



## 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.

## Amendment Lets the Music Play at Scottish Games

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) applauded passage of his amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014. The amendment fixes a bureaucratic issue that was prohibiting military bands from playing at community events such as the Scottish Games in Pleasanton if the organization funds the band's expenses.

"Visitors to the Scottish Games in Pleasanton and other events across the country should get to enjoy the patriotic music of military bands, especially if the event is willing to pick up the tab," said Rep. Swalwell. "Incomprehensible intransigence stood in the way and created a sour note. My amendment will let the music play again. Now more people will get to hear our great military bands and help energize community events across the country."

The Scottish Games have been held in the Bay Area every year since 1866. They draw roughly 35,000 people to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Rep. Swalwell's congressional district. The Caledonian Club, which runs the Scottish Games, was told that the Marine Corps Band would not be able to perform— even though the organization would fully fund the band's expenditures, as they have in previous years. This issue was brought to Rep. Swalwell's attention by a Marine Corps Veteran from his district who was disappointed that visitors would lose the opportunity to hear the Marines perform at the Games.

Earlier this year, the Department of Defense (DoD) changed its prior policy and prohibited allowing military bands from performing at community events, even when the sponsoring organization agreed to pay for all expenses. DoD claimed that reimbursements from sponsoring organizations

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# Autism Program Finds A Home In Dublin

By Jeff Garberson

A program for autistic children and their families has found a home in Dublin.

The program, called Here We Grow, has opened in facilities made available by Pathways Community Church at 6553 Sierra Lane.

The program is offered by a nonprofit organization called Creative Autism Solutions Team, or CAST. Its immediate focus is to give autistic children and young adults a healthy, stimulating and supportive environment for the summer.

It is open 1-6 p.m., Monday through Friday, offering activities like dance, art, puppetry, drama, physical therapy and obstacle courses.

The children are accompanied one-on-one by volunteer staff who are, in turn, supervised by professional staff. The volunteers are members of the community, local high school students and students from Las Positas College, according to CAST founder Annette Musso of Livermore. "People have been

wonderful about donating their time," she said.

She also expressed gratitude to Pathways Church. This summer's program would not be possible without its "generosity and flexibility," she said.

Here We Grow also recognizes the burden on parents who experience financial difficulty and are run ragged caring for an autistic child's needs instead of their own. In the Dublin program, parents will be able to leave a child at a place that is nurturing and stimulating,

freeing them for a few hours to take care of their own personal needs -- perhaps a doctor's appointment or shopping.

For most of the summer, the cost of the program will be \$17-\$25 an hour, depending on the number of hours each week that a child participates. These costs will be reduced by 20 percent for the remainder of June.

The Dublin facility will be an "electronics free environment," Musso said. She has found that trusting relationships built patiently in a

respectful, non-judgmental environment are key to helping autistic children feel safe and, eventually, willing to try what she calls the "neurotypical" world.

Electronic games with their fast-paced animation tend to block those relationships, she believes.

Musso refers to the young people she is trying to help as "in the autism spectrum." She recognizes that autism is complex, difficult to diagnose and characterized by a wide range of symptoms that

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Pictured are Amador Valley High School students Katie Buote (left) and Kate Goldstein as they took time to play with the visiting dogs.

## Dogs Are Students' Best Friends During Finals

By Ron McNicoll

The Amador Valley High School campus played host to about a dozen four-legged visitors that offered their help to students during final exam week.

The Valley Humane Society brought a dozen or so Canine Comfort Teams to the Pleasanton school's

campus quad June 12 to 14.

Alex Riley, co-chair of the wellness committee of the Parent Teacher Students Association (PTSA) at Amador, came up with the idea. She explained that she read that petting a dog can help relieve stress.

Riley volunteers at the Valley Humane Society, and

thought that bringing the dogs and their handlers on campus would be an excellent stress-reliever during testing days.

The dogs were available for about an hour on each day outdoors, during morning break periods. Students loved it. More than 100 of them petted the dogs and

talked to them, said Melanie Sadek, executive director of Valley Humane Society.

Some of the handlers liked the event so much that they came back after their one day's commitment for a bonus day, added Riley.

Teachers who serve on Amador's PTSA wellness

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## New Private Livermore High School to Open in August

By Ron McNicoll

The international private high school in the news earlier this year for Livermore will open Aug. 26, according to a school official.

Jennifer Charron, director of marketing and admissions for the international San Francisco Bay Preparatory Academy (SFBPA), said the school will share facilities with the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory (LVCP) high school first at Portola School.

The charter school is a separately operated public school, which charges no tuition. It has been working closely with SFBPA to work out the logistics of the new site.

LVCP is currently housed in the former Portola Avenue public school near North Livermore Avenue. SFBPA plans to move with the charter school to LVCP's new quarters at

3090 Independence Drive near North Canyons Drive. The modern building is being refurbished to accommodate classes.

Eventually SFBPA plans to build on land next to the Independence Drive address. If that occurs, its neighbors to the west will include the 1100 students in the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS), which moved recently into its new quarters in a former office park. The K-8 consists of 16 individual buildings, 51 full-size classrooms, and other facilities.

The charter school's move is expected to occur sometime in the coming school year, said Bill Batchelor, CEO of the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation. Batchelor also serves on the SFBPA board of directors.

Approximately 75 percent of the SFBPA student body at the international

school will come from foreign nations. The school will offer the international baccalaureate and qualification for all of the A-G courses in the UC system.

Tuition for international students is set at \$29,500 annually. However, in the first year for qualified local students, a category that embraces all of the Bay Area, that amount can be pared down to \$12,500. Eventually local students will pay \$20,000 annually, said Charron.

Charron described the upcoming first year as a "soft launch," for the school, with the "hard launch" coming in the following year. So far, Charron said about 20 or 30 students are expected in the initial group, which will span 9th and 10th grades. After two years, SFBPA will become a four-year high school.

The academy is making

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Bob Berlo (left, beard) is showing one of his map books to a visitor.

## Livermore Collector's Maps Enrich Stanford Library

By Jeff Garberson

A boy's map-collecting hobby, started more than 60 years ago during a cross-country car trip, turned into a lifelong passion that today is helping researchers and students at Stanford University explore political trends, population shifts and public spending.

The boy was Bob Berlo,

then aged 11 and growing up in San Francisco. In 1952, his family drove to Massachusetts to see his father's childhood home. Young Berlo took notes on 3 x 5 cards, keeping track of the roads they drove and the places they visited.

Then and in later trips, he collected maps as he

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Forget the oatmeal, start your mornings with Krispy! A slim, two-year-old kitty with gray patches, playful Krispy is a social butterfly who loves a good chat—with or without a cup of java. But make hers decaf! She's a sure-fire wake-up call who's just crackling with energy. Get up on the right side of the bed with a visit to Krispy today at Valley Humane Society (VHS), Tues.-Sat. 10 am - 4 pm and Sun. noon - 4 pm. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information, call (925) 426-8656, or visit www.valleyhumane.org to see other adoptable cats and dogs. Photo - Valley Humane Society/K. Jacoby



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The children's room at the Pleasanton Library is decorated as part of the summer reading game.

## Prehistoric Pleasanton Theme of Library's Summer Reading Game

The Pleasanton Public Library unveiled a lavishly constructed theme set for the 2013 Summer Reading Program, which got underway last Saturday. The reading program continues through August 4. Each year, a theme is selected for the reading incentive game which is enhanced with an elaborate set that is constructed within the Children's Library area.

This year, Children's Librarian Sandy Silva selected a program theme of Pre-Historic Pleasanton, complete with dinosaurs, saber-toothed tigers, ancient sea creatures and cave men. Children of all ages can sign up for the program to become "junior paleontologists" and pick up a game board.

Playing the game is simple; participants track the time they spend reading (or are read to) on their game boards. They are then rewarded with prizes each time they complete ten hours of reading. Pre-schoolers who cannot read themselves are welcome to play the game with help from parents who read to them.

"Last year we used the

theme of the Olympics, complete with an opening day torch relay," according to Silva. "We're looking forward to a new adventure this summer that will take us back to the time of the dinosaurs, and everyone is invited to join in the fun."

Last year, nearly 4,000 Pleasanton youngsters signed up to participate in the Summer Reading Program. This summer is also

packed with activities for library junior paleontologists including weekly movies, story times, and craft activities.

For more information about Pre-Historic Pleasanton and a complete listing of the library's exciting programs and activities, please visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library.html](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library.html) or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400.

## First Little Free Library Launched in Livermore

Little Rascals Learning Center will act as stewards for the Tri-Valley's first Little Free Library.

The center is located at 1562 Second Street in downtown Livermore. The Little Free Library's mission is to promote literacy and the love of reading while fostering a sense of community and connection.

Little Rascals will initially stock the library with a variety of children's books. Members of the community stop by with their children, who select any book that catches his or her fancy. Participants return the book or contribute to the library. The books are always a gift, never for sale.

Little Rascals Little Free Library is dedicated to the memory of Deven Leonis.

The center first read about the program in O Magazine. The idea began as a tribute to the library founder's late, book-loving mother. A small structure was set-up and stocked with books. Neighbors were invited to take one and then return one. The idea grew to where there are more than 8,000 Little Free Libraries around the world.

For information about Little Rascals Learning Center, call 373-8988.

## Making Sure Utility Bills Are Accurate Can Save Money

A company in Livermore works with commercial entities to make sure utility bills they receive are accurate.

Rob Washington, Director of Business Development at Utility Power Solutions (UPS), asked, "Do you ever wonder when paying your utility bill at the end of the month if the bill is accurate? That question should be asked more often, and with good reason."

He notes that 70% of the time, the audits show errors and overcharges, which save businesses an average of 22%. The auditing process, which is done on a contingency basis, uses sophisticated, proprietary software. The software system has been thoroughly tested and used to conduct over 10,000 audits nationwide.

According to Washington, most people approach reducing energy costs the wrong way. They have been conditioned by advertising to first install items like solar systems, better insulation or Thermo-pane windows. "What they should really do first, is conduct an audit of their Utility Bill, to find out where the problems are, before spending any money. This is easily done, it doesn't cost any money."

He offered an example of typical results of a utility bill audit. A well known winery finds an overcharge of \$49,000 caused by incorrect utility rates. A golf course in the East Bay is charged \$2400 / year for the past ten years on a non-functioning meter. An office building owner receives a \$10,000 refund due to an overcharge.

The savings and refunds come from identifying and fixing common occurrences of metering errors, rate errors, mathematical and

clerical errors, misclassifications, missed incentives, unclaimed credits, duplicate charges and market pricing opportunities.

UPS has developed a free and easy way to determine in advance if a client can save money by using an audit. The client simply provides authorization and a typical utility bill. A UPS auditor then inputs the data and uses the utilities web portal to determine if there are any "Red Flags" in that bill, which indicate errors.

If Red Flags are found, UPS will usually recommend a complete audit, which goes back 36 months to find errors and overcharges. UPS is responsible for conducting that audit. All the work is conducted on a contingency basis, so there are never any upfront fees. When errors and overcharges are found UPS handles the paperwork to obtain refunds and continues to audit the account to eliminate any future errors. A portion of the money saved or refunded to the client is then shared with UPS. "We don't get paid until our clients get their money," says Washington.

In addition to billing er-

rors, often an audit will uncover areas where a client can make changes that result in substantial cost savings. For example, if a business were considering energy management software or renewables such as LED lighting an audit will often actually allow the proposal to be more efficient and less expensive while still accomplishing the energy objectives.

In addition to businesses where the pump and motor usage can amount to a large percentage of the total bill, there are certain industries where billing errors occur frequently. Some of these are: Agriculture, Manufacturing Facilities, Municipalities, Schools, Hospitals, Wineries, Mining Companies, Non Profits and Commercial Properties.

Because the subject of Utility Bill Audits is not well known, UPS provides free Educational Seminars throughout Northern California for persons who want to learn how to slash their utility bills.

For more information call 1-855-2 Cut My Bill (228-8692) or go to [www.utilitypowersolutions.com](http://www.utilitypowersolutions.com).

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# Sunol AgPark to Host Slow Money Farm Fest

Sunol AgPark continues to expand and add activities with new farmers now operating there.

The park is hosting Slow Money Northern California's annual Farm Fest on Sat., June 22.

Sunol AgPark now comprises 20 acres and is home to six thriving farm enterprises with the addition of two new operations.

Foolish Hens Farm offers pasture-raised chicken, rainbow eggs, organic vegetables, cut flowers, and a CSA. The flock of 70 hens from diverse breeds is raised on pasture using a mobile coop. Farmers Suzanne Allcroft and Aspen Kvicala are dedicated to making

their food accessible and are developing partnerships with local food banks and organizations that provide fresh food to low-income families. For more info, see [www.foolishhensfarm.com](http://www.foolishhensfarm.com)

Namu Farm grows Korean crops using historic East Asian and modern organic and permaculture practices. Farmer Kristyn Leach's 1-acre plot also provides extensive bird habitat.

The farm supplies San Francisco New Korean American restaurant Namu Gaji and is developing links to the local Korean community, including donating excess food to Oakland's Korean Community Center of the East Bay. For more

info, see [www.namufarm.tumblr.com](http://www.namufarm.tumblr.com)

Also operating at the AgPark are: Baia Nicchia, an organic farm and nursery; Fico, varietal fresh figs on two acres; Terra Bella Family Farm, mixed vegetable crops on 6 acres; Iu-Chein Strawberries is offering produce now; Chan from Iu-Mien Village Farms is looking for additional markets for his bumper crop of delicious strawberries picked fresh every day.

Slow Money Northern California is holding its annual Farm Fest at Sunol AgPark this year on Sat., June 22. Slow Money's mission is to provide a meaningful alternative to the nation's

current financial system.

Learn more about how to support sustainable food systems, meet the Slow Money movers, and network with entrepreneurs, investors and the local community.

The event includes a tour of the farms, a community

potluck, and live music by Dum Spero Spero. Please bring a dish of food to share (for 3+ people). Registration is \$20, students \$10.

Activities are planned from 3 to 8 p.m. at the AgPark, 505 Paloma Way, Su-

nol.

For tickets and information regarding the Farm Fest go to <https://org2.salsalabs.com>

For information about the Sunol AgPark go to [www.sagecenter.org/sunol-agpark](http://www.sagecenter.org/sunol-agpark)

## Lab Researchers Set Tracking Record

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers have broken the record for tracking the movement and concentration of carbon dioxide in a geologic formation using the world's deepest Electrical Resistance Tomography (ERT) system.

The research provides insight into the effects of geological sequestration to address the impact of greenhouse gases.

The team led by the Lab's Charles Carrigan obtained time lapse electrical resistivity images during the injection of more than 1 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) more than 10,000 feet deep in an oil and gas field in Cranfield, Miss., which represents the deepest application of the imaging technique to date. The previous depth record of about 2,100 feet was held by the CO2SINK Project Consortium in Ketzin, Germany.

"The images provide information about both the movement of the injected CO2 within a complex geologic formation and the change with time of the distribution of CO2 in the porous sandstone reservoir," Carrigan said.

Deep geologic sequestration of CO2 is being evaluated internationally to mitigate the impact of greenhouse gases produced during oil-

and coal-based energy generation and manufacturing. Natural gas producing fields are particularly appealing sites for sequestration activities because the same geologic barrier or cap rock permitting the subsurface regime to act as a long term natural gas reservoir also can serve to permanently contain the injected CO2.

ERT allowed Xianjin Yang, another member of the Lab team, to make a movie of the expanding CO2 plume as it fills the sandstone region between the two electrode wells. To do this required analyzing months of data and using only the highest quality results to produce the images.

The team reports on the design, placement and imaging from the world's deepest ERT system in the June 1 on-

line issue of the International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control. The research also will appear in an upcoming print copy of the journal.

The ERT project is part the U.S. Department of Energy sponsored Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (SECARB) Cranfield project near Natchez, Miss., which has become the fifth ERT system worldwide and the first in the United States. to inject more than a million tons of CO2 into the sub-surface

The Cranfield study, which was led by Susan Hovorka of the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas, was funded by Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory under contract to the Southern States Energy Board.

## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Hearing on Jobs in Livermore

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett (D-East Bay), chair of the Select Committee on Emerging Technology, will hold a hearing on biotechnology and green energy jobs.

It will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Fri., June 21 at Las Positas College in the Mertes Center for the Performing Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

The hearing will focus on the diverse new technologies being developed at national laboratories in the East Bay and the way that they may be applied to green tech industries. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories have both confirmed their participation in the hearing.

### State of the City Address

The first of four wine country summer luncheons will be held on Thurs., June 27. Livermore Mayor John Marchand will present his annual State of the City address. The luncheon will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore.

The event begins at 11:30 a.m. It is hosted by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$45 for members and \$55 nonmembers. Tickets may be purchased on-line at [www.livermorechamber.org](http://www.livermorechamber.org) or by calling 447-1606.

### Swalwell Scores for Democrats

Last week, U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) put his reputation on the line to play for the Democrats in the annual Congressional Baseball Game for Charity, which dates back to 1909. Democrats shutout the Republicans 22-0, the team's fifth consecutive win. Swalwell contributed to his team with a single, three stolen bases and three runs scored, with only one resulting sore hip.

"I am proud to be part of the victorious Democratic Congressional Baseball team. While we may not be able stop the GOP's sequester, we certainly sequestered them last night on the field," said Swalwell. "It was a fun night and a wonderful opportunity to raise money for good causes and build friendships with my colleagues on the team and across the aisle (or field)."

The baseball game was played in National's Park in Washington, DC. During the game Swalwell wore the jersey of Tennyson High School in Hayward, which earned more than 300 votes in a Facebook contest sponsored by Rep. Swalwell to determine the CA-15 high school jersey he would wear in the game.

The game raised \$300,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington and the Washington Literacy Center. The Democratic team practiced every session day at 7 AM for the two months leading up to the game.

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JUNE 29  KENNY "BABYFACE" EDMONDS	JUNE 30  LOS CAMINANTES	JULY 2  CARAVANSERAI	JULY 3  ZEPARELLA	JULY 4  RED, WHITE & BLUES FESTIVAL 12-8 pm	JULY 5  "WEIRD AL" YANKOVIC	JULY 6  ZENDAYA	JULY 7  CLAY WALKER	

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Daily 11:30 AM RACING SEMINARS  
June 29, 8 AM MORNING WORKOUT SEMINAR  
WIN, PLACE & SHOW - Daily  
\$1 BEER THURSDAYS (Before 2ND race)  
Sponsored by Jackson Rancheria



# Residents Lobby to Protect Area from Development

Residents of North Livermore continue to lobby the city council in an effort to sidetrack the proposed Garaventa Hills development.

Members of Save the Hill have been speaking at city council meetings during the segment where members of the public are invited to address issues they feel are important. The group believes the development would result in negative traffic impacts, create a safety issue at a nearby elementary school, and destroy habitat required by special species.

Garaventa Hills would include a 76-unit single-family residential subdivision on an approximately 31.7 acre undeveloped parcel located north of Garaventa Ranch Road and Hawk Street, west of Bear Creek Drive and Laughlin Road. The proposal includes the extensions of Bear Creek Drive and Hawk Street with a new bridge over Altamont Creek. Garaventa Wetlands Preserve borders the site to the west. The undeveloped land located north of the proposed project, contains sensitive alkali wetlands and vernal pools that support special status species.

Livermore LT Ventures I Group, LLC, has applied to the city to build 76 homes. The density allowed under the current general plan designation for the parcel would allow for 47 homes.

A description of the site notes there are two prominent knolls in roughly the center of the site. The plan as proposed, would develop less than half the site. The knolls would remain undeveloped. A general plan amendment would be required to increase the density.

At the June 10 meeting, Save the Hill members were joined by Bob Baltzer, chair of Friends of Livermore, in asking the council not to grant increased density on 31.7 acres.

In an interview, Steve Stewart, Livermore senior

planner, stated that the requested zoning reflects the project's original zoning which was part of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the "Maralisa" project developed on another site.

Maralisa was developed in the late 90's, prior to the General Plan Update in 2003. The Maralisa PUD notes that a portion of the density for the current project site had been transferred to other properties within the Maralisa project to another location, leaving a maximum of 76 units that could be built on the Garaventa Hills site. However, during the general plan update, the number of potential units was reduced to 47. The developer has requested a return to the original density in order to make the new project pencil out.

Stewart noted that going back to the original General Plan designation enables the density transfer to be completed that was envisioned when Maralisa was built.

In addition to the proposed project, the draft EIR also considered no project and a reduced density alternative of 47 units. The EIR states that the financial feasibility of this alternative is not known, as the reduction in units could undermine the financial feasibility of bridge construction. A bridge over the Altamont Creek would be required to access the site. According to the draft EIR, no significant and unavoidable impacts were identified as a result of the 76-unit proposal, a statement with which the residents in the area take issue.

North Livermore residents opposed to the project cite safety concerns because of increased traffic. They say the traffic would negatively impact students going to and from Altamont Creek Elementary School.

Cindy Angers, a member of Save the Hill, pointed out that developing the land would remove habitat used

by several special species, in particular the Tiger Salamander. She told the council that the salamander inhabits vernal pools during only a portion of the year. The remainder of the time is spent in upland habitat, such as the knolls, making them crucial to the salamander.

Angers stated that there is proof that the salamander is in the area. There are photos of them found in the backyards of two nearby homes and three other homeowners have seen the animal. "Any take of the animals during construction is prohibited. I support no project on the land."

Bob Baltzer noted that he had served as a member of the general plan update effort. The plan was approved in 2003. "All in all, I think we did a pretty good job. This included the present zoning of the property in dispute. Since then some rather drastic changes have taken place in the area, none of which argue for increased density."

He stated that the property to the north is outside the urban growth boundary. Land to the east of existing development was slated for housing as part of a BART transit oriented development (TOD) plan. The TOD and housing have been eliminated due to habitat and other environmental concerns at the state and federal levels. He stated that given those changes, the density in the proposed project should be feathered out rather than increased. "The preference would be for no project. However, the developer has a long-standing commitment for 47 units. That should be allowed with no increase in density and no general plan amendment. Friends of Livermore cannot support increases in density for a sensitive area such as this and consequently will oppose the general plan amendment."

Save the Hill members have commented during

past meetings that the proposed subdivision would devastate 31 acres of rolling, grassy hills north of Altamont Creek Elementary School in North Livermore. They note that the construction would involve grading and moving 180,100 cubic yards of earth to build 76 houses, according to the Draft Environmental Impact Report of the project.

Save the Hill group believes that the plan to develop the hills is in direct violation of numerous policies of the current City of Livermore Plan, adopted in 2003. One example is a policy that states, "Under no circumstances shall development create uniform, geometrically terraced building sites, which are contrary to the natural landforms and

which detract, obscure or negatively affect the visual quality of the landforms." Opponents of the proposed development believe that it violates the provisions.

Information about Save the Hill can be found at StopGaraventaHills on Facebook or email Cindy

Angers at saveourgaraventa-hill@gmail.com

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review during normal business hours at the Livermore Planning Division, 1052 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore Public Library Main Branch, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

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## MUSIC

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were not going to the correct department's account. Swallow's amendment, which he sponsored with Rep. Patrick Meehan (R-PA), ensures this problem is corrected.

"I'm surprised this hasn't been addressed before by others. For my part, I'm pleased and appreciative of Congressman Swallow's diligent work on this issue,

not only for the Caledonian Club, but for other organizations as well that enjoy visits by the Marine Corp and other military bands," said Maj. Brooks Wilson, Military Liaison, Caledonian Club of San Francisco. "Military music is a national tradition that stirs the human breast to reflect upon those that serve faithfully and

honorably." "My amendment is a common-sense solution to the problem and I am proud it was adopted today. It won't cost the taxpayer a dime, and more Americans will now get to appreciate terrific music played by the talented men and women of our armed forces," added Rep. Swallow.

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# SPORTS NOTES



The West Coast SC Wrath returned from the Pro Am Beach Soccer tournament in Santa Cruz with another trophy in tow. The Wrath took on the local Surf team that plays a lot on the beach. The match ended with a 6-6 tie. The second game pitted Wrath against United. The game was well played by both sides, with the Wrath victorious at 5 to 4. The next match ended in a 6-6 tie against a physical Rocklin team. The final matched Livermore's West Coast Wrath and the home team Santa Cruz Surf. Wrath took command of the game early and continued to fight off the comeback attempts from a desperate determined home team. The Wrath used their experience to capture a 9-6 win.



Pictured at the Battle of the Bay Bocce Tournament are Chris Prael, Anthony Galindo, former Oakland Raider Coach and TV commentator John Madden, Noah Banks, and Miguel Echeverria. The players are members of the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School. They will be coached this fall by Fred Biletnikoff, Jr. The team plays in the Bay Counties League East.



The Granada Little League AAA Red Sox won the inaugural Livermore Showdown 7-6 in 10 innings over the LALL Yankees. The Red Sox finished the season as the GLL champions and Livermore city champions. Pictured are (front row, from left) Mason Franchi, Jesse Watson, Mateo Wilde, Darrian Martins, James Young; (back row) Coach Steve Wilde, Joey Keller, David Olmsted, Thomas Young, Will Wentworth, Daniel Becerra, and Coach William Wentworth. Not pictured: Colton Trudeau and Coach Mike Trudeau.



The Granada Little League Major Phillies compiled a 5-0 record to win the inaugural Livermore Showdown Tournament on Saturday June 15. The tournament featured all 16 Major teams from Granada, Livermore American (LALL), and Livermore National Little Leagues. The GLL Phillies won the Championship game 7-3 over the LALL Angels. The Phillies team consists of (front, left to right) Theo Dean, Matthew Reddick, Luke Moylan, Hudson Steele, Dylan Tompkins and Dillan Martinez; (back row) Justin Watson, Coach Dave Mantach, Jared Tavares, Devin Shah, Manager Todd Reddick, Logan Greenough, and Coach Kyle Tompkins. Not Pictured: Cade Shortridge, Kyle Correia, and Coach Scott Shortridge.



Pictured is Pleasanton Foothill Little League Rangers' pitcher, Owen Camp. He struck out 16 of the 21 batters he faced in Pleasanton Cup Tournament action. For details, see Sports Notes.

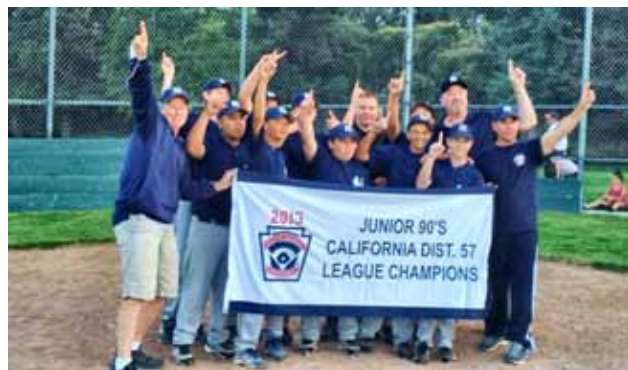
### Pleasanton Little League

The Little League Pleasanton Cup Tournament was held over the weekend.

On Saturday, the Pleasanton Foothill Little League (PFL) Rangers played the Pleasanton American Little

League White Sox. Owen Camp, the starting pitcher for the Rangers, was a standout.

He went the full game in a 5-0 win for the Rangers. He struck out 16 batters and faced only 21 batters in the game. At one point he recorded 13 straight strikeouts, and struck out 14 of the last 15 batters. The White



Celebrating are the Livermore Yankees, the 2013 District 67 Junior 90s champions. Team members pictured are Michael Moore, Cameron Clark, Jacob Currie, Garrett West, Logan Koch, Griffin Bateson, Austin Birdwell, Jake Gutierrez, RJ Wright, and Cristian Montez; not pictured Chris Roessler and Victor Ordonia. Manager is Will Bateson; coaches Dan Birdwell and Greg Kubiak.

Sox handled a difficult loss graciously.

The Rangers came up a run short the following day to the Pleasanton National Little League Cardinals, 3-2 in 9 innings. It was a crazy end to a tournament with over 100 people in attendance at the Sports Park. The Cardinals went home the 2013 Cup winners.

Michaela Cabral added up to a final score of 5-2, Phantom.

Game two, against the Palo Alto Heat, featured a solid performance by pitcher Libby Schlag. Brooke Promes was on fire with a 2 RBI double in the 2nd inning followed by a bunt single that eventually had her stealing home for a run in the 4th inning. She grounded out in the 5th, but again got credit for a RBI. The final score was 6-2, Phantom.

### Phantom 12B

The Pleasanton Phantom 12B led by Pete Schlag and Shannon Giusti, put together a winning weekend. The first game was against the Benicia Outlaws. Pitcher Rachel Pettey held the Outlaws scoreless in the first three innings and gave up only two runs through the 5th inning. The offense was strong with Hope Alley going 3 for 3 and driving in 2 runs. Two more runs scored on wild pitches and an RBI single from

Phantom to hit home runs. Lauren Hermes, Michaela Cabral and Malia Konig all hit huge home runs with no fences up. All the girls contributed with

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# SPORTS NOTES



Photos - Doug Jorgensen  
**The Rotary Club of Pleasanton's Father's Day 5K/10K Run took place last Sunday with the start and finish under the arch on Main Street. The funds raised during the 20th Annual event support not only college scholarships for local students, but also other community organizations, including Hope Hospice, Rotaplast, The Tri-Valley YMCA, The Valley Humane Society and Victims of the Boston Marathon Tragedy.**

Abby Curlett (2 walks, single), Ellen Ebbers (walk, double), Aliya Lubrin (2 singles), Libby Schlag (single), Hope Alley (single), Lauren Hermes (HR, single), Michaela Cabral (HR, triple), Malia Konig (HR), Kaitlyn Jones (walk, single). They had a total of 20 at bats and 15 runs scored. Time expired and Phantom won, 15-2, ending the first day of the tournament undefeated.

On Sunday, during bracket play, Phantom faced the Palo Alto Heat again. It was a 3 inning game with strong pitching by Libby Schlag. With the hitting of Lauren Hermes (3 singles, 4 RBI), Brooke Promes (single, HR, 4 RBI) and Kaitlyn Jones (walk, double, HR, 2 RBI) and all other team members, Phantom won 13-3.



**The Mavericks' Fastpitch 12U softball team spent a few hours at the Taylor Family Foundation's Camp Arroyo in Livermore recently. While there, they helped assemble over 900 flashlights for the many campers to use this summer. They were happy to be part of a program that benefits thousands of young campers every year and look forward to many other opportunities to help their community."**

Game two was against the Union City Fury. Rachel Pettey pitched. Phantom backed up the pitching with strong defense and offense. In the first inning Lauren Hermes hit a 2RBI home run. In the second, triples were hit by Kaitlyn Jones and Rachel Pettey, ending the inning with a 6-1 lead. The Fury came back in the 3rd inning, scoring 3 runs to bring the score to 6-4, Phantom. In the 4th inning, Phantom scored 10 runs. Jessica Shockley hit a big double followed by Ellen Ebbers with a double. A series of singles, then another big home run by Hope Alley provided the runs for a 16-4 win.

The Championship Game proved to be no different for The Mighty Phantom. The Petaluma Steal Breeze was the opponent. Phantom opened the game with an 11 run first inning. Michaela Cabral hit 2 home runs in two plate appearances, accounting for 5 RBI's in this inning. Hope Alley also slammed a strong double with the bases loaded that scored 3 runs. A 2 RBI single by Aliya Lubrin added to the run total. In the third inning, Malia Konig hit a triple followed by multiple singles to give the Phantom a 17-4 win.

## Golf Tournament

The third annual Terry Patters Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 5 at Poppy Ridge Golf Course near Livermore.

The tournament is a fund-raising event for melanoma research. Terry Patters died in 2010 from basal cell melanoma, said her husband, Dave Patters of Livermore. The tournament is a way to help provide funds to find a cure, so that others won't have to suffer.

In addition to golf, there will be a silent auction and a buffet dinner. People who do not play golf are encouraged to come for the dinner.

Registration is open now, and is scheduled to close on July 22. Patters has a web page that explains ticket prices and other details. It may be found at <http://events.melanoma.org/terrypattersgolf2013/>.

## 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 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.

## Splash and Dash

The Tri-Valley Triathlon Club will host the Second Annual Tri-Valley Kids Splash & Dash for ages 7-15 on Sunday, July 21 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in Pleasanton.

A series is planned with events on July 15, August 18, and September 8. The goal is promote the love of sport and movement to children of the Tri-

Valley community.

Each Splash & Dash is a swim/run event for ages 7-15 that introduces youth participants to USA Triathlon and the exciting world of multisport. This will be a non-competitive event, and no times will be taken. Every participant will receive a USAT Splash and Dash medal, t-shirt and goodies from our sponsors. More information on the event website, <http://trivalleytriathlon.com/youth/splash>

Participants must be able to swim at least 25 yards independently without stopping. Fee is \$30 per child through June 15. Price goes up to \$35 June 16. Includes one day USAT license. Register online or find more information on the event website <http://trivalleytriathlon.com/youth/splash>

## Pleasanton Rage Soccer

Registration continues for the Fall Rec Season for girls in the U5/U6 to U19 age divisions. Rage has new programs to enhance the Rec soccer experience for all players and coaches including revamped Rec Flight programs, free coaching education, and reduced fees for U5/U6-U7 players. Come out and play, register today at [www.pleasantonRAGE.org](http://www.pleasantonRAGE.org). Register through June 30th.

# Pleasanton Paratransit Suspending Door-to-Door Service on July 1

The City of Pleasanton's Paratransit Service (PPS) door-to-door service will suspend Saturday service effective July 1, 2013 in an effort to reallocate resources to address peak ridership during the week. The Monday through Friday service operates from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and more rides will be scheduled to meet the peak demand hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The service, which is funded by the City of Pleasanton, along with Alameda County Measure B sales tax revenue and Metropolitan Transportation Commission community transit funds, offers door-to-door, shared ride service to Pleasanton

and Sunol residents aged 70 years and older, and persons with disabilities who meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) eligibility requirements.

As part of the Tri-Valley mobility coordination, PPS staff is working with the operators of the WHEELS bus to assure that ADA eligible riders can access the WHEELS Dial-A-Ride service for their Saturday transportation needs.

In addition, the Pleasanton Senior Center has a team of volunteer Travel Ambassadors who can fully assist seniors about the nuances of transportation in and around Pleasanton. The ambassadors will actually

go on site to a designated transportation option with seniors to visually show them how to access and use a bus, BART, or taxi.

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Happy 4th!



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**Officials were on hand to celebrate the official start of highway improvements with a groundbreaking ceremony.**

# Highway Improvements Designed to Move Traffic

Caltrans and the Alameda County Transportation Commission began construction last Friday on a project on Interstate 580 designed to help reduce traffic congestion, providing a smoother ride for drivers and deliver jobs.

The project includes a new carpool lane on westbound Interstate 580 between Greenville Road in Livermore and San Ramon/Foothill Road in Dublin/Pleasanton; a new lane on eastbound Interstate 580 between Isabel Avenue and First Street in Livermore that will make it easier for drivers to enter and exit the freeway; widening the existing roadway and bridges; repaving the freeway; and constructing retaining walls.

"This project will be good for commuters and good for the economy," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The \$157 million project is funded primarily (\$103 million) by Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved bond. In total, nearly \$15.5 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide.

The daily traffic volume along I-580 averages more than 170,000 vehicles. The freeway links office, industrial, and residential areas in Alameda County to the West and South Bay, and it's also a primary trading corridor connecting the Bay Area with the Central Valley.

"The I-580 corridor in Alameda County supports thousands of travelers each day and has consistently ranked in the top three most congested freeway corridors in the Bay Area. These improvements, supported by voter-approved funds, continue our efforts to reduce congestion and improve air quality along

this major commute and freight corridor," said ACTC Chair and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

For more information about this project in Alameda County please visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects/i580wbhov/>

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**Sueman Lee (upper left) with Sweep; Ashley Lotoszynski (lower right) and Shawn O'Hare (upper right) played with the dogs during a break from testing.**

## VISITORS

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committee have been working on stress problems students face in the high school environment. Stress shows up in areas such as academic performance and taking Advanced Placement courses, said Riley.

The effort is one among others focused on easing tension on students, since several student suicides occurred three years ago.

The Pleasanton school board recently voted to eliminate senior class ranking. Various groups, including PTSA, have sponsored workshops directed at improving school atmosphere so that pressure is eased.

Petting dogs relieves stress by releasing oxytocin in the brain, a chemical that eases stress and anxiety, said Sadek. "Children are more

likely to learn, and make friends in a learning environment. That's why dogs are perfect during finals," said Sadek.

The therapy dogs that appeared at Amador are trained and certified by the Valley Humane Society to interact with people in a gentle way. They learn to be around children who might poke them, and how to handle other situations that might arise.

The therapy dogs take part in the Paws to Read programs sponsored by the Livermore and Pleasanton libraries to promote literacy and love of animals. Children read for 15 minutes to a dog. Studies have shown that such programs have increased reading fluency and improved the ability to read aloud, said Sadek.



"Dogs are non-judgmental reading partners. Oh my gosh, the dogs are very attentive," said Sadek.

The Valley Humane Society also offers a Paws to Heal program. Dogs visit hospitals, rehabilitation units, senior housing, long-term care facilities, and children's cancer units to help in the healing process.

Among the therapeutic benefits are the companionship and unconditional love that the dogs provide people

who may feel isolated and lonely.

The Valley Humane Society holds classes from time to time for the therapy dogs and their trainers. The organization also schedules summer camps for young people 10 to 15 years old who may want to learn how to become a junior volunteer at the Valley Humane Society's facility. For more information, call the Humane Society at 426-5686 or visit their web page at <http://valleyhumane.org/>.

## Police Asking Public to Help Stop Burglaries

The Livermore Police Department is asking for the public's help in combating a recent increase in daytime residential burglaries.

The department has responded to investigate eight daytime home burglaries within the past week. The burglaries were located in the following locations: two in the 700 block of Debra St., and one in the 100 block of El Caminito, 500 block El Caminito, 5500 block of Charlotte Way, 1100 block of Essex St., 900 block of Wagoner Dr., and 4000 block of Capriconus Ave.

It appears the suspects may be unpermitted solicitors who are entering neighborhoods under the ruse of selling merchandise or services. They appear to be targeting homes which do not have vehicles in their driveways. Some of the suspects may be noting those addresses where residents do not answer their doors and then return the next day to commit the break-ins. The suspects force entry into the residence by either kicking open a door or breaking a window if there is no answer at the door.

Another common ruse that daytime burglars have been using is knocking on the front door and waiting for a response. If no one answers, the suspect will often enter the home through the backyard. If the homeowner answers the door, the suspect will ask for someone who obviously does not live there making the homeowner believe they just had the wrong house.

If someone knocks on your door, please be cautious about opening the door. Those who are hesitant about answering the door,

should consider letting the person know someone is at home without having to answer the door. This can be done by talking loudly through the closed door or speaking out through a nearby window.

The department is asking people to contact the police department if they see suspicious persons or activities in a neighborhood (non-emergency (925) 371-4987 Emergency 9-1-1). In the case of a suspicious person/suspicious occurrence, please provide the following: description - sex, race, height, weight, age, clothing description; where the person is or where he or she is going; license plate number and descriptions of associated vehicles; full statement regarding suspicious or criminal activity.

To avoid becoming a victim of theft or burglary, the department offers the following tips: always secure doors, windows and garage; use residential lighting and motion detectors; remove shrubbery that obscures views of doors and windows; install a residential alarm system; take part in a neighborhood watch program.

A neighborhood watch program is established with the assistance of police department personnel. Contact the Livermore Police Department Crime Prevention Office at (925) 371-4978 for further information about the neighborhood watch program.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen  
**The City of Dublin hosted a "Ribs Cook-Off" at the Dublin Farmers' Market on Thursday, June 13. Participants brought their hot, cooked ribs to the Market. Judges awarded points to chefs based on taste and appearance.**

## LIBRARY

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traveled - maps that in the 1950s and 60s were free at gas stations.

As the years passed, Berlo kept collecting maps. He earned a chemistry degree, worked briefly for Chemical and Engineering News magazine, and became a technical editor and later manager at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Berlo passed away last year, but before he did, he donated his entire collection of more than 13,000 maps to Stanford. The collection includes maps published by map companies, oil companies, the U.S. Forest Service, states, counties and cities. It includes topographic maps. It has every official state map published in the U.S. from 1927 on.

The Robert C. Berlo Road and Street Map Collection now at Stanford contains nearly twice as many maps as the 7,000 donated by the cartographic unit of the California State Automobile Association three years earlier.

It's reasonable to ask why a major university would want a collection of roadmaps at all. The answer is that documenting the growth of suburbs, the building of routes for roads and freeways, the loss of open space and the creation of parks and other public projects gives political scientists and demographers insights into trends in population patterns, government spending, voter registration and political shifts.

Berlo's maps reflect these trends across the country, especially in California and the West.

Jon Christensen, executive director of Stanford's Bill Lane Center for the American West, called the Berlo map collection "an incredible resource for scholars of modern America and the American West in particular," according to an article published on campus last year.

"These maps document a lifetime of dramatic change in the Western United States and the nation as a whole as modernization steadily reached into every corner of the country," Christensen added.

Even many friends did not know how extensive Berlo's map collection was. What they did know was that he had an insatiable drive to compile information. When Scott Buginas, a department head at the Livermore Laboratory, moved to Napa County, Berlo gave him a chart showing county roads and their historical name changes. The chart was so detailed that Buginas eventually passed it on to the county land trust.

Howard Lentzner, a friend and colleague at the Laboratory, recalls that

Berlo kept detailed baseball statistics divided into eras such as dead ball, live ball, Negro leagues and Coast league. Colleagues from a recreational softball team remember Berlo compiling detailed statistics about the performances of the team and its players, game after game. Others remember similar passions for compiling information about wines and restaurants.

Maps were always a primary interest. The Stanford campus article published last year recalled that in 1966, he purchased 502 maps, and in 1985 he purchased 1,438 from a source in Oregon. (He even kept detailed records on where and how he got the maps.)

Berlo also published nine books based on the information he derived from his map work. Some of them are reference documents in their own right. For example, "Population History Of California Places" is a "compilation and analysis of all known population figures for California cities, towns, counties, urban areas, and the state total, including the Spanish and Mexican era," according to its library citation.

This kind of detail historical compilation is immensely valuable to researchers, according to Stanford librarians.

Stanford is still cataloging Berlo's maps. It's a long process, according to Julie Sweetkind-Singer, a senior manager associated with two of the libraries at Stanford. For one thing, there are thousands of maps to enter into a database. Each map takes time to scan. Then a citation must be created for it. Library staff save time where possible. For example, if a library elsewhere already has one of the maps and a citation for it, they simply copy and paste that citation.

They may also donate a map to another cartographic library if they already have multiple copies, perhaps from the collection donated in 2009 by California State Automobile Association.

Asked about the monetary value of the Berlo collection, Sweetkind-Singer said that it is difficult to estimate. Modern roadmaps are not typically collector's items, even if they are several decades old. Collectors tend to seek maps that are at least two centuries old, are decorated with drawings of dragons, or perhaps come from a particular era, like the California Gold Rush, she said.

Stanford has those kinds of high-value maps, but they may not be very useful academically and stay on the shelves, she said. The Berlo collection, by contrast, "was in use the moment we brought it in the door," she said.

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## Las Positas College to Present "Operation Gateway" Seminar for Returning Veterans

The Las Positas College Veterans First Program will hold its fifth annual "Operation Gateway - A Veteran's Transition to Success" seminar on July 19. The one-day orientation symposium about educational opportunities for returning veterans will be on the Las Positas College campus in Livermore from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"We are proud to offer this one-day seminar that will be dedicated to in-depth education and career planning, classroom expectations, finance and benefits information, campus life, community resources and veteran support services," said Veterans First Coordinator Todd Steffan. "Operation Gateway" is also a great opportunity for veterans to experience firsthand the community and camaraderie at Las Positas College.

In addition to informa-

tional sessions and workshops, veterans will meet other veterans and attend a barbeque lunch with students, staff, and members from community organizations. Space is limited; early registration is recommended. Register by calling Steffan at 925-424-1571 or emailing him at [tsteffan@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:tsteffan@laspositascollege.edu).

The college is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

"Operation Gateway" is sponsored by the Las Positas College Veterans First Program which provides veterans with services and resources to help them achieve their educational goals. This past academic year, more than 400 veterans or active duty military personnel were enrolled at the College.

Veteran support services include a full-time program

coordinator, Veterans Resource Center, priority registration, transfer workshops, Textbook stipends for eligible students, a book loan program, a study/drop-in tutorial center, work-study program and an active Student Veterans Organization. More information is available at [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans).

Las Positas College currently enrolls approximately 8,500 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training

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## SHORT NOTES

### Trails Challenge

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

"This is a way to show people that health and wellness can be fun and include outdoor recreation. It's also a way we can help to address the regional and national issue of obesity," said East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Robert E. Doyle.

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

Now in its 20th year, the East Bay Regional Park District Trails Challenge offers a free, self-paced walking or hiking program, featuring trails within the East Bay that comprise some of the most popular walking, hiking, biking or equestrian destinations. Each registered Trails Challenge participant receives a t-shirt and electronic guidebook (computer or mobile application). Trails are rated for easy, moderate or challenging levels of activity. More information can be found online at [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

The Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference was founded in 1951. The cities are Antioch, Lafayette, Pleasant Hill, Brentwood, Martinez, Richmond, Clayton, Moraga, San Pablo, Concord, Oakley, San Ramon, Danville, Orinda, Walnut Creek, El Cerrito, Pinole, Hercules, and Pittsburg. The Alameda County Mayors' Conference was founded in 1954. The 14 incorporated cities are Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, and Union City.

### Dublin Camp Openings

There is still room in summer camps presented by the City of Dublin.

Check out the Summer Activity Guide for a full listing of camps and classes. With more than 120 camps offered, there is something for everyone.

Registration is available online at [www.dublinrecguide.com](http://www.dublinrecguide.com), in person at Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Avenue, or by mail using the registration form at the back of the Activity Guide.

For more information please

call the Parks & Community Services Department at (925) 556-4500.

### Special Event Grants

The City of Livermore is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 Tourism and Special Event Grants. Under this program, five (5) grants of \$1000 each will be awarded to organizations that successfully demonstrate that their event will directly benefit Livermore downtown businesses and local wineries. Events must at least: 1) be held within the grant period between July 1, 2013-June 15, 2014; 2) generate the largest attendance (minimum of 1,000 expected attendees); and 3) encourage tourism to the area. Grant funds cannot exceed fifty percent (50%) of the event expenses and groups must demonstrate that at least fifty (50%) of the event expenses will be generated from other sources.

Organizations interested in being considered must submit an application form along with supporting documentation to Theresa De La Vega, Economic Development Specialist, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550. Completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. PST on July 5, 2013 to be considered.

The application form and guidelines are now posted on the City of Livermore website and are also available at City Hall, 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA. For questions or to request a copy of the application form, contact Theresa

De La Vega at phone number (925) 960-4049 or via email at [tbdelavega@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:tbdelavega@cityoflivermore.net).

### Duke Science Sleuth

Stacy Shimanuki, daughter of Ted and Stacy Shimanuki of Pleasanton, has received a full scholarship to attend Summer Science Sleuths at Duke, a two-week residential science camp at Duke University. The camp seeks to make a life-changing difference by sparking the desire to follow a path that leads to lifelong involvement in science.

"We want to give teens a 'wow' experience that hooks them on science as they head into high school," said Christine Adamczyk, executive director of the Duke Center for Science Education, who is also the director of the summer camp. "Summer Science Sleuths at Duke engages the campers in hands-on fun to help them see the connections between science, medicine and everyday life."

Summer Science Sleuths at Duke runs June 17 to 30. It brings students from all over the U.S. to Duke each summer. They live in a student dormitory and participate in lab activities, field trips, recreation, surprise guests, and visits to cutting-edge facilities. "Campers will experience the fun of science and will see cool research in action," Adamczyk said.

Funded by The Hartwell Foundation, the camp is a collaboration between the Duke Center for Science Education and Duke Medicine.

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## Shakespeare in the Park to Stage Macbeth

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival in conjunction with the City of Pleasanton present Macbeth for the 31st season of Free Shakespeare in the Park.

The season begins at Pleasanton's Amador Valley Community Park, with performances June 29-July 14 on Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Amador Valley Community Park is located at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. The performance lawn is behind the aquatics center. Audiences are welcome to bring blankets and picnics to enjoy free professional theater under the stars.

Generally regarded as one of the Bard's major tragedies (along with Hamlet, Othello and King Lear), this is the first time SF Shakes has produced this masterpiece for its Free Shakespeare in the Park program. Macbeth is memorable for its suspenseful plot and thrilling scenes of witchcraft and swordplay. Audiences will readily recognize Macbeth's famous soliloquies, including "Is this a dagger which I see before me?" and "Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow," as well as the witches' rhymes "Double, double toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble," which have become an ingrained part of English-speaking culture.

Macbeth is often referred to by actors as "The Scottish Play" and "The Bard's Play" because of the long-standing theatrical superstition that speaking the name "Macbeth" inside a theater will cause disaster. Known as "the Scottish curse," it is believed to have evolved due to the numerous reports of calamities during productions dating all the way back to Shakespeare's time. Some claim that the source is the witches' curses; others that the traditionally high cost of staging the play "curses" the production company, often putting theater companies out of business. A fun theory is that Shakespeare himself stole a cauldron for the first performance from some revengeful witches who then cast a spell on the play. The most fanciful theory might be that the Bard himself cursed his play, guaranteeing that no one other than himself would be able to direct it. And if you like historical tie-ins, Shakespeare would only refer to the play as "that Scottish play" after learning the James I, whose Scottish heritage he was trying to celebrate, didn't enjoy the play.

Michael Ray Wisely (2003's *Love's Labour's Lost*, 2006's *The Tempest*, and 2012's *Henry V*) performs the title role of this production. Emily Jordan (2007's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 2008's *Pericles*, 2010's *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, 2011's *Cymbeline*), returns to the park to play Lady Macbeth. Ryan Tasker (2012's *Henry V*) plays the role of Macduff. Making their company debut are Jackson Davis, Stephen Muter-



Michael Ray Wisely as Macbeth

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Samples of work include (from left) *Childhood Memories*, *Perception of Life*, and *Holy Water and Pure*.

## Where a Painter Meets Poets

A new exhibit featuring poetic responses to the work of Livermore artist Lily Xu will be on display at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal, through Sept. 30.

The show, *Where a Painter Meets Poets*, features Xu's watercolor paintings, as well as poems by Ronnie Holland, poet laureate emeritus of Dublin; Cher Wollard, outgoing poet laureate of Livermore; Susan Wilson; Jim Curcuro; and Kay Speaks.

A reception will be held Saturday, June 22, 2-4 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.

A book and a calendar showcasing Xu's watercolors and poems by the participating writers, also titled *Where a Painter*

*Meets Poets*, will be available for purchase at the reception.

Many books portray art and poetry, but few combine Chinese paintings with Western poetry to portray a special world view.

Xu was a classically trained in traditional Chinese painting, which she combines with a contemporary Western flair. She is a member of both the Livermore Art Association and the Pleasanton Art League. Her paintings have appeared in numerous shows. Her work graces many private and corporate collections throughout the United States, and in Canada, Europe, Singapore, Japan and South Korea.

Holland served as the City of Dublin's First

Poet Laureate 2008-2010, hosted poetry readings and read at other events, dedications, and in schools. She has been published in anthologies and collaborated with artist Xu for a chapbook entitled *Where a Painter meets a Poet*, and is a long-time member of the Tri-Valley chapter of the California Writers Club. Holland holds a degree in English from California State University East Bay, and studied with Mark Strand (U.S. Poet Laureate 1990-1991) and Timothy Steele. She draws inspiration from folklore, mythology, the environment, relationships and travel.

Wollard is currently completing her second term as poet laureate of Livermore. Her poems have appeared in publications including the *Carquinez Review*, *The Gathering* and *Crow Talk*. Her first book, *In My Other Life*, a collection of original poems and paintings, was released in 2010 by Richer Resources Publishing. She studied with Ellen Bass for two years, and has attended workshops with Stephen Dunn, Tony Hoagland, Marie Howe and other distinguished poets.

She was recently named to the board of directors of the Ina Coolbrith Poetry Circle. Her work has won numerous awards, including Grand Prize at the 2004 Poets' Dinner. She also manages the site [www.livermorelit.com](http://www.livermorelit.com)

Wilson is a trained Medicine Woman practitioner, teacher and an award winning writer, poet and playwright with over thirty years of experience. Her writing has been published in several anthologies, literary magazines, and local newspapers: *Gems of Wisdom-A Book of Elder Poetry and Prose*, *Bread of Life Anthology*, *Las Positas Anthology*: Lydia Wood Award for poetry: 2004, 2006, 2012 and Lydia Wood Award for prose: 2008 and 2012, winner 1997 Stanford University Medical Center Poetry Award, *Language and Culture.net*, *Bitter Root*, *Rising Sap: University of Kentucky*, *August Candlelight: University of Kentucky* and *Pleasanton Weekly*.

Curcuro is an example of "it's never too late to start." A longtime resident of Livermore, Curcuro started writing poetry a few years ago. His poem

"Drivin' with the Top Down" was awarded "Best in Show" in the 2010 Alameda County Fair. More recently he was awarded a "Judges Choice" award at the Third Biennial Ekphrasis exhibition for the City of Livermore for his poem "Scars." His poems have been displayed in various combined poetry and art shows throughout the Tri-Valley.

Speaks has won five Silver Awards for poetry from the Alameda County Fair. She is a member of several local area poetry critique and writing groups, and participates in readings throughout the Bay Area. Her poetry often reflects her Chinese and Irish ethnicity, as well as her interest in family history research and photography. Speaks' poetry has been displayed on several occasions at the Livermore Main Public Library including the 2013 *East Meets West* art exhibit and downtown businesses. She won honorable mention at the 2013 Benicia Love Poetry Contest.

For information about the show or the reception, contact Xu at [Lily.xu@comcast.net](mailto:Lily.xu@comcast.net).

## MACBETH

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spaugh, Daniel Petzold, Maryssa Wanlass, William Rogue, Michael Moerman, Sean Mirkovich, Dekyi Ronge, Rainier Pearl-Styles, Rasika Raghvan and Sarah Young. Kenneth Kelleher returns to direct his eleventh park show with SF Shakes.

Two lead actors have interesting local connections to Pleasanton. In 1987 Michael Ray Wisely, a.k.a. Macbeth, and his wife Wendy (McGlothlin at that time) began working with Pleasanton's Children's Theater Workshop and its founding director Andy Jorgensen. They continued as company members for another five years. Maryssa Wanlass, alias Lady Macduff, served as the assistant director for the Pleasanton Firehouse production of Pippi Longstocking this past season. Maryssa also played Lady Macbeth in the SFShakes touring production that was presented at the Pleasanton Library in November 2011.

This year the kids' Bay Area Shakespeare Camp program is all about Macbeth. Family and friends are invited to attend the shows which take place on the final day of camp. (Pleasanton camp runs July 22- August 2.) The 7-8 year-old age group will stage a show titled "Witches Brew," which is a collection of the spooky scenes from Macbeth. Kids in the 9-10 year-old group will stage a shortened version of the play. In an interesting twist, the three witches for this production are being played by teenagers, two of whom began Shakespeare Camp at age 7.

For more information, call the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at (415) 558-0888 or visit [www.sfshakes.org](http://www.sfshakes.org).



Concept of mural as created by Barbara Stanton

## Mural Depicts Founders of Pleasanton

Three years ago Nancy and Gary Harrington, the Harrington Art Partnership, brought the idea of a historic mural featuring the founders of Pleasanton to the city. They thought this would be an excellent opportunity for the youth of Pleasanton and the newer residents to be able to associate the names of streets to historical figures in Pleasanton's past. The concept was accepted by the city. However, identifying the specific pioneers, locating photos of each and finding an artist were challenges.

Creating this mural required research. At the Museum on Main, Jim DeMersman, was the key source for the initial pioneers and their photos. Charles Huff, Pleasanton historian, as well as pioneer family descendants, were contacted and assisted in locating more of the infor-

mation required. Finally 16 pioneers were identified and photos were found.

The search for the artist began. An artist's tip led the Harringtons to a portrait painter, Barbara Stanton. Raised in Pleasanton, she currently lives in Livermore and is probably best known for her miniature paintings. She met with the Harringtons and after hearing their concept of the historic mural, called "Pioneer Founders," she agreed to create her rendition.

The result was an historically accurate mural of early founders of Pleasanton. This initial work was in watercolors so the colors were not as vibrant as they would be in the actual mural. The Harringtons asked Barbara if she would serve as the Master Artist and convince other artists to assist her in the painting. She was receptive and excited about this idea.

The final "Pioneer Founders" mural will include Angela (Bernal) Neal, Joshua Neal, Phoebe Hearst, Marie (Bernal) Kottinger, John Kottinger, Henry Mohr, "Indian Joe" Guzman, Joseph Black, Walter Briggs, Thomas Orloff, Agostin Bernal, Cornelius Nevin, Edith Zieggenfuss, Jose Maria Amador, General Alfred Pleasanton and Chief Turino. Included in the mural are a couple of individuals, General Alfred Pleasanton, for whom the city was named (although he never visited our city), and Jose Maria Amador, for whom Amador High was named. With the idea this mural would be a "teaching" tool, people said they would like to see these two individuals included in the mural. A single photo of Chief Turino was located but there was no record of his age. He will be

portrayed in a painting on the wall. The background setting of the mural is a room from Phoebe Hearst's home.

On June 4, 2013 the Pleasanton City Council approved the mural as created by Barbara Stanton as part of Another H.A.P.P.Y. (Harrington Art Partnership Piece for You). The Pleasanton Leadership Class of 2013 is the VIP contributor.

The mural will be created on panels (as the city has requested) and mounted on the proposed wall, which is across from the Museum on Main and divides the entry/exit into a parking lot. This site will protect the mural from the elements.

"Pioneer Founders" will expand the public art in Pleasanton's downtown. It is expected the mural will be installed before the end of the year.

## Pleasanton Library in Need of Volunteer Tutors

The Pleasanton Library's Project Read needs volunteer tutors to help adults with English skills.

Project Read provides the workbooks and study guides

as well as teaching volunteers how to develop teaching skills, craft curriculum, and gain experience.

Volunteers should be at

least 18 years old, and fluent in American English and be able to devote a consistent hour or two weekly to a student for a semester.

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## Food and Wine Pairing Program to be Presented by Friends of the Vineyards.

The public is invited to a food and wine pairing program hosted by Friends of the Vineyards at the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center Branch, on Wednesday, June 26, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Norman Petermeier, owner of Villa Per Due' Vineyards and enologist for Ruby Hill and Rubino Estates Wineries, will discuss the basics of successful food and wine pairing. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample four food and wine pairings specially chosen for this event. The wines to be served will be from Rodrigue Molyneaux, Rubino Estates, and Fenestra Wineries. Food selections are courtesy of local restaurants Campo di Bocce, Terra Mia, and Zephyr Grill and Bar.

The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a keepsake wine glass. Space is limited.

Preregistration is required. Tickets are available online at [www.fov.org](http://www.fov.org).

## Livermore Lions Club to Host Citizen of the Year Banquet

Livermore Lions Club Citizen of the Year banquet will be held on June 20 at Cattlemen's, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. The public is invited to attend.

The Lions celebrate a citizen in the area each year who has contributed to the community at large. This year, the Lions will celebrate Stewart Gary, former Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Chief and current Livermore City Councilmember.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. A no host bar will be available. Tickets are \$40 per person.

RSVP to Bill Henderson at 980-0504 or by email to [williamhenderson@comcast.net](mailto:williamhenderson@comcast.net) !

During the event there will be opportunities to further support the Livermore Lions in several raffle items and other means to support the Lions Club.

Past Lion's Citizen of the year have included former Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena and William Henderson in the Livermore city attorneys office.

## 'Rockabilly' Fundraiser Benefits Tri-Valley Roller Girls

A "Rockabilly Rules Fundraiser" will be held on June 22, 2013 at Pine Street Bar in downtown Livermore. The event will run from 8 p.m. to midnight and tickets cost \$5 each. Guests who attend this event-packed night can enjoy pizza, raffle prizes, Jell-O shots, two live bands, and fun with the Tri-Valley Roller Girls.

The featured bands are The Trouble with Monkeys and ZZ Topless.

Tri-Valley Roller Girls is a skater-owned and operated league in the East Bay. The team promotes the sport of Flat Track Roller Derby in the Tri-Valley.

Meet the girls of this 'rockin' roller derby team at Pine Street Bar (located at 875 Rincon in Livermore, California).

For information about the Rockabilly Rules Fundraiser and more, email: [TriValleyRollerGirls@yahoo.com](mailto:TriValleyRollerGirls@yahoo.com) or call (925) 575-7655 (ROLL).

## Yesterday into Today

### Walking the 60s: Arlo Guthrie

by Sarah Bobson

I first heard Arlo Guthrie at the Bitter End in Greenwich Village sometime in the late 60s.

Susie and Norm, a young married couple from Long Island who I had met the year before when I lived in Miami and they attended the University of Miami, said, now that we were all in New York City together, they wanted to take me to one of the hip coffee houses in the Village.

"Arlo Guthrie's performing," they said. I think they expected some sign of immediate recognition, such as, "Wow," but I stood stone-faced. They added, "He's the son of Woody Guthrie." I still stood stone-faced.

I learned some days after the performance that Guthrie senior was the legendary folk singer who tramped around the country on freight trains singing songs he wrote and performed about his experiences during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. He became known not only for these songs, but mostly for writing "This Land Is Your Land," which has become an American folk song classic. Guthrie had a tremendous influence on the major folk singers of the 60s, including Bob Dylan. Dylan, in volume one of his autobiography *Chronicles*, talks of paying homage to Woody Guthrie by visiting him in a New Jersey hospital where the elder legend lay dying of Huntington's chorea, a degenerative nerve disease.

My friends picked me up in their VW bug at my upper Westside apartment and we rode down to lower Manhattan. The narrow streets of the Village were crowded. Hippies talked, or sat propped up against building walls and lay sprawled on the sidewalk in various stages of incoherent, chemically induced cosmic enlightenment. We waded our way through the pungent air and the colorful tangle of wild-looking hair, beards, beads, jeans, and sandals until we reached Bleecker and MacDougal, the crossroads for the hippie invasion. We descended the few steps into the subterranean Bitter End.

Like most of the other coffee houses popular back then, the Bitter End was dark and small, with tables crowded together. We sat down at a wooden table with no table cloth, ordered wine, and waited for the first act.

Then Arlo Guthrie popped out of the dark and into the spotlight, very unassuming and humble in his manner and expression. He was slim and tall. He wore his flowing free curly hair beneath a cowboy hat. He began by talking to the audience in a very homespun manner, as though we were friends sitting around his living room. He segued into some sort of hybrid of talking and singing in a nasally twang while he picked and strummed on his guitar. I later learned his manner was reminiscent of his father's style. At the time, I was studying opera. I knew this was

folk music and, as such, it didn't have the theatricality and sophistication of opera, but I still found it difficult to accept his casualness as entertainment. Unlike me, the rest of the audience clearly grooved on his laid back manner because they understood what he was getting at. After I simmered down, accepted his demeanor, and really listened to his home-spun words, I began to appreciate not only his wit and charm but also his message. It was the message, after all, of the 60s, telling young people to be mindful of how they lived their lives.

That evening, Guthrie talked and sang through several songs, but the only one I remember was "Alice's Restaurant." It's about a real incident in his life where he avoided the draft because he was charged with the petty crime of littering, of dumping garbage in the wrong place, for which he was fined \$25. The song points out the ironies and absurdities he observed in American institutions like law enforcement and the military. It has 2,633 words and takes a little over 18 minutes to sing. The famous refrain goes:

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*Just a half a mile from the railroad track*

*You can get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant*

Awhile back, I dis-

covered to my delight that there was a place in Woodside called Alice's Restaurant. It's on Skyline Boulevard at the crossroads of Highways 84 and 35. It's a charming, rustic, wooden chalet-style restaurant-bar nestled in the redwoods. It serves 15 different kinds of hamburgers, among other things, and a homemade cinnamon cake that's to die for. When I first heard of the place, I thought it must be THE Alice's Restaurant, completely disregarding the fact that the restaurant in the song was really a church converted to a home in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, about 40 miles from Woodstock, New York, and converted again in 1991 to the Guthrie Center, a nondenominational, interfaith meeting place.

I've visited the Woodside Alice's several times, during the week and on the weekends, usually for lunch. It's always packed with a variety of people, young, old, square, hip, singles, families, and bikers. Lined-up Harleys crowd the parking lots in front and across the street. Between customers and wait staff, it's always aflutter with chatter and the clinking of plates that seem a far cry from the quiet, laid-back, hippie atmosphere represented in the song. I often wonder if most people flock there for the same reason I first did, because they think it's THE Alice's Restaurant and they want to connect, or in the case of the oldsters, to reconnect to the 60s.





Mireya is shown before and after surgery.



## Pleasanton's Tom Fox Helps Doctors Help Those In Need

By Carol Graham

For Tom Fox, a Pleasanton real estate agent and humanitarian, becoming a doctor was not going to happen.

"From the time I was five years old, I'd wanted to be a doctor," he said. "But I was a lousy student. I could never be a doctor, but I can help doctors do what they're good at."

Fox has done exactly that during his 18 Rotaplast missions over the last decade to countries including Nepal, Bolivia, India, El Salvador and the Philippines.

Rotaplast International, a non-profit humanitarian organization, provides free reconstructive surgery to repair the cleft lips and palates of children in developing countries. It was started in 1992 by two San Franciscan doctors and Rotary Club members whose goal has been to fund and coordinate surgical missions, train local physicians and educate third world communities.

"The name Rotaplast comes from combining the words Rotary and plastic surgery," said Fox, a member of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, commonly referred to as Downtown Rotary. "On each mission,

we help 60 to 100 infants and children. Our goal is to change lives."

A cleft is a fissure or opening. Cleft lips and cleft palates are variations of a type of congenital deformity caused by abnormal facial development during gestation. They are among the most common of all birth defects, and among the most noticeably disfiguring. When left untreated, children are often ridiculed and rejected, as well as being prone to upper respiratory problems, hearing loss, and speech and dental problems.

"Families are also greatly affected," added Fox. "Because of religious taboos, parents are often thought to be responsible for the defect. People think they must have done something wrong for their child to be born like that. We try to educate on these trips, to say it's not the parents' fault, and to improve nutrition and circumstances."

Worldwide, one in 700 babies is born with a cleft lip or palate. Reasons for the anomaly include genetic predisposition, lack of adequate vitamins especially folic acid, smoking while pregnant and pollution. In the US, health care

providers cover reconstructive surgery; in developing countries, treatment is rarely an option.

"When I go on a mission, I see instant results," said Fox. "I can see a child with a bad cleft lip who's embarrassed to go to school or meet new people. In the course of an hour and a half, that can be changed."

Rotaplast performed its 15,000th reconstructive surgery in 2012. The organization's goal is to eliminate the incidence of untreated cleft lips and palates in children worldwide by 2025.

"When coordinating missions, we partner with local Rotary Clubs because Rotary is all over the world," said Fox. "The local Rotaries get the word out to remote villages. They assist with in-country transportation, from the airport to wherever we're going, and to and from the hospital. They also provide lodging for us, sometimes hosting us and sometimes making the arrangements with our financial assistance."

Although Rotary typically funds medical supplies, equipment and staff on missions, non-medical personnel are

often required to pay their own way.

"It's a lot of money, but money well spent," said Fox.

Such compassion and generosity earned Fox a 2013 Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award in May.

"The Community of Character Award sets the right standards for those of us who want to live in a community that respects all," said friend Robert Shapiro. "Tom is a special person. He cares about his fellow man locally and internationally. He would rather give than take, and is effective by being humble, self-effacing and practicing what he preaches. Tom inspires me by his actions and deeds."

Fox would also like to inspire others. "My hope is that people learn more about Rotaplast and how they might get involved," he says. "Or that this may help others get involved with something. We should all do what we can to help other people. This is just a way I've found, but everyone needs to find their own way. When you do that, you'll end up getting far more than you give."

For more information, visit [www.rotaplast.org](http://www.rotaplast.org), or [www.pleasantonrotary.org](http://www.pleasantonrotary.org).

## Historian Gerald Henig to Speak about Lincoln at Pleasanton Library

Historian Gerald Henig will deliver a talk on "Abraham Lincoln and the Struggle against Slavery and Disunion: A Sesquicentennial Perspective" at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sunday, June 23 at 2 PM. Prof. Henig's lecture is presented in conjunction with the traveling exhibit "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," which will be on display at Pleasanton's Museum on Main through July 28.

In this lecture, Prof. Henig will examine the myths and legends that have grown up around the central figure of the Civil War. Was Lincoln genuinely interested in the welfare of African-Americans? Was he an effective military commander, despite his relative lack of experience? Was he too soft on the defeated South? By focusing on Lincoln as emancipator, commander-in-chief, political leader, architect of Reconstruction, and an uncommon common man, Henig will separate the strands of fact from those of fiction.

Prof. Henig, who is Emeritus Professor of History at CSU East Bay, has published two books and several articles on the Civil War era, including *A Nation Transformed: How the Civil War Changed America Forever* (Cumberland House, 2007). One of the university's most decorated faculty members, he is the recipient of its Outstanding Professor Award as well as a four-time winner of the Pi Kappa Delta Best Lecturer Award. He holds a B.A. from Brooklyn College, an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. in American History from The Graduate Center at the City University of New York.

This free program is presented in conjunction with the exhibit Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War, at Museum on Main June 12 through July 28, and is made possible by support from the American Library Association Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Pleasanton Public Library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton. More information about library hours and programs is available online at [ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library](http://ci.pleasanton.ca.us/library), or by phone at 925/931-3400. Pleasanton's Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. The Museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call (925)462.2766.



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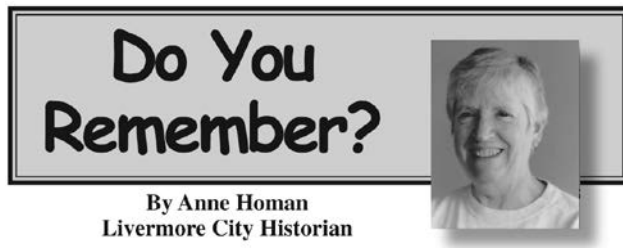
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After some discussion about rail service now and long ago, I told the third graders about the new plan to move the 1892 train depot over to the ACE train station. Next, I asked how many of them had a refrigerator at home. I explained that is a fairly new invention. Years ago, we would all have had an icebox. Livermore had an ice house just about where they were sitting on the curb. In the winter, when farmers had spare time, some of them rode the train up into the Sierra and stopped at a frozen lake to cut ice into large blocks. They loaded the blocks onto the train and brought them to Livermore, where they unloaded them into the ice house. A large pit of some insulating material, like sawdust, kept the ice cold all summer. An ice man drove his wagon around town, selling the blocks for the iceboxes.

We walked a short way, just to the end of the driveway and sat on the curb again. Here I talked about the Chinese laundry that used to be at this site. We had a photo of an engraving that showed an interior



## Part 2—Third Graders' Downtown Tour

of such a laundry, including one man sprinkling the clothes by spitting fresh water through his front teeth. I was surprised that most of the children knew what an iron was, even in this day of wrinkle free clothing. I explained about the heavy irons of long ago that were heated by a fire even in the hot summer Livermore days. We gave each child a laundry ticket to remember the Chinese laundry.

Next, we headed down the nearby alley to First Street and turned to the east. We came to the Double Barrel Wine Bar, and I told them the little businesses downtown often changed. This building once belonged to an undertaker. He died, and his

wife, Susan Graham, took classes so that she could take over the business. She had an interesting philosophy of life: Eat dessert first! We looked at a photo of First Street with an early rodeo parade and talked about the rodeo, which started in 1918.

We crossed First Street and continued down until we stopped at a green stucco building at 2127 First Street. Brass letters on the sidewalk spell out "brewery," advertising the business that was here long ago. It was bought by Dennis Bernal in 1901. The children remembered the light bulb that is still burning that he gave to the fire department. The Bernal family lived upstairs here, and Mr. Bernal

kept the brewery running until about 1908, when he opened the first motion picture theater in Livermore in this building. After only a few months, the building caught on fire, and the Bernal family barely escaped. They thought they had lost everything, but Mrs. Bernal told her husband that she had saved money from the household funds he gave her each week. She had hidden gold coins behind a brick in the fireplace. He found them, and the remaining \$2,000 helped them to survive the crisis. We gave the third graders each a "gold" coin to remind them of Mrs. Bernal's money-saving habit.

Across the street is the building housing the business Tips and Toes. In our photo, an earlier business there was a bakery. Before that, the structure was Livermore's first city library. The little building is made of wood, and the city decided that storing their flammable books in a wooden building was not a good idea, so the Carnegie Library was built. As we continued down First

Street, the last building of the block is at 2193 First Street; today it houses Valley Furniture, but at one time it was Livermore's first Safeway. One of the students noticed the building had been retrofitted. We stopped as we came to the end of the block. From here, we could see the flag pole. In 1905 it was raised in the middle of the intersection, and wagons and cars often hit it. The city finally moved it south to a traffic island in 1959. The original wooden pole was replaced by a fiberglass pole of the same height (126 feet) in 2004.

We crossed J Street to look at the tile mural on the west wall of Strizzi's. I suggested that the children find buildings and things that were familiar to them—we found, among others, the Carnegie Building, the totem pole, the train station, St. Michael's Church, Ravenswood. We walked to the end of the block, where we looked at our last photo—it showed the Bell Theater that used to be at the southeast corner of J and Second Streets. After Mr. Bernal's

building burned down, someone else opened the Bell Theater here. During the day, it was a roller skating rink, and later in the evening, films were shown. On 10 October 1913 theatergoers saw and heard "talking" movies here. Before that, a phonograph record was played, or someone played the piano, matching the mood of the film with appropriate music. Admission was 5¢ for children and 10¢ for adults.

This marked the end of our tour—we walked back to Carnegie Park. These tours were started in 1994 by Gary Drummond, a former City Historian of Livermore. They are sponsored by the Livermore Heritage Guild, our local historical society, in May and June each year. The organizer for the last two years has been Susan Canfield; this year the docents leading the tours were Susan, Libby Kolar, Dick Finn, and me. If the train station is moved, we'll have to reconfigure the tour to include it.

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

## A Taste for Giving to Provide Funds for Fertile GroundWorks

"A Taste For Giving" will raise funds for Fertile GroundWorks, a Livermore nonprofit committed to organic farming and sustainable agriculture.

The organization operates a very large organic teaching garden. It provides fresh, organic produce to local food pantries and soup kitchens in the Tri-Valley two days a week. Currently, that totals 10,000 pounds of produce a year. The organization teaches gardeners, offers workshops on organic gardening and welcomes volunteers.

"A Taste for Giving" will be held on Wed., July 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Crooked Vine, Stony Ridge Winery.

The evening will include live music by The Hurricane band, food and wine. Special guest will be KYA Radio 1260 DJ Gary Mora. Silent auction items include a week in Cabo San Lucas, fine art, autographed sports memorabilia, vintage wine and more.

Admission is \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of ten. Tickets are available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/395305>

The winery is located at 4948 Tesla Road in Livermore. For more information please call 925 963-8019 or go to [www.fertilegroundworks.org](http://www.fertilegroundworks.org)

## Haggerty Partners with Alameda County Fire to Teach Water Safety to Dublin Students

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty teamed up with the Alameda County Fire Department to promote water safety in Dublin this month. Select classrooms at Frederiksen Elementary School became the listening (and singing) audience for a story about a cartoon duck named Stewie.

"Stewie the Duck Learns to Swim" is a child's first introduction to water safety. Written for children ages two through six, the story conveys an important message of how to be safe around water. Stewie the Duck teaches children not to jump into the water before knowing how to swim.



Supervisor Scott Haggerty (at right) reads to a class.

Stewie encourages kids to take swimming lessons, to wear a life vest and not to go near water without the supervision of an adult.

Supervisor Haggerty said that he was thrilled about this opportunity to directly impact the lives of local youth. "As fun as this has

all been, if I am able to help even a few kids think before they jump into the water this summer, I'll know these readings are truly impactful and important," Haggerty said. "This experience was a lot of fun. The kids were a great audience and the story of Stewie is certainly a relevant one."

In an effort to prevent potential drowning incidents, Supervisor Haggerty and The Alameda County Fire Department hope to bring the story of Stewie the Duck to more District 1 schools before the summer's end.

To learn more about the Stewie the Duck series, visit <http://www.stewietheduck.com>.

# Youth Commission Sponsors 2013 Essay Contest

The Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission (LAYAC) sponsored a 2013 Essay Contest to raise awareness of teen stress and current issues. The commission chose the following topic this year: Whether it is Middle School, High School, or College, what is our biggest fear about “the future”? The contest wrapped up in May. The First place essay winners in the Middle School Division and the High School Division were both submitted by anonymous authors.

## THE WINNING ESSAY – HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION:

### FEAR

Fear controls a major part of our lives. From our birth to our death, fear both motivates, and discourages us; it fuels our decisions and actions as well as hinders us from making any. It can come in so many forms, but the two things that are absolutely certain are that it is present in all of us, and that if we allow it to, it can and will rule us. It is simply human nature. I have a good life; I am fortunate enough to live with two loving, financially and emotionally stable parents, and I have good friends whom I know I can count on. I want for very little, and because of all of this, I am the last person anyone would think would have reason to harbor fears. However, I am still human, and thus it is in my nature to be afraid. So, as a result, my fear is simple, but not insignificant. I am afraid that I will lose sight of what is really important, and my perspective on life, leading to an unpromising future with nothing to look forward to but drudgery and a perpetual lack of enthusiasm for life.

Ever since I was a child, I dreamed of going on an adventure. I loved to imagine that I was a dragon rider on a quest, or a fairy princess struggling to return to her kingdom. Now that I am older, I no longer need to play at embarking on these magical adventures, because I have made the phenomenal discovery that the more realistic, earthbound quests are just as exciting. This realization was particularly apparent when I went to New Zealand a few months ago to backpack from one coast to the other in six weeks with a group of amazing people who, although I had never met most of them before, quickly grew to be some of my closest friends. Every single second I spent there was extraordinary, and I was really able to seize the day and its wonders by partaking in a series of experiences that gave me a taste of the infinite things that this universe has to offer, accompanied the entire time by friends who shared my awestruck mindset and appreciation. On the trip, not one moment was wasted, and I changed and grew into a better person because of it. I enjoyed life more than I ever have before or since, because even the simplest things were absolutely extraordinary. My fear is that I will never be able to feel that way again.

What really worries me is that I may lose the part of me that went to New Zealand. There is always the chance that I will forget that I learned there and revert back into

my previous shallow self, who was far too unconcerned with what was really important and who did not know how to truly enjoy life. I am scared that when I obtain a career, I will pick one that has me stuck in a cubicle all day, instead of moving around and doing the things I love. I do not want to be forced to choose between happiness and money, and I don't want to turn into someone who will. I am terrified of the prospect of losing sight of what is important and enjoyable, and letting myself instead get caught up in all of the petty high school drama that, although it is exceedingly unnecessary and immature, seems to affect everyone far too much. Life is simply too short and much too extraordinary to be concerned and made unhappy by small issues such as that. Much of a person's happiness and appreciation of life comes straight from their mindset. Simply put, not only am I afraid of living poorly and without ambitions and dreams, but I also fear turning into someone who is content with that state of discontentment.

Perhaps this means that what I am truly afraid of is never having anything to fear. Life without risks is far too boring. By having nothing to lose, the inadvertent result can be having nothing to love, but on the other hand, with the prospect of loss comes fear of it. If I lose sight of what is important, and allow my future to have nothing worth fear in it, then I will have done something very wrong. I will try so desperately to create a purpose for my life, to always have dreams and goals that I will fulfill, but I shudder to think of what everything would be like should I fail to do this. My life would be nothing but a pointless, empty shell taking up space and time. I think the biggest warning sign that this has happened would be if my goal for every day that I trudged through was for me to just get through it. I never want to live a day just waiting for it to be over.

The future will always be unknown, just as it will always be on its way. Unfortunately, because of this, fear having to do with what will is often the hardest to quell, but I do believe that there is a certain technique that helps quite a lot. It involves having faith, mostly in ourselves and our decisions. Effects caused by uncontrollable instances unrelated to us will still happen, but the way that we decide to respond is what truly shapes our lives. So, I suppose that I can conquer my fear by using it as motivation to do the right things, because if I do that, I will never have to be afraid of losing my extraordinary life.

## THE WINNING ESSAY – MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION:

### MY FUTURE?

When given the task to think about my future and my fears, many ideas ran through my head. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School student, I have three concerns regarding my future: high school, college, and the obstacles after college. Throughout the next stages of my life, I feel

pressured by my parents, teachers and society to achieve certain goals that lie ahead.

High school is only 4 short months away and it's just the beginning of my concerns. First of all, what will my classes be like? Will they be too hard? What will the teachers be like? Will I have too much homework? Will I ever have the time to study and have a social life at the same time? I also want to try out for the Football team. Will I make the team or get cut? So many questions will remain unanswered until I begin the journey of High School.

Next comes College. More questions rush within my brain. I will have just spent 4 years preparing for college academically and physically, yet the uncertainties of where I will go and how I will pay remain unknown. I would like to get a scholarship in football. However, there is a very small chance I will be scouted by a recruiter. I wonder if I will move away to college or stay home. Juggling classes, homework, football practice, and a job seems overwhelming.

After College, I will be left to make the decision of when and where to get a job. I witness my parents struggle frequently about the hardships of unemployment, money, bills, and their children. In the future, I will have these same issues to conquer.

Finally, all these concerns of the future will lead to big decisions I will have to make. Even though the tasks ahead will be difficult, no matter what I will make the best of my future. I can easily deflect the obstacles ahead if I just believe in myself. And to make it so, I will always keep moving forward.

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## Teens Only Program Kicks Off Summer in Pleasanton

The Community Services Department of the City of Pleasanton launches a new summer program designed for teens only with a free Open Mic and Movie Night on Thursday, June 20, 2013 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The evening's activities, designed for teens ages 13 to 18, will take place at the Amador Recreation Center at 4455 Black Avenue.

Billed as a night of music, poetry and popcorn and snacks followed by a showing of *The Dark Knight Rises*, teens can sign up for Open Mic Night at 7:00 p.m.

Meanwhile, Thursday becomes the new Friday for teens entering grades 7 to 9 this summer in Pleasanton. The Thursday Night Teens program is scheduled on July 11, 18, 25, and August 1 and 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., also at the Amador Recreation Center at 4455 Black Avenue.

The program includes themed nights, a barbecue and ping-pong tournament, pizza and dodge ball, and Mexican food and bingo for prizes. The fee is \$5 for one Thursday, or \$15 to attend all five Thursday night events. Pre-registration is required at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com).

For more information, please call Rachel Mariscal at (925) 931-3434.

## Dublin Library Offers Reading Game for All Ages

The Dublin Library 2013 summer reading game is underway. The theme is Have Book - Will Travel. Readers keep track of time spent reading during the summer.

Each 30 minutes results in a lucky spin of a wheel. Match and stamp the characters on a gameboard. A complete row results in a bingo and a prize. Blackout the board

and win a free book.

The Game runs June 10 to August 10. It is open to all ages.

Sign up and pick up a game board at the library.

For information go to <http://guides.aclibrary.org/summer> or call 828-1315. The library is located at 200 Civic Plaza in Dublin.



## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Alameda County Fair Underway in Pleasanton

available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to the performance.

**“Double, Double Toil and Trouble”**: 31st season of Free Shakespeare in the Park with the City of Pleasanton present Macbeth. Shakespeare’s dramatic masterpiece of suspense, intrigue, swordplay and witchcraft. Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m., June 29 – July 14 in Pleasanton’s Amador Valley Community Park, at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. The performance lawn is next to the Aquatics Center. For more information, visit [www.sfishakes.org](http://www.sfishakes.org).

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

**Samantha Samuels’ Kabaret for Kids**, July 12 and Aug. 2, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**Oliver**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, weekends July 20 to Aug. 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**COMEDY**

**Comedy Uncorked**. Saturday, July 27 – 7:30 pm (grounds open at 6:00 pm). Performing: Jeff Applebaum, Kellen Erskine, Faith Alpher. Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tickets \$25 advance/\$30 at door. Proceeds benefit Open Heart Kitchen. [www.comedyuncorked.com/](http://www.comedyuncorked.com/)

**MOVIES**

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

**Civil War on Film**, Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. June 28, 2 p.m. “Glory”; July 12, 2 p.m. Lincoln; July 19, 2 p.m. Conspirator. [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us)

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

**DANCE**

**Dance Changes Everything**. Livermore School of Dance, jazz, June 21 and 22, 7 and 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

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

**Friday Evening Group Dance!** Learn how to dance with great instructors from It’s All About Dancing, new dance every week from Salsa, Tango, Swing and more. Group lesson starts at 7:30,

followed by open dance until 9:45 in our new location at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore; 925-449-9292. \$15.

**AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS**

**Acoustic Guitar Competition**. This year LVPAC Guitar Fest LIVE!, Sept. 6-8, will host its second annual Acoustic Guitar Competition. The grand prize winner will be selected from the finalists invited to perform before a panel of expert judges and live audience at the competition finals Sunday September 8, 2013 on the Artistic Edge Stage at Blacksmith Square in downtown Livermore. Contest entry deadline is July 31, 2013. [www.guitarfestlive.com/](http://www.guitarfestlive.com/)

**OPERA**

**Festival Opera presents Otello**, Tenor David Gustafson sings the title role, with soprano Cynthia Clayton as Desdemona and bass Philip Skinner as Iago. June 28 at 8 p.m. and June 30 at 2 p.m. at the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, CA. (925) 943-SHOW (7469). More information at [www.festivalopera.org](http://www.festivalopera.org) or call (925) 944-9610 or email [mimi@festivalopera.org](mailto:mimi@festivalopera.org). Special discounts for students: \$20 and for parents accompanying their children: use “Friends and Family” code when ordering for a reduced price of \$25 on June 28 and \$30 on June 30. Regular ticket prices range from \$36-\$83.

**21st Annual Opera in the Vineyard**, 5 to 8p.m. July 21. Retzlaff Vineyards, Livermore. Arias a la Carte will be featured. [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) for tickets and information.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**Alameda County Fair**, June 20-July 18, live horse racing, carnival rides, entertainment, exhibits, animals, etc. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com).

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

**1st Wednesday Street Party**, Red, White & Blue, July 3, 6 to 9 p.m., downtown Pleasanton, Pleasanton Downtown Association, (925) 484-2199, [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)

**Livermore Fourth of July event**, Thurs., July 4, 4 to 10 p.m. Fireworks, community gathering with fun, games, food and drink. Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

**An Evening with Babe Ruth**, Tues., July 9, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series, The Bambino is portrayed by Frank Mullen. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**2013 Wine Country Summer Luncheon Series**, July 25, 11:30 a.m. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave.,

Pleasanton. Annual Innovation Forum. Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce. Reservations, 447-1606.

**Summer Wine Stroll**, July 27, 5 to 8 p.m. Main St., Downtown Pleasanton. Tickets and information at [www.pleasanton-downtown.net](http://www.pleasanton-downtown.net).

**Summer series on Lincoln, Civil War and Constitution:**

- Abraham Lincoln and the Struggle Against Slavery and Disunion: A Sesqui-centennial Perspective: Sunday, June 23: 2-3:30 PM, Pleasanton Public Library. Historian Gerald Henig (Professor Emeritus, CSU East Bay) examines the myths and the realities of Lincoln’s role in the war that transformed America, from his opinions on slavery and African-Americans to his talents as wartime commander-in-chief to his ideas for dealing with the defeated Confederacy. Free program presented with support from ALA Public Program Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities. [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

- Lincoln and the Constitution Today: Sunday, July 7: 2-3:30 PM, Pleasanton Public Library. Legal scholars Margalynne Armstrong and Daniel Farber discuss with moderator Jesse Choper how the issues of the Civil War still affect America today. Free program presented with support from ALA Public Program Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities. [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us).

- Family Day: Civil War Encampment. Saturday, July 13: 11 AM-2 PM, Museum on Main front lawn. Civil War re-enactors present the daily lives of Johnny Reb and Billy Yank on campaign, and receive a visit from President Lincoln. Free program.

**2013 Intermediate Little League World Series**

inaugural event July 30-Aug. 5 at Max Baer Park, Livermore. Hosted by California District 57 Little League and Granada Little League. Championship game, Aug. 5 at 4 p.m. U.S. champ versus international champ. [www.intermediateworldseries.org](http://www.intermediateworldseries.org).

**16th Annual Pooch Parade**

Wed., Aug. 7 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Event runs in conjunction with the 1st Wednesday Street Party sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging for the Pooch Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks at 6:30 p.m. and the parade at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at 7:45 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories. 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 registration form, go to [www.trivalleyguidedogs.org](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.org)

**A Starry Night in the Caribbean**

fund-raiser hosted by Pleasanton North Rotary, Sun., Sept. 21, 4:30 to 10 p.m. at Barone’s Restaurant, 475 St. John’s Place, Pleasanton. Includes no host cocktail reception with appetizers, live steel drum music, silent auction, buffet dinner live auction and raffle drawing, music and dancing and Mike Darby’s cigar bar. \$100 per person until Sept. 1. Dress is resort formal. Now taking reservations for full tables and Cabanas (for corporate sponsors) at [www.astarnight.org](http://www.astarnight.org). Contact Event Chair Tina Case 925-519-0669 or Tina@coenow.com for information.

The 101st year of the Alameda County Fair opened on Wed., June 19 and will run through July 7 (closed on Mondays) at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

This year’s theme, “Summer Fun Starts Here,” includes exhibits, animals, horse racing, and free nightly concerts along with special event days.

Admission is \$10 for ages 13-61; \$8 age 62+; \$6 age 6-12; under age 6 free. Seniors (62+) are admitted free on June 20 and 27 and July 4. Kids free Fridays (12 and under) are June 21 and 28 and July 25.

Firework shows are planned for Fridays, June 21 and 28 and July 5.

Freestyle Motocross sits on the throne of extreme sports with the increased international exposure and incredible nonstop action, FMX has quickly become one of the fastest growing motor sports activities in the world, 3 shows daily at the Alameda County Fair.

On June 26, the theme is a Feed the Need Food Drive. Bring four non-perishable food items and receive free admission to the fair. Food donations will benefit the Alameda County Community Food Bank. All carnival rides are \$1 on June 26.

The Alameda County Fairgrounds is officially designated by the State Office of Emergency Services as a Regional Disaster Recovery Center. Help is needed to help pack 100,000+ meals to provide for the safety of the community. A supply of Kids Against Hunger Food will be kept in reserve in the event of widespread emergency locally. At the fair from 11 am to 8 pm, volunteers will be packing 100k + meals. Click on “Sign Up Now” to reserve a spot to help.



Agriculture is part of the annual Alameda County Fair, showcasing animals and produce grown in the county. Sheep first came into the Livermore Valley with the Spanish Missions in the late 1700s. Robert Livermore owned roughly 6000 sheep. Livermore has a rich history of sheep grazing in the hills and on the flatlands. In 1869, California counted more than 2.9 million sheep. Nancy Bankhead sells lambs to members of the 4-H Club. They will be taking them to the Alameda County Fair on June 29.

Concert performers are: June 20, Kix Brooks; June 21, the Marshall Tucker Band; June 22, The Spinners; June 23, Loverboy; June 25, Evolution, Journey Tribute Band; June 26, Francesca Battistelli; June 27, Air Supply; June 28, Pablo Cruise; June 29, Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds; June 30, Los Caminantes; July 2, Caravanserai Santa Tribute Band; July 3, Sepparella Led Zeppelin Tribute Band; July 4, Red and White Blues Festival; July 6, Weird Al Yankovic; July 6, Zendaya; and July 7, Clay

Walker. There is one free concert each night starting at 7 p.m. in the amphitheatre. Overflow seating will be on the amphitheatre lawn featuring a jumbo-ton screen.

Other attractions are special events and activities for kids and adults, contests, live horse racing, farm animals, midway and carnival rides, a classroom with STEM activities, lots of food, entertainment, and much, much more.

For details on what is planned for this year’s fair, go to [www.alamedacounty-fair.com](http://www.alamedacounty-fair.com)



Pictured are (from left) Emma Longridge, Haley Mortenson, Andrew Nelson, Tristan Aquilina, Steve Shen, Rachel Black, Nikita Bhakta, and Jeremy Martin.

## ValleyCare Auxiliary Announces Winners of Scholarships

The ValleyCare Health System Auxiliary, which annually awards scholarships to area high school seniors planning to enter the health care field, recently named the 2013 winners. One additional \$4000 award was funded by the ValleyCare Medical Staff. The Auxiliary conferred a total of five \$4,000 and three \$1,000 scholarships at the Auxiliary's annual Appreciation Luncheon in May.

Five students who received \$4000 scholarships

were the following: Rachel Black from Amador Valley High School who will attend Westmont College in Santa Barbara and major in psychology with long-term plans of becoming a neuropsychologist. Steve Shen, also from Amador High, will attend UC Berkeley and study human biology and go on to medical school. Jeremy Martin and Haley Mortenson are both from Granada High School. Jeremy will attend UC Davis, majoring in biochemistry/

molecular biology with the goal of medical school. Haley will go to University of Nevada at Reno and plans to become a nurse. Andrew Nelson from Dougherty High School, won the \$4000 Medical Staff scholarship, and plans to enter the pre-med program at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Tristan Aquilina from Amador Valley High School, Nikita Bhakta from Livermore High and Emma Longridge from Foothill

High each received \$1,000 scholarships. Tristan will attend Grossmont Community College in El Cajon, CA, and eventually enter the nursing program at Cal State University of San Diego. Nikita will attend Las Positas College and plans to enter the nursing program there. She would like to become a nurse practitioner and work with Doctors Without Borders. Emma will go to Diablo Valley College with plans to transfer to St. Mary's College and

eventually would like to attend graduate school specializing in oncology.

Students awarded scholarships receive funds on an annual basis. In order to continue receiving the scholarship funds, students must maintain their eligibility by remaining full-time students studying course work leading to a career in the medi-

cal field. They must have continuous enrollment at the same college or university and maintain "C" or better grade point average.

The ValleyCare Auxiliary raises funds for these scholarships through sales at their gift shop in the lobby at ValleyCare Medical Center and the Thrift Shop, located in downtown Livermore.

**Milestones**

## Livermore School District Makes Administrative Changes for Coming Year

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) has announced the appointments of an Assistant Director of Special Education, a new principal, and 3 vice principals, all of whom begin their official duties July 1, 2013.

Stephan Bering, principal of two California distinguished schools, including Altamont Creek Elementary School, will be relocating with his family to Southern California. James Yeager, who has served the District well and is currently Christensen Middle School Vice Principal, has accepted a position as an elementary vice principal in Lafayette to further pursue his future goals.

Vicki Phillips, currently a vice principal at Junction K-8 School, will take on the role of Assistant Director of Special Education, while

P.J. Daley, currently a vice principal at Granada High School, will take the helm at Altamont Creek Elementary School. Beth Cutter comes to LVJUSD from the Pleasanton School District and will serve as a vice principal at Granada High School, Erik Taylor, currently a Teacher on Special Assignment and Integrated Technology Specialist in the District, will join the staff at Christensen Middle School as vice principal, and finally, Dayna Taylor, currently in the San Ramon School District, will return to LVJUSD and assume vice principal duties at Junction Avenue K-8 School.

"A great deal of energy, input and thought has been invested into administrative hiring and placement decisions. The selected administrators rose to the top of an extremely qualified

candidate pool and/or have proven themselves in other leadership capacities in the District. All have in common a commitment to excellence and a proven track record of doing whatever it takes to ensure students receive the highest quality educational experience," stated Kelly Bowers, Superintendent of Schools.

Vicki Phillips has worked for ten years in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. She has a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Saint Mary's College of California and a law degree from the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada.

PJ Daley was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and his family relocated to Santa Cruz, California, when he was seven years old. After graduating from Aptos High, PJ attended UC Santa Bar-

bara for his undergraduate degree where he majored in History and minored in Athletic Coaching. Following his undergraduate work, PJ earned his single subject teaching credential from CSU Monterey Bay.

Beth Cutter graduated from Granada High School, attended Las Positas Community College and worked for three years at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. After transferring to UC Berkeley, she earned a BA degree in Molecular and Cell Biology. She returned to the UC Berkeley and earned a MA degree in Education and teaching credentials for Biology and Chemistry in 2006. She has spent the last seven years as a passionate educator and educational leader at Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. This spring, Beth completed a Master's

in Educational Leadership with a focus on social justice and equity through CSU, East Bay.

Erik Taylor was born and raised in Santa Cruz, where he graduated from Harbor High School. After graduation, Erik enlisted in the United States Army and served for three years. Once honorably discharged from military service, he earned his Bachelor of Arts in History at California State University, Chico, and a Master's of Science in Educational Technology Leadership from California State University East Bay. Erik began his teaching career at Junction Avenue Middle School in Livermore, where he taught English, history, and technology. He also spent one year teaching business, personal finance and technology at Livermore High School. For the

past three years Erik has worked at the District office as a teacher on special assignment with a focus on classroom technology integration.

Dayna Taylor has worked in education for ten years in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified and San Ramon Valley Unified School districts. She has taught English Language Development, English and a variety of Social Science courses at Junction Avenue and Livermore High School. She also served as interim vice principal at Livermore High School. Dayna graduated from California State University, Chico, with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in English. She earned her Master's of Science degree in Educational Leadership from California State University, East Bay.



# Milestones

## Community

### Four Community Leaders join the Las Positas College Foundation Board of Directors

Las Positas College Foundation Chair, Lisa Elliott, Esq., announced that four community leaders have recently joined the Foundation's Board of Directors. They are Stephanie Beasley, Bob Shapiro, Lori Souza, and Marti Sutton.

Stephanie Beasley serves as community relations officer at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore. She is responsible for local government and industry relations as well as education outreach. Stephanie also leads the communication efforts for Sandia's Livermore Valley Open Campus and manages gifts and grants made in support of the San-

dia's goals in STEM education and technology transfer. She currently serves on the board of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Bob Shapiro is a retired real estate executive who is a fixture of community support in Pleasanton and the greater Tri-Valley region. He serves on the board of the YMCA East Bay, is a member of the Pleasanton East Side Development Task Force and the ValleyCare Hospital Patient Experience Committees. He is a past member and chair of the Pleasanton Chamber Board. Among many civic recognitions, Bob is recipient of the Mayor's Award for

Community Service.

Lori Souza is a 36 year veteran of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). She worked 14 years in the field of information systems management and 22 years in operations management within several LLNL discipline directorates. At LLNL, she advocated for education and career development. She is a 34 year resident of Livermore where, in addition to other civic service, Lori is a Board member of the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore.

Marti Sutton is a community leader who believes that education is a key factor needed to improve our econ-

omy. She has been successful in raising funds for many non-profit organizations. She has served as treasurer of the Sunset Elementary School PTO and president of BayKids, an organization that empowers children facing serious medical challenges. Marti is currently the vice chair of the Beautification Committee for the City of Livermore.

The four new members bring to 17 the number of directors who oversee the operations of the Foundation. Commenting on the new board members, Elliott said, "Stephanie, Bob, Marti and Lori bring wide-ranging experiences to the Las Positas College Foundation Board of Directors. All have impressive records of community service and are dedicated to assisting the students, faculty and staff of our community's college."

Las Positas College



**New LPC Foundation Board members are (left to right) Marti Sutton, Lori Souza, Bob Shapiro and Stephanie Beasley.**

Foundation has two goals: (1) to inform and educate the Tri-Valley communities about the extraordinary successes, remarkable opportunities and financial challenges at the College that they own; and (2) to give businesses and individuals an opportunity to invest in

the future of the college's students. The Foundation's main focus is the funding of student scholarships, supporting vital educational programs, and continuing outreach to the community through college sponsored programs.



The National Guild of Piano Teachers held Spring 2013 Piano Guild auditions in Castro Valley with National Guild Judge Laura Dickey from Long Beach. 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 in two concerts were fourteen national winners, ten state winners, and three district winners from the Gail Lew Piano Studio. National Gold Medal awards for performing 10-piece programs went to (bottom row from left to right) Eric Chen, Mikki Lim, Jessica Meng, Alex Zelinsky, James Du, Kevin Jiang, Amy Mao, and James Alexander. (top row from left to right) Daniel Tan, Sabrina Lu, Linda Ye, Sharon Ye, Seyvonne Ip, and Ahad Rauf. Not pictured Elizabeth Chen (Gail Lew Piano Studio), Sophia Trant (Vicki Fawns Studio), Kavya Katragadda, Grace Huang (Julia Hinkley Studio), Katie Fewx, Joshua Fewx, Bonnie Fewx, and Julie Fewx (Michelle Fewx Studio). Sharon Ye and Seyvonne Ip received their National Guild of Piano Teacher's High School Diplomas in piano from the American College of Musicians in Austin, Texas. Piano teachers interested in joining the National Guild of Piano Teachers may contact Chairman Gail Lew at 510-432-3368 or find information on the National Guild website at [www.pianoguild.com](http://www.pianoguild.com).

### LARPD Foundation Adds Trustee; Continues Brick Fundraising Project

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Foundation recently welcomed a new member to its Board of Trustees.

Livermore resident Courtney Michels, who is retired, brings her experience of volunteer fundraising and working with local charities to the board. Her work background includes business advisory services, executive coaching and helping senior executives grow the revenue and profit of their businesses. She lists more than 20 years of corporate management experience with technology and telecommunications companies with a strong record of suc-

cess in revenue generation and profit improvement. She enjoys getting outside by taking walks through various LARPD parks and trails and also has a son who is a forest ranger.

The Foundation is continuing its brick donation program to help support upkeep and upgrades to the new synthetic turf fields at Robertson Park. Community residents and businesses are invited to purchase a brick at the fields. The program provides an opportunity to commemorate an individual or a team, as well as demonstrate business support for the local community. A portion of each donation will

also be put into the Foundation's Endowment Fund to support LARPD.

Past projects of the LARPD Foundation include providing AEDS for park ranger vehicles, the monument sign at the Robert Livermore Community Center and scholarships for low-income participants.

Bricks sized 4-by-8 inches cost \$250; bricks sized 12-by-12 inches are \$550. Graphics may cost extra. All LARPD Foundation donations are tax deductible. For more information, call 925-373-5786 or obtain a donation form online at <http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us/board/donations.html>.