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Firehouse Arts Center Begins Volunteer Training



Firehouse Arts Center begins volunteer training. The group is gathered for a meeting or training session.

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

Dublin City Council Adopts Open Space Initiative

The Dublin City Council voted unanimously to adopt an urban limit line protecting Doolan Canyon from development, and making permanent the city's west-hills urban growth boundary, eliminating the sunset clause in it. Now only a vote of the people can extend Dublin's development boundary. The council also voted

unanimously at its meeting June 3 to put the rival "Let Dublin Decide" initiative on the November ballot. Councilmember Kevin Hart said that 3000 people signed the Let Dublin Decide petition. They should have the chance to make a determination on it. However, the council did not remain neutral when it comes to Let Dublin De-

cide. Councilmembers voted unanimously to have the city be the sole author of ballot arguments against the initiative. Mayor Tim Sbranti and Councilmember Abe Gupta will confer as a subcommittee to compose the arguments, and bring them back to the council July 15. The idea of writing the ballot arguments was spurred by Hart, who had

asked city attorney John Bakker whether the council could oppose the Let Dublin Decide Initiative. When Hart got an affirmative answer, the council discussed it. Approximately two dozen people spoke in favor of the Open Space Initiative, and three or four for the Let Dublin Decide Initiative. Residents said that Dublin

was becoming too congested with traffic, and growing too fast, with impacts on schools. Hart agreed with them, saying that he is not proud of some of the development in Dublin's past, though some of it was decided before he joined the council. He said he felt like apologizing for it. The audience responded

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No Warning on Hoofprints Shutdown

Hoofprints on the Heart shocked both clients and the City of Livermore by abruptly announcing that it was shutting down. Hoofprints provides therapy riding for those with both physical and mental challenges. The program operated at Hagemann Ranch, which is owned by the City of Livermore and leased to Hoofprints. According to Jean Prasher, Human Services Coordinator, staff is reviewing the regulatory agreement.

Prasher stated, "The city was not told that Hoofprints was closing. We learned about it through one of the parents. An email was sent to the board asking if it were true. The response was, 'yes.' No other information was provided to the city as to why the step was taken."

A parent also called The Independent. She said that the Hoofprints board had sent out an email on May 27 to clients alerting them of the change of status. "There was no prior warning or notice." She noted that the staff and caretaker are now out of work. Children, who expect to be able to ride, will not be able to do so.

The parent said that they were invited to stop by and say good-bye to the horses. "Children thought they were going to ride. It is very difficult to explain why they cannot," she stated.

Prasher, when asked about the status of the horses and staff, said that the city is looking into everything that is happening to determine what steps it needs to take.

Email sent to members of the board of directors of Hoofprints were not answered.

Talk On Future of Bay and Delta

A plan for securing water supplies and preserving the ecology of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay will be described at a dinner meeting at Castlewood Country Club on the evening of Wednesday, June 11.

Speaker will be Paul Heliker, deputy director of the California Department of Water Resources, at a monthly meeting of the Valley Study Group. The event begins at 7 p.m. Reservations and advance payment of \$32 are required by Saturday, June 7, for dinner and the talk.

Nearly half of California's fresh water drains through the Delta, from the Tehachapi Mountains in the south to southern Oregon in the north. Some 25 million Californians depend on its waters.

To provide for the region's health over the next half-century, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan was begun in 2006. The Plan includes 22 specific measures for restoring the ecosystem and securing water supplies, including tunnels under the Delta to deliver Sierra runoff to the California Water Project.

To make arrangements, phone 447-8876 or send an email to VSGPresident@gmail.com.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Dublin High School's Center for Performing Arts and Education officially opened Monday with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The \$22.9 million project includes band, drama and choir classrooms, a video production studio, 500-seat theater, fly system and orchestra pit, dressing rooms, scenery shop and green room, practice and storage space as well as an outdoor amphitheater. A gala opening is being planned for the fall. Entertainment was part of the festive ribbon cutting.



ValleyCare In Talks To Become Stanford Subsidiary

ValleyCare Health System is in talks to become a subsidiary of Stanford Hospital and Clinics.

ValleyCare CEO Scott Gregerson said that there is currently no contract to affiliate. There is an agreement signed by the boards of both institutions with the intent to affiliate. However, both parties will be spending some time in due diligence to learn more about the other.

"We went through a rigorous disciplined process, and feel strongly we picked the right partner. They are one of the best hospitals on the planet. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity," said Gregerson.

Stanford offers residency programs that train physicians. "That always makes physicians stronger," said Gregerson. Stanford's programs can be installed on a part-time basis at ValleyCare in fields where ValleyCare could not, because the number of patients could not support it.

"We will have the same doctors in the community," said Gregerson, adding that

Park District Appears to Have Violated Its Own Rules

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has apparently violated its own published rules in rejecting a letter of protest filed by Sunrise Mountain Sports after the local business lost a competition to operate

the kayak concession at Del Valle Regional Park.

The Park District's rules, published in the Request for Proposal for the kayak concession contract, require contract competitors to file any protest not more than

five days following the announcement of the contract award.

Sunrise did so, filing a strong letter of protest on May 12, three days after the Park District announced on May 9 that the contract

would be awarded to Outback Adventures of Fremont.

Rejection of the protest letter came from Revenue Manager Mimi Waluch, who also led the selection process

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Pleasanton Council Approves New Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The Pleasanton City Council approved a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will provide a framework for meeting goals, policies and programs related to public facilities, conservation and open space, and community programs.

A fourteen member steering committee worked on the plan approved by the council on a unanimous vote.

The committee reviewed existing recreational open space and facilities, including parks, trails, and buildings. It then made recommendations regarding options for meeting current and long term needs.

The new master plan takes into consideration existing advance planning and other planning documents such as the City's Youth Master Plan, Downtown Specific Plan, Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trails Mas-

ter Plan, Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan Amendment/Staples Ranch, Bernal Property Specific Plan and other related plans.

Susan Andrade-Wax, Parks and Community Services Department, told that the city that a survey found that 98 percent of those surveyed like the city's parks; 95 percent its programs. "Overall, the master plan produced the shortest list of recommendations and needs that I've seen in thirty years."

In looking at facilities, the steering committee found that the city currently has 371 acres of developed parkland. Using the general plan parkland acreage goal of 5 acres per 1,000 residents, and assuming a current population of 71,000, there is currently a surplus of 16 acres.

She continued that in

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen
The Amador Valley High School's softball team celebrated its perfect 27-0 season. Amador two runs in the top of the first and held on for a 2 to 1 win over Granada High School in the North Coast Section Division I championship game. The game was played last Saturday. The winning pitcher Johanna Grauer scattered five hits and struck out 11 in the final game. The one run for Granada came off of a solo home run by Taylor Zehr to lead off the top of the sixth. More photos on page 6.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Connect the dots with 3-year-old JoJo and you'll find a picture-perfect companion! This talkative grey and white fellow loves petting and would do well with children and friendly kitties. Spot JoJo at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Call (925) 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org for more information. Photo - Valley Humane Society/J. Xia

Celebration of Art and Science

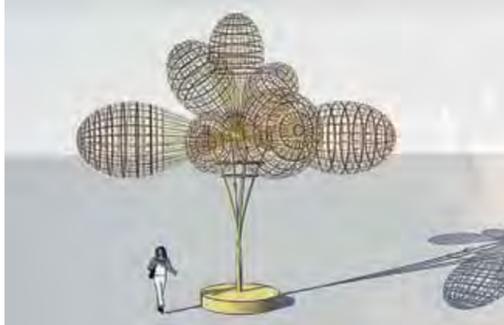
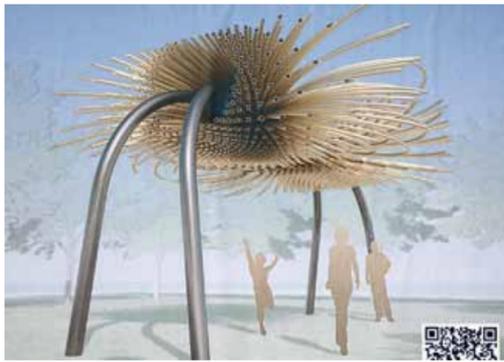
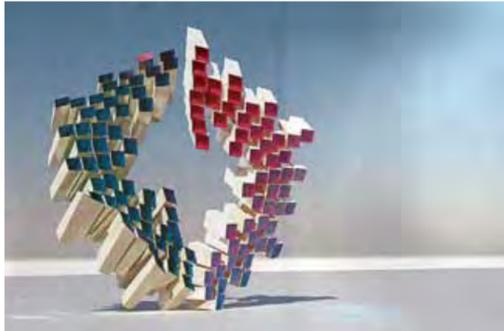


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Three proposed works of art were unveiled during Livermorium Day in downtown Livermore.

Livermore celebrated both the arts and science at the first Livermorium Day held May 30.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand proclaimed May 30 Livermorium Day to recognize the discovery of chemical element 116, which was named in honor of the city and researchers from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory who helped discover Livermorium. Livermore is one of only six cities around the world for which an element has been named.

Glen Fox, Associate Director Physical and Life Sciences at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, noted that Livermorium is one of many elements the team of international scientists has delivered. The name creates a stronger tie between the Lab and the community. One town, Ytterby in Sweden, has given its name to four elements: Erbium, Terbium, Ytterbium and Yttrium. He suggested that with some new naming rights in the future, Livermore, should try for five elements. Perhaps Springtownium and Donutwheelium would be two options, he quipped.

Winners of the annual Science and Engineering Fair were recognized. Certificates were presented to Jessica Bennett and John Takemura, Junction Avenue K-8 School, Oil Options: Keeping waste oil out of the water system; and Alex Abe and Jessica Irwin, Granada High School, The bitterness of nicotine. Absent was Emily Hawkins, Livermore High School, Does chewing gum help you concentrate? Located in the bottom

right corner of the periodic table of elements, Livermorium was created by bombarding curium targets with calcium at one-tenth the speed of light. Researchers from LLNL worked with scientists from Russia's Flerov Laboratory of Nuclear Reactions on the synthesis of two new super-heavy elements, 114 (Flerovium) and 116 (Livermorium).

Poet Laureate Kevin Gunn composed the following for the celebration:

Livermorium two continents chemically collide on a scientific fault line tremors shake the periodic table once so stable nothing pre-fab born in a lab Livermore and Russia the proud parents of this infant element unique offspring a collaborative conception pointing in a new direction an exciting molecular factorium welcome to the world Livermorium

Three works of art were unveiled, with one to be chosen. It will be placed at Livermorium Plaza in Mill Square Park, located at 116 South Livermore Avenue.

Marchand noted that employees at both national labs participate in and support the arts. "That is why Livermore is such a remarkable city."

The city received 158 applications from artists throughout the United States. The Commission for the Arts narrowed the options to three. Commission Chairman Jim Schmidt stated that the final selection will result in a fitting piece of applied art, fitting both

in historical and scientific terms.

Explaining his proposal, Osman Akan said that the sculpture reflects the electron shell of Livermorium, which creates a unique pattern. The design divides the electron into two mirrored groups to visually reflect the quality of calcium and curium, the two elements that were used to create Livermorium. It also represents the two laboratories that discovered element 116. The art consists of extruded squares that generate tubular forms. By changing the orientation of the tubes, the same design creates a dynamic sculpture.

Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues call their sculpture, "Field." The work can be understood as a visual representation of magnetic fields. As many as 1500 bent tubes with a custom gold finish index force vectors of magnetic pull based on computer generated simulations. The sculpture offers a space for gathering. It is not only a functional canopy or trellis, but also offers a teaching moment. The Field will sometimes appear solid and other transparent, depending on lighting and viewing point.

According to Susan Zoccola, her proposed artwork, "Lv7p, she states is the result of many sources of inspiration found in Livermore. In developing the sculpture, the artist used patterns found in quantum physics and the theories about electron orbitals. The sculpture is also inspired by other forms in nature: wine grapes, clusters, olives, baskets and flowers, "things I see as integral to the rich fabric of the city." The sculpture would include 116 small LED lights housed inside glass spheres that will turn on and off in a sequence reminiscent of orbits.

A public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thurs., June 19 in the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on each of the three conceptual designs.



June 2014

Community Health Education Programs

For a complete list of classes and class fees, lectures and health education resources, visit pamf.org/education.

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pamf.org/education

2014 Livermore Rodeo Parade



West Grand Boulevard to Lead Off Downtown Concerts in the Park

The Pleasanton Downtown Association's (PDA) popular Concert in the Park series will kick off Friday, June 6. The audience will listen to the sounds of Classic Soul and Motown when West Grand Boulevard takes the stage at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of First Street and Neal Street. The free concert starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. A special thanks to this week's concert sponsor, SafeAmerica Credit Union.

Patrons are encouraged to pick up dinner "to go" from one of Downtown Pleasanton's many restaurants and bring it with them to the park. Concert goers are invited to stop by the PDA table near the stage to enter a free raffle for a chance to win gift cards and special prize baskets from local businesses. While guests are allowed to put out blankets and chairs (at their own risk) in Lions Wayside and Delucchi Parks, they are asked to wait until the morning of the concert to do so. The use of rocks to hold down blankets is prohibited, as large rocks can damage lawn-mowing equipment. Also, the use of plastic tarps is not allowed.

Information about the Pleasanton Downtown Association is available at (925) 484-2199 or www.pleasantondowntown.net.

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Saturday, June 14th at 10:00 AM on 2nd Street

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

State of the City Talk

Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Wine Country Summer Luncheons will begin on Thurs., June 26 with a state of the city address by Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

The luncheon will be held starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

For information, or to purchase tickets, contact the Chamber office at 925.447.1606.

School Bonds Bill

Assembly Bill 2235 by Assemblymembers Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) and Curt Hagman (R-Chino Hills) to place a school facilities bond on the November 4, 2014 ballot was approved 75-0 on the Assembly Floor last week. The bill authorizes a \$9 billion general obligation bond that, if approved by voters, will provide \$6 billion for the construction and rehabilitation of K-12 schools and \$3 billion for higher education facilities.

"The last bond passed in 2006. Funds for the construction and modernization of K-12 and higher education institutions have been depleted for several years, jeopardizing the completion of many local projects. Passing a state bond will ensure that students attend safe and adequate facilities, positively impacting student achievement," said Buchanan.

State bond funds for K-12 school facilities are administered through the School Facility Program, which requires a 50% local match for construction of new schools and 40% match for the modernization of schools. State bond funds are matched more than 2 to 1 by local bond funds and developer fees. Local communities have passed local bonds anticipating the state match.

The bill has a long list of supporters,

including statewide organizations such as the California Chamber of Commerce, the State Building and Construction Trades Council, the California School Boards Association, the California State PTA, and the California Building Industry Association.

The bill now moves to the California State Senate.

ACE Train Fatality

A person was struck and killed by an ACE (Altamont Corridor Express) train at the Santa Rita Road railroad crossing in Pleasanton. The accident occurred at around 7:30 p.m. on May 30. The initial investigation indicated it was an apparent suicide.

Upon arriving at the scene, Pleasanton Police Department officers found a black male adult on the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Police Detectives are working in cooperation with the Union Pacific Railroad Police and ACE representatives.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

Correction

A story about the Livermore Valley Charter Repertory (LVCP) Foundation's IRS tax-exempt status for donations erred in saying the foundation lost its exemption.

The status was suspended, not lost. As mentioned in the story, the reporting error by the school was corrected at the foundation's end of the process by school officials. The official end of the suspended status by IRS is expected in a few weeks, according to Bill Batchelor, CEO of Tri-Valley Learning Corporation, which operates LVCP.

Hacienda Business Park, Pleasanton Recognized As Clean Air Businesses

The Bay Area Air District has announced the results of the Great Race for Clean Air, a competition between Bay Area companies to see whose employees could reduce the most carbon dioxide, or CO2, by ridesharing, vanpooling, biking, walking or riding transit to work instead of driving solo.

Local winners include: The companies with the highest participation rates (categorized by company size): Mini (1-25 employees) 1st Place tie: Hacienda Owners Association, Pleasanton; Mid-size (101-500 employees) 3rd Place: City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton.

Winners were chosen in several categories, including highest CO2 savings, highest percentage of "clean commute days" logged, and highest percentage of em-

ployee participation.

The Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program now requires employers in the Bay Area with 50 or more full-time employees to register and provide commuter options for their employees. Employers subject to the

program will be notified by mail by the Air District and must register at 511.org, click on Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program and select and implement their program by September 30, 2014. Visit 511.org for more information.

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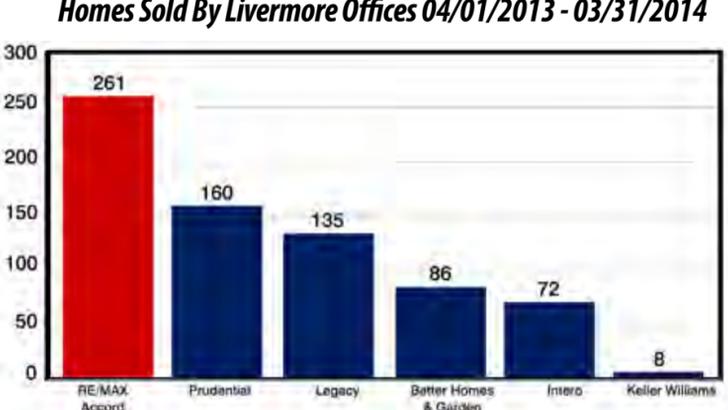
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EDITORIAL

Affordable Housing for Seniors

Ten years of discussions and planning have produced an outstanding plan to provide new affordable senior housing in Pleasanton.

A task force was established in 2004 to determine what steps should be taken in regard to 50-year-old antiquated senior housing at Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens. The task force considered renovating the ninety cottage style homes or building a high density project before coming up with the final proposal to build 185 new units on the two sites. The plan provides for a combination of one story cottage units and two and three story buildings.

Pleasanton Place will be constructed in two phases. The city owns and operates Kottinger Place and will provide \$10 million from its affordable housing fund to build the new housing. A nonprofit set up by four local churches in the 1960s, built and operates Pleasanton Gardens. The group will turn over its land and remaining cash to the city to aid in the construction of the new housing. In exchange, the city will guarantee residents living at Pleasanton Gardens a home in the new complex.

Although frustrated by the length of time taken to come up with the plan, participants in the process were pleased with the outcome. Pleasanton Place will provide double the number of affordable senior housing units that now sit on the two sites. They will all be ADA compliant.

Most importantly, it's a great outcome for seniors.

Livermore School Measure Approved

In unofficial returns, Measure G extension of the Livermore schools parcel tax was leading with nearly 71 percent of the vote, several points above the 66.67 percent required for passage.

Measure G would extend an existing parcel tax for seven years. If the numbers hold up, and the measure passes, the money will go to support programs. The two publicly funded charter schools in Livermore also will share in the revenue, in proportion to enrollment of students who are Livermore residents.

Other results as of The Independent's deadline had three of the four incumbents on the Zone 7 Water Agency ballot leading, and one challenger, Jim McGrail, leading. The top four finishers will be the winners.

Measure AA, which was to extend the Alameda

County's one-half cent tax for health care, was leading with 75 percent.

In the race for the 16th Assembly District, Dublin resident Catherine Baker, the lone Republican, was leading with 41 percent of the vote. Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti finished in second place. Sbranti and Baker will face off on the November ballot.

Orinda councilmember Steve Glazer finished third followed by Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich.

Congressman Eric Swalwell had a safe ride for the top spot in the 15th Congressional District with 49 percent of the vote. Livermore resident Hugh Bussell, a Republican, was second with State Senator Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, a Democrat, was a close third. The top two will face off in November.

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Measure G (66.7% needed to pass)		
Yes	7490	71.18%
No	3032	28.82%

Alameda County Measure AA (66.7% needed to pass)		
Yes	94,865	75.50%
No	32,474	25.50%

Zone 7 Water Board (top 4 elected)	
Sarah Palmer	10,716
Jim McGrail	9582
John James Greci Jr	8594
Bill Stevens	7019
AJ Machaevich	6090
Alfred Exner	5135
Matt Morrison	3515

State Assembly, District 16 (top 2 run in November)	
Catharine Baker	21,270
Tim Sbranti	17,270
Steve Glazer	13,137
Newell Arnerich	6,651

15th Congressional District (top 2 run in November)	
Eric Swalwell	28,292
Hugh Bussell	14,901
Ellen Corbett	14,291

Alameda County Superintendent of Schools	
Karen Monroe	35,536
Helen K. Foster	22,913
Jeff Bowser	18,682
Ursula Reed	14,436
Naomi Eason	12,254

Staggered Schedule for Pleasanton 3rd Grade Eliminated

The staggered schedule for Pleasanton's 3rd grade reading program will not be back next year.

The Pleasanton school board voted unanimously on May 27 to eliminate it. The split schedule will continue in 1st and 2nd grades next year.

The staggered schedule includes early and late classes. It creates half-size classes, so teachers can have small instructional groups for 45 minutes daily with the exception of Wednesdays when there is no staggered schedule.

Third-grade teachers were polled, with 20 saying they favored eliminating the staggered schedule, and 24 were opposed. A committee studying the issue said that with such a close vote, it could make no recommendation.

Asked by a board member what the staff recommends, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi replied, "Based on numbers, the recommendation would be not to continue."

Ahmadi also told the board a summary list from the survey of teachers included 53 comments, many repetitive, on the "pro" side, and 39, many also repetitive, listed against.

Ahmadi said that the board could give consideration to supplementing 3rd grade reading, "but keep the cost in mind." Ahmadi also pointed out that there will be 25 students in 3rd grade classes, down from 30 this year.

Most children are up to reading literacy level by 3rd grade. The rest of the curriculum becomes much tougher for them, staff

members have said in other discussions of the staggered schedule.

Trustee Jeff Bowser said that the split schedule takes three hours per week away from other instruction. Ending staggered literacy, as the subject is also called, will free more instructional minutes for the other subjects. One parent told the board that is especially important with the approaching Core Curriculum.

Some teachers in the 3rd grade survey also responded that they wanted more time to get their students up to speed with the Common Core curriculum. They said such things as at-risk kids are easier to reach, one on one, and would like the additional time for intervention.

Among the "cons," teachers wrote, "Please give us 45 minutes back for instruction," "day chopped up," and some felt many students already were reading at 3rd grade level.

Trustees said that they recognize that reading intervention of some type is also important. Valerie Arkin noted that reading specialists could help students who may be struggling with reading. However, it is too early to address what kind of intervention might be used, since that will depend somewhat on the budget. The board won't approve the budget until the June 17 meeting.

Bowser said, "It's important that students receive the intervention that is required." He cited a correlation between third-grade reading achievement and incarceration rates.

Trustees also voted unanimously to refinance

three bonds, which will save taxpayers an estimated 60 cents per \$100,000 assessed valuation annually. Trustee Chris Grant said that would average about \$50 per household over the life of the bond, which would be paid off in 2023.

Overall, the savings in the district would be approximately \$1 million, said Gene Yee, president of Keygent Advisors, the district's consultant on the financing. All of the money would go back to taxpayers. None of it would be spent on programs.

Trustees also heard from students of German at Foothill High School who urged them to continue a section of German that they said faces elimination.

Brennan Hines said that taking German inspired him to pursue a teaching credential. He said that a friend obtained a job at an RV sales and rental store because he could speak German to the tourists who come to the Bay Area.

Melissa Muller, president of the German Club, said that her fluency in German helped her to earn a full academic scholarship to a southern California college.

Ahmadi told the board that she will talk to Foothill principal Jason Krolkowski "to see what can be done."

The board also heard pros and cons about changing the traditional school year calendar to one that would allow ending the first semester at winter break.

Trustees made no decision about the proposal, which would take effect in the 2015-16 school year. They put the item on the

agenda for their June 3 meeting. The vote took place after The Independent's deadline for this week.

The district was prompted to propose the change in the school year because of its concern over the past several years about academic pressures on students' time and emotional health. One issue in the high schools has been the traditional winter break homework and project pressures, because the semester does not end until late January.

To remedy that, four alternatives were developed for making the winter break the end of the semester. However, most alternatives raise their own problems. Students, teachers, administrators and parents have weighed in about what they like and don't like about the plans.

IRREGULARITIES FOUND IN AMADOR A.P. TEST

In other news, the district learned that there were irregularities in the seating arrangements in testing rooms at Amador Valley High School for administration of the Advanced Placement tests. Approximately 400 students were affected. They were given the opportunity to take the tests again this week.

Students in the two testing rooms were not seated the required five feet apart, and not all desks faced the front of the room. Students were told of the news in their classes. Parents of affected students were notified by auto-dialer. The district conducted forums at the school site May 30 and 31 for parents.

Foes of Planned Off-road Vehicular Area Want Supervisors To Discuss It

Celeste Garamendi said that Friends of Tesla Park, an organization to which she belongs, wants to have Alameda County Supervisors formally discuss the issue of the creation of a new off-road vehicle park of 3400 acres, most of it in the county.

The park would be adjacent to the existing Carnegie Park for off-road vehicles, which covers 1600 acres, most of it in neighboring San Joaquin County.

Garamendi attended the May 16 meeting of the Altamont Landfill & Resource Recovery Facility Open Space Advisory Committee, which was held in Dublin. The panel decides how revenue from Altamont landfill tipping fees should be spent, including open space preservation money.

Garamendi said that the Open Space committee is relevant to Friends of Tesla Park's cause, because open space funds can go to preserve wildlife corridors in the Altamont and places nearby, such as the 3400

acres.

It's a bigger issue than open space preservation, said Garamendi. She pointed out that a new road would be cut through to the future park from Tesla Road seven miles from the Livermore city limit. Much of Bay Area traffic using the park would be coming through Livermore. They would use county roads, and that should be important enough for board to discuss it publicly.

Assistant Deputy Director of Planning Liz McElligott said that the planning staff looked at the project and commented about it in two previous EIRs, which were withdrawn by the state.

McElligott said that the Open Space committee last heard an update on the vehicle park proposal at its last meeting in October 2013. The third EIR was due to be sent out in the spring, but now the state has pushed that back to this coming fall.

Shawn Wilson, who chaired the Open Space

committee meeting and is chief of staff for Supervisor Scott Haggerty, said that both sides in the vehicle park controversy have "come to talk to us. We heard there would be litigation concerning what was proposed by the state."

"It's really a state issue, but it impacts people on both sides of the issue, so we are looking at it," said Wilson.

Committee member David Tam said the supervisors should take a proactive role in the issue.

Wilson replied, "My boss says that it would take one member of the Legislature to be proactive writing a bill that would stop it, and that hasn't happened."

However, the county is following the issue, and it is on the radar of the county's lobbyist in Sacramento, said Wilson. He also said the planning staff will be looking at it in the fall, if the EIR is out then.

Haggerty met with a Contra Costa supervisor to try to come up with some creative

approaches. "But, whatever we would do seems to be symbolic, since the decision is up to the state. One legislator putting forth one piece of legislation is all you need to have," said Wilson.

Garamendi said that Friends of Tesla Park and other organizations have talked to East Bay legislators, and they are aware of the issue.

If Friends of Tesla Park or other organizations want to approach the supervisors, the first step would be to have the county put the time on the agenda of the supervisors planning and transportation committee, said Wilson.

Meanwhile, five organizations wrote to the Board of Supervisors between May 12 and May 26 asking them to preserve the 3400 acres.

The letters came from the Tesla Road Residents Alliance, Livermore Hill Hikers, Friends of Springtown Preserve, Friends of the Arroyos, and the California Native Plant Society.

MAILBOX

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Mileage Tax
Phyllis Couper
Pleasanton
California Senator Mark

DeSaulnier has submitted Senate Bill 1077, another "mileage tax" that he is calling a "fee." Senator DeSaulnier's Bill would require all motorists to have a government meter in their cars so that the state can better assess how much gas tax we should pay.

Is he saying that the state is so incompetent that it must put a meter on every car to be efficient in tax collecting? All motorists in California can attest to the poor conditions of our roads. Where is the money we have already approved via taxes to repair them? Is the money being raided from the road fund and spent on unrelated pet

projects? Has there been a detailed audit of the gas tax funds to determine if the money has been used as intended?

Since this bill is Senator DeSaulnier's idea, it would seem appropriate to put a trial meter on his car first, and if he likes this intrusion into his life, put the second meter on Governor Brown's car, and if he likes the intrusion, we can put them on the cars of other legislators who support this tax increase. It only seems proper that those who propose, support, and could sign into law this intrusion into personal life, should be the first people to test it out. Then, if they

still like the idea, they may approach we the people for a yes or no decision.

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RULES

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that found against Sunrise and in favor of Outback. Waluch's rejection letter informed Sunrise that the protest had to be made much earlier as part of the staff review process.

According to Park District papers, the staff review process ended in February and produced "recommendations," not a contract award decision.

In a telephone interview on Sunday, Sunrise owner Kim Grandfield said the explanation from Waluch "doesn't make any sense at all" since it contradicts the published instruction to bidders. Sunrise would have had to file a formal protest against a contract award that would not be made for two more months.

On Monday, in response to an inquiry from The Independent, Park District assistant counsel Carol Victor sent an email supporting Waluch's view, stating that "the terms of the RFP provided for protest at the staff level," and "there is no protest of a final decision of the Board."

Next steps for Sunrise were unclear as the Independent went to press on Tuesday. A group of some 35 Sunrise supporters attended an East Bay Regional Park District meeting Tuesday afternoon. Ten spoke up during the public comment period to urge reconsideration of the contract award. However, there seemed little prospect of a reversal based on the views expressed in

Waluch's letter and Victor's email.

In the meantime, Sunrise continues to manage the kayak concession at Del Valle, renting large numbers of boats in warm weather to a clientele it has built over the years. A precise date for handing over the concession has not been set. Later this summer, Del Valle is expected to close as water levels decline as part of the historically severe drought.

Sunrise Mountain Sports started the Del Valle kayak operation in 2006, building the popularity of the sport year after year by offering instruction, special paddling events and boats for rent and purchase. During that time, it paid 10 percent of its increasing revenues to the Park District, on time and as required.

Early this year, as the existing contract was ending, the Park District solicited proposals for continuing the operation, eventually receiving and evaluating four. In the scoring, which was conducted by revenue and facilities staff, Outback Adventures came out the clear winner, with Sunrise a distant third.

The staff's recommendation in favor of Outback was then overruled by Park District's Operations Committee, which chose Sunrise. After that, the full board overruled the Operations Committee, restoring Outback as winner.

It was this decision that was posted on May 9 and

protested by Sunrise Mountain Sports on May 12.

Sunrise's protest consisted of seven pages of specific allegations. They include:

- Both in scoring proposals and in communicating with the Board, Park District staff evaluated competitors using a different set of criteria than had been published in the Request for Proposals. Changing criteria in mid-review is "wrong," Sunrise wrote in its protest letter.

- "As a fundamental matter of public trust, the EBRPD cannot promise to judge entities by one set of rules and then change the rules and judge those entities other than as promised. Such a situation generates an unacceptable level of uncertainty regarding integrity, motivation, fairness, and so on."

- Park District staff failed to interview a Sunrise representative despite promising to do so as part of the review process. Then it misled the Board by stating that it had interviewed all the competitors.

- Staff mischaracterized and criticized Sunrise for allegedly not complying with Park District "special event" rules when the rules did not apply. For example, a large third party that rented Sunrise kayaks as part of a celebratory day at Del Valle was not a "special event" organized or solicited by Sunrise, yet Sunrise was blamed for not giving the Park District early warning of the activity and for not paying special fees.

- The winning competitor, Outback Adventures, appeared to receive preferential treatment from staff, being notified earlier than Sunrise of upcoming meetings and commenting on internal memoranda that were not available to Sunrise.

- The eight years of Sunrise's reliable operations and financial dealings with the Park District were not credited in the bid process, while written promises by Outback were treated as if they were proof of excellence.

- The Board itself did not "satisfy its legal requirement of due diligence" in reviewing scoring and other parts

of the contract process or in exploring why staff and Operations Committee had

reached opposite conclusions about the best choice of contractor.

DUBLIN

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with applause.

Sbranti said that essentially the Open Space Initiative preserves Dublin's status quo, which is an endorsement of the city's general plan and East Dublin Specific Plan.

Former Mayor Janet Lockhart and former Councilmember Claudia McCormick were the speakers who supported Let Dublin Decide. They said that Doolan

Canyon was a part of Dublin growth studies in the past. Dublin should not put itself in the position of potentially losing Doolan Canyon to Livermore.

Currently, neither Dublin nor Livermore have control of the area. Decisions regarding Doolan Canyon are made by Alameda County. Any development not allowed by Measure D has to be approved by county voters.

A Tool to Better Screen and Treat Aneurysm Patients

New research by an international consortium, including a researcher from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, may help physicians better understand the chronological development of a brain aneurysm.

Using radiocarbon dating to date samples of ruptured and unruptured cerebral aneurysm (CA) tissue, the team, led by neurosurgeon Nima Etminan, found that the main structural constituent and protein – collagen type I – in cerebral aneurysms is distinctly younger than once thought.

The new research helps identify patients more likely to suffer from an aneurysm and embark on a path toward prevention.

Simplified, a CA is a blood-filled bulge formed in response to a weakness in the wall at branching brain arteries. If the bulge bursts, the person can undergo a brain hemorrhage, which is a subtype of stroke and a life-threatening condition.

For decades, doctors have assumed that CAs rarely undergo structural change, and earlier theories speculated that CAs grow at a constant rate. The new findings, which appear in the June issue of the journal Stroke, challenge the concept that CAs are present for decades and that they undergo only sporadic episodes of structural change. In view of these findings, it seems more likely that they alternate between periods of stability and instability during which they are prone to rupture.

For patients with CAs, who are more likely to undergo an aneurysm rupture due to risk factors such as smoking or hypertension, the international team

including LLNL's Bruce Buchholz found that the age of collagen type I was significantly younger than those samples taken from people with no risk factors.

The ample amount of relatively young collagen type I in CAs suggests that collagen is changing all the time in aneurysms, which is significantly more rapid in patients with risk factors, Buchholz said.

When the above-ground test-ban treaty took effect in 1963, atmospheric levels of radiocarbon began to decline as carbon-14 migrated into the oceans and biosphere. Living organisms naturally incorporate carbon into their tissues as the element moves through the food chain. As a result, the concentration of carbon-14 leaves a permanent time stamp on every biological molecule.

"This research may help doctors to formulate better screening and identification of those people at increased risk of an aneurysm rupture," Buchholz said.

The prevalence of unruptured CAs in the general population is 2 percent to 3 percent. The rate of death when they rupture is more than 35 percent. The high rate of death has led the

medical community to try to understand the formation and natural history of these lesions to define standards for screening, treatment and identification of those CAs that are likely to rupture.

Other institutions include: Department of Neurosurgery and Institute of Forensic Medicine Heinrich-Heine Universität; Institute for Physiological Chemistry and Pathobiochemistry, Westfalian Wilhelms-University; Department of Neurology, Mayo Clinic; Department of Epidemiology, University of Iowa; Division of Neurosurgery, St. Michael's Hospital; Keenan Research Centre for Biomedical Science and the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital; and the Department of Surgery, University of Toronto.

LARPD Asked to Comment on State Plans for Off-Road Park

During the public forum of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors, Nancy Rodrigue of Friends of Tesla Park addressed the Board regarding the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area General Plan Environmental Impact Report.

She pointed out that the area is part of the district's master plan under Corral Hollow.

Rodrigue asked the board to keep the proposed area in its new master plan. The area meets the district's goal of open space preservation. It would provide trail linkages. The land includes an abundance of sensitive, natural, historical, cultural and scenic resources, she said.

Rodrigue asked that staff be directed to comment

on the draft environmental impact report from the perspective of preservation. Her final request was for the district to communicate to the state park that the area is not appropriate for off-road vehicles and should be preserved with low impact uses.

Directors requested this item be placed on a future agenda for discussion. Bob Coomber said he would like information regarding what the district's participation might be and where the area fits into the master plan.

AWARDS PRESENTED

The board honored recent recipients of California Association of Recreation and Park Districts awards. LARPD Foundation Treasurer Delma Kline was presented with the 2014 Award for Outstanding Volunteer. Dis-

trict Legal Counsel Michael Kyle was presented with the 2014 Award for Outstanding Professional. Kyle is retiring after having served as LARPD's General Counsel since 1977.

HALF MARATHON

An informational report was presented on the inaugural Livermore Half Marathon, which took place on March 29. The event, organized by Livermore Downtown Inc., was partially held in LARPD's Independence Park, Holdener Park, Robertson Park and Sycamore Grove Park. The event attracted 2,400 runners. LARPD will make adjustments when planning for the event in the future to provide park preparations, staff support during the activity and post-race cleanup.

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SPORTS NOTES



Recipients of the 2014 Booster Club Olympian scholarships are (from left) Casey Soltis, Andrei Kasten, Greta Kohlmoos, and Alexandra Hernandez.

Student Earn Scholarships

Twelve local students were awarded scholarships from the Livermore-Granada Boosters Organization.

Greta Kohlmoos (Granada), Casey Soltis (Granada), Alexandra Hernandez (Livermore), and Andrei Kasten (Livermore) each were presented with a \$2000 scholarship as the annual Olympian Scholarship Award winners at this year's Livermore Granada Boosters Banquet held at the Robert Livermore Community Center on May 19th.

\$500 award winners were: Morgan Brandt, Dominex Kovacs, Kirsten Mork, and Nicholas Silverthorn from Granada High and Drake Foote, Michelle Hawkins, Franklin Kerstetter, and Sarah Wilkinson from Livermore High.

All varsity athletes and coaches from Livermore and Granada High were invited

to the dinner courtesy of the Livermore Granada Boosters Organization, which has been in existence since 1949. Team awards for all varsity sports for boys and girls were also presented.

There were four inductees into the Livermore Sports Hall of Fame, which was established by the Boosters in 2009. This year's inductees were: Troy Dayak, outstanding soccer player and coach from Livermore High, Julie Macias, former Granada and Livermore High soccer and softball coach, Tony Sanchez, outstanding football player and coach from Granada High and Tim Weaver Jr., outstanding soccer player from Granada High.

For more information about the Livermore Granada Boosters Organization, including photos of this year's scholar athletes, go to www.livermoregranadaboosters.org.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Granada High School softball team had a good season, finishing second in the Nor Cal Division title game (top photo). In the lower photo Amador Valley poses with its champions awards.



The Fusion U11 Gold Girls for wrapped up their spring season on Sunday 6/1 with a 3-3 tie in a strong comeback. Pictured post-game are Indianna Stoneberger, Shelby Mavrakis, Bryanna Leary, Madison Braswell, Maci McCormick, Lexi Oddson, Coach Amber King, Sophie Mansoor, Claire McGinnis, Kyra Nishimoto, Gabi Fields, Gianna Ceccanti, Kayla Nuti.



Fusion's Kayla Remund successfully defends a corner against ACC Mavericks on Saturday evening. The Fusion U13 Girls Maroon team defeated ACC 2-1 to complete the spring season.



Livermore Fusion 02 Boy Maroon Take 2nd in Rogue Memorial Challenge in Medford, OR, over the Memorial Day weekend. The U11 boys, playing up an age group, dominated pool play going 4-0 and scoring 26 goals. In the finals, the boys fought hard but came up short against a competitive team from Mad River United. Over the course of the tournament, the Fusion boys out-worked many teams and impressed quite a few spectators. Pictured are the U11 Boys Maroon team (including guest players) Dylan Baxter, Jordan Moore, Aiden Lewis, Dane Winslow, Mateo Wilde, Ryan Hoopes, Trent Wagner, Joey Keller, Kevin Grant, Tyler Trudeau, Ethan Voekler, Colton Trudeau, Parker Moore, James Renouf, Michael Grant, and Coach Matt Caution.



The West Coast U14G Wildfire finished their Norcal Premier League spring season in first place. In the final match against Palo Alto, the Wildfire battled from behind to win 2-1 and claim the championship. Pictured are (top row) Coach Marlon Fernandez, Paola Samaniego, Meghan Giamona, Mimi Freeman, Nicole Pastrokas, Claire Abele, Tori Diehl, Sierra Martin, Lauryn Souza; (bottom row) Tori Borgna, Amanda Zeck, Chloe Brickwedel, Bella Barbero, Lynette Soto, and Leila Anzo; not pictured are Kylie Martinez, Mayzin Kung, and Coach Troy Dayak.



The West Coast Soccer Club Wave battled their way to a victory coming up with a 3-2 win against Livermore Fusion. Even though Fusion drew first blood, the West Coast Wave got a goal from Kelsey off of a great corner kick feed from Hannah Kirkpatrick. The Wave got their second goal of the half off the foot of Leila Ganz with a feed from Tori Trautwein and took a 3-1 lead off another excellent corner kick. Ganz was the recipient of that kick and buried it in the back of the net. Fusion pulled to within 1 goal late in the second half but the Wave was too much for them. The spring season ended with the Wave taking second place in their division.



The Pleasanton Rage U11 Orange team advanced to the Spring Nor Cal Playoffs after an undefeated season this spring. They beat Diablo FC on Saturday, May 31st with a 7-0 win. Then they went on to beat Livermore Fusion with a 4-2 win on Sunday, June 1st. They will play FC Elk Grove on Saturday, June 7th at 3:00 in Davis, Ca. With a win, they can advance to the semi-finals and final game on Sunday, June 8th. The girls have had a great spring season coached by Tina Estrada.

PGSL Champs

Pleasanton Girls Softball League (PGSL) highlights:

Major Black: Hopyard Alehouse 5, Amador Valley Optometric 4: Top-seeded Hopyard Alehouse won the Major-Black championship by rallying from a 3-0 deficit. Emma Garman hit a two-run, go-ahead double in the fifth inning to key the winning rally. Hannah Schott fielded a groundout at 1st base to seal the triumph under Coach O.C. Schott, her father. Olivia McGee and Hannah Haynie pitched well for the winners. McGee also drove in Hopyard Alehouse's first two runs, and Haynie went 2-for-3 with a double and a run. McGee, Kate Inman and Maddie Hildebrand hit singles for Hopyard Alehouse. Claire Armstrong and Lucia Castaneda scored on Garman's double, and Angel Duffy's sacrifice bunt drove in Garman for the eventual winning run. Hopyard Alehouse saw top defensive plays turned in by Courtney Beaudin, Armstrong, Duffy and McGee. Aniza Munoz and Haynie scored on McGee's two-run single in the third to put Hopyard Alehouse on the scoreboard. Amador Valley Optometric was led offensively by singles from Michaela Cabral, Emily Yamasaki, Jorie Fanfa, Hailey Fanfa and Libby Schlag. Julia Camello had an RBI while Amador Valley Optometric's runs were scored by Hailey Fanfa, Yamasaki, Jaylah Abello and Sam Santana. Aliya Lubrin played great at shortstop. Top Players: Hopyard Alehouse - Emma Garman, Hannah Haynie, Olivia McGee; Amador Valley Optometric - Hailey Fanfa, Libby Schlag, Emily Yamasaki.

Livermore National LL

Livermore National Little League highlights:

Majors: LNLLA's 8, ANLL Reds 4: A great game was played Tuesday evening. Ryan Hanley and Jordan Canning started off the first inning with

hits giving the A's a 2-0 lead. Caelob Stimpson slammed a line drive to left field for a triple, making the score 4-0. In the 5th inning, Caelob hit a double and an error helped him along to 3rd. He then came home on an error by the pitcher. Caelob also almost had a no hitter with his pitching. Jordan Canning had two great stops at short stop and firing to 1st base to Drew Dillion and Jacob Dennett. Jacob Hutchinson also had a great catch at second base tagging out the runner. With the A's closer, pitcher Jacob Dennett the A's won final score 8-4.

AAA Division: Red Sox 14, Giants 9: For the Red Sox, Corey Stimpson hit a lead-off double in the 4th. Sean Stotts hit a lead-off single in the 3rd. Gio Fuentes had a great day of hitting including a double that brought in 2 RBIs. Xavier "Xavi" Lortie hit a single and a double bringing in 4 RBIs. Brayden Nunes hit a single and a double bringing in 3 RBIs. Tommy Wisely III made an impressive catch in left field ending the 1st inning. For the Giants, Michael Anolin had a good day on the mound. James Foley ran the bases well and Grady Harris had a nice hit.

Pirates 5, Red Sox 4: This was the last regular season game for both teams and it was a close battle all the way to the end. Thanks to great pitching, solid defense, and aggressive base running, the Pirates were able to squeeze out the win and end the regular season in 1st place with a record of 16 wins and 4 losses. The Pirates are led by coach Steve Griffith and their roster includes Tanner Griffith, Cameron Angotti, Zachary Sousa, Kytler Green, Connor Morgan, John Stangl, Mike Ayler, Riley Scott, Dominic Gozzo, Sebastian Krinard, Angel Ixta, and Kade Ornellas. For the Red Sox: Anthony Molleson struck out 7 batters. Thomas McKnight had a great offensive game including a lead off single in the 2nd. Second baseman Corey Stimpson and first baseman

Xavi Lortie made a skillful double play. Michael West slid under the tag and stole home.

Red Sox 15, Giants 4: For the Red Sox, pitcher Anthony Molleson hurled a solid 3 innings striking out 7 batters. Corey Stimpson pitched a scoreless 4th inning. Thomas McKnight drove in 2 runs with a single in the 1st and hit a lead-off single in the 3rd. Tommy Wisely III had the crowd celebrating when he hit a lead-off triple in the 3rd. Larry Wisely had a lead-off single in the 4th and stole 2nd and 3rd base. Christian Grenier had 2 impressive hits and made great defensive stops behind home plate.

Giants 14, A's 3: The Giants played well with great pitching and hitting from the team. Three players made their pitching debuts and proved they could get the job done on the mound. London Bishop, Jadel Salgado and Jonathan Lindberg all pitched well leading the Giants to victory. For the A's, Ryan McKenzie made some great plays at shortstop while Carter Purl shined with some A's RBIs.

Yankees 14, A's 2: In the first play-off round the A's suffered a loss as a 4th inning rally ended after a controversial call at first was challenged by the Yankees. In this case the tie did not go to the runner and Hayden Henry was called out ending the game. Lukas Sifter, Cody Franco and Chase Bright also had a good show at the plate.

Giants 16, A's 5: Although the final score doesn't show it, this was a close game through the 4th inning. A late game rally by Giants and some

errors helped in securing the victory advancing the Giants into the next round. A's had some nice offense with RBI's by Chance Bright and Ben Rho. Chance also pitched a stellar game until he hit his pitch limit and was replaced by pitcher Carter Purl. Timothy Cowan knocked a ball into the green for double. Jake Beers did a nice job covering center field fielding many balls which were hit deep.

A Division: A's vs. Nationals: A's player Michael Mussari was awarded player of the game for his hard hit balls and exceptional defensive plays on the field. Honorable mentions were given to Ryan Loder and Hartley Weichert, as they both made great plays in field and from the plate. For the Nationals, Hayden Hobbs hit his first grand slam of the season far into the center field, bringing in four runs for his team. Later in the third inning, Hayden had another huge hit and knocked a homerun into the left field. Michael Riccardi had a hard hit to third base, securing a single and bringing in a run for his team. Michael also played solid defense while playing third base in the third inning. Mason Caldeira had great hits throughout the game, scoring four runs for his team. Mason also played great defense while playing catcher. Raul Moreno had a huge hit when he smashed the ball far into the center field and got a triple. Raul also assisted in two outs while playing second base.

Rangers vs. Nationals: For the Nationals, Joel Indrebo hit a double into center field. Joel also played great defense, assisting on an out while

playing shortstop. Aiden Bessolo crushed the ball far into center field for a double to bring in two runs for his team. Bessolo also played strong defense when he fielded the ball and got an out at third base. Carson Kolte got all three outs in the second inning and hit two doubles. Cayden Trinta showed excellent hitting skills throughout the game, including a huge hit into left center field. Cayden also played great defense while playing 2nd base and catcher. Mason Caldeira hit a double when he crushed the ball far into left field and he played strong defense at third base.

Giants vs. Pirates: It was a windy day for baseball, but both the Giants and the Pirates played outstanding games. For the Giants, Elias Ferran made great defensive plays as shortstop to keep the base runners from advancing. Orion Martinez showed strong hitting in his at bats and brought in a runner. JJ Verceles did an excellent job covering right field and assisted in an out.

A's vs. Giants: A's Player of the Game was awarded to Hartley Weichert, whose great hitting skills were on display and his defense from both third and the pitcher's mound was spot on. On the Giants, Orion Martinez continued to wow the crowds with his impressive hitting. Elias Ferran tagged 2 players out in the same inning as the 1st baseman. JJ Verceles played great

defense as catcher, barely missing the out when a player slid home. Andrew Mitchell hit a grand slam home run in the play of the game for the Giants

Granada Little League

Granada Little League results:

Farm: A's vs. Phillies: Saturday morning the A's played their final and best game of the season against the Phillies. The game went 5 innings with the A's offense getting 35 singles and 14 doubles, with 8 players going 5 for 5. Four "out of the park doubles" were hit by Lane Curtin, Marco Gozon, and Tyler Kennedy (2). The A's defense put out 20 Phillies. Top fielding today by the whole team. A double play in the first inning by Zachary Lindstrom and Anthony Ponce. The fourth inning had three fly balls caught in a row by Mason Ravera (P), Robert Hansen (2nd), and Dawson Kerezsi (SS). Diego Silva contributed three put outs (1st & SS), while Ian Leavertton contributed one at 2nd. Carson Williams and Zachary Lytle had a great showing as well.

AAA Division: Yankees 1, Diamondbacks 9: In game 2 of the best of three championship series for the GLL AAA crown, the DBacks prevailed over the Yankees, 9 to 1. The victory sealed the championship for the resilient DBacks who had won game one 17-7. The Yankees had a great season ending fourth in regular play

SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore Mavericks 12U brought home a first place win from the NSA Bay Area Summer Classic in Hayward on May 31/June 1. All players contributed in many ways all weekend to ensure the victory. Pictured (Left to right, front row) are Juliana Santiago, Ally Gordon and Delilah Corral; (middle row) Ally Sprugasci, Sabrina Pertica, Jay Louangrath, Anna Ramirez and Brianna Wheelock; (back row) Coach Jose Santiago, Coach Steve Pepperdine, Rachael Gomez, Kylie Roberts, Melanie Laronde and Coach John Sprugasci; missing from photo is Coach Doug Roberts.



Pictured are Tri-Valley Aquatics swimmers Ryan Ridosko, first place in ages 9-10, and Hunter Rohovit. Rohovit placed first in the 8 and under age group.



West Coast Wrath U13 girls were unbeaten in the 2014 Orange Bowl Tournament and were runners-up based on a one-point deficit. The team coached by Kendra Perry included TylerRene Enderlein, Kylie Karter, Janessa Sanchez, Camryn Hunsinger, Regan Mah, Steffanie Angelo, Kate Wallace, Allyssa George, Abby Hoobing, Savannah Seals, Brianna Radliff, Kaila Vasconez, Francesca Hyde, Aryanna Shakoor and guests Leila Anzo, Monique Reil "Mo", and Jessa Lyons.



The Phillies beat the Red Sox 7-5 in the final game to win the Granada Little League Major's division tournament. (Pictured are (back, from left) Coach Scott Krauss, Manager Jeff Vengley, Nicholas Melendez, Brandon Lepley, Thomas Vi, Dylan Krauss, Jackson Wolfe, Noah Vengley, Jacob Keeler, Coach Rich Keeler; (front row) Coach Tim Shepard, David Olmsted, Zachary Mustapha, Bryce Beesley, Koston Markham, Lucas Shepard, coach John Stack, coach Doug Olmsted.



2014 Granada Little League Major League Champion Red Sox team pictured include (top, from left) Coach Dave Eastman, Theodore Dean, Logan Finch, Ben Morrisroe, Jenson Roldan, Coach Jeff Tudor, Mike Balzarini, Miles Rasmussen, Coach Ryan Chance; (bottom) Joey Keller, James Young, Quinn Tudor, Mason Eastman, and Caleb Chance; not present Jacob Flury.



Livermore Fusion U13 Girls Maroon defender Nicole Fairbanks controls the ball and ultimately leads her team to victory.



The West Coast Soccer Wolves U13 soccer team lit up Ajax United for an 8 - 0 score. The Wolves dominated throughout the game with excellent ball movement developing quality scoring opportunities. Matteo Crivello led the offense with his first hat trick of the season scoring 3 goals. The shutout was preserved by Brandon Page early in the second half when he saved a penalty kick.



Livermore Girls Softball Association 8U Champions - The Lady Bulldogs!



Pictured are the Granada Little League AAA Division champions (front row) Chase Kerezsi, Dylan Corker, Kyle Benko, Tyler Eaton, Jordan Fritz; (back row) Zachary Kramer, Kieran Campbell, Jacob Sisto, Peter Storjohann, Will Wentworth, Colin Pearce, and Coaches Scott Eaton, Eric Storjohann, Mark Sisto, and Mike Fritz.



The Fusion SC 00 Gold team pictured (from back, left to right) Izzy Midgley, Alaina Sekany, Camille La Blanc, Katherine Lewis, Samantha Kwan, Kaitlin Krakoski, Emily March, Lauren Meeker, Lauren Moore, Coach Frank Vitale, Kalea Bartolotto, Christine Aredo, Abby Harnish, Cassidy Bates, Kennedy Griffith, Abby Frasier, Sophia Gallardo and Lindsay Harnish.



West Coast Fury U-11 girls completed the Spring Nor Cal season by claiming the Region 2-3 Division Championship.

and then knocking off the first seed A's in playoff action. The Dbacks also had a great year ending in second and then proceeded to knock the 3rd place Rangers out of the playoffs before facing the Yankees in the final series. The final game was anchored by the strong pitching efforts of the Dbacks' Wentworth, Pearce and Sisto. The trio combined with solid defense to allow one run on 6 hits, 2 walks and no errors. The Dback offense was led by Sisto (3 for 3 with 3 RBI) and Kramer (1 for 3 triple for 2 RBI). Storjohann, Fritz and Wentworth were impressive with two hits each. In total, the Dbacks' bats were again loud as they amassed 14 hits over the 6 innings. Ryan Martin led the way for the Yankees with a 2 for 2 effort with 1 RBI.

4 new FW. Jaewoo Kim - 1 best time. Tom Li - 2 best times, all new FW. Andy Liu - 2 best times. Brycen Martin - 3 best times. Jovanni Shen - 2 best times. Alexander Smedley - 5 best times. Aiden Wong - 1 best time. 11-12 Girls: Elisabeth Balicanta - 4 best times. Kyra Black - 100% best times. Megan Chung - 5 best times. Emily Claridge - 2 best times - Katherine Cory - 3 best times. Isabelle Dion - 3 best times. Medha Gautham - 3 best times. Grace Kim - 5 best times. Kaela Lee - 4 best times. Mackenzie Lee - 4 best times. Jocelyn Martin - 4

best times. Emily Nie - 2 best times. Julie Qian - 2 best times. Vasuki Rao - 100% best times. Stephanie Shao - 3 best times. Nicole Stiles - 5 best times. Gwyneth Wong - 3 best times. Sophia Xing - 4 best times. 11-12 Boys: Calvin David - 3 best times. Timothy Ding - 5 best times. Ryan Fortani - 3 best times. Aaron Lee - 2 best times and 2 JO's. Andrew Li - 100% best times. Aaron Lin - 2 best times Fw in 100 Breast.. Robert

Mitu - 4 best times. Alex Ren - 2 best times. Jalen Shen - 4 best times. Madhav Vats - 2 best times. Andrew Wang - 1 best time. Eric Wu - 1 best time. 13-14 Girls: Fallon Brown - 2 best times. Hannah Franzwa - 5 best times. Morgan Gallagher - 2 best times. Daniella Hawkins - 1 best time. Miranda Heckman - 2 best times. Meghan Hogue - 4 best times. Nawoo Kim - 100% best times. Marissa Lawrence - 4 best times. Victoria

Luo - 2 best times. Alison Martin - 3 best times. Amanda Mobley - 2 best times. Christy Neufeld - 2 best times. Isabelle Smedley - 4 best times. 13-14 Boys: Mattias Blanco - 4 best times. Calvin Chui - 3 best times. Jonah Cooper - 1 best time. Pieter Cory - 3 best times. Andre Dion - 2 best times. Christopher Jhong - 100% best times. Kyle Kenny - 5 best times. Tyler Lu - 5 best times. Alexander Luo - 2 best times. Matthew Neufeld - 2 best times. Moritz Tamm - 1 best time. Jack Wilkerson - 3 best times. Bryce Wong - 2 best times. Nicholas Wonosaputra - 5 best times. Nathan Yates - 6 best times.

Caroline Gjerde, Taylor Rohovit, Valeria Yefimova, David Gjerde, Samuel Ridosko, Elizabeth Reimer, Tessie Scavone, Erika Yang, Caleb Bitting, Farel Harimawan, Patrick Ren, Grant Yap, Katherine Tsui, Wolfgang Lachance, Cole Reznick, Jordan

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Tri-Valley Aquatics

Twenty-two swimmers from the Tri-Valley Aquatics traveled to Carson City, Nevada last weekend to compete in the annual Intermountain Classic. Two swimmers, Hunter Rohovit and Ryan Ridosko earned the highest number of points overall by finishing in the top three in every event they raced. Hunter Rohovit, Ryan Ridosko,

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Pleasanton Seahawks

The swimmers representing the Pleasanton Seahawks raced their hearts out at the Tiger Memorial Day Weekend Meet in Stockton. Many new best times were achieved along with Junior Olympic and Far Western cuts. 8&U Girls: Paige Bennett - 4 best times. Alcina Kenny - 2 best times. Cynthia Li - 4 best times. Dahlia Versteeg - 1 best time. Maya Wang - 1 best time. 8&U Boys: Adam Valentine - 3 best times. Dominick Wonosaputra - 4 best times. 9-10 Girls: Farrah Brown - 100% best times - 2 new FW cuts 50/100 back. Christina Coatney - 100% best times - Adora Do - 2 best times. Nikita Gautham - 3 best times. Lauren Jhong - 100% best times - new FW 50 free. Aria Harris - 5 best times. Breuklynn Harris - 4 best times. Elinor Kry - 100% best times. Aven Lee - 2 best times. Sydney Lu - 3 best times. Vaishnavi Rao - 100% best times. Sophia Stiles - 4 best times. Chandra Tien - 100% best times. Christina Tsai - 100% best times. Crystal Wang - 1 best time. Mica Wang - 5 best times. 9-10 Boys: Maximillian Cory - 4 best times. Akshay Gupta - 3 best times. Bryson Huey - 100% best times

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Runners of all ages headed out on the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation 6th Annual Hook and Ladder Run on June 1 at Wente Vineyards in Livermore. The day included a 5K run/walk, a 10K run and a Kids 1 mile fun run. The event benefits the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation a non-profit that supports: Injured and Fallen Firefighters and their families, the Burn Foundation and local charities in the Tri-Valley.

Student Launches His Own Candy Business Using Family Recipes

By Carol Graham

Rich. Chocolatey. Smooth. Sweet.

Confirming Eric Weber's mouth-watering description of the fudge he makes and sells for his new local business Eric's Fudged Confections, one customer added, "I have not enjoyed fudge since Mackinac Island with my grandparents in the 70s. Now that was good fudge, and this really takes me back. It is the only fudge that compares."

Another customer called it "weapons-grade fudge," using a term that describes a substance pure enough for weaponry use, notably uranium and plutonium.

In fact, Eric considered naming his business Weapons Grade Fudge, before considering Fudge It!, and eventually landing on Eric's Fudged Confections.

"I hoped the name would catch the eye of potential customers and maybe make them smile," said Eric, a seventeen-year-old Livermore resident. "I was inspired in many different ways to start the business, the main one was the fudge itself."

Eric uses a family recipe and only the finest ingredients: bittersweet Ghirardelli chips and marshmallows made without artificial colors, which will soon be replaced by homemade marshmallows to additionally eliminate corn syrup and artificial flavors.

"My family has been making fudge for generations, and we have given it to friends as holiday gifts since before I can remember," said Eric. "When I was around 12, my dad, sister and I looked into the idea of a fudge business somewhat seriously. We love the local Farmers' Markets, and thought it would be great to sell our fudge there. However, we quickly realized that the various legal

requirements, particularly that of preparing the fudge in a commercial kitchen, made it far too expensive and risky to do something like that."

The 2013 enactment of the California Homemade Food Act allowed Eric to



make his goal a reality.

"The idea for this particular business at this particular time came from stumbling across the cottage food act during one of my classes," said Eric, who is home-schooled. "While reading it, I realized how it would make a fudge business suddenly much more manageable. From there, it was simply a matter of making the stars align to get Eric's Fudged Confections up and running."

With graduation, Father's Day and summer get-togethers around the corner, Eric is poised to help people effortlessly offer the perfect gift.

"Delivery to anywhere in Livermore is currently free," said Eric. "Orders for delivery will arrive within five business days of being processed. Orders for pickup must be made during the week prior to scheduled pick up. Due to legal restrictions, Eric's Fudged Confections does not mail its fudge."

Currently, Eric offers three flavors - classic chocolate fudge, chocolate fudge with nuts, and rocky road fudge - in two sizes: small, \$15, and large, \$25. In the future, Eric plans to offer English Toffee along with more fudge flavors including caramel (with both salted and burnt variations), mint, raspberry, orange and coconut. He also hopes to offer his confections at local Farmers' Markets, the County Fair and local wineries.

As for encouraging other young entrepreneurs, Eric has learned a thing or two

he's happy to pass along.

"The most important thing, which is not something I expected to learn, is how useful asking for help from the right people can be," he said. "Make a plan, take some risks, start your business and don't look back. Don't be discouraged by the mistakes you make or the problems you face. Focus on the solutions and successes. The most interesting and successful people in the world don't wait for success to come to them. They go out and find it."

To order or for more information, visit fudgedconfections.com, or Eric's Fudged Confections on Facebook.

Interim Director Named by LAVTA

Kathleen Kelly has been appointed interim Executive Director of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the Wheels bus system in the Tri-Valley. The appointment is effective immediately.

"The LAVTA Board of Directors are delighted to have Kelly join Wheels as the interim Executive Director. During her time here, Kelly will help lead an executive search for the successor of the Executive Director position at LAVTA," says Chair of the Board, Jerry Thorne.

Kelly is currently the Principal of Kathleen Kelly Consulting, providing consulting services for transportation management and financial planning. Prior to that, Kelly spent nearly 16 years with AC Transit, where she served in several capacities, including Budget Manager, Planning Manager,

Vasco Urbano: A New Way To Rhone in Livermore

by Laura Ness

One fall afternoon after lunch, young winemaker Collin Cranor was in downtown Livermore and had a few minutes to burn before returning to the winery, so he dropped into the Livermore Heritage Guild's Carnegie Museum. Looking for inspiration to drive the creation of a new label, he brainstormed with the ladies and was pointed to a book called "Vasco's Livermore," written by local authors and history lovers, Anne Marshall Homan and Richard W. Finn.

The book is a delightful collection of hundred-year-old portraits by Australian caricaturist Vasco Urbano Loureiro, who was born in London to Portuguese parents, and educated in Australia, where he studied drawing at the National Gallery of Victoria Schools.

An itinerant artist with a penchant for travel, he came to Livermore in the pre-Prohibition days, toting a tin box of crayons. He happened into the Hub Saloon and began to sketch the patrons, charging 50 cents or a dollar for each caricature.

Loureiro was gathering material for a book that he tentatively called "Around the World on a Pencil."

Before leaving for his next stop, Seattle, the artist sketched 43 caricatures, all of which were proudly displayed in the Saloon, even through Prohibition, when it became a soft drink parlor.

In 1932, the caricatures were put on display at Dan's Place, operated by Daniel August Berry, a subject of one of the caricatures. They remained there until the city of Livermore condemned the building in 1962. Subsequently, the artwork was stored in barn, which caught fire: fortunately, Daniel Berry's son managed to save the drawings.

When the collection came to the attention of

Livermore resident, historian and genealogy fan, Dick Finn, he presented them to Anne Homan, Livermore historian and author. The two decided to collaborate on a book, researching the lives of the 43 men depicted in the collection and the life of the artist, Vasco, who died at age 38 as a result of injuries incurred during the first World War.

Collin was instantly taken by the amusing caricatures the artist had rendered of Livermore citizenry, and thought they would make wonderful wine labels. The seed of a great idea had been planted. The concept of Vasco Urbano Winery began to take shape.

Cranor says his decision to create another brand came from the burgeoning number of wines he found himself making. There were too many ethreads and he felt it was getting confusing.

"Just a few years ago, I had only 40 barrels. I could track them all on one spreadsheet and one white board. All of a sudden, I have 602 barrels, two full time guys in the cellar and we're doing our own lab work. My philosophy went from 'Bring it on! Let's try this, let's try that!' to 'Focus,'" says Cranor.

It's been really hard to focus when he gets such great pleasure out of trying new methods and techniques, both in the vineyard and in the cellar. It's far more than just playing with different oak barrels and coopers and trying new yeasts: he and Julio Covarrubias are endlessly experimenting in the vineyard.

Cranor says that Vasco Urbano is strictly Rhones: for now, that includes Viognier, Grenache, Mourvedre, Syrah and Petite Sirah. The Nottingham Cellars brand will focus on Bordeaux style wines, as well as Chardonnay.

This Saturday, June 7, marks the official launch of Collin Cranor's new brand, proudly located on the road

that bears the artist's name. There's a lovely Grenache Rose from the Ghielmetti Vineyard and a Viognier from Arroyo Seco, along with a vineyard designated Grenache, as well as a Livermore-sourced GSM blend called "The Sheriff."

You're invited to check out these wines at the new Vasco Urbano Wine Company tasting room, which is festooned with large format renderings of the labels featuring the caricatures Loureiro sketched almost 100 years ago. Complete with a 1910 Model T out front, the entire place will exude the atmosphere of an old saloon, complete with giant mirror and wooden bar. You'll feel right at home if you dress like Bonnie and Clyde.

The authors of the book, "Vasco's Livermore," will be in the house to lend their autographs. There will be music and food, and of course, a local caricaturist will be on hand to help capture the mood of this celebratory moment. The winery is located at 2245C South Vasco Road in Livermore.

Don't miss your chance to be artistically rendered on this happy occasion that celebrates both an artist with a box of crayons and a winemaker with a cellar full of barrels.

Their tireless pursuit of their particular passions led them both to fulfill at least the beginnings of their dreams. Somewhere, Vasco Urbano is smiling as he sees his compadres forever immortalized on the labels of the Valley's most exciting new Rhone wines.

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Wagner, Hannah Tsui, Jerry Gan, Thomas Gjerde, and Caleb Wagner competed against swimmers from all over California and Nevada.

Hunter Rohovit earned 1st place overall in his 8 and under age group helping his team win 7th place among 18 teams from all over California and Nevada. Swimming a total of 8 races, Rohovit broke team records in the 200 Freestyle 3:18.95, the 100 Backstroke 1:45.26, 50 Breaststroke 55:99, 100 Breaststroke 1:57.82, 50 Butterfly 48.41 and the 200 Individual Medley 3:42.05. Rohovit finished 1st in 7 events and placed 2nd in the 100 Backstroke.

Ryan Ridosko also earned the highest number of points in his age group of 9-10 year olds at Carson City's indoor 50 meter pool. Ridosko finished in the top three in all 10 events he swam in. He broke 6 team records swimming the 100 Free in 1:10.96, the 50 Back in 39.63 the 100 Back in 1:25.87, the 50 Fly in 36.54, the 100 Fly in 1:30.46 and the 200 IM in 2:54.74.

Ridosko also swam to qualify for the Far Western Championships in four events: the 50 Back, 100 Back, 50 Fly and the 100 Fly.

Caroline Gjerde, age 12, swam a 100 Backstroke in 1:17.75 breaking a long standing team record that was set in 2008. She came in 1st place in the 50 Backstroke and 2nd place in the 100 Backstroke.

Caleb Biting, age 13 swam a Junior Olympic qualifying time in the 200 Back 2:37.85 and the 200 Fly 2:45.52. Patrick Ren, 14, swam a 1:01.32 in the 100 Free qualifying him for the Junior Olympics in this event.

Grant Yap, 13, finished in the top three in four of the 8 events he swam in. He broke a team record in the 800 Free swimming it in 10:02.89.

Cole Reznick, 14, broke team records in the 400 Free 4:44.03 and 200 IM 2:31.72 and qualified for the Junior Olympics in the 200 Free 2:16.10 and the 200 IM.

Jordan Wagner, 14, finished in 3rd place in the 1500 Freestyle and broke a team record swimming it in 19:52.56.

Katherine Tsui, 16, finished 1st in the 200 Breaststroke and 2nd in the 100 Breaststroke. She earned a new Far Western qualifying time of 1:20.47 in the 100 Breast.

Wolfgang Lachance, 14, finished 1st in the 100 Back (1:08.19) and 200 Back (2:29.35) and 3rd place in the 200 Fly (2:39.79).

Elizabeth Reimer finished 2nd in her age group (13-14) in the 100 Freestyle (1:05.86).

Cole Reznick, 13, was a top 2 finisher in 4 events. 400 Free (4:44.03), 100 Breast 1:15.72, 200 Breast 2:45.26 and the 200 IM (2:31.72).

Farel Harimawan, 14,

Livermore Girls Softball

Livermore Girls Softball Association results:

8U Semifinals: Lady Bulldogs 3, Blue Hericanes 1. There were two big hits by the Lady Bulldogs, as Annabella Pedretti hit a RBI triple and Sydney Aguilar a RBI double. Jaden Morton, Saskia Raab, Sofia Raridan, and Lauren Melton also had key hits to spark the big rally. The Lady Bulldogs played solid defense all night, as Jaden Morton made a nice play at short stop, while pitcher Lauren Melton threw out a runner and Annabella Pedretti made a great stretch at first base for a clutch out. The Blue Hericanes put up a great fight and the coaches are very proud of the effort that the girls gave all season long.

8U Finals: Lady Bulldogs 3, Lady Sharks 0. Stellar pitching has been the theme all year long for the Lady Bulldogs, and it culminated in a combined no-hitter by pitchers Lauren Melton and Jaden Morton. Grace Heskett, Sofia Raridan, and Danielle Hanley caught a great game for them. Jaden Morton was 2-2 at the plate, played solid defense, and recorded two key outs. Donovan Morton made an incredible play at

rover to get the out at first, and also got a hit. Eliana Green, Saskia Raab, Sydney Aguilar, and Joely Wolfall had key hits to rally the Lady Bulldogs in the final inning. Annabella Pedretti hit a ground ball RBI that turned out to be the game winner. The coaches all talked about how special the team is, as the girls really gelled and worked hard throughout the season. The Lady Sharks also pitched extremely well and threw a shutout for the first 3 innings. Corynne Kohndrow pitched two scoreless innings and struck out three. Hannah Temple pitched two very good innings and made a great play earlier in the game at first base.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Fury U-11 girls completed the Spring Nor Cal season by claiming the Region 2-3 Division Championship. To reach 1st place the Fury had to win 3 straight this past weekend. Their run was impressive as they played three road games Friday, Saturday and Sunday and they proved to be true road warriors scoring 11 goals and giving up none.

Fury traveled to Walnut Creek Friday and put together their most impressive 60 minutes of soccer this season blasting Walnut Creek Extreme 6-0. If the score line wasn't impressive enough, the fact that Fury didn't allow a shot against them the whole game proved their dominance.

Saturday morning saw West Coast travel to nearby Pleasanton to take on Rage Orange. Despite finishing their last game a little more than 12 hours earlier, Fury once again imposed their will recording a 3-0 victory and allowing Rage to only 2 shots.

Under windy conditions and a terrible playing surface Sunday, Fury rolled up to Concord to play Diablo FC. 2 second half goals were the difference in this one as West Coast capped the weekend with a 2-0 victory.

The win on Sunday locked West Coast into 1st place and they were crowned the Region 2-3 division Champions. Fury will now head to the Nor Cal Regional Playoffs in Davis next weekend and are assured of a 2 or 3 seed. Fury has once again started quickly in the 2014 -15 campaign owning a 10-1-2 record to start the season. Since March of last season Fury has an overall record of 52-8-7.

West Coast Wrath U13 continued their good form and finished unbeaten in the Orange Bowl. They started off strong against the home Tracy team, and finished out 4-2 winners. Wrath pulled together a true team performance taking a 2-0 lead with goals from Kai and Alyssa. Tracy pulled back with a penalty to finish the half 2-1. Wrath came out strong in the 2nd half and stepped up their passing. Tyler scored from a free kick, which was quickly followed up with a second goal from Alyssa. Tracy never gave up and despite good defending from Wrath, they pulled back another goal to finish the game 4-2.

The second game was against gold spring league rivals Santa Rosa. Both teams came out playing hard, and determined to show-case their passing game. All the girls played hard and fought to a 1-1 draw. The Wrath goal was scored by Tyler. On Sunday, Wrath came out in the afternoon heat to play the Vacaville Vipers. Vacaville were a strong defensive team and Wrath had to showcase strength and depth to keep pressing forward while containing a lively Viper frontline. Tyler finally broke the deadlock, quickly followed with a second goal by Laila. As Wrath pushed forward, the Vipers continued to soak up pressure while pushing forward. They were rewarded and pulled back one goal - only to see Tyler score her second and stretch the lead back to two. Vipers continued to pressure Wrath and pulled back a second goal - but Wrath never gave up and finished 3-2 winners.

The final game was against Patterson. Wrath needed to win by at least three but also needed Santa Rosa to concede against Tracy. However, Wrath achieved their win and finished

strongly - remaining unbeaten and also scoring 6 goals - 2 for Steffanie, and one each for Kate, Savannah, Leila and Janessa. Brianna played an amazing tournament, keeping a final clean sheet, as well as making many finger-tipsaves. Apart from 7 different girls scoring, the team pulled together throughout with a special mention to defenders Regan, Aryanna, Kylie, Fran and of midfielder Camryn. Special thanks to Leila and two our younger wave guest players Monique Reil "Mo" Jessa Lyons - helping cover for injuries to Kate, Savannah and Abby during the two days.

Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion '09 Girls Maroon took Oregon by storm Memorial Day Weekend, playing five games with no goals scored against them. The girls made taking first place look easy as they played beautifully together as a team and never got down-even when the score in the final game was 0-0 with only about 15 minutes left. Scores for the games were 4-0, 2-0, 0-0, 2-0 and 2-0. Team members are Lauren Moore (guest player for the weekend), Jenni Kovisto, Daniela Walker, Sydney Duncan, Kiley Pohlmann, Catherine Ng, Krissy Keller, Kristen Heise, and coach Amber King, Lexi Salazar, Jessica Bonfiglio, Kylie Moore, Alyssa Bonfiglio, Ciara Martinez, Sydney Mendoza, and Lauren Martin.

Livermore Fusion U13 Girls Maroon finished league play undefeated, with a win this past weekend over San Ramon Azuri, 1-0. This puts the Fusion team securely in first place in region 3/4 and qualifies them for the regional playoffs this next weekend in Davis, CA.

The girls played a strong game against Azuri, possessing the ball the majority of the game. Despite their many opportunities, the girls were not connecting on their shots though. Then defender Nicole Fairbanks took the game into control. Working the ball up from the defense, Nicole created an opportunity by finding forward Nikki Trucco on the left side. Nikki put the ball across and forward Aly Silva finished, putting the Fusion team ahead.

The team will now move on to the Regional Playoffs. They will be representing regions 3, 4, and 5, an area combining the north bay and east bay, from Petaluma and Solano County down through Castro Valley and Fremont, and out to Walnut Creek, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Livermore. They will be facing teams from the Sacramento and Central CA regions to play for the championship.

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club 00 Girls Gold team locked up first place in spring league division play on Sunday, June 1, with a decisive 3-0 win against Atletico Santa Rosa Juventus. Strong play, both offensively and defensively, kept the ball on the Juventus side of the field with multiple shot opportunities for Fusion that just missed. Then, at fourteen minutes into the game, forward Christine Areduo put one in the back of the net for Fusion's first goal. At 38 minutes, center back Kaitlin Krakoski took the ball up to the midline and shot a long bomb that flew over the opposing keeper's hands, just under the crossbar, for a beautiful second goal that strengthened the team's lead to 2-0. Finally, at 65 minutes, right fullback Cassidy Bates brought the ball all the way up the field and fired in a beautiful cross to forward, Camille La Blanc. La Blanc's shot was deflected by the Juventus goalie, but she tapped in the rebound for the third and final goal of the game and a 3-0 victory. The game was also the ninth game in which the team has not allowed an opponent to score, extending their clean-sheet streak to nine games.

Pitcher Needed

The Mavericks FastPitch 12U Livermore team is looking for a pitcher with a DOB of 2001. Focus for this coming year is player development, play time and team growth as an A-team in a positive coaching atmosphere.

To schedule a private tryout or to learn more about the Mavericks organization please contact us at MavericksFastPitch@hotmail.com or visit www.mavericksfastpitch.com.

Father's Day Run

Start Father's Day under the arch in Downtown Pleasanton with Family and Friends. The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its 21st Annual Fathers' Day Spirit Run - presented by the accounting firm of Sensiba San Filippo, on Sunday at 8am, June 15 (Father's Day), in downtown Pleasanton.

Produced by The Rotary Club of Pleasanton, the day includes a 5k Run/Walk, 10k Run and three separate Kid's Challenge Races—for children ages 2-8. The 5k and 10k certified courses are flat and fast, using the monitored downtown streets of Pleasanton and a portion of the paved and un-paved scenic Arroyo Trails. The start and finish lines are located under, or very close to the Pleasanton arch, located on Main Street. The Kids' Challenge is a number of 100-yard dashes on Main Street, right underneath the arch.

Commemorative Tech T-shirts plus over \$3,000 in door prizes will be given out to all 5k and 10k participants. Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female finishers, as well as the first-place male and female Masters (over 50-years old) winners. In addition, medals are given three deep in designated age groups for both male and female participants. Each child participating in the Kids' Challenge will receive a finisher ribbon.

Entry fee is pre-registration: Kid's Challenge \$10, 5K and 10K, \$25 grades K-8, \$35 high school and adults, \$25 each for families of four or more. Race day registration: \$15, \$35, \$45 and \$35.

For more Spirit Run information, online registration, and/or an application, visit www.SpiritRun.com or call On Your Mark Race Events at

209-795-7832.

The 10K Race will start at 8 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.

Fusion SC Registration

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club has extended the regular registration period for the fall recreation program by another two weeks to June 15th. A late fee will be added to the registration cost for any player registering after this date. Players registering after June 30th will be added to a wait-list and placed on teams based on availability. Age groups start at U5 for both boys and girls. To register your child for the fall recreation soccer program, or to get more information, please visit the Fusion SC website at www.fusionsc.org or call the office at 925-443-7570. Although registration for the fall select program is now closed, those still interested in this more competitive program, please contact select@fusionsc.org for information on availability or to join the wait-list.

Tri For Fun

On Sunday, June 8, a field of close to 700 first-timer, few-timer, and many-timer triathletes will be on hand to kick-off On Your Mark Events' 27th annual Tri For Fun Triathlon Series (four triathlon events), at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, in Pleasanton.

The flat paved roads running through Pleasanton and Livermore, the Tri For Fun features a course distance of 400-yard Swim (warm, clean lake); 11-mile bike (loop course, flat streets); 3.1-mile run (rolling fire trail).

After the novice athletes master the first three Tri For Funs, they can meet the challenge of the final event - the Tri For Real. The final event of

the series is held at the same location, but the distances have been increased to 700-yard swim, 19-mile bike, and 4-mile run. The Tri For Real is also professionally timed, giving our official results.

The 2014 On Your Mark Tri For Fun Series dates are June 8, July 19, and August 16. The Tri-For-Real will be held on September 14. All races will start at 7:00 a.m., at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton.

The three Tri For Fun triathlons are non-timed and non-competitive. A clock is provided at finish line for participants to view their personal time. Triathletes can choose to participate in this mode, or they can officially chipped-timed. Should participants choose to be timed, their results will be recorded and posted on the On Your Mark Events' website's results page.

Entry fee for the three Tri For Funs is \$65 (non-timed) and \$73 (chip timed) in advance. \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$180 (non-timed) and \$188 (chip timed), \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments, snacks, and entry into the always-exciting raffle (must be present to win). For September's Tri For Real, all participants are chip timed (\$75.00 advance, and \$85.00 day-of). Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$210, \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. The Tri For Real includes the same goodies as the Tri For Funs, with addition of 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 also available on Active.com.

SHORT NOTES

Grant Workshop

The Las Positas College Cooperative Collection--an arrangement between the college and the Foundation Center of New York--will host a free intermediate-level workshop for non-profit organizations seeking funds from foundations, corporations, and grant making public charities.

The workshop will be led by a grant seeking and development expert, Sara Jo Nuebauer, of the San Francisco Foundation Center. It will offer advanced tips and suggestions on how best to identify funding sources for non-profit organizations and will highlight new and efficient methods for identification of funding sources specific to attendee organizations.

The event will include a hands-on demonstration of the Foundation Directory Online, the Foundation Center's top-tier searchable database providing information on more than 91,000 grant makers and more than a million grant records.

It will be held on Monday, June 9, 2014 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM in Building 2400, Room 2416. Registration is required and available online at: www.laspositascollege.edu/fccc. As a community outreach effort of Las Positas College, there is no charge for admission but visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551.

Homemade Ice Cream

Homemade Ice Cream in the Park will be the program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sunday, June 8. Meet Ranger Doug Sousa at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Have you ever used an old-fashioned hand-cranked ice cream maker? Here's a chance for your family to give it a whirl. While the kids work hard to make us a delicious treat, the adults will relax and enjoy a beautiful afternoon in the park. Please plan to donate \$3 per person to help cover the cost of supplies.

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

Dance Social

D.J. Geri Foley will play old and new tunes for adults 55 and over who wish to practice their tango, waltz, cha-cha, or two-step. Dancers are encouraged to wear their dancing shoes, or they may relax and listen to their old favorites.

The dance social will take

place on Friday, June 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Danville Senior Center, 115 E. Prospect Avenue, located in the heart of downtown Danville. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is recommended.

The cost is \$6 for residents, \$7 for non-residents and \$10 at the door. For more information or to register, please call the Danville Senior Center at (925) 314-3490.

Free Fair Tickets

TV30 will be giving away two tickets daily to the Alameda County Fair to "Lucky Fans" for admission to the Fair. Drawings will be held from June 9 until June 18, 2014. If you are a TV30 "Lucky Fan" you could be a winner!

Becoming eligible is easy. Go to the Tri-Valley TV website at www.tv30.org and click on the "Lucky Fan" icon. Once you've entered, that's it. If your name is drawn the station will contact you and announce your name on TV30 as well as on the Tri-Valley TV Facebook page. A person can enter as many times as they want. There is no cost or obligation.

Girl Power

Starting June 16, 2014, Girl Power offers two one week summer camps covering the Girl Power Program. The program includes fun experiential activities like yoga, guided visualization, free dance, a photo shoot, meditation, creating dream boards, drawing personal grem-lins (no experience necessary), painting, a little acting, enjoying videos and more, all geared to raise self-esteem, enlighten, uplift, encourage, and connect with new friends. Each week will be geared to either 10-14 year old middle-school girls, or those in high school from 13-19 years of age.

Subjects covered are personal values, creating your own path, body image and the messages of media, health and nutrition, the power of choice, intuition, creating healthy relationships, being your own kind of leader and using your voice in your unique way. Teens are asked to bring a bag lunch and any snacks for their day.

Check out our web site for program costs, dates and details: www.GirlPower4life.org. Parents may want to read this article about how the arts boost self-esteem: http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/music-arts/turn-to-the-arts-to-boost-self-esteem/

Camp will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore

OBITUARIES

Melvin (Mel/Mitch)**Jay Mitchell**

Melvin (Mel/Mitch) Jay Mitchell also known as "Pops," born February 18, 1940 went home to be with the Lord surrounded by family on May 23, 2014, after a brief battle with colon cancer. His joyful spirit and sense of humor will be deeply missed by his family and those who knew him and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alice and Jack Mitchell (Utah), his mother and father-in-law Bernice and Elbert Holding (Utah), wife Carolyn Holding Mitchell (Las Vegas), daughter-in-law, Sandy Mitchell (Livermore), grandchildren, Corrina, Jason, Amber, Sierra, Sonny, and Jeri Mitchell (Livermore)

Melvin is survived by his three sons Scott, Dennis, and Bryan Mitchell all of Livermore. His daughters-in-law, Robyn and Sandee Mitchell of Livermore, six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, sister Alice Bohne of Idaho and extended family in Utah.

A viewing will be held Friday June 6, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Callahan Mortuary 3833 East Avenue, Livermore Services will be held Saturday June 7, 2014 at Christian World Church, 3820 East Avenue in Livermore at 10am.

John Sanders

Oct. 13, 1937-May 19, 2014 Livermore, CA

John passed away peacefully at home with family and friends by his side. Born to Fred and Grace Sanders in Bridgeport, AL, John enlisted in the Navy in 1955 and was discharged at the Alameda Naval



Base on Dec. 16, 1958 and decided to make California his home. In Feb., 1959, John joined the Los Altos Fire Department where he was employed for 30 years; for 20 of those years he was Fire Chief for Los Altos.

He leaves behind his wife of 52 years, Fran, sons Jon, Doug and Steve; granddaughters Denise, Phoebe and Chloe; grandsons Kyran and Kayvon.

Family and friends are what mattered to him the most and after that it was Tuesday golf with his buddies.

Dorothy Reinstein Lamee

Dorothy Reinstein Lamee, 87, died May 29, 2014, with her family by her side

in Livermore, Ca.

Dorothy was born and raised on a ranch in Livermore and graduated from Livermore High School. On September 11, 1949, she married Howard Lamee. They had four sons: Nathan, Paul, Robert and James. Dorothy took much pride in her Danish heritage and was an active member of the Livermore Danish Lodge. Dorothy believed in family and spending time together. This was especially apparent each summer when she would take all five of her grandchildren to her cabin on the delta.

Dorothy is survived by her husband Howard, four sons, two daughters-in-law, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held on June 7, 2014, at 1PM. For location and directions please call Nathan and Carol Lamee at 925-449-0343. A special thank you to everyone at Quail Garden and Hope Hospice for their care and kindness to Dorothy and her family.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Dorothy's memory to Hope Hospice.

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PARKS

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the future, at the projected 78,000 population buildout, there would be a 19 acre deficit if no new parkland were added. However, currently there are plans already under way to develop Phase Two on the Bernal Community Park site. The potential for additional parkland development as a result of the Staples Ranch and East Side Specific Plan could add even more park acreage in the future.

Andrade-Wax noted that survey results indicated that 94% of the city's residents use parks, facilities and/or trails annually; and 86% of the community three to four times a week. Survey results also indicated that 98% of the community was "somewhat to extremely satisfied" with the city's current parks, facilities and/or trails.

New or enhanced programs and services that would be beneficial now and in the future include youth and teen programs; physical fitness, health and well being; inclusion of special needs populations; strengthening outdoor recreation opportunities; cultural arts and community events; and aquatics.

She noted that 57 percent of the city's population is over the age of 35; 50 percent of the city is comprised of households without children. Those numbers will have an impact on programs and facilities.

Currently, facilities and additions needed to meet existing demand include a community center, large off-leash dog park, one large skate park, and lighted synthetic turf multi-use sports fields. In the future, facili-

ties needed are projected to be one baseball field, an additional off-leash dog park, one recreational swimming pool, and six lighted tennis courts. Andrade-Wax noted that the city should work with the school district to share the use of tennis courts. If an agreement were not reached, additional courts above the six mentioned would be needed.

The city should also pursue public-private or public-nonprofit partnerships to provide additional or enhanced programs. Andrade-Wax provided as an example working with the Museum on Main to provide programs at the Alviso Adobe Park.

There is a need to emphasize opportunities for improved trail connectivity, said Andrade-Wax. The survey found that the activity that most residents engage in involves trails, with 65 percent walking, running, jogging or riding along the trails.

The master plan recommends identifying funds to develop a renovation program for actively used facilities that display deferred maintenance issues or need to be updated. City owned or maintained facilities include: Amador Theater, Century House, Cultural Arts Building, Nature House and the sports office and concession building at the sports park.

Andrade-Wax noted that meeting rooms and places to hold banquets and group celebrations are high on the list of what residents want.

Mayor Jerry Thorne, commented, "This is a great

document. The big challenge will be finding the funding. Partnerships make a lot of sense."

KEN MERCER SPORTS PARK

The council voted 4 to 1 to rename the Pleasanton Sports and Recreation Park the Ken Mercer Sports Park in honor of the late mayor.

The vote bypassed a recommended five year waiting period after someone has died before naming a park after the person.

Karla Brown was the lone "no." She said that she wanted to respect the policy approved by previous leaders. "I am not disagreeing that something should be named for him. I would prefer a community facility that did not require a five year wait, or placing a plaque in his honor in the park. Ben Tarver was a great leader. Some out there think a park should be named for him."

Mayor Jerry Thorne, Jerry Pentin, Kathy Narum and Cheryl Cook-Kallio all said that they would vote the same way five years from now.

Cook-Kallio stated, "The sports park is fitting. It is the thing he talked about the most."

Thorne noted that Mercer's impact was way broader than a sports park. Stoneridge Mall and Hacienda Business Park were cited as becoming realities under his leadership. "I don't see how my or anyone else's opinion will change in five years."

Mercer's daughter, Shelly Despotakis, said "The one thing that would make him happy would be naming the sports park after him."

DSRSD Institutes Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage Rates

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage Rates went into effect Sunday, June 1, 2014.

According to the District, the main purpose of the water shortage rates is to provide an economic incentive to all customers to use less water during this drought emergency. If a customer reduces water use by thirty-five percent (the water savings goal of Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage Rates), and used no more than 25,432 gallons per week (Tier 2 or below), the customer's bill will decrease three to five percent. If, however a customer does not use less water, the bill will increase approximately five percent for Tier 1 customers, twenty percent for Tier 2 customers, and thirty-five percent for Tier 3 customers.

Water shortage rates are

needed to generate additional revenue in order to fund conservation related expenses during the emergency. Most of the additional revenue will be generated from customers who did not curtail their water use by thirty-five percent. The Board of Directors approved a budget of \$300,000 for expenses during the emergency. A portion of that will be covered by the Stage 3 rates and a portion will come from the reserves.

Most of the District's water operating costs are fixed, regardless of how much or how little water it serves its customers. "Our rates are based on the full cost of service and clearly defined standards of operation," says Interim Financial Services Manager John Archer.

To help customers monitor water use patterns and

history, the District has a new customer portal called AquaHawk Alerting. Customers can access AquaHawk at <https://dsrsd.aquahawk.us/>.

AquaHawk enables customers to view their consumption over a period of time and to set their own personal billing and water consumption thresholds and receive text or email alerts. To register, customers simply need their account number.

Archer says, "In addition, I'd like our customers to remember the Zone 7 wholesale rate they charge the District for water comprises about sixty percent of a customer's bill. So if Zone 7 were to raise its rates in response to the drought conditions, that would automatically pass through to our customers."

a loss.

Since Gregerson became CEO in March, he and the board have pared at least \$2

million of annual operating expenses, including the lay-off of 24 full-time equivalent positions.

Portable hydrogen fuel cells to provide greener, more sustainable power

Clean hydrogen power that's expected to lower emissions and reduce energy consumption will be coming to the Port of Honolulu in 2015 after the completion of a new fuel cell technology demonstration, one that could lead to a commercial technology for ports worldwide.

The work comes on the heels of last year's study and analysis that confirmed the viability of hydrogen fuel cells to provide auxiliary power to docked or anchored ships. Hydrogen researchers at Sandia National Laboratories have joined with several partners in the follow-up project, which will result in a portable, self-contained hydrogen fuel cell unit that can float on a barge, sit on a dock or be transported to wherever it's needed to provide electrical power.

Ports have been a major source of water and air pollution in the U.S. but remained relatively unregulated until recent years. As ports have begun to expand and their impact on the environment has become more apparent, port operators

face a variety of regulations. Many ports have begun to enact sustainability goals or adopt green practices, and that's where fuel cells can play a role.

"No one has ever built this kind of custom unit for this purpose," said Sandia's project manager, Joe Pratt. The unit, he said, will fit inside a 20-foot shipping container and will consist of four 30-kilowatt fuel cells, a hydrogen storage system and power conversion equipment.

The system will be delivered to and deployed by Young Brothers, Ltd., one of the project partners and a primary shipper of goods throughout the Hawaiian Islands. The unit is undergoing detailed engineering and design through mid-2014 and, after fabrication, assembly and training for Young Brothers operators, will be operational during a six-month deployment in early 2015. Young Brothers, the project's demonstration partner, is a subsidiary of Foss Maritime Company, a shipping firm that has strong environmental and financial interests in the project.

Rotary Raises Funds for Pleasanton Park Clock

Pleasanton's Rotary clubs have taken a step toward financing a planned traditional street clock for a downtown park from \$2012 raised at May 9 fund-raising poker tournament.

Fifty-three entrants participated in the competition sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street. Prizes were awarded to the top five competitors.

Net proceeds were contributed to help pay for a planned traditional pedestal clock to be erected at the current site of Pleasanton's Main Street Green Park at Main Street and Vervais Avenue.

Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Pleasanton North Rotary, and Tri-Valley Evening Rotary Club have asked the city to rename the facility to become Rotary Park in recognition of their nearly 50 years of local community service. The Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Com-

mission unanimously approved a measure May 15 to rename the park. The proposal was forwarded to the Pleasanton City Council for final consideration. Clock design and permission for its installation are also subject to city government review.

Club members have already invested volunteer time and money into the park. They built a bench, brick walkway, installed lighting, repaired a kiosk, cleared the path that leads to the nearby arroyo trail, and planted 600 daffodils, according to Brad Hirst, steering committee chair, in 2005 as part of the centennial celebration of Rotary International, the global umbrella association for the local chapters.

The park designation and clock are part of a year-long 50th anniversary for Pleasanton's three Rotary clubs. The events are intended to attract new members to Rotary by drawing attention to the clubs' contributions to

the quality of life in Pleasanton through numerous community service projects and international outreach. Since 1965, Pleasanton three Rotary clubs have been responsible for millions of dollars of charitable giving made possible through hands-on involvement, fund-raising events, personal giving, and Rotary International Foundation grants.

Those interested are encouraged to attend a meeting of any one of Pleasanton's three Rotary Clubs as a potential outlet for community service. Meeting times and locations are as follows: Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Hap's Original Steaks and Seafood, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton. Rotary of Pleasanton North, Fridays at 12:15 p.m. Hilton Hotel, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. Tri-Valley Evening Rotary Club, Thursdays at 6 p.m. Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle, Pleasanton.

Choreography Pays Tribute to a Special Person

By Carol Graham

Dolores Allado was the mother of six daughters, a graduate of Columbia University, and a teacher who joined the Peace Corps after retiring. That she was also blind seems a side note to her colorful, productive, joyful life.

"I had been wanting to choreograph a piece about my grandmother Dolores who had an amazing life," said Genoa Sperske. "She was an inspirational person to many people and I've been waiting for the right opportunity to choreograph a dance in her honor. I finally felt like the time was right."

During the Valley Dance Theatre's two performances of "Spring Rep" at the Bankhead Theater on May 31 and June 1, dancers performed a tribute to Dolores in a contemporary montage that captured the effervescence of life with six daughters and the aplomb of a woman who chose to rise above her challenges.

"I enjoyed seeing a vision of mine come to life on stage," said Sperske. "There are a variety of styles of music, ways to move, and types of people who do ballet. I think Spring Rep represents that truth."

The repertoire opened with the classic ballet Pas de Quatre, which originally premiered in 1845 and caused a sensation with both the critics and the public because it brought together onstage the four greatest, and perhaps most competitive, ballerinas of the time: Lucile Grahn, Carlotta Grisi, Fanny Cer-

rito, and Marie Taglioni. The four ballerinas who revisited these roles - Anika Jensen, Anna Mount, Erin Richards and Sara Mount, respectively - conveyed a timeless grace, athleticism and beauty that was captivating and hypnotic.

"As dancers at the Valley Dance Theatre, we are very fortunate to be able to dance in so many different pieces that highlight so many different aspects of ballet," said seventeen-year-old Tory Bettencourt. "From the slow, romantic Romeo and Juliet, to the fiery and fast-paced Don Quixote, to the novel and jazzy Slaughter on 10th Avenue, Valley Dance Theatre showcased pieces of nearly every nature."

Every year, the company presents two professionally staged productions: December's full-length performance of the beloved classic, The Nutcracker; and a mid-year performance designed to showcase local talent and choreography. Valley Dance Theatre is a non-profit ballet company that operates on a volunteer basis, and has provided professional-quality productions to the Tri-Valley region for almost 35 years.

"Although it's easy to forget when we are on stage, nearly everyone in the show is a kid," said Bettencourt. "We go to school full time, have jobs, fill out college applications, study for the SAT, and are involved in extracurricular activities, but we still manage to make it to the hours of class and rehearsal that are required to put on a performance like

this. I don't know how any of us do it."

Sitting in a darkened theater, it is almost impossible to believe one is not watching a professional company. From the talented dancers to the lovely costumes, exquisite lighting and gorgeous music, the production envelops the audience and transports them to a magical place of emotion and beauty.

"Dance is many things to me - it's fun, it's comforting, it's challenging, it's rewarding," said Sperske. "I enjoy the technical aspect of controlling the smallest muscle in my body to change the way that I move, and I enjoy the artistic aspect when I'm using my body to express something deeper than just the moving of muscles."

Spring Rep was accompanied by the newly formed Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra, composed of gifted instrumentalists who also perform with a number of other Bay Area musical groups, and is conducted by Bob Williams. Additionally, the audience was treated to the stunning music of ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro.

As for Dolores's dance, which featured Shimabukuro playing the ukulele and Bettencourt dancing the lead, Sperske added, "Watching the dancers perform something that was a labor of love for me was a very special moment. The Valley Dance Theatre is a gem in our community."

For more information, visit valleydancetheatre.com, or Livermoreperformingarts.org.

VALLEYCARE

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includes doctors both in the ValleyCare Foundation and outside of it.

The ValleyCare board of directors unanimously approved signing the letter of intent at its meeting on May 28.

After the investigative stage, it will be up to ValleyCare and Stanford to negotiate an affiliation agreement, and have it approved by the two medical systems' boards. It also must be approved by the ValleyCare corporate members, who purchased shares in the hospital. Some of the shareholders were active when the hospital was formed in the 1960s.

ValleyCare board chairman John Sensiba said, "Joining with the Stanford health system brings tremendous health care benefits to the Tri-Valley, while enhancing care delivery approaches for the future."

Gregerson said in a letter to all ValleyCare employees, "Though very much in the early stages, the potential benefits of this relationship for our staff, physicians and most importantly our patients is extraordinary."

ValleyCare has been seeking affiliation in an effort to eliminate red ink. In the last fiscal year, 2012-13, the non-profit health care system recorded a loss of \$5.1 million. It was the fourth consecutive year with

Safety Review Panel, will review the safety aspects of the design and operating plans.

In addition to its project management role, Sandia is providing technical expertise in hydrogen and fuel cells, particularly in the areas of codes and standards, system design, safety systems, data collection and analysis of both operations and the business case for deployment.

Following the six-month deployment of the fuel cell system, Pratt said the project team will analyze the project's successes and challenges, including the operating and cost parameters needed to make a business case at other ports.

The long-range goal, he said, is to develop a commercial-ready technology that can be widely used at other ports. The project team sees a strong market need and desire for a fuel cell solution, not only at maritime ports but also for other applications, such as providing power to users that are not connected to an electric grid.

purchase price of hydrogen, for instance), it determined that Young Brothers could save fuel and energy while greatly reducing emissions, if it switched primarily to fuel cells.

With promising study results and a shipping partner, Young Brothers, to serve as an early adopter and operate the fuel cell system for six months, EERE and MARAD decided to fund the demonstration. The project's other partners include Hydrogenics Corp., which will design and build the prototype unit and supply the fuel cells, and Hawaii Natural Energy Institute, which will provide assistance with hydrogen supply issues.

Other stakeholders include the U.S. Coast Guard and its local Sector Honolulu office and the American Bureau of Shipping. These organizations have regulatory authority over the design and operation of the prototype and see the project as a way to assist their development of formal regulations for hydrogen and fuel cells in the maritime environment. They, along with the Department of Energy's Hydrogen

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Event Offered an Opportunity to Learn about Other Cultures



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Joe Michell School in Livermore celebrated the diversity of its student population at its first multicultural event. Chez Nami offered a drum session.

By Carol Graham

As more than 150 students, family members, teachers and staff gathered at Joe Michell School, nine-year-old Connie Aydelott was feeling nervous.

"Connie has been involved with the Livermore American Indian Center for three years," explained mom Aileen Aydelott. "She began practicing powwow dancing, specifically fancy dance, and has participated in the center's events. But this time, Connie was very nervous at first because she would be dancing in front of her school and classmates. I think she didn't want to be ridiculed or embarrassed. And afterward? She was very proud of herself, and received a lot of positive feedback. She gained self-esteem and pride in her culture, Pyramid Lake Paiute."

On May 16, Livermore's Joe Michell School hosted its first Multicultural Evening, an event designed to

support its K-8 students in understanding and appreciating both their own and classmates' cultures.

"If we are going to create a positive school climate where all students feel safe to learn, we must recognize that there are many differences between people," said Principal Dr. Laura Lembo. "Understanding those differences will foster a culture of respect."

The Multicultural Evening featured the food, music, dance, clothing and art of more than a dozen countries, including Germany, India, Scotland, Mexico, Turkey, Kenya, Albania, Italy, Colombia, Spain and the U.S.

"When students can see themselves reflected in their school they will feel connected and be more engaged. Learning will be more meaningful to them," said Lembo. "As an International Baccalaureate Candidate School, one of our goals is to foster

intercultural understanding and develop students who are internationally minded."

Michell is currently completing the second year of its three-year accreditation process to become an International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme school. The program's mission is to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and compassionate life-long learners.

"The Multicultural Evening was inspired by parents who were looking to create an event that would bring our school community together," said Michell's IB Coordinator Amie Hauselt. "This desire says to us that we are building a sense of international-mindedness at the school, not only with the students and staff, but with our larger school community."

The event featured performances and demonstrations by the Cheza Nami organization, Ushanjali School of Dance, the American

Indian Education Center and Turtle Nation Singers, Ballet Folklorico, the Junction Avenue K-8 School Mariachi Club band, and Joe Michell square dancers and school choir. Additionally Michell's 6-8 grade students, who had been studying international games in PE, set up an outdoor bocce court and invited participants to learn the game.

"This kind of event allows us to do our best work: sharing knowledge through work that is student created, creating excitement about learning, bringing the community together to experience something positive, and allowing for opportunities for students to act on their learning through service to the school and the community," said Hauselt. "We are so thrilled by the level of attendance. It far exceeded our expectations."

Third-grade teacher Lynda Brekke attended, looking forward to seeing one of her

students perform.

"It was so, so sweet to see Connie performing a Native American dance in full regalia. Her pride lit up the room!" Brekke said. "Seeing Connie dance made me think how fortunate she is to learn about her ancestry, culture and beliefs. What if every child had that opportunity?"

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Added Lembo, "I hope that everyone who participated recognized the richness of our school community and how education can bring cultures together to create a more peaceful world."

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Sign up and start tracking summer reading on the Livermore Public Library's website, www.livermorelibrary.net starting June 1, 2014. All Summer Reading Programs end on August 2, 2014. Summer library storytimes, performances, events and activities will continue through August 15, 2014.

The Summer Reading Program encourages children to improve their reading skills over the summer, while earning prizes along the way. Independent readers who reach the final reading goal will also receive an Olympic-style medal and an invitation to attend a special city council meeting as a Super Reader.

Younger pre-readers, including babies, can enroll in the Pre-Readers' Program. In this program, parents and their children read together and those who complete the program win a special prize. Complementing the

Reading Programs will be a host of activities and entertainment—from storytimes and crafts, to music and dance from a variety of cultures. There will be clowns, wild animals, puppets, storytellers, a magician and more. All events are free and open to the public, however registration is required to participate in the reading programs and win prizes. This year, you may register and begin tracking your reading online beginning June 1, 2014 at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Teens who love to read are also invited to join in the summer reading fun. Participants in the teen summer reading program are for those entering 6th through 12th grades and are eligible to win a variety of prizes. Go online at www.livermorelibrary.net starting June 1, 2014 to register and begin recording the books you read through August 2, 2014.

Don't let the kids have all the fun. In addition to Summer Reading programs for children and teens, the Livermore Public Library invites grownups to participate in the Adult Summer

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Volunteers pose with Bo Bice (left), one of last season's performers. Visitors are welcomed at the Harrington Gallery (top right).

The Firehouse Arts Center is holding its annual pre-season Volunteer Program Orientation on Wednesday, June 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The venue is currently gearing up for its 2014-2015 season which includes a wide variety of theater, concert, youth, and gallery programming. Positions covered in this orientation include theater usher, ticket taker, greeter, and gallery attendant. The orientation will be held in the Firehouse Theater, 4444 Railroad Avenue in

Pleasanton.

Previous experience is not required, but attendance at the orientation session is mandatory prior to serving. Theater volunteers must be at least 16 years old, and gallery volunteers at least 21. RSVP is requested to plan for materials. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Jennifer Koch, 925-931-4846, or jkoch@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

This will be the 5th season for the venue, which

opened its doors in the fall of 2010. The center is comprised of the 227-seat Firehouse Theater, the 2000 square foot Harrington Gallery, classrooms and rehearsal spaces, the grand atrium lobby and upper mezzanine, and the famous interior glass bridge. The complex incorporates the original Pleasanton Firehouse No. 1 built in 1928-29, which was preserved and now houses part of the Harrington Gallery and offices.

Three theater companies

and various concert series anchor the offerings, with rock, country, bluegrass, jazz, blues, classical, folk, cabaret, holiday, and retro concerts included. To be noted, volunteers wishing to see entire shows should purchase a ticket, says volunteer program coordinator Jennifer Koch. "Volunteers serve because they love the arts, and want to give their time to the theater and the gallery. Folks understand that they are serving the public, and an added plus is getting to

see parts of some fantastic programs, but if they want to see the first and last 15 minutes, they probably should buy a ticket," she added with a smile.

The Harrington Gallery, helmed by visual arts coordinator Julie Finegan, has an ambitious series of shows set for the season, with a wide variety of media, style, topics, and moods on the schedule. Exhibits rotate on a regular basis, and volunteers are needed not only to man the gallery desk during visiting

hours and performances, but also to assist with gallery receptions and related events.

The Firehouse Arts Center Volunteer Program is a registered certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

At the close of each season qualifying volunteers are recognized at the national level for their dedication to the arts through their time given in volunteer service to the Firehouse Arts Center.

Pleasanton Library Summer Reading, 'It's a Mystery,' Features Special Programs and More

This summer the adult and teen summer reading program at the Pleasanton Library is highlighting mysteries. However, participants can read whatever genre or type of book they wish.

Everyone who reads or listens to 3 books or more wins a Friends of the Library book bag and is entered into a drawing for

Pleasanton Downtown Association gift cards.

There will also be mystery movie nights and a women mystery writers' panel, featuring local authors, Penny Warner, Juliet Blackwell and Carole Price.

It's a Mystery is open to teens entering high school in the fall and to all adults.

Visit the library's Summer Reading Blog at www.adultsummerreading.wordpress.com or call the library at 925 931-3400 x 4 for more information.

Lethal Ladies @ the Library will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sun., June 22.

Local authors and mystery writers Penny Warner, Juliet Blackwell and Carol Price will take part in an afternoon of witty conversa-

tion about writing, sleuthing, party planning, witchcraft, home remodeling, Shakespeare, wine and ???

All library programs are free and open to the public.

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Photography Exhibit Focuses on 'Natural California'

Cuda Ridge Wines Presents "Natural California" Photography Exhibit by William F. Hackett

"Natural California," an exhibition exploring the natural diversity of California, by Livermore photographer

William F. Hackett, hangs at Cuda Ridge Wines through July, 2014. An artist's reception will be held at the winery on Sunday, June 15th from 1-4pm, with refreshments and complementary wine tasting of two wines.

The "Natural California" pieces are available for viewing and purchase during regular tasting hours and at the Art Reception. Cuda Ridge Wines produces small lot, handcrafted Bordeaux style wines. The winery is located at 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

Hackett says of his work, "I don't believe that most people can tell the quality of a photographic image of less than 16" by 20" - so the photographs in the show are 24" by 36" images on canvas." However, smaller and larger versions of the images are available on request. Many of the photographs were exhibited in the 2013 exhibition, "California: Earth, Air, Fire, Water, Life" with Engela Wilson and Matt Nylander at the Harrington Gallery of the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, California in March and April.

"California has an incredible variety of environments, from below sea level to over

10,000 feet of elevation, and all of the life forms that go with them. The geologic and biological richness of California present an infinite variety of photographic subjects for the photographer."

Hackett is an award-winning artist whose work has been sold worldwide and who has worked to further the arts in the Livermore region since 2007. He is a past president of the Livermore Art Association and has co-chaired the Spring Art Show for 5 years. In 2013, his company, Cheshire Cat Photo, LLC was hired by Visit Tri-Valley, California, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, to photograph nine Livermore wineries over the course of the 2013 harvest.

One of his black-and-white images of a local winemaker was chosen as the cover of the 2014 Visitors Guide to the Tri-Valley.

Cuda Ridge Wines is an award-winning winery that supports the local arts, artists and musicians. Cuda Ridge Wines has dedicated wall space and art hanging system for an art-friendly environment. Winery Hours are: 12-5 Fri-Sun; Available by appt. at 510.304.0914.



Frank Mullen as King Henry VIII

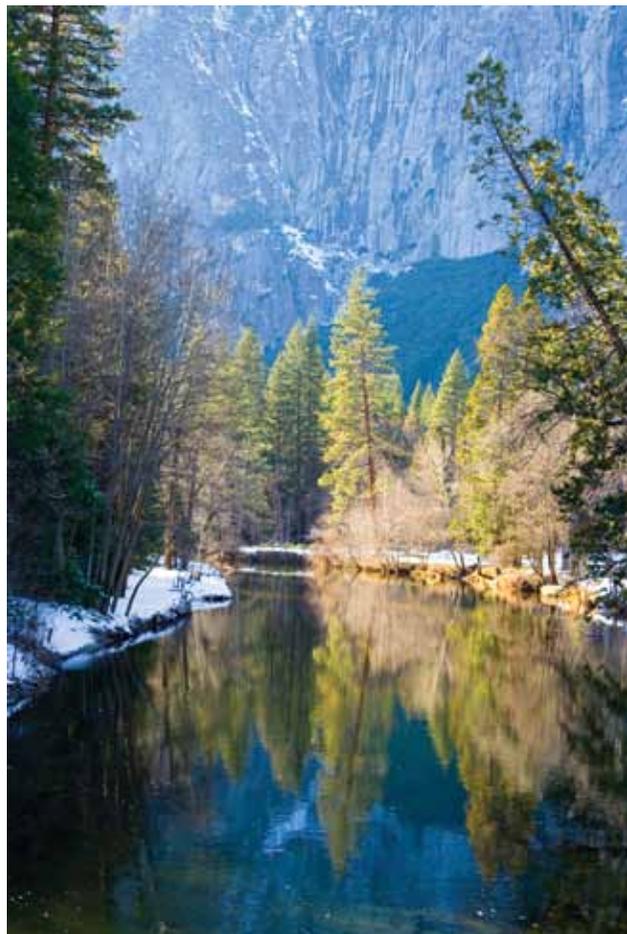
Spend an Evening with Henry VIII

Museum on Main presents *An Evening with King Henry VIII* on Tuesday, June 10th, 7pm at the Firehouse Arts Center in Downtown Pleasanton.

Once described as one of the most charismatic rulers to sit on the English throne, King Henry VIII is known in modern times for his six marriages and his role in the separation of the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church. Frank Mullen, journalism teacher at the University of Nevada, portrays King Henry VIII.

This event is general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Tickets are \$10 General Admission, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Members, and \$3 Students/Teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series visit www.museumonmain.org or phone Museum on Main at (925) 462-2766.



Merced Foliage

Art Exhibition Offers an Insider's View 'Behind the Rodeo Scene'

Now through June 29th, works by professional sports photojournalist Matt Cohen, and leather artisan Daniel Miller, will be on display at the Bankhead Theater. The exhibition features photographs of behind the scenes action and characters caught in quiet moments behind the chutes, and handcrafted leather work. There will be a reception open to the public on Sunday, June 8th from 3:00-5:00pm to meet the artists.

Cohen is based in the San Francisco Bay area. He shoots for wire services, newspapers and commercial clients. His work appears regularly in Sports Illustrated, ESPN Magazine, along with newspapers and websites all over the world. Regarding his fascination for photographing rodeo,

Cohen says "I came to rodeo from mainstream sports. They don't let photographers in the clubhouse at Major League Baseball games ... emotional moments take place behind closed doors or at such distance that only a super-telephoto lens can catch them. What goes on in the arena is exciting, and my action pictures speak for



Photo by Matt Cohen

themselves. But I made this exhibition to feature pictures that tell a deeper story about the parts of the rodeo that most people never get to see."

Joining in the reception with Cohen is leather artist Daniel Miller who will be exhibiting handcrafted frames and mirrors

in leather. As a cowboy in rugged Wyoming, Miller has lived and worked close to the land for most of his life. This lifestyle has given him the unique opportunity to experience the wonders of nature's physical and spiritual offerings, and through years as an outfitter and professional guide, to

develop a unique artistic voice in leather. Miller says "When I see an old saddle, I wish it could speak to me and share its story. It is the same with each piece of leather that I work on. I try to begin to build a story within and hopefully that story will continue wherever the final piece ends up; a story of its maker and the story of its keeper."

Along with the reception in the lobby, the Alameda County CattleWomen will host an interactive leather stamping booth. They will be serving their "The Best of the West Beef Chili," as participants in Livermore Downtown's Chili Shooter's Stampede, from 11am to 4pm. Tickets for this eclectic chili cook-off can be purchased at www.livermoredowntown.com.

The Bankhead Theater hosts receptions for the rotating art exhibitions in the Lobby and Founder's Room. These are free to the public and allow you to meet the artists and explore the exhibitions at your leisure. Proceeds from art sales benefit the Bothwell Arts Center.

The Bankhead Theater, located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore.

Annual Wine and Food Pairing Tickets Available

Friends of the Vineyards will present its annual Wine & Food Pairing Event on Thursday, June 26, 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

The event will feature four small plates paired with four wines. The small plates will be donated by Terra Mia, Handles Gastropub, Demitris Taverna and Zephyr Grill & Bar. In addition, there will also be a sparkling wine at the beginning of the evening and a port at the end of the program. Featured wines will be from Nottingham Cellars, Fenestra Winery, Rodrigue Molyneux Winery, Ruby Hill Winery and Rubino Estates. Attendees will receive a Friends of the Vineyards keepsake wine glass.

Attendance is limited to the first 65 sign-ups. The cost is \$25 for Friends of the Vineyards paid members and \$30 for non-members. Sign up at www.fov.org.

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Review

An American Classic Brought to Life

By Susan Steinberg

The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House has planned an exciting 2014 season, and its first new production under Artistic Director Eric Fraisher Hayes was a blockbuster.

Arthur Miller's "A View from the Bridge" was the first in a series of plays focusing on O'Neill as the Father of American Drama. Prior to his strange and often discomfiting works, theaters in America generally presented either melodrama or vaudeville. Like Chekhov in Russia, O'Neill boldly introduced audiences to real-life situations, dysfunctional families, deeply-rooted psychological problems, and themes that harked back to Greek drama and its theatrical conventions.

After O'Neill's trail-blazing career, a succession of American playwrights created their own works on his model, and many will be featured in the coming months. This reviewer hopes they all come up to the standard of excellence in this first play. Produced as a staged reading, at the old Tao House barn in the Danville hills, the stark tragedy was as gripping as any fully-realized Broadway presentation. The secret of its success: an outstanding cast of theater veterans and the justly famous actor/director Joy Carlin.

After only a single day's rehearsal, the actors were not only almost "off book," but had internalized their complex and intense roles. Gabe Martin as protagonist Eddie Carbone embodied a seething inner conflict between his traditional "good guy" values and the dark un-natural passions he cannot see or acknowledge.

A hard-working Brooklyn longshoreman, he is shown as an integral part of his tightly-knit Italian-American community.

Having adopted and raised his orphaned niece Catherine, Eddie has acted the part of loving protector for years, but it is soon obvious that his feelings for this now-nubile relative are no longer purely avuncular. He complains about her new skirt being "provocative," and objects to her plan of taking a job in another neighborhood. He has never even allowed her to date, refusing to recognize that she has grown up and is ready to live her own life.

Catherine, played with honesty and spontaneous warm enthusiasm by a perfect Carla Pauli, still loves her Uncle Eddie like a child, and cannot understand why he is suddenly so strict and harsh. Aunt Bea, richly characterized by Megan Smith, has been like Catherine's mother and recognizes Eddie's increasing possessive desire for the girl. She also realizes why he has been showing no interest in their marriage bed.

Her attempts to warn the innocent girl fail, as she cannot bring herself to discuss the situation frankly, and Catherine sees no harm in her easy-going relationship with Eddie. Trying to broach the problem with Eddie, Bea succeeds only in arousing outbursts of defensive anger. Like a Greek tragic hero, he is rushing to his own doom, unable to understand his real motivation: not to protect Catherine from the dangerous outside world, but to keep her for himself.

When two Italian cousins are smuggled in to stay

with the family, Eddie is horrified to watch Catherine and young Rodolfo falling in love. David Mendelsohn as the shy, earnest "illegal" with a head full of the American Dream, is a winning and heartwarming performer as he awkwardly courts Catherine and tries to deflect Eddie's growing hostility.

Rodolfo's quietly powerful older brother Marco, played with impressive self-control by Richard Frederick, is a marvelous incarnation. Determined to work his hardest to send money for food and medicine to his wife and children, he is the embodiment of Old World honor, politeness, and traditional family values. Although he tries to restrain Rodolfo's youthful eagerness, or to warn Eddie to back off, he too is helpless to defuse the growing tension. When the situation finally explodes, Marco's suppressed anger bursts out in a terrible curse that will damn Eddie in his own eyes and in those of his community.

A desperate Eddie consults respected local lawyer Mr. Alfieri, played by veteran actor Charles Dean. He also tries to make Eddie see his own truth, but all Eddie can focus on is stopping Catherine's wedding plans. Gently and patiently Alfieri explains to him, as to a willful child, that the wedding is inevitable. "There must be a law," Eddie protests, but the old counselor simply urges him to "let her go." His almost prophetic pronouncements sound like those of a traditional Greek chorus, foreseeing the unavoidable future. Dean brings the sorrows of omniscience of a divinity to the stage, seeming to view the fate of mortals

below with understanding and compassion. Perhaps his is "the view from the bridge," and not just the Brooklyn Bridge.

As the spectators watched the development of Eddie's obsession, they became a part of the drama, moved, as were ancient Greek audiences, by the inexorable progress toward a final catastrophe. Is there some noble cleansing catharsis in the violent ending? Or is it just the sad story of an ordinary man trying to oppose the natural order of life and the mores of his society, and being destroyed in the struggle?

Certainly the audience was extremely appreciative of the actors' skill in bringing the characters to life. As one viewer remarked, "Within 5 minutes I forgot you had scripts in your hands." During the "talk-back" following the show, most seemed moved by pity for Eddie's blind passion, and the societal shunning that would be his fate. Parallels were drawn to the many Americans accused by HUAC (the House Un-American Activities Committee), who lost their jobs, their respected status, and their former place in society because of such public shunning. Miller himself was one of those targeted, and spoke out against it in "The Crucible," as protagonist John Proctor refuses to give his accusers his "good name." In "View," Eddie also begs and threatens Marco to get his "good name" back, but it is too late. He can never atone for what he has done; he is a condemned man.

Modern audiences, like the characters of Bea and Catherine, understand Eddie too well to judge him as harshly as

his community does, but their lives, like those of the play's spectators, will never be the same. Most, like this reviewer, left the barn eager to view the next play in the series, "El Paso

Blue" by Octavio Solis, and the O'Neill Festival in September. Information and tickets are available at 925-820-1818 or www.EugeneOneill.org.

Writers Club Presents Guest

Teresa LeYung-Ryan will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch on Saturday, June 21, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton.

Teresa LeYung-Ryan helps fiction and nonfiction writers make their names synonymous with the issues they write about, before and after publication. Teresa's expertise grew from her own experiences. When she discovered that articulating her platform and being true to herself gave her confidence, she rewrote her query letter (for her mother-daughter novel) which hooked a New York agent, who then hooked an acquisition editor of a big New York publisher.

After publication, her fanbase grew, so much so that Love Made of Heart is now used in college courses, available at public libraries, and recommended by the CA School Library Association and the CA Reading Association. Teresa invites you to her blog at <http://writingcoachTeresa.com>.

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. The meeting will be Saturday, June 21, 2014, 2:00- 4:00 p.m. (registration at 1:30). The cost for CWC Members is \$10, nonmembers, \$15. Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations requested by contacting George Cramer at reservations@trivalleywriters.org no later than Wednesday, June 18, 2014.

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

Broadway Chorus to Sing 'The Colors of Broadway'

Broadway Chorus, a part of the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, will perform "The Colors of Broadway" for its final concert of the 2013-14 season.

The performances will take place at the Amador Theatre, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. On Sat., June 14, the curtain goes up at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The program is repeated on Sunday, June 15 at 2 p.m.

Broadway Chorus a mixed group of about 80 men and women, ranging in age from teens to well into retirement years.

Tickets can be purchased at 462-2121 or www.trivalley-rep.org. Seating is not reserved. Seating will begin one-half hour before the performance.

Creedance Clearwater Revisited Just One of Concerts at the Fair

Creedance Clearwater Revisited will be performing classic songs during its 2014 touring season. One of the stops on the tour is the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton. Creedance Clearwater Revisited will perform on June 21.

Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" Clifford, who are the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame rhythm section (bass and drums respectively) from the legendary group Creedance Clearwater Revival (CCR), are part of the group. Cook and Clifford started the Revisited project in 1995 when a friend wanted to promote a few concerts. "We never really had any intention of playing for the public," says Stu. "We got talked into it, but didn't know how it would go over."

"In the beginning Cosmo and I decided that if we could find the musicians that could capture the sound and recreate what the music was about, we'd do it," recalls Stu. Every single song performed is a classic and the multi-generational

family friendly audiences are treated to this night after night, around the country and now the world.

The band's 2014 lineup includes lead guitarist Kurt Griffey. Griffey has recorded and toured with musicians including members of the Eagles, Foreigner, the Moody Blues, Wings, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Santana, and Journey.

The band is rounded out by lead singer/rhythm guitar player John Tristao (who rose to prominence as lead singer for the band People when their hit "I Love You" bulleted into the Top Ten) and talented multi-instrumentalist Steve Gunner.

As Cosmo puts it, "Gun provides live all the overdubs that were on the records. He plays keyboard, acoustic guitar, percussion, and harmonica and sings the high harmonies."

The line-up: June 18: Brett Eldredge; June 19, Eddie Money; June 20, Shaggy; June 21, Creedance Clearwater Revisited; June 22, La Unica Sonora San-



Creedance Clearwater Revisited to perform at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton.

tanera y Selena Tribute featuring Irene Davi (Latin/Tropical) (Tejano); June 24, Evolution (Journey tribute / classic rock); June 25, Con Funk Shun; June 26, Coco Jones;

June 27, Paul Rodriguez; June 28, JT Hodges; June 29, Tesla; July 1, True 2

Crue (Motley Crue tribute); July 2, Ashanti; July 3, America; July 4, Blues Festival; July 5, Building 429; July 6, Night Ranger.

Admission to the concert at the fair is free with paid admission. The concert begins at 8 a.m. Seating is first come, first serve. Overflow seating is available on the Family Viewing Jumbotron

located outside the amphitheater.

Also, for the first time, fans are now able to get the "Best Seats" for their favorite performers. The Fair will distribute early entry wristbands to the first 300 in line daily starting at 2-3pm for the concert each night.

Also performing at the fair will be Eddie Money, Night Ranger, Shaggy, Ashanti, Brett Eldredge, Con Funk Shun, Tesla, JT Hodges and America.

Evolution (Journey) and True to Crue (Motley Crue) will perform more classic rock favorites. Tejano fans will enjoy a Selena tribute featuring Irene Davi. Davi appears as part of a special double headline show with La Unica Sonora Santanera, an internationally renowned Latin/Tropical orchestra.

Other performers include comedian Paul Rodriguez, Christian rock band, Building 429, and Disney star Coco Jones. A special, daylong Blues Festival is planned for the 4 of July from 1-9pm.

The fair will be open Tuesday-Sunday, June 18 through July 6 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Horse racing will be offered Thursday through Sunday, June 19-22, June 26-29, July 3-6.

Visit the Fair's website at www.AlamedaCountyFair.com or call 925-426-7600 for more information.

Dublin Idol Winners Announced

City of Dublin has announced the winners of its "Dublin Idol" contest.

In the 5th to 8th grade category, the winner is Ashley Rose; 9th to 12th grade category, Gwynn Cristobal. The winners were crowned at the Dublin Farmers' Market event on May 29 at Emerald Glen Park.

Hosted by KKIQ Radio's Faith Alpher, the competition began with a Preliminary Round, involving 33 singers, on May 15. The competition was broken down into two age group categories – 5th through 8th grade students, and 9th through 12th graders. In the first round, singers were allowed to sing a song of choice, a cappella, for one minute. Eleven singers from each category then moved on to the Final Round.

In the final round of competition on May 29, the singers sang a complete version of their chosen song, with musical accompaniment. The judges for the final round, Dublin councilmembers Kevin Hart and David Haubert, Youth

Advisory Commission member Angie Wang, and KKIQ employee Ashley LaBarbera, judged the singers on voice quality and control, and overall stage presence.

Ashley Rose sang "There are Worse Things I Could Do," from the musical "Grease." She is an 8th grader at Wells Middle School in Dublin. Gwynn Cristobal performed "Ordinary People" by John Legend. Cristobal is a sophomore at Dublin High School.

KKIQ Radio awarded cash prizes to the top three finishers in each category. The first place winners each received a trophy and a \$300 check from KKIQ Radio. The second place winners, Hannah Bumanlag (7th grader at Fallon Middle School) and Kendra Clingerman (12th grader at Dublin High School), each received \$200; and the third place winners, Kaitlynn Miguel (a 6th grader at Fallon Middle School) and Brooke Brunckhorst (a 12th grader at Dublin High), received \$100 each.

Makky Kaylor Performing at Village Theatre

Backed by a trio of top musicians, a Nashville vocalist will take an audience on a sentimental journey back to an era in music history when country was cool, smooth, classy and king. Makky Kaylor will perform at the Village Theatre, at 233 Front Street, Danville, on June 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Kaylor's new album and live show, A Little Sentimental, celebrate the clas-

sic Nashville Sound of the 1950s and 1960s, but also takes a slightly sophisticated approach to country music, and harkening back to a more romantic era in music.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase in the lobby. Tickets are \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.villagetheatreshows.com or call (925) 314-3400.

Reads Project Benefits Both Volunteers and Participants

They volunteer to give back to the community. What they don't expect to gain from the experience are the friendships with the students they tutor through the Pleasanton Reads Project.

"The students inspire me so," says Judy Thompson, a Pleasanton Reads Project volunteer since 2010. "In some cases, they've left everything familiar behind. They look to me not just for help with language skills, but for insights into life's challenges."

Thompson's views were shared in an interview at the recent annual brunch to honor Pleasanton Library's volunteers. The Library administers volunteer programs such as PAWS to Read (a once-a-week evening gathering of elementary school children who read aloud to dogs), Friends of the Library Book Sales (a group responsible for fund-raising), Bookleggers (classroom visitors who present and recommend books to students), plus those who work behind the scenes, cleaning picture books and shelving them, and more.

Pleasanton Reads Project started as an adult literacy program 15 years ago. It has since morphed to a "gateway to English learning," explains program director, Librarian Penny Johnson.

This transformation parallels the increased demand for English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction as more immigrants relocate to Pleasanton, as well as the reduced number of adult ESL classes due to government budget cuts.

The library's literacy program offers three levels of tutoring: one-to-one, small group, and conversation classes. There are seven conversation classes held each week, including three Spanish-English groups. The classes are drop-in. They typically attract from eight to 30 adults.

Currently, Pleasanton Reads Project includes 89 volunteers teaching 112 adult language learners. However, there are still 116 adults waiting to be matched. The program is recruiting additional volunteers to help reduce the number of students on the wait list.

Before taking on an assignment, tutors receive three hours of training. Throughout the year, on-going, shorter training sessions are also available. There are hundreds of ESL workbooks and related resources available to tutors for use with their students. To further support tutors, a roundtable forum for sharing curriculum ideas is currently being formed. This group is open to all interested tutors.

The minimum commitment asked of volunteers is the ability to meet with a student or group of students once a week (typically 60-90 minutes), plus another 30-60 minutes to prepare the weekly lesson.

There is no one-size-fits-all tutor profile. One of the program's newest volunteers, Ron Wacek, says he's naturally introverted, so he initially felt nervous about teaching. Librarian Johnson encouraged him to observe a weekly class plus a one-to-one tutor session. Wacek now tutors two small groups weekly: a group of two Chinese-speaking students and a group of two Farsi-speaking students. Wacek says his students tell him regularly how much they appreciate his time and attention. His advice to prospective volunteers: consider tutoring a small group. He has found the students help each other, making his job as a tutor more enjoyable.

To be eligible to participate in the Pleasanton Reads Project, prospective students must have rudimentary English skills. Many earned college degrees before moving to America. Several tutors reflected this by saying that while

they teach idioms and grammar, they also describe how to navigate unfamiliar American systems.

Mick Jones, a tutor since 2009, has taken his students to the grocery store, invited them to his home to celebrate Thanksgiving, and helped plan a Hawaiian vacation. (He's a retired United Airlines employee, and he estimates he's visited Hawaii "at least 50 times.")

Over the years, Jones has taught as many as six students, one-to-one, per week. What has touched him most was receiving a "beautiful, hand-written note" from the child of one of his students. The note thanked him for teaching English to her mother.

A retired teacher, Melinda Leary appears to have the ideal background to teach ESL students. Yet, Leary is quick to point out that teaching experience is not a prerequisite for success. According to Leary, she's not preparing her students to earn a college degree in English, but how to function in Pleasanton.

While the interviewed tutors say they enjoy learning about other cultures, Leary admits she's also learning about the San Francisco Bay Area from her current student who takes field trips with her family every weekend.

"She and her family are really taking advantage of all the things the Bay Area has to offer," Leary says admiringly. "I look forward to hearing about her weekend trips every time we meet."

To volunteer with Pleasanton Reads Project, please contact: www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library/volunteer-opportunities.html or Penny Johnson (925) 931-3405 or PennyJohnson@cityofpleasantonca.gov

Christensen Middle School Science Teacher Taking Part in Arctic Study; On-line Participation Available

Regina Brinker, a middle school science and engineering teacher at Christensen Middle School in Livermore always wanted to explore the outdoors. In June she will be living her lifelong dream by joining Rose Cory, Ph.D. in Toolik Field Station, Alaska for three weeks. The team will investigate carbon release from thawing permafrost.

The Arctic's permafrost holds large stores of the greenhouse gasses carbon and methane. As temperatures warm and permafrost thaws, gasses are released.

Beginning in mid-June,

Regina will participate as a research team member in an authentic scientific expedition in the Arctic, joining other K-12 teachers who will be working in research locations from the Arctic Ocean to Antarctica, as part of a program that allows teachers to experience first-hand what it is like to conduct scientific research in some of the most remote locations on earth.

Regina is one many teachers selected through a nationwide search to participate in PolarTREC, an educational research experience in which educa-

tors participate in polar research, working closely with scientists as a pathway to improving science education. Through PolarTREC, selected teachers will have the opportunity to spend two to six weeks working with a research team in the Arctic or Antarctic.

While on field expeditions, teachers and researchers will share their experiences with scientists, educators, communities, and students of all ages through the use of Internet tools such as online teacher and researcher journals, message boards, photo albums,

podcasts, PolarConnect real-time presentations from the field, and online learning resources. After the field experience, teachers and researchers will continue to share their experiences with the public and create instructional activities to transfer scientific data, methodologies, and technology to classrooms.

PolarTREC is managed by the Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. (ARCUS) and funded by the National Science Foundation. For more information and to participate, see the PolarTREC website

at: www.polartrec.com or contact the ARCUS Project Managers, Janet Warburton at warburton@arcus.org, or Sarah Bartholow at sbartholow@arcus.org or call 907-474-1600.

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Croce Celebrates Cultural Diversity

Elementary students let their flags fly, danced to the beat of their own drums, and learned about the diversity within their own mini-melting pot during a cultural diversity celebration at Croce Elementary.

A recent survey found students enrolled at Croce Elementary represented over 50 different ethnicities.

Principal Vicki Scudder, and teachers wanted to offer students and families an opportunity to teach and learn from one another. This desire has translated into Croce's first annual Diversity Celebration featuring a different cultural theme from May 27th through June 4th. Events were dispersed throughout the seven-day celebration including all-school assemblies, mini-sessions per grade level, and family events.

The school displayed flags representing every country where students are from in the Multipurpose Room. "I'm thrilled to see our students pointing out the flag from their countries to their peers with a sense of pride," says Scudder.

Students attended assemblies featuring the Ballet Folklorico Costa de Oro from San Jose, Taiko Drummers, guest speakers on Native American and African cultures, and ended the week-long celebration with a good old-fashioned Hoe Down.

A multi-ethnic fashion show with over 37 student and parent models wearing the traditional costumes from their own cultures topped off the week. Teacher Marni McKercher stated, "This was a highlight of the week as we are all able to see how beautiful all of the cultural wear is from our student's countries of origin."

In addition to the fashion show, students from each grade level prepared artwork featuring the artistic styles



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Students perform dressed in clothes worn in countries from which they or their ancestors came.

of different countries for an Art Walk that families were invited to view.

Scudder commented, "This event enabled one of our students who arrived from China two weeks prior to our

Diversity Celebration to participate and perform a traditional Mongolian dance. She's only been a Croce Cheetah for two weeks and has already contributed to our school and its diversity."

k.d. lang to Perform at Day in the Park

Grammy-Award winning artist, k.d. lang, will be performing at The Taylor Family Foundation's (TTFF) 24th annual Day in the Park auction fund-raiser on Sunday, August 24th at Camp Arroyo. Co-founder, Barry Taylor, who spent more than 30 years helping seriously ill and at-risk children, will be honored during the event.

This year's event will offer 20 first-come, first-serve VIP tickets to an intimate meet and greet with k.d. lang; in addition to the more than 70 featured restaurants, wine makers, brew masters and pastry chefs who provide food samplings and tastings for more than 1,100

guests. During this "Epicurean Ensemble" guests are able to bid on silent and premium auction items, including rare wines, artisan dinners and luxury trips. Raffle tickets are available for purchase and anyone can enter to win a 2014 MINI Cooper Hardtop. Winner need not be present to win.

Taking part will be noted celebrities, including local news personality ABC7/KGO TV's Cheryl Jennings. Doug McConnell will be on hand along with radio personalities Jim Hampton from KKIQ/KKDV, Sue Hall from KOIT and long-time TTFF supporter, Narsai David. This entertaining

group will provide colorful commentary throughout the afternoon.

Proceeds from Day in the Park go directly towards funding and facilitating TTFF's summer camp programs at Camp Arroyo. Each year our camp programs provide a free summer oasis for nearly 3000 Northern California children suffering from chronic and critical illnesses, such as HIV/AIDS, autism, Crohn's, celiac disease, brain tumors, pediatric cancer, developmental disabilities and more.

At camp, children have an opportunity to "just be kids" without being judged or ridiculed by others. They

meet other children with similar conditions, gain self-esteem and self-respect and make long lasting friendships.

Since its inception in 1990, TTFF has raised more than \$14 million to better the lives of thousands of children and provide their families with a respite from ongoing challenges. We are proud that we have been able to provide this opportunity to more than 45,000 children.

For tickets/tables and event sponsorship opportunities for Day in the Park, please visit www.ttff.org or call (925) 455-5118.

June Storied Nights Theme 'In the Garden'

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and Peet's Coffee & Tea sponsor Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. The fun and eclectic literary series is produced by Livermore residents Marilyn Kamelgarn and Cynthia Patton.

This month's theme is In the Garden. Featured writers Kathy Mima and Ruth Ball Jurs will read their own work. Joining them are John Hutchinson, Marilyn Kamelgarn, and Cynthia Patton reading Barbara Kingsolver, Davis Mas Masumoto, Lewis Carroll, and others.

The event will take place on Thursday, June 12th,

2014 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Peet's Coffee & Tea, 152 South Livermore Avenue, in downtown Livermore.

Cynthia Patton, the event's host, says: "Storied Nights showcases the best of the local literary scene, featuring talented Tri-Valley poets and writers. Come join us for an evening of caffeine and creativity."

Storied Nights will continue on the second Thursday of each month and features local authors reading their original work. For more information go to <http://facebook.com/StoriedNights>

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.

Members of the Pleasanton Art League Public Art Circuit are currently exhibiting art at six businesses in the Pleasanton - Dublin Area. Viewing locations are: Bank of America at 337 Main Street, Pleasanton; Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Street, Pleasanton; Sallman, Yang, & Alameda CPA's at 4900 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton; US Bank at 749 Main Street, Pleasanton; Edward Jones at 6601 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin; and The Bagel Street Café at 6762 Bernal Avenue Pleasanton. If interested in becoming a member of the Pleasanton Art League or for information regarding the Public Art Circuit, call John Tringham at (510) 877-8154.

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

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

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

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

Summer Exhibits: Lynda Briggs and Jeff Snell. June 5 through August 13.

The Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center present two artists in the Grand Atrium, mezzanine, and "Across the Glass Bridge" exhibition spaces. Lynda Briggs' paintings are colorful, lively, and busy: Jeff Snell's current work unites traditional landscape and popular culture in vigorous abstracts full of movement and energy. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the exhibits during Firehouse Arts Center open hours. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Donations always appreciated. For more information, contact Gallery Director: JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or call the gallery: 925-931-4849.

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

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

Art Under the Oaks, July 19 and 20, Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

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

Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday

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

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

Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Galina's Music Studio located at 1756 First St., Livermore. Confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

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

WINERY EVENTS

Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. June 11, Nottingham Cellars; June 18, Mitchell Katz Winery; June 25, Occasio Winery Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.org.

Cedar Mountain Winery: 5 days of wine tasting at Swirl. Small tasting room open next to Swirl "On the Side" offering flights, wine by the glass, and wine by the bottle to compliment the food and entertainment at Swirl. May 29, 5 to 10 p.m. Cedarmountainwinery.com, cedarmtn@wt.net. Swirl located at 21 South Livermore Avenue #105, Livermore.

The Winemaker's Pour House, Live music: 2241 First St., Livermore.

www.winemakerspourhouse.com or 215-2656. Live music: June 5, 6-9 p.m., Natalia Sings. **June events:** June 7, Bunjos Comedy Showcase, 7:30-9 p.m. http://tinyurl.com/junecomedy; June 15, Altamont Beer Works, noon to 6 p.m. Father's Day event. June 3, Team Pourhouse at Relay for Life at Livermore High School; June 29, 4 to 7 p.m. featuring Robert Hall Winery pouring five wines matched with special creations from out kitchen.

Nottingham Cellars, June 17th - Winemaker Dinner at Posada, food paired with a selection of Nottingham Cellars and Vasco Urbano wines. Winemaker Collin Cranor and Executive Chef Eduardo Posada have prepared five courses. Posada Restaurant - Livermore. Cost: \$75.00 per person plus tax and gratuity. Limited space available. RSVP 925-606-1004.

Las Positas Vineyards, Friday, June 6th Evening in the Vineyards." Free concert featuring live music by Juke Joint. Wine, beer and artisan pizzas crafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To make reservations please call 925-449-9463 or contact curt@laspositasvineyards.com. For more information, check at www.laspositasvineyards.com. Sunday, June 8th, "Sunday Funday " special wine and food pairing flight. \$10 for club members & \$15 for non-members. For more information please contact us at 925-449-9463 or email curt@laspositasvineyards.com

Murrieta's Well, celebrate dad with

music by James Nagel, food available for purchase from Double Barrel. Sun., June 15, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. Call 925-456-2395 for more information. **La Luna**, Murrieta's Well estate wines, delicious food and live music under the light of the full moon. 6 to 9 p.m. June 20: Summertime Blues, Cajun menu with Jazz music by Walter Hern. July 18 - Paella Party, paella made three ways with music by Andre Thierry Zydeco. August 15 - Vintner's Grill, Fresh off the grill menu with music by violin duo Vivo. \$60 for Silver Spur club Members; \$70 Public each or all three \$145 for Silver Spur Club Members; \$175 Public. Reservations are required. Murrieta's Well Tasting Room, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore Call 925-456-2395 or www.murrietawell.com

Tesla Vintners: Ehrenberg Cellars,

Pat Paulsen Vineyards, The Singing Winemaker, open house 6 to 9 p.m. Sat., June 21. 5143 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 606-9463. Live music by The Singing Winemaker and high energy rock and country band Turbo Fuegos, tempting tapas, and award winning wines by each of the three Tesla Vintners wineries. Come early at 5:00 for a "Meet the Winemakers" discussion on The Art (and joy) of Winemaking. Tickets before June 14, \$30; week before the event \$40; at the door \$50.

Taste our Terroir, July 24 - 27: Livermore Valley's food and wine affair spans four days. On Thursday night, the annual quest for food and wine

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

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Blacksmith Square, music every Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue--the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover.

Joni Morris Presents a Tribute to Patsy Cline: Joni Morris and the After Midnight Band return to the Firehouse Arts Center with her hit show, this time honoring the legendary first female member of the Country Music Hall of Fame. One show only: Saturday, June 7, 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$25, youth \$12. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton

Mads about Broadway, 2-time Grammy Award winning violinist Mads Tolling



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Christensen Middle School orchestra and choir presented their spring concert last week.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

is joined by special guest and cabaret great Wesla Whitfield for an extraordinary program of duets and solos, bringing their distinctive styles to classics old and new from the Broadway songbook. The pair is in concert Sunday, June 8, 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$15, \$20, \$25; child \$12; senior \$22; group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Red Molly, Fri., June 13, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

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

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

Shamrock'n Sundays, Dublin concert series, 5 p.m. Emerald Glen Park. July 13, TW, party band playing hits from the 60s to today. 556-4500.

The New Christy Minstrels, July 24, 7:30 p.m. Legends of American Folk Music. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Sing A Song of Sondheim, July 2, 2 p.m., cabaret style seating, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE

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

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

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

Menopause the Musical, July 10, 7:30 p.m., July 11, 8 p.m. and July 12, 2 and 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Shrek the Musical, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. July 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and Aug. 1, 2 and 3. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Murder Mystery Theater: 'Murder by

Merlot,' July 26, 6 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

COMEDY

Comedian Faith Alpher will present her first ever family friendly comedy charity event, "From Haiti to Hollywood," 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 8 at Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore. Comedy, a live DJ, dancing, food, food fun and thousands of dollars in raffle prizes. KKIQ will be on site with the KKIQ Junior Prize Wheel. Suggested donation is \$20. To purchase tickets, go to <http://fromhaititohollywood.brownpaperickets.com/>

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

Comedy@ the Firehouse, featuring Rocky LaPorte, 8 p.m. Sat., July 19. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

MOVIES

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

Movies in the Park: Pleasanton, Amador Valley Community Park, 4455 Black Ave. Movies are free and begin at dusk: July 10: *Frozen*, PG; July 17, *Despicable Me 2*, PG; July 24, *The Lego Movie*, PG; July 31, *Ender's Game*, PG-13; Aug. 7, *Hunger Games: Catching Fire*, PG-13; Aug. 14, *Man of Steel*, PG-13. Information at Pleasanton Community Services, 931-5340. Bring blanket and low beach chairs.

Moonlight Movies series, Town of Danville offering a mix of animated, live action, new run as well as classics, there is always something for every member of the family. The five movie series, which will be held on the Town Green located at 400 Front Street, will kick off the second Friday in June. The following five movies will be shown throughout the summer: June 13 - *The Crows*; June 27 - *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*; July 18 - *Independence Day*; August 1 - *The Goonies*; August 15 - *Rio*. Crafts and activities for children start at 6:30 p.m. with the movie following at sunset. Families are asked to bring a blanket and lawn chairs. Registration is not required. For more information, please call (925) 314-3400 or visit www.danville.ca.gov.

DANCE

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

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

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

VOLUNTEER

Firehouse Arts Center Season 2014-2015 Volunteer Orientation: The Firehouse Arts Center is gearing up for a dynamic 5th Season of theater, concerts, gallery shows and special events. Their award-winning volunteer organization is holding its annual pre-season Volunteer Program Orientation on Wednesday, June 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Firehouse Theater, 4444 Railroad Avenue in Pleasanton. Positions include theater usher, ticket taker, greeter, and gallery attendant. Attendance orientation is mandatory prior to serving. Must be age 16 or older. For more information and to pre-register, contact program coordinator Jennifer Koch, jkoch@cityofpleasantonca.gov or 925-931-4846. RSVP appreciated.

OPERA

22nd Annual Opera in the Vineyard, Retzlaff Vineyards, Livermore, July 20, 5 to 8 p.m. Sampling of favorite areas by some of Livermore Valley Opera's favorite Bay Area opera singers. www.livermorevalleyopera.com or 960-9210.

MISCELLANEOUS

Political Issues Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions

We're Talkin' Books! Club is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word, 2nd Thursday of each month. Features local authors reading their work 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sponsored by LVPAC and Peet's. Information go to <http://facebook.com/StoriedNights>

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

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

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

Ducks Unlimited will host an event starting at 5 p.m. July 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. The event supports waterfowl and wetlands conservation. Tickets are \$125 couples, \$75 couples, \$50 greenwing and \$650 for a sponsor table. Nonmembers are welcome, membership is included with admission. For information or to reserve tickets, contact Ken Brickwedel at 525-3800.

An Evening with Donner Party Survivor Margaret Breen, July 8th, 7 p.m. Museum on Main 2014 Ed Kinney Speakers Series, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors, \$5 members, and \$3 students/teachers with ID. Tickets may be purchased at Museum on Main during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at (925) 462-2766. Tickets purchased by phone will be available for pick up at Will Call in the lobby of the Firehouse Arts Center on the evening of the event. Tickets may be available at the event subject to availability.

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8th annual Golf Tournament and

dinner banquet, Mon., July 28, Castlewood Country Club. Benefit for REACH (resources education activities community and housing) for special adults of the Tri-Valley. Registration and

putting contest 10:30 a.m., shotgun start noon, silent auction 4:30 p.m., dinner and live auction 5 p.m. Fees \$150 individuals, \$600 foursome. www.trivalleyreach.org.

Religion Chat for June Set

The June Religion Chat will be held on June 11 at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore in the Parish Hall. There is parking on the street and behind the circular church building.

The event runs from 5 to 6 p.m.

For this chat, everyone can be speakers. There will be a discussion of areas in the various religions/cultures that other people should be aware of to avoid inadvertently offending anyone. For example: What foods or drinks do you avoid? What kind of touching is allowed? What social customs would you like to tell us about?

The plan is for all of us to sit around in a circle and share traditions and taboos.

Religion Chats are a monthly interfaith forum held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at one of Interfaith Interconnect's 16 participating congregations in Livermore and Pleasanton.

The mission statement is "to enrich, inform, and educate ourselves and others about the great diversity of faiths and cultures in our valley. To achieve that purpose, we hold a variety of events each year. For information, e-mail interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com

Program on Hinduism and Spirituality in Everyday Life

An evening of information about the Hindu faith will be presented on Sunday evening, June 15th at First Presbyterian Church of Livermore in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 to 8:30. The speaker will be a Vedic scholar, prolific author and speaker, Prabha Duneja.

Prabha Duneja, founder and president of the Geeta Society, is also an active member of the Tri-Valley Interfaith Council, Women's Federation for World Peace, and the United Nations Association USA. She is the chairwoman of the Women's Interfaith Circle of Service/CC-URI. Mrs. Duneja is a recipient of the Global Citizen award, given by UNA-USA East Bay, for her efforts on behalf of schools and orphanages in India and Mozambique. She travels extensively and is a frequent speaker at the Commonwealth Club San Francisco, the Parliament of World's Religions, schools, universities, temples, churches, mosques, yoga retreats, and religious conferences.

Mrs. Duneja, a well-known Vedic scholar and a devotee of Lord Krishna, is the author of numerous books and has also recorded several series of lectures on religion, philosophy, the Bhagawad Geeta, the Secret Powers of mantra, the mysteries of mind and body, and the science of yoga and meditation. She is the author of *The Legacy of Yoga in Bhagawad Geeta*.

Enter the courtyard from K Street between 4th and 5th Streets, and Fellowship Hall is on the left. There is no admission charge and all are welcome to attend.

Supervisors Recognize Water Awareness Month

Water Agencies Report on Drought Impacts as Alameda County Board of Supervisors Proclaim May Water Awareness Month

Last week the Alameda County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation declaring May 2014 Water Awareness Month and listened to reports from four of the largest water agencies in the county about the impacts from the drought emergency. Presented by Supervisor Scott Haggerty, the annual Water Awareness Campaign kicks off in the month of May as the weather warms and water use increases.

Representatives from water agencies serving throughout Alameda County attended to accept the proclamation, and included East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), Alameda County Water District (ACWD), Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and the Zone 7 Water Agency.

“The affects of one of the worst droughts experienced in California since the 1970’s will deeply affect residents and businesses throughout Alameda Coun-



Pictured are (left to right) Director Dick Quigley, Zone 7 Water Agency; Supervisor Haggerty; Director & board president Georjean Vonheeder-Leopold, Dublin-San Ramon Services District; Gregory Chan, EBMUD Public Affairs; Directors John Weed and Paul Sethy (board president) Alameda County Water District.

ty,” said Haggerty. “Depending on the source of its water supply, we recognize that the impacts to each water agency differ and that each will employ an approach that works best to conserve water while continuing to protect public health and safety. We support the water agencies in this effort.”

Water agencies reported

large reductions in their water supply and, depending on the water source, with customer impositions that ranged from 10 percent voluntary conservation for EBMUD customers to mandatory water reductions and restrictions on outdoor water use for ACWD and retail water utilities that depend on Zone 7 Water Agency in the

Tri-Valley. Especially hard hit are those agencies that contract with the California State Water Project for its water supply. Zone 7 Water Agency receives 80 percent and ACWD receives 40 percent of its supply from this source.

Visit <http://www.co.alameda.ca.us/board/district1/> for more information.

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Livermore Rodeo Dinner Dance, Saturday, June 14. Livermore Pleasanton Elks Lodge, Steak Dinner and Dancing to the Richard Dorffi Trio. Menu includes NY Strip Steak cooked over hardwood fire, Baked Potato with all the fix-ins, Ranch Beans, Cowboy Salad, Bread and Peach Cobbler ala mode. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner served 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$22 by advance purchase, call 455-8829. 940 Larkspur Drive, Livermore.

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

Dress a Girl Around the World, an invitation to make simple dresses for girls in third world countries. Next Sew-Fest is Saturday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Augustine Hall, Pleasanton. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. Bring sewing machine or serger, iron, ironing board, scissors, along with helping hands. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) Always accepting cheerful cotton fabric donations. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Navy, Marine Corp & Coast Guard Active Duty and Veterans. Meet with other like minded veterans for camaraderie and support of veterans causes. The Fleet Reserve Association is a chartered organization that provides a voice in Congress. Young veterans are highly encouraged to get involved in promoting the concerns of your generation. The local branch of the FRA meets the first Friday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 South L St., Livermore. For more information go to www.fra.org or contact Roy Warner at 925-449-6048 or Loraine Maese at 454-1582.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Chinese lunch in San Ramon, June 14, noon, RSVP by June 11 to Marsha, 830-8483. Happy hour in Pleasanton, June 19, 5 p.m., RSVP by June 17 to Marge, 828-5124. Friendly bridge in Livermore, June 21, 1 p.m., RSVP by June 14 to Harriett, 447-8829. Brunch in Livermore, June 22, 12:30 p.m., RSVP by June 20 to Ruby, 462-9636. Lunch in Dublin, June 28, 12:30 p.m., RSVP by June 26 to Janet, 443-3317. Lunch in Pleasanton, June 29, 1 p.m., RSVP by June 27 to Hilda, 398-8808.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore

Public Library Civic Center on Thurs., June 12, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Susan and Ralph Alcorn will present “Exploring Patagonia: National Parks and Beyond,” a digital slide show focusing on their travels and hiking in Patagonia. From their travels came Susan Alcorn’s most recent book, *Patagonia Chronicle: On Foot in Torres del Paine*. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Ducks Unlimited will host an event starting at 5 p.m. July 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. The event supports waterfowl and wetlands conservation. Tickets are \$125 couples, \$75 couples, \$50 greenwing and \$650 for a sponsor table. Nonmembers are welcome, membership is included with admission. For information or to reserve tickets, contact Ken Brickwedel at 525-3800.

Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated, dinner and speaker, Daniel Wilhelm on Thursday, June 12th, 6:30 pm, at Cattlemen’s Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Wilhelm is Senior Field Representative of Northwest California National Rifle Association. For reservations and information, contact Rebecca Potts at rebecca.potts@comcast.net or phone 925-294-4013 by June 9th. \$30 for members, \$34 for guests. To view a flyer on this event, go to www.trivalleyrepublicanwomenfederated.org

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, June 12, 2014, 6:30pm at Alisal School’s multi-purpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. A pot luck dinner will precede the business meeting. Stan Morgan, co-president of the Mount Diablo Iris Society, with 30 years of experience in growing irises, will discuss the various types of irises and how to grow them in our area. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925 485 7812.

Beginner email and Internet classes, Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used e-mail, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Pleasanton Library Tuesday and Thursday mornings; four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 ext. 4 for information.

Have a son in 1st thru 5th grade who is curious about Cub Scouts? Join Livermore’s Pack 939 for “boat-loads” of fun at the Annual Raingutter Regatta Boat Race & BBQ on Friday, June 6, 6-8:15pm at the Sycamore Grove Veterans Park Group Site (located just off of Arroyo Road below the Veterans Medical Center (off of Palm Drive). All prospective scouts interested in attending will be provided with a free boat to race. Please contact Heather or Cody Lee at hmxcl@yahoo.com for more information.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets Mon., June 16 at 7 p.m. at the IBEW 595, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Voting by members on changes to the clubs bylaws. Other agenda items to be announced. Refreshments, public invited.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, candlelight

Milestones Education

East Bay Teachers Honored by Foundation

Better Homes and Gardens Mason-McDuffie’s Education Foundation honored 20 outstanding East Bay teachers from the Northern California communities served by its offices. The awards were announced May 16th in Martinez. Families, peers, community leaders and BHG agents honored the teachers at the Foundation’s 22nd annual ceremony.

This year’s award recipients from local schools are:

Pat Bieler, Marylin Avenue Elementary; Dianne Crittenden, Sunset Elementary; Amber Kotowski, Livermore Valley Charter; Heather Psaros, Joe Michell Elementary; Erin Summers, Emma C. Smith Elementary; and Carlota

Lim, Walnut Grove Elementary.

Each year, teachers receive \$600, which they can use however they like. The Education Foundation grants do not come from corporate funds, but directly from the personal donations of the REALTORS, owners, managers and staff as a way of acknowledging and thanking teachers in their communities.

To nominate a favorite teacher for 2015, visit www.bhg.com under ‘About Us.’ The company will be accepting nominations for 2015 beginning in January of 2015.

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Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, June 11, Wednesday, 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 25, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. Visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Free Blood Pressure Management Classes, four week series of classes will teach how to manage blood pressure with exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer questions about living with high blood pressure. Fridays, July 18 through August 8, 10 am - 12 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with high blood pressure. Call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register.

Operation: SAM "Supporting All Military" is a 501(c)3 non profit military support organization based in Livermore. S.A.M. has been in operation since January 2004. It is dedicated to the continued morale support of deployed troops. For information or donations, visit www.operationssam.org, email operationssam@comcast.net or call 925-443-7620.

ClutterLess (CL), this is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings room 7 at 7 p.m. every Monday at the St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton. Just come or call our 925-525-3992 or 925-922-1467 or go to www.ClutterLess.org

Livermore Bridge Club meets Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. (to about 2:15 p.m.) at the IOOF Hall, 2160 First Street. Information at livermore-bridge.com. Each session is \$5. The club plays duplicate bridge. The game is supervised by Unit 501 of the ACBL, which covers the Tri-Valley; Unit 501 is non-profit.

ValleyCare Health System Auxiliary, Adult volunteers are needed to staff ValleyCare Health System facilities in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. Positions are available in a number of areas at ValleyCare Health System, such as the reception desk, hospital floor services, surgery center, urgent care, Auxiliary office, ValleyCare Health Library, the Cancer Center, Thrift Shop and the Gift Shop. Training is provided and hours/days are flexible. For more information, visit www.valleycare.com/auxiliary, or call 925 734-3368.

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

Tea Dance featuring The Mel-lotones Combo Jazz Band, presented June 11, by VFW Post 6298, 1 to 3:15 p.m. Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. Music from the American songbook played for listening and dancing for a variety of ballroom experiences.. Admission

\$10. Food and drink will be provided. Proceeds benefit needy veterans and their families. Information joephylb@att.net or 443-2224; bobolness2@gmail.com or 443-2245.

Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Center, in Livermore has an immediate opening for a Friday office volunteer, and a substitute office volunteer for all days. Also needed are volunteer board members, computer tech and website assistance, grant writer, publicity chairman, CPA to assist once a year, and an administrative secretary. The office is open M-Tu-W-F, 10 am-2 pm and Th eve. 6-9 pm. To discuss a variety of volunteer opportunities please call John M. Kupski evenings or weekends at 606-8230 (or Thursday evenings 6-9 pm at the Birthright office 449-5887). Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. Livermore office at 1520 Catalina Ct., or call (925) 449-5887 during business hours. The 1-800-550-4900 Hotline number is staffed 24 hours a day. Please see our website at www.birthright.org/livermore for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Tri-Valley Parent Resource and

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

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, call Christine at Tri-Valley Haven: 925-667-2707.

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

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

Good News Bears, nonprofit with a mission to distribute stuffed animals to social services, emergency services, medical facilities and anyone who needs a hug. Based in Livermore, the group reaches around the Bay Area and the world. Volunteers needed to hold collections of gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals, assist with fund-raising and deliver the animals to organizations supported by the group. Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Livermore Police Station. Log on to www.goodnewsbears.org or call 373-7982 for more information.

RELIGION

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

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

or www.Tri-ValleyBibleChurch.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilcare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www.littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

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

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

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

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

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

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive. Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00.

925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org
Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garaventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community HU Chant is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday June 7 at 1:00 PM. The Community HU is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton CA. For More Information contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.

Milestones

Education

Sandia Recognizes Math and Science Accomplishments by Young Women

Sandia National Laboratories' California site recently presented its annual Math and Science Awards to 27 girls from area high schools, celebrating their academic accomplishments and potential.

"For more than two decades, Sandia has recognized young women from various public schools for academic excellence," said the vice president of Sandia's California site, Steve Rottler. "Studies show that the transition between high school and college is a critical point when many girls turn away from science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects. Through this program, we hope to highlight your potential in these subjects and introduce you to a number of successful women scientists and engineers."

Now in its 23rd year, the Math and Science Awards program is sponsored by the Sandia Women's Connection. This year's event honored more students, with the addition of four high schools in Oakland, Calif., and included recognition of the students by federal and state officials.

Teachers from 15 high schools in Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, Tracy, Manteca and Oakland nominated high school juniors whom they deemed outstanding in math and science, so the students can include the award on college and scholarship applications.

At the May 21 ceremony, awardees and their families discussed careers in math and science with Sandia

leaders and female researchers. Two Sandia researchers, mathematician Lindsay Erickson and mechanical engineer Jackie Chen, shared their personal stories at the podium.

"Looking back to high school, I don't think I even knew jobs like these existed," said Erickson. "My advice is that it is OK to fail, and be sure to ask your teachers plenty of questions."

Chen encouraged the award recipients to think broadly and pursue more than one discipline. "The most interesting work is at the intersection of multiple disciplines," she said. "In my work as a computational combustion researcher, we seek to understand chemistry, turbulence and reactive flows, and incorporate that knowledge into developing future fuel-efficient, clean burning engines. This draws upon computer science, fluid dynamics, chemistry and applied math."

Malin Young, director of Sandia's Biological and Materials Sciences Center, handed out the awards. The honorees also received certificates of achievement from Cheri Greven, representing U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell; Michael Anderson, representing U.S. Rep. Jeff Denham; and Gayle Larson, representing Assemblymember Joan Buchanan. U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee and State Sen. Mark DeSaulnier gave certificates to the recipients in advance.

"This is such a great event. It's a real honor to be recognized," said Sraavya

Kakarlapudi, science award recipient from Dublin High School. "The speakers were very impressive and inspiring."

Parents and teachers who attended praised the award and event. "As a parent, it's nice to see my daughter and these other young women recognized and rewarded for their hard work," said Kenneth Preston, father of Renae Preston, the science winner from East Union High School in Manteca, Calif. "It's great for them to learn about so many different career possibilities."

The winners of the 2014 Sandia Math and Science Awards:

Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics: Cynthia Chen, Amador Valley High School; Sophia Hui, Dublin High School; Tabatha Barrington, East Union High School; Suman Tripathy, Foothill High School; Carmen Jimenez, Fremont High School; Morgan Correia, Granada High School; Megan Kristovich, Livermore High School;

Andrea Ludwig, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School; Emily Ritter, Manteca High School; Emily Wittkowske, Merrill F. West High School; Maleny Calderon, Skyline High School; and Ameryl Loi, Tracy High School

Outstanding Achievement in Science: Megan Gupta, Amador Valley High School; Sandra Vivian, Castlemont High School; Malia Lapota, Coliseum College Prep Academy; Sraavya Kakarlapudi, Dublin High School; Renae Preston, East Union High School; Katie Liu, Foothill High School; Rosa Contreras, Fremont High School; Vanessa Valenti, Granada High School; Kristen Young, Livermore High School; Hannah Hallikainen, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory; Bianca Arao, Manteca High School; Brianna Sandoval, Merrill F. West High School; Nicole Arteaga, Sierra West High School; Abigail Wong-Rolle, Skyline High School; and Makaela Bournazian, Tracy High School

Josh Replogle Qualifies for National History Bee

Sunol 6th grader Josh Replogle is heading to Atlanta in a few weeks to compete in the finals of the National History Bee

Josh is a cyber student at California Virtual Academies (CAVA), a full-time, tuition-free online public school. The History Bee is a national academic competition for elementary and middle school students that tests knowledge of a wide range of historical topics. After taking a regional qualifying exam, then moving on to a Jeopardy-like buzzer competition in a regional final, the top finishers, including Josh, move on to the finals in Atlanta this June 6-8.

Josh, an excellent student, really excels when it comes to history. Since CAVA sends all his textbooks and study materials directly to his home, he was even able to start reading before the school year officially began.

Josh comes from a family of history lovers, and they intend to spend some time sightseeing while in Atlanta for the History Bee, visiting Civil War memorials. CAVA is helping the families fund raise for their travel expenses via GoFundMe.

Information about CAVA can be found at www.k12.com/cava.

The following local residents recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines: Surti Sundaresan of Pleasanton (94566) initiated at University of California, Davis, and Peter Tsou of Pleasanton (94588) initiated at University of California, Davis.

Jenny Newman, a philosophy and politics major from Livermore, earned dean's list recognition at George Fox University after earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the 2014 spring semester. Newman is academically considered a senior based on the number of credits earned.

Paul Epperson, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory's LVCP's Valedictorian, has received a number of scholarships. They include the following: Fil-Am - \$500, LLNL APAC - \$750, and Banatao - \$5000/yr, \$20,000 total; SEAP (Science & Engineering Apprenticeship Program)- paid summer internship at the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, starts on June 16, \$3,300 total; and UC Regents Scholar - \$2000/yr, \$8,000 total.

Brandon Van Patten of Dublin, graduated from Marine

Military Academy on May 24. MMA is an internationally renowned college-preparatory boarding school located in Harlingen, Texas. Van Patten will attend Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, and double-major in psychology and criminal justice. He will also be a member of the Norwich Corps of Cadets. After he graduates from college, Van Patten plans to become an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Just prior to the commencement exercises, at the Class of 2014 MMA Graduation Parade, Van Patten received the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States Award, which is given to a cadet who has demonstrated a high degree of academic and military excellence.

Now a resident of Dublin, this young man grew up in Tracy, where he attended Monticello Elementary School, Jefferson School and Kimball High School his freshman year. In Tracy, Van Patten earned his Eagle Scout rank with Troop 515 and a second-degree black belt in taekwondo.

Van Patten entered MMA in the 2011-12 school year and quickly moved up in rank and billet. He graduated from MMA as a cadet major and the company commander of Golf Company. He was also a Cadet of the Month in February 2013, a head cadet instructor for Summer Camp 2013 and the captain of the MMA jiu jitsu team.

Van Patten is the son of Liz Nonato De Jesus of Dublin, and the late Phil Van Patten.

University of Central Oklahoma student Emily Harris, a junior funeral service major from Livermore, recently received the Funeral Service Department Scholarship from Central's College of Mathematics and Science in recognition of academic excellence and outstanding service to the university.

The scholarship, worth \$250, is awarded to a student majoring in funeral service who has excelled in his or her academics.