creates an exemption for such management, which requires that it can show that it "reduced profits" for socially aware and/or ecological reasons

covered by the law.

Some 30 East Bay businesses now have that status, including one San Ramon business, Viasyn, a consulting firm that works with utility-scale renewable energy generators.

Fremont has Greenlight Apparel, which says it sells athletic apparel made by employees who do not work in sweatshop conditions. Most of the B-corporations are in Berkeley and Oakland.

(More information on B-Corporations is available on the web at <http://www.bcorporation.net/>).

The 36-page EDA report is available on-line in a PDF at this web address: http://www.eastbayeda.org/research_facts_figures/newsletters/quarterly/20122/EDA_Outlook2012_web.pdf.

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School District Announces Appointments

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is has announced the appointments of a new Director of Curriculum and Special Projects, effective June 11, 2012.

Also selected were five new principals, all of whom begin their official duties July 1, 2012. Solorzano Solorzano will take the helm at Livermore High School and Elliott Elliott and Lembo Lembo will preside over Junction Avenue K-8 School and Joe Michell K-8 School, respectively. Patricia Avilla and Joshua Swerdlow, currently vice principals in the District, have been promoted to principal positions. Avilla will serve at Christensen Middle School and Swerdlow at East Avenue Middle School.

Amy Robbins has been appointed as the Director of Curriculum and Special Projects. Robbins has worked in education for 13 years, ten of which have been in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. She has a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Saint Mary's College of California and a bachelor's degree in Middle School Education, specializing in mathematics and science, from the University of Kentucky. Robbins is currently the Principal at Christensen Middle School. Prior to her assignment at Christensen, Robbins worked as a Vice Principal at East Avenue Middle School, a Teacher on Special Assignment in the Curriculum and Special Projects Department, and a math and science teacher within the District.

Over the past four years at Christensen, Robbins has been instrumental in raising the school's State test scores. Through her close partnership with the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Robbins was able to fund an extra section and offer any interested seventh and eighth grade student the opportunity to take a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Exploration elective.

Her efforts and hard work were rewarded this year when Robbins's colleagues named her the 2012 Outstanding Administrator of the Year.

Alberto Solorzano has been appointed as the new principal of Livermore High School. Solorzano has been in education for 17 years in the New Haven Unified School District. He is currently the principal at Cesar Chavez Middle School, a school with 1,500 students in grades 6 through 8. Prior to becoming principal of Cesar Chavez Middle, he was a House Principal at James Logan High School, where he spent the majority of his career as an administrator, teacher and soccer coach.

In 2010, the New Haven Ad-

ministrators' Association named Solorzano Secondary Principal of the Year. Prior to that, in 2008, he was inducted into the James Logan Soccer Hall of Fame for his performance as a player, coach and administrator. Solorzano has a master's degree in Educational Leadership and completed his undergraduate studies at San Francisco State University. Solorzano continues to stretch his learning, as he is currently part of the prestigious Principal Fellowship Program for select Bay Area administrators at Stanford University.

Gregg Elliott has been appointed as the new principal of Junction Avenue K-8 School. Elliott brings 10 years of teaching and 9 years of administrative experience at K-6 and K-8 schools with expertise in leading regular, bilingual and special education students. Elliott is currently the principal of Robertson Road Elementary School in Modesto.

As a middle school teacher, Elliott's time in the classroom provided a rich opportunity to develop best teaching practices that have assisted him as a principal. He has taken his training and experience and developed a leadership style that embraces academic and social excellence through instructional coaching, mentorship and collaboration with the school community.

Laura Lembo has been appointed as the new principal of Joe Michell K-8 School. Lembo's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, a master's degree in School Administration and a doctoral degree with distinction in Educational Leadership. Her recent experience was with Modesto City Schools District, where she served as Principal of William Garrison Elementary School. She has also been a Vice Principal, District Literacy Coordinator, Literacy Intervention Specialist, and classroom teacher at grades kindergarten, second and six during her eighteen years with the District. She is an action researcher at heart with a contagious passion and enthusiasm for empowering teachers to ensure

all children learn to read. She is employed part time as a lecturer for the Advanced Studies, School Administration Program at California State University, Stanislaus.

Patricia Avilla has been appointed as the principal of Christensen Middle School. Avilla has been in education for over 20 years in a variety of capacities, ranging from a teacher at Junction Avenue Middle School, teacher and swim coach at Livermore High School, and vice principal at both Livermore and Granada High Schools. Pat graduated from St. Mary's College of California with a Bachelor of Science degree; received her K-12 teaching credential at the University of Arizona; and earned her administrative credential from CSU East Bay.

Joshua Swerdlow has been appointed as the principal of East Avenue Middle School. Swerdlow attended college at the University of Hartford, earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He began his educational career in Compton, California as a high school math teacher. He later earned a master's degree in Educational Leadership from California State University, Dominguez Hills. After six years of teaching, he served three years as high school vice principal in the Los Angeles area, and six years as vice principal of a middle school in San Jose. Swerdlow has served as vice principal of Granada High School during the 2011/2012 school year.

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SPORTS NOTES



Amador Valley High School girls varsity lacrosse team advanced to the NCS championship game with a 13 to 12 win over Monte Vista. On Friday, in the title game, Amador lost to the Carondelet Cougars 21 to 12.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen



Granada High School advanced in the NCS baseball title chase with a 5-inning 13 to 3 win over Mission San Jose in the second round. Granada played De La Salle on Wed., May 30 in the semi-finals. The results were after The Independent's deadline. At bat is Granada infielder Kevin Rogers.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Lacrosse All American

Mac Morgan, son of Barbara and Mark Morgan, a Junior and varsity midfielder at Livermore High School has been named as a 2012 Brine National High School All-American and has been selected to represent the Western Region in the 2012 Brine National Lacrosse Classic to be held in Boyds, Maryland June 30-July 3, 2012.

The Brine National Lacrosse Classic brings the top 400 high school underclassmen lacrosse players in the country to one venue, where 16 regional teams will compete to become the 2012 National Champion and qualify to compete for an International Championship later in the year.

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:
T-Ball: Orioles vs. Marlins. The Orioles and Marlins faced off last Tuesday in T-Ball/Coach Pitch action. For the Marlins, Harman Dhillon made an outstanding stop and throw to first, nearly beating the runner. Elijah Firl made an outstanding stop and with Harman's assistance made an out at 3rd base. First baseman Dominic Hebenreich played solid defense in the second inning. Offensively, Matthew Ladner started the first inning with a strong hit to center, Riley Winchell and Dominic Hebenreich both crushed solid line drives in the second inning enabling runners to take two bases and Daniel Wollner ended the game with an outstanding hit to right field. The O's were led offensively by Joe Cooksey, who successfully advanced numerous base-runners with three smashes into opposite field gaps, and Luke Schwarz, who turned on three inside fastballs and smoked three pea-rod down the third base line—twice for extra bases. Dominic Franco was superb in the field, at one point stabbing a liner from the pitcher's mound and doubling up a Marlin base-runner at second.
Minor AA: Giants 11, Cardinals 10: For the Giants, Andrew Berg hit a triple and knocked in three runs. For the Cardinals, Dale Spence was on fire on the mound. He struck out five batters in two innings. Colin Pearce helped out by catching two fly balls. Dylan MacDonald hit a double that knocked in two runs and tied the game in the last inning. There were more big hits by Joey Katan and Sammy Morrisroe who both hit triples. Garrett Robb, Dale Spence and Colton Osborn hit doubles and knocked in runs.
Minor AAA: Orioles 4, A's 14: The A's beat the Orioles in the final game of the best of three series first-round playoff series with solid hitting by the entire team, highlighted by Josh Collom's triple and three singles (2 RBI), Quinn Ayers' double, two singles (2 RBI), and Nathaniel Basinger's three singles (5 RBI). Defensively the A's were led by Zach

Parodi's three innings of pitching (giving up only 1 run with four strikeouts), with Quinn Ayers and Logan Finch involved in six more fielding plays for outs. The Orioles scoring was led by an early triple (RBI) by Matta, Brandon Harvey's single and walk (RBI), and Ethan Vincent's three singles. Defensively the Orioles' Savino and Melendez made a spectacular play at third base thwarting a stolen base, and Borjon's five strikeouts over three and a third innings.

Rangers 17, Cardinals 2: Cardinals' starting pitcher Quinn Tudor pitched for four innings striking out four and received defensive support from first baseman Henry Kath and second baseman Caleb Chance who combined for five outs. Mason Eastman started the Cardinals off in the first inning with a nicely placed double on the third base side. Quinn Tudor followed up with a RBI single in the first and also posted a double in the 6th inning that later resulted in Quinn crossing home plate on a stolen base. The Rangers leveraged impressive pitching by starting pitcher Rudy Ayala (2 innings, 1 run) and relievers Adrian Ayala (3 innings, 5 strikeouts), Ben Morrisroe (1 inning, 1 run). The Rangers' pitching staff received solid offensive support from Dylan "Dump Truck" Baxter (triple (1 RBI)), Austin Overton (double (3 RBI's)), Tristan Shackelford (double (3 RBI's)), Ben Morrisroe (double (2 RBI's)), Scott McPherson (double (1 RBI)), Adrian Ayala (double (1 RBI)), Devon Pearce (3 RBI's) and Aiden "L wis" Lewis (2 RBI's). Heads up defensive plays by Ranger short stop Tristan Shackelford with a fly ball catch and a snap throw to first to pick off a Cardinal runner for a double play and Devon Pearce (first base) assisting with fielding plays in the fifth and sixth innings and catching a fly ball in the bottom of the sixth to close out the game.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results:
Micro White: Pleasanton Police Officers Association vs. Land Home Financial: Pleasanton Police Officers Association's hitting was led by Logan Wampler and Sidney Lee. Evelyn McLaughlin and Jillian Barth pitched a great game. Land Home Financial did a great job at bat with many of the girls getting solid hits. Savannah Montini had a solid performance as pitcher as well as Makenze Mapes at shortstop. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Jillian Barth, Evelyn McLaughlin, Laura Nussbaum; Land Home Financial - Camille DeMange, Makenza Madden, Makenze Mapes
 Pleasanton Police Officers Association vs. Valley Plumbing: Pleasanton Police Officers Association's hitting was sparked

by Lila Herdman and Evelyn McLaughlin. Jillian Barth, Logan Wampler and Laura Nussbaum combined for a fine pitching performance. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Natalie Fan, Elizabeth Fineberg, Elyse Hockaday; Valley Plumbing - Sophia Escobar, Noelle Woodward, Chloe Yeagly

Pleasanton Police Officers Association vs. ENT of San Ramon: Pleasanton Police Officers Association was led by the fine pitching of Jillian Barth, Sidney Lee and Logan Wampler. Natalie Fan, Elizabeth Fan and Elizabeth Fineberg had key hits. Top Players: Pleasanton Police Officers Association - Natalie Fan, Elizabeth Fineberg, Sidney Lee; ENT of San Ramon - Suhani Dhar, Jenna Garcia, Olivia Marquez

Micro Teal: Sallmann, Yang & Alameda vs. CA Mechanical Inc.: Both Sallmann, Yang & Alameda and CA Mechanical Inc. teams showed lots of energy and focus coming in to the final games of the season. Sallmann, Yang & Alameda performed well with Kathryn Jacobik providing strong defense to Peyton Boone's great pitching; and Sammie Madsen bringing in the RBIs with her thunderous bat. In the second inning, Jordan Kruzner, of CA Mechanical Inc., caught a fly ball crushed by Sammie Madsen for an out. CA Mechanical Inc. were led by the strong hitting of Sophia Fraher and great arm of pitcher, Lindsay Hill. Top Players: Sallmann, Yang & Alameda - Peyton Boone, Kathryn Jacobik, Sammie Madsen; CA Mechanical Inc. - Sophia Fraher, Lindsay Hill, Jordan Kruzner

A2 Technologies vs. The Course at Wente: Ella Gervasoni made back-to-back putouts at 3rd base for A2 Technologies, which also received multiple hits from Ella McCarthy and Leila Brown. Audrey Davis sped to 1st base, Natalia Badger made an amazing catch and Izzy McElroy turned in a great play at 3rd base for The Course at Wente. Top Players: A2 Technologies - Leila Brown, Ella Gervasoni, Ella McCarthy; The Course at Wente - Natalia Badger, Audrey Davis, Izzy McElroy

Pleasanton Glass vs. Sallmann, Yang & Alameda: Natasha Hicks scored the first run of the game, did a great job as catcher and was 2-2 at bat. Jessica Lund was a ball magnet — no matter what position she played, the ball came her way and she did a great job fielding. The team slugger, Alyssa Reiner, had two great hits and made an out at 1st. Well done Pleasanton Glass. On the visitor's side, Sarah Delp, Elizabeth Jacobik and Kathryn Jacobik were recognized for their hitting and fielding prowess. Top Players: Pleasanton Glass - Natasha Hicks, Jessica Lund, Alyssa Reiner; Sallmann, Yang & Alameda - Sarah Delp, Elizabeth Jacobik, Kathryn Jacobik

CA Mechanical Inc. vs. Pleasanton Glass: Gwen Buteau - unassisted out at 3rd; Ava Silversmith - great throw to 2nd; Julia Buteau - great pitching; Alyssa Reiner - great line drive; Jessica Lund - great hit to send teammate home; Emily Rocca - super pitcher. Top Players: CA Mechanical Inc. - Gwen Buteau, Julia Buteau, Ava Silversmith; Pleasanton Glass - Jessica Lund, Alyssa Reiner, Emily Rocca

Athen's Burgers vs. CA Mechanical Inc.: Ava Haubner - double play; Mason Hekl - great job at 1st base; Kaitly Hekl - great job hitting; Ruby Hurness - pitching debut and great hitting; Sophia Fraher - charged ball and threw to 1st for put out; Rachel Tanis - great pitching; Lindsay Hill - great catching. Top Players: Athen's Burgers - Ava Haubner, Kaitly Hekl, Mason Hekl; CA Mechanical Inc. - Sophia Fraher, Lindsay Hill, Rachel Tanis

Pleasanton Glass vs. Pro Image Studios: Everybody played well for Pleasanton Glass. Hailey Maher caught the ball and made an out. She hit well, and did a beautiful job as pitcher. Emily Rocca had some nice catches and throws as shortstop. She also pitched and did a spectacular job batting and scoring a run. Tess Shotland had a beautiful hit and made it to 1st. She had some good fielding when playing left field, and also was a great catcher. Well done, Pleasanton Glass. On Pro Image Studios, Shaelyn Bures played great defense. Kelly Queen and Riley Palfalvi had great hits during the game. Top Players: Pleasanton Glass - Hailey Maher, Emily Rocca, Tess Shotland; Pro Image Studios - Shaelyn Bures, Riley Palfalvi, Kelly Queen

A2 Technologies vs. Workbench True Value: Top Players: A2 Technologies - Erica Haley, Brooke Inman, Leila Lyons; Workbench True Value - Samaan Beliakoff, Anika Kapp, Soina Mondal.

Mini White: West Maui Condo Rentals vs. Array Power: In a game that featured great hitting, the visiting Array Power also demonstrated some strong pitching from Aoiie Stapleton and Bailey Baldwin. Carley Chabrier completed the battery with fine catching. For the home West Maui Condo Rentals, Emilia Withrow, Katelyn Martin, and Haley Rubin all had great hits. Top Players: West Maui Condo Rentals - Katelyn Martin, Haley Rubin, Emilia Withrow; Array Power - Bailey Baldwin, Carley Chabrier, Aoiie Stapleton

Alta Sales Group vs. Delores Gragg - Keller Williams Realty: Alta Sales Group: Maya Bhaskaran - dominant hitting performance including 3 RBI's; Jaiden Reilly - excellent play behind the plate as a catcher; Rebecca Stumbo - strong pitching effort. Delores Gragg - Keller Williams Realty:

Three Inducted into the Livermore Sports Hall of Fame

Mike Martinez (LHS '73), Louie Aguiar (GHS '85) and Al Caffodio (deceased) were inducted into the Livermore Sports Hall of Fame on May 21 as part of the Livermore-Granada Boosters' 63rd Annual Awards Banquet.

The Livermore-Granada Boosters established the Hall of Fame four years ago to honor the great athletes in Livermore's past.

Martinez earned eleven varsity letters at Livermore High School; three in football, four in soccer and four in baseball. He was characterized Monday evening as "arguably the finest three-sport athlete ever to graduate from Livermore High School." After high school he received a football scholarship to Arizona State University where he was a three-year starter at cornerback for the Sun Devils. His junior year he intercepted seven passes, earned All-WAC honors and the team finished the year second in the nation after defeating Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl.

Aguiar was a three-sport athlete at Granada High School (football, wrestling, baseball), but earned most of his recognition as a punter. After two years kicking at Chabot Community College, he received a football scholarship to Utah State University. He left Utah State with numerous kicking records including the longest punt of 85 yards. After being cut by the Buffalo Bills in 1990 he was drafted by the Barcelona Dragons of NFL Europe and played in the World Bowl that year. He held the longest punt in



Pictured are (from left) Mike Martinez, Sheila Cooper (co-president), Fred Quarterman (co-president), and Louie Aguiar.

NFL Europe of 80 yards. From 1991-1993 he played for the New York Jets and 1994-1998 for the Kansas City Chiefs. He finished his NFL career in 2000 after having kicked one year for the Green Bay Packers and one year for the Chicago Bears. He still is ranked fifth all time in NFL punting for having kicked 585 punts without a block.

Al Caffodio came to Livermore in 1951 and owned the Village Canteen on First Street. He became involved in youth sports in the late 1950s by starting the Twin Valley Relays. This event brought middle school students throughout valley the to compete

in an organized relay track meet. Some of the teams were the East Avenue Dolphins, Saint Michael Saints, Fifth Street Flyers, Junction Avenue Bulldogs, and the Marilyn Avenue Roadrunners. In the 1960s Mr. Caffodio was the driving force behind the start of a high competition soccer league. This was the forerunner to today's travel teams. His generosity helped fund this program, and it laid the foundation for the growth of youth soccer in Livermore. Mr. Caffodio died in 1968.

The public can visit the Booster website to nominate future inductees into the Hall of Fame. www.livermoregranadaboosters.org

Kayli pitched her first game and had a strike-out: Nina made great plays at 1st; Divya hit well and played good defense. Top Players: Alta Sales Group - Maya Bhaskaran, Jaiden Reilly, Rebecca Stumbo; Delores Gragg - Keller Williams Realty - Nina Balestrieri, Divya Kilari, Kayli Shimanuki.

Mini Teal: Machi Construction 7, Securities America 6: Securities America played hard, but came up just one run short in an exciting, evenly matched game against a strong Machi Construction. Securities America was hot at the plate with big hits from Isabella Restani and Julia Thomas who had three great hits, and Kealy Morrissey had an RBI single as well as showing great defense as catcher. Great pitching from Isabella Restani, who struck out several batters. For Machi Construction, Amelia Kelly hit impressive singles in the 2nd and 3rd innings, as well as fielding a fly ball in the 4th inning for an out at 1st base. Alex Wampler pitched in the second inning and recorded two strike outs. She also had a great game defensively, catching a line drive for an out in the first inning. McKenna Harris hit a powerful two RBI single in the first inning, hit a hard hit grounder in the fourth inning for a single, and pitched a solid third inning. The highlight of the game was when McKenna slid into home to score the game winning run. What a great way to end the regular season of softball. Top Players: Machi Construction - McKenna Harris, Amelia Kelly, Alex Wampler; Securities America - Kealy Morrissey, Isabella Restani, Julia Thomas

Accurate Impressions 12, GFI Stainless 4: GFI Stainless played well as a team on Saturday. Sarah Banholzer was awesome at bat and made it home. Katie Jones delivered a big hit for an RBI at the bottom of the 2nd inning, and pitcher, Darina Wolfe, caught an out at the top of the 1st and also struck out a batter in the 2nd inning. Top team players for Accurate Impressions were Camille Culak, who hit a home run; Kim Ebbers who played catcher and also pitched a great game and Zoe Chidambaram who caught three fly balls. Top Players: GFI Stainless

- Sarah Banholzer, Katie Jones, Darina Wolfe; Accurate Impressions - Zoe Chidambaram, Camille Culak, Kim Ebbers

Images by Lori 4, TG Information Systems 1: For the last game of the season, Images by Lori and TG Information Systems had an opportunity to play each other one more time. Both teams were scoreless through the 1st inning as a result of strong defense from both teams. TG Information Systems defense was led by Viviana Valle who executed well throughout the game and who also had a single in the 4th inning. The team also had good representation on defense and offense from Kyra Thordsen. She had singles in the 3rd and 5th innings. After both teams got into their groove, the bats started swinging. Images by Lori's Marin Tollefsen had a single in the 2nd and in the bottom of the 4th had a single that added and drove in 2 runs. The fans were also treated to outstanding pitching performances by both teams. In the final innings of the game, TG Information Systems' Samantha Chan guided the team to 2 strong innings of pitching by Samantha Chan during the 3rd and 4th innings. Chan struck out the side in the 4th. Juniper Huneke for Images by Lori had the strength and stamina to go the distance and pitch the 3rd, 4th and 5th innings. She never tired and just kept throwing consistently. She had 5 strikeouts to her credit. To bring the game to a close, Hanna Swain of Images by Lori had 2 consecutive plays at 2nd base where she was able to get out her opponents with quick thinking and impressive hustle. Top Players: Images by Lori - Juniper Huneke, Hanna Swain, Marin Tollefsen; TG Information Systems - Samantha Chan, Kyra Thordsen, Viviana Valle

Securities America 2, GFI Stainless 0: In a highly anticipated rematch between these two powerhouses, solid defense and fantastic pitching was on display. GFI Stainless showcased their #1 pitcher Lauren Sowers who struck out the side looking in the 3rd. Sarah Banholzer was solid in the field and provided some O with a solid single to lead off the third. Anna Baalman was a clutch player in this game, both at the plate and in

the field. Despite great play from their opponents, Securities America were able to pull off an impressive win. Emma Crabb played wonderful defense and broke the shutout with an RBI hit off the pitcher. Kealy Morrissey was a standout again with inning after inning of solid hitting and intelligent play in the field. Isabella Restani showed off her competitive spirit and superior bloodlines and earned an MVP nod. Top Players: Securities America - Emma Crabb, Kealy Morrissey, Isabella Restani; GFI Stainless - Anna Baalman, Sarah Banholzer, Lauren Sowers.

Minor Teal: San Jose Boiler Works Inc. 10, Uncle Credit Union 9: San Jose Boiler Works Inc. took the lead with solid runs from nearly all team members. On the defense Johanna catching, Angelina's 1st base play made Uncle Credit Union work for their runs. But good teamwork from everyone, resulted in good pitching from Kirsten, 2 runs from Isabel, a double and 2 fly ball catches by Sabrina which nearly evened up the score. Top Players: Uncle Credit Union - Isabel Fernandes, Sabrina Heinitz, Kirsten Sigua; San Jose Boiler Works Inc. - Johanna Abello, Angelina Padua, Jorlyn Scotti.

Minor Black: Blue Line 16, Hopyard Ale House 8: After a two-run double by Jessica Shockley, Terra McHone had an RBI single and eventually stole home to spark a four-run rally in the first inning for BlueLine. Kaitlyn Jones, Shockley and McHone each

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SPORTS NOTES



The 4x400M relay team of Alex Tellez, Manuel Lopez, Matthew Garcia, and Jon Banales from Junction K-8, broke the Tri-Valley Athletic League record in the 4x400M relay with a time of 4:01.32. The foursome performed the feat at the Tri-Valley Athletic League - Meet of Champions.



Pictured holding their championship trophies are members of the Pleasanton Phantom 12B softball team. For the game results, see Sports Notes.

American Classics Head for Summer Get-Together at Fairgrounds in Pleasanton

Over 2,500 classic American muscle cars and souped up hot rods are heading to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. They will gather for the 19th consecutive year on June 2 and 3 to celebrate cars and car culture at the Goodguys Summer Get-Together presented by J Rockcliff Realtors at the Fairgrounds.

The colorful cars, painted in a variety of candy hues with layers of chrome showcase yesteryear when American automobiles were made of steel, had carburetors and could be worked on in the driveway. The unique quality of a Goodguys "Get-Together" is that any American made or American powered car can exhibit – no matter how old or in some cases, new they are. Goodguys events also showcase modern era muscle machines like the new era Ford Mustang, Dodge Challenger and Chevy Camaro just to name a few.

Another buzz topic these days in the car scene is the re-birth of the vintage American muscle car. The latest trend is blending race track technology into muscle cars from the 1960s and 70s. Adding race engines, race suspensions and flashy bright paint jobs to

big bodied, V8 powered relics is all the rage. Besides showing and displaying them at events like the Summer Get-Together, event participants are more than willing to flog them around an AutoCross course to "see what they'll do." In most cases the results are astounding.

In addition to the cars, the Summer Get-Together offers other automotive-themed activities for the family. A used parts automotive swap meet will join a special "cars for sale corral" where automotive treasure hunters can seek out hard to find parts and buy and/or sell the car of their dreams. Inside the spacious exhibit buildings will be a Concours-style show featuring stock, original cars like Packard's, Bentley's and Duesenbergs from the 1930s and '40s. A special "Brush Bash" featuring local pin stripe artists will offer hand painted items and the Tri-Valley Quarter Midgets – a youth racing program will perform exhibitions on an oval track.

Another show highlight will be a custom bicycle exhibit. Bay area based Bicycle fabricators and enthusiast's "Boogie" Breiz and Dominick Guida,



A high speed AutoCross course will be an event highlight showcasing custom cars in action as they race around the tight course trying to win the best elapsed time. Four classes of competition will be held

proprietors of Behind Bars Inc – a full service custom bicycle fabrication shop in San Jose, CA have pulled together the unique exhibit which will feature over 50 one-of-a-kind custom bikes. The exhibit will be held inside the Hall of Commerce Building. This marks the first time Goodguys has featured a bicycle exhibit at an event

The Goodguys 19th Summer Get-Together presented by J Rockcliff Realtors is open 8am-5pm Saturday and 8am to 4pm Sunday. General admission is \$17, kids 7-12 \$6. Kids 6 and under are FREE. Fairgrounds parking fee is \$8. For additional event information, contact the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association at (925) 838-9876 or visit www.good-guys.com

scored three runs, and McHone tallied three RBIs. Natalie Tarantino and Corey Bryan each drove in two runs for Blue Line while Lilly Ryan, Nicole Thornton, Kate Inman and Jones each had an RBI. Brooke Promes drove in two runs for Hopyard Ale House, which saw Hope Alley and Aliya Lubrin score two runs apiece. Top Players: Blue Line - Kaitlyn Jones, Terra McHone, Jessica Shockley; Hopyard Ale House - Hope Alley, Aliya Lubrin, Brooke Promes

Barry Winston OD 7, All Star Sports 4; For All Star Sports, Lauren Melvin hit a single and scored the team's first run of the game. Claire Larsen had a strong outing as pitcher in the final two innings of the game. Hannah Schott scored a run and had strong performance at the plate. For Barry Winston OD, Olivia McGee was a strong pitcher. Libby Schlag scored two runs. Allison DeFazio reached base twice and scored a run. Top Players: All Star Sports - Claire Larsen, Lauren Melvin, Hannah Schott; Barry Winston OD - Allison DeFazio, Olivia McGee, Libby Schlag

Blue Line 12, All-Star Sports 6; Sidney West had a strong outing on the mound for All Star Sports. Hannah Haynie had two singles and Halle Uhl scored a run. For Blue Line, Jessica Shockley reached base 4 times and scored 2 runs. Terra McHone scored 2 runs and Natalie Tarantino had three runs. Top Players: All Star Sports - Hannah Haynie, Halle Uhl, Sidney West; Blue Line - Terra McHone, Jessica Shockley, Natalie Tarantino

Blue Line 12, All-Star Sports 6; Natalie Tarantino scored three runs, Jessica Shockley had two hits with two runs and Kate Inman delivered a key, two-run single for Blue Line. Harper Cook's fantastic defense at shortstop, Hannah Haynie's two runs and Lauren Melvin's single highlighted All-Star Sports' efforts. Top Players: Blue Line - Kate Inman, Jessica Shockley, Natalie Tarantino; All-Star Sports - Harper Cook, Hannah Haynie, Lauren Melvin

Senior Division: Fuji Sushi Boat and Buffet 6, De Los Angeles Tax Service 2; For Fuji Sushi Boat and Buffet: Dharini Clare pitched five stellar innings allowing

only one run. Leah Botelho contributed to the team's tough defense with great outfielding, while Zoe Chapman played key offense with a two-out hit. For De Los Angeles Tax Service: Madison Hill threw for several innings of excellent pitching. Contributing to the team's strong effort, both Shannon Easley as shortstop and Melanie Herbert as catcher played great defense. Top Players: Fuji Sushi Boat and Buffet - Leah Botelho, Zoe Chapman, Dharini Clare; De Los Angeles Tax Service - Shannon Easley, Melanie Herbert, Madison Hill

Livermore American LL

Livermore American Little League results:

AAA Division: Yankees 13, Red Sox 12; Yankees highlights: Tyler Morano pitched 3 up/3 out the first inning. Amelio Garcia hit a line drive at the bottom on the first bringing in 2 runners. Cole Gareb hit a line drive to bring in the other 2 runners for the inning. JJ Knight pitched the 3rd inning and scored the second out as he threw to catch the runner at home plate. Red Sox Highlights: Mike Bryson was instrumental in catching a pop-up and Jared Rittenmeyer hit a line drive for a base hit and Ethan Voelker pitched the final inning.

T-Ball: Indians vs. Dodgers: Indians top players: Justin Matchett, Alex Okronglis, Andrew James; Dodgers top players: Isabella Moen, T.C. Hill, Tyler DeLisle.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League results:

A Division: Rockies vs. Dodgers: These two division 'A' clubs came out and brought their 'A' game making fans of all ages cheer so enthusiastically you would have thought you were sitting in box seats at a major league venue. Rockies Luke Migsud had an excellent day at the plate singling at every opportunity. Jake Beers took a line drive in the arm at pitcher but quickly recovered making the next out which retired the inning. Jake also doubled showing us that he's one tough batter. The Dodgers couldn't be silenced and hit many balls into the outfield. Notable hits

from the Dodgers included a double by Tyler Caldeira. The Dodgers also had a stunning performance on the field with many outs including a fly-out double-play executed by Caleb Penner.

Cardinals vs. Rockies: These two teams came out and gave it their all. This nail biter of a match including solid hits by Rockies Max Thompson who also had many great plays at first base. Rockies Tanner Lee was the MVP for the night catching two fly balls and swatted the ball consistently for many "Rockies Batted In". Kyle Johnson had some impressive plays in the field including tagging out the runner in a rundown between first and second. Cardinals had many notable hits and plays which had the crowds cheering for more. Impressive plays by the Cardinals included a fly ball out by an unnamed catcher at the plate and two doubles.

Diamondbacks vs. Cardinals: Diamondbacks Justin Johnson showed powerful ability with his base hit to the outfield. Jack Hansen had several great plays and shined at the pitcher position. Zachary Sousa had great outfield hustling and Calvin Shawler excelled up to bat with nice hits. Cardinals Ryan Gorman also shined with great hits and outfield hustling skills. Thomas Schnapp showed off top notch skill with his three put outs and two doubles.

AA Division: Padres vs. Rockies: For the Padres: Sean Stotts had a nice hit to 3rd base with an RBI. Alex Sheldon had a solid base hit. Jackson Nystrom pitched a no run 3rd inning and made a strong hit with 2 RBIs. Kade Ornellas had a spectacular throw to first for an out. For the Rockies: Jacob Kelleher was solid both hitting as well as on defense at 1st base. Gavin Powers struck out 2 batters to get out of a bases loaded situation. Hersh Rudrawaal had a solid double with 2 RBIs. Riley Scott hit an RBI double.

Cardinals vs. Giants: For the Cardinals, Austin Statham pitched a great inning. Aiden Follis also pitched a great inning, and Jacob Burks caught a pop fly out. For the Giants, Nate Lee, Thomas Bosso and Elias Ramos had great fielding and hits.

Cardinals vs. Padres: For the Cardinals, Jesse Haight singled in the 1st inning, and

Aiden Follis pitched a great 2nd inning. Leif Jensen doubled and singled the next inning for an all around great game. For the Padres Jay Hawkins hit a powerful double to center field. Sean Stotts had a nice hit to first, 2 RBI, and Jackson Nystrom made an awesome throw from 5 to 3 and Jay Hawkins tagged the runner out.

A's vs. Rockies: Rockies: Jonah Johnson made two impressive defensive outs-one in center field and one in right field. Cameron Adriaens hit a hard grounder up the middle for a double. Noah Olson hit a fly ball to left field for a single. Shane Waechter caught a high fly in right field for an out. A's: Timothy Studebaker hit grounder which brought in an RBI. Timothy also made a great play at shortstop throwing the ball to 2nd baseman Jack McDonnell for an out. Garret Gomes smashed the ball into center field for an RBI. Ryan McKinzie hit an impressive double bringing in an RBI. Jason DeSantis had an amazing hit bringing in 2 RBIs. Center fielder Jason Sanders made a diving catch that secured the A's win. His skillful catch brought his team out of the dugout to celebrate.

A's vs. Padres: 5-4 This game was exciting up to the last play. Padres: Graedon Beeler caught a pop fly for an out. Gio Fuentes had a notable hit knocking in two runs and did some fine outfielding. Rope Scheffler skillfully pitched a shut out inning. Catcher Derek Craven had quick reflexes and threw out the base stealer at 3rd. Kade Ornellas made a beautiful catch at first and tagged the runner out. Sean Stotts made a sensational catch at 2nd for an out. A's: Jason Sanders made a notable out at 2nd base. Ryan McKinzie made a skillful double out at 1st base catching the ball and tagging the runner. Patrick Curulla had an amazing single for an RBI. Landon Ratinho had a base hit into right field for an RBI. Landon also powered the ball into centerfield in the last inning bringing in an RBI that tied the game. Jason DeSantis hit an outstanding walk off double for the win.

T-Ball: Cubs vs. A's: All in all it was great day for baseball for both clubs. It was AJ Crokaerts who showed his defensive

skills for the A's and Nathan Thompson who brought the pop on offense For the Cubs it was a day for twin power with Christopher Kitchuck flashing the leather on defense and his twin brother Anthony with the pop in his bat.

Dodgers vs. Padres: Padres' players Ashton Marr and Luke Varagas were the stars in this week's matchup! Both players had excellent at bats throughout the game, with consistent hits into the outfield. For the Dodgers, Aiden Cherry played excellent defense while covering 2nd base. Isak Cortes of the Dodgers swung at the first pitch of the game and hit a line drive into center for a single.

AAA Division: Diamondbacks vs. A's: The Diamondbacks defeat A's after late game fielder's choice, 8-6. After five lead changes in Wednesday's game at Junction, the Diamondbacks finally pulled out a 8-6 win over A's. The Diamondbacks finally managed

to grab the lead after a strong fourth inning. A fielder's choice scored Kyle Winkler and gave the Diamondbacks the lead for good. The Diamondbacks held off A's, as A's were unable to overcome a four-run fourth inning deficit. A's scored two runs in the sixth on an error and a passed ball. Despite their efforts, A's couldn't finish the comeback. Jack Wilson racked up two RBIs on one hit for the Diamondbacks. Bobby Farmer got the win for the Diamondbacks. He tossed three innings of shutout ball. Farmer struck out four, walked two and gave up no hits. The Diamondbacks jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first. The Diamondbacks' offense woke up as Mason Smith doubled before Wilson tripled, bringing home Smith. The Diamondbacks then tacked on more runs when Wilson scored on an RBI double by Farmer and Farmer scored on a passed ball. Top hitters for the A's were Brett Oelrich and Sean Pascual. Tommy Latkowski had fine

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SPORTS NOTES



Members of the All Valley Diving team pictured are Morgan Fiske, Shelby Bates, Wade Humphrey, Natasha Sondeno and Isabelle Norton

offense and defense efforts for the A's Diamondbacks 9, Giants 1. The Diamondbacks scored four runs in the fifth on an RBI triple by Mason Smith, an RBI single by Jack Wilson, an RBI single by Colby Smith, and an RBI single by Ryan Phillips. Smith put himself in scoring position with two extra-base hits for the Diamondbacks. Bobby Farmer pitched lights out for the Diamondbacks. Farmer held the Giants hitless over two innings, allowed no earned runs, walked none and struck out four. Wilson got the win for the Diamondbacks. He allowed one run over two innings. Wilson struck out three, walked none and gave up two hits. The Diamondbacks' Farmer, Smith, Smith and Wilson combined for seven hits and six RBIs. The top of the first saw the Diamondbacks take an early lead, 1-0. In the second inning, the Giants pushed across their only run of the day on an RBI single by Donaldson. The Diamondbacks stayed on top until the final out after taking the lead in the third, scoring four runs on an error, a fielder's choice, an RBI single by Phillips, and an RBI triple by Smith. Giants top hitters were Nick Donaldson and Eljia Maravilla.

All Valley Divers

All Valley Divers "ripped" the competition at the 2012 Northern California Association Championships. Coached by Monte Young, Logan Champion and Andy Goddard, The All Valley Diving Team takes home a splash of awards. Starting with the girls 16-18, Fiona Caulfield took 4th on the 3 Meter, 4th on Platform and 9th on the 1 Meter; Brooke Osborn took 6th on the 1 Meter. Girls 14-15, Natasha Sondeno gave All Valley Divers gold, taking 1st Place on the 1 Meter, 2nd Place on the 3 Meter and 2nd Place on Platform; Morgan Fiske finished strong at 7th Place on the 1 Meter. Girls 12-13, Lottie Goddard took home 5th on the 1 Meter and 6th on the 3 Meter. Isabelle Norton came in 2nd on the 3 Meter and 9th on the 1 Meter. Girls 11 & Under, Shelby Bates finished 3rd on the 3 Meter and 5th on the 1 Meter. Emily Reimer, Level 3 took home 2nd Place on the 1 Meter, and Giselle Fong took home 4th. Finishing off the girls team was Grace Leary, Level 4 in 8th Place and Jessica Rieble in 10th Place.

For The All Valley Divers Boys Team Age 16-18, Gabriel Nieto came in 5th on the 1 meter, Quincy Hernandez 6th and Boys 14-15, Collin Miller took 7th. In the 12-13 age category, Jackson Gabler grabbed 2nd on the 1 Meter, with Nicholas Chan taking 5th as well as 3rd on the 3 Meter. Boys 11 and Under shined under the sun, with Darby Culver taking 2nd on the 3 Meter, 5th on the 1 Meter, and Nathan Harris finishing 2nd on the 1 Meter and 3rd on the 3 Meter. Wade Humphrey, Level 3 took it home for The All Valley Divers in 1st Place on the 1 Meter and 5th Place on the 3 Meter. Congratulations All Valley Divers' on an outstanding Championship meet.

Foothill Little League

Pleasanton Foothill Little League results:

Majors: Rangers vs. Angels: On Saturday 5/19, Angels pitcher Trevor Doster hurled a complete game shutout securing a 10-0 win over the Rangers. Doster was in command on the mound from start to finish giving up only 5 hits and 1 walk. He helped his cause on offense drawing 3 walks and scoring 3 runs as the Angels leadoff hitter. The Angels offensive attack also included a clutch RBI hit by Justin Kim, 2 hits by Owen Camp, and 3 hits by AJ Warford including a triple, homerun and 6 RBIs.

Giants vs. Angels: On Wednesday 5/23, the Angels and Giants faced off as the 2 top teams in PLL Majors division. Angels' pitchers Mitchell Lawrence and AJ Warford combined to hurl a 1 hitter with only 2 walks and 13 strikeouts. On offense, Angels hitters Owen Camp, Mitchell Lawrence and AJ Warford banged out 2 hits each with Trevor Doster adding 1 hit. Benefiting from a few Angels defensive errors, the Giants had the lead for most of the game. But the Angels mounted a desperate rally in the bottom of the 6th inning trailing 3-2. Speedy Mitchell Lawrence reached first on a base hit. AJ Warford followed with a gritty at bat fouling off several difficult curve balls before hitting a towering fly to deep left field landing just short of the fence for a double which scored Lawrence and tied the game 3-3. Owen Camp followed with a game-winning infield hit bouncer in no man's land between the 1st and 2nd baseman, scoring Warford who never stopped after rounding 3rd base, and the Angels captured a walk-off 4-3 win.

A Division: A's vs. Orioles: On 5/24 at the Sports Park, the A's faced the Orioles in A ball action. The A's strong hitters included Rohan Sethi and Tyler Cheng. Ethan Reeves pitched well for the A's. For the Orioles, Jackson Deaver did a good job catching, Suvir Kheny made some big plays at first base, and Andrew Weckwerth did a great job pitching. For the Orioles offense, Kaleb Williams was one of the big hitters.

Pleasanton Phantom 12B

It was a great weekend for Pleasanton Phantom 12B, playing in the Memorial Weekend Kickoff Tournament in Livermore. The team came home with the first place trophy.

On Saturday, the Phantom played three games, scoring a total of 45 earned runs. The

Adaptive PE Students Head to the Lanes

By Carol Graham

For the first time, students from Granada High School's Adaptive Physical Education (APE) program were given the opportunity to learn to bowl throughout the month of May at Livermore's Granada Bowl.

"This is my first time bowling ever. I like it!" said student Shawn Amick, 20. "I have a shaking problem so it's hard for me, but I just try to bowl the best I can with the ability that I have."

The APE program is designed to develop skills, knowledge and an understanding of rules for games and activities that students will use as adults, said teacher Brad Mirosoli.

"Students' disabilities cover the entire spectrum from mild to severe cognitive and physical disabilities," he noted. "I want the students to enjoy and feel confident whenever they are participating in a game or activity. They are people with loves, dislikes and emotions that are just different from our own. They just need a little assistance, encour-

agement and lots of love."

Ranging in age from 18 to 22 years old, students participating in the transition program learn and practice life skills that will help them become engaged members of the community with as much independence and mobility as possible.

"In fact, some of the students come directly from their jobs," said student teacher Grace Champion. "They're learning how to take the bus and use public transportation."

Student Matt Cantz arrived from his job at Open Heart Kitchen to bowl with his classmates recently. "I usually bowl with my friends, but I'm not really a professional at bowling," said the 22-year-old. "I just try to do my best."

Other APE activities include golf, swimming, archery and Frisbee. "Students not only learn motor skills, but social skills so that they're able to work with others," said Champion. "Adaptive PE is a valuable class because lives are changed and impacted."

Granada Bowl has hosted high school bowling classes for some time, but this is the first year offering classes for special needs students. "They're really having a lot of fun," said manager James Seltmann. "Our staff always likes to see the students because they're so happy to come in and bowl."

"Also, we're again offering to all Livermore and Pleasanton students summer bowling passes. If they don't get one from their school, students can come in with their ID and pick one up," added Seltmann of the passes that allow local students to bowl one free game per day from June 1st through September 3rd. (Additional games are \$2, and shoe rental is \$1.)

For Amick, her first year in the APE program has proved both challenging and rewarding. "It starts out hard, but you work your way up and get to know the people and kids in the program," she said. "I've made friends with the whole group."

As for her new bowling skills,

"I've improved and I definitely want to come again. The hardest part is hitting the pins."

The use of bumpers and ramps helps special ed students with that objective. "Bowling is a lot of fun. I like anything that's not a team sport because I can't really wrap my head around strategy," said Alex Gregg, 21. "If I lose, the only person I would want to suffer from my loss is me and no one else."

Mirosoli said the best part of working with special needs students is that "Everything is on the table; the students are very honest with their emotions. As staff we can increase their quality of life. All the adults I work with have the same outlook and love of the students."

Campion agrees. "I would like to encourage people to get to know someone with a special need. Knowledge and relationships can help people be less fearful, hurtful and oppressive. We have the capability to accept each other when there's awareness and the chance to get to know each other."

"Triple Threat Pitching" (Jenna O'Neal, Jessica O'Neal and Danielle Williams) allowed only 5 runs. There were many big hits that went all the way to the fence and one infield home run hit by Shelby Cabral.

On Sunday, the competition was much more difficult. Every game was a pitching duel, but once again, the "Triple Threat Pitching" came through. The first game against the Castro Valley Synergy, the Phantom showed strong defense and pitching leaving us on top with a score of 6-4. Game two was against the Santa Rosa Hackers. The first two innings were scoreless, but then the Phantom bats came alive for a 4-0 win. The Championship Game was against the Los Gatos/Saratoga Magic. There were many nail-biting moments, but Phantom held them to win by a final score of 4-1.

Martial Arts

Taylor's Martial Arts in Livermore sent 13 of its students to the Best of the Best Karate Tournament in Tracy, California on April 21, 2012. The following students competed and placed in the tournament:

FORMS/KATA: Kristin Ford - 1st Place and Grand Champion; Paul Curbelo - 3rd Place; Hannah Lipp - 2nd Place; Jaden Husser - 1st Place and Grand Champion; Katrina Curbelo - 2nd Place; Joseph Ventura - 1st Place and Grand Champion

SPARRING: Jaden Husser - 1st Place; Hector Flores - 2nd Place; Tanya Sharetskaya - 3rd Place; Jeddiah Lipp - 2nd Place; Joseph Ventura - 2nd Place. Alexis Aying, Vince Aying, Kyle Ford and Ariyana Walling also competed in sparring.

Taylor's Martial Arts in Livermore, sent 9 of its students to the C.B.B.L. Hurricane Challenge Karate Tournament in Modesto, California on May 19, 2012. The following students competed and placed in the tournament:

FORMS/KATA: 6-7 yr old Beginners Forms: Helena Macias - 1st Place; Alexis Aying - 4th Place; 8-10 yr old Beginners Forms: Kristin Ford - 4th Place; 11-13 yr old Beginners Forms: Jaden Husser - 1st Place and Grand Champion; 11-13 yr old Intermediate/Advanced Forms: Hannah Lipp - 1st Place and Grand Champion; 14-17 yr old Black Belt Forms: Jeddiah Lipp - 1st Place and Grand Champion

SPARRING: 6-7 yr old Girls Beginners Sparring: Alexis Aying - 1st Place; 8-9 yr old Girls Beginners Sparring: Kristin Ford - 2nd Place; 10-11 yr old Girls Intermediate/Advanced Sparring: Vitan Nocilla - 1st Place; 10-11 yr old Girls Intermediate/Advanced Sparring: Hannah Lipp - 3rd Place; 12-13 yr old Boys Beginners Sparring: Kyle Ford - 4th Place; 12-13 yr old Girls Beginners Sparring: Jaden Husser - 1st Place; 14-17 yr old Boys Black Belt Sparring: Brandon DeBorja - 2nd Place; Jeddiah Lipp - 3rd Place; 14-17 yr old Boys Black Belt Continuous Sparring: Brandon DeBorja - 1st Place

Junior Giants Program

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is once again offering the Junior Giants program as a way to reach out to those who may not have the opportunity to get an introduction to baseball otherwise.

In collaboration with the San Francisco Giants, the Junior Giants is a noncompetitive league encompassing more than just baseball. This innovative program gives youth an opportunity to play for free while developing confidence, integrity, leadership and teamwork. The integrated league for boys and girls includes lessons in literacy and wellness to help emphasize the importance of education, health and violence prevention.

An extension of the Little League program, designed for those with little baseball experience who can gain more field time to boost their confidence. The program runs about eight weeks from June 16 to Aug. 11. Participants are divided into two divisions: ages 5 to 7 and ages 8 to 10. There will be a mandatory First Pitch meeting in early June, date to be determined. Limited spots are available. Interested families can obtain a registration form by calling 925-373-5709, emailing vwiedenfeld@larpd.dst.ca.us or visiting the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

Volunteers are also needed to coach the teams. One-hour practices are held one evening a week, with one-hour games on Saturdays. Practices and games are held at Randy Johnson Field at May Nissen Park, 685 Rincon Ave. Coaching involves teaching children the basic concepts of playing baseball: working with parents, the community, LARPD and the Junior Giants Foundation; and teaching children to have good sportsmanship and high self-esteem. First-time coaches are welcome; LARPD staff will be on site for games and practices.

Hook and Ladder Run Sold Out

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.

The event is sold out. No further registrations will be accepted.

Bocce Kits for Rent

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making bocce ball kits available



Jared Shohfi signs up to play soccer at Holy Names University.

A Dream Come True for Jared

Jared Shohfi of Pleasanton has dreamed of playing soccer in college since he started playing the beautiful game when he was 5 years old. Jared played Division III soccer for Pleasanton's Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) for six years, and then played the last two years for Dublin United Soccer League (DUSL) Division I team, under Coach Tom Rhoads. He also played varsity soccer at Foothill High School in Pleasanton.

While playing soccer for Dublin, DUSL Technical Director, Nick Lusson witnessed Jared's play during club practices and league games and was impressed. Nick Lusson also happens to be the head coach of men's and woman's soccer at Holy Names University (HNU) in Oakland. While Jared was going through the process of selecting which colleges to pursue his dream of attending and playing soccer for, he sought guidance from his Technical Director, Nick Lusson. This started the discussion of the possibility of Jared playing for

Coach Lusson at Holy Names University. After visiting the HNU campus in the Oakland hills, Jared immediately fell in love with the quaint private University campus and the scenic views of the San Francisco Bay including both Oakland and San Francisco city skylines.

After considering all of his options, Jared applied for and was accepted to Holy Names University. After several conversations with Coach Lusson, Jared was invited to play for HNU's soccer team which competes under the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Jared was ecstatic when he heard the news.

Jared's dream was made official Saturday, at the Dublin Sports Grounds soccer field where he played some of his best soccer. Jared plans on earning his degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing at HNU, and wants all young soccer players to know that dreams can and do come true.

deep in designated age groups for both male and female participants. Each child participating in the Kids' Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon and a cookie from Mr. Cookie, himself.

Entry fees for preregistration are \$10 for Kids' Challenge; 5K and 10K, \$22 grades K-8; \$32.00 high school students and adults; \$22.00 each for families of four, or more. Race-day Registration: Kids' Challenge - \$15.00; 5K & 10K - \$30.00 grades K-8; \$40.00 high school students and adults; \$30.00 each for families of four, or more.

All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt and goodie bag, as well as refreshments and will each receive ticket to a huge after-race raffle. The 10K Race will start at 8:00 a.m., with the 5K Run and Walk beginning at 8:20 a.m. The Kids' Challenge events will begin around 9:30 a.m. Check-in and race-day registration opens at 6:30 a.m.

For more Spirit Run information and/or an application, call On Your Mark Race Events at 209-795-7832, or visit the website. Online registration is available at active.com.

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.

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 players, 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 dperotti@yahoo.com or check website www.eteamz.com/lvb

Criterion Race

The 21st Annual International Christian Cycling Club's Dash for Cash will be held on Saturday June 2, 2012 in Pleasanton.

For more than two decades, this hometown criterium race has hosted the best in local, state, and national bike racers competing for cash and prizes. The action starts at 8:00 am and continues—fast and furious—until 2:00 pm when the professionals take their turn on the 9 mile course.

The Pleasanton event is free for spectators with the best viewing along Willow, between Stoneridge and Gibraltar. For more information go to http://norcal.christiancycling.com/dash-for-cash-criterium/

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ABAG, MTC Approve Draft of Regional 'Smart Growth' Plan

ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) have unanimously approved a draft of a long-range plan designed to encourage

smart growth throughout the nine-county Bay Area.

The two agencies took the action at their joint meeting on May 17 in Oakland. The approval

enables launch of an EIR for the plan. The EIR is expected to be finished in about a year.

The document is called "Plan Bay Area." It is designed as a

guide for cities and counties to plan for two major things: an adequate housing supply for all income levels, and transportation plans that will make a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

There won't be any punitive measures for cities and counties, if they don't follow the guidelines of the plan. However, they will be missing out on the carrots that MTC and ABAG can provide in the form of grants to accomplish the planning and execution of projects, said John Goodwin, a public information officer for MTC.

A total of \$280 billion in transportation funding will be available in the Bay Area from 2015 to 2040, said Goodwin. MTC will be able to distribute a portion of that amount as discretionary funds.

Availability of the funds to cities and counties will depend on their adherence to the principals in the plan, said Goodwin.

Some who have attended public hearings on the plan have objected that ABAG and MTC were taking over local governments' power to determine where people can live, and what kind of unit they can live in.

That's not true, said Goodwin. Offering cities and counties money for transportation projects is not preventing governments from free choices in their planning processes, he said.

One benefit will be that cities will have plans to deal with greenhouse gas emissions, such as Livermore and Pleasanton. They will be able to cite numbers

in those plans to show how transportation projects can help control emissions, said Goodwin.

Essentially the plan is codifying smart growth for the Bay Area. That has meant the marriage of public transit, bike trails, and other means of curbing pollution, to affordable housing units, usually with high densities.

In the Valley, Pleasanton is projected to add the most jobs and Dublin the most housing units, which appears to be counter to the idea that communities with the most jobs should provide the housing.

The scenario shows Livermore growing from 30,340 housing units in 2010 to 41,820 in 2040; Pleasanton would increase its housing from 26,050, and Dublin from 15,780 to 36,560. In projected job growth, Pleasanton is expected to jump from 54,230 jobs in 2010 to 71,840 in 2040; Livermore is anticipated to go from 38,370 to 52,560; Dublin from 16,760 to 28,060.

ABAG is the agency that gathers data and sets goals for cities and counties to provide sufficient housing for the local workforce, including various income ranges, hence ABAG's involvement in the plan.

Cities let ABAG know about their priority development areas (PDAs). ABAG is able to help cities obtain funds to assist the cities. One example is money available for planning around transit stations, according to ABAG's website.

Environmentalists had been critical of an earlier draft of Plan Bay Area. They said that although

MTC and ABAG intended to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 15 percent by 2035, as mandated by the state, their projections fell short of that by about 6 percent.

MTC ran its numbers again, and found errors, and recognized the shortfall. Then the non-profit called TRANSFORM was able to show how the gap could be closed to meet the 15 percent, said Manolo Gonzalez-Estay, transportation policy director for TRANSFORM.

Among the proposed changes to help meet the greenhouse gas reduction goal, would be to eliminate the 55 mph speed limit, add a commuter benefits ordinance, and seek funding for low-income transit pass pilot programs.

"We are very pleased" with the final document, said Gonzalez-Estay.

The Livermore City Council commented on the plan prior to its approval, finding that it was not forward thinking enough.

Councilmember Bob Woener commented that if the plan were a little more visionary about the future of electric vehicles, some of the things being considered could be different.

Councilmember Stewart Gary pointed out that there is no acknowledgment of the urban growth boundary in North Livermore or the South Livermore Plan. These are areas that are not developable open space, but have entanglements that require a vote of the people to change. He said he didn't believe that MTC policy requiring housing

at BART stations is an attempt to balance jobs to local housing growth.

AMADOR

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Coach Julie Marshall said that she rested Johanna for a couple of starts.

Marshall and Teresa Borchard took over the coaching duties five years ago as outside contractors. Amador was a losing team then, but the two were able to turn it around.

It took plenty of hard work, both on the coaches' part and the athletes. The team recorded a 25-4 record last year. They capped the season by winning the Division 1 NCS. Last year's winning streak of 12 games joined to this year's march has produced 37 consecutive wins for the team.

With only the departure of only three graduates last year, most of the team is back. The athletes work on their physical conditioning, but the real core for them is mental preparation, said Marshall.

"They are dedicated athletes, with mental and visual preparation daily. Ninety percent of the game is mental. Coaches are not paying enough attention, if their kids are not working on this aspect of competition," said Marshall.

"We teach them to take one game at a time. They have targets on their backs. Don't overlook any opponent, and control the

controllable. They did so all year, and have been pretty successful," said Marshall.

The team has been successful in the classroom, too. Their grade point averages range between 3.4 and 3.9.

Borchard said that the important thing for the girls has been the lessons they learn about life preparation. "You deal with adversity and competition, and learn sportsmanship, leadership and working together as a team," said Borchard.

"It's a team sport, so a strike-out by the last one up at bat could cost the game. That pressure helps them excel through life," said Borchard.

"Eighty percent of all Fortune 500 women executives played high school sports. It does speak to the ability to compete in the workforce as well. Most of these women don't go on as pros. There are very few, compared to men. However, the life skills helped them compete in the work force," said Borchard.

Marshall was one of the few women who did become a pro. She played a season with the California Sunbirds of the National Pro Fast-pitch League, after playing college ball with UCLA.

Borchard played girls fast-pitch at a Salinas high school. Her team went on to win the championship in its class.

For the past 15 years, Borchard has been involved with Lady Hustle Fastpitch, which she helped found.

The organization encourages young women to play softball. The web page, <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=ladyhustlefastpitch/>, shows some of the success stories about young women who have been nurtured in high school and will be going on to college ball.

Most prominently featured on the page is a recognizable name: Borchard's daughter Nicole, who is the Dons second baseman. Nicole has signed a letter of intent to play for the Columbia Lions, which is in the Ivy League team. It does not give athletic scholarships.

Nicole turned down softball scholarships at other university's because of Columbia's high academic reputation, said her mother. Nicole wants to study biology, and possibly become a doctor.

Other Dons moving on to college teams are Johanna Grauer to Arizona and center fielder Krista Williams, Northwestern.

OBITUARIES

Kelly Lorraine McGuire

Kelly L. McGuire, 49, of Livermore, quietly passed away May 15, 2012.

Kelly was born October 5, 1962 while her father was stationed in Weisbaden, Germany. She moved with her parents to the states in 1964, eventually settling in Livermore where she was 9. Kelly spent

most of her life as a career waitress who touched many lives and brought smiles to her customers through her laugh and quirky sense of humor. Inevitably, if Kelly moved to a new restaurant, her customers would follow. She was an amazingly creative cook who could make a feast out of even the simplest ingredients, and even talked about how she would love to someday open up her own restaurant with her mother, Mary.

On November 18, 1992, Kelly gave birth to her son Travis, an event that would change her life and give her a deeper sense of purpose. A true character to the end, Kelly could always find the humor in even the most serious situations, and had her nurses laughing up to her last hours.

Kelly is survived by her son,

Travis McGuire; father, Gary McGuire; brothers Bradford and Gregory McGuire; sister-in-law Misty Kirvan; aunts Cheri Kurl, Marilyn Draper, Joey Highland, and Jeanie Smith; Uncle Stan Kurl; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Mary Kay McGuire, and cousin Terry Draper.

A memorial followed by reception celebrating her life will be held Saturday June 2nd, at Jazz Café Event Center in Sunol from 2:00-6:00 pm.

A trust fund has been set up for her son Travis to help with school and living expenses. Please make checks out to: T.L.K.M. Trust Fund, c/o Patti Smylie, RE/Max, 1841 Fourth St, Livermore, CA 94550.

Mary Ann Harris Miller

Mary Ann Harris, age 65 of Farragut, TN, formerly of Livermore, CA passed away late Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at home with John, her loving husband of 45

years at her side.

Mary Ann was born in Fredericksburg, VA, September 8, 1946. She was

preceded in death by her parents, Carl Harris and Frances Knoxville. Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Dr. John R. Miller; children and spouses: Dr. J. Nicole Miller; Dr. J. Richard Miller II and wife, Nora; Meghan Freeman PE and husband, Casey; grandchildren: Addison, Jack and Ava Miller; and Lily Ann and Virginia Kathryn (Ginny Kate) Freeman; sister, Sheryl Estes; mother-in-law, Ruby Bramlett Miller; and cousin, Ann Marie Martin.

Mary Ann was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and teacher. She graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1968, but she was a life-long learner, continuing her education through courses at UC Irvine, Cal State University Hayward, and UC Berkeley, and earning a Masters Degree at Florida State University in Tallahassee. She worked briefly on a Ph.D. at FSU while

simultaneously holding a position in the development of training programs at the State of Florida Department of Education.

But she missed the classroom and discovered that her love of teaching served her better there than more coursework and research. Mary Ann taught in schools across the country where her husband, a research scientist, was studying/holding positions in various laboratories. She taught other people's children (at all levels, K-12) in Virginia, Tennessee, California, and Florida. She taught her own children, as the family followed John on sabbaticals/secondment to France and Germany. She taught her grandchildren every chance she got. And she taught her husband - continuously. Her first love was history, but it is remarkable that she once received the Carl Melius Science Award (presented annually by Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District to deserving teachers) for her introduction of technologies for learning, into all classrooms.

The family received friends Saturday, May 26, 2012 with a Celebration of Life following in the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. Graveside Services were held at Eastview Memorial Gardens in Strawberry Plains. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, c/o Gifts Processing, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37240-7727 or American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 2008 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203.

Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Miller family. www.clickfuneralhome.com

Nancy Nather

Nancy Nather, beloved by her family, leaves behind her husband of 48 years, Ken; daughter, Julie; son, Norman, and grandson, Austin.

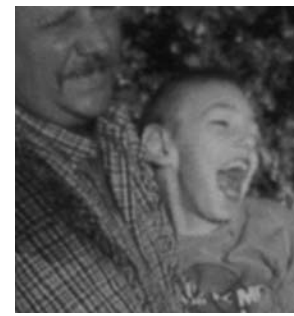
Nancy passed away May 18, 2012.

Nancy and Ken moved to Livermore in 1967. They owned the original Baskin Robbins store from 1970 until 1983. Nancy

operated the BR store while Ken ran his tax business. After the sale of the BR store, Nancy became manager of Nather Tax and Financial Service.

She was active in the Garden Club, Heritage Guild and Soroptimist.

Services are private. No flowers please. Contributions may be made to the Salvation Army. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at the Livermore Rod and Gun Club at 4 p.m. on June 4. Food will be served.



Donnie Daoust

May 11, 1995-May 26, 2012 Deeply missed but forever loved.

Services at Callaghan Mortuary on May 31 at 10AM

Attire: Camo, Western or Hawaiian

Elizabeth "Betty" Mulrooney

April 12, 1938 - May 25, 2012 Resident of Livermore

Betty Mulrooney passed peacefully in her home with her family by her side. She was born

on April 12, 1938 in Dublin, Ireland. Betty came to San Francisco from Ireland in September 1960 and worked as governess

in Pacific Heights. Shortly after arriving in San Francisco, Betty started attending dances at the Knights of the Red Branch located in the bottom floor of St. Mary's Hospital. It was a place where many Irish gathered. She met her husband of 50 years Frank Mulrooney and dear friend, John Hickey at these dances as well as many other friends.

After dating for one year,

Frank and Betty married in November 1961. From 1962 to 1968, Betty started an Irish dance school in her garage. Betty taught Irish dance to her daughter, Joanne and her nieces, Rosie and Kathy Mulrooney and many other students. The group was called, the Mulrooney Irish Dancers. They danced at picnics in Walnut Creek and at Little Switzerland in Sonoma. They also danced at Laguna Honda Hospital and other convalescent hospitals throughout San Francisco.

During the summer of 1969, Betty moved with her family to Livermore and lovingly raised her six children as well as many neighborhood children. Her heart was always open and giving, offering food and shelter to any child including her children's friends who she graciously gave a place in her home to stay whenever needed. After all her children were in school, Betty worked as a nanny for many families in Livermore including The Conover's, The McCready's, The Buckout's, and The Berger's.

Betty had 12 grandchildren who she loved very much and enjoyed spending time with all of them. She continued the legacy of raising children by providing daily daycare to two of her grandchildren, Morgan and Brennan. She cherished her time with her grandchildren and loved to baby sit them all. She taught her children and grandchildren wonderful values that they continue to use in their everyday life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Annie Deegan, her brother, Anthony "Tony" Deegan and her son, Anthony "Tony" Mulrooney. She is survived by her husband of 50 years John "Frank," her children and their spouses: Joanne and Jacques Souvercaze, John and Pam Mulrooney, Tony's widow Shannon Mulrooney, Marie and Andre Galut, Frances and Eric Dillard, Patrick and Lisa Mulrooney; her sister and husband, Marie and Jean Loustau; as well as her 12 grandchildren: Chantal and Jacqueline Souvercaze, Jonathan Mulrooney, Shawn Mulrooney, Meagan, Erin and

Paul Galut, Morgan and Brennan Dillard, and Josh, Tristen and Patrick "PJ" Mulrooney.

A Rosary will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012 7:00 pm at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, Livermore. The Funeral Mass will be Friday, June 1, 2012 11:00 am at St. Michael Church, 458 Maple Street, Livermore.

A special thanks to Hope Hospice for their kindness during our difficult time, especially Susie Vassar. Donations can be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568

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Fenestra Scores at Riverside

by Laura Ness

The results of the Riverside International Competition were just published. Fenestra Winery

grabbed Best of Class and the Chairman's Award (given for a unanimous Gold) for their 2009 Tempranillo from Lodi. They

raked in a bunch of medals, including Golds for the 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon from Thatcher Bay Vineyard, as well as the 2007 Tourvanillo red blend and the 2009 Touriga Nacional, with Silver for the 2009 Malbec from Lodi and for the 2007 Meritage from Livermore Valley. Bronzes went to the 2007 Tawny Port, the 2009 Grenache from Livermore Valley, the 2008 Merlot from Thatcher Bay Vineyard, the 2008 Petite Sirah from Ghilmetti Vineyard and the 2010 Semonay, a Chardonnay and Semillon blend. Good job!

SHIFTING GEARS TO MONTEREY

When the third Saturday of May comes along, there is only one place I want to be, and that is the annual Santa Lucia Highlands Gala. If you enjoy Chardonnay and Pinot, this is your stomping ground.

My top picks list reflects the wines that I'd want to sit down and have a much longer conversation with – the kinds of wines that like your favorite music artists, you never tire of, but don't necessarily want to listen to all the time, so you can go back and visit them and discover new aspects to appreciate. I'll start with Chards.

2010 Pisoni/Lucia Chardonnay, Soberanes vineyard – My friends and I kept coming back to this as our favorite Chardonnay, delightfully mineral, elegant, light on its feet and lemon-fresh breezy in citrusy acidity. About as close to perfect as you can get. Livermore should check this out.

2010 Pelerin, Siera Mar vineyard Chardonnay - An arresting Chardonnay, with incredible depth and breadth, and a profound, texturally divine minerality. This vineyard is impressive, and I wish I'd tasted more of its outcome.

2010 Wrath McIntyre Vineyard Chardonnay – As light and lovely as a white-gloved Blythe Danner, oozing white peaches and lime. Classy and classic, it calls its own chauffeur ahead of time.

2010 Puma Road "Silver Cap" Vigna Monte Nero – a dead ringer for a classic Chablis, with a taught, taffeta like texture that asked for chilled prawns with lemon-caper may. This, like the Mer Soleil Silver chard shows how naked – i.e., unoaked, chardonnay can show up for a photo shoot without feeling, well, naked. We also like the way Nottingham Cellars unoaked Chard exhibits total gutsiness and strength of character, like a bra-less woman walking down city streets in the 70s and 80s, ignoring the catcalls of construction workers. Yeah, I've seen that movie.

Then, there were the Pinots: an overwhelming assault of

them. By and large, they were all so freaking good, it was hard to choose favorites, especially since so many of them are like listening to barbershop harmony and trying to discern the nuances. In fact, pretty much everything I tried had an appeal on some level. I'd have to say Morgan, Talbot and Wrath have the deepest collections of Pinot from SLH fruit, although La Rochelle has some very fine steeds in the stable and were pouring three examples – maybe I'll Have Another will win the Triple Crown. Everyone in my group raved about the 2010 Morgan Double L Pinot: without doubt, a standard of SLH measure. If you were to buy one Pinot from SLH, this would be it.

That said, the standout Pinot of the day for me was the 2010 Sequana, mostly because it is just so different in its earthy savorness. It's like a brooding Marlon Brando in a room of suave and sophisticated Cary Grants and Rock Hudsons. I'm a sucker for its sinewy structure that's laced with caraway, sage and the unmistakable salt-edged flavors of the Pommard clone.

I was totally taken by the ROAR 2010 Garys' Pinot, a massively well-built AMG tuned Mercedes Benz, purring with dark energy and gobs of horsepower. Neck and neck with that would be the 2010 Pisoni/Lucia Garys' iteration, laden with incredible pomegranate and dense chocolate brownie notes. More like a Bentley.

One of the most drinkable, food-oriented pinots was the 2010 Puma Road Vina Monte Nero pinot, absolutely rock solid, yet almost ethereal in its flowing bright red fruits and acidity. Classy and well priced at \$30.

Pelerin's 2009 Sierra Mar Pinot spoke to me in that sultry voice, maybe Tracy Chapman, that rides the edge between soulful and pissed off. It has brilliant structure, great depth, and layer after layer of sweet strawberry jam counterpointing cranberry, pomegranate and currants. This is a wine to ponder.

For sheer earthy, guts, there's the 2009 Wrath Tondre Grapefields Pinot, as earthy as they come – a true V8 Challenger among Honda Accords. My friend Tracey – from La Rochelle – fell head over heels for this, right before she fell head over heels for the 2010 Wrath Boekeenoog, yet unreleased, and quite frankly, a progressive fruit party in the mouth that just keeps going from one berry bash to the next. Ok, so we are both Pinot whores. J That's not a bad thing.

MORE ON THE LIVERMORE WINE AUCTION

With a sharper pencil, as my old accountant used to say, we have results from the recently held Livermore Wine Auction. According to Auction Manager

for the Livermore WineGrowers Foundation, Brandi Addington, the auction, which was co-presented by the Wente Family Foundation, raised over \$250,000 to benefit a variety of charities that serve the needs of local children, including ValleyCare Foundation, Open Heart Kitchen, The Livermore Valley Education Foundation and the Bankhead Theater.

The five top grossing live auction lots included New York State of Mind – which included 3 nights in 2 Bedroom Penthouse and tour of FoodNetworks; Escape to the Big Island – a 7-night stay in a private 3-bedroom villa at Mauna Lani Resort with roundtrip airfare provided by Barry & Carolyn Shames and Alaska Airlines; Good Wine, Good Food, Good Music – a Wente auction lot featuring The Front Porch Band and a jam session for 12; and the "Wine Throw Down: France vs California, Vintage 1996," featuring a 10 bottle collection of French Grand Cru

from Leoville Barton and Pichon Lalande duking it out with the likes of Araujo, Beringer Private Reserve and Ridge Monte Bello – graciously provided by Mike and Rebecca Ghilmetti. My money is on the Ridge. Somebody please write in and tell me how that one goes.

Among the hot silent auction lots from Livermore included Lance Cavalieri's beautiful grape cluster gold necklace and Linda Ryan's artwork. Somebody went home with a lot of Napa wine, as there was plenty to be found, although somebody outbid me for that magnum of Calera Jensen Pinot, and whoever you are, I hope you love it. The hit of the night were the light-up pens, provided by sponsor, Fed Ex, without whom we would not receive our precious wine club shipments from wine regions afar. All those pens on the tables gave the barrel room a special, beckoning glow. I wonder if anyone is making light-up corkscrews?

MAILBOX

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for more cancer research since no two cancers are identical, and not every smoker will get cancer. Second, the added tax will reduce the income of previous anti-smoking propositions 99 and 10.

Proposition 29 will use this new tax to make the older propositions whole. Third, the appointee commission will hire a CEO and "appropriate" staff to run a new bureaucracy. Fourth, funds will be made available for "enforcement" of the new tobacco tax. Fifth, the State cannot make any changes to this proposition for 15 years. This is not a "Get Big Tobacco" referendum, it is a boondoggle with your money. There's more, read it.

Amazed Robert Schock Livermore

I am amazed and appalled by the Independent's endorsement of Pete Stark. The normally considerate and informative editorial staff seems to have lost it. Pete Stark has been in Congress representing the Bay Area since 1973. He is the 5th most senior Representative, the 6th most senior member of all the Congress, and the most senior member from California. However, what have we received in representation for electing him so many times? He should have very major leadership roles by now to our benefit, but the members of his own party refused to elect him to those positions because of his lack of maturity.

In the present Congress he doesn't even get to be the Ranking Member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, and a more junior member from Michigan holds that post. We can and need to do better. Eric Swalwell is apparently dismissed by your editors for having "taken money from . . . the Lin family". For me, I will take my chances that Swalwell understands that development in North Livermore has been rejected by overwhelming majorities of voters many times and will listen to the people. Pete Stark, a former banker, has had his opportunity to represent us, and has not taken our trust and used it to convince his colleagues that he can lead them or represent us.

Community of Character Dave Melander Proud to live in Pleasanton

I am honored to have received the "Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award" for 2012 along with Debra Mitchell, Janet Liang and The Pleasanton Military Families (a support group for family, loved ones and friends of military men and women). It was

a privilege to be surrounded by previous Award Winners and others whose help and cooperation is much appreciated. Tri-Valley leaders in government, business and industry, the courts, school boards, and administrators and teachers, local newspapers, the Knights of Columbus, community churches, the Senior Center and community, the Tri-Valley YMCA, and folks in my neighborhood.

Wow! The applause, and then the kind words and thank you from Kelly Dulka, Chairperson of the Pleasanton Community of Character, was reward enough for the fun, challenges, excitement, new friends, and opportunities my volunteer service has brought me.

You thank me for what I have done to promote the values of a community of character.

I reply: You're Welcome! A special thanks to all my family for their help, support, and patience. Marcus, Stephen, Heidi, and especially to my wife, Hildegard, for her love, strength, and caring. I give credit to my Mom and Dad for many of the values I try to live by. My Dad, Carl, served with the YMCA for 45 years, retiring as the Executive Director of the Stockton, "Y". Taught me to swim, lead songs and to get involved helping others. He believed that the YMCA is the best Family/Youth organization in the world and would have liked this year's YMCA goals of Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility.

My Mom, Barbara, graduated from Stanford when only about 500 women attended, expected the family to eat dinner together, made sure my brother, sister and I played piano. She taught 9th, grade English/Speech, History, and Leadership Class in Stockton. She organized a two-year campaign to build a vehicle and pedestrian overpass over the railroad tracks in Stockton to help kids get to school. "They" said it wouldn't be built, but like Juanita Haugen she persisted. Thousands of cars and people are still crossing that bridge today. Dad died at age 90. Mom died last year at age 98. Dad's epithet reads: "Pray not for easy lives, but to be stronger men and women." Mom's epithet reads: "Climb High, Climb Far, Your Goal the Sky, Your Aim a Star." I say: Thank you Mom and Dad.

They reply: You're Welcome

What a wonderful awards luncheon we had on May 9 sponsored by The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative at the Veterans Memorial Hall on Main Street.

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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 3/11/2012. Signature of Registrants: 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.

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 Registrants: 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.

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The amount may be greater on the day of sale.

Trustor: LARRY A. KINGSLEY AND MARILYN KINGSLEY, 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

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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.alisource.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): (1)Carolyn Billings (2)Michael Billings, 2265 Vintage Lane, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by Husband and wife The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants: s/ Michael Billings This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 30, 2012. Expires April 30, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3237. Published May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2012.

This business is conducted by Husband and wife The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants: s/ Michael Billings This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 30, 2012. Expires April 30, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3237. Published May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464000

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 Registrants: s/ David Morrison, President/CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 13, 2012. Expires April 13, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3240. Published May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2012.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464651

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1/4 teaspoon(s) salt
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1 cup(s) mini marshmallows

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees with a rack in the lower third. Grease or spray the top surface of the pan with nonstick spray and line the cups with paper liners. In the top of a double boiler or in a heatproof bowl over barely simmering water, melt 1 1/4 cups of the chocolate chips with the butter, stirring frequently until melted and smooth. Remove the chocolate from the heat and let it cool to lukewarm. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk the flour and baking powder together thoroughly.

In a large bowl, beat the eggs, sugar, and salt with an electric mixer on high speed for 2 to 3 minutes until the mixture is very pale and thick. Scrape the warm chocolate over the egg mixture and fold it in with a large rubber spatula. Sprinkle the flour into the bowl with half of the remaining chocolate chips and half of the walnuts. Fold just until the ingredients are blended. Divide the batter evenly among the lined cups. Sprinkle the tops with marshmallows followed by the remaining walnuts and the remaining chocolate chips. Bake 18 to 20 minutes until the marshmallows are golden brown.

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Fewer Distressed Properties Mean Higher Prices

By Cher Wollard Historians will look back on the Recession of 2008-12 in many different ways. A time of great troubles for many Americans, to be sure, but also a time when buyers who did have the means could snap up once-in-a-lifetime deals on real estate. Those days are fast coming to a close. Housing prices are stabilizing. In fact, in the Bay Area, we are starting to see prices rise due to high buyer demand and low inventory. Distressed property sales – the combination of foreclosure resales and short sales – still make up close to half of the resale market in California and about one-quarter of the market in the Bay Area. And those properties typically sell for considerably less than homes sold in regular "equity sales". But delinquency rates on mortgages – arguably the best predictor of future distressed property sales – have fallen dramatically, and the expectation is they will continue to do so. The delinquency rate on U.S. home mortgages fell in the first quarter of this year to the lowest level since 2008, according to a new report from the Mortgage Bankers Association. The seasonally adjusted delinquency rate on all loans fell to 7.40 percent from 8.32 percent a year ago, the report showed. The delinquency rate includes mortgages that are at least one payment behind but does not include loans in the foreclosure process. That rate peaked at 10.1 percent in the first quarter of 2010 in the wake of the housing market collapse. "The delinquency picture is getting better. It's been getting better for some time and this is another important step in that," said Jay Brinkmann, chief economist for MBA. In addition, the number of loans that were one payment past due fell to 3.13 percent from 3.22 percent, bringing it in line with the long-term average of 3.1 percent, he added. In California, one of the hardest-hit states in the housing collapse, homes entering the formal foreclosure process during the first quarter of this year declined 17.6 percent over a year ago to its lowest level in almost five years, according to DataQuick, a real estate statistics and news service. In the Bay Area, notices of default (NODs) were down nearly 23 percent in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011, with Santa Clara County seeing the most improvement — a 33.6 percent drop. Alameda County came in at 21.6 percent below a year ago, while Contra Costa County saw a 19 percent decline in NODs. Foreclosure starts were also down about 10 percent over first quarter of 2011. What has contributed to the reduction in distressed properties? Various causes, among them:

- Lower unemployment rates mean fewer homeowners miss payments
 - More homeowners are succeeding in obtaining mortgage relief through loan modifications
 - Mortgage holders are more likely to approve short sales and do so quickly
 - Mortgage holders are faster to process foreclosed properties and put them on the market
 - Inventory is low, so properties remain on the market for shorter time periods
 - Rising prices encourage some homeowners who are currently upside down on their mortgages to delay selling in hopes of avoiding short sales
- "Prices peaked five years ago and then started to fall off a cliff. Foreclosure activity goes up when property values decline, and the worst of that decline was happening three years ago," said John Walsh, president of DataQuick. Fewer delinquencies mean fewer short sales and foreclosures in the marketplace. Fewer short sales and foreclosures in the market mean less downward pressure on prices. In fact, the median price on resale homes for the Bay Area rose year-over-year in April for the first time in 19 months, reaching its highest point since September 2010, according to DataQuick. So far, prices in May look to be even stronger. "A few years back, there were some breathtakingly negative forecasts making the rounds regarding the foreclosure problem, some of which have played out, and some of which haven't," Walsh said. "The 'shadow supply' has yet to result in a second huge wave of foreclosures. The 'reset problem' hasn't really materialized, largely because interest rates are resetting down, not up. And, remarkably, whole batches of presumed 'toxic' mortgages continue to perform. "There's no doubt that housing, especially negative equity, is one of the biggest drags on a struggling economy, but it's not necessarily playing out the way some pundits thought," he said. With the economy looking up and interest rates remaining low, many buyers are scrambling to lock in low prices before they are priced out of the market. If you are looking to purchase or sell real estate, contact your local Realtor. Realtors Back Bill to Help Homeowners Refinance A new proposal could make it easier for homeowners who are current on their mortgage payments to refinance their homes. Most of the loan modification programs now available are aimed at helping struggling homeowners, typically those who have missed one or more payments. Meanwhile, those who are current on their mortgages, but who owe more than 80 percent of the current value of their homes, have been stuck, unable to take advantage of record low interest rates. "The Responsible Homeowner Refinancing Act of 2012," introduced in Congress earlier this month by Sens. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and Robert Menendez, D-N.J., would streamline and align Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac process to make it easier for those homeowners to refinance. Last week, Moe Veissi, president of the National Association of Realtors, testified on behalf of the bill before the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. "As the leading advocates for homeownership, Realtors know that helping consumers remain in their homes must be a priority if we are going to move the housing market and our nation from a fragile recovery to long-term prosperity," Veissi said. "Eliminating the refinancing barriers homeowners face with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loans will help bring them relief by lowering monthly payments and reducing the risk of default." Veissi added that improving access to low-cost mortgages will put thousands of dollars back into families' pockets and help boost the economy. Refinancing into more affordable mortgages will also help homeowners avoid foreclosure and aid in the recovery of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, he said. The proposed legislation would:

- Extend streamlined refinancings
 - Waive loan-to-value ratios for existing, well-performing loans
 - Eliminate up-front fees and appraisal costs
 - Improve competition for lenders looking to compete with the existing mortgage servicer
 - Establish penalties for second lien holders and mortgage insurers who block the refinance process
- "Realtors thank Sens. Boxer and Menendez for their efforts to bring relief to millions of homeowners who continue to struggle through lower home values and lost equity, yet remain current on their mortgage obligations," Veissi said. "We believe this new legislation is good for homeowners and taxpayers, and will go a long way toward kick-starting the housing market and economy."

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.

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Maddie's Matchmaker Adoptathon This Weekend

Maddie's Fund plans to donate \$3 million to area animal shelters

By Patricia Koning

On June 4 and 5, it will be moving time for thousands of cats and dogs from animal shelters and rescue organizations in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties, thanks to Maddie's Fund. For its third annual Maddie's Matchmaker Adoptathon, the organization has set an ambitious goal of finding homes for 3,000 animals and has designated \$3 million for area animal shelters.

Free adoptions of dogs and cats will be offered to qualified adopters. In return, Maddie's Fund will pay each shelter or rescue group \$500 to \$2,000 based on the age and health of the animal. The donation is a "stimulus package" to help ease the costs of providing care for senior and treatable pets awaiting adoption.

Due to the success of previous Adoptathons, Maddie's Fund decided to grow the event, both geographically and financially.

This year, 13 shelters and rescue organizations from San Francisco County have been added to the roster. A total of 62 groups, up from 42 last year, will hold adoptions in more than 80 locations throughout the three counties.

The 2010 Maddie's Matchmaker Adoptathon found homes for 1,809 animals and in 2011 that number increased to 2,312. Over one-third of the adoptions last year involved dogs and cats

seven years of age or older or with treatable medical conditions.

"My family and I recently visited many of the participating locations at last year's Adoptathon," says Dave Duffield, Maddie's Fund founder. "The joy we saw in the animals, as well as the volunteers and the adopters, is the reason we created Maddie's Fund. The Adoptathon is a testament to what can be done when people come together in lifesaving and rally for a common cause."

Maddie's Matchmaker Adoptathon is being held to increase awareness of shelter animals and their need for loving homes and to shed light on the tireless efforts of the shelters and rescue organizations in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties to save the lives of countless dogs and cats every day. The adoption event honors the memory of the Foundation's namesake, a miniature schnauzer named Maddie.

In the last two years of the Adoptathon, participating animal shelters and rescue organizations adopted over record numbers of animals. Valley Humane Society (VHS) in Pleasanton adopted over 90 dogs and cats last year—over one-third of its annual total of about 250 adoptions per year.

"This is a great public service by Maddie's Fund," says Melissa Adkins, VHS marketing and development manager. "It helps the shelters, helps the animals,



Stoneridge Mall will host an Adoptathon.

and helps people bring a little love into their homes. The donation we received last year from Maddie's Fund had a huge impact on our operation, allowing us to rescue more animals."

In the first year of the Adoptathon, East Bay Animal Rescue and Refuge adopted out 59 cats and dogs and received \$29,000 from Maddie's Fund, enough to pay off their veterinarian bill with some money to spare. Oakland Animal Services used their 2010 donation to turn their euthanasia room into a spay/neuter clinic.

VHS has been taking in more dogs and cats in anticipation of the Adoptathon. Adkins says this

year VHS is focusing on finding homes for animals with treatable medical conditions. "These are the animals that typically don't go right out the door," she explains. "Maddie's Fund can help us get them into homes."

VHS will be accepting adoption applications on June 5-7 so people who think they may want to adopt over the weekend can be preapproved. On Tuesday and Wednesday, VHS will be open from 2 to 5 pm, in addition to their regular hours, just for adoption preapprovals.

"The animals will still be adopted out on a first come, first serve basis to qualified individu-

als. Preapproval will speed the process," explains Adkins.

VHS will be open from 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday, June 9 and from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, June 10. On Saturday, Girl Scout Cadette Troop #31840, with help from Brownie Troop #30757, will serve coffee and baked goods to those waiting in line.

Shelter and rescue organizations will follow their normal adoption procedures, which typically includes filling out an application and an interview with an adoption counselor—minus the fee during the Adoptathon. In most cases, animals can be adopted on the spot. Visit www.maddiesadoptathon.org for a list of participating animal shelters and rescue organizations, their adoption policies, and animals that may be available during the Adoptathon.

Cats and dogs will be available for adoption at pet supply stores, kennels, shopping centers, and other locations across the three counties. Stoneridge Shopping Center will host seven animal rescue organizations in the main courtyard area: East Bay Animal Rescue and Refuge,

Cat Support Network, Contra Costa Humane Society, Feral Cat Foundation, German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California, Safe Cat Foundation, and Tri-Valley Animal Rescue.

Other local adoption sites include the East County Animal Shelter (4595 Gleason Drive, Dublin), Round Table Pizza (530 Main Street, Pleasanton), Savvy Seconds (2080 1st Street, Livermore), PetSmart (6960 Amador Plaza Road, Dublin), and Valley Humane Society (3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton). For a complete list of locations, visit www.maddiesadoptathon.org.

Maddie's Fund, the Pet Rescue Foundation, is a family foundation funded by Duffield, founder of Workday and PeopleSoft, and his wife Cheryl in honor of their beloved miniature schnauzer, Maddie, who passed away in 1997. Maddie's Fund invests its resources in building community collaborations where animal welfare organizations come together to develop successful models of lifesaving. To learn more about Maddie's Fund, visit www.maddiesfund.org.

SHORT NOTES

Wildlife Museum

The Livermore Public Library invites middle school and high school teens to attend a special wildlife presentation on June 9 by the Lindsay Wildlife Museum. This free program will take place from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Community Rooms A and B of the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

A Lindsay Wildlife Museum docent will be on hand to discuss how animal experts care for and rehabilitate injured or sick animals. Teens will have the opportunity to observe Lindsay Wildlife Museum animals and learn how to protect and preserve local wildlife habitats. Teens will also learn how they can make a difference by volunteering at the Lindsay Wildlife Museum. No registration is required.

For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Sandy at 925-373-5500, extension 5583.

Baby Storytimes

Livermore Public Library presents special storytimes for "pre-walkers." These 20-minute programs are for parents and baby to bond through

books, songs, and gentle tickles. Stay awhile after storytime and visit with other moms/dads and babies.

These babies-only programs will take place every Tuesday, at 11 a.m., June 5 through June 26, 2012.

All programs will take place in the Children's Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, and are free of charge. For further information, please contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504, or consult the website: www.livermorelibrary.net.

Library Storytimes

This summer, the Livermore Public Library will offer a variety of storytimes for children of all ages.

Babies-only (pre-walkers) storytimes will be offered at the Civic Center Library Storytime Room on Tuesdays at 11 AM, June 5 - 26, and August 7 - 28, 2012.

For toddlers and children up to age 5, storytimes will be offered at the Civic Center Library Storytime Room on Mondays at 10:30 AM, June 11 through August 6, 2012.

In addition to these storytimes for younger children, the Library will offer a new type of storytime for children entering grades 1 through 5

— the "Dreamweaver Story Club!" Join the Dreamweaver Story Club and earn points toward prizes for attending and embarking on reading adventures with the Dreamweaver! These special storytimes will be offered at the Civic Center Library, outside under the pepper tree, on Mondays at 10:30 AM, June 11 through August 6, 2012.

The Rincon Branch Library will offer an all-ages storytime outdoors, on Fridays at 10:30 AM, June 15 through August 10, 2012.

Don't forget to check out the "Pajama-Time" storytimes for the entire family, at the Civic Center Library Storytime Room on Mondays at 7 PM, June 11 through August 6, 2012.

For more information about these free programs, visit the Livermore Public Library's web site at <http://www.livermorelibrary.net>, or call 373-5504.

REI Dublin Events

Backpacking Basics: 7 pm-8:30 pm, Thursday, June 7, REI backpacking specialist Mike Dubrall will cover backpacking essentials: choosing a pack, selecting proper clothing and the right footwear, and understanding the basic gear you need to reach

your destination. No experience necessary.

Camping Basics—Essential Camping Skills: 9 am-10:30 am, Saturday, June 16, Join REI's Emily Bauska to learn about everything you'll need for your first (or second or third) camping trip. She will cover the basics, including: how to stay warm, dry, and comfortable while camping; gear and equipment necessities; ideas for fun activities; and great local areas to give it a try.

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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

'Local Views' Exhibit Opens at Bankhead Theater



Annual Freeze Frame contest winner.

The Bankhead Theater opens its doors to the public for an artist's reception and viewing of "Local Views," a juried exhibition of 2D visual arts. The opening reception is 6 to 8 p.m. on Thurs., June 7. Artists within 50 miles of Livermore were invited to submit works around the concept of their views, leaving the interpretation of that term to the artist. Thirty six works from 23 artists were culled from 78 submissions. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore.

The exhibition runs from June 7 through July 31 in the Bankhead Theater lobby

Linda Ryan, curator of the exhibit and manager of the Bankhead Theater Art Exhibition program, stated, "I'm delighted with this exhibition. It will create that 'sense of place' recognition and celebration of our region out to the Bay, as well as make you smile with some creative takes on the word 'views'."

An awards ceremony will be held during the reception at 7:30, after judge Angela Johal deliberates. "I'm happy that Angela could find the time to do the judging for this one – it's rare that an artist and teacher can exhibit such an exemplary ability to work and help

foster other's talents in both realism and sheer creativity."

Two other exhibits will share the lobby on June 7, with a one-night only special selection of Tri-Valley Conservancy's top 1st Annual Freeze Frame photo competition winners and the top 3 plein aire painting competition winners along with a chance to learn more about the organization, whose mission is to protect the agricultural, natural and scenic resources valued by our community. The purpose of the competition was to allow artists to highlight the beauty of the area.

Finally, the evening is shared with an opening of Linda Ryan's "Moves – an Exhibition of Recent Dance and Movement Paintings" in the Founder's Room the same evening. Ryan's work will remain on exhibit in the Founders room through July 31.

The Bankhead Theater Art Exhibition program is managed by the Bothwell Arts Center with significant help from Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, Bankhead staff and local volunteers, and opens the doors to evening receptions for each rotating exhibition. For information about upcoming exhibits, see www.bankheadtheater.org and click on "Art Exhibitions".

'Two's Company' Coming to Firehouse Arts June 10th

Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center will host stars of Broadway and television, Vicki Lewis and Joan Ryan, in *Two's Company* on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

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

The two stars of Broadway and television team up for an afternoon of show-stopping duets made memorable by greats Carol Burnett, Julie Andrews, Barbra Streisand, Judy Garland, Bette Midler, Liza Minnelli, and more.

Joan Ryan is well known to television audiences from her regular roles as Tina Palodrino in the hit series, *Saved By The Bell*, as Kathleen Houghton in the long running soap opera, *The Young*

and *The Restless*, as well as in numerous guest appearances. Her voice can be heard on current television shows *Glee* and *Smash*. On stage, Ryan created the dual roles of Judy and Ginger in *Ruthless* and had leading roles in *Footloose*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Nunsense* and many other productions. She appeared in variety shows including *One Night Only* with Jason Alexander and Kirstie Alley and *Forever Young* with Steve Carell, Forrest Whitaker and Eric McCormack.

Vicki Lewis starred as Beth on the hit NBC series *Newsradio*, and as Nora on *Three Sisters*. She has had recurring and guest starring roles on such shows as *Curb*

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Karla Bonoff

Singer/Songwriter Performs June 9 at the Firehouse Arts Center

The Firehouse Arts Center will host singer/songwriter Karla Bonoff on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

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

Best known as a songwriter, Bonoff's songs have been interpreted by other artists such as Bonnie Raitt ("Home"), Wynonna Judd (Tell Me Why) and Lynn Anderson (Isn't It Always Love). Linda Ronstadt has also recorded a number of her songs, notably three tracks from her 1976 album Hasten Down the Wind: "Someone To Lay Down Beside Me," "Lose Again," and "If He's Ever Near," which introduced the previously unknown Bonoff to a mass audience.

In her early career, Bonoff sang background vocals for Ronstadt and Wendy Waldman before releasing her debut album, Karla Bonoff, in 1977. Her other albums include Restless Nights in 1979, Wild Heart of the Young in 1982, New World in 1988, and All My Life, a greatest hits collection, in 1999.

Bonoff is also known for her recording of "Personally", which became a hit in 1982. She also recorded "Somebody's Eyes" for the Footloose soundtrack in 1984 and "Standing Right Next To Me" on the 8 Seconds soundtrack in 1994.

Bonoff's first live album was released in September 2007 and includes many of her best-known songs performed in concert with her touring band: Kenny Edwards (now deceased) on guitar, bass, mandolin, cello, vocals; Nina Gerber on guitar and long-time associate Scott Babcock on drums and vocals.

Bonoff continues to perform throughout the United States and abroad. Her legacy as a writer and longevity as a performer are described in a Billboard Magazine review of her All My Life recording, "Long before Alanis and Jewel, there was a breed of singer/songwriters whose earthly anthems of soul-searching, heartache and joy touched souls in a way few can muster today."

Tickets are \$20, \$25 and \$30. 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.

'Comet' Newest Work to Be Added to Pleasanton's Growing Art Collection

The Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2012, partners in the Harrington Art Partnership, will unveil Pleasanton's newest sculpture "Comet" on June 2 at 12:30pm in the garden area of the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue.

The Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2012 is financing this year's showing of "Comet." Additional funding is needed: \$3,000 for 2013, \$6,000 for 2014, with the remainder of \$13,560, final payment, needed by February 2015.

The Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2012 members say they are excited about being partners in bringing Public Art to Pleasanton, especially this beautiful inspiring art by Max de Moss. They encourage other organizations, businesses, and clubs to come forth with their support for Comet and



'Comet' will be unveiled this Saturday at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

other future public art.

For more information about "Comet," other possible future

public art, or about how to become a partner, contact Nancy or Gary Harrington at 925-846-9757.

Brad Upton is Comedy @Firehouse Arts Series Finale, June 14

The Firehouse Arts Center's Comedy @Firehouse Arts series will end for the 2011-2012 season with veteran comedian Brad Upton and opening act, Myles Weber.

The performance will be on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The Firehouse Art Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

A veteran of 5200 shows, Upton is known as one of the most polished, professional acts in stand-up comedy. The past winner of the Las Vegas Comedy Festival and participant in the Caesar's Palace HBO Comedy Festival, he has performed with scores of star performers such as Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, and Smokey Robinson and appeared in concert with Johnny Mathis for four years. He is currently appearing in multiple engagements with Joan Rivers.

Upton's ease and likeability onstage have made him popular with cruise lines and corporate events in addition to the Las Vegas circuit. He adds his comic touch to a variety of subjects including twenty-somethings, a long-term marriage, and current events. The Seattle Times said, "Brad Upton has mastered the nearly impossible task of appealing to people from the ages of 18 to 80."

Myles Weber is a native of



Brad Upton (left) and Myles Weber featured in finale of comedy series.

Vallejo, Calif. who, as a fifth grader, won first place in his school's talent show doing stand-up comedy. He has worked with some of best-known names in stand-up today, such as Rob Schneider, Louie Anderson, Ralphie May and Jeffrey Ross. His debut comedy album, Lighter Than Mayonnaise, is a best-seller on iTunes.

Blending together social gullibility, unusual observations, and the ability to work a crowd, Weber is known as one of the most engaging working comics in the San

Francisco Bay Area.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission on a first-come, first-served basis. 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.

Movie Night Debuts at June 1st Wednesday Party

To kick off the 2012 event season, the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) recently introduced several new elements to their long-standing 1st Wednesday Street Parties.

In May, the PDA collaborated with the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association to convert the 800 block of Main Street into "Market on Main" - the 1st Wednesday iteration of Pleasanton's Saturday morning farmers' market.

Market on Main will be back for the four remaining 1st Wednesdays (June 6, July 11, August 1 and September 5) featuring approximately a dozen local growers selling fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers. The Alameda County Fair Association is Market on Main's sponsor for May and June.

Also new in May was ArtBlock, where 25 local artists, sculptors and jewelry crafters displayed their work. ArtBlock will continue through the duration of each 1st Wednesday Street Party on Angela Street at the same location as the Pleasanton Saturday Farmer's Market.

COMPANY

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Your Enthusiasm, Bones, Grey's Anatomy, Norm, Grace Under Fire, Seinfeld and Home Improvement. She has appeared in many films and her voice can be heard in Pixar's hit Finding Nemo, Wonder Woman, Doctor Doolittle, Scooby Doo, King Of The Hill, Rugrats, and many other productions.

Lewis also starred in Broadway productions such as Chicago, Damn Yankees and The Crucible. Recently, she received standing ovations as Fanny Brice in Funny Girl. Her debut album "East of Midnight" is available on iTunes.

Tickets to Two's Company are adult \$17, \$22 and \$27; child \$17; senior \$24. 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.



Artist Debbie Wardrope (left) is the featured artist in ArtBlock. Finding Stella will perform.



During each event, a pre-selected artist will be in attendance to offer live demonstrations and discuss their work.

June's featured artist is longtime Pleasanton resident Debbie Wardrope. Local singers/guitarists Austin Stoddard, Roem Baur and Steven Gary will provide live music ArtBlock in June, August, and July and September respectively.

The 1st Wednesday Street Party on June 6 will be the official kick-off of the 1st Wednesday Movie Series, which will be co-hosted by the PDA and the City of Pleasanton and will bring feature films to Downtown. A projector, screen and speakers will be set up to allow seating in Delucchi Park. Residents are encouraged to set up lawn chairs and blankets (at their

own risk) as early as the morning of the movie. The 1st Wed Movie Series will take place on June 6, July 11, and August 1 and will feature Footloose (2011), Super 8 and Green Lantern respectively. All shows will begin at 8:45.

June's Beer and Wine Garden will feature live music by local favorite Finding Stella, along with beers from the Pleasanton Main Street Brewery and Markstein Sales Co., and wines from Fenestra, Hannah Nicole and Rodrigue Molyneaux.

Pleasanton's 1st Wednesday street parties draw over 20,000 citizens from the local area. The addition of ArtBlock, Market on Main, and Movies on Main complements an already exciting array of vendor booths, beer and wine garden, food and live music.

Tennessee Williams Plays Performed at Forest Hill Farms

The San Ramon Historic Foundation and Danville Role Players Ensemble have teamed up to create a theatrical event with the theme "Tennessee on the Farm," featuring plays by Tennessee Williams.

The performances will be 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 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 fundraiser 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

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Olympic Theme Chosen for Pleasanton Reading Game

The Pleasanton Public Library will unveil a constructed theme set for the 2012 Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 9 to launch a theme based upon the upcoming Summer Olympics. The program kick-off also features an Opening Day Torch Relay that begins at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, June 9 in front of Towne Center Books at 555 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Up to 25 runners between the ages of 5 and 15 will serve as torch carriers or carrier pairs and were selected through a pre-registration process at the library children's desk.

Once the torch and runners reach the library entrance at 400 Old Bernal Avenue, they will be greeted at 10:00 a.m. by 'Books', the library mascot, who will run the torch into the children's section

of the library to 'light' an electric representation of the Olympic flame. A special video created just for Pleasanton readers and relating to the Olympics will be shown.

The free summer reading program, entitled Pleasanton Readers are Good Sports! continues through August 4 and offers eight weeks full of free fun at the library that includes special summer entertainment, weekly movies, story times, and crafts.

Each year, a theme is selected for the reading incentive game which is enhanced with an elaborate set that is constructed within the Children's Library area. On opening day of the program, the library staff arrives at work in costumes that coordinate with the program theme. Recent years have seen themes around summer camp, mythology, pirates, and the Wild

West. Last year, more than 3,700 children of all ages participated in the program.

Beginning June 9, readers may pick up a selection of cards featuring various Olympic sports at London's Big Ben clock in the children's reading section. The cards are used to record time spent reading and Olympian readers will be rewarded with prizes when they complete each game card. Pre-schoolers who cannot read can be read to by others and still participate in the reading game.

For more information about Pleasanton Readers are Good Sports! and a complete listing of the library's exciting programs and activities, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/library.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400.



Staff from the Pleasanton Public Library is gearing up for the 2012 Summer Reading Game, Pleasanton Readers are Good Sports, and will help to train Kid Power volunteers.

Kid Power Volunteers Sought

The Pleasanton Public Library is recruiting students entering grades 6 through 9 to undertake the Olympic task of becoming a Kid Power volunteer this summer. Kid Power volunteers primarily register children and explain the annual summer reading game, distribute prizes and facilitate the library scavenger hunt. Pleasanton Readers are Good Sports!, the 2012 summer reading game based upon the theme of the Summer Olympics, begins June 9 and runs for eight weeks through August 4, providing plenty of opportunities for volunteers to contribute hours. Students who volunteer a minimum of six hours this summer will be invited to an exclusive, after-hours Kid Power party on Friday, August 10.

"Student volunteers are a cornerstone of the successful summer reading program at the Pleasanton Public Library," according to Librarian Sandy Silva who coordinates the program. "Last year we had 3,700 children sign up for the program. That volume of participation goes more smoothly with the support and involvement of our student volunteers," she adds.

Kid Power volunteers also have

an opportunity to oversee weekly crafts projects and assist during the program's Game Days. Summers at the library are extremely busy and Kid Power volunteers may be asked to help with additional tasks. Volunteer hours are flexible and students may work around their vacation and summer schedules.

Attendance at one 90-minute training orientation is mandatory. Students are not required, but encouraged to pre-register online via the library's home page at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library. Punctuality is necessary since the doors will close once training begins. Training sessions are scheduled on the following dates in the library meeting room: Friday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 2 at 10:30 a.m. (open only to returning Kid Power Volunteers); Tuesday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m.; Monday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x8, pick up a flyer at the library, or visit the library's webpage on the City of Pleasanton website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library.

Registration Set for Livermore Summer Reading Game

Summer reading is for everyone at the Livermore Public Library.

Children who are independent readers can participate in the "Dream Big, Read." Summer Reading Program while pre-readers are invited to take part in a special reading program designed just for them.

Teens entering grades 6-12 can participate in the teen reading program where they can earn raffle tickets and enter to win exciting prizes. Even adults can join in with a program tailored just for them. Prizes will be awarded in all programs, with the goal of reading, sharing what was read, and having fun.

Sign up at any of the Livermore Public Library locations starting June 8. All programs run through August 11, 2012.

"Dream Big, Read." is the theme of the 2012 Summer Reading Program for children who are independent readers ages four and over. The Summer Reading Program encourages children to improve their reading skills over the summer, while earning prizes along the way. Children can earn book charms to put on their lanyard as they progress through the game. Additional prizes will include swim, bowling and rock climbing passes, coupons to a variety of Livermore food vendors, an Olympic-style medal and a presentation to the City Council as a Super Reader. As an added bonus, readers who bring in their lanyards from last year will receive two prize points toward their goals.

Younger pre-readers, includ-

ing babies, can enroll in the Pre-Readers' Program. In this Program, parents and their children read together and receive points and stickers along the way. Those who complete the reader's log win a special prize.

Complementing the Reading Programs will be a host of activities and entertainment—from storytimes and crafts to magicians, music and dance from a variety of cultures, cowgirls, wild animals, puppets, and performing dogs. These events are free and open to the public. However, in order to participate in the reading programs and win prizes, registration is required. This year register online beginning June 8 at www.livermorelibrary.net, then come in to pick

up a reading log and start reading.

Teens who love to win prizes are invited to join in the summer reading fun as well. Participants in the teen summer reading program are eligible to win a Barnes and Noble Nook, a Macy's gift card, movie passes, or a Target gift card. Go online at www.livermorelibrary.net starting June 8 to register and begin recording the books you have read. For every two books you read, you receive a raffle ticket to put toward the raffle prize of your choice. Read 10 books and receive a small prize and an extra raffle ticket.

For more information, visit the Livermore Public Library's web site at <http://www.livermorelibrary.net>, or call 373-5500.

Reading Game Offered for Adults

This year the Livermore Public Library will hold its fourth annual Summer Reading Program for adults. Books read can be from any genre that interests the reader; give yourself a chance to branch out. Although families are encouraged to read together, an adult does not have to have a child in the summer reading program to join.

Adults can register online by going to www.livermorelibrary.net, clicking "Reader's Room," and selecting the Adult Summer Reading Program.

Click "sign me up" to enter information and set a user name and password. The program begins

Friday, June 8 and ends August 11.

The Adult Summer Reading program will work as follows:

- Register online as described between June 8 and August 11.
- Read books or listen to audio books.
- For each book you read, log back in with your user name and password. Type in the title, author, and a comment about the book.
- For each 3 books you read, up to 12 books, the reader will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win movie tickets, restaurant gift certificates, a Target gift card, or a Nook e-reader.

Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian

Brick Companies in the Valley

On the north bank of the Arroyo del Valle on Joseph Black's property, a 30-acre clay deposit was discovered. In March 1875 William B. Merrill leased the clay bank from Black to start the Pleasanton Brick Company. According to Dan Mosier's information in his on-line web site, "California Bricks," the brickyard, employing about 20 men, made common red hand-molded bricks and shipped more than one million bricks to San Francisco annually. *The Enterprise*, an old Livermore newspaper, on 13 May 1880 reported that 48 Chinese laborers had a contract to turn out 22,000 bricks per day during the coming months.

Janet Newton in her book, *Stories of the Vineyards and Wineries of the Livermore Valley*, told of Ethel Brodt of Pleasanton describing the brickyard: "There was bustling activity, the jargon of the Chinese coolies, some with trays of undried brick, some carrying loads ready to be burned in the kilns, some driving carts filled with clay."

In 1881 this business was bought by the Remillard brothers, Peter and Phillip. The Remillard Brick Company operated from 1881 to 1935 at the same site, on Stanley Boulevard near Pleasanton. Southern Pacific built a spur line to the brickyard. Three new kilns were built, and 65 men, but no Chinese, were employed. In 1890 the company purchased an additional 41 acres and put up two more kilns and a large smokestack.

The Raboli brothers, Charles and Peter, worked at the brickyard when they first came to Livermore from Lombardy, Italy, but by 1891 they had saved enough money to buy a Livermore saloon and send for their wives from Italy. Most of the red common brick used in the valley during the plant's years of operation came from this brickyard. The familiar Johnston Building and the Firehouse in Pleasanton, the Raboli winery in Livermore, the old Alameda County Courthouse (torn down in 1950), the Alameda City Hall, the Berkeley Wells Fargo Bank, and the Odd Fellows Hall in Fremont are all built with Remillard bricks. The 1906 San Francisco earthquake cracked all the plant's chimneys,

and they had to be torn down and rebuilt. In June 1935 a fire destroyed the plant. The Remillards transferred their business to San Jose.

It is fitting that the stores across from Valley Memorial Hospital on Stanley Boulevard should have a brick façade and be named the Brickyard Shopping Center. In 1910 the Livermore Fire Brick Company began operating on that site, and the business continued with several different owners until spring of 1949. This was Livermore's first non-agricultural industry. The company had been encouraged to locate in Livermore by local businessmen who contributed financially, and the town trustees voted to use leftover 1906 earthquake relief funds to purchase land for the plant. The company promised not to maintain any cottages, bunkhouses, or company stores on site, so that employees would live and trade locally. A plaque at the shopping center, surrounded by various bricks made at the brickyard, tells of this history.

No significant local source of clay was found, so the company had Southern Pacific bring clay from Amador and Placer Counties on gondola cars. Southern Pacific built a spur line to the brickyard. The first bricks went to Sacramento, but the factory also sent bricks to exotic places far from California—the Philippines, Hawaii, Alaska. Operation became intermittent, based on demand. When business was good, the plant employed between 30 and 40 men. Walter Petersen remembered that his father, Chris, worked at the factory. Chris Petersen was a sparring partner with Max Baer in the late 1920s but had to quit when his ribs

were broken; his regular work at the brickyard went on, however painfully.

The 1930 U.S. census listed thirty brickyard workers in Livermore or nearby in unincorporated Murray Township, making the factory one of the larger employers in the area during the Depression. In nine months of operation in 1937, the company payroll was \$45,000. The Livermore plant contained a large wooden building housing the power plant and brickmaking machinery. Many smaller buildings were at the site: a drier shed, a molding building, an office, a laboratory, a blacksmith shop.

The brickyard manufactured fire brick, face brick, ornamental brick, hearth and mantle tile, and terra cotta. Former workers recalled that the complex had small kilns that held about 20,000 bricks and larger ones that held 40,000 to 60,000. The kilns were heated in the beginning with oil and later with gas. Ordinary red brick required a temperature of 1,800° F, but fire brick needed 2,250° F; sometimes the fire brick took a week to cool down. The operation was capable of producing 30,000 bricks daily, according to Mosier. There were several tall brick chimneys. Percy Groth was foreman of the brickyard from 1918 until 1948, and Louis B. Mueller was superintendent from 1936 until 1948. The fancy architectural details on the exterior of the Bank of Italy Building in Livermore came from the Fire Brick Company. The Tribune Tower, the Student Union Building on the UC Berkeley campus, the Martinez City Hall, as well as many buildings on downtown First Street in Livermore were all built with Livermore Fire Company bricks. During World War II, brick from the Livermore factory lined furnaces of industrial plants and the boilers of naval and merchant ships. The Livermore Fire Brick Company was run by several different companies, but finally closed in 1949, and the remains of the plant were demolished in early 1953. Dynamite blasts on 10 February knocked down its last landmark—a 60-foot chimney.

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First Concert in the Park Is Friday, June 1

Concert in the Park, Lions Wayside Park, corner of 1st and Neal Streets, Pleasanton, 7 to 8:30 p.m. live music, raffle prizes and fun. Just bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show. No admission charge. Presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, www.pleasantondowntown.net.

This year's schedule:

June 1: The Bacchus Brothers and Lisa Marie Johnston - Country Rock
June 8: Rooster's Teeth - Rockin' Blues
June 15: Northern Static - Hits of the 80s and 90s
June 22: The Crisis - Eclectic Rock
June 29: Pladdohg - Celtic Folk Rock
July 6: The Aerodynes - Classic Rock Hits
July 13: The Houserockers - Rock & Soul
July 20: Blind Nurse - Modern & Classic Rock
July 27: Finding Stella - Modern/Alt Rock
August 3: Burton & Co. - Jazzy Rhythm & Blues
August 10: Ruckatan Latin Tribe - Latin/Reggae World Music
August 17: Tommy & The Four Speeds - 60s R&B and Rock & Roll
August 24: Magic Moments -

Hits of the 50s and 60s

August 31: Public Eye - High Energy Rock & Roll

Please, no plastic tarps or rocks to hold down blankets. No blankets or chairs on the lawn before concert date.



Bacchus Brothers (at right) to perform country rock on June 1.

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Livermore Youth Commission Winners in Essay Contest Announced

The Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission (LAYAC) sponsored a 2012 Essay Contest. The focus of the commission this year was on teen mental health issues.

The commission chose three different topics to choose from for the essay this year. The three topics were; 1. How has the media ever influenced you to change who you are in a positive or negative way? 2. How have you been impacted by: Depression, Drug Abuse and/or the economy? 3. Have you ever seen or witnessed something you know wasn't right or dangerous? If so, what did you do about it? The contest wrapped up in April. The First place essay winners in the Middle School Division and the High School Division were both submitted by anonymous authors.

THE WINNING ESSAY:HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION:

DEPRESSION, DRUG ABUSE AND/OR THE ECONOMY

Many people have been affected by drugs, depression, and the economy. For some people to speak of one is to speak of the other. Maybe the economy struck you hard and pushed you into a depression. And, as a result you took comfort in drugs. Or maybe it struck and you took refuge in drugs, which led to depression. The fact is, most people have suffered from at least one of the mentioned subjects. Sometimes people will surprise you; maybe they seem to come from fortunate families, yet they have to hide their problems to appear to be perfect. Or, you know a good student whom you would never imagine participated in atrocities like smoking, drinking, or any other form of drug abuse. This is my story. I have been impacted by drugs and depression.

My depression began making itself known when I was around the age of twelve. I couldn't explain why I was always sad and anti-social. I felt like I was losing the friends I had, later I felt like I didn't have any friends. The people I talked to everyday were strangers to me. They had their own group within our group. I was the odd one. Soon I started feeling like they didn't care at all. They

never asked if there was anything wrong because I put on a smile to cover up my thoughts. I was asking the right questions, and I appeared happy, so they weren't concerned. My thoughts often raced to death. I was regularly thinking and obsessing over ways that I could die. Everyone was better off without me. They would barely miss me. My depression got to the point where I would cut myself to remember I was still a human with a beating heart. I felt that if I could control the pain I was in physically, it would compensate for some of the emotional burden I had to carry around. I didn't feel like there was no hope; more like there was nothing to hope for, or it wouldn't be worth the effort. I was never treated for depression because I was never diagnosed, and not many people knew. And the few who did didn't know what to do, I imagine.

I often surprise people. Seeing the shock on people's faces when they find out I have done drugs makes me feel like I have shed an outer skin. The person who inflicted so much damage to me is out of the picture. I know it was wrong to have smoked. I will not sugar coat it. I was another statistic teen who wanted to feel the rush of doing something wrong. Fortunately, in time, I figured it was taking me nowhere for I do not consider myself an addict. I started out like most teens; I saw my friends having fun and I wanted in. I began being a smoker months before I had actually smoked. I never felt the effects a blunt should bring, though it looked like I was doing it right. It didn't matter; I was a smoker now to whoever knew. Six months later I found out how to properly inhale the smoke to get it into your system, that's when things spiraled down. I found myself lost in the drug, and soon my grades slipped. In some part of my brain I cared, but it was overpowered by the satisfaction and feeling of fitting in. Fate however wanted better of me and allowed me to meet friends that helped me out of my habits. Soon I didn't need to smoke to be with friends because I had them a phone call away.

Along the same time I started

drinking. I wasn't a heavy drinker. I compared myself to my friends and decided I was okay as long as I drank less than them. Drinking, however, became more approachable than smoking. I had my parents' trust, so this meant I was out in the streets every Friday and Saturday. I was new to drinking, so a little could get me buzzed quickly. After a while I began being to drink more until I could almost finish bottles by myself. I built resistance to alcohol and this made me feel like I was in with the "big boys." At the time it was the worst thing to have happened to me, but now I feel like it was for the best. I came home one day completely wasted, and was finally caught by my parents. They took pretty hard measures. I was grounded for what felt like an eternity. They didn't know how long I had been drinking, so they didn't feel there was a need for professional help. For about four months, I had no contact with friends of any kind outside of school. This led me to concentrate on my work; both school and my job (they also pushed me into getting a job). The way I see it, I got away, my parents and the friends who truly cared about me rescued me from myself.

Now you could say I am a typical teenager, I stay away from drugs. I am able to say "no" because I have seen the toll it took on me. My depression hasn't been treated but I have a friend that gives me enough support to continue to try my best everyday. I have hope to live a successful life. My past influenced me into becoming the person I am today; in a way those were my life lessons that can't be learned or taught in a classroom. They shape who I am now, which is a great kid, if you ask me.

THE WINNING ESSAY: MIDDLE SCHOOL

DEPRESSION, DRUG ABUSE AND/OR THE ECONOMY

Have you ever been impacted by Depression, Drug Abuse and/or the economy? I have. Drug Abuse didn't help me at all. Drugs messed my life up. My friends asked me

to try out marijuana (Weed), and I did. The worst possible outcome happened, I liked it. I have ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and people that have ADD are more prone to having an addiction to drugs. So I got addicted and my friends talked me into some horrible things that I am not proud of. I stole things that after I got off of Marijuana I apologized for and returned the item and/or paid for it in full and extra. I have never told anyone about this and no one knows that I have done this, so now I am coming clean.

I have been trying to get my friends to come clean too, but sadly I have only gotten about two to stop and do what I did. Having ADD and doing drugs is the worst combination there is. Even if you just have a little bit of something then you can become to have one of the worst addictions of your life. I may go to a Christian school and be kind of sheltered but you can't judge people just by their looks. You can be walking down the street and see someone that has the latest clothes or the most expensive shoes but, their home life can be worse then you can imagine. I may say that I have a horrible home life and my mom yells and my stepdad is the worst but I mean dogs are more abused then me. That's why I started on drugs. I thought it made me feel like I was on top of the world. I would do it everyday. I would be high all the time but, I knew deep inside that I was doing the wrong thing I needed to stop right now. I had been running away from home at that time because I thought I was being "abused" and my life "sucked" but I over react sometimes or maybe a lot.

The start of 6th grade I was the student that every teacher liked and just one night of hanging out with my friends my whole life turned around. He wanted to go to a Livermore football game, it was my first. We started hanging out with a few of his older friends and a few of their older friends which were pretty shady people. I didn't want to hang out with those kind of people but I did one new thing that night why not do another, right? We left the game and the shadier people started talking and saying

things like "Hey bro, where we going to do the bud?" and "Dude we going to be wasted bro." I wasn't sure about what he was saying, but a few moments later something soon came to be the thing that ruins my life. Later after that me and my friend got addicted, two teachers pets were now on a trail to jail, early death, and a gang life. I was now stealing money from people, stealing items from stores and terrible things that no one should ever do. I was hooked; I needed a way out. My grades were plummeting, A's and B's turned to D's and F's. In the middle of 7th grade, I moved from a public school with the gang life and drugs everywhere to a private school where I could get help with school and get set straight, hopefully. I started hating life and running away. I got a therapist who I hated and a house on lockdown. At the end of the summer in 2011 I realized I am ruining my life.

I decided I needed to stop now so I just did and you know what happens next? My friend wants to hang out again. I told him that I'm done doing that and if I come over I'm not going to. I come over and he's having a huge party with alcohol and drugs. People were all around drunk and high and wanted me to join. I didn't want to, but, of course, I fell into the pit again. By the time of my birthday, I was hooked once again. But this time even worse, my ADD had gotten worse since I haven't been treated for it. I knew what was happening, but I had to get high because if I'm miserable, everyone else had to be too. I knew I couldn't focus in school so I decided to tell my mom to get the doctor. They gave me some medication that helped me quit everything I was on and beat down my addiction. I have been clean for two months now and doing a lot better in school. I have gotten new friends and promised myself never to hang out with any of those types of people again. Drugs may seem like they're the best thing in the world at the beginning, but after a while you're hooked, you hate life, you get beat up by dealers and gangs. I will never smoke anything ever again and anyone that ever wants help, I want to help them.

Granada Student Selected to Participate in Stanford's STEM Program



Pictured are Yesenia Sanchez and Melinda Hall, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects.

Yesenia Sanchez from Granada High School has been selected from among 700 applicants in the East Bay to participate in a five week Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) academic program on the Stanford University campus beginning this summer.

Six students from Livermore high schools completed applications and took the required mathematics assessment. Of those six, three went on to the interview process, and finally, Yesenia was chosen as a participant for the academy. "I didn't really think I would make it. Now that I have, I'm so happy for the opportunity and so many people are congratulating me," explains Yesenia.

This Summer Math And Science Honors Academy (SMASH) is a three year, five week summer math and science enrichment program where SMASH scholars spend five weeks over three summers beginning after their high school freshman year. They are immersed in rigorous STEM classes on one of the following university campuses - Stanford, UC Berkeley or UCLA.

The goals of SMASH are to prepare students for high academic achievement in their post-secondary experience, to educate students about graduate school opportunities, and to encourage in them a sense of social responsibility through promotion of critical thinking, civic awareness and leadership. The mission of the academy is to prepare students from underrepresented groups to be competitive in STEM focused majors and related studies at top universities. The scholars will receive year-round academic support including SAT prep, college counseling, financial aid workshops and other activities to ensure continued academic success.

"Yesenia Sanchez is a bright and capable student who is to be commended for her scholarship, perseverance and commitment", says Melinda Hall, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects. The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District is honored to be represented by such a gifted and dedicated student.



Supervisor Scott Haggerty (right) recognized members who served in one of five branches of the military during a recent meeting of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

National Military Appreciation Month Celebrated

At the May 22 Board of Supervisors meeting, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty presented proclamations to five branches of the military in honor of National Military Appreciation Month.

In 1999 the United States Congress declared the Month of May National Military Appreciation Month.

May was selected as National Military Appreciation Month because it has the most days set aside for celebrating and commemorating our Military's achievements.

"As a County Supervisor I get many requests to sign proclamations, resolutions and com-

mendations, but today was very significant to me, as we all live very hectic lives with busy schedules, we often take our freedom for granted. Today, by proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month our County was able to say thank you to all our service men and women," said Supervisor Scott Haggerty

The month of May includes Loyalty Day, which was established in 1921, Victory in Europe Day recognizing the end of WWII in Europe on May, 8 1945, Armed Forces Day created in 1949, Military Spouses Appreciation Day established in 1984, and the best

known May holiday, Memorial Day.

National Military Appreciation Month is a chance to recognize those on active duty in all branches of the service, the National Guard and Reserves plus retirees, veterans, and all of their families – well over 90 million Americans and more than 237 years of our nation's history.

"As a proud parent of a daughter in the United States Navy it was an honor and distinct privilege to take time out of our Board meeting to thank those that have served and continue to serve our great country," said Haggerty

Check from ValleyCare Auxiliary to Help Pay for a Variety of Items at ValleyCare Medical Center

The ValleyCare Auxiliary recently presented ValleyCare CEO Marcy Feit with a check in the amount of \$100,000 for surgical equipment upgrades, a laboratory analyzer for colorectal cancer screening and a new oven for the kitchen at ValleyCare Medical Center.

Earlier this year, the Auxiliary gave \$275,000 gift for patient equipment upgrades throughout the health system. The Auxiliary raises funds from sales in the hospital Gift Shop and the Thrift Shop, located in downtown Livermore, and from the Auxiliary's special event sales throughout the year. By supporting their efforts, you enable ValleyCare Health System to continue providing high quality and compassionate care.

Consisting of approximately 350 members, the ValleyCare Auxiliary is committed to providing comfort and assistance to the patients, visitors and staff. Volunteers serve in a variety of ways including: greeting visitors and patients at the information desks; working the Gift Shop and



Marcy Feit (right) accepts the check.

Thrift Shop; assisting at the ValleyCare Health Library; transporting patients; delivering flowers, comforting patients and acting as a vital communications link between patient families and hospital personnel.

"These volunteers have come to symbolize the dedication and

compassion of our community," says Feit. "I believe we could not provide the high level of service we do without the commitment of our Auxiliary."

For information about joining the ValleyCare Auxiliary, please call their information line at 925-734-3368.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

Carolyn Lord will display her watercolors on the Nancy Thompson Memorial Wall, upstairs at the Firehouse Arts Center, May 29 to June 27. The Firehouse is located at 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Information: 925-931-4850 or www.FirehouseArts.org.

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

Summer Camp, Cantabella Children's Chorus is offering a two-week Choral, Rhythm and Movement Camp, July 16-27, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. For children 5 years through sixth grade, placed in three age groups. Instructors are highly trained, certified adults with college degrees and many years of teaching experience. Each group will participate in Choral and Music Literacy training, Rhythm Exploration and Development, and Expressive Movement and Dance. Performance for parents and guests on the last day of class. For more information and to register a child, visit Cantabella.org/camp.

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

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.

Art Critique & Coffee Hangs at Coffee Ali, Friday at 10 a.m. sharing latest work and a gentle critique to fine tune work. Original paintings from a group of Local Professional and Emerging artists, with a New Theme, create New Works each month. Grab a cup of coffee and pull up a chair to hear what we have to say and enjoy Original Fine Art. For more information Google: Poetry on Canvas Pleasanton or call Claudette 510 543-4776.

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

Art classes for school-age children, teens and adults: Weekday and weekend art classes offered for beginner, intermediate and advanced child, teen and adult students. Classes cover painting, drawing, print-making, sculpture and ceramics. For further information please contact Thomasin Dewhurst at (925) 216-7231 or thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/

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 so you may start anytime. Art Glass Studio, 174 South L St., Livermore. For more information contact Roberta Jones at: 925-447-1962 www.artglassstudio.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.

Garre Vineyard & Winery's 'Dinner and Music on the Patio' line up for the month of June: June 1 The Hurricane Band; June 8 Chris Ahlman Solo Artist; June 15 Blue House Band; June 22 Andy Joe Stewart Solo Artist; and June 29 The Andy Joe Stewart Band. www.garrewinery.com, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, (925) 371-8200.

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.murrietaswell.com

Brushstrokes and Wine Notes, help paint a leaf mural and enjoy Livermore Valley wine. Thurs., May 31, 6 to 8:30 p.m. The Winemaker's Pour House, 2241 First St., Livermore. Fee \$45. For more information call (925) 215-2656.

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.tamasesates.com. 5565 Tesla Road Livermore, (925) 456-2380.

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

Chardonnay Tasting with Philip Wente, historic tasting of five Wente Vineyards Chardonnays 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 win-

ery. 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.winemakerspourhouse.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

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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,

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

Sycamore Strings Academy Spring Concert, Sunday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Trinity Lutheran Church, on 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Admission is free and children are welcome. The concert will include group and solo performances as well as fiddle tunes and chamber orchestra, by composers such as Veracini, Handel, Mozart and Vivaldi. The concert will be followed by an informal reception.

Early Music Festival, week of June 3-10, the San Francisco Early Music Society is hosting the festival in association with American Bach Soloists, Agave Baroque, Chanticleer, Musica Pacifica, New Esterhazy Quartet, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra and Voices of Music. http://berkeley-festival.org.

Free concert, Savior Lutheran Ministries will present "Beside Still Waters," a free concert of refreshing music, on Sunday, June 3, at 4:00 pm, in the sanctuary



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The search was on for antique and collectible bargains last Saturday in downtown Pleasanton.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

at 1385 South Livermore Avenue. The concert will include beautiful choral music and several fun selections by the handbell group, as well as a vocal, clarinet and piano trio. Our Savior's Brass Ensemble will perform "When the Saints Go Marchin' In," and there will be a set of piano variations written by Livermore native Jordan Even. A lively Spanish violin piece, a selection by the contemporary ensemble, and "Dueling Banjos" will round out the concert. A reception will in the gym will follow the concert.

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 cartilchenmusic@gmail.com. Website cartilchen.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.

Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents Shakespeare's Hamlet outdoors at Concannon Vineyard July 12 through August 12, in partial repertory with The Merry Wives of Windsor. For a calendar and information, visit LivermoreShakes.org. Tickets range from \$25 to \$39, day-dependent, with discounts for seniors, students and educators. For tickets call 1-800-838-3006, or visit LivermoreShakes.org.

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

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

Auditions, West Side Story, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production, Original Broadway Version. Director/Choreographer: Christina Lazo, Vocal Director/Accompanist: Joe Simiele, Producer: Kathleen Breedveld. Auditions: Saturday June 23, 2012 at 11:00am Call-backs (by invitation only) Saturday June 30, 2012 at 11:00am. 1020 Serpentine Lane Suite 101 Pleasanton. All roles open, no pay, no AEA. For character breakdown and audition form please see <http://trivalleyrep.org/>. Prepare 16-32 bars upbeat Broadway Standard or Ballad. Accompanist provided, no tapes, no a capella. Be

dressed and prepared to dance. Please bring headshot, resume and conflict calendar. Address all questions to the Producer, Kathleen @ KBreedveld@trivalleyrep.com

4th of July Poetry Contest, Cynthia Bryant, Pleasanton's Poet Laureate is looking for poets who: Must be Pleasanton residents, Between 12 to 16 years old or 17 to beyond years young, Write a poem, any form, not more than 60 lines long, double spaced on the focus of the Civil War and/or related history. All entries must be received by June 29th. Put 4thPoet on subject of entry. Poems, along with name, age, address, phone # should be sent by email to PleasantonPoetry@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For further information call 925-399-5520. The winner(s) must be available to read their poems at the July 4th, from noon to 1:30p.m. at Lions Wayside Park, First and Neal streets in Pleasanton.

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

Cantabella Children's Chorus, Annual Spring Concerts, *The Pure, The Bright, The Beautiful*, Saturday, June 2, 2012, at 1:00 featuring the training and performing choirs with a pre-concert reception, and at 4:00 featuring the performing choirs and the CCC Alumni Choir with a reception following. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore. Repertoire includes the world premier of a piece especially commissioned by Cantabella and supported in part by a grant from the City of Pleasanton Community Grant Program. The work is by Emeritus Professor Frank La Rocca of California State University, East Bay. 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. CCC Alumni may contact Bee Chow at director@cantabella.org to participate in the Alumni Choir. For more information, call 925-292-2663 or visit Cantabella.org. Tickets will be available for \$15 - \$25 / Students \$10 at Cantabella.org/tickets and at the Bankhead Theater website and box office.

MISCELLANEOUS

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 LivermoreDowntown.com 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, Liver-

more. 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

Reception Planned for Opening of 'Figurative Art' Exhibit

Carolyn Lord will exhibit twelve of her drawings, oils, and watercolors in "Figurative Art at the Firehouse." Her work will be displayed on the Firehouse Art Center's Pleasanton Art League Wall, Mezzanine Level, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

An opening reception will be held Saturday, June 2, 2012, Noon - 3pm. It is free and open to the public. The artist will be present. Refreshments will be served. Regular hours are Wed.-Fri. noon-5, Sat. 11-3.

Lord says "Figure drawing and painting is invaluable because it develops all of the technical and interpretive skills of an artist. An artist who does figure drawing is like an athlete who is cross-training: it promotes mental agility and stamina while exercising the muscle memory and sensitivity

of touch requisite in using any art media. With this cross training I am ready to draw or paint the subjects I typically show in galleries, such as landscapes, gardens, still-life, or architecture."

The drawings and oils in this exhibit are the result of attending Sunday portrait sessions at the Academy of Art in San Francisco, or artist Lynn Sanguedolce's Wednesday drawing group in Lafayette. These sessions are 4-6 hours long and feature a professional model.

The watercolors in this exhibit are of Lord's son during the 1990s. Attending traditional figure drawing sessions was difficult when her son was a toddler and preschooler, so Lord kept her sketchbook on hand, to draw him and develop ideas for paintings.

Beginning in September, 2012 Carolyn Lord will be teaching a

Monday class titled "Preparation for Drawing the Figure Model" at the Figurehead Gallery, 2222 2nd Street, Livermore. The class is designed to guide the novice and inspire the experience artist. No prerequisites required; for high school and adult students. Guided instruction is provided that will prepare students to attend any unstructured figure drawing sessions which are available locally and regionally. September 10-November 19, 2012. Morning and Evening sessions. \$250 per session, art supplies included.

Interested students can apply for a scholarship to attend the class at no cost. Applications due August 1, 2012. Awarded August 15th.

For more information: www.figureheadgallery.com 925/337-1799 or www.carolynlord.com 925/447-5134.

Milestones

LDS Youth Recognize Livermore Teachers with Annual 'You Make a World Difference' Award

Since 2006 youth from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Livermore have recognized teachers from Granada and Livermore High Schools with the 'You Make a World of Difference' award.

Social science teacher and cross country and track coach Noel Mattern from GHS and Susan Johnston a science and math teacher from LHS were honored at a special presentation at the Latter Day Saint Church on Hillcrest Ave. Both teachers were praised by their respective principals, Philomena Rambo, GHS and Darrel Avilla, LHS for their outstanding ability to teach and connect with students.

All the past and present recipients have something in common—A passion for teaching which reaches beyond the classroom. Like many teachers in Livermore, Noel Mattern and Susan Johnston have a true desire for student success and personal integrity the students connect with. Past

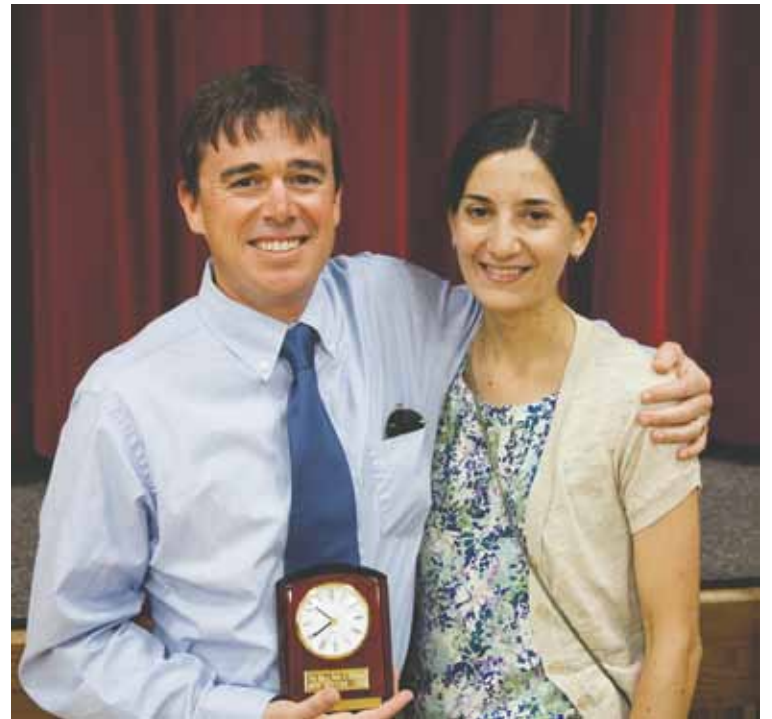


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In the photo above are Honoree Susan Johnston with husband Tim and children Katie and Kevin. In the photo at right are Honoree Noel Mattern and wife Sarah.

recipients include: Valerie Nebo, Elaine Berard, Art Gagnier, Diane Saugier, Jessie Bailey, Judy

Guidry, Clark Conover, Nelson Fong, Barry Parr, Mark Cabasino, Mando Navarro and Frankie Tate.



Community

Trinity Church to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Livermore's Trinity Church will observe its 60th anniversary on Sunday, June 3, 2012 with the theme - "Celebrating 60 Years of Service: A Sweet Beginning." Services will be held at 8:30 and 11:00 am, and Sunday School for all ages at 9:40 am. Lunch and games will follow at noon.

Although celebrating its 60th birthday, the church's vision is on the future and a celebration of service potential in the Tri-Valley area. The church offers a diverse array of programs designed to serve community needs while spreading the news about Jesus Christ. From Christian based

music, drama and art events to showers and food for the homeless, to pre-school childcare, the church sponsors over 24 outreach ministries in addition to Sunday School and three worship services every Sunday. The annual Drive-Through Nativity presentation in December has become a 21 year family tradition for many Bay Area residents. The church's future goal is increased outreach community service in the surrounding area and throughout the world.

The church began as a mission of the Golden Gate Baptist Church of Oakland in June of 1952. The first meeting took place June 8,

1952 in the Eagle's Hall on South Livermore with twenty people attending the worship service. Trinity was organized as an independent church in December 1952 with Reverend Ruel Cook as the first pastor. The following year, the church purchased property at 460 North Livermore Avenue and the first church building was erected using volunteer labor. An additional 5 lots on North Livermore between Chestnut and Walnut streets were purchased in 1954 where an administration and education building was subsequently built in 1962 to accommodate the growing congregation. The church initiated a bus ministry in 1973, transporting children to Sunday School. The children's ministry grew to six buses covering six routes where over 200 children were brought to church each week.

Worship services were held in the North Livermore location until October 1980 when the church moved to its present location on Olivina Avenue. On moving day the entire congregation, which numbered 1238, paraded from the North Livermore location to the new building on Olivina Avenue.



Trinity Church grounds.

Dr. James Morton, Jr. was pastor of the church at that time.

Trinity has sponsored several mission churches, the Greenville Mission, Mission Valley Church in Brentwood, Rock Bible Church in Pleasanton and a Korean mission.

In 2002 the church broke ground on an administration, education and activities building with additional parking completing the current church campus. The

building is utilized seven days a week by the church and various community groups.

Today's emphasis on community service is directed by Dr. Jim Meek, the tenth senior pastor since 1952; Dr. Merrill Smoak, Associate Pastor of music and worship, James Watson, Minister of youth and young adults; and Jenice Moore, Minister of Administration and Childhood.



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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

Book Sale, Sunday, June 3, The Friends of the Livermore Library will hold its monthly book sale the first Sunday of every month, from 12:00 noon to 4 p.m. in front of the former Library at 1000 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Fiction and non-fiction books and audio-visuals are sold at deep discounted prices and there will always be a table of free books. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. shopping bags full of books will be sold for \$2.00.

Ohlone Audubon will meet on June 5th at 5 pm for the annual potluck picnic and installation of officers. The event will be at the Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road, Pleasanton. Presenters are Harry Smith: "Valley Fog and Winter Birds" and George & Marilyn: "A Point and shoot Look At Kenya. Bring own table service and a dish to share (about 10 to 12 servings). For more information call 925-447-8843 or go to web site www.ohloneaudubon.org.

Koch Brothers Exposed: The 1% At Its Worst, film will be shown Sat., June 16, at 7 PM at the IBEW Hall; 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. The Koch Brothers industries have an annual revenue of over \$100 billion dollars, they fund think tanks successfully altering public opinion, sink serious money into elections. Robert Greenwald, renowned filmmaker, has tells the story of the Koch brothers in his latest film. A meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, while a short discussion follows the film. This is a public event, free (although a \$3.00 donation helps keep things humming), and wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 925-462-3459.

Livermore-Amador Geological Society meeting will be held 7:30pm, Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton, Speaker is Ron Arons whose topic is "Putting the Fesh on the Bones." Expand your family tree by also exploring WHY? your ancestors did what they did. Ron will provide two related experiences from research experience. No charge. For more information contact Cheryl Palmer, Program Chair, program@L-AGS.org

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 2, 30 to 48 miles, meet 8 a.m. at Walnut Creek BART, or 9 a.m. SF Ferry Building, Dick Ward, 389-6738. Sun., June 3, 40 + miles Mount Tamalpais, meet 9:30 a.m. at Safeway in Mill Valley, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Wed., June 6, 30 miles from Heather Farm up northside of Mt. Diablo, meet 9 a.m., Richard Skow, 939-6964. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring. Club meeting Wed., June 6, 7 p.m. at Round Table Pizza in Dublin.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA. Lunch and optional shopping in Danville, June 6, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by June 3 to Marsha, 830-8483. General meeting, birthday lunch in San Ramon, June 10, RSVP by June 1 to Marsha, 830-8483. Lunch in Pleasanton, June 14, noon, RSVP by June 11 to David, 833-7647. Friendly bridge, June 16, 1 p.m., RSVP by June 10 to Kay, 606-1757. Happy hour in Pleasanton, June 21, 5 p.m., RSVP by June 18 to Kathy, 398-8005 or Marge 828-5124. Breakfast/lunch in San Ramon, June 24, noon, RSVP by June 25 to David, 833-7647. Pizza party in Dublin, June 30, 5 p.m., RSVP by June 23 to Athene, 846-0111.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, Wed., June 13, at 7 p.m. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of

the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, June 27, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions?? Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

GNON's (Girls Night Out Networking) 4 Year Birthday Bash, Tues., June 5, Girasole Grill Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Raffle prizes, food, and friendships to be made, 5 to 8 p.m. Visit www.gnontrivalley.com. RSVP: gnoners@gmail.com by June 1. \$10/pp for GNON members, \$15/pp for non-members

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

Care Planning, one-hour presentation for seniors and their families, sponsored by Visiting Angels, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mochos St., Livermore. Sun., June 3, 11 a.m. to noon Information 443-1000.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federation 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 8am 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.

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 Refer-

ence 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.

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.

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.

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

Creating A Happier, Healthier You, series of free seminars at the Pleasanton Library presented by Dr. Christine Dickson. They are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. June 21, become an optimist. Dickson holds a Dual Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Industrial-Organizational Psychology, and received her training at the National Naval Medical Center's Department of Internal Medicine where she specialized in preventive medicine and chronic disease. Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Penny Johnson at 925/931-3405 for information. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Calvary Chapel Livermore, Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 N. L Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvarylivermore.org.

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

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

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 Liver-

more, 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 Scala 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.

Join in conversation about "The Shack" Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and Thursday mornings at 10:30. Pastor Chuck Johnstone will be hosting a discussion group on the most impactful Christian writing of our time. "The Shack" has sold over 15 million copies and tackles questions about God's role in human tragedy and how guilt, shame and issues of God's judgment shape our views about God. Drop-in participants welcome. Location: 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, for more information contact the church at 925-447-1950. Copies of the book available at the class. Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue in Livermore.

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


St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Services on Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday school during the 10:30 a.m. service. For more information call the church office at (925) 447-3289 or SaintBartsLivermore.com.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church follows the traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer. 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Sunday school provided. For information, contact Fr. Ben Brown at 925/906-9561.

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

Tri-Valley Unity Church has moved to 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



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Milestones

Education

Las Positas College and Pedrozzi Foundations Award Veterans Scholarships

By Patricia Koning

Three years ago, the Las Positas College Foundation and the Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation teamed up to offer a unique scholarship opportunity to student veterans. At the Annual Student Scholarship Ceremony on May 10, another 11 Las Positas College (LPC) students reaped the benefits of that partnership.

Justin Berkenstock, Brandon Burruss, Christopher Clark, Caroline Gagne, Michael Guddal, Brandon Hildebrand, Chad Hopkins, Richard Hudson, Clinton Keller, Howard Lattin, and Antonina Watson each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Another eight LPC students who received regular Pedrozzi Foundation scholarships also were recognized at the Awards Ceremony: Christie Groth, David Kratochvil, Alexandre Laronde, Carolyn Masi, Romina Oviedo, Stephanie Reibert, Patricia Sham, and William Shill.

The Las Positas College Foundation raised \$10,000 in scholarships and the Pedrozzi Foundation matched that amount, bringing total veteran scholarship funding to \$20,000. Both foundations invite the community to pitch in and increase that amount for future student veterans.

The partnership has tremendous benefits for both organizations—the Pedrozzi Foundation can reach another sector of students and the Las Positas College Foundation can make its fundraising dollars go further to help students. “Every dollar people invest will do the work of two dollars, so your support goes twice as far,” says Las Positas College Foundation Chief Executive Office Ted Kaye, Ph.D.

Pedrozzi Foundation scholarships, as specified by Mario Pedrozzi’s bequest, are only for graduates of Livermore high schools. The matching arrangement allows half of the veterans scholarships, which are designated as Pedrozzi Foundation Veterans Scholarships, for graduates of Livermore high schools; the other half, called the LPC Veterans First Scholarship, are available to any veteran enrolled at LPC.

“The veterans are very grateful

for the generous support of both foundations,” says Todd Steffan, Las Positas College Veterans First Coordinator. The Las Positas College Veterans First Program provides veterans with services and resources to help them achieve their educational goals.

Winners of the LPC Veterans First Scholarship are: Logan Bekker, Jacob Akers, Howard Lattin, Brian Gates, Michael Corsbie, Caroline Gagne, Michael Guddal, Andrew Chandler, and Robert Jackowski. Ryan Hartnett, Roger Alvarado, and Min Chen won the LPC Veterans First Transfer Scholarship. Howard Lattin also won the LPC Veterans First Student Veterans Organization Scholarship.

Other veterans scholarship awarded are the James Taylor and American Veterans Scholarship to Robert Jackowski, Logan Bekker, and Howard Lattin; Knights of Columbus Veterans Scholarship to Min Chen; Mary A. Henry Veterans Scholarship to Brian Gates; Robert Dern Veterans Scholarship to Robert Jackowski; American Legion - Livermore Post Veterans Scholarship to Robert Jackowski and Michael Lopez.

This past academic year, more than 300 veterans or active duty military personnel were enrolled at the college. The college has been recognized as a Military Friendly School by “G.I. Jobs” magazine, placing the college in the top 15 percent of schools nationwide.

Veteran support services include a full-time program coordinator, priority registration, transfer workshops, a book loan program, a study/drop-in tutorial center, work-study program, and an active Student Veterans Organization. The program also hosts special events such as Operation Gateway, an on-campus orientation for returning veterans.

Last year, LPC became one of the first community colleges in California to offer on-site readjustment counseling for veterans and their families in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information, visit www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans.

Persons interested in making



contributions to the program can contact the Las Positas College Foundation at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551; call (925) 424-1010; or visit www.lpcfoundation.org.

The Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation, based in Livermore, awards hundreds of thou-

sands of dollars each year to deserving graduates of Livermore high schools in pursuit of higher education. This year the Foundation awarded \$311,500 to 117 students. These scholarships are available to eligible students of all ages whose higher education goals may range from a technical

and vocational certification to an upper graduate degree.

Learn more about the foundation at www.pedrozzifoundation.org. Contact the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation at 1882 Catalina Court Livermore, CA 94550, (925) 456-3700, info@pedrozzifoundation.org.

The following students graduated from Azusa Pacific University on Sat., May 5, 2012. They joined nearly 1,400 graduates at the spring commencement ceremonies. All are Livermore residents. Christopher Armienti graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. Luke Gutierrez graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Adam Nunez graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Kimberly Trautloff graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business: Accounting.

The Donald A. Strauss Public Service Scholarship Foundation, established as a memorial to the late Don Strauss of Newport Beach and now designed to award \$10,000 scholarships to as many as 15 California college juniors annually, has announced that among the foundation’s new group of recipients is UCLA’s student Kendra Knudsen, who just received the 2012 UCLA Charles E. Young Humanitarian Award.

The Strauss scholarships fund public-service projects that the students have proposed and will carry out during their senior year. Knudsen, who hails from Pleasanton, will implement the Creative Minds Project at Step Up on Second, a nonprofit organization in Santa Monica that addresses the root causes of homelessness and serves

individuals affected by mental illness.

“Kendra’s attentive listening skills, sensitivity and thoughtfulness are a great help to our members,” Aaron Criswell, director of supportive services for Step Up on Second, said in recommending Knudsen for the award. “Many of our members are not only fighting the stigma of mental illness but homelessness as well. Kendra’s sincere acceptance of the members and her promotion of dignity and compassion make the art studio a popular haven.”

Through the Creative Minds Project, Knudsen will connect UCLA undergraduate students within a community service mentorship network of art and drama therapy graduate students to sustain Step Up on Second’s existing visual art and expressive poetry programs and add new programs in drumming and drama. All of these programs will be facilitated within a therapeutic framework that focuses on the creative process of self-expression and self-discovery.

To help implement the sustainability component of the Creative Minds Project, Knudsen formed a collaboration with UCLArts and Healing, a nonprofit organization that facilitates the use of the arts for empowerment and transformation. Founder and director of UCLArts and Healing, Ping Ho states, “The Creative Minds Project is a significant contribution to the com-

munity because it is sustainable and meets a very important need. We know that the therapeutic use of the creative arts, which focuses on the self that emerges in the creative process (and not product or performance) builds insight, social-emotional skills, self-esteem, and community in a context that is enjoyable? without the stigma of therapy.”

When asked about her experience at Step Up on Second, Knudsen said, “Through the interface of the arts, member-artists and I have reached a better understanding of our humanity, our fragility, and a great appreciation for the great lives everyone can lead. The people at Step Up are an extraordinary group who surprise me everyday with their profound resilience, compassion, and sincerity.”

Marc Jacob Eteve of Livermore, has been named to the Dean’s List at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, for academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year. Eteve is a Cadet seeking a bachelor’s degree in Physics. Dean’s List recognition is given to those students whose grade point average is 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester’s work. Eteve and other Dean’s List students will be recognized during a military dress parade in the fall.