



Find Out What's Happening

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

Computer Security Facility Opens

A facility to encourage the development of computer security skills and technology opened Tuesday at Sandia.

The facility, called the Cybersecurity Technologies Research Laboratory, is operated by Sandia National Laboratories. The University of California-Davis and Northrop Grumman Corp. are two of a variety of academic and industry partners who will work with Sandia at CTRL. It is located in an existing building in the Livermore Valley Open Campus portion of the federal site, which is shared

by Sandia and Lawrence Livermore National laboratories.

In a ribbon cutting ceremony, several speakers praised both the technical and economic opportunities expected to flow from the facility.

Rep. Jerry McNerney spoke of the "growing national issue" of cybersecurity and his belief that the facility will bring together "a tremendous amount of talent and synergy" from Sandia, Lawrence Livermore, academia and industry.

In a follow-up interview, he said he sees it as contrib-

uting not only to national security but also to regional commerce attracting high tech business interests to the Tri-Valley.

McNerney, a Democrat, represents California's 11th district, including Pleasanton and Dublin.

Marc Roberts, Livermore City Manager, described the "amazing" changes since the first tentative Open Campus discussions several years ago, with "collaboration and innovation reaching across boundaries."

He said the Open Campus generally and the cybersecurity facility in particular

will bring the "best and the brightest" to technical collaborations, which can then be part of job-creating "economic engines" as well.

To give some perspective on the size of the cybersecurity problem, Sandia vice president Rick Stulen said that cyber crime is costing the world roughly \$388 billion per year. Sandia networks alone are probed more than 30,000 times per hour by "unfriendly entities," he said.

Leonard Napolitano, director of Sandia Computer Sciences and Information Systems, said that the risk

is many-layered. "Each of you (with a computer) is a potential target and a vector to others," he said, meaning that a private computer can be attacked and can also be manipulated into attacking other computers.

With its connections to business, academia and other national laboratories, the Cybersecurity Technologies Research Laboratory will explore a wide range of computer security issues, Sandia said in a statement.

Technical challenges will include developing a stronger scientific and math-

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Help Needed To Pack over 100,000 Meals For Kids

The Alameda County Fairgrounds site in Pleasanton is officially designated by the State Office of Emergency Services as a Regional Disaster Recovery Center. As such, they will store a supply of Kids Against Hunger food in the event of widespread emergency, locally.

Help is needed to pack 100,000+ meal provisions, Wednesday, June 27, at the fairgrounds from 11:00am to 8:00pm. Some 100 volunteers are required each hour to help pack meals.

Call 925-400-7201 to reserve groups of 20 or more.

Feed the Need Food Drive: Bring four (4) non-perishable food items for the Alameda County Community Food Bank and receive free admission on June 27.

Experienced shift personnel a plus. Organizers also seek persons to serve as table hosts: 10 volunteers per hour, three-hour shifts. For details, go to www.kidsagainsthungerpleasanton.org and click the "How to Help" link or "Join a Packing Event" link to select a preferred time slot. No advance training provided. Participants must be prepared to pack 100,000 meals in one day.

Those unable to attend but who want to support the effort, may make donations online at: www.kidsagainsthungerpleasanton.org.

Organizers of Kids Against Hunger are requesting donations to underwrite the expense to provide these meals.

Financial commitments from the Pleasanton Downtown Rotary for \$2,000 along with \$2,000 from individuals have been secured to date.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Two young cowboys awaited their turn to compete in the mutton busting event during the annual Livermore Rodeo Family Night festivities. For more rodeo and parade pictures, see page 10.

Pleasanton Schools OK Contract with Classified Employees

The Pleasanton school board approved a tentative agreement with the district's classified employees.

Trustees voted unanimously for the agreement at their meeting June 5.

The board will talk about which specific positions represented by CSEA that it would officially authorize to be restored at its next meeting June 19.

Computer technicians and library assistants are

among the positions facing planned cuts that could be restored, at least in part, to the budget. The concessions by employees so far add up to \$213,000.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said that the staff is working on "a couple of more things," hoping to add enough money to be restored at its next meeting June 19.

Certificated personnel,

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Livermore Approves Fire Dispatch Move

The Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) will move its dispatch service to the Alameda County Regional Emergency Communication Center (ACRECC).

The Livermore City Council approved the change at its meeting on Monday.

ACRECC is located at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Currently, in Livermore, dispatch service is provided by the Livermore Police Department. When a call for fire services is received, it is dispatched from the same center. In the event of a medical emergency, the call is transferred to ACRECC for ambulance dispatch.

When the call is in a borderline area with another

jurisdiction, or the LPFD's resources are taxed, Livermore dispatchers contact ACRECC to request assistance. In Pleasanton, when a call for LPFD's services comes in, it is transferred to the Livermore Police.

Under the new plan, Livermore or Pleasanton would receive the emergency call and transfer it to ACRECC where LPFD, Paramedics Plus, and any of five agency would be dispatched. The communication system connects all of the area responder agencies.

Fire Chief Jim Miguel told the council that the current method of responding to calls can result in an

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Sierra Club Undecided on Measure B3

The Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club is still up in the air when it comes to Measure B3.

Measure B3 will appear on the ballot in November. The \$7.7 billion countywide sales tax measure will provide more money than in the past for bicycle and pedestrian projects, help AC Transit erase some of its shortfall and restore some service, fill potholes in streets in cities, and bring \$400 million

for the phase 1 Livermore BART extension along the freeway.

Also for the Valley is \$132 million to widen Highway 84 between Interstates 580 and 680 and at the I-680 interchange.

On Monday, the Sierra Club executive committee met to consider whether to support, oppose or remain neutral on the sales tax extension.

Three Alameda County

area Sierra chapters have already taken stances on the issue. It was thought by many that the club had reached a point where it would not take a position.

Glenn Kirby, a member of the Southern Alameda group, stated that all of three of the county groups had weighed in on the matter. Each voted on a different motion.

The Tri-Valley group

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Pleasanton Council Wants Development Numbers Clarified

The Pleasanton City Council asked staff to provide more clarification of provisions in design guidelines that could prove to be "provocative."

The concern related to wording that could allow up to 100 units per acre on the BART site in Hacienda Business Park. The same site could also be the location of a hotel with 10 to 15 story towers.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern said she found the numbers "totally shocking." Other councilmembers weren't as concerned about the numbers. They wanted a statement that made it clear that the numbers weren't "by right," but possibilities.

The council held a workshop with the planning commission last Tuesday. The purpose was to provide feedback on draft design guidelines and development regulations for nine properties that were rezoned as part of the housing element update.

The city is required to have the new guidelines and regulations in place by the end of September to meet a deadline agreed to as part of its settlement with Urban Habitat. As a result of the Urban Habitat lawsuit, a court invalidated the city's 29,000 unit housing cap and ordered it to rezone properties to provide an opportunity for development of more affordable housing.

The rezoned properties are designated at a minimum of 30 to 40 units per acre. However, a site could develop at various ranges such as 14 to 25 units in one area and 50 to 85 units in another location. An overall average is identified for each property in the development regulations and design guidelines. The final densities would be determined as projects came forward.

Brian Dolan, director of community development, said the guidelines include an 85 foot height limit. That

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen
The Pleasanton Public Library unveiled its 2012 Summer Reading Program last Saturday. The theme is based upon the upcoming Summer Olympics. The program kick-off featured an Opening Day Torch Relay along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Running the second leg are Massey and Eden Fisher. The free summer reading program, entitled Pleasanton Readers are Good Sports! continues through August 4. Readers may pick up a selection of cards featuring various Olympic sports at London's Big Ben clock in the children's reading section. The cards are used to record time spent reading. Olympian readers will be rewarded with prizes when they complete each game card. Pre-schoolers who cannot read can be read to by others and still participate in the reading game. For more information about Pleasanton Readers are Good Sports! visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/library.html or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400.



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PET OF THE WEEK
Pokémon, it's you and me; I know it's my destiny; Pokémon, oh, you're my best friend; You teach me and I'll teach you; Pokémon, gotta catch 'em all! Come on down and meet the Pokémon's- Pikachu (orange tabby-pictured), Mewtwo (black), Eevee (Siamese), Squirtle (brown tabby), and Jigglypuff (black). Being just kittens, they can evolve into loving, sweet adults. For more information, call 925-426-8656 or go online to www.valleyhumane.org or www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Photo by Ken Jacoby

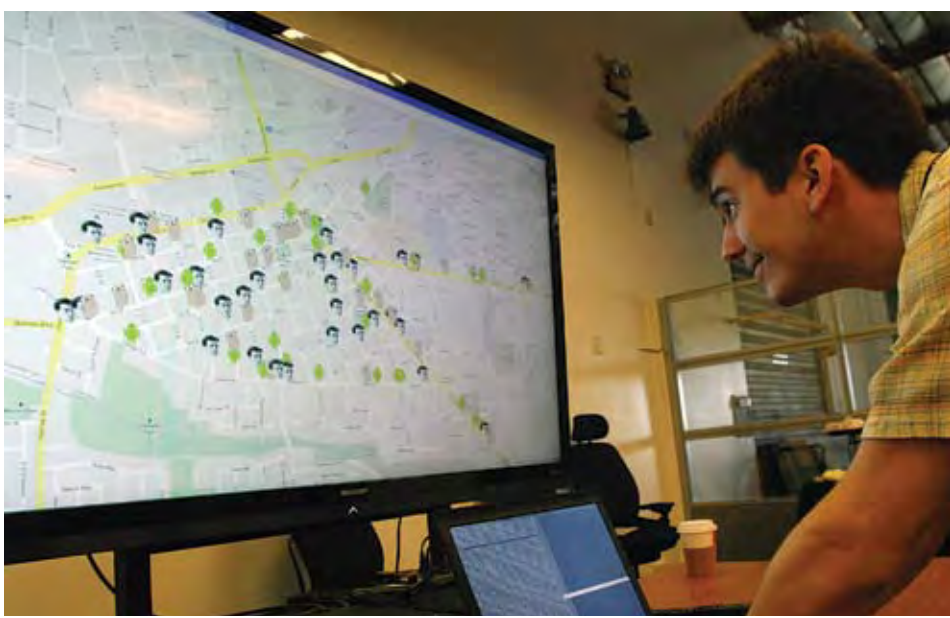


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

David Fritz demonstrates a computer simulation that tries to predict how people move around by tracking their cell phones. It is one of the capabilities under study at the Cybersecurity Laboratory.

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emational basis for applied computer security programs. There will also be an effort to "develop critical relationships" to understand threats to industry, academia and unclassified government efforts.

These relationships are essential, one observer noted, because security departments are often reluctant to share information and because threats vary widely, depending on the attacker and on the target. One may seek access to a personal bank account, while another may try to disrupt a military supply operation. A third may try to gain access to proprietary secrets, while a fourth may insert a malicious program for eavesdropping.

Because cybersecurity is sometimes under-appreciated as a problem, one goal of the laboratory is to raise "political and social awareness of the real, imminent threat and the consequences posed by cyber exploits and attacks."

Beyond technology, at Tuesday's ribbon cutting ceremony, local and regional economic benefits remained a focus of discussion for many.

James Salter, chief operating officer of Blossom Wealth Management in Alamo, was there to find connections for clients who work with computers in areas that demand reliable security; for example, electronic signatures.

He finds the Tri-Valley to be a rich source of talent for technical innovation.

Dale Kaye, executive director of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, referred to the Open Campus participants as "game changers." She said the two

national laboratories have been "generous" in donating to the local community. With the plans moving forward, the "economic impact of (Open Campus programs) will grow exponentially."

A new level of growth also seemed likely to Rob White, who is head of economic development for the City of Livermore as well

as acting chief executive of iGATE, the state energy and technology hub centered in the Tri-Valley.

The laboratories have always had connections with academia, he said. The Cybersecurity Technologies Research Laboratory promises to create a new University of California presence in the Open Campus.

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mostly teachers and some other positions such as counselors, have contributed \$2.3 million in total concessions.

Also at the board meeting June 5, trustees unanimously approved restoring \$1.3 million in programs using money resulting from the teachers' concessions. They had heard from the public about the restorations at their meeting May 22.

They include \$408,000 for counselors at the elementary, middle and high school levels, \$400,000 for PE specialists, and \$68,000 for two more sections of classes at both comprehensive high schools.

Also included is \$100,000 to the Regional Occupational Program, which has had to cancel 18 classes because of state funding cutbacks.

In addition, \$320,000 has been restored for reading programs, added to another \$80,000 approved June 5 by the board.

Ahmadi said that staff and teachers will find a

way to integrate the Barton Reading Program into a unified approach in dealing with remedying reading difficulties.

An attempt by Valerie Arkin and Jamie Hintzke to allocate the \$80,000 to restoring Barton in its own right, instead of merging it into the broader remedial reading budget, was defeated 3-2.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The UP (Union Pacific) CARES train paid a visit to the Tri-Valley last Thursday. Union Pacific is working with Altamont Commuter Express (ACE), California Operation Lifesaver and local elected officials to enhance awareness of the need for rail safety in the community. Union Pacific Railroad is being proactive in its efforts to enhance public awareness of the need for railroad safety with this special train that will operate in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. Since 2001, Union Pacific has reduced grade crossing accident rates by 37 percent. A substantial part of this reduction involves the UP CARES program, which brings together rail safety leaders on behalf of Union Pacific in communities where Union Pacific operates trains. At right is Livermore Mayor John Marchand. He is talking about safety with a Union Pacific police officer.

Furlough days would be necessary only if Gov. Jerry Brown's tax increase initiative fails in November.

As with the district's earlier agreement with the teachers union, the CSEA contract has granted furlough days as a concession to the district. The furlough days are set up on the same schedule as the one established by the teachers union.

Those two entities, and the district \$450,000 with administrators, would save each furlough day.

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With \$3 Million Debt, Foundation Eyes Bankruptcy Filing

With a debt of \$3 million now apparent, the Tri-Valley Community Foundation board will be asked to authorize filing for bankruptcy at the end of June, the end of the foundation's fiscal year.

Foundation president and board chairman Ron Hyde said he will seek that action from the board. It is apparent that the foundation does not have enough revenue to cover all of the charities that receive money from it.

A separate program that has been operated by the foundation that provides funds projects such as those that assist foster children and single mothers. That program won't be touched by the funding shortfall. That money will be turned over to a San Francisco-based foundation.

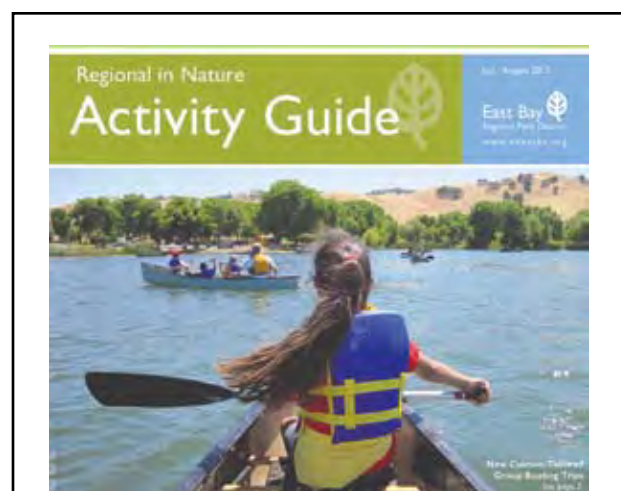
Hyde is still hopeful

that insurance policies will pay off some of the money owed, but that issue hasn't yet been resolved.

Hyde, a retired judge, was scheduled to meet Tuesday with the district attorney's office to discuss the shortfall. Hyde said the shortfall apparently was caused by David Rice, who was dismissed as foundation president.

Hyde said that Rice was sending checks to various charities, without first receiving board authorization. The board's by-laws say that any amount over \$1000 has to be cleared by the board. The checks that Rice wrote were far above that level, said Hyde.

Hyde said that his talk with the district attorney's office will remain confidential.



Look for the East Bay Regional Park District Activity Guide in today's Independent. The guide contains a list of events and activities planned in regional parks in July and August.

The Livermore Citywide Garage Sale

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012 - 9am to 4pm

Sales will be staged at the following locations:

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Meadowlark Dairy Honored

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett (D-San Leandro) honored Meadowlark Dairy of Pleasanton as the Senate District 10 "Small Business of the Year."

Corbett presented the award to Bruce Takens, a Pleasanton resident whose family has been running the drive through dairy since 1969. Takens has fond memories of feeding calves and hauling hay when Pleasanton was just a sleepy farm town. He worked on the original farm dairy, where he milked cows as a teenager and processed milk.

"I'm proud to present this award to Bruce Takens, owner of Meadowlark Dairy, the famous cultural icon of downtown Pleasanton," Corbett said. "Meadowlark Dairy has served as an important Pleasanton institution, providing jobs to local people and being very gracious in providing assistance to local causes."

Potential Dublin Candidates

The City of Dublin will host a pre-candidate informational meeting on June 26. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Regional Meeting Room, 100 Civic Plaza.

The office of mayor and two city council seats will be on the November ballot.

For more information, contact Caroline Soto, City Clerk at caroline.soto@dublin.ca.gov or (925) 833-6650. RSVP not required.

Identity Sought

Pleasanton police officers responded to a report on May 24 of a trash can left adjacent to the roadway on the 11000 block of Dublin Canyon Road. Responding officers discovered the body of a woman contained in the trash can.



The Alameda County Coroner's Office completed an autopsy and the woman's identity remains in question, as does the exact time and cause of death. The coroner said that the woman had shoulder-length dark hair, was 5'6" tall and weighed about 130 pounds. She was found wearing an Old Navy shirt and pajama bottoms.

A forensic anthropologist has determined the age range of the woman to be

between mid 20's and 40 years of age. The ethnicity of the woman is believed to be either Asian or Hispanic. Caucasian with Asian traits or Native American are also possible. The deceased was found wearing blue fingernail polish, red toenail polish, and she wore three ear piercings in each ear. The deceased has no tattoos or distinctive markings.

A sketch artist has completed a sketch of the woman's face. Anyone recognizing this woman is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

More Recycled Water

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Board of Directors unanimously awarded McGuire and Hester the \$2,146,700 contract to bring recycled water to the central Dublin area. Specifically, this project provides recycled water, a drought-proof water supply available year around, to irrigate landscapes at four school properties (Dublin High School, Frederiksen Elementary, Murray Elementary, and Cronin Park which is located between Valley High and Wells Middle School) and three city parks (Kolb, Stagecoach, and Alamo Creek).

The contractor will install 8,200 linear feet of recycled water pipe, with diameters ranging from four inches to 12 inches. These new pipelines will connect to the 16-inch main supply line located in the Iron Horse Trail, north of Amador Valley Boulevard and south of Alcosta Boulevard. Most of the new pipelines will be constructed within existing city streets, which may cause traffic delays due to lane closures.

The project also entails crossing under South San Ramon Creek and retrofitting existing irrigation systems at the parks and schools to conform to recycled water guidelines.

When completed, this project will expand the District's existing recycled water distribution system to deliver an additional 4.3 million gallons of recycled water per year. In 2011, District customers used 645 million gallons of recycled water. Essentially, this project delivers enough water annually to meet the water demands of 425 households.

Construction is expected to last four to five months; some will occur along the Iron Horse Trail and other sections will occur along Amador Valley Boulevard. Check the web site for the latest construction updates.

Applications Open for Gift Program

Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) is kicking off its annual Community Gift Program to benefit local and area non-profit organizations for 2012.

The program provides up to \$100,000 in funding to support organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) education, community-service and philanthropic needs in

Council Keeps Services at Kottinger Place

The Pleasanton City Council, sitting as the Pleasanton Housing Authority, agreed to use reserves to retain a social services employee at Kottinger Place.

The site provides housing for low and very low income seniors.

Staff had recommended eliminating the position.

Councilmember Cindy McGovern pointed out that the cost is \$8000. "I would hate to cut services to seniors," she commented. She asked what services would not be available on site if the position were eliminated.

Steve Bocian, assistant city manager, said the person provides transitional help in and out of the facility for residents; helps hospital visits, if needed; arranges transportation; and assists individuals with personal or medical services. He said that the position was added about seven years ago. He said that if it were eliminated, seniors could use services provided through the senior support program housed at the Senior Center.

Asked about the level of reserves, Bocian said they were over \$400,000.

Given the level of reserves, councilmembers felt that \$8000 for one year would be affordable. They voted unanimously to spend the money. During the year, staff would work on options to provide the services for seniors living at Kottinger Place.

communities having a large population of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) employees. Nonprofit California educational institutions, IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) organizations, and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties are eligible to apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

Established in 2008, the Community Gift Program received 59 applications for grants in 2011. Twenty-three applications were selected for awards, the majority of which served children in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County, with a focus on science and math education and cultural arts.

In December 2011, LLNS matched \$1 million in employee donations to the Lab's HOME (Helping Others More Effectively) Campaign. Last year LLNL employees pledged more than \$2.6 million to the HOME Campaign, the largest amount ever raised during the years of conducting the HOME Campaign. The contributions benefitted more than 400 local agencies. Adding the \$1 million LLNS match brought the

total contribution to more than \$3.6 million.

"LLNS wants to be a good neighbor to our local communities. We are very proud of the generosity of our employees in assisting those in need," said Parney Albright, LLNS President and LLNL Director.

All organizations interested in applying to the LLNS Community Gift Program must submit a gift application to LLNS by Aug. 30, 2012. To be eligible, organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and accountable for spending and program results. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by Oct. 26, 2012.

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EDITORIAL

Computer Security Facility

The opening of the Cybersecurity Technologies Research Laboratory at Sandia builds on efforts to attract high tech companies and jobs to the area.

The facility is operated by Sandia National Laboratories. It is located in the Livermore Valley Open Campus near Sandia and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. During the ribbon cutting ceremonies, several speakers praised both the technical and economic opportunities expected to flow from the facility.

Marc Roberts, Livermore City Manager, said the Open Campus generally and the cybersecurity facility in particular will bring the "best and the brightest" to technical collaborations, which can then be part of job-creating "economic engines" as well.

Dale Kaye, executive director of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, predicted there would be a major positive impact of (Open Campus programs) on the local economy.

One goal of the facility will be to "develop critical relationships" in an effort to understand threats to industry, academia and unclassified government efforts. Another goal is to raise "political and social awareness of the real, imminent threat and the consequences posed by cyber exploits and attacks."

With all of those plans, these are exciting times for the Tri-Valley.

DISPATCH

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average of a 2 minute delay in response time. In addition, because there are two dispatch centers, sometimes two agencies are dispatched, resulting in a double response because of the inability of the agencies to communicate directly.

Miguel said there are many pluses to changing dispatch providers. One would be the ability to send the nearest unit to a call. In the future, a new system of medical priority dispatch service is required to be provided in 2014. This service includes triage to determine the seriousness of emergencies. A dispatcher would determine which is the more serious if more than one call came in at the same time, and send the response team to that call first.

Fire Captain Joe Testa noted that fifteen years ago, the LFPD handled 6300 calls a year. That number is now over 10,000. Over 7000 are medical calls. Moving the dispatch services has advantages. ACRECC provides software with the ability to backfill a station, if personnel were out on a call; to issue a code red recall of fire personnel; to take advantage of GPS dispatch capability; to decrease call transfers; and to improve ability to alert stations of a call.

There is a fiscal impact. Miguel said that Pleasanton currently pays Livermore \$153,000 for dispatch service. Under the proposal, Pleasanton would continue to pay that amount. The added cost to Livermore would be \$192,755. About 54 percent of the calls are from Livermore locations. The total cost of the new service would be \$345,755.

Currently, the two cities handle different responsibilities in managing the joint fire department. Under the proposal, Livermore would take on the financial management. At the present time, Livermore pays Pleasanton \$145,000 for the service. If Pleasanton agrees, the change in dispatch and financial services would result in a \$290,000 swing. Pleasanton would pay Livermore for the service. The impact would be about a \$70,000 positive balance if the finance services move for Livermore.

In response to a question from the council, Police Chief Steve Sweeney told the council that moving the service would not result in a reduction in staffing for the department. Preparations are underway to receive cellular 911 calls. That will have a significant impact on work loads.

Some Projects, Bonds Remain on Recognized Obligations List

The State Department of Finance has commented on the proposed Livermore recognized obligation payment schedule (ROPS).

ROPS is a list of enforceable obligations that the Livermore Successor Agency (LSA) needs to pay on behalf of the former Livermore Redevelopment Agency (RDA). The ROPS list included loans, bonds, and agreements.

As part of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, an Oversight Committee was established to review the actions of the LSA. Last week, the committee heard a report on what items remain on the list.

Among the items removed from the ROPS list by the state were advances from the city to the developer to purchase affordable housing at Heritage Estates. Executive Director Marc Roberts said the city would be in discussion with the state to try to change the ruling.

Also removed was the 20

percent set-aside for affordable housing. Roberts said that the item was removed, because there is no longer a requirement to set aside the funds.

The majority of the items remaining on the list are bond obligations. The Maroon Bear, ValleyCare and regional theater projects are also still enforceable obligations.

Roberts told the committee last week that a number of loans were removed that didn't meet the criteria of the Department of Finance to remain on the ROPS. Most were loans from the city to the RDA. Some are tied to real property. If the titles of the properties were moved to the city, the loans would be extinguished as a recognized obligation. The city would then own the properties and the debt.

In some cases, the loan is worth more than the property, that is why tax increment dollars were needed in the first place, explained Roberts.

Stark, Swalwell Look Ahead to November

After finishing 6 percentage points behind incumbent Congressman Pete Stark in the 15th District, Eric Swalwell said that he is looking ahead to November with the same grassroots support that he received in the primary election on June 5.

As of the secretary of state's tallies posted on the internet on June 12, Stark led the three-way race with 39,893 votes, for 42.1 percent of the vote. Swalwell's 34,286 votes were 36.2 percent of the total, and independent, Republican-endorsed candidate Christopher Pareja received 20,567 votes, for 21.7 percent of the total.

Stark and Swalwell are both Democrats. The switch to the top-two primary helped Swalwell, who would have been eliminated if he had finished second against Stark in a Democratic primary contest, as under past rules.

Swalwell, a Dublin city councilman, was asked via e-mail whether his close finish is loosening up any more money or switching any Stark endorsers over to him, and whether there have been any changes.

Swalwell said that he had raised \$300,000 before the primary from individual donors, and "out-raised Congressman Stark in the last two quarters." He an-

ticipates fund-raising will increase "as we broaden our grassroots base."

No Stark endorsers switched to Swalwell, but he would welcome any who would like to change, he said. He added that he lists "more than 60 locally elected officials" supporting him.

The election result means that the race "will face increased scrutiny here and in the fall," said Swalwell. However, for him, "the results change nothing. We have always been focused on keeping a close margin" between myself and Stark to build momentum into November.

The Independent asked Stark via e-mail whether he was surprised that he was 6 percentage points ahead of Swalwell, and about whether he is worried about any contributors or endorsers, what with conservative and independent voters in play, now that Pareja is out of the race.

Stark replied, "I am very proud of my record representing my constituents in the East Bay: fighting for quality health care for all, protecting the rights of seniors and working families, and bringing millions of dollars home to stimulate the economy and create jobs."

"I don't take anything for granted in this election. I

look forward to meeting and talking with voters over the next few months about the issues that are most important to them. Anything worth having is worth fighting for and I will do that to achieve a victory in November."

MCNERNEY BELOW 50 PERCENT IN VOTE

Democratic Rep. Jerry McNerney, who will continue to represent Pleasanton and Dublin in the current 9th Congressional District boundary until the new Congress meets next January, was running in the newly drawn 9th District. The 9th district primarily includes in San Joaquin County, an area that even now makes up more than one-half the current district.

McNerney received 37,569 votes according to the secretary of state's June 12 tally, for 48.6 percent of the vote. Republican Ricky Gill, who was the recipient of big Republican Party funding, showed 29,135 votes for 39 percent to win the right to face McNerney in November. Another Republican, John McDonald, collected 9,541 votes, for 12.4 percent of the total.

The Valley's other current congressman, Democrat John Garamendi, is running in the newly drawn 3rd District, which now includes mostly the Delta and the Central Valley north of

Sacramento.

Garamendi received 51,432 votes, or 52.3 percent of the total. Four Republicans on the ballot collected the remainder, with Colusa County supervisor Kim Vann topping the others at 254,763. She will face off against Garamendi in November.

MILEY WINS RE-ELECTION

In the Valley, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley easily won re-election in the 4th District, which includes Pleasanton. Miley received 32,389 votes, or 71.56 percent, to challenger Tojo Thomas's 12,562, or 27.75 percent.

Running unopposed in the 1st District, Supervisor Scott Haggerty garnered 30,613 votes for 97.48 percent. The remaining 793 votes were write-ins.

In the 7th Senate District, Democrat Mark DeSaulnier received 89,961 votes, for 57 percent. Republican Mark Meuser 67,889 votes for the remaining 43 percent. They will face off again in November.

In the 16th Assembly District, Democrat Joan Buchanan collected 53,885 votes, or 56.7 percent, to 41,084 votes, or 43.3 percent for Republican Al Phillips. They will meet again in November.

Livermore Council Okays Budget

The Livermore City Council approved the two year budget, FY 2012-14 at Monday's meeting.

The council applauded changes in the budget layout that makes for easier comprehension. In a separate action, staff was asked to provide a report on how the city might save money by changing when it elects councilmembers and the mayor.

Mayor John Marchand pointed out that holding Livermore municipal elections in odd years adds \$300,000 to the cost. For example, Pleasanton pays \$41,000 for its election; Livermore \$350,000. Marchand noted that a vote of the public would be required to change the process. If approved, it could add a year to each of the current councilmembers' terms.

Councilmember Bob Woerner said the report should include timing, when the change might take place and the earliest date that there could be an impact.

As part of the budget, the council established a fund balance policy. The policy

sets percentages of funds to be placed in various reserve accounts.

At the request of the council, the new policy includes trigger points when the reserves may be spent.

The discussion on the allocation of reserves took place at an earlier workshop. The goal of reserves is to mitigate the impacts of unexpected events, maintain an appropriate cash flow level, and support the city's credit rating.

There are three fund designations: committed funds, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance. The committed fund balance is similar to the previous operating reserves, establishing a stabilization arrangement to provide resources in the event of a catastrophic event or major disaster. The assigned fund category replaces the previous economic uncertainty reserve, allowing for flexibility to meet unforeseen financial hardships, such as state budgetary takes. The unassigned fund balance establishes a small cushion to offset small revenue shortfalls or cash flow timings.

Staff provided three options for the council's consideration. Option 1 would place 20 percent of the operating budget into the committed fund reserve and 10 percent into assigned funds. Option 2 is the same, except that it would provide only 5 percent to the assigned fund. Option 3 designates 15 percent to committed funds and 10 percent to assigned funds. All three options provide 1.5 percent of the money to the unassigned balance.

The vote was unanimous in selecting the third option. However, prior to the decision, councilmembers voiced differing opinions.

Mayor John Marchand was in favor of option 2, which places 20 percent in the committed funds balance, 5 percent in the assigned category and 1.5 percent in the unassigned category.

Councilmembers Stewart Gary and Bob Woerner supported option 3, which would provide 15 percent to the committed fund balance, 10 percent to the assigned fund and 1.5 percent to unassigned. Gary said that it

was the best option because the assigned category provides a greater economic buffer. Gary suggested adding examples to define terms such as catastrophic event, major disaster and severe fiscal crisis.

Councilmember Bob Woerner liked the flexibility option 3 provided to the council. He said by placing more in the assigned balance, the city could always use the money in the event of a disaster. He added that it is critical to replenish the funds if and when they were used.

Doug Horner also liked the flexibility the third option provided. He pointed out that in the future, if needed, funds could be moved to other categories.

Marchand stated, "Rather than add to reserves, I'd prefer to use the money to retain services." Councilmember Lauren Turner spoke in favor of option 1, which she said would help to deal with the unfunded maintenance costs faced by the city. This option would place 20 percent of reserves in the committed fund balance, 10 percent in the assigned, and 1.5 percent in the unassigned.

As for the new layout for the budget, Turner stated, "This is fantastic. The public wants to understand where their money goes. The new look has painted a picture that makes it easier to understand."

Other councilmembers echoed her statement.

MAILBOX

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Community Thank You Sam, Katie, and Calvin Strube Livermore

Sam, Calvin, and I would like to thank all of you in the Livermore community (and beyond) that have graciously extended your hand to us during this very difficult time. Whether you have been keeping us in your thoughts and prayers, have brought us a meal, sent flowers and cards, donated

to the Nathan Strube Memorial Fund, or have come and cried with us, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Nathan's loss has left a gaping hole in our lives. We hold on to his beautiful memory and strive to live like he did - happily. Nathan was a friend to many, kind, funny, helpful, uplifting, honest, trustworthy, and genuine. May his spirit live on and continue to bless us all. Again, our sincere love and thanks for all you have done for our family.

Gun Ordinance J.R. Bonds Livermore

I can't believe that The Independent published in the "Valley Roundup" on June 7 that County Gun Ordinance Upheld. The case of the Nordykes was indeed dismissed. However, it was not that the county ordinance was upheld. Alameda County relented on their position that there

could be no firearms on county property, including the Alameda County Fairgrounds, to a position that as long as firearms were "secured to prevent unauthorized use", i.e. a sturdy cable attaching a firearm to a table except when being examined by an authorized participant (in the gun show, i.e. a ticket holder). The bottom line is that the suit was dismissed, but the county gun ordinance is completely re-interpreted by the county, which the court held as binding. See <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2012/06/01/07-15763.pdf>.

Radiation Alison Forrest Livermore

As summer approaches, I couldn't help but imagine myself lying by the poolside soaking up sun. I recently learned some disheartening news that makes me rethink this.

The Livermore Lab is responsible for a toxic groundwater plume, which extends to the community pool on Charlotte Way, which they plan to clean up soon. While I think this cleanup is a great thing, the ground has been tested and found to be contaminated with a radioactive element, Plutonium.

As construction happens on a pipeline to clean the plume, there could be plutonium in the dust. Livermore Lab has so far ignored the idea of installing continuous air monitoring to detect radionuclides at the construction zone.

One microscopic particle of Plutonium that is inhaled can damage cells to cause cancer and other illnesses. Not only will this pipeline be located near the pool, but also near an elementary school, apartment complexes occupied by children, and Big Trees Park.

Livermore Lab, I beg you to please rethink your stance on a continuous air monitoring system for radiation

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Last week, local high schools held graduation ceremonies for the class of 2012. In the top photo, Pleasanton's Amador Valley High School students prepare to take part in the processional. Below, Livermore High School grads were presented with yellow roses as they walked into the stadium.



SIERRA CLUB

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voted 2 to 1 to support the measure. The group has five voting members. However, only three took part in the voting.

The Southern Alameda County wing counted 4 votes not to oppose the measure. There was one abstention.

The Northern Alameda County chapter voted 9 to 0 to oppose B3.

Kirby said that the plans are to conduct a workshop for the executive board and interested Sierra Club members. It would provide information about the measure. "The board would then likely craft some action and send it around to the groups," said Kirby. It will likely take a month to six weeks to determine whether the club will take a position.

A two-thirds vote of the combined eligible voters would be required on a recommendation to forward to the governing board. There

are nineteen eligible voters. A two-thirds vote would also be required by the executive board to endorse the action recommended by the three groups.

Recently, Measure B3 picked up the endorsement of TransForm, a transportation and land use organization with offices in several states. The group had previously said it might oppose the measure.

The measure is called B3, because it is the third round of funding for transportation projects in the county from a countywide sales tax.

The sales tax currently in effect is one-half cent. If voters were to approve B3, that would rise in 2013 to one full cent, and would continue in perpetuity. The measure requires the a two-thirds majority in order to pass.

Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) officials have said that the one-cent tax needs

to be a continuing revenue source because of major shifts in the structure of federal and state transportation funding, which result in significant shortfalls for county and city projects.

The measure is a one-time opportunity to increase the tax to a full cent. Special legislation allowed the election for November 2012 to add a half cent to the current half cent tax.

The \$7.7 billion would finance projects through 2042. Then ACTC would come back to the voters for more projects. The measure includes public review oversight provisions.

Proposed Change in Measure D Equine Policy Goes to Commission

The Alameda County Planning Commission will have a look at the draft of a proposed amendment to Measure D when it meets Monday, June 18.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. in the public meeting room of the county building at 224 W. Winton Ave., Hayward. The commission won't take any action, but listen to the specifics of the proposal.

The proposed amendment would double the amount of area that an equine building could occupy on an agriculturally zoned parcel that contains horse breeding and training facilities.

Currently, the floor-to-area ratio (FAR) of an entire parcel is set at 0.01 percent of that total agricultural parcel size. The proposal would double that to 0.02 percent.

The change would affect the rural areas of the Valley, and also unincorporated Castro Valley, where one equine industry operator sought the change so that he could cover his arena as protection in inclement weather.

Supervisors denied the applicant his request because of the current FAR

in Measure D. However, supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty asked staff to look into making the FAR change.

Bob Baltzer, president of Friends of Livermore, said this week that Measure D backers have a problem with the change. He said that he and Dick Schneider, co-author of Measure D, met with the equine applicant and with Miley, whose district includes Castro Valley, to try to allow the arena to be covered without having to change Measure D.

Baltzer said this week that while the county counsel's office gives the green light to allowing the board of supervisors to double the ratio, because it is a "minor" change, Measure D backers do not agree that it is minor.

"When you double anything, it is not minor," said Baltzer. The only way it can be changed, according to Measure D, is by a direct vote by county voters, said Baltzer.

Even if there were to be an election to change the FAR rule, many who backed Measure D would work against making the FAR change, because doubling

the permitted size would create larger roofed arenas on agricultural parcels, said Baltzer.

"It could lead to more stables and more horses, to which some people object," said Baltzer.

Assistant planning director Liz McElligott said that the county counsel's office says that it's alright for supervisors to make the change because Measure D allows for "technical corrections."

The county's agricultural advisory committee recommended the proposed change unanimously at a meeting May 24, 2011.

No action is scheduled for Monday. County staff has been preparing a negative declaration on the policy change, so there is enough specific information now for the commission to look at the proposal, said McElligott.

The negative declaration will be released soon. There will be a 30-day comment period. Then the proposal will go to the agricultural advisory committee in July, and return to the planning commission, likely in August, before it goes to supervisors.

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is the same as the 5-story Oracle buildings that are adjacent to the BART site. He explained that office buildings tend to have higher ceilings than houses or hotels. A 6 to 7 story housing structure would be the equivalent of a five story office building. The hotel towers are an option that a developer could request in the future.

He added that one of the difficulties with the BART site is that the required circulation to access the station reduces the amount of developable property, resulting in the higher density. The uses in the list would indicate what could be built on the site. It doesn't mean that every use, such as the hotel, will be part of a development proposal.

McGovern replied that it isn't just about the height, it is about the character of the city. "You're talking about a massive change." She wanted only the minimum number of units that could be built to be shown in the guidelines.

Other councilmembers

were supportive of the variation in numbers, because they said it allowed for flexibility on the part of a developer and for the city.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio pointed out that any proposal still has to go through the city's PUD approval process. She noted that flexibility is needed so that the city doesn't end up in court again if it can't provide the zoning for its assigned housing numbers in the future. Changes in a proposal could be made by the council during the approval process. She added that a clarification on the height issue should be included as part of the guidelines.

Jerry Thorne said that it comes down to the fact that any proposal has to make economic sense. One of the requirements of the settlement is that developers be able to build the housing, which requires an economically viable project.

Councilmember Matt Sullivan liked the higher density next to BART. However, he stated, "We need to be careful. I'm not sure we

want to go in the direction of one hundred units per acre and 15 story towers."

Consultant Rick Williams, who worked on the guidelines and development standards, said that it is important to provide flexibility when it comes to densities. He said the final product is about massing and character, not numbers.

McGovern stated, "I know we have to do this. However, it's immensely important to the community as to what they expect to see happen in the next few years. We need to do it right."

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Wheels Buses Heading To July 4th Fireworks

Buses following Wheels Route 12 will ferry people to Las Positas College on July 4th to take part in the 2012 Livermore July 4th community celebration and fireworks display.

Beginning at 4:00 PM, buses will stop every 30 minutes at the Route 12 stops. Four of those stops are adjacent to the Downtown Livermore Transit Station, Railroad Ave and L Street, the Park and Ride on E. Airway Blvd., in Livermore and the East Dublin-Pleasanton BART station. At the end of the evening's festivities, buses will be staged at Las Positas College to shuttle people for return routes. Visit the Wheels website (www.lav-ta.org) to view the complete route. Bus fees are \$2.00 for youth and adults, \$1.00 for seniors, and children under 6-years-of-age ride for free.

Gates for the July 4th festivities at Las Positas College open at 4:00 PM. The entry fee is \$5.00 each for walk-ins. The afternoon's festivities include live music, food and beverage booths, and family fun and games. The crowd will be entertained by Jason "Wolf" Hamlin, The Humming Birdz, and Rock on Tap prior to KKIQ radio's (101.7 FM) choreographed

musical backdrop for the firework display.

For those preferring to drive, there is ample parking available at Las Positas College. The entry fee for cars is \$20 per carload in advance and \$25 per carload at the gate. Advance parking tickets may be purchased from the Livermore Fireworks website (www.LivermoreFireworks.org).

Wendy Weathers, chairman of the fireworks committee, urged people to purchase tickets in advance.

July 4th fireworks are returning to Livermore after a one-year hiatus through the efforts of the Livermore Fireworks Community Committee, the City of Livermore, and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. FloraTech Landscape Management stepped up as a presenting sponsor along with a host of other sponsors to financially support the return of the Independence Day event. Additionally, community members contributed online and purchased raffle tickets and t-shirts in this successful effort to bring back a community wide celebration of America's independence. Visit the Livermore Fireworks website www.LivermoreFireworks.org to contribute and view the full list of sponsors and supporters.

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SPORTS NOTES



Alexis Aying, of Taylor's Martial Arts in Livermore, competed in the League's Shark City Nationals Tournament in San Jose, California on June 9, 2012. Alexis took 1st place in the 6-7 year old girls novice sparring and also became Grand Champion for the 7 and under all ranks girls sparring.



The Livermore American Little League A Division Dodgers finished in first place with a 20-3 record. Team members are (front row) Joe Stempien, Nick Mamaoag, Joe Lanci, Josh Lanci, Jonny Salcido, Ethan Kwan, Pedro Aceves, Kirk Stempien, Caden Gereb, Derek Thompson, Nick Michail, Travis Swartz; not pictured manager Robert Thompson and coaches Rob Lanci and Curtis Swartz.



The McElroy Orthodontics Tigers completed the only undefeated season in the Pleasanton Girls Softball League (PGSL) this year with a 15-0-1 record. They wrapped up their outstanding season with a 13-4 victory in the Minor Teal championship game on June 2. Pictured standing (from left to right) are: Coach Dave Buscheck, Jillian Witt, Emily McElroy, Jorie Fanfa, Nicole Witters, Coach Matt Ciesielski, Chloe Beidleman, Hailey Fanfa, Paige Scoffield, Coach Gregg Witters, sitting (from left to right): Jordan Ciesielski, Gianna Lyng, Zoey Castillo, Avni Patel, Sammi Buscheck; and lying down, Jamison Gray with team mascot.



The Granada Little League Minor AA Athletics took first place in the post season championship tournament. Pictured are (front row, from left) RJ Little, Hunter Houghton, Ian Silveira, Hudson Steele, Carson Tracey, Jake Steele; (second row) Koston Markham, Joey Keller, Nick Lydon, Ethan Clark, Cooper Meyer, Max Silveira; (back row) Assistant Coach John Stack, Head Coach James Houghton, Assistant Coach Dave Steele, Assistant Coach Derek Tracey and Manager Simon Meyer.



Pleasanton American Little League AAA A's won 2 elimination games in the play-offs to finish the season strong. A's players are (front, left to right) Andrew Vincent, Keaton Smith, Zack Moresco, Kyle Bautista, Tyler Rocha, Jack Kroll; (middle) Matthew Kenning, Owen Lahr, Ryder Tate, Kyle Shomaker, Brendan Connolly, Trent Pozzi; and (back) Coaches Jim Bautista, Mike Kenning, and Paul Rocha; not shown Brian Pozzi.



Pictured are Pleasanton Girls Softball League's Senior Division Champions the Fuji Sushi Boat and Buffet - Storm. Team members are (front row, left to right) Angelica Clark, Leah Botelho, Dharini Clark, Kristen Morse, Jill Eicher; (middle row) Coach Rick Altman, Lauren Bedard, Jamie Altman, Kalesha Leite, Caitlyn Peal, Lexi Campisi, Jennifer Teitell, Zoe Chapman; (back row) Asst. Coach Dan Campisi, and Coach John Quintanal.

Livermore Rodeo

Local bareback rider Teddy Athan of Livermore placed among the top four in action at last weekend's Livermore Stockmen's Association Rodeo.

B.J. Campbell ranked first all around with money. He earned \$2037.75; 2nd place in the all around standings went to Bobby Mote; 3rd Jack Vanderlans, 4th Doyle Hoskins, 5th Jade Corkill, 6th Seth Glause and 7th Mike Monighetti.

Livermore Wild Cow Milking: 1st Todd Murray (roper), Mike Fanoy (mugger) 0.57; 2nd Jeff Nielsen and Clay Nielsen, 0.58; 3rd Morgan Murphy, Scott Sewall, 1.01; 4th Chris Castello, Steven Silvia, 1.12; **LSRA/RRR wild cow milking chute out:** 1st Billy Centoni, Kyle Davilla, 34.1; 2nd Chris Castello, Steve Silvia, 37.5.

Bareback riding: 1st place tie Kaycee Feild on Raggedy Ann and Bobby Mote on Wild Blue; 3rd George Gilliespie IV, Redheaded Stepchild; 4, 5 and 6: Teddy Athan of Livermore, Jacks Are Wild; Tilden Hooper, Beaver Fever; Ryan Gray, Bittersweet; **Saddle bronc:** champion Bryan Martin on Gypsy Soul; 2nd Levi Berry, Dunn Ewe; 3/4/5, Mert Bradshaw, Smooth Sailing; Lucas Wilson, Watapagin; Chase Bennett, Road Rage; 6/7, Seth Glause, Slum Lord and Joe Heguy, Mullin Road; 8th Sam Spreadborough, Haley's Comet.

Tie-Down Roping: 1st Blair Burk; 2nd Chant DeForest; 3rd, Tuf Cooper; 4th Cade Swor; 5th Daniel Rice; 6th, John McGill; 7th, Hade Corkill; 8th Anthony Estep and Mike Monighetti. **Steer wrestling:** champ Trevor Knowles, 2nd Jack Vanderlans, 3rd Tom Lewis, 4th Luke Branquinho, 5th Billy Bugenig, 6th Les Shepperon, 7th Travis Carnine, 8th Sterling Lambert.

Local team roping: 1st Julie Blach (header) and Bob Blach (healer), 36.62/3; 2nd John Pereira and Justin Pereira 34.10/3; 3rd Scott Pimentel and Chris Castello 41.26/3; 4th Dan McCoy and Matthew McCoy 23.60/2; 5th Pete Maravelias and Pete Maravelias, Jr. 23.88/2; 6th Scott Beyer and Russ Piazza 27.35/2; 7th Ryan Nielsen and Robert Nielsen 36.69/2. **Team roping:** 1st Spencer Mitchell and Broc Cresta; 2nd Keven Daniel and Chase Tryan; 3rd Blaine Linaweaver and Matt Garza; 4th, Brooks Dehozy and B.J. Campbell, 5/6, Nick Rawlings and Justin Davis and Michael De Van and Caleb Twisselman.

Barrel racing: champ Brittany Pozzi, 2nd Christina Richman, 3rd Linda Vick, 4th Sherry Cervi, 5th Bailey Mahrgang, 6th Dolli Lautaret, 7th Meagan Reichert, 8th Ann Scott and 9th Rachael Ross. **Bull riding:** champ Chris Roundy on Sweet Sinner, 2nd Colin McTaggart on Crystal Gun, 3rd Sean Peterson on Snugly, 4th Beau Schroeder on Panic Attack, 5th Friday Wright II on Bad Mood Dude, 6th Clayton Savage on Jungle Juice, 7th Bruce Brown on Tatoo and 8th Steve Woolsey on Yard Dog.

Pleasanton Girls Softball

Pleasanton Girls Softball League results:

Minor Teal: Diversified Mortgage 4, Uncle Credit Union 3; Kirsten and Haley R. demonstrated great pitching while Brenna and Sierra moved the team forward with their fabulous hits and ability to run the bases. In the end, Diversified Mortgage took the lead and displayed their talent with Samantha McClain and Alexis Blaschka making several hits, and Brianna Chi's targeted pitching skills. Top Players: Uncle Credit Union - Brenna Adams, Sierra Lema, Haley Roundtree; Diversified Mortgage - Alexis Blaschka, Breanna Chi, Samantha McClain.

Minor Black: Blue Line 6, Hopyard Ale House 5; Blue Line advanced to the championship round behind Kaitlyn Jones' clutch pitching and Natalie Tarantino's offensive magic. Tarantino scored the eventual winning run by stealing home in the fourth inning, having led off that frame with a single and also delivering a two-run single in the first. Jones pitched a 1-2-3 seventh inning, with Lilly Ryan's throw from 3rd providing the final out. Sarah Layer also had a two-run single in the first as Blue Line took a 4-2 lead. Brooke Promes had a huge game for Hopyard Ale House with three doubles, including a two-run shot that tied the score in the third inning. Hope Alley scored twice for Hopyard Ale House and Michaela Cabral drove in Promes for Hopyard Ale House's final run in the sixth. Top Players: Blue Line - Kaitlyn Jones, Sarah Layer, Natalie Tarantino; Hopyard Ale House - Hope Alley, Michaela

Cabral, Brooke Promes

Barry Winston OD 4, Blue Line 2; Barry Winston OD captured the Minor Black division's championship by outlasting Blue Line in a tight, hard-fought game. Nicole Riordan and Lauren Hermes provided RBI singles in a three-run seventh inning. Libby Schlag opened that rally with a walk, stole 2nd and 3rd before coming home on a wild pitch for a 2-1 lead. Blue Line came back in the bottom of the seventh, with Isabela Saavedra stealing home when Lilly Ryan drew a throw to 2nd on her own steal. The game ended in controversial fashion when Ryan was called out at home as she slid in trying to advance on a wild pitch. Each team scored once in the first inning, Abigail Fried doing so for Barry Winston OD and Ryan coming in for Blue Line on Jessica Shockley's single. Barry Winston OD's Chloe Engel and Blue Line's Kaitlyn Jones made stellar defensive plays. Top Players: Blue Line - Lauren Hermes, Nicole Riordan, Libby Schlag; Barry Winston OD - Kaitlyn Jones, Lilly Ryan, Jessica Shockley.

Major Teal: Uncle Credit Union 12, Fusion 3 Salon 11; It was a tight game as Uncle Credit Union struggled to maintain their lead. Nichole's and Emily's runs assisted the team in maintaining their lead while Lauren McNamara contributed by pitching one of her best games. Shreya headed the defense with her catching and throwing and Aarushi and Grace showed excellent skills in their hitting. Top Players: Uncle Credit Union - Emily Benson, Nichole Crawley, Lauren McNamara; Fusion 3 Salon - Shreya Madan, Grace Nielsen,

Aarushi Saharan

offensive push as well as helping out on defense as well.

Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion SC '99 Girls Maroon squad faced San Ramon Azuri on Saturday, May 26th in a match up of NorCal Soccer league leaders.

Head Coach Chay Bardales' team was coming off a string of impressive victories that included 4 straight shutout matches with the last victories being a very strong defensive effort vs. Diablo FC producing a 1-0 win and a strong combined effort in a 5-0 shutout vs. West Coast Soccer.

Fusion's ball control oriented offense patiently probed the Azuri defense and was rewarded with 2 first half scores. A wind aided "bad bounce" goal for Azuri closed the difference to 2-1 at halftime.

As has been the case all season, Fusion's offense opened up in the second half resulting in a season high 6 second half goals en route to a 8-2 victory.

Forwards Jessica Bonfiglio, Sydney Mendoza, and Alexis Salazar kept the pressure on the Azuri defense continually throughout the match with excellent two-way play of Center Mid-fielders Sheyllyne Holson and Reiley Davies. Outside mid's Lauren Martin, Daniella Walker, and Kylie Moore helped provide the

The defensive line anchored by center fullbacks Tori Borgna and Andrea Sommers repeatedly turned nearly all Azuri offensive attempts with the help of outside backs Sydney Duncan, Krissy Keller, and Kristen Heise. Goalkeeping duties were capably handled by Alyssa Bonfiglio who was covering for a vacationing Jenni Kovisto.

The win improved Fusion's Spring League record to 8 wins with only 1 loss. The lone loss coming as a result of an unfortunate own goal vs. Napa Bolts during their second game of the season.

Bocce Kits for Rent

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is making bocce ball kits available for rent to the public.

Bocce ball kits can be checked out for a week at a time from the Robert Livermore Community Center. The kits are available at the front counter from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Rental for one week is \$20, plus a \$40 refundable deposit by credit card or cash - a total of \$60. The \$40 deposit is refundable if equipment is returned in good condition. Kits are rented on a first-come, first-served

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SPORTS NOTES



East Avenue Middle School girls team won the 4 x 100 relay and set a new Tri-Valley Middle School League record at the recent Meet of Champions finals at Dublin High. The foursome turned in a blistering time of 54.38. Pictured from left to right are Coach Peter Malmquist, Arianah Nava, Samantha Dukes, Gianna Cole, Shasta Grant, and Coach Rob Dayton.



The "Sand Sharks," Livermore Fusion U9 Girls, placed 2nd in the Pro-am Beach Soccer Tournament this past weekend in Santa Cruz. Pictured are coaches Greg Brackett, Mike Hoopes and players Madelynn Riddle, Gracie Ackerman, Emily Krakoski, Erin Murphy, Alana Cox, Melanie Branda, Kelsey Hoopes, Cassidy Brackett and Danielle Castro; not pictured are Olivia Turner and coach Jim Krakoski.



The "Pharaohs," Livermore Fusion U12 Girls, earned 2nd Place this past weekend in the Santa Cruz Pro-am Beach Soccer Tournament. Pictured are coaches Ken Farro, Chris and players Camy Farro, Kaitlin Krakoski, Camille LaBlanc, Georgia Bates, Jen Wise, Stephanie Boschee, Kylie Zentner, Sophia Mylius and Cassidy Bates.



Danny Terry recently finished his sophomore baseball season at Dublin High School, then journeyed this past weekend with his Dublin based 16U Baseball USA Nationals travel team to the 2012 "Best of the Best" Majors tournament at the Twin Creeks Sports Complex in Sunnyvale. The 15 year old National hit a solo home run in game one, pitched a complete game victory in game two, hit a two run home run and a game winning walk off double in the semi-final game, and hit a three run homerun in the championship game. All three home runs ranged from 350 to 375 feet. In his spare time Danny also recorded a sparkling defensive play in left field with a diving shoe string grab. The Nationals mowed down the competition with four victories including two mercy wins, and walked away with the Championship trophy. For his efforts, Danny was awarded the Tournament Co-Most Valuable Player Award.

basis; reservations are not available in advance. Rental of a bocce ball kit does not guarantee a bocce ball court will be available.

The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Bothwell Park is located at 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. For more information, call 925-373-5700.

Fathers' Day Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will present the 19th Annual Fathers' Day Run on Sunday morning, June 17, in downtown Pleasanton, at the Main Street Arch. This exciting Dad's Day community tradition will benefit the Pleasanton Rotary Club's Scholarship Program—assisting local high school students.

There is a race or walk event for every member of the family, including the 5K Run or Walk, or the 10K Run. In addition, there will be 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 unpaved 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, finishing right underneath the arch.

Trophies will go to the top male and female finishers. Beautifully etched-glass trophies will be given to the top male and female Masters (over 45-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 and a cookie from Mr. Cookie, himself.

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

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

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

Triathlon Series

On Saturday, June 16, a field of close to 1,000 first-timer, few-timer, and many-timer triathletes will be on hand to kick off On Your Mark Events' 25th annual Tri-For-Fun Triathlon Series

(four triathlon events), at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Volleyball Camp

The Livermore High School Girls Volleyball Program will be hosting Junior Cowboys Volleyball camps from July 30th to August 2nd in the Livermore High School Main Gym for girls entering 3rd through 9th grade. The All Skills Camps (9:00am to 10:30 am for girls entering 3rd to 5th grade, and 10:30 am to 12:00 pm for girls entering 6th to 9th grade) cost \$60, if received by 6/22, and \$70 upon entry. For more information and registration form, visit the Livermore High School website, under "Athletics" and "Girls Volleyball".

Register for Alumni Football Game

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host an alumni football game between the Cowboys and Matadors on Friday, September 14, 2012 (7:00 p.m.) at Granada High School. Those wanting to play, coach, or purchase memorabilia, go to: www.livermore-granadaboosters.org. Call (925) 766-0673 or e-mail Brad Morisoli, brad@morisoli.net if you have questions or need more information.

Registration is online only. All proceeds to support scholarships, awards and banquet for Livermore and Granada High School varsity athletes.

The Livermore-Granada Boosters

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

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

and one female scholar athlete from each high school with the Olympian Award.

A banquet is held on the 3rd Monday in May, all varsity athletes, coaches and parents are invited. During the banquet, each of the 4 winners receives a \$2,000 scholarship, and each of the eight finalists receives a \$500 scholarship. All eight finalists receive an Olympian Finalist Award Plaque.

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



Thoroughbred horse trainer John Stoker (on right) with Copper Sand at a county fair of the past.

Trainer to Present Program at Pleasanton Senior Center

The Pleasanton Senior Center will feature retired thoroughbred race horse trainer John Stoker as part of its ongoing Coffee and Conversation with the Experts series.

The event will take place on Tuesday, June 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Boulevard. The event is free and open to the public of all ages.

John Stoker is a retired thoroughbred race horse trainer who will discuss his experience growing up in England on the Queen's estate in Sandringham.

He'll trace his career from young jockey and trainer to stable manager and

eventual local stable owner. Participants will learn from this 'insider' look at the rich and storied sport of horse racing.

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Youth Sports Camp

Kids ages 5 to 12 can stay busy and active this summer with this camp, great for beginner and intermediate level campers. A variety of camps are offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

Experienced staff is CPR and First Aid certified. Kids learn traditional and nontraditional sports and games to improve coordination and cardio fitness. Campers can sign up for half-

day or all-day camp, from the weeks of June 11 to Aug. 13.

Families who register for three weeks can get a fourth week free. Five-day camps are \$135/week for half-day (morning or afternoon) or \$215/week for full-day.

Camp is held at the Robert Livermore Community Center gymnasium, park and swim center. Call Michael Sa at 925-373-5733 or email msa@larpd.dst.ca.us for info.

Arabians to Race in Sheikh Zayed Series During Fair

Coming to the Alameda County Fair on June 23 is the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup Arabian horse race. It is one of ten races worldwide in the H.H. Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Flat Racing Festival. Pleasanton's race falls between races in this series in Berlin and Sweden. It will be seen in the Sheikh's home country of Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Last year, Pleasanton hosted the local edition of the Wathba Stud Farm Cup, a division of the festival. The local Diablo Arabian Horse Association arranged for riders in fancy native costumes to appear on the track prior to the race.

In cooperation with the Arabian Racing Association of California, they put on a show to bring the attention of spectators to Arabian race horses.

The representatives from UAE were so impressed by

the event and the hospitality of the organizations and the people of Pleasanton, they decided to add \$20,000 to the purse for 2012 and upgrade the Pleasanton race to the Sheikh Zayed series.

The 2012 California Arabian racing season begins at the Alameda County Fair with Arabian races planned on most racing days. For information on each day's racing program go to www.calracing.com.

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Andrew Searcy with his new Lexus ES 250 from Lexus of Pleasanton he won with a hole-in-one at the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation Golf Tournament, June 1 at Wentle. This was the first ever hole-in-one in the 28-year history of the ValleyCare tournament.

Hole in One Wins Car at ValleyCare Tournament

The shot and cheers were heard all around the golf course as Andrew Searcy of Livermore sunk the very first hole-in-one in the 28-year history of the ValleyCare Charitable Golf Tournament, Friday, June 1, at The Course Wentle Vineyard. "I was so excited about making my first ever hole-in-one, I completely forgot that the prize was a new Lexus ES250," says Searcy. After his playing partners reminded him of the car, Searcy said "it just doesn't get any better than this," and the four headed to the 19th hole for a celebration.

His winning shot came at about 1:30 pm after playing seven holes and was on hole number 7, a par 3 at Wentle. He was third in the group to shoot in the best-ball format. The first shot was too long, the second too short, but Searcy's shot was just right using his 7 iron. Searcy was joined by Mike Camper, Mike Potts and Phil Butts, all with IES - Indoor Environmental Services — a

vendor for ValleyCare. This was the first year IES had participated with a corporate foursome in the charitable tournament.

"There was so much excitement around the course after the hole-in-one," says Shelley Despotakis, manager for the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, "you could hear the buzz all afternoon and many of the golfers who know Andrew have all said it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy." The hole-in-one winner can choose another Lexus model, but Searcy says, "it's for my wife and she wants that car." Lexus of Pleasanton is the sponsor for the hole-in-one car.

The ValleyCare Charitable Foundation has sponsored the golf tournament for the past 28 years, raising funds to expand and enhance services at ValleyCare Health System. This year's proceeds benefit the ValleyCare Health System Emergency Room Expansion campaign.

Three Weddings and a Reception

By Rita Koselka

The difference between the Irish and Americans is that if you stopped by someone's house on an errand in Ireland, you would be asked in for tea. You would refuse of course, but you would be convinced that the inhabitant was just about to make one for his or herself and within minutes, you would both be chatting in the kitchen. In the US, if anyone offered you the tea and you politely refused, you would be taken at your word and the encounter would be over quickly.

Sunday night, June 10, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Livermore was a chance to pretend you were in Ireland . . . and Israel, India, Iran, Pakistan, etc. Organized by the Interfaith Interconnect Coordinating Committee of the Tri-Valley, "Three Weddings and a Reception," was a chance for attendees to spend time with their neighbors and learn about marriage ceremonies from three different religious traditions, Jewish, Christian and Muslim.

This story above was recounted by the Reverend Lucas Hergert of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Livermore who emceed the event. It included three mock wedding ceremonies and was followed by a reception that included oodles of delicacies you'd find at a wedding reception—apple strudel, lox, wedding cake, and other sweets, as well as tea, of course. The event

was totally subscribed and attendees included members of the Congregations of UUCiL, United Christian, First Presbyterian, Asbury United, and Methodist churches in Livermore, the Muslim Community Center of the East Bay and Congregation Beth Emek of Pleasanton, as well as friends and family of those involved and guests who had seen a notice in the newspaper. Some families with young children attended. "We never imagined it would generate so much excitement," said Jacky Poulsen, one of the organizers. It was a lively crowd, who laughed, swooned and cheered through much of the ceremonies.

"We should do more of this type of thing, it is so interesting," says Dave Rothman who attended with his wife Yvonne. He added, "It seems it is traditional in all three cultures that the wedding start late."

The first ceremony was officiated by Rabbi David Katz of Congregation Ben Emek. He wedded Mitchell Levinson to Andrea Bloom, who was dressed in a lovely tea length white dress and veil. The couple is, in fact, engaged to be married—several times Rabbi Katz explained that he was changing the words slightly so they would not spoil the actual ceremony in September. (And no it was not the real dress; it was her back up.) Andrea explained that her face was covered with

a veil that her mother lifted to reveal her identity to the groom and his family. It is a tradition, adopted in many American weddings, that harks to the biblical story of Jacob who fell in love with Rachel the second daughter of Laban who wanted his elder daughter Leah wed first. Laban tricked Joseph by having Leah covered in heavy veils pretend she was Rachel until after the wedding night and any chance of backing out. "We keep the tradition so the groom knows that he's getting the real thing," laughed Andrea.

The second ceremony was a Christian marriage performed by Reverend Dr. Martha White of the United Christian Church of Livermore. As the procession started, Rev. White told the audience that she was re-enacting a marriage that she had officiated at last November. The crowd saw an older couple proceed down the aisle and were clearly looking around for the young people who were presumed to be following before realizing and sighing with appreciation that this couple had found each other, married and were now sharing it with the crowd. Dr. White commented on the simplicity and flexibility of the Christian service compared to the Jewish one, although all the ceremonies had great similarities.

The last ceremony was the Muslim marriage in which Ameer Ellaboudy,

who lives in Hayward and is of Egyptian descent, and Shereen Ulla of Indian descent were married as they had been just a year ago. The procession of the couple and their families was like the movement of a flock of colorful birds down the aisles. The bride wore a glittering and elaborately embroidered and cut golden red sari and jewels that she had worn for her own wedding eliciting "aahhs" from the crowd. Eileen of Pleasanton whispered to me, "American woman should learn to dress from them—by putting on more instead of taking it off." A Muslim ceremony requires that the contract between both parties be willing and validated by two witnesses but can be performed by anyone. The clothing is purely of cultural and national tradition, Shereen noted and would be different for Iraqis or Lebanese or Muslims of other areas.

A question and answer period followed with more time for conversation and food at the reception. Susan Captain who owns Captain Vineyards in Moraga has a son who is soon to marry a Jewish woman, enjoyed learning about the different services and feels confident that they will be melded beautifully and meaningfully in her family.

"It is so good to learn about each other," said Dina E. Aljuburi, an engineer from Danville of Iraqi descent. "I'm only sorry my children couldn't come."

Alameda County Budget Proposed

Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi presented a Proposed Alameda County Budget for FY 2012-13 that calls for eliminating 37 vacant positions and other reductions in order to close a funding gap of \$88.1 million. Alameda County continues to be squeezed financially as a result of a protracted economic slump, with demand for safety net services remaining unusually high and the resources to pay for these services diminished. However, the budget gap is under \$100 million for the first time in four years, which Muranishi says suggests that the County's concerted efforts to lower costs are having an impact.

There is a four-year freeze on cost-of-living increases for most County employees and community based organizations who contract with the County. Moderate upturns in the local economy, including rising real estate prices and increasing numbers of homes sold, provide some reason for optimism that the trend toward diminishing budget deficits will continue, Muranishi said.

The 2012-2013 Proposed Budget is balanced and provides more than \$2.6 billion in total County spending authority. There appears to be the beginning of a slow recovery. Employers are adding jobs, initial claims for unemployment have dropped and businesses appear poised to increase spending. While housing prices remain far off their peaks, some indications point to slowly rising values beginning next year.

A healthier economy would improve the County's fiscal condition by decreasing demand for County services and increasing County revenues, thereby reducing deficits and program cuts. The unemployment rate in Alameda County also has dropped far below the 11.7% recorded in August 2010, but the 8.9% recorded in April remains high.

With the release of the State Budget's May Revi-

sion, the Governor acknowledged a funding deficit of \$15.7 billion, or \$6.5 billion higher than the \$9.2 billion gap estimated in January. Most of the increase can be attributed to dramatically lower revenue estimates. Half of the Governor's proposals to close the State's funding gap involve spending cuts, including reductions to health and human services programs administered by local government and the use of assets from now-defunct local redevelopment agencies.

Concerns persist that the cuts coming from Sacramento won't end there. The Governor assumes \$5.6 billion in new revenue from a package of tax hikes that will go to voters in November. His plan includes severe "trigger" cuts to K-12, higher education and the courts if voters reject the measure. While most of these "trigger" cuts would not directly affect County services, it is possible that the Legislature would not have the inclination to cut education so severely and would instead reduce other programs and funding for County services.

The Proposed Budget supports a workforce of 9,060 full-time positions. The \$88.1 million funding gap was determined by identifying the difference between the cost of maintaining existing programs and available financing. The Proposed Budget calls for using a combination of permanent ongoing program reductions, revenue increases, and one-time strategies to close the funding gap. Through ongoing cost-saving and revenue generation efforts, County agencies/departments have offered to contribute \$48.4 million in prior-year "Fiscal Management Reward" savings to help balance the FY 2012-13 Budget. Alameda County's Fiscal Management Reward Program allows departments to carry over net savings each fiscal year to be used in subsequent years for budget balancing and to help preserve vital services.

Two Switch Votes to Elect New Supervisor

Alameda County Supervisors chose Union City City Councilmember Richard Valle as the new District 2 supervisor.

The district includes Hayward, Union City, Newark and part of Sunol. The seat was vacant because of the resignation of Nadia Lockyer, who left the board for personal reasons.

The board took the action at its meeting June 11. The vote was 4-0, a contrast to a vote last week, when the supervisors split 2-2 over Valle and Newark City Councilmember Ana Apadoca.

Supervisors Nate Miley, whose district includes Pleasanton, Castro Valley and Oakland, and Wilma Chan, who represents Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro, voted for Valle

last week. Scott Haggerty, whose district includes Livermore, Dublin and part of Sunol, and Keith Carson, who represents the northernmost areas of the county, voted for Apadoca.

At the June 11 session, Haggerty seconded Carson's motion to appoint Valle. Haggerty stated, "My mission on the board of supervisors is to do the best for the citizens of Alameda County."

Haggerty said he was acting in the best interests of the county by not allowing the appointment to go to Gov. Jerry Brown, if supervisors did not meet the deadline to make the choice themselves. The deadline was June 19.

"For this Board of Supervisors, it's time for us

to get to work. There have been way too many distractions and side-issues that have been affecting us in our ability to do our job as effectively as we should. In the interest of forming consensus and moving ahead, I'm switching my vote to Richard Valle," said Haggerty.

With Lockyer missing from most board meetings for months while she went through her personal difficulties, the board had to operate with four supervisors. Sometimes they had to deal with financial matters that required four votes.

If any of the four supervisors missed a meeting, items had to be postponed. Even with full attendance, just one opposing vote would prevent passage.

Valle made brief remarks

after he was appointed. He was sworn in immediately. He said he looks forward to going to Haggerty's annual barbecue, and visiting with Haggerty in his district. "We are neighbors," he said.

Valle and others founded Tri-CED Community Recycling in Union City in 1980. The firm has made it a point to hire at-risk youths in order to provide them with an opportunity to succeed.

Valle was endorsed by the Alameda County Central Labor Council and Hispanic leaders in District 2.

Valle will serve as the County Supervisor for District 2 for the next 5 months until voters go to the polls in November to choose a successor to Lockyer. The person elected would serve the final two years of Lockyer's term.

School Facilities Master Plan Committee to Meet

The Pleasanton school district's Facilities Master Plan Committee will meet from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. June 14 in the district board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

The committee will review enrollment projections and school capacity. Working with consultant LPA, the panel will look at the size and design of spaces that will serve various aspects of the modern educational program.

Throughout the series

of meetings to date, the committee has kept in mind changes that educational researchers say are needed to match students to future jobs.

The standout point above all others is the need to work collaboratively. The consultants have shown slides of schools where this is already in effect. Spaces are flexible enough to allow for several teaching approaches at the same time, including lec-

tures, small groups, or larger group activities.

In the fall, two more meetings are planned, both for implementing the vision that the panel has been creating. The panel will look at available space in existing campus buildings, and see how a new design grid could be superimposed on them.

The same review will be part of any new construction in the plan.

The consultants will meet with the facilities users at the sites, so they can go over the site maps and the recommendations of the consultants and committee, said LPA architect Kimberly Coffeen.

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SHORT NOTES

Sponsors Sought

The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley/Diabetic Youth Foundation Bocce Ball Tournament on June 24th at Campo di Bocce has been sold out with a full slate of teams participating. Everyone in the community is encouraged to get involved by sponsoring the event or by bidding on auction and drawing items. Net proceeds will go to the DYF to sponsor children with diabetes to attend Camp Arroyo located in Livermore, as well as support the Rotary Grant Program, which gives monetary assistance to Livermore non-profit organizations.

More than 40 children are diagnosed with diabetes every day. Rotary has chosen this year to bring awareness to this disease and help raise money to empower those affected by partnering with the DYF (source Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). The mission of the Diabetic Youth Foundation is to improve the quality of life for children, teens and families affected by diabetes. The Foundation provides education and recreation within a supportive community, encouraging growth, knowledge and independence.

Those interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Scott Trudeau (925) 580-8144 or Graham Scott (925) 784-9800; rclv5170@gmail.com or visit at www.LivermoreValleyRotary.org.

Christmas in July

Tri-Valley Haven is hosting a "Christmas in July" craft fair for local artisans. This could be a chance to run a big sale and clear some inventory or unveil some new goodies for the upcoming holiday season. If you are an artist who creates jewelry, quilting, knitting, sewing, pottery, wood-working or other crafts, then Tri-Valley Haven and the people it assists need your talent.

The "Christmas in July" Craft Fair will be Thursday July 26 from 11:00am-7:00pm. The Holiday Craft Fair will be, Thursday, November 1 from

11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. Both fairs will be held at the Livermore Barn located at 3131 Pacific Avenue in Livermore.

Applications for the Summer Craft Fair are due by June 18, with vendors being notified of acceptance the week of June 25. Applications for the Holiday Craft Fair will be due July 16, with vendors being notified of acceptance the week of July 23. Acceptance will be based on a jury process.

For those wanting to apply to take part in both fairs, apply by the June 18 deadline and note on the application that it is for both fairs.

For information, please download a Tri-Valley Haven Craft Fair Vendor application at www.trivalleyhaven.org or call (925) 667-2712.

Traffic Enforcement

The Livermore Police Department will be focusing traffic enforcement efforts during the month of June on occupant protection violations. Officers will be looking for drivers and passengers who are not properly restrained in their vehicles. Even though Livermore's last seatbelt use rate was 99%, the department still issued 1,288 seat belt citations and 96 car seat citations in 2011.

The Livermore Police Department would like to provide the following helpful tips:

Adults and older teens - For best protection, adults and older teens should be using a 3-point seat belt (lap and shoulder) and seated in an active air bag position. For drivers, the vehicle seat should be locked in place as far back as possible with the driver still being able to safely operate the pedals. Drivers should be approximately 12" away from the air bag. Passengers' seats should be placed all the way back in the seat tract. The head-rest should be placed directly behind occupants' heads to provide protection from whiplash.

If a seat belt is uncomfortable; many vehicles have a seat belt adjustment guide located on the door frame. To adjust

it, simply slide it up or down. This will raise or lower where the seat belt comes in contact with your body. Additionally, a fuzzy sleeve can be purchased to place over the seat belt or for passengers, try another seating position. If too large to fit in the seat belt, many automobile manufacturers can mail a seat belt extender at no cost.

All children under the age of 13 should be properly restrained in the back seat, regardless if the vehicle is equipped with an air bag. 60% of crashes are front-end impacts, so by being placed in the back seat children are 40% safer than riding in the front seat. Most children ages 6-8 (and small 9-10 year olds) may still need to use a booster seat. These children are too small for a standard seat belt. Seat belts are designed to fit adults.

Children ages 2-5 years old (forward facing)-

Children ages 2-5 are best protected by being placed in a car seat with a 5-point restraint system (just like race car drivers). The 5-point systems distribute the crash forces over the strong bones of the body. The car seat should be installed tightly, so there is no more than 1" movement from side to side and front to back. Check your vehicle's manual to see how to lock your seat belts. Fasten the car seat tether (located on the back of your child's car seat). This can minimize head excursion up to several inches. Make sure the harness around the child is snug (no slack) and the straps are at or above the shoulders in the re-enforced position.

Children ages birth-2 years old (rear facing)

Rear facing is the safest way to transport your child in a vehicle. A child should stay rear facing until they have reached one of the following: They have reached the maximum weight rating on their convertible car seat or the head is one inch below the top of the shell of the car seat. Hopefully they can stay rear facing until a second birthday.

The Livermore Police Department offers free car seat checks. For an appointment

call Officer Traci Rebiejo at (925) 371-4858.

Garage Open

The 1915 Duarte Garage will be open on Father's day, Sunday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The garage is located on the old Lincoln Highway at the corner of Portola and L Streets in Livermore.

The Lincoln Highway was the first Transcontinental Highway in the United States. It is 3,350 miles long, crossing through 13 states from New York to San Francisco.

The Duarte Garage contains memorabilia from the early days of the automobile. There is a tire shop, old gas pumps, tools and several collections of old and new license plates.

In addition, three restored Livermore fire trucks are housed inside: 1918 Model T, 1920 Seagrave, and a 1944 Mack.

The Livermore Heritage Guild operates the Duarte Garage with an all volunteer staff. There is no admission charge. However, donations are needed to restore and operate the equipment and the garage. For more information, call 443-9740.

Evening Tea

Evening Tea Amongst the Blooms is the topic for the Sun., June 17 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger program. Meet Ranger Amy Wolitzer at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Join us for an enchanted evening amongst the soaproot blooms. These beautiful flowers don't open until late in the day. As the evening arrives, so do the bees, flying from flower to flower gathering all the pollen they can. The bees are too busy to pay any attention to bystanders, so participants will be able to sit and watch them while sipping tea. The program will include walking only about a mile round-trip, so this is great for those who have young children or are not up for a long hike. Those attending are encouraged

to bring some sweets to enjoy with the tea.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park. A \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless other fees are specified. Participants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

Chili Shooters

The 3rd Annual Chili Shooters Stampede/Western Heritage Celebration was held Saturday, June 2 in downtown Livermore. Downtown Restaurants competed for Best Chili.

People's Choice winners are: First Place - Winemakers Pourhouse, 2241 First Street; Second Place - Sauced BBQ and Spirits, 2300 First Street.

Both of these locations have chili on the menu everyday. The day was also filled with Beer tasting sponsored by Sierra Nevada Brewing Company. In a last minute surprise, Livermore's Newest Brewery, Altamont Beer Works joined the party. It is the first Brewery to open in Livermore since Prohibition.

Favorite shopping location was a tie: Artistic Edge at Blacksmith Square, 21 S. Livermore Avenue and Uptown Girl Boutique and Salon, 2145 First Street.

Best Western Window Display winner was Baughman's Western Outfitters, 2029 First Street.

For information on our upcoming events please go to www.livermoredowntown.com.

New Board Elected

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews (TV CJ), the Secular Humanistic Jewish congregation in the Tri-Valley area, elected to its board Kevin Coren of Brentwood, Jamie Ireland of Castro Valley, Phyllis Looney of San Ramon and Judith Seid of Pleasanton.

TV CJ is a seven-year old organization providing non-religious Jewish holiday celebrations, life cycle events, and education for children and adults. Adult programming

includes a movie group and a monthly Philosophers' Café.

TV CJ sponsors Jewish Culture School for children and a Secular Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. Board member Kevin Coren's son Levi recently became the community's first Bar Mitzvah. He and board member Jamie Ireland, who teaches Jewish Culture School, have children in the school. TV CJ is an affiliate of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (CSJO) and can be found at <http://trivalleyculturaljews.wordpress.com>.

Raffle Winners

The LARPD Foundation Livermore Fireworks Committee announced the winners of the Raffle Prize Drawings held on Sunday, June 10th. Mayor John Marchand pulled the winning tickets from the basket at and announced the winners and the prizes they will receive. They are as follows:

- Week in a vintage Cabin at South Lake Tahoe; winner Beth Erbert of Livermore.

- Black and Tan Murano Glass and 24kt gold necklace donated by Lance Cavalieri Jewelers; winner Julia Brooks of Tracy.

- Annual Family swim pass at LARPD donated by LARPD; winner Jane Rasmussen of Livermore.

- Antique Green Onyx Sterling Silver Earrings; winner Cecilia Valent of Livermore.

- 16 bags of high quality compost donated by Waste Management; winner Robert Pratt of Livermore.

The committee would like to thank all those who purchased raffle tickets. All proceeds will go to the Livermore July 4th Fireworks event. Ayn Wisekamp and Linda Jeffery Sailors organized the raffle and provided the printed tickets.

The fireworks will be held at Las Positas College this year. Purchase \$20 advanced parking tickets online at <http://livermorefireworks.org>. The parking tickets will be \$25 the day of the event.

Semper Fi Plans Event for Fallen Marine

Semper Fi Foundation has partnered with the Town of Danville to celebrate the recent passing of Marine LCpl Joshua "Chachi" Corral. His death in Afghanistan has been a rally call to our community to unite and give thanks to the young men and women who continue to put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve this great nation. A bronze Fallen Hero Memorial statue will be permanently placed outside the newly renovated Danville Veteran's Memorial Building to pay tribute to Chachi and other military community service members who have given their lives for our country. A memorial dedication will be held on Saturday, June 23 at 10:00

am at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Building and followed by a celebration at The Danville Town Green.

Len Hack, Executive Director and father of one of Chachi's best friends, wants the community to know that Chachi was a true warrior and he lived his life with unconditional commitment, passion, and the desire to protect and serve others. "Chachi made the ultimate sacrifice, and we as a community, will never forget him". The memorial and celebration is the first of many events to raise funds to honor and support all United States Marines, fallen heroes, and their families. Hack added, "The purpose of the foundation is to help Marine families in several

areas: Health & Wellness, Literacy, Online Family Resources, and keeping the public aware of the tremendous sacrifice our military members make to protect our freedom and liberty."

Two days prior to his death, Chachi was able to make a phone call to his parents. Although exhausted and in the face of danger, his main concern was not for himself, but rather for his fellow Marines. His parents, Arnie and Denise Corral want to make sure to follow through with Chachi's wishes and take the necessary steps to support the needs of his fellow Marines.

The Danville Fallen Hero Memorial Dedication will commence at 10:00 a.m. at the Danville Veteran's

Memorial Building located at 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA. We anticipate an overwhelming crowd of more than 2,500 friends, family and community supporters to celebrate and honor Chachi, veterans, active duty military, and other fallen soldiers. The Town of Danville is closing down Prospect Avenue for the event, as it will draw folks from all over Northern California.

Immediately following the dedication, the commemoration continues at the Danville Day on the Green in celebration of LCpl Joshua "Chachi" Corral USMC at the Danville Community Center located at 420 Front Street (Danville Library). It will be a festive celebra-

tion including several local culinary food and beverage vendors, live music, presentations, and children's activities. The event is from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Community partners for the event are needed in the following areas: Cash Sponsors to help underwrite the cost of the events, in-kind Food and Beverage Vendors, Media Sponsors, raffle items, and volunteers. Every contributor will be highly recognized in our event literature, merchant posters and invitations.

The Corral family would like to thank the community for its tremendous outpour of support over the past few months. "The community has embraced our family with love, prayers, meals,

and donations beyond our belief", says Chachi's mother, Denise Corral. She further adds, "We look forward to holding this event as a way of saying thank you to the community that has been so supportive." Arnie Corral, father of Chachi, conveyed his appreciation by saying, "Words cannot express the love and gratitude that we have for our community. The encouragement and support that we have received has been amazing. We are so blessed to live in a place that would respond as it has, rallying to honor our son, recognizing the sacrifice he made for all of us."

OBITUARIES

Melanie Lynn (McGuire) Racicot

Jan 6, 1962 - May 17, 2012

Former Resident of Livermore

Melanie suddenly, yet gently, left this world on May 17, 2012.

She grew up in Livermore, attending Rincon,

Mendenhall, and Granada High Schools. She studied accounting at Las Positas College and enjoyed working in accounts payable. Melanie had a deep love for animals, jewelry making, knitting, and was an avid Stealers' fan.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gaylord Don McGuire, her mother, Nita Joyce McGuire and nephew Tyler Baer.

Melanie is survived by her fiancé Michael Harter, her sister Jodi (McGuire) Greenfield, and her

nieces Tanya, Phoenix and Chloe Baer. She will also be missed by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

An open house to celebrate Melanie's life will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012, 1pm-4pm, at 857 Murdell Lane, Livermore. (For more information call 925 443-0367)

Gifts in memory of Melanie may be sent to the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (Pleasanton, CA) or the American Diabetes Association.

Robert J. Salaiz

Resident of San Leandro

He was born December 24, 1946 to Jose and Carolina Salaiz who preceded him in death.

He passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2012. He was 65 years old. Also preceded in death by his brother Luis.

He is survived by his brothers and sisters; Jose Salaiz Jr. of Salinas, Armando Salaiz of Tracy, Irma Robles of Livermore, Alfredo Salaiz of San Leandro,

Susana Raymundo of Manteca, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held on Weds., June 13, 2012 at 1PM at Callaghan's Chapel in Livermore.

Barbara Kerr

Long time Livermore resident Barbara Kerr passed away at the age of 89 on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. She passed away peacefully with her children by her side.

Barbara was born May 29, 1923

in Arizona. Her family, who moved often throughout California, would finally settle in Monrovia, where Barbara met her High School sweetheart, Sheridan (Sherry) Kerr. Sherry and Barbara eloped right out of High School in September of 1941 at the age of 18.

Barbara and Sherry went on to raise their five children; Michael, Patrick, Janet, Jeffrey and Nancy and settling in Livermore in 1966 on Trevarno Road. In 1971, they opened their business, KWS, which they successfully ran with their son Patrick for 25 years. She also took great pride in her long volunteer career with Valley Memorial Pink Ladies where her favorite task was discharging her own grandchildren that had been born at the hospital.

Barbara lived a fortunate life married 67 years to the man who adored her and took her all over the world. Barbara and Sherry took many exotic vacations, cruises and RV trips when they weren't with their family, friends or at Church. Their most cherished destination was Kauai, HI.

The matriarch of the family, Barbara never wanted to leave a party and loved being surrounded by her large family. Singing, dancing and playing the piano with her

family around were some of Barbara's most cherished memories.

Barbara is survived by her five children and their spouses: Mike and Janis Kerr; Pat and Dianne Kerr; Janet Bishop; Jeff and Virginia Kerr and Nancy and Scott Phillips. Barbara also leaves 16 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Barbara is preceded in death by her devoted husband, Sherry and their dogs Tina and Buddy.

Services for Barbara will be on June 15 at 11:00am at St. Michael's Church located at 458 Maple Street in Livermore, CA. Reception will be at St. Michael's Hall, 326 Maple Street from 1:00 - 4:00.

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Photos - Doug Jorgensen
It was a weekend to celebrate Livermore's western heritage with the annual rodeo parade and competition. Photos are (clockwise from left) marchers head down Second Street, city officials ride in the restored Seagrave fire truck courtesy of the Livermore Heritage Guild, a rider takes a dive in the bronc riding competition, barrel racer goes through her paces, flags were part of the opening ceremonies, and the color guard paraded the colors into the stadium.

Councilmembers Urge EBRPD to Reopen Water Slides, If Possible

Two Pleasanton city councilmembers joined the city's park and recreation members in urging the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to reopen the water slides at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park.

Councilmembers Jerry Thorne and Cindy McGovern said at a Pleasanton liaison committee meeting with EBRPD June 11 that they think that the slides have been a good amenity for residents of Pleasanton.

They would like to see the park district do all that it can to reopen the slides, something the city's park and recreation commission urged at its meeting several months ago. That commission position resulted in adding the water slide discussion to the liaison committee meeting's agenda.

Thorne said, "It would be valuable to keep open the slides, if possible." He said he agrees with EBRPD

director Ayn Wieskamp that EBRPD must ascertain the cost of repairs at the water slides, then see how an operator, whether a for-profit or non-profit, could run the attraction. EBRPD has no interest in spending money to run them.

McGovern said that the slides have been a definite plus for the city. She has used them herself. However, she also is aware that EBRPD won't be spending any money, and that the slides need repair, as noted by an EBRPD inventory.

Cost estimate to bring the slides up to snuff is \$6.3 million, according to EBRPD. Former operator Glen Kierstead says he could fix the slides for \$280,000. It may be that the slides alone could be repaired at that cost, but there are many more areas that need to be addressed for safety, and for such things as conformity to the Americans with Disabilities Act, said

EBRPD staff member Mimi Waluch.

EBRPD is bringing in two separate outside consulting firms to take an inventory and provide a cost estimate.

Then it will be up to EBRPD to decide whether to go out with a request for proposal (RFP) to contract with an operator for the slides.

If the capital cost were very high, it could be tough to find an operator, who would have to make sure it would be profitable enough to proceed with the work to upgrade the facility.

Wieskamp has talked about a potential 10-year life for the slides. The park's general plan calls for elimination of the slides, but the final completion of that ultimate vision is 20 years away. The slides area could be changed sooner, perhaps, with an interpretive center on it. However, there is no EBRPD funding available for the foreseeable future.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464887

The following person(s) doing business as: Awakening by Desi, 7150 Foothill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Desiree Ralph, 7150 Foothill Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566
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Signature of Registrants: Desiree Ralph, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 4, 2012. Expires May 4, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464473

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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 17, 2012.

Signature of Registrants: Erica Andracchio, Lauren Barnard, Megan Condon-Trant
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 25, 2012. Expires April 25, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465443

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Hydroponics, 22 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jose L. Carrasco JR, 133 Wexford St., Brentwood, CA 94513
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Signature of Registrants: Jose L. Carrasco JR
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 18, 2012. Expires May 18, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464837

The following person(s) doing business as: Sutter Street, TIC, 1771 Sutter Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the

following owner(s): (1)John M. Petlansky, 31411 Kasson Road, Tracy, CA 95304 (2)Jeffrey Leonard, 55 Tourmaline Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 (3)Paul Wiese, 330 Knottingham Circle, Livermore, CA 94551 (4)Mark Hirsch, 42800 Caldas Court, Fremont, CA 94539
This business is conducted by Co-partners

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: John Petlansky, Manager
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 4, 2012. Expires May 4, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465462

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore AllStars, 5194 Bianca Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Taylor Zentner, 5194 Bianca Way, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: Taylor Zentner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 21, 2012. Expires May 21, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465591

The following person(s) doing business as: Tana Mish Guker, MFT/PPS, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 218, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tana Mish Guker, 4646 Lakewood St., Pleasanton, CA 94588

This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: Tana M. Guker
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 23, 2012. Expires May 23, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465502

The following person(s) doing business as: Woopsiedaisy Toy Shop, 154 South J Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Elizabeth Fields (2)Bradley Fields, 1262 Claret Rd., Livermore, CA 94550
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/1/2006.
Signature of Registrants: Elizabeth Fields
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 464904
The following person(s) doing business as: Creme de la creme lactation support and education, 4268 Baylor Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jennifer Lyn Pinter, 4268 Baylor Way, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by an individual
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Signature of Registrants: Jennifer Lyn Pinter
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 7, 2012. Expires May 7, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 466045-46
The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Pinstripe Promotions (2)Pinstripe Motox, 2455 2nd St., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anthony Bernardi, 2455 2nd St., Livermore, CA 94550
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/12.
Signature of Registrants: Anthony Bernardi
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2012. Expires June 6, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 465352
The following person(s) doing business as: Frederick James Consulting Group, 3267 Cheryl Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fred Kotrozo, 3267 Cheryl Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: Fred Kotrozo
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 16, 2012. Expires May 16, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 465988
The following person(s) doing business as: Wild Smiles, 4200 East Avenue #100, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Klifford T. Kapus, DDS, MSD, Dental Corporation, 4200 East Avenue #100, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: Klifford T. Kapus, DDS, MSD, CEO of professional corporation
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2012. Expires June 5, 2017.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 465990
The following person(s) doing business as: Trivalley Orthodontics, 4200 East Avenue #100, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered

by the following owner(s): Klifford T. Kapus, DDS, MSD, Dental Corporation, 4200 East Avenue #100, Livermore, CA 94550
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: Klifford T. Kapus, DDS, MSD, CEO of professional corporation
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 5, 2012. Expires June 5, 2017.

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What Can You Buy for \$442,000?

By Cher Wollard

Are you in the market for a Goldilocks home? One that's not too expensive, but not the cheapest house in the neighborhood either? Something that's just right for your family.

The average price of a resale home sold in Livermore in April – the last month for which complete figures are available – was \$442,000. This included single-family homes, condominiums, townhouses, mobile homes and duets, as well as a few country properties with acreage. The median is lower, at \$403,000.

That's up significantly from the beginning of 2012, when the average sales price was just \$413,000 and the median was \$369,000.

Some of this uptick is seasonal. More buyers are looking for homes in the Spring than in the cold of January. However, it's also due to increasing demand and very low supply throughout the Bay Area.

At the beginning of this week, just 112 residential properties in Livermore were shown "Active" on the Multiple Listing Service. That's about 40 percent of inventory totals last year.

The National Association of Realtors defines a balanced market as one that has about six months of inventory available to purchase. Livermore currently has 1.2 months of housing inventory. This means that if the market continued at its current rate of sales, all inventories would be exhausted within about five weeks.

Of course, that's not how things work in the real world. More homes come on the market almost daily. Properties in good condition, with floorplans and features that work for many people, will be snatched up quickly if they are priced right.

Other homes – especially those in specialized categories, such as country property and luxury homes, may take longer to sell. Homes of any type that are priced too high are likely to linger.

So what can you buy in Livermore for \$442,000?

As of Monday morning, there were 15 resale homes on the market priced between \$400,000 and \$500,000. Besides being near the mid-point in Livermore, this is also the range at which people can obtain FHA or conventional financing at the best interest rates, with 3.5 percent to 20 percent down, depending on the type of loan.

Of these 15 homes, two are fairly new townhouses. The rest are single-family detached homes within city borders.

The homes range in size from a cozy 1,136 square feet to 1,911 square feet.

Lot sizes for the detached range from very small – sometimes called "zero lot line" – lots, in which the homes have modest front and back yards, and very little space between neighbors; to pool-size lots as big as 8,347 square feet, which is almost a fifth of an acre.

The townhouses – built in 2010 and 2008 – are the newest of the properties in this price range. The detached homes are mostly 25-50 years old, with one Downtown property having been built in 1925. Several of these homes have been extensively remodeled. The vintage house has original wood floors and molding that have been lovingly restored.

The Livermore homes at this price point include:

- A single-story Tempo home on Murdell built in 1969, with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths, a solar-heated pool and side-yard access. Priced at \$405,000.
- A 3-bedroom, 2-bath home on Silver Oaks built in 1988, with granite countertops and a Jacuzzi tub. Priced at \$407,000. Home Path financing is available on this property.
- A 4-bedroom, 2-bath home on Desiree Avenue built in 1985, on a large lot with an in-ground pool, pond and sideyard access. This is a short sale priced at \$414,900
- A 3-bedroom 2-bath on a big lot on Bridgeport Circle in Springtown near Christensen Park. This home, built in 1972, is being offered by the original owner for \$419,000.
- Two spacious townhouses close to Downtown on Locomotive Lane and Zephyr Lane, each with 3 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms, plus attached garage. Offered by the builder at \$425,000 and \$433,000.
- An expanded and remodeled Summerset home on Tanager, with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths, priced at \$430,000.
- A 3-bedroom 2-bath Jensen home on Hillcrest, built in 1960 and priced at \$435,000. The sale of this home is contingent on sellers finding a home to purchase.
- A totally remodeled 3-bedroom, 2-bath home on Meadowlark, with a new solar-energy system, upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, and new landscaping. Priced at \$338,888.
- A 3-bedroom, 2-bath Sunset West home on El Padro, with hardwood floors, updated kitchen and a solarium. Priced at \$440,000.
- A 4-bedroom, 2-bath updated home on Edythe, is back on the market at \$450,000.
- A 3-bedroom 2.5-bath zero-lot-line home on Linwood Common in Birchwood Park, built in 2002. On the market at \$459,000.
- Another zero-lot-line home, this one in The Reserve on Rapallo Common, has 3-bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Priced at \$475,000.
- A 3-bedroom 2-bath Tempo home on Amber Way, with expanded master suite, updated kitchen and in-ground pool, overlooking the neighborhood park. Priced at \$489,000.
- A vintage 1925 home on 4th Street, zoned residential, live/work and commercial/business. Priced at \$495,000.

Whether you are looking for a home in this average price range, or something priced higher or lower, your local Realtor can help you in your search.

Livermore Economic Development Leaders to Address Realtors

Rob White, Livermore's director of the Economic Development Department, and Catherine Ralston, economic development manager, will be guest speakers at the June 28 meeting of the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore.

R.E.A.L., which is open to Realtors and allied real estate professionals who serve the Livermore community, meets Thursday mornings at the First Street Alehouse, 2106 First Street. Doors open for networking at 8 a.m. The meetings run 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Admission is \$4 at the door. Coffee and light breakfast is included.

For information, see www.realestateallianceoflivermore.com

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Students ask questions about life in space to astronauts (from left) Joseph Acaba, Andre(C) Kuipers and Don Pettit, of Expedition 31 aboard the ISS. Photo - Jacqueline McBride/LLNL

Junction K-8 students get a direct Line to the International Space Station

by Patricia Koning

Last week, students at Junction Avenue K-8 School received a phone call that was out of this world, in more ways than one. A select group of Junction students of all ages, along with a few guest students from Pleasanton, asked 20 questions of Expedition 31 flight engineers Don Pettit, Joseph Acaba, and Andre Kuipers aboard the International Space Station through an in-flight education downlink.

“What a special event we have today, to speak directly to astronauts in space. This amazing opportunity is the result of a collaboration between the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory,” said Junction principal Jamal Fields. “What a wonderful thing to have a national lab in your backyard.”

Former NASA Astronaut Tammy Jernigan, now deputy principle associate director for Weapons and Complex Integration at Lawrence Livermore, served as the emcee for the event. In attendance were Livermore Mayor John Marchand; representatives from the offices of U.S. Congressmen John Garamendi and Pete Stark, and state assemblymember Joan Buchanan; superintendent Kelly Bowers; school board member Belia Martinez; and many staff members from the District office.

“Today I am able to accomplish two of my favorite things,” said Jernigan. “I

get to talk to kids in school and relive the excitement of the space program with you.” She flew on five Space Shuttle missions.

While the technology experts worked on making the connection between the Junction Multipurpose Room and the ISS, Nick Williams and Don Bartel, presenters of Lawrence Livermore’s Fun with Science show, demonstrated how to make “elephant toothpaste” and an electricity experiment.

The real excitement came when the astronauts were “beamed into” Junction. The three astronauts, projected on a large screen, answered the students’ questions, which ranged from what they would do if they met an extra terrestrial to how time is different between space and earth. Acaba took a few questions in Spanish from Junction’s bilingual students.

The students learned some unexpected facts about life on the ISS. Jessica Bennett, a sixth grader at Junction, asked Acaba if the astronauts are conducting experiments on energy conservation, waste reduction, and other issues. “We use solar arrays and recycle all of our water,” he replied. “So what we urinate today we’ll be drinking shortly.”

Janelle Holm, an eighth grader at Junction, asked about what kind of plants are grown on the ISS and the challenges of hydroponics in space. “We grow broccoli, sunflowers, and zucchini us-

ing ‘aeroponics,’ a chamber with air and very little water with nutrients,” explained Kuipers. “It’s a concept that NASA helped pioneer. Spacecrafts are designed for animals, so plants have a very tough time living in that environment.”

In preparation for the conversation with the space station astronauts, NASA activities were incorporated into classes at Junction. First grade students learned about local former astronauts who have been part of the space program, including Jernigan, Jeff Wiseoff, and Jose Hernandez. Classes focused on health have highlighted advances made through space exploration to improve human life. Art and technology classes designed a logo for an “Opportunities Out of This World” theme focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)

This unique opportunity came about as a result of a joint proposal written by the Livermore School District and Lawrence Livermore. The in-flight education downlink is one in a series with educational organizations in the United States and abroad to improve STEM teaching and learning. It is an integral component of NASA’s Teaching From Space educational program, which promotes learning opportunities and builds partnerships with the education community using the unique environment of space and NASA’s human spaceflight program. For more information, visit www.nasa.gov/education.

Purchase Tickets for the First Sip Celebration

Take a taste of history at Ravenswood Historic Site for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District’s First Sip Celebration.

The public is invited to a wine tasting event to sample the inaugural wines from the Corvino Bosco—a translated version of “Ravenswood” in Italian—Vineyards at the historic site in scenic south Livermore. LARPD is hosting the event along with Michael Princevalle and Bryan Rahn of Coastal Viticultural Consultants, who oversee vineyard operations at Ravenswood.

The First Sip Celebration at Ravenswood will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at the historic site, 2647 Arroyo Road. Tickets are \$20 and are limited, so early purchase is recommended.

The event will include

tastings of Grenache/Mourvedre and Zinfandel wines made from the vineyards, an assortment of gourmet appetizers that accentuate the wines and music. Tours through the vineyards will also be available to educate attendees on the history of the vines, the wines and the venue. Participants can meet enologist (winemaker) Chad Alexander, who will be able to answer questions about the wines.

Ravenswood Historic Site, built in the 1890s by Christopher Buckley Sr., held vineyards from its early days, with the current ones replanted in 2006. The Ravenswood grapes are farmed in “old world style” with “head-trained” vines, which reflects the historic essence of the site. The wines from this vineyard have excep-

tional flavor profile, with rich, dark fruit and berry flavors with a hint of spice, along with balanced tannins, good acidity and a pleasing taste. Bottles will be available for purchase, and then will be shipped to buyers.

The vineyard project is a collaboration of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Coastal Viticultural Consultants, the City of Livermore and the Friends of the Vineyards. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Ravenswood Progress League, which works to support public tours, historical programs and community and cultural special events at Ravenswood.

To purchase tickets, visit the website <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/250962>. For more information, call 925-373-5700.

Lab Names New CFO

Kathy Baker has been selected as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Director Parney Albright announced last week.

As CFO, Baker will be responsible for implementation and oversight of sound financial policies and procedures at the Lab; establishment and maintenance of proper financial system controls; administration of funds; compliance with federal requirements for financial systems management reporting and certifications; communication of resource requirements to external agencies, including preparation of budget submissions and other funding requests. She also will be responsible for providing management and leadership of the team of finance, accounting and budget personnel, with a budget of approximately \$13 million.

Baker will report to the director as LLNL CFO, as well as to the Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS) Board of Governors as the LLNS Treasurer. (LLNS manages the Laboratory for the Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration).

Baker brings more than 20 years of diverse experience to her new role. She has held numerous senior operational management roles at the Laboratory, including Work for Others Division manager, deputy controller, controller, and most recently in addition to controller,

acting associate director for the Planning and Financial Services Directorate.

Prior to joining the Laboratory in 2001, she served as the business manager of the energy and environmental management group at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) from 1995-2001; and as the project control, contract administrator and contracting officer at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory from 1984-1995.

Baker has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Washington State University and a master’s degree in organizational development from Central

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SECTION A



Performing in Valley Dance Theatre's spring production, "Ballets to Remember," are (above, left) Rachel Marlett and Eric Rhodes; (below, left) Emily Cain, and (below, right) Tory Bettencourt. Photos by Gary Cain



'Ballets to Remember' Performed at the Bankhead

Valley Dance Theatre will present its 2012 summer repertoire production, *Ballets to Remember*, on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

Performances include Sergei Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, Ravel's *Bolero* and Aaron Copeland's *Rodeo* and will take place at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, which is located at 2400 First Street in Livermore. The Livermore-Amador Symphony, which celebrates its 50th anniversary next year, will accompany the performances.

Highlighting the program is the company's first-act performance of *Peter and the Wolf*, which was written to introduce children to classical music and dance. A narrator tells the fanciful story of Peter and his friends and introduces the featured instruments of the live orchestra. Each character in the story is represented by a specific instrument and musical theme: i.e. bird by flute, duck by oboe, cat by clarinet, Grandfather by bassoon, wolf by French horns, hunters by woodwind theme (with gunshots by timpani and bass drum) and Peter by string instruments.

"Ballet is a powerful storyteller and 'Peter' certainly illustrates this by delighting the sense of sight as well as sound as it captures the imagination," says Valley Dance Theatre founder and director Betsy Hausburg. "Many in our audience will remember their first introductions to the story and will relish sharing it with their children."

The repertoire program opens with Joseph-Maurice

Ravel's most famous musical composition, *Bolero*, a newly choreographed work by Valley Dance Theatre's Choreographer-in-Residence, Brenna O'Hair. *Bolero* is followed by the colorful *Ribbon Dance*, *Maypole Dance* and *Clogging Dance* from *La Fille Mal Gardée*.

Following intermission, the program's second act opens with *Lilac Garden*, which is set at a Victorian-era garden party and tells the story of Caroline, who is ensconced in a marriage of convenience and must say goodbye to the man she really loves.

Migration, an original modern dance choreographed by Resident Choreographer Genoa Sperske, follows *Lilac Garden*.

The show concludes with a rousing rendition of Aaron Copland's western-themed ballet, *Rodeo*.

Tickets to *Ballets to Remember* are \$20 for adults and \$8 for students 17 years and younger. They may be purchased online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by phone at 925-373-6800. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore.



'Art Happens' in Livermore

On June 14, 2012 from 5:30-8:00 pm, several downtown locations will open their doors for an evening of art exploration and making.

In the spirit of the season, Bothwell's Downtown Art Studio space features local artist Kathleen Hill, who will be showing and demonstrating "Cowgirl Art." Several studio artists will be on site as well. Explore glass techniques and make a mosaic flag at Art Glass Studios. Learn how to stamp at Café Art.

Open studios at Firehouse Art Studios in the historic Firehouse building across from the Bankhead Theater is a great place to stop before or after cocktails in any of the surrounding restaurants. Lela Witherspoon's colorful abstractions are featured at the Wild Vine Wine Bar & Lounge with an artist reception from 6-7:30 and offers fine wines and beer for purchase.

Just a short stroll nearby in a renovated space in the Old Theater Mall, Figure-



head Art Gallery exhibits an array of works by gallery artists.

Art Happens at the Figurehead Gallery, Thursday, June 14th. Gallery is open until 8:30PM.

There will be a ceramist demonstration by local artist Erin Kathleen Donohue this Thursday evening, June 14 at the Figurehead Gallery. It will be open until 8:30 p.m.

Erin is a self-taught potter and ceramics educator from Livermore. Since 2001, she has been teaching for the City of Pleasanton, instructing clay enthusiasts of all ages in a range of ceramic skills. Much of her work is inspired by nature. Her nested bowls will often resemble the petals of a flower as it unfurls into many layers. Likewise the simplicity of

a single bowl, both delicate and imperfect in its shape evoke the singularity of a unique organic form.

Figurehead Gallery is located at 2222 2nd St., Suite 21, Livermore.

Art of Wine will be featured at Artistic Edge. Several Livermore Wine Makers and their wine bottle label designers will tell stories behind how their wine labels were designed. Several wine tasting trained experts will be providing wine tasting training, bring your noses.

During Art Happens, Artistic Edge will feature Garden Art at 21 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

A location map of art offerings through June can be downloaded from www.bothwellartscenter.org, or pick one up the night of the event from the participating locations.

This new monthly event is coordinated by the Bothwell Arts Center, with help from the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC).



Jon Anderson "The Voice of YES" Set to Perform

Jon Anderson has long been known as the unmistakable voice of the legendary rock band YES. His distinctive vocals were at the center of the band's many hits including "Roundabout" and "Owner of a Lonely Heart," which he also co-authored.

Anderson continues to explore new horizons, and has been acclaimed for his solo works, as well as extensive collaborations in other musical genres. A single performance by Jon Anderson "The Voice of YES" is scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bankhead Theater, with tickets ranging from \$29 to \$51 for adults and \$14 for students.

British-born Anderson joined bassist Chris Squire and guitarist Peter Banks to form YES in 1967. The band was credited for pioneering a unique symphonic style of progressive rock and became known for their mystical themes and lyrics, as well as their elaborate album art. Anderson prefers to characterize YES as "adventurous" rock rather than progressive. He saw the band as creating music for music's sake, taking listeners on an adventurous rock journey. His personal interest in environmentalism,

pacifism and mystical concepts had a direct influence on the chart-topping YES hits of the 1970s. In addition to authoring some of the group's best known songs, Anderson's creative vision was behind such complex pieces as *Close to the Edge*, *Awaken*, and especially *The Gates of Delirium*, which contributed to the group's success.

Anderson's distinctive vocals helped set YES apart and have made his voice one of rock music's most recognizable. It is a commonly held misconception that he sings falsetto, a vocal technique that uses only the edges of the vocal cords to produce high, airy notes. In fact, Anderson is an alto tenor. His normal singing and speaking voice happen to fall above the standard tenor range and, while he hits certain high notes typically associated with falsetto, he sings them naturally.

Anderson has released 14 solo albums, and his many other recordings include *The Living Tree*, which reunited him with guitarist Rick Wakeman, also a former member of YES, in 2010. Anderson's recent solo album, *Survival and Other Stories*, is a deeply personal reflection on love,

life, understanding and survival which he began after his recovery from a life-threatening respiratory illness, and which took years to complete. He returned to long-form composition last year with the inventive masterwork *Open* and is at work on a follow-up release.

Part of the LVPAC Presents series, Jon Anderson "The Voice of YES" is followed by the legendary Preservation Hall Jazz Band, bringing the irresistible sounds of New Orleans to the Bankhead Theater on July 7th. Over the summer, the Bankhead stage will welcome contemporary flamenco guitarist Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra on August 9th and country rock singer/songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker on August 17th. LVPAC Presents also sponsors the free Friday Nights LIVE! series of outdoor concerts which features local rock and roll, country, and folk music groups on the Shea Homes stage outside the theater each Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. through mid-September.

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

The Animal Art of Kathleen Hill at Art Happens

In conjunction with Art Happens in Downtown Livermore, Kathleen Hill will be the featured artist at the Downtown Art Studios at 62 South L Street from 5:30 to 8:00 on Thursday June 14th, 2012.

Kathleen is best known for her realistic portraits of animals, wild and domestic. She has been creating pet portraits in the Bay Area for over 25 years. She was just voted favorite pet artist by Bay Woof readers, a news publication catering to dog enthusiasts. This year saw her traveling to the Cattle-men's Western Art Show in Paso Robles, a yearly trek for her, as well as showing

at the San Dimas Western Art Exhibition and Sale for the first time. This is an invitation only, nationally



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recognized western art show in Southern California. She has also been successful in licensing her images for reproduction on various products and will have samples of some of the fabric she designed.

Hill has rented studio space at the Downtown Art Studios since its opening over a year ago and enjoys working there and interacting with the other artists. In celebration of the 94th Livermore Rodeo, she will be showing many of her horse paintings. She will be doing a demonstration showing the process she uses to paint a horse in oils. She also works in colored pencil.

Festive Promotores' Graduation Dinner Held

By Carol Graham

Soft drinks were nowhere to be found. Instead, sliced strawberries and thin wheels of lemon floated in chilled water pitchers adding hints of flavor. The kids loved it.

For participants in the Cooking Matters program at Junction Avenue K-8 School, the Promotores' graduation dinner on June 4th showcased the skills and knowledge the students had gained through the lessons.

"Promotores are volunteers who serve as health educators among their peers," said Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Specialist Molly Bergstrom. "The kind of advocacy they offer has been demonstrated to be successful in helping underserved communities understand how to access services and improve health."

Cooking Matters is a six-week course designed to teach children and their families how to plan, purchase and prepare nutritious and affordable meals. Volunteer culinary and nutrition experts teach participants such skills as how to choose nourishing low-cost ingredients, read food labels, cut up a whole chicken, and prepare a healthy meal for a family of four on a \$10 budget.

"This program teaches that it is easy to make good, healthy choices," said attendee Livermore Mayor John Marchand. "It demonstrates that fresh fruits and vegetables are readily avail-



In addition to providing healthy food, students performed dances for those attending.

able and often less expensive than junk food. I attended so that the students could see that this is important not only to the school but to the City as well."

Started in 1993, Cooking Matters serves a diverse group of low-income families who want to learn how to prepare tasty, healthy meals on very limited budgets. Most of the participants are enrolled in food assistance programs and free or reduced-cost school meals.

Junction teacher Sue

Marchand said of the dinner, "The food they prepared was delicious and healthy. Junction K-8 has a wonderful sense of community with a diverse and talented student body. I was excited to see many of my students and their parents."

Currently Junction K-8 is the only school in the district offering the course. "The Cooking Matters Promotores program is funded by Kaiser Permanente," said Bergstrom. "Funding programs like this is a natu-

ral extension of our mission to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve."

The graduation festivities also highlighted the importance of staying fit, particularly with activities engaging the whole family, as young students performed traditional dances. "Junction teachers were glad that I came to support all of their students in the wonderful Folklorico dance program," said Sue, of the Latin American dances that emphasize local folk culture with the ballet characteristics of pointed toes and highly choreographed movements.

Kaiser spokesperson Deni Erickson added, "The dancing just got cuter and cuter and wrapped up with everyone doing Zumba. Dinner and exercise!"

Zumba is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning fitness dance that incorporates hip-hop, samba, salsa, merengue, mambo and martial arts movements.

The highlight for ten-year-old Karla Herrera was seeing her friends dance. "It was fun and I really enjoyed coming here," she said.

Mayor Marchand stated, "A healthier community is a happier and more productive community. It comes down to nothing less than a person's quality of life."

Sue added, "Healthy students learn better."



Audience participation is part of the program.

African Drumming and Dancing

Cheza Nami will present an afternoon of African drumming and dance at 2 p.m. on Sun., June 24 at the Pleasanton Public Library. Learn what African drumming and dance are all about with a presentation by members of the Tri-pulse Drumming Ensemble.

Try out some African drumming during a facilitated drum circle. Explore African dance moves as

demonstrated by Cheza Nami artists.

This educational and interactive program is open to all ages.

For more information, see the website, www.chezanami.org

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For more info regarding the program call Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

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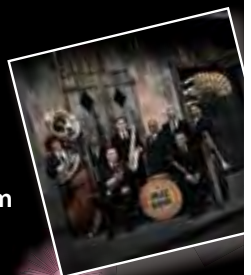
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Author to Discuss His Books at Livermore Library Program

Author Daniel Arnold presents an artful blend of history, biography, nature and adventure writing as he discusses his books *Early Days in the Range of Light* and *Salt to Summit*, at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

This program takes place on Sunday, June 24, 2012 at 2pm. There is no charge for this event. Books will be available for sale and signing.

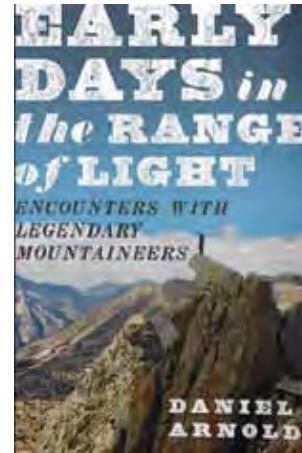
It's 1873. Modern climbing gear and Gore-Tex are a century away, but the high mountains still demand your attention. Imagine the stone in your hands and thousands of feet of open air below you, with only a wool jacket to weather a storm and no rope to catch a fall. Daniel Arnold did more than imagine—he spent four years retracing the precarious steps of his climbing forefathers and lived to tell their riveting stories in *Early Days in the Range of Light: Encounters with Legendary Mountaineers*.

From 1864 to 1931, the Sierra Nevada witnessed some of the most audacious climbing of all time. In the spirit of his predecessors, Arnold used only rudimentary equipment—no ropes, no harnesses, no specialized climbing shoes. Sometimes he left his backpack and sleeping bag behind as well and, like John Muir, traveled for days with only a little food rolled into a sack slung over his shoulder. In an artful blend of history, biography, nature and adventure writing, along with dozens of photographs, Arnold brings to life both the journeys and the stunning terrain. In the process, he uncovers the motivations that drove an extraordinary group of individuals, including Clarence King, John Muir, Joseph LeConte, and Norman Clyde, to risk so much for the summits of one of our most fabled landscapes.

In his book *Salt to Summit: A Vagabond Journey from Death Valley to Mount Whitney*, Arnold sets out

to reach Mount Whitney from Death Valley in a way no road or trail could take him. Anything manmade or designed to make travel easy was out. With a backpack full of empty two-liter bottles, and the remotest corners of desert before him, he began his toughest test yet of physical and mental endurance. Badwater Basin sits 282 feet below sea level in Death Valley, the lowest and hottest place in the Western Hemisphere. Mount Whitney rises 14,505 feet above sea level, the highest point in the contiguous United States.

Arnold spent seventeen days traveling a roundabout route from one to the other, traversing salt flats, scaling dunes, and sinking into slot canyons. Aside from bighorn sheep and a phantom mountain lion, his only companions were ghosts of the dreamers and misfits who first dared into this unknown territory. He walked in the footsteps of William Manly, who rescued the last of the forty-niners from the



bottom of Death Valley; tracked John LeMoigne, a prospector who died in the sand with his burros; and relived the tales of Mary Austin, who learned the secret trails of the Shoshone Indians. This is their story too, as much as it is a history of salt and water and of the places they collide and disappear. Guiding the reader up treacherous climbs and through burning sands, Arnold captures the dramatic landscapes as only he can



with photographs to bring it all to life. From the salt to the summit, this is an epic journey across America's most legendary desert. Arnold began climbing the Pacific Rim volcanoes and basalt crags of his native Portland as a teenager and went on to climb throughout North and South America. He lives and climbs in Southern California. Arnold has a BA in Philosophy from

Stanford and MFA in Creative Writing from San Jose State University. His work has appeared in *ZYZZYVA* and *The Mountain Gazette*.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series.

For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Pleasanton Leadership Class Helping to Purchase New Work of Art, 'Comet'

"Comet" by Max DeMoss, is a one-of-a-kind sculpture of bronze and silver on pink granite. It stands 12' high x 30" wide, and is located in the garden-patio area behind the Firehouse Arts Center.

Gary Harrington worked with Greg Hawthorne, Max DeMoss and the City of Pleasanton to create an innovative payment plan. This comes to Pleasanton as a lease-purchase agreement between the artist and the City of Pleasanton. It is guaranteed by the Harrington Art Partnership. This means Nancy and Gary are looking for partners to share in the total cost - \$25,203.75 - now through

February 2015. Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2012 donated \$3,500 to fund the first year's purchase agreement payment, plus. Their name, "Leadership Class of 2012" will be the first on the bronze plate when it is installed. On the first anniversary in 2013 another \$3,000 will be paid. On the second anniversary in 2014, \$6,000 will be paid with the final payment due in February 2015 of \$11,500 + Tax.

The Harringtons found this piece in the Hawthorne Gallery in Big Sur. The original name of this sculpture was "Platter 173." The Harringtons felt it looked like a comet and with the artist's permission, named

it "Comet." Sculptor Max DeMoss plays with the mysteries in the ancient art of bronze casting in the creation of this unique platter. "The mass entertainment of the Renaissance was painting when art audiences were captured by the artist's use of line," says DeMoss. "In my work I introduce the line to reflect the process of creation, and to add thoughtfulness and depth to each piece." His use of fragmentation of the pieces, in both bronze and inlaid silver, create a line which the viewer's eye follows.

De Moss uses the centuries-old method of "lost wax" casting. The sculpture fragmentation implies mo-

tion suggesting the transition from the artist's imagination to reality-- and has the effect of expanding the figure's presence as if tugging on the space around it. In these ways the feeling of aliveness in DeMoss' work is genuinely unmatched.

All donations are accepted: Partner class (P), \$499 or less; Special Partner (SP), \$500 or greater, or a Very Important Partner (VIP), \$3,500 or greater. Make check to City of Pleasanton, Another H.A.P.P.Y. and mail to: City of Pleasanton, Attn. Susan Andrade-Wax, P.O. Box 520, Pleasanton, CA 94566. If interested in partnering in future public art, contact Gary or Nancy at 925-846-9757.



In the photo are representatives of the Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2012 at the unveiling of "Comet." They are (from left to right) Jennifer Pierce, Joe Testa, Julie Lewis, Gary and Nancy Harrington, and Justin Probert.

Do You Remember?



By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian

THE LIVERMORE FLAGPOLE

The 1904 Livermore committee that was organized to raise funds for the town's Fourth of July celebration had an excess of \$596.86 after the holiday and decided to buy a flagpole for the town. Local chapters of the Foresters and Sons and Daughters of the Golden West volunteered to buy the flag. The committee bought a pole made from a Douglas fir, 126 feet tall and 18 inches in diameter at its base, from a San Francisco firm for \$207. It weighed 5,300 pounds. When the lodges learned of the pole's size, they returned the 25-foot flag they had ordered in exchange for a 40-foot one.

The railroad refused to ship the pole to Livermore, saying that it was too long for the narrow turns, so David and Alex McDonald hauled it from Oakland with two long timber wagons pulled by an eight-mule team. John "Jack" E. Jensen remembered hearing about "the trouble the drivers had negotiating the turns through Dublin Canyon, and all the fancy maneuvering the huge pole made necessary." The trip took two days; the procession arrived in Livermore on Sunday afternoon, 26 August 1905.

That week's Thursday issue of the *Echo* noted that the pole was being given two coats of oil and several coats of white paint down near the railroad depot. Presumably, the pole was rigged for the flag in the same location. After much discussion, the intersection of Lizzie (now S. Liver-

more Avenue) and First Streets at Mill Square had been chosen for the site. Charles Lefever, an oil well rigger, dug a 10-foot-deep hole in the middle of the intersection. He raised the flagpole into position with four draft horses and cemented it into place at 4:40 on Tuesday afternoon 5 September 1905. Livermore is 487 feet above sea level at the flagpole site. A gilded ball eighteen inches in diameter was placed on the top of the pole.

The dedication of the flagpole took place on California's Admission Day, September 9, with a gala town celebration. First in the order of events was a mid-morning parade from the city hall at First and McLeod to the new flagpole. Marchers included the Livermore Band, National Guard Company I, war veterans, and members of many local lodges. After the parade, the crowd in Mill Square heard the playing of reveille and a salute from the town cannon. As the flag rose for the first time, the town band played "The Star Spangled Banner." James W. Clarke, a member of the Fourth of July committee, gave a presentation speech: "The people of Livermore have done far more today than raise a pole and float a flag. They have erected a monument to the love they bear their country that will ever remain beautiful to them. ... There is not a man in this town, or in this valley—no, nor a stranger within our gates—who

walks on our streets and gazes on that flag but will be a better citizen and a truer man. ... As in days of old, 'All roads lead to Rome,' so we have placed it here, where all roads join—from north and east and south and west, they may see it as they come." Livermore Mayor Thomas E. Knox said a few words, accepting the flagpole and flag on behalf of the town. A vaudeville entertainment followed in the afternoon and a grand ball with about 200 couples attending in the evening, both held at the Sweeney Opera House.

The pole was moved only once, about 15 feet southwest to a traffic island when the state reconfigured the intersection in 1959. Workers cut the pole off at its base and sank it into a new 14-foot hole. There had been a controversy about the flagpole's height. It was measured at this time at 120 feet before it was re-buried. According to records kept by Police Chief Johnny Michelis, automobile traffic hit the pole 61 times between 1931 and 1972.

In the early life of Livermore, the flagpole area was used as a gathering place for orators, for example politicians and suffragists, and their audiences. It was also an ideal spot for band concerts, patriotic exercises, horse show judges. There was talk of creating a permanent bandstand there, but that did not happen. Although now on a little island in the midst

of crowded modern paved streets, the flagpole is still the center of the city, just as James W. Clarke noted. When giving directions, Livermore residents often begin, "Well, you know where the flagpole is. ..."

In 2004 the city had structural engineers evaluate the flagpole. The experts believed it to be structurally unsafe; a strong wind might cause it to break and fall. On October 7 city workers removed the flagpole and discovered that only the bottom 11 feet and the top five feet showed deterioration, but a crack ran the entire length. In December the city council decided to purchase a 120-foot fiberglass pole as a replacement at the cost of \$40,000. The new pole was installed at the same site on 17 June 2005. The pole was dedicated and first flag flown on July 4. Three 20-foot sections of the original wooden pole were saved and pieced together to form a 60-foot flagpole that was installed at the southeast corner of Carnegie Park next to the Veterans Memorial at a centennial celebration on 9 September 2005. It has its original flag-hoisting hardware and is topped with its old gilded globe.

In the Carnegie Building, a display created by an Eagle Scout project in 2010 shows a portion of the original flagpole. You can see the crack in the pole and count the rings to discover the tree's age.

(Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.)



Sara, Rebecca and Cristina Cariveau will be performing this coming week at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The Livermore School of Dance has been working with the dancers to prepare a performance of "The Wizard of Oz" and "Hit the Dance Floor." Sara takes on the role of Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz." The performances is June 14 and 16 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore for "Hit the Floor Dance," and June 15 and 17 from "The Wizard of Oz." Ticket information available at www.bankheadtheater.org.

Concert Band Performing at Livermore Farmers' Market

On Thursday, June 14, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm The Pleasanton Community Concert Band under the direction of Bob Williams will be performing at the Livermore Farmers' Market, Fourth and J Streets.

The Band will be playing a variety of musical styles including selections from popular songs, oldies, pops and marches.

There is no admission charge.



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An interplay of palate and palette Darcie Kent Vineyards opens a chic tasting room

By Harry Stoll

The Wine Group, a mega-producer of more than 40 labels, opened a tasting room for its Darcie Kent Vineyards label during the Memorial Day weekend. Find this gracious space at Concannon Vineyard on Tesla Road, across the courtyard from the Concannon tasting room.

Immediately outside the arched entry sit a few sheltered mesh tables, each holding a pot of purple-blue flowers. "We are all wearing purple," said tasting room manager Rochelle Todd. Indeed, all the staff is royally clad in purple raiment. Rochelle's Reeboks have laces that may be fuchsia. The color purple abounds. Plush purple comfortable couches sit against the wall opposite the polished wood tasting bar, on which are pots of various shades of purple flowers. The foils on the wine bottles are purple. The large screen behind the counter fades to purple when

not showing its slide show.

The eno eponymous purple undertaking is named for Darcie Kent, who says, "As a fourth generation vintner and artist, I have both wine and paint running through my veins." She creates the artwork for the labels and her large paintings of vineyards and other rural scenes, with the color purple being prominent, are on display against the off-white walls of the tasting room. Darcie says that in her studio she tries to capture the gestalt of the wine. Her paintings have purple streaks in skies, horses with purple traces on their flanks, a haze of purple flowers growing under vines, and some majestic purple mountains. She and husband David Kent own a home on Crane Ridge with a vineyard that supplies some of the grapes. He is the CEO of The Wine Group.

The Darcie Kent Wine Gallery is a capacious space with a stepped ceiling of horizontal planes leading up

to a skylight that sings, "Let the sun shine in." A crystal hanging from the ceiling doesn't seem right. The tasting counter comfortably accommodates about 10 with plenty of room on the couches and plenty of standing room on the polished concrete floor, which is not purple; Rochelle identified it as antique bronze. She said they want to change it to a more coppery color. A large Persian rug is on the floor. Rochelle said it's from Darcie's house. They want to bring in a rug with more muted tones. "We want this to be a cheery place with clean lines." They've succeeded.

Now about the palate part: Darcie Kent wines sell from \$18 to \$36 with \$24 being the nice mean price. The wines are single-vineyard wines, with four of the vineyards located in the Livermore Valley and two in Monterey County. All are small family-owned vineyards. They are De-

Mayo Vineyard, Crown Block Vineyard, and Madden Ranch at the east end of Livermore Valley, Picazo Vineyard near the west end of the valley, Rava's Black Jack Vineyard, overlooking the valley floor in Monterey County, and West Pinnacles Vineyard in the Soledad Valley.

Tasting room manager Rochelle Todd says Darcie Kent Wine Gallery offers 12 wines, presenting five at a time. The lineup is changed regularly. The menu is printed in purple lettering. The tasting fee is \$5.

There is a wine club, with no signup fee, that provides quarterly shipments, and offers various discounts, both at the Darcie Kent tasting room and neighboring Concannon tasting room and the Underdog Wine Bar, both owned by The Wine Group. There will be special events on the first Friday of each month for members.

On Memorial Day, the

lineup was a buttery Livermore Valley Chardonnay, a Monterey County Pinot Noir, a Livermore Valley Merlot from Darcie Kent's front yard, a Petite Sirah from Livermore Valley, and an exotic Grüner Veltliner from Monterey County. This grape is grown in Austria on the banks of the Danube. You get an initial hit of sweet peach and citrus, followed by spice and maybe a hint of tobacco. The taste is exotic and intriguing. This is a wine to open your palate and your mind. It's fun to try and get the ümlaut sound down. It's a nice wine with a light summer meal. Load it on your pallet.

The Wine Group's Julian Halasz is the winemaker. Both he and Darcie have a family connection to this truly lovely wine. He is from Hungary where it grows, and Darcie's winemaker grandfather is from Switzerland. It was one of his favorite grapes to grow and vinify.

Julian produced a deep purple dream Zinfandel with grapes from the 2007 vintage of DeMayo Vineyard on Crane Ridge at the east end of Livermore Valley. It's dark and a delight, with the brambly berry and a host of different tastes, a nice roll around the mouth, and leaves you with a sweet memory. It goes well with sturdy fare. The retail is \$30.

The Darcie Kent label also includes Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc, another Merlot, and another Chardonnay that is more citric. All will appear on the tasting menu.

Altogether, this is a pleasant place to taste. A definite plus is the grand greensward you pass on the entry drive. It has graced the site for a long time. Kids run just to be running and sometimes they roll. There's some shade and space for Whiffle Ball or Frisbee. Perhaps some foxy digitalis purpurea would look good along its border.

Dublin Celebrates Bike to School Day

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, City staff and the Dublin High School Leadership Class hosted the second annual Bike to School Day at Dublin High School on May 24. Multiple forms of media were used to encourage students and teachers to travel to school via bicycle, where they were greeted with giveaways, refreshments, a ticket for a free BBQ lunch, and an entry in the National Bike Month raffle.

A donation from Valley Spokesmen Cycling Club funded the purchase of helmets which were made available to bicyclists ar-

iving at school without a helmet. Additionally, the Leadership Class organized three "bike pools" of students, who met at locations throughout the City and biked to school together. During the BBQ lunch, cycling students were invited to participate in a Bike Show; prizes were awarded to students with the "Most Unique," "Most Safety Equipment," and "Most Tricked-Out" bicycles. An estimated 70 students participated in the event, nearly twice as many as last year.

Dublin, Frederiksen, and Kolb Elementary Schools

also joined in the cycling festivities during Bike to School Week. Students were encouraged to bike to school every day during the week of May 21-25. One day during the week, a "bike elf" visited the schools and left giveaways on the bicycles.

Alameda County Transportation Commission and non-profit organization Safe Routes to Schools funded the giveaways distributed during Bike to School Week. The National Bike Month raffle was scheduled to take place during the first week of June.



Students visiting the Bike to School Station at Dublin High School received refreshments, giveaways, a free lunch, and raffle tickets.

Jazz Age Tea Celebrates 'Chaperone' at Towne Center Books

By Carol Graham

There are books you read and there are books you live. For those who love to read, there is no mistaking the two.

To Kill a Mockingbird, Lonesome Dove, In Cold Blood and . . . The Chaperone.

"The 1920s are fascinating to me; things were changing so quickly for women, for the entire nation," said author Laura Moriarty. "I was surprised by how much I loved doing the research for this novel and learning the details about my main character's life in 1922: the clothes she wore, the technology she used, the politics of her day, the films, the transportation."

Moriarty will be speaking at a jazz-age afternoon tea hosted at Pleasanton's Towne Center Books on Wednesday, June 27th at 2 p.m. "Everyone is invited; the more the merrier," said owner Judy Wheeler. "It's interesting to read a little of the book or some of the author's previous books before

an event. Sometimes when reading there are additional things you want to know."

Inspired by the life of silent film star Louise Brooks, *The Chaperone* follows the story of two women on a journey from Wichita, Kansas to New York nearly a hundred years ago. Moriarty seamlessly weaves in the differences a century makes with the similarities that will be as true in 2022 as they were in 1922; they are at the very core of the human condition.

"Much of the book's tension comes from the huge generation gap between 15-year-old Louise Brooks and Cora Carlisle who is only 36 years old. But the very modern and very arrogant Louise makes her feel much older," said Moriarty.

Only a few years before she became a famous film star and icon for her generation, young Louise is already incisive, arrogant, and captivating with her avant-garde shiny black bob with bangs. Cora escorts her to New York, embarking on



a personal quest of her own. As hemlines were shrinking and women's roles were expanding, in the midst of it all, each woman must find her place.

"I've been pleased to hear from readers that they love my main character Cora Carlisle as much as I do," said Moriarty. "She feels so real to me now, which is funny because out of the two main characters, Louise and Cora, Cora is the one I invented."

To capture the world and

times in which the women moved, Moriarty read Brooks' biographies and autobiography, watched silent films, visited museums, and studied old photographs and newspaper clippings.

"I looked at clothing catalogs from 1922 and listened to early radio shows trying to understand the world my characters would inhabit," she said. "A lot of what I learned didn't make it into the book. I didn't include details unless I felt sure it would serve the story and the characters."

The Chaperone has all the makings to be *the* novel of this summer. *Vogue* says it's "Evocative... a mesmerizing take on women in a pivotal era." *O, The Oprah Magazine*, calls it "enthralling."

Although the author's talk is free, reservations are encouraged. "We use

books as inspiration for our events and select themes and food from the story," said Wheeler. "We try to serve refreshments from the era, location, or things that are mentioned in the book."

Moriarty added, "I've always loved reading historical fiction and the way

it allows me to immerse myself in another world. It turns out writing historical fiction, for me, just exaggerates that pleasure."

For reservations to attend the tea at Towne Center Books, call 925-846-8826 or email orders@townecenterbooks.com.

'The Conviction' Author to Make Stop in Pleasanton

Author Robert Dugoni will stop at Towne Center Books in Pleasanton on Monday, June 18 as part of "The Conviction Tour." The program will be at 7 p.m.

His latest thriller, "The Conviction," is about a father forced to take the law into his own hands to save his son. The author will present a talk and be available to sign books.

Dugoni has practiced as a civil litigator in San Francisco and Seattle for more than 25 years. He is a finalist for the 2012 Harper Lee Prize and a two time winner of the Pacific Northwest Writers Association Literary Contest.

Dugoni will also teach a writing class at 4 p.m. For information, call 846-8826.

Towne Center Books is located at 555 Main Street. (On sale June 12, Simon & Schuster)

Food Is One of the Attractions at County Fair

One out of every three fairgoers will say that the number one reason for attending the Alameda County Fair is, "The Food!" The 100th year of the Alameda County Fair holds true to its tradition of one-of-a-kind food offerings. During the 17-day run of the fair, beginning June 20 through July 8, below are some of the "new" culinary treats in store for fairgoers:

Wood Fire Gourmet Pizza, Deep Fried Whole Pineapple Blossom (Like an onion blossom), Deep Fried ear of corn, Deep Fried watermelon on-a-stick, Lava & peanut butter sandwich, Frog Legs, Llama Burgers, Raccoon-on-a-Stick, Chocolate Covered Crickets, Python-on-a-Stick, Deep

Fried Oatmeal Cream Pie, Deep Fried Bubble Gum, Deep Fried Snack Pack pudding, Deep Fried Fruity Pebbles

April Mitchell, Event Sales & Marketing Manager, states, "Each year, we strive to bring something uniquely tasty for our fairgoers. It is a delight to receive feedback from fairgoers on what they enjoyed the most each year. Food vendors work hard to provide fare that appeals to a wide range of tastes and diverse audiences."

Some food contests held at this year's Fair include the following:

- Ghirardelli Chocolate Contest – June 23
- Cheesecake Contest – June 24
- Best of the Bay Samosa

Contest – June 24

- My Family's Favorite Pie – July 1

- Tamale Contest – July 1

- 10th Annual BBQ and Chicken Cook-off – July 4-7

- 4th Annual Hotdog Eating Relay Contest - July 4

- Beef is King Cookout – July 7

- 4th Annual Gumbo Contest - July 8

Contest details can be found on the Fair website www.alamedacountyfair.com.

The Fair runs June 20 to July 8, 2012 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton; closed on Mondays.

For more information, please visit www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, or call (925) 426-7600.

Quarry Lane Artist Wins Art Competiton

By Tiffany Marquez

Amy Kim, IB junior and artist of the pencil drawing of Quarry Lane's Head of School, Dr. Sabri Arac, is winner of a prestigious award. After submitting her art piece for the first time to this contest, a pencil and pastel creation entitled "Flying for Dream," Kim was awarded first prize in the Congressional Art Competition. Kim will fly to Washington D.C. next month to attend a reception and have the opportunity to see her own artwork where it will be displayed in the United States Capitol for an entire year.

Kim, who is an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme student, explained this contest as being very competitive and said, "I didn't expect [to win] anything! I'm so ex-

cited!" She was completely surprised when she went to the award ceremony and was announced as the first prize winner. Although there were many good submissions, the judges chose hers based on her self-chosen theme of creating a self-portrait. Kim, who joined Quarry Lane's International Academy in middle school, describes the piece, explaining, "I chose the dragonflies as a leading guide to the dream and I attached myself to them. It is like my identity as an international student and my journey from Korea."

She recently was awarded "Honorable Mention" for the second year in a row in the "Growing Up Asian in America Art & Essay Contest" sponsored by the Asian Pacific Fund. Over 1,400 entries were received to celebrate the seventy-fifth



anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. This annual contest is used to celebrate the diversity of Asian American students and to provide an outlet for those that have struggled with their identity. This year's contest focused on the symbolic "Bridges" that one takes to establish connections between varying aspects of life.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT



The Livermore Art Association and Pleasanton Art League meet Mon., June 18 at 7:30 p.m. Artist Regina Leyva will be demonstrating encaustics (painting using hot wax) at the meeting. There is no admission charge. The public is invited. The meeting will be held at Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Ave. in Livermore.

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

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

Art Under the Oaks, July 21-22, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Alden Lane Nursery, Livermore. Livermore Art Association will host. Art displays, entertainment, and more. www.livermoreartassociation.org.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Livermore Art Association, Pleasanton Art League, general meeting Mon., June 18, 7:30 p.m. Almond Avenue School, 1401 Almond Ave., Livermore. Regina Leyva will present a program on encaustics. No admission charge.

Summer Camp, Cantabella Children's Chorus is offering a two-week Choral, Rhythm and Movement Camp, July 16-27, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. For children 5 years through sixth grade, placed in three age groups. Instructors

are highly trained, certified adults with college degrees and many years of teaching experience. Each group will participate in Choral and Music Literacy training, Rhythm Exploration and Development, and Expressive Movement and Dance. Performance for parents and guests on the last day of class. For more information and to register a child, visit Cantabella.org/camp.

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

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

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

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

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

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its Summer Sessions for 2012. Summer classes are one week long and cover a wide range of projects, from drawing and painting, to printmaking, mask making, sculpture, AP projects and portfolio preparation. Instructor Peggy Frank has been working with youngsters in the Valley for thirty years in her Livermore studio. Students entering second grade all the way through high school are welcome to enroll. Contact Peggy at (925)443-8755 or email her at frank.a@comcast.net.

WINERY EVENTS

Garre Vineyard & Winery's Dinner and Music on the Patio line up for the

month of June: June 15 Blue House Band; June 22 Andy Joe Stewart Solo Artist; and June 29 The Andy Joe Stewart Band. www.garrewinery.com, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, (925) 371-8200.

McGrail Vineyards and Winery June events, Father's Day Picnic Sun., June 17, noon to 4:30 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch, buy a bottle of Dad's favorite Cabernet Sauvignon, and spend the afternoon enjoying the beautiful views of the Livermore Valley. Vineyard Tour and Tasting, Sun., June 23, noon and 2:30 p.m. 10 spots open for a 12-noon tour and a 2:30pm tour. Advanced reservations are required. \$25/person. (925) 215-0717 www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Road, Livermore.

The Singing Winemaker will be holding a series of wine release parties throughout the summer. The parties will include extended tasting room hours and entertainment by The Singing Winemaker and Friends. This summer's releases include the new version of Melody and Harmony, Petite Syrah, Tempranillo, Old-Vine Zin, a small lot of exceptional Barbera and a great Cabernet Blush. The wines will be paired with food. The Singing Winemaker is located at Tesla Vintners, 5143 Tesla Road, Livermore. For information, go to www.teslavintners.com

Tamas Estate Winery, Cafe Tuesdays, June 19, Southern Comfort Food; July 17, Mid West BBQ; August 14, California Classics. \$25 per person advance purchase / \$30 per person the week of the event \$20 for Salute! Club members. Price includes live music, buffet-style dinner, and one glass of wine. Purchase tickets for all events for \$75/per person & \$60/per person Salute! Club members. www.tamasesstates.com. 5565 Tesla Road Livermore, (925) 456-2380.

Murrieta's Well, Father's Day, June 17, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Live music, wine tasting and snacks available throughout the day. \$5 for guests Murrieta's Well Tasting Room & Historic Barrel Room, 3005 Mines Road, Livermore, 925.456.2395 for more information.

Les Chenes Estate Vineyards, Port & Pairing for Fathers Day Weekend, June 16 & 17. Re-release of Tawny Port along with pairing of Cinnamon Apples topped with Tawny Anglaise. \$5.00 tasting fee. Bring a picnic lunch. www.leschenesvine.com, 5562 Victoria Lane, Livermore (925)373-1662

Garré Vineyard and Winery, live music and dinner on the patio every Friday night from 6 to 9pm; dinner and bocce ball every Thursday 5:30 to 9 p.m. June 17, annual Father's Day BBQ noon to 3 p.m. with reservations required. 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore; www.garrewinery.com, (925) 371-0639

Charles R Vineyards will host Fourth Friday Uncorked starting in June. Monthly Friday Night's on the patio with Wine, Music, Games & Tapas from 5:30 - 8:30. \$10-00 per person \$5.00 per person Club Members. Bring dad out on Sunday, June 17th from noon to 4:30pm for great wine, food and fun. Featuring pulled pork sandwiches along with terrific Charles R wine. Also a game of chance just for dad to test his luck. 8795 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore (925) 454-3040 www.charlesrvineyards.com

Father's Day Picnic, Retzlaff Estate

Wines, June 17, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations Appreciated Bring a picnic. Plan to decorate your table and compete for the most sumptuous and the most colorful décor. Prizes for oldest Dad, Dad with most kids. Listen and dance to the music of; "TBA", \$10.00 per adult. 925-447-8941 www.retzlaffwinery.com 1356.So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Wines, Beats & Mobile Eats, June 17, noon to 4 p.m. Treat Dad to wine, music, and food, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Array of food choices from food trucks, Southern Sandwich Co., Rice Rockit, le truc and Kara's Cupcakes, sample wines from Wente Vineyards, Murrieta's Well, and Double Decker. Event entry is complimentary. Wine tasting \$15 per person or \$10 for Wente Vineyards, Murrieta's Well and Tamás Estates Club Members.

A Night on the Greenville Hill by Horse and Carriage, Thursday June 21, 5-8pm. Charles R Vineyards, Bent Creek and McGrail Vineyards host a magical night of Wine, Food Pairing & Wagon rides. \$45.00 per person, \$40.00 per person for club members - Limited Availability. 8795 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore (925) 454-3040 www.charlesrvineyards.com or at any of the participating wineries.

McGrail Vineyards and Winery July events: Sage Concert, July 7. Annual Cabernet Reserve Celebration and Release of 2009 McGrail Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve on July 14. (925) 215-0717 www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Road, Livermore.

Tamas Estates, Café Tuesdays this summer: June 19, Southern Comfort Food; July 17, Mid-West BBQ; August 14, California Classics. \$25 per person advance purchase / \$30 per person the week of the event \$20 for Salute! Club Members Price includes live music, buffet-style dinner, and one glass of wine. www.tamasesstates.com, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore, (925) 456-2380.

Eagle Ridge Vineyard will be celebrating its 5th Anniversary with the Release of its 2009 Zinfandel & 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon. The event is Sun., July 15, noon to 4:30 p.m. In addition, the celebration will include food, music & wine. "TankhalfFull" will be playing their original easy listening music. Chef Jim will be pairing the Zin & Cab with a delightful menu of foods. 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore. eagleridgevineyard.com/

MUSIC/CONCERTS

Music every Saturday in the tasting room from 12 to 4; open every day if the gate is open and for sure on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 to 5. Red Feather Winery, 5700 Greenville Rd., Livermore. Information at 449-1871 or www.redfeatherwinery.com

Blacksmith Square, music every Saturday 3 to 6 p.m. in the courtyard: 6/16 Chris LeBel, 6/23 Anna Steiger, and 6/30 Roger Kardinal, 21 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Live music at the Winemaker's Pour House, 2241 First Street, Livermore. Rockin' Folk Originals with Frankie Bones & the Jammers Fri., June 15, 7:30pm - 10:00pm; Rock, Country Rock & Pop with Nashville Recording Artist Jessica Caylyn Sat., June 16, 7pm - 10pm; Jazz with Joey T. Sun., June 17,

4pm - 8pm; Soul-searching songster Jon Williams Fri., June 22, 7:30pm - 10:00pm; Singer/Guitarist Steve Freed When Sat., June 23, 6:30pm - 9:00pm; Original Blues with Georgi and the Rough Week Sun., June 24, 4pm - 6pm; Alternative, Progressive, Rock with Northern Static Fri., June 29, 7:30pm - 10:00pm; Jazz with Joey T. Sat., June 30, 7:30pm - 10:00pm. Open Mike Night Every Monday 7pm - 9pm. For more information call (925) 215-2656 or visit www.winemakerspourhouse.com

Tri-Valley Medieval and Renaissance Collegium playing session for amateur musicians, Peter Maund, director. Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. 7600 Dublin Blvd., suite 370, Dublin. \$25. Information collegium2011@gmail.com or 925-424-1209 or 925-984-4395

Authentic New Orleans Style/Danceable Dixieland Traditional Jazz now at Sunol Jazz Cafe. Comfort food served up with Smokin' Hot Jazz every 1st and 3rd Wednesday Mission Gold Jazz Band. Dinner orders begin at 6 pm; music from 7:30.

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band, plays at the Sunol Jazz Cafe (In the Center of Sunol) the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 7:30-9:30 p.m. The band features real Jazz from the 1920's,

The Doors Legacy Band, June 16, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Jon Anderson, June 19, 7:30 p.m., lead vocalist and creative force behind YES. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band, July 7, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, July 11, An Evening with Foreigner, Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. www.wentevineyards.com

The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, July 16, Earth, Wind & Fire Guiding Lights Tour, Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. www.wentevineyards.com

JOEL: A Tribute to the Songs of Billy Joel, July 22, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, July 23, Sheryl Crow, Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. www.wentevineyards.com

ON THE STAGE

The Member of the Wedding, by Carson McCullers. Directed by Eric Fraisher Hayes, runs through July 1, 2012, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third Street, in Hayward. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays and 2 and 8 p.m. on Sat., June 23. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre is a program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. The Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 to 5:30 and can be reached at (510) 881-6777. Information is also available at www.dmtonline.org. \$10 Preview, \$20 Sat. matinee, \$28 Thurs., Fri., Sat. eve., Sun. matinee.

An Afternoon with Broadway & TV star Vicki Lewis, 2 p.m. Sun., June 17. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.,

Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Tennessee on the Farm, featuring plays by Tennessee Williams. June 23 at 5 p.m. and June 24 at 2 p.m. at Forest Home Farms Historic Park, 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Three short one-act plays by Tennessee Williams to be performed are *The Pretty Trap*; *27 Wagons Full of Cotton*; and *The Case of the Crushed Petunias* will be performed in various locations on the farm grounds. Wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$50 for this fund-raiser celebrating the Historical San Ramon Valley and one of America's greatest playwrights — to benefit The San Ramon Historic Foundation and Danville's Role Players Ensemble. For additional information call 925-820-1278, or email: mail@danvilletheatre.com.

San Francisco Shakespeare in the Park, 2012 production, King Henry V. Pleasanton, Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita Rd. and Black Ave. Saturdays, June 30, July 7 and 14; Sundays, July 1, 8 and 15. 7:30 p.m. Free admission. www.sfsakes.org

KIDS KABARET Entertainment for the Whole Family, Wed., July 11 and Wed., July 25, 1 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

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

Oklahoma, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production, weekends July 21 to August 5. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

COMEDY

Comedy @ Firehouse Arts with Brad Upton and Myles Weber, June 14, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

DANCE

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

Hit the Dance Floor, June 14 and 16, 7 p.m. Thurs., 2 and 7 p.m. Fri. Livermore School of Dance Jazz Division performs. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Ballets To Remember, Valley Dance Theatre Presents, Sat., June 23, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Auditions, West Side Story, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production, Original

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Broadway Version. Director/Choreographer: Christina Lazo, Vocal Director/Accompanist: Joe Simiele, Producer: Kathleen Breedveld. Auditions: Saturday June 23, 2012 at 11:00am Call-backs (by invitation only) Saturday June 30, 2012 at 11:00am. 1020 Serpentine Lane Suite 101 Pleasanton. All roles open, no pay, no AEA. For character breakdown and audition form please see <http://trivalleyrep.org/>. Prepare 16-32 bars upbeat Broadway Standard or Ballad. Accompanist provided, no tapes, no a capella. Be dressed and prepared to dance. Please bring headshot, resume and conflict calendar. Address all questions to the Producer, Kathleen @ KBreedveld@trivalleyrep.com

4th of July Poetry Contest, Cynthia Bryant, Pleasanton's Poet Laureate is looking for poets who: Must be Pleasanton residents, between 12 to 16 years old or 17 to beyond years young. Write a poem, any form, not more than 60 lines long, double spaced on the focus of

the Civil War and/or related history. All entries must be received by June 29th. Put 4thPoet on subject of entry. Poems, along with name, age, address, phone # should be sent by email to PleasantonPoetry@ci.pleasanton.ca.us. For further information call 925-399-5520. The winner(s) must be available to read their poems at the July 4th, from noon to 1:30p.m. at Lions Wayside Park, First and Neal streets in Pleasanton.

Valley Concert Chorale will hold auditions by appointment for its upcoming 2012-2013 concert season on the following dates: Monday, August 27; Monday, September 10. Auditions and rehearsals will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, corner of 4th and L Streets. The Chorale's 49th season will include the music of Gilbert and Sullivan, its December holiday program including the Chorale's annual Sing-it-Yourself Messiah, Durufle's Requiem, Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, and finally Beethoven's Ninth Symphony

with the Livermore Amador Symphony at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205.

OPERA

Opera Schedule, Hacienda's Regal Cinema in Dublin: June 14, 7 p.m., The Tempest; June 20, 6:30 p.m. Rossini's Le Comte Ory; June 27, 6:30 p.m. Mozart's Don Giovanni; July 11, 6:30 p.m. Offenbach's Les Contes d'Hoffmann; July 18, 6:30 p.m., Donizetti's Lucia Di Lammermoor; July 25, 6:30 p.m., Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier.

Opera in the Vineyard, Retzlaff Estate Wines, July 15, go to www.LivermoreValleyOpera.org, for more information 925-447-8941 and tickets. www.

retzlaffwinery.com 1356.So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bonsai Show, Valley Bonsai Society annual show June 16 and 17, Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Expert on hand to demonstrate styling. Finished tree will be raffled. Information, 980-3438.

Old Time Tea Party, Museum on Main, Saturday, June 16 from 10am - 12 noon - kids bring along your best manners for an Old Time Tea Party at Museum on Main. Create own yummy tea flavor, design a fan and learn the language of fans, make a fancy necklace to wear, and of course enjoy a delicious cup of tea and special treats. Museum on Main family day. 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Free. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or phone (925) 462-2766.

Alameda County Fair celebrates its 100th

Anniversary: 1912 - 2012, June 20-July 8 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Celebration includes a downtown Pleasanton Parade on June 23rd, a brand new concert format (one show nightly at 7pm), and a variety of distinctive memorabilia chronicling its 100 year history. Tickets and information at www.AlamedaCountyFair.com

Celebrate America, Celebrate San

Ramon, Wed., July 4, 4 p.m. San Ramon Central Park Amphitheater. Patriotic music by the San Ramon Symphonic Band and the dance band, Pride and Joy.

Fireworks in Livermore, Wed., July 4, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. 4 p.m. family games, food and live music. \$20 per carload in advance and \$25 at the gate; \$5 walk-in. Tickets at <http://livermorefireworks.org>

Ed Kinney Lecture Series, 7 p.m. An Evening with Bonnie and Clyde, Tues.,

July 10. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. \$10 general admission, \$5 members & seniors, \$3 students/teachers with ID. All tickets are paid at the door. All tickets are open seating. Information www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

Tiaras, Tutus, Top Hats and Tails, July 11, 2012 - 6 to 9 p.m. Downtown Livermore. Shopping specials and wine tasting. Livermore Downtown Inc. at (925) 373-1795 or email lms@livermore-downtown.com.

Dublin An All-American Anniversary, 30th anniversary of the city's incorporation. Sat., July 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way. All-American foods, such as hot dogs, root beer, ice cream and apple pie; family activities, Music of America including a performance by local singers. 556-4500.

High School Seniors Receive Edward Teller Science Scholarships

Five high school seniors from Livermore and Tracy have been awarded Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Edward Teller Science Scholarship.

The awards, instituted in 2004 in honor of the late Dr. Teller, physicist and Lab co-founder, are given annually by the Laboratory to graduating seniors who excel in science studies.

This year's award winners from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District are Tsuyoshi Anthony Kohlgruber from Livermore High School and Uzair Mohammad from Granada High School. The Tracy Unified School District winners are Marcus Graves of West High School, Clifford Liu of Tracy High School and Shelpreet Kaur of Kimball High School. Each receives a scholarship

of \$1,000 toward a college education.

Kohlgruber's networking abilities with regional high schools has allowed him to further his involvement in ocean conservation. He participated in the Science Bowl and served as team captain his senior year. His team placed in the top six among 20 schools at the Regional Science Bowl. He also was a member of the Monterey Bay Aquarium ONE (Oceans Need Everyone) Teen Summit and shared Livermore High School's eco-friendly projects with other schools. In addition, he conducted a cost-benefit analysis of photovoltaic installations at Livermore High School. Kohlgruber will attend the University of California Santa Barbara, where he will study chemistry.

Mohammad began conducting research in middle school, winning awards for many of his projects at local and regional science fairs. His projects include finding optimal angles for wind turbine blades for maximum energy generation; how to make magnetic brakes more efficient; and inventing a device to generate electricity and produce a solar panel that uses hydrolyzed ATP molecules. Mohammad will attend the University of California San Diego to study bioengineering.

Graves excelled in engineering during his four years at West High School's Space and Engineering Academy. His projects included payload-carrying model rockets and maze-running robots.

Liu received straight A's in all his science courses. As a member of the school's

Scientifically Speaking program he presented science topics to elementary students. This year he took part in Lawrence Livermore's Science on Saturday lecture series, assisting scientist Sat Pannu and Tracy High School teacher Kirk Brown in a presentation about artificial retinas.

Kaur is a member of the first graduating class of Tracy's Kimball High School, which opened in 2009. She has excelled in all her coursework and has taken seven science courses including biology, chemistry, health science occupations, human physiology, biology, chemistry and physics.

Thomas Gioconda, Richard Farnsworth, Scott Wilson and Linda Lucchetti of LLNL presented the awards to the students at the high schools' awards ceremonies.

Three Tennessee Williams Plays Performed on the Farm

About the same time Tennessee Williams was beginning his long writing career, Ruth and Travis Boone were struggling to save Forest Home Farms in San Ramon. In June, Tennessee Williams' short plays will be featured at Forest Home Farms in a

special event celebrating the historic San Ramon Valley and one of America's greatest playwrights.

The San Ramon Historic Foundation has partnered with Danville's Role Players Ensemble to perform three Tennessee Williams' short

plays at various locations on the Farm.

The event will take place at 5:00pm on Saturday, June 23 and at 2:00pm on Sunday, June 24 at Forest Home Farms Historic Park, 19953 San Ramon Valley

Boulevard. Tickets for the event are \$50.00 and include all three plays, wine, hors d'oeuvres and dessert.

For more information call 925-820-1278 or contact mail@danvilletheatre.com or www.srhf.org

Program on Making Revisions

On June 16, 2012, the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch has invited Catherine M. Brady, Academic Director and Professor, University of San Francisco MFA in Writing Program and Award winning author, to speak with us about making revisions on writing projects.

Brady is the author of three short story collections, recipient of the Northern California Book Award for Fiction. She has also authored the biography, Elizabeth Blackburn and the Story of Telomeres: Deciphering the Ends of DNA (2007). Her latest book on the craft of writing fiction, Story Logic and the Craft of Fiction, was published in 2010. She is published in Other Voices, The Missouri Review, The Kenyon

Review, and Best American Short Stories, 2004.

A resident of the Bay Area, Catherine graduated from Hollins College with an MA and from the University of Massachusetts with an MFA. She has served as Vice-President and President of the Association of Writers.

The meeting will be Saturday, June 16, 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton, CA. The cost for members is \$10; non-members \$15 and includes tea and coffee.

Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations required. For a seat, contact Annette Langer at reservations@trivalleywriters.org or 925-484-5924.

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Milestones



Pictured are (bottom row, left to right) James Du, Alex Chen (International Winner), Alex Zelinsky, Kevin Jiang, Elizabeth Chen, Jessica Meng, Mikki Lim, Bryan Chen, Andrei Rekes; (top row) Seyvonne Ip, Amy Mao, Sharon Ye, Helen Meng, Eric Chen, Linda Ye, Daniel Tan, and Darence Lim. Not pictured Ahad Rauf, Pheobe Yeung (Gail Lew Piano Studio), Lisette Choo, Christine Tseng, Joseph Tseng, and Michelle Yang (Aurora Chen Piano Studio).

Las Positas Hosts National Piano Winners

The National Guild of Piano Teachers held the Spring 2012 Piano Guild Auditions in Castro Valley and Pleasanton. The Guild Judge Jeanne Hansen is from Kent State University. Piano students from the Tri-Valley and Castro Valley areas received their Awards at an Honors Recital held at Las Positas College in Livermore. Featured on two concerts were seventeen national winners, nine state winners, and four district winners from the Gail Lew Piano Studio.

National Gold Medal awards for performing 10-piece programs went to James Du, Alex Chen (International Winner), Alex Zelinsky, Kevin Jiang, Elizabeth Chen, Jessica Meng, Mikki Lim, Bryan Chen, Andrei Rekes, Seyvonne Ip, Amy Mao, Sharon Ye, Helen Meng, Eric Chen, Linda Ye, Daniel Tan, and Darence Lim. Not pictured Ahad Rauf, Pheobe Yeung (Gail Lew Piano Studio), Lisette Choo, Christine Tseng, Joseph Tseng, and Michelle Yang (Aurora Chen Piano Studio).

Eric Chen, Linda Ye, and

Daniel Tan received their National Guild of Piano Teacher's High School Diploma in piano from the American College of Musicians in Austin, Texas. Sixteen honor students from the Gail Lew Studio were selected to perform at the 2012 Music Teachers Association of California State Convention in San Diego. Alex Chen and Eric Chen received awards for their participation in the MTAC Concerto Competition.



Emily Suzanne Salmon (pictured above) graduated from The Juilliard School in New York City on May 25, 2012 with a Master of Music degree in Violin Performance. While at Juilliard, she was a recipient

Award recipient Eric Chen performed the Grieg *Concerto in A minor* and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with the Livermore-Pleasanton Youth Symphony for the 2012 Concert season.

Piano teachers interested in joining the National Guild of Piano Teachers may contact Chairman Gail Lew at 510-432-3368, Chairman Barbara Havelaar at 925-846-7037, or find information on the website at www.pianoguild.com.

of the Joseph Fuchs Scholarship and the Helen-Mae Knafel Askin Violin Scholarship. She studied with Ronald Copes, a member of the Juilliard String Quartet. Emily is a 2009 college graduate of New England Conservatory in Boston, MA and a 2005 high school graduate of Walnut Hill School in Natick, MA. She is the daughter of Thad and Cyndy Salmon. Emily was born and raised in Livermore. She began her study of the violin at the age of 4 in the local Suzuki Violin academy as a student of Goran Berg. She attended Livermore public schools until she left home at age 16 to pursue a musical education on the East coast. Emily currently resides in New York City, where she works as a free-lance musician and violin teacher.

Education

Aletheia Mae Orphanidys (pictured at right) graduated magna cum laude from American University in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 12, 2012, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of International Service, the largest in the United States. As first runner-up class speaker, she was chosen to carry the American flag while leading the procession of honored guests and speakers onto the stage where flags were displayed from the 130 countries representing the university's student body population. The City of Alexandria Bagpipes and Drums band provided music for the procession and recessional.

Aletheia graduated from college in three years, including a semester spent studying at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy. She recently became a lifetime member of Phi Beta Kappa. Her father, George Orphanidys, M.D., is a resident of San Ramon; Aletheia and her mother, Trina Colella, have lived in Pleasanton all their lives.

During her years as a student at Amador Valley High School, Aletheia was a violinist for the award-winning school orchestra. During her senior year, she was a member of Amador's We the People competitive civics team which represented the State of California at the national competition in Washington, D.C. the spring of 2009. Their team placed third, the only public high school to place that year. This experience sparked Aletheia's interest in international service and politics.

Katherine Urabe of Livermore was awarded the President's Medal, the highest honor Fresno State presents to a graduate. President John D. Welty awarded the medal to her. Ms. Urabe is the dean's medalist from the College of Science and Mathematics. She completed a B.A. in Mathematics and a B.A. in Linguistics, with a 4.0 GPA and a minor in Spanish.

A Smittcamp Family Honors College student, she has a passion for mathematics. Her research interests are number theory, complex analysis and differential equations. She plans to earn an M.S. degree and a teaching credential in math at



Fresno State, before working on a Ph.D.

Urabe believes hard work is critical to success. "I come from a long line of farmers and engineers," she says. "My father grew up working in the strawberry fields, and he instilled those values of perseverance and hard work in me and my siblings."

Urabe has presented her undergraduate mathematics research on "Legendre Multiplier Sequences" and "The Well-Covered Dimensions of Products of Graphs" as poster presentations at several national and regional conferences. One of her poster presentations earned her an "Outstanding Undergraduate Poster Presentation" at the joint meeting of the American Mathematics Society and the Mathematics Association of America.

"More than my awards or accomplishments, I will take away what Fresno State has taught me as a person," she said. "The unique spirit of giving back to the community and appreciation for the rich and varied experiences of others are something that cannot be taught."

Urabe was a math tutor for the Learning Center on campus and also worked with kindergartners to help them improve their reading and math skills. She worked numerous hours as a volunteer at the Bulldog Pantry.

The President's Medal winner is selected from the nine undergraduate Dean's Medalists who represent the academic colleges and schools and the Division of Student Affairs.

Casey Konda from Dublin and Bharath Reddy Konda from Dublin each received a Master of Science degree at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth graduate commencement on May 26. An estimated 466 graduate students received master's and doctoral degrees.

Loyola University New Orleans awarded 944 degrees at its undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremony at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Saturday, May 12. The following local student was among those who received degrees: Phyllis Yukyu Yau-Chan, from Pleasanton (94588), received a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the College of Social Sciences.

The Dean's Honor List for Rocky Mountain College includes 265 honor students for Spring Semester 2012. The list includes students who earned a 3.6 - 4.0 grade point average. For High Honors *, 117 students achieved a 4.0 GPA. For the Dean's List, 148 students achieved a 3.6 - 3.99 GPA. Livermore: Morgan Bowe, Shauna Ketcham*, and Chloe Pennisi.

Nathan Proctor of Pleasanton received a degree in Accounting from Norwich University at a May 13 commencement ceremony held in Shapiro field house. A total of 363 students, including 350 undergraduates and 13 students earning their Master of Architecture degrees received their diplomas at the ceremony.

Military



Airman Wells, Katie L. (pictured above) graduated from Air Force BMT 05/25/2012. Her Flight 372 graduated with "Warrior Honors." Katie is a 2011 Livermore High graduate. She is currently in Security Forces working towards hopefully being accepted into the Air Force OSI Program. She is the daughter of Wayne and Micah Wells of Livermore.

Newly elected officers of the Pleasanton VFW Post 6298 began their terms on June 1. They are Commander Johnny Delashaw, Senior Vice Commander Bill Danko, Junior Vice Commander Jeremy Taylor, Chaplain Kurt Heuer, and Judge Advocate Joe Sweeney; trustees are Dave Ham, Doug Miller and Phil Stage.

American Legion Post 237 officers for the 2012-13 year are as follows: Commander Richard Ghera; First Vice Commander Dave Jensen; Second Vice Commander Bill Kleist; Third Vice Commander Lila McAlhany; Adjutant Marty Ellman; Finance Officer Rene LaVigne; Chaplain Earl Stevens; Sgt of Arms Danny Soria; Service Officer Mitzi Parr; and Judge Advocate Joe Stieber.

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Tri-Valley Democratic Club meeting Mon., June 18, 7 p.m. Program at 8 p.m. with speaker Ro Khanna, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce 2009-2011, who will talk about his new book: Entrepreneurial Nation: Why Manufacturing is Still Key to America's Future. Discussion - Q&A - Refreshments. IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin.

Team KC/Livermore Community Blood Drives, June 29, 1 to 7 p.m. Team KC: Marcel Orthodontics, 2084 Fourth Street - Livermore; Community Blood Drive: Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave - Livermore. In honor of Korinne Croghan and the lives she continues to touch through the work of Team KC. Schedule an appointment to donate blood at either of these drives by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Appointments can also be scheduled online at redcrossblood.org by using driver-specific sponsor codes. Team KC sponsor code: TEAMKC. Livermore Community Blood Drive sponsor code: ASBURY925

International Association of Administrative Professionals, Las Positas Chapter, meeting June 20, Nelvin Moss from Robert Half will be discussing Ten Tips for Communicating with Your Boss. Registration 5:45 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m., Presentation 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Four Point by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton All are welcome. Dinner and Program \$20 and Program \$10. Colleen, at Programs@IAAP-LasPositas.org

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 16, 40 miles from Garre Winery in Livermore option for two routes, meet 9:30 p.m. Kathy Kane 323-5611 and Karin Ball 408-406-2286. Sun., June 17, 39 miles summit of Mt. Hamilton and visit to Lick Observatory, meet 10 a.m. at corner of Alum Rock Ave. and Mt. Hamilton Rd., Richard Hedges, 447-6197. Wed., June 20, 57 miles from Heather Farm to Sunol, meet 9 a.m., Richard Skow, 939-6964. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs) monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. All are welcome at our monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, June 21st from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

Free Diabetes Self-Management Classes, 6 to 7 week series will teach you how to manage your diabetes with exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer all your questions about living with diabetes. Mondays July 16 through August 27, 10 am at Heritage Estates Livermore. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. Space is limited.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, June 14, 7:00pm at Aisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Dr. Gordon Frankie of UC Berkeley will speak on bees in the urban environment. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-485-7812 or visit www.lavgc.org.

Alameda County Master Gardeners are on hand from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of every month to give advice and guided tours of THE Earth-Friendly

Demonstration Garden. Talks start at 10:00. Summer topics will be: "Irrigation for Summer Heat" on June 9; "Keeping the Gardener Healthy: Caring for Knees and Back" on July 14; and, "Bouquets of Summer" on August 11. The Demonstration Garden is located at the Martinelli Event Center, 3575 Greenville Road in Livermore.

Afternoon for Ladies, Chit, Chat, Chaat and Chai, June 17, 2 to 4 p.m. Shiva-Vishnu Temple Assembly Hall, 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore. Discussion with attorney Anu Peshwaro on marriages and legal responsibility, gynecologist Dr. Meena Shankar and psychiatrist Dr. Vasantha Giri. For more information, contact Suman Jain, suman1218@yahoo.com. Hosted by Hindu Community and Cultural Center.

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

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Happy hour in Pleasanton, June 21, 5 p.m., RSVP by June 18 to Kathy, 398-8005 or Marge 828-5124. Breakfast/lunch in San Ramon, June 24, noon, RSVP by June 25 to David, 833-7647. Pizza party in Dublin, June 30, 5 p.m., RSVP by June 23 to Athene, 846-0111.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, June 27, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions?? Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowing@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Tri-Valley Haven is offering a sexual assault support group for survivors of sexual assault on Fridays at 1 pm at their Livermore community building. The group will help survivors gain further knowledge and understanding of the effects of sexual assault and help them find support in a safe and confidential environment. This group aims to support each participant by creating an empowering atmosphere where participants can learn new coping skills. To sign up for the SA Group or for additional information, please call Christine at Tri-Valley Haven: 925-667-2707.

15th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. This event runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging begins at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks performing at 6:30 p.m. and the parade begins at 7 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories for great prizes. The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. All donations are tax deductible. For complete details and to download a registration form, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free Twelve Step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. floor. For more information or a list of additional meetings throughout the U.S. and the world, call 781-932-6300 or visit: www.foodaddicts.org.

The Livermore Rotary meets gently used items for their Garage Sale to be held June 16, 2012 from 8am to 2pm in the parking lot of 1080 Concannon Blvd. Drop off gently used items Thurs., June 14 to the Portola School (2451 Portola Avenue) between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Drop off larger

items between 2:00 and 6:00 pm at 1080 Concannon Blvd. on Friday, June 15. Proceeds will benefit the many Rotary programs serving our community.

Internet use classes, Pleasanton Library, four-class series to learn to surf the Internet and send emails. Absolute beginners are welcome. Classes are held at 9:00 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Registration is required. Reserve a spot at the Reference Desk, or call 925/931-3400, extension 7. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 x 25 for information. 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Library programs are free and open to all.

Vendors sought, Livermore Lions Clubs Christmas Boutique is November 3, 2012 and vendors are needed. Quality handmade (or hand embellished) items are accepted. The boutique is a major fund-raiser for the Lions Club. Rental fees are used to support eye and hearing programs here in our community. For applications please call Joan at 925-980-2628. Single or double tables are available (\$55 & \$80). Price reduced for non-profit organizations.

Livermore Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the second floor conference room at Heritage Estates Retirement Community. The address is 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore All are welcome. Contacts are: Sandra Grafarth 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9820.

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

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

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

RELIGION

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

United Christian Church, celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley, 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; worship 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 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

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

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Aisal 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. Intercourse prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

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

St. Charles Borromeo, 1315 Lomitas

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

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended-style with choir and band, family worship. 10:30 a.m. contemporary led by band, Sunday School for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointechurch.org; 925-846-4436.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. For details please see our website at www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. Leo Arrowsmith at 456-0845.

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. All are most welcome to come and worship with us and to enjoy our hospitality. For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

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

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

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

Unity of Tri-Valley Church, 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. More room for all the new classes, small groups, new children's and teen programs, and Sunday services (at 10 a.m.). All are welcome. Rev. Harriet Hawkins, minister. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com Check out Unity of Tri Valley on Facebook.

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 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

Eckankar, "Embracing Life with Joy and Laughter" is the theme of the next ECK Worship Service, Sunday, June 17 at 11:00 AM. The ECK Worship service is held once a month on the third Sunday at the Four Points Sheridan, 5115 Hopyard Road (about 2 blocks south of the I-580 Hopyard exit). For further information, Please contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Vacation Bible School, Big Heart Farms - Where God's Fruit Grows! June 18-22, 9 a.m. to noon. Open to children age 3 and up. Youth in grades 6 and up will be working on a special garden service project. For more information and to sign up, go to saintbartsLivermore.com or call 925-447-3289. St. Bartholomew's is located at 678 Enos Way in Livermore. Free. All are welcome to attend.

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Milestones

Education

Pedrozzi Foundation awards \$311,500 in scholarships to 117 Livermore students

By Patricia Koning

As the cost of college continues to rise, Mario Pedrozzi's legacy couldn't be timelier. When the Livermore businessman died in 2002, he bequeathed the vast majority of his estate to establish a scholarship fund to help graduates of Livermore high schools attend college. To date, the Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation has awarded nearly 400 scholarships totaling over \$1.6 million.

On Thursday, May 31, the Pedrozzi Foundation celebrated its 2012 scholarship recipients in a ceremony in downtown Livermore. In all, 117 students received scholarships totaling \$311,500.

The number of recipients is up from last year's total of 76, a move by the Foundation's Board to help more students.

"The idea was to go wider and shallower, so we could reach more of the community," explained Board President Dr. Steven Faith. "We did not award the two \$20,000 Marquis Scholarships, instead gave each recipient \$1,000 for each year of school. For the first time, two of our recipients are graduates of Del Valle High School."

The Pedrozzi Foundation also now offers two collaborative scholarships: Veterans First, in partnership with the Las Positas College Veterans First program, and BetterGrads, in partnership with the BetterGrads program at Granada High School.

Mark Larik, a 2009 Marquis Scholarship recipient

and member of the Foundation's Board, spoke to the new crop of Pedrozzi Scholarship recipients. He is in his senior year at Boston College. "College is unbelievably expensive and you need to get your money's worth," he said. "Take advantage of every opportunity to expand your horizons and meet new people. You will never regret doing too much."

Mark then helped Susan Campbell, public relations director for the Pedrozzi Foundation, choose the winner of the inaugural Mario Mentor Award from a drawing of inspirational teachers, coaches, and staff members nominated by the recipients. The lucky mentor was Livermore High School drama teacher Carol Hovey, nominated by Austin Andrade. She will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the Bankhead Theater.

To close out the event, the scholarship recipients introduced themselves, telling where they will attend college and their major. The group is diverse, with majors like journalism, physics, nursing, hospitality, cell biology, music therapy, biopsychology, elementary education, economics, construction management, history, civil engineering, and a few undeclared.

Many of the recipients will stay in Northern California, attending schools like Las Positas College, St. Mary's, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, and the University of the Pacific. A few are leaving the state for universities in Texas, Washington, Nevada, Oregon, Massachusetts, and

New York. One student will leave the country altogether to attend school in Ottawa, Canada.

"I've heard so much about the Pedrozzi Foundation, and so many people applied, so I was surprised and thrilled when I was chosen," said Granada High School senior Natasha Sturti. She will attend Biola University in southern California and study social science.

Gabe Nieto, another Granada senior, received a \$2,000 scholarship for Las Positas College. "It's a huge relief, getting this scholarship," he says. "Now I don't have to worry about paying my class fees or buying books." He will study mechanical engineering and plans to transfer to one of the University of California campuses.

Carolyn Masi, a 2010 Granada graduate, credits the Pedrozzi Foundation with helping her transfer to St. Mary's College in the fall. She received a \$1,000 community college scholarship in 2010 and a \$2,000 undergraduate scholarship this year. She also received a scholarship from St. Mary's College.

The Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation began awarding scholarships in 2009. To be eligible, students must have graduated from an accredited high school in Livermore or have graduated from a high school within Alameda county and been accepted for attendance at St. Patrick's Seminary & University. Applications for 2013 scholarships will be due on March 1, 2013. Decisions



Scholarship recipients gather for a group photo.

will be announced on May 4, 2013.

To learn more, visit www.pedrozzi-foundation.org.

This year's winners are:

2012 high school senior undergraduate 4-year college: Austin Andrade, Jordan Atchinson, Stephanie Beaulieu, John Bowers, Sarah Carter, Marissa Cordisco, Jaimeson Cortez, Jason Edgar, Kyle Farnady, Anthony Giuliano, Erika Gruidl, Jennifer Guan, Alexander Hartley, Audrey Hock, Alyssa Horning, Camille Jackson, Hillis Johnson, Kevin Johnston, Girish Kowligi, Alessandra Lajeunesse, Cassandra McDiarmid, Amanda McNary, Brandon Middlecamp, Christina Miile, Ramon Morales, Rosa Morales, Samantha Morelli, Katherine Morgan, Austin Nelson, Christopher Nilsen, Carina Novell, Alexandra Parker, Benjamin Perry, Shane Pope,

Stephen Rolandelli, Cassidy Sherman, Clay Smith, Brian Spiller, Natasha Storti, Shannon Sunnergren, Christian Tudino, Jacob Williams, Sara Woods, and Kiley Zeitler.

Community college: Amanda Anderson, Jeffrey Anderson, Jaime Augustyn, David Bierwirth, Alexia Carrillo, Joshua Daly, Tyler Downs, Andrew Funderburk, Madison Hinrichs, David Kratochvil, Brittany Machado, Molly Malloy, Miranda McDonald, Richard McWilliams, Gabriel Nieto, Robert Nilsen, Romina Oviedo, Martha Quinonez, Annaliese Runkel, Shana Scott, Jacob Sherman, William Shill, Pooja Shroff, Amanda Swinkels, and Laura Waters.

Undergraduate college, current college students: Alexandra Bakalar, Christian Burns, Brandon Chandler, Lauren Genung, Christie Groth, Rebecca Howden, Arman Khachiyani,

Zoe Klingman, Alexandre Laronde, Alanna Leasau, Steven Lesky, Trevor Malone, Carolyn Masi, Tyler Morand, Jack Ortner, Steven Perry, Sarah Reggiardo, Stephanie Reibert, Patricia Sham, Jennifer Whitney, and Brooke Zollinger.

Graduate student: Erik Biczkow, Matthew Carey, Anna Harding, Rebecca Knight, Aya-no Kohlgruber, Melissa Meloy, Christopher Morgan, Rebecca Paddock, David Rambo, Kristen Sampson, Jeffrey Schord, and Jessica Scott.

Las Positas College Veterans First: Caroline Gagne, Howard Lattin, Chad Hopkins, Brandon Burruss, Michael Gudal, Justin Berkenstock, Richard Hudson, Antonina Watson, Clinton Keller, Brandon Hildebrand, and Christopher Clark.

Technical/vocational: David Biczkow.

BetterGrads/Pedrozzi: Grant Salk and Yari Suarez.

Livermore Commission for the Arts Announces Senior Arts Award Winners

The Livermore Commission for the Arts has selected the winners of the High School Senior Arts Awards 2012.

The are Austin Andrade, Julia Rose Dante, Kelsey Lynn Girardelli, Girish R. Kowligi, Danielle Pierce, Brandon James Pitt, Ben-

jamin Rapley, and Clifford Tam.

The awards were open to all graduating seniors from the following high schools in Livermore: Livermore, Granada, Del Valle/Phoenix, and Vineyard. The awardees received \$200 each for their accomplishments in the arts.

In addition to the cash awards, recipients were honored at their respective school's Senior Awards Night.

The awardees were also recognized by the Livermore City Council at its meeting on Monday.