



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

Lawsuit Forces State To Follow Environmental Rules At Carnegie

By Jeff Garberson

A lawsuit has forced the State of California to abide by its own environmental rules at Carnegie Off Highway Vehicle Park east of Livermore.

The suit was filed in 2009 by two activist organizations, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the California Sportsfishing Protection Al-

liance, after surveys showed metal and chemical contamination exceeding regulatory levels in Carnegie soil and stream flow.

Subsequent legal maneuvering moved the action out of the courts and into the arena of administrative corrections. However, the bottom line was the one sought by the suit: in operating Carnegie, the State

must now live up to its own environmental standards and federal ones as well. It has to adhere to a clean-up and abatement order, and it has to acquire a permit to discharge waste.

It also has to pay \$65,000 to cover plaintiff court costs.

An organization that supports off-road activities tried to represent the lawsuit's

outcome as a victory for off-roaders. The organization is the Blue Ribbon Coalition, which claimed the suit was aimed at closing Carnegie and the settlement kept that from happening.

In separate interviews, representatives of the two organizations that filed the suit denied that claim and called the victory boast "silly." Closing Carnegie

was never the goal, according to Karen Schambach, California field director for Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, or PEER.

"We were seeking clean-up," not closure, Schambach said. PEER was "asked to come in by employees working at Carnegie who were tired of the (environmental) (See CARNegie, page 8)

'Celebrating Freedom' Festivities on the 4th in Pleasanton

For the fourteenth year, a band of volunteers is producing a midday Fourth of July event called "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution." This celebration will take place from noon to 1:30p. m. at Lions Wayside Park, First and Neal streets in Pleasanton.

Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of conductor Bob Williams, will perform rousing patriotic music. An audience favorite is a medley of the anthems of each branch of the United States of America's military, during which past and present veterans are encouraged to stand and be applauded for their service to this country. The local chapters of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will provide the color guard.

This will be the second of four years of commemorating the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Guest speakers Ernie Manzo and Ann Collins will return to share insights about this part of the nation's history. Manzo, attired in a uniform of the era, will talk about the battles of 1862 and the conditions associated with them. Collins will offer "a grandmother's perspective" on the legislative actions of 1861 that have shaped the lives of citizens: the Homestead and Land Grant acts, plus the Emancipation Proclamation.

Ward Belding, as Uncle Sam, will explain the history of Tchaikowsky's "1812 Overture," which the band will perform. Belding also will lead a singalong of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Returning as Master of Ceremonies is Ken McDonald.

Pleasanton Lions Club will be cooking up the "Dog & a Drink for a Dollar" hot-dog lunch. The Lions (See FESTIVITIES, page 2)



RABBIT ADOPTION
 My name is Sassafra. I'm a 9-week-old Dutch/Dwarf girl. I'm a wee package of curiosity, sweetness and innocence. I am one of 7 babies from a surprise litter born in rescue. Our neuters are included in the \$50 adoption fee. To meet Sassafra, her beautiful Mama, and the litter of 7, join us this Saturday from 12-3 pm at the Adoption Event at the Dublin Petco, 11976 Dublin Blvd. For more info, call 925-519-1723, or email ebrabbit@comcast.net. Visit www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com to see more pet profiles.



The younger set enjoyed one of the rides at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton. For more photos, see page 7.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Group Wants to Build North Livermore Cemetery

More than two dozen investors, most of them from Livermore, are planning to build a 104-acre cemetery just north of Interstate 580 near the little-used Las Colinas Road overpass at the freeway.

The proposed Monte Vista Memorial Gardens property is now used as pasture land. The site is located

north of the city's urban growth boundary, and situated in the scenic corridor of Interstate 580.

The location is west of Springtown and the planned campus for a Catholic high school. The school has city council approval, but has been stalled by a lack of funding priority by the Oakland diocese.

Tom McCaffrey, a co-founder of the investors behind the cemetery plan, said that it has nothing to do with the diocese.

McCaffrey is a Livermore resident and retired Navy captain who, with other community volunteers, was concerned that Livermore and the region has no full-service cemetery.

The cemetery will accommodate people of all faiths, and also secular burials. It would include a mortuary, chapel, crematorium, and a columbarium for cremated remains.

The cemetery would open through four phases, over a lifetime expectancy of 200 years.

There is nothing like

it now in the Valley, said McCaffrey. The closest comparable facilities are in Lafayette and Hayward, which many people find too remote from Livermore and other Tri-Valley cities.

Several years ago, a proposal for a separate cemetery just east of San Ramon was sent to Contra Costa County (See CEMETERY, page 4)

Grand Jury Opines About Zone 7 Independence

By Ron McNicoll

The Alameda County Civil Grand Jury has raised questions about Zone 7 Water Agency's move to become totally separate from Alameda County.

In a 148-page report issued June 25 about a variety of topics, the grand jury examined the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and concluded that it could and should do

more to encourage consolidation of special districts to save taxpayers' money.

The report singles out Zone 7 as an agency going in the opposite direction from consolidation, by breaking

away from the county.

Zone 7 was totally part of the county's flood control department decades ago. However, voters in the Valley changed Zone 7 mission (See GRAND JURY, page 8)

Pleasanton Candidates to Pay Lower Upfront Fee

The Pleasanton City Council reduced the initial payment for candidates who plan to run for council or mayor this November.

The vote was unanimous.

Staff had recommended charging candidates upfront

for the full cost of printing ballot statements, \$1170 plus a \$25 filing fee. The council reduced the payment to \$625 when candidates turn in papers. The remainder would be paid after the election.

Councilmember Cindy

McGovern argued that charging such a high fee at the beginning wasn't fair to new candidates who had not yet set up a campaign committee and started taking donations. They would likely have to loan their campaigns money to pay the

fee. "I believe that it definitely decreases the number of people willing to step forward and run for office," McGovern stated.

City Manager Nelson Fialho noted that the \$1170 is the estimated cost to print (See FEE, page 4)

Livermore, Police Union Agree on Contract

The Livermore City Council voted unanimously Monday to approve a new contract agreement with the Livermore Police Officers' Association.

The projected savings will be approximately \$374,000 for the next two

years through 2014. The new contract is effective starting July 2, 2012.

The two-year contract agreement approved by the Livermore City Council includes provisions for police officers to pay 2.5% more of their share into

pensions in 2012 - 2013 and another 2.5% in 2013 - 2014, for a total of 5%. It also establishes another tier for new hires with a new 3 at 55 retirement, with the retirement calculation based on the three highest years' earnings. Also included is a

requirement that new hires pay the full yearly 9% retirement cost each year.

"Our police officers voluntarily agreed to pay 5% more in pension payments to save the City of Livermore money to help balance its (See CONTRACT, page 4)

Fireworks Event at Las Positas College

The Livermore Fireworks event will offer entertainment, fun and games for all ages.

July 4th fireworks are returning to Livermore after a one-year hiatus through the efforts of the Livermore Fireworks Community Committee, the City of Livermore, and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

The event will be held on Wed., July 4 at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

Live music provided by the Humming Birdz with their high octane blues and American Idol Contestant, Jason "Wolf" Hamlin. The MC for the event is 101.7 FM KKIQ Radio Personality and Funny Girl, Faith Alpers.

Food Trucks and other food vendors will be on hand. Wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Children's games and rides will provide entertainment for the younger set.

(See FIREWORKS, page 4)

Inside

SECTION A	Editorial.....4
Art & Entertainment..... 8	Mailbox.....4
Bulletin Board..... 11	Roundup.....3
Milestones 10 & 12	Short Notes.....9
MAIN SECTION	Sports.....6
Classifieds.....10	Obituaries.....9



PET OF THE WEEK

My name is Coral Belle, I am a beautiful Calico that is about 1 year old. I was never able to be a real kitten because I had lots of babies so I still like to play; I am sweet, loving and quiet, well, until meal time, then I really talk. I will need to warm up to you a bit, but once I trust you, I will purr for you and sit in your lap. I'm about to reach my 1 year anniversary at VHS. I'd love to find a forever home before that date rolls around. For more information, call 925-426-8656 or go online to www.valleyhumane.org to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Photo by David Smith



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
The 2012 Relay For Life of Livermore was held last weekend, with opening events at 9 a.m. on June 23 at Livermore High School. The day included a survivor lap and luminaria ceremony. For 24 hours, participants were on the track at the high school with the goal to raise funds in the fight against cancer. Organizers announced that over \$235,000 was raised. The top team was Workday for Life, which raised over \$26,000. Two participants read the names of people who have had cancer.



FESTIVITIES

(continued from page one)

also provide free hand-held American flags to the first 700 to arrive. Audience members should plan to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. A limited number of folding chairs will be available.

The 2012 Ed Kinney Community Patriots will

be introduced. This year's honorees are Jan Batcheller and Tony Macchiano. The award is named in memory of a former mayor who also was the original master of ceremonies for this Fourth of July celebration.

Music sponsor is AC-CUSPLIT, makers of certified accurate pedometers

and stopwatches. Event sponsor is Heritage Bank of Commerce. Free paper fans will be distributed, along with soap bubbles for children and temporary patriotic "tattoos." Boy Scout Troop #908 assembles the fans. They also volunteer for set-up and tear-down for the event.

Operation Gateway at Las Positas Assists Veterans

Las Positas College will hold its 4th annual summer transition program, Operation Gateway - A Veteran's Transition to Success. The two-day program will run July 18 and 19, 1 pm to 5 pm.

"We are proud to offer this two-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 that we have here at Las Positas College."

In addition to informational sessions and workshops, veterans also can meet other veterans and enjoy a barbecue lunch with students, staff, and members from community organizations. Textbook stipends also will be available for eligible student veterans. Space is limited; early registration is recommended. Register by calling Steffan at (925) 424-1571 or email him at TSteffan@laspositascollege.edu.

"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 300 veterans or active duty military

personnel were enrolled at the college. The college has been recognized as a Military Friendly School by "G.I. Jobs" magazine, placing the college in the top 15 percent of educational institutions nationwide.

Veteran support services include a full-time program coordinator, priority registration, transfer workshops, a book loan program, a study/drop-in tutorial center, work-study program and an active Student Veterans Organization. For more information, please visit the website at www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

For more information,

contact Todd Steffan at 925.424.1571 or TSteffan@laspositascollege.edu or Tony Santos TSantos@laspositascollege.edu 925-424-1572

All student Veterans are welcome to attend.

TRAVEL BUG
NOW OPEN SAT. 10-2
In Downtown Livermore
 2269 Third Street
(925) 447-4300
www.travelbuglivermore.com

LIVERMORE

FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS

Affordable Ownership Opportunity

The City of Livermore is accepting applications from households interested in participating in a selection process for homes for sale in the Meritage Homes Fanfare development. Two duet style homes are available. Mortgage assistance is available to households with disabilities.

3-bedroom, 2.5-bath home offered at \$385,310
 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath home offered at \$421,069

Income Limits to Apply	
Household Size (minimum 3 persons)	Eligible Income (maximum for household size)
3	\$101,000
4	\$112,200
5	\$121,200
6	\$130,200

Application packets may be obtained at Livermore City Hall (1052 S. Livermore Ave.) and City libraries or online at www.cityoflivermore.net. All applications must be received by the City of Livermore.

Community Development Department
 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA
no later than Friday, July 6, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.

Applications received after this date and time will not be considered, even if postmarked earlier. Faxed applications are not accepted.

Get the DIGITAL EDITION of The Independent Delivered To Your Inbox For \$26 A Year... Every Page, Every Week, Every Thursday



Subscribe to get **The Independent** in digital pdf format **DIRECT** to your desktop. **Read it anytime, anywhere at your convenience!**

Call Ramona at (925) 243-8000

Hacienda Business Park Reports Positive Growth Continues

With the purchase of existing facilities, new tenants, and major accomplishments from the park's companies, Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton has seen the positive growth of 2011 continue into the first half of 2012.

"Hacienda businesses are making important steps forward. That just increases the desirability of the park as a premier location to do business," notes James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "We anticipate more exciting developments as the year continues."

Activity over the last three months includes:

After a year scouring the Tri-Valley for a new location, Axis Community Health has purchased a 24,000-square-foot facility at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. Plans to transform the warehouse-like space into a comfortable, light-filled medical facility will begin in a few months with the selection of an architect. Construction will start in spring 2013, with move-in slated for early 2014, reports Axis CEO Sue Compton. "Axis is the only provider of medical care for low-income and uninsured residents of the Tri-Valley, and more than 450 new medical patients are coming to us for primary care each month," says Compton. "We are operating at full capacity in our two medical clinics—our main site in Pleasanton and our satellite clinic in Livermore. We presently have 11,000 medical patients and expect to serve 20,000 patients by 2014."

Maddie's Center, a next-generation companion animal care and teaching facility, has chosen to settle in Hacienda. The 90,000-square-foot center will house the operations of Maddie's Fund, the family foundation established David Duffield, of PeopleSoft and Workday fame, and his wife Cheryl. Three primary groups will occupy the building at 4280 Hacienda Drive: the grant-giving arm, the direct-care center, and a think-tank-like institute that will train thought leaders around the world in best practices, according to Maddie's Fund President Rich Avanzino. The organization aspires to revolutionize the status and well-being of companion animals. Given its long-held focus on hard-to-place canines and felines, Maddie's Center aims to make it easier and less costly to treat and place homeless pets who are sick, injured, or poorly behaved. It has the specific goal of seeing that "all the dogs and cats in America enjoy a loving home by 2015."

IronPlanet, an online marketplace for used heavy equipment, reported record annual sales in 2011 as gross

merchandise volume (GMV) exceeded \$568 million, an increase of 15 percent over 2010. "I am pleased with our 2011 results, closing another year of record sales as we continue to build the world's largest online marketplace for used equipment," said Greg Owens, CEO of IronPlanet. "Buyers and sellers are increasingly turning to IronPlanet as the trusted source to market and sell their used equipment, a true testament to the value and strength of our business model." In 2011, IronPlanet conducted a record 114 auctions worldwide, an increase of approximately 16 percent over 2010. Through IronPlanet's marketplace, over 37,000 items were sold, up approximately 14 percent over 2010.

Rolith, Inc., a Hacienda start-up developing advanced nanostructured coatings and devices, has received Series A funding in the total amount of \$5 million from DFJ VTB Capital Aurora and AGC America Inc. "We are very fortunate to have the support of world's leading glass producer, AGC (Asahi Glass Company) Group, and DFJ VTB Capital Aurora, a highly reputable nanotechnology investor associated with one of Russia's major banking groups, VTB Group," said Boris Kobrin, Founder and CEO of Rolith. "This investment will allow us to

scale up our nanostructuring technology to substrate areas larger than what is offered by any competitors and demonstrate feasibility of the first few of our nanostructured coatings." Rolith's coatings are targeted for the renewable energy, green building, and consumer electronics markets. The US \$5 million investments will also be used to expand the engineering team and further research and development.

Hacienda's IntegenX Inc., an emerging leader in the field of rapid human DNA identification, has acquired SV Corp, a wholly owned subsidiary of GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences. "The SV Corp acquisition brings to IntegenX proprietary products and a proven and protected intellectual property estate (i.e., a patent portfolio) containing key technical know-how," said Dr. Stevan Jovanovich, CEO of IntegenX. "This acquisition marks an important milestone in IntegenX's introduction of our first commercially available system for rapid human DNA identification." Set to commercially launch later this year, the IntegenX RapidHIT 200 is a self-contained Human Identification (HID) system that automates and accelerates the process of producing standardized DNA profiles from mouth swabs and other human samples in less than 90 minutes.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Record Opening Day

Opening day of the 100th annual Alameda County Fair set a new attendance record as some 30,692 revelers poured onto the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. This is the highest opening day head count since record-keeping began according to organizers of the 17-day fair that runs through July 8 (closed Mondays).

Details of activities and entertainment can be found at www.alamedacountyfair.com.

"Centennial celebrations of this magnitude are rare," states April Mitchell, the Fair's Sales & Marketing Manager. "We know how special it is and we are thrilled that fairgoers feel the same way. We invite everyone to come out, share in the fun and make lasting memories here at the Fair."

Water-Wise Gardening

The Water-Wise Gardening on the Tri-Valley website provides information about creating a water efficient landscape, as well as what plants will grow well in a particular location. Just visit www.trivalleywaterwise.com.

This interactive website allows users to view numerous landscape designs, select plants, and offers gardening resources.

The website is a great tool for Pleasanton water customers looking to take advantage of the City's matching Water-Efficient Landscape Rebate (this program works in partnership with Zone 7's Lawn Replacement Rebate). Single-Family residents can get up to \$1,000 for converting front lawns into water-efficient landscapes, and rebates for Multi-

Family and Commercial customers are up to \$6,000. For program details, visit www.pleasantonwaterconservation.com and click on the link "City Programs for all Water Customers."

LANS Board of Governors

Steven E. Koonin has been named as an Independent Governor on the LLNS and LANS Boards of Governors. The LLCs manage the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, CA and Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM, respectively, for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Norman J. Pattiz, chairman of the Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) and Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS), announced the appointment, which will take effect July 1.

Koonin will chair the LANS/LLNS Boards' Mission Committee. The Mission Committee serves in an advisory role to review current and future national security issues and Laboratory initiatives, capabilities and strategic plans to address these issues.

Koonin is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is a former member of the Trilateral Commission.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including election to the National Academy of Sciences, DOE's E.O. Lawrence Award, and is a Fellow of several professional societies, including the American Physical Society, the American Association of the Advancement of Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



2012 LIVERMORE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Community Gathering and Fireworks Display



Presented by:



July 4, 2012 4 - 10pm

* Fireworks begin approx. 9:15pm

Las Positas College

3000 Campus Hill Drive

* Family Fun

* Food Trucks and Vendors

* Live music

For information on advance tickets, parking, pricing, public transportation and more, please visit:

www.livermorefireworks.org

Sponsored by:



WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED:

- * NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- * GLASS BOTTLES, UNSEALED CONTAINERS AND THERMOSES (NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE IN FACTORY SEALED CONTAINER IE BOTTLED WATER)
- * WEAPONS OF ANY KIND
- * LASER POINTERS
- * BAREBQUES AND HIBACHIS
- * SKATES OR SKATEBOARDS
- * ANIMALS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SEEING-EYE DOGS OR SERVICE ANIMALS)

A Partnership of
Livermore Fireworks Community Committee



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.

EDITORIAL

Union Steps Up

The Livermore Police Officers' Association stepped up to help save the city money over the next two years and in the future.

The new contract, which goes into effect July 2, 2012, is projected to save Livermore close to \$374,000 over the next two years. Future savings will result from a new tier for new hires that will require them to pay the full yearly 9% retirement cost each year. In the past, the city has been funding the full cost. Current employees will pay 2.5% more of their share into pensions in the first year of the contract and another 2.5% the following year, for a total of 5%.

The police union gave overwhelming approval to the new contract, voting 71 to 1 in favor.

Officer Glen Robbins, President of the Livermore Police Officers' Association, "We recognize that, despite our tough jobs, we need to contribute more so that basic city services can be maintained for the citizens of Livermore." In total, Robbins estimates that the union has agreed to over \$1 million dollars in taxpayer savings in the last few years of negotiations, including giving up a 3.2% raise in 2009.

Both councilmembers and Robbins agreed that the process had been a positive one. We agree with councilmembers who said that the willingness to help save the city money during the economic downturn is just another example of how the police make Livermore a better place to live.

FEE

(continued from page one)

ballot statements. The final cost of printing may be different in which case candidates would be billed if it were higher or receive a refund if lower. Fialho said that until the 2008 election, the city had subsidized the printing, charging candidates about \$250 each. He noted, "The council policy now is to pass on the full cost."

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman pointed out that the ballot statement is optional.

Resident Karla Brown, who ran for council in the 2008 election, said that it is difficult to win without the voter statement. She told the council that she had looked into what neighboring cit-

ies charged candidates. Both Livermore and Dublin charge a candidate \$750.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio said she was willing to discuss changing Pleasanton's policy. She wondered if there were a way that a candidate would not have to pay for the ballot statement.

Staff explained there was the option to fill out a form stating financial hardship. If a candidate meets the criteria of income at 30 percent below the median income for Los Angeles County (just over \$25,000), the deposit would be waived.

Hosterman supported staff's recommendation. She stated, "We need to send a

message that we are good stewards of our budget. Being able to obtain cost recovery is very important." She added later, "The job doesn't pay much. If someone is poor, they're pretty much excluded from running, unless they have a breadwinner to provide support."

McGovern suggested that the council establish a policy for this election whereby candidates could make an initial payment, then pay the city back after the election. The deposit for printing the statement would be \$600 plus the \$25 filing fee.

Fialho said that could be an option. However, there is no collateral to ensure payment.

Councilmembers said that if a candidate did not pay the remainder of the cost, the loss of income to the city would be very small.

Cook-Kallio said she could live with McGovern's suggestion. "I do want people to participate."

Councilmember Jerry Thorne stated, "It's a reasonable compromise."

Both Cook-Kallio and Thorne are running for mayor from safe seats on the council. Planning Commissioner Jerry Pentin has announced that he is running for council. Karla Brown said at the council meeting that she also plans to run for office.

CONTRACT

(continued from page one)

budget," said Officer Glen Robbins, President of the Livermore Police Officers' Association. "We recognize that, despite our tough jobs, we need to contribute more so that basic city services can be maintained for the citizens of Livermore."

Robbins said that the negotiating process was truly a collaborative effort on both sides. The final

contract helps the city to reach its goal of pension reform. He added that the is the first time that all of the union members, with the exception of one, approved the contract. The vote was 71 to 1.

In 2009, the Livermore Police Officers' Association opened up its contract and its members gave up a 3.25% raise to keep basic services

going in Livermore.

In total, Robbins estimates that the Livermore POA has agreed to over \$1 million dollars in taxpayer savings in the last few years of negotiations. "Livermore's police officers are 100% committed to this community and to keeping basic services and programs for our residents," Robbins added. "Our officers and

their families are sacrificing — so are our residents."

Livermore Mayor John Marchand stated that he was pleased that both sides were able to work together to come up with the contract.

Councilmember Stewart Gary thanked the union members for what he called a "healthy bargaining process. Thank you for all you do for us."

Livermore School District to Host Workshop for Candidates

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) has provided information for citizens interested in running for a seat on the Board of Education, Nov. 6, 2012. The terms of Chuck Rogge and Belia Martinez expire in November. The Board of Education is the policy making body of the Livermore School District. Its responsibilities include hiring the superintendent, approving curriculum and the budget, and negotiating contracts with the bargaining units in the District. The five trustees serve staggered four-year terms.

All candidate filing documents may be obtained at the Alameda County Office of the Registrar of Voters beginning July 16, 2012 and must be completed by August 10, 2012.

The District will hold a workshop covering roles

and responsibilities of public service as a Board member, as well as the election process.

The informal session will be held on July 10, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room at 685 E. Jack London Boulevard. Topics will include duties of trustees, meeting calendar, time lines for candidates, and the California Fair Political Practices Commission rules. Anyone interested in the process is invited to attend, listen, and ask questions.

According to the school district statement, "Being a Trustee of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District does not require a degree in education or a background in politics. However, it does require a sincere interest and strong investment in the community, its children, and their education."

CEMETERY

(continued from page one)

by investors in that area. However, no action has been taken on it. The drive for it has been revived.

Former San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson made a presentation to the Pleasanton City Council about it several months ago. However, there has been no response.

COMPARING PLAN TO OLD CEMETERIES

McCaffrey said that Livermore's long-established graveyards are like "country cemeteries." They contain graves and headstones. All other services must come from the outside, such as cremation or mortuary service.

All of the Livermore cemeteries say they have 50 years capacity left, said McCaffrey. It's true, they do, he said. That is because they have very few customers. Most people prefer to go to the full-service cemeteries in Lafayette and Hayward cemeteries, despite the inconvenience of having to drive farther, he said.

Further, the small operations have trouble providing permanent care for graves, so some of them simply cover over graves with hard surfaces to keep maintenance at a minimum.

McCaffrey states that Monte Vista Memorial Gardens would have a beautiful campus and sufficient water for landscaping.

A previous plan for a full-service cemetery in North Livermore was bogged down by an objection from Zone 7 Water Agency about cemetery wells draining too much water from the aquifer and impacting neighboring wells.

McCaffrey said that there are three water sources for the proposed cemetery. The biggest is an eight-inch pipeline that runs past the property. He said that the private firm that owns the pipeline would be happy to have the cemetery as a customer.

Last week, a crew was already digging a well on the property.

Further, there is an arroyo that runs through the land. Along the banks of it, the cemetery developers, Monte Vista Memorial Investment Group (MVMIG), would set aside a 100-foot setback for riparian wildlife.

Although MVMIG is an investment group, it is comprised strictly of "regular folks" from Livermore and nearby towns, according to McCaffrey.

He said that MVMIG submitted an application to the Alameda County Planning Department a few months ago for a permit for the use.

McCaffrey explained that his group sees the cemetery as needed infrastructure for the area. Measure D, which controls agricultural land in the county, permits infrastructure. McCaffrey said he thinks the group will be able to prove that the cemetery fits the Measure D definition.

Bob Baltzer, president of Friends of Livermore,

said that if the cemetery resembles a full-service cemetery proposed for North Livermore Avenue several years ago, "I'm adamantly opposed."

The cemetery may be infrastructure, but it is not infrastructure in support of agriculture as required by Measure D, he added.

Further, crematoriums and funeral parlors are not permitted under Measure D. They are considered industrial uses.

Baltzer also said that the area is in the scenic highway corridor. It would appear to be illegal, if it is in the viewshed.

McCaffrey said in the information that he shared with the Independent that there is a natural berm along the highway, which blocks views of the land. The angles of view from the freeway are being checked to determine whether there is total compliance with the scenic corridor, he said.

FIREWORKS

(continued from page one)

The fireworks committee is selling glasses that will make the fireworks appear bigger and better than they already are. They are available for a donation of \$3 each or two pair for \$5. The fireworks display will be simulcast to music provided by 101.7 FM KKIQ.

The gates open at 4:00pm.

Advance tickets at \$20 per carload are available at www.livermorefireworks.org. Tickets will be \$25 the day of the event at the gate. Walk-ins are \$5. Wheels Bus service Route 12 will be available.

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

Beginning at 4:00 PM, buses will stop every 30 minutes at the Route 12 stops. Four of those stops are adjacent to the Downtown Livermore Transit Station, Railroad Ave and L Street, the Park and Ride on E. Airway Blvd., in Livermore and the East Dublin-Pleasanton BART station. At the end of the evening's festivities, buses will be

staged at Las Positas College to shuttle people for return routes. Visit the Wheels website (www.lavta.org) to view the complete route. Bus fees are \$2.00 for youth and adults, \$1.00 for seniors, and children under 6-years-of-age ride for free.

For those who are planning to view these fireworks from your homes, consider making a donation at www.livermorefireworks.org or at PayPal link.

Livermore Councilmember Stewart Gary commented, "Free fireworks don't fall from the sky. They are shot from the ground using hard earned money."

FloraTech Landscape Management stepped up as a presenting sponsor along with a host of other sponsors to financially support the return of the Independence Day event. Additionally, community members contributed online and purchased raffle tickets and t-shirts in this successful effort to bring back a community wide celebration of America's independence. Visit the Livermore Fireworks website www.LivermoreFireworks.org to contribute and view the full list of sponsors and supporters.

MAILBOX

(Opinions voiced in letters published in Mailbox are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Independent. Letter Policy: The Independent will not publish anonymous letters, nor will it publish letters without names. Abusive letters may be rejected or edited. Frequent letter writers may have publication of their letters delayed. Letters should be submitted by e-mail to editmail@compuserve.com.)

Corn Available Mary McMahon Livermore

Beat the drum
Sound the horn
The Farmers Market
Now has CORN.

Thank You Ruth Gasten Interfaith Interconnect

Thank you. Three Weddings and a Reception held on June 10 was a huge success.

The articles and the supportive editorial in your paper were a big help in getting the word out to the Tri Valley community.

This event was the first sponsored by Interfaith In-

terconnect. We hope to create more events of this sort that will help members of various faiths see their similarities rather than their differences.

Fireworks Are Back Wendy Weathers LARP Foundation Chairperson Livermore Fireworks

I would like to invite everyone to the 2012 Livermore July 4th Fireworks Event sponsored by Flora Tech Landscape Management.

The LARP Foundation Livermore Fireworks Committee has worked very hard and accomplished a great thing.

The fireworks are back and we hope to see everyone there. The event will be held at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore.

There will be live music provided by the Humming Birdz with their high octane blues and American Idol Contestant, Jason "Wolf" Hamlin. The emcee for the event is 101.7 FM KKIQ Radio Personality and Funny Girl, Faith Alpers. Food Trucks and other food ven-

dors will be there along with children's games and rides. Wine and Beer will be available.

We have amazing fireworks glasses. These glasses will make the fireworks appear bigger and better than they already are. They are available for a donation of \$3 each or two pair for \$5. The fireworks display will be simulcast to music provided by 101.7 FM KKIQ. The gates open at 4:00 pm. Advance tickets are available at www.livermorefireworks.org buy them now while the shipping is free. Tickets will be \$25 the day of the event at the gate. Walk-ins are \$5. Wheels Bus service Route 12 will be available. Please check Wheels Website for rates and bus stops www.wheelsbus.com

For those who are planning to view these fireworks from your homes, please consider making a donation at www.livermorefireworks.org on our PayPal link. We would like to have fireworks next year as well.

Radiation Monitors Lee Torres Livermore

The Livermore Lab should use radiation air monitors for a potentially dangerous project next to the Rhonewood swimming pool. Hundreds of Livermore citizens agree. However, Lab officials informed Tri-Valley CARES, a Livermore-based nonprofit, that they will not utilize radiation air monitors for this project.

The problem: this project will require digging within feet of Big Trees Park, which is known to be contaminated with elevated levels of radioactive material. The highest levels of contamination were found feet away from where digging will occur.

The project could kick dirt into the air—dirt that may be contaminated with radioactive material. Made airborne, this dirt may be inhaled and create health problems for Livermore residents.

Factor in that the project is being undertaken in a residential neighborhood—less than 100 feet away from the popular Rhonewood swimming pool that boasts a great summer swim team. I hope they reconsider using continuous radiation air monitoring.

THE Independent

(INLAND VALLEY PUBLISHING CO.)

Publisher: Joan Kinney Seppala
Associate Publisher: David T. Lowell
Editor: Janet Armantrout

The Independent is published every Thursday by Inland Valley Publishing Company, 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550; (925) 447-8700. Mailed at Periodical Postage Prices at the Livermore Post Office and additional entry office: Pleasanton, CA 94566-9998. The Independent is mailed upon request. Go to www.independentnews.com to sign up and for more information. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Independent, 2250 First St., Livermore, CA 94550.

Advertising rates and subscription rates may be obtained by calling (925) 447-8700 during regular business hours or by fax: (925) 447-0212.
Editorial information may be submitted by editmail@compuserve.com.

Pleasanton Schools Budget Dips Nearly 3 percent

Pleasanton school trustees have approved a \$112 million budget for the coming fiscal year, down 2.6 percent from the current year, which ends June 30.

The board acted at its meeting June 19. The new budget will include a 3 percent reserve, down from the current 8 percent reserve. The spend-down of the reserve will cover only one year of program support.

There were also \$2.2 million in spending reductions, many of which eliminated teaching positions in grades 1 through 3. The result is a change in class size to 30, instead of the 25 to 1, which was the case for the 2011-12 school year.

Most of the spending cuts were concessions by certificated, classified and administration employees.

The budget was discussed frequently through the spring by trustees, parents and the public.

Assistant superintendent Luz Cázares called the board's attention to one point in the budget. The Sycamore Fund, which is used to upgrade technology in the district, is owed \$1.8 million by the district's capital facilities fund.

The capital facilities fund borrowed the money, because of the sharp drop in developer fee income over the past several years resulting from the housing development slowdown. Cázares said that she wants the board to think about ways that the fund might be paid back.

One action the board took as part of the budget at the meeting was to restore \$376,000 worth of classified positions.

The money will add one or two hours to staffing at various positions. They include elementary school tech specialists, school library media specialists, maintenance services, and

custodial services at the middle schools and high schools.

The board was split over whether to add one full-time equivalent custodian position, divided equally between Amador Valley and Foothill high schools.

The staff recommendation did not include that addition, which would cost \$50,000. Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said adding the custodians would put the allocation above the amount that classified employee concessions would save the district in the coming year.

With no state budget signed yet, and the failure of a revenue-raising initiative in November a possibility, the administration is trying keep commitments low in 2012-13. The following school year is expected to have a larger deficit for schools than that for 2012-13.

Trustees Chris Grant, Valerie Arkin and Jeff Bowser voted for a motion to restore all of the positions, including custodians, and president Joan Laursen and Jamie Hintzke were opposed.

All five agreed on the desirability to hire back all of the positions. However, the sticking point was whether to approve the \$50,000 above Ahmadi's recommendation for the custodian positions.

Hintzke said that she was opposed to going \$50,000 over the staff recommendation, because "it is not a good idea to take gift money (the concessions), and spend it on ongoing expense. If you

spend it once, what do you do next year?"

Grant, who made the motion, said that he worked a day with custodians at Amador. "It's not adequately staffed as it is. They are just getting by. It can be a health and safety issue in flu season, and head lice season, when regular cleanliness is critical," said Grant.

Laursen made an earlier motion not to raise the fund by \$50,000, but to make sure that technicians and library assistants were funded, even if it meant not designating money for custodians. Arkin seconded that motion, but it did not go to a vote, because Grant substituted his motion.

After the vote, Laursen said that she was satisfied with the board's action.

BOARD HEARS DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY

The board was presented with a demographic study by consultant Davis Demographics & Planning (DDP).

The report shows that the district will grow by 1500 students at the peak of build-out projections in 30 years, because of future city rezonings to provide more work force housing.

However, only 20 percent of that growth will occur in the next 10 years, said the demographers. Ahmadi said that was an important observation for the community, "so that people don't say we need room for 1500 students in two years."

The projections show that the district will need the equivalent of one new

elementary school in the northwest portion of the district, which will be near proposed transit-oriented development next to the eastern BART station. There might also be the further need for the equivalent of one more elementary school.

DDP sees no need for a new middle school or high school at any time in the next 30 years. The consultants recommended updating data annually to maintain a good idea of any potential changes in trends.

The board also heard Ahmadi present the final strategic plan for the district. The previous plan was adopted in 2004. The board participated in a workshop that helped form the plan along with students, teachers, administrators and community members.

The plan's announced vision is, "every student will be a resourceful, resilient, responsible and engaged world citizen." The mission statement is, "our students will make a better world."

The plan also sets "bold goals" in the areas of curriculum and instruction, personal growth, fiscal stewardship ("students will be central to all fiscal decisions"), and learning environment.

Ahmadi showed slides in summary of the work completed so far by the Facilities Master Plan Committee and the district's consultant. Formulation of that plan will continue at two more meetings scheduled for this fall.



Exchange students from sister cities, Pleasanton and Tulancingo, had a great time decorating a float and riding in the Alameda County Fair Parade. Then they had a full day at the Fair. Pleasanton's Richert Lumber/Ace Hardware donated the truck. Pleasanton students will be going back to Tulancingo with their new sisters/brothers on July 8th for 4 weeks.

Springtown Residents Asked to Rank Preferred Library Services

The Livermore Public Library is developing expanded service options for the Springtown Branch Library. The Easy Access Springtown Library will be an innovative service model providing a mix of staffed and unstaffed service hours.

In the Easy Access model, the Springtown Branch will continue to be open and staffed on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 8:00 pm.

During the remaining six days of the week, patrons will have access to an unstaffed part of the building during the same hours that the Civic Center Library is open.

Patrons will be able to gain entry to that part of the building using key card access (similar to Anytime Fitness). During non-staffed hours, the main library collection will be closed off using a grill gate, similar to how the Post Office operates during non-open hours.

The Library is considering what services to offer during the unstaffed library hours. Anyone interested in using the "Easy Access" Library, please participate in the survey about which of the possible services would be most important.

The survey can be accessed through July 15 at www.surveymonkey.com/s/springtown or in print at the Springtown Branch Library during open hours.

Among the services residents are asked to rank are a small study area, limited computing, including a wireless Internet connection, DVD lending machine, small collection of both popular adult and children's books to check out using a self-check machine, and an automated check-in unit.

Wish you could see even more photos of local events in our Valley?



Our photographer, Doug Jorgensen, takes more photos each week than we can fit into our Print Edition.

Fortunately, you can see many of these additional photos featured each week on our website www.independentnews.com. Photo series rotate throughout the week, so you'll want to visit more than once each week to see all the expanded content!

To easily keep up on the rotating content, we've created a facebook page where we link to the new photo series after they appear on the site. You can "Like" us on Facebook to receive notification of new photo series or featured articles.

We hope this gives you a taste of the many WEB ONLY photos that you can see at www.independentnews



AND

Follow us on Facebook



For additional photos:

www.facebook.com/pages/The-Independent-Newspaper-Livermore-CA/108562409214667?ref=t

SPORTS NOTES



Team members of the Granada Little League AAA Rangers are Ben Morrisroe, Austin Overton, Aiden Lewis, Tristan Shackelford, Franco Moufarrej, Dylan Baxter, Nick Puso, Adrian Ayala, Rudy Ayala, Scott McPherson, Devon Pearce.

TOC Champs

Livermore's Granada Little League AAA Rangers brought home the Tournament of Champions Title from the District 57 playoffs. District 57 comprises leagues from Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville. After the four-day elimination process, it came down to two Livermore teams; Granada Little League Rangers and Livermore American Yankees. It could not have been a better match for the final game. These respective teams scored a combined 31 runs in their games the day before. However, the championship match up was still 1-0 going into the fourth inning. JJ Knight for the Yankees was able to fight off the season-long power hitting by the Rangers until the fourth inning, when the Rangers came alive at the bat. Scott McPherson held the Yankees to only one run, pitching his best game of the season.

With the help of superb defense by Tristan Shackelford, Dylan Baxter and Devon Pearce, and Austin Overton coming in to pitch in the final inning the team closed it out. The clutch hitting by Ben Morrisroe in the final two innings helped push the Rangers to the final score of 4-1. Credit must also go to the contribution in the preceding games by the entire Rangers team, from the strong pitching by Rudy and Adrian Ayala to the clutch hitting by Franco Moufarrej, Aiden Lewis and Nick Puso, and of course the two over-the-fence home runs by Scott McPherson. Manager Jim Morrisroe and his coaching crew, Todd McPherson, Andy Overton and Mike Puso made for a winning season that will not be forgotten by the members of this team for long time to come.

Seahawks at SRVLA

The Pleasanton Seahawks swimmers (PLS) competed at the SRVLA C/B/A+ Meet June 9-10, 2012 in San Ramon. Shaving off time, PLS Age Group swimmers turned in a strong showing with many Lifetime Best (LTB) swims and new cuts.

Pre Novice: Adam Valentine achieved lifetime best times (LTB) in 50 free/back. Novice: Dominick Wonosputra-best times (BTs) 50 free/breast; Adora Do-100% BTs, 50 free/dropped 9 seconds & new B time, 50 back dropped 8 seconds; Nikita Gautham-BTs in 100 free/breast; Andrew Li-100% BTs, 50 back dropped over 17 seconds, 50 breast dropped 6 seconds and new B time; David Yang-dropped 18 sec in 50 free; BTs: 50 free/breast, 100 breast; Andrew Zhao-100% BTs, first swim meet, 50 free/back/breast. Intermediate I: Bryson Huey-LTB in all events, with new A times in 100 free and 50 breast; Josh Atre-LTB in all three events, shaving off 20 seconds in 50 breast; Aaron Lin-Best times in 50 free/breast, also went an A time in first ever 200 IM; David Peck-Best time in 50 free, shaving off over 12 seconds; Madhav Vats-New BTs in 50 free/breast; Eric Wu-New BTs (B times) 50 back/breast; Sonia Atre-LTB in all three events, shaving off 14 seconds in 50 back; Esha Chawla - Very strong performances in first ever 200 free/breast - going a B time in 200 breast; Darron Dai-BT 200 free; Erik Holmes-New BT (B times) in 100 free and 50 back; Alex Luo-New BTsin 100 back and 200 breast (B time); Varun Sharma-LTB in 100 free and 50 back.

Pre-Junior: New B-times - Samantha Snow, Sophia Bueche, Isabella Chin; New A-times - Duhita Gondhalekar, Rachana Mukkamala, Vickie Luo, Sruthi Mukkamala, Chris Lam, Nick Wonosputra; New Junior Olympics Cuts - Nicole Stiles; New Far Westerns Cuts - Alex Ren

Sharks vs. Briarhill

Behind tripozi wins from Harry Herlich and Trent Pizzini, the Pleasanton Meadows Sharks swam by Briarhill for a 572-421 victory in Tri-Valley Swim League action.

Herlich, a U6 swimmer took first in the back, fly, and free events while Pozzi, a 9-10, took the IM, back and free swims. Both also swam on winning relay teams.

Three swimmers for the Sharks earned double wins. Jack Geasa took the 13-14 breaststroke and free, Haley Isaacs, a 13-14, also won the free and, additionally took the IM; and Nick Tucker won the 13-14 IM and Fly. Completing a sweep of individual events for the 13-14 boys was Michael Azuma who won the backstroke. The 13-14 was a good age bracket for the Shark girls too. Isaacs was joined by sister Alyson who won the free, and Talia Florio who took the Fly. Pleasanton Meadows' 9-10 boys also swept the events with Brady Scanlon (breaststroke) and Ruby Dakota (fly) joining Pozzi atop the medal stand. Pleasanton Meadows 7-8 girls did not have any double wins, but still swept its individual events. Courtney Olivier won the back, Ela Kularni the breaststroke, Samantha Herlich the fly, and Sydney Simmons the free.

Even in defeat, the Briarhill Baracuda turned in some strong performances. The women's team was led by Kristen Horrillo who the 15-18 girls 100 yard IM and 50 yard backstroke. Callan Jackman turned in a triecta for the 11-12 girls winning the 100 yard IM as well as the 50 yard butterfly and backstroke. Whitney Dishman won the 9-10 girls 100 yard IM and 50 yard freestyle. For the Baracuda men, Clark Jackman won the 15-18 50 yard freestyle and backstroke. Brett Melloch won the 15-18 50 yard butterfly and 100yard IM. Andrew Voit won the 11-12 50 yard freestyle and



Livermore's JR 90's Gold team won District 57 Tournament of Champions. In the first game, Livermore beat Lafayette by 2 runs. It was a close game until the 4th inning when Steve Bruan started the hitting with a base hit. All of Livermore's batters followed suit. The second game was played against San Ramon. San Ramon's first game went into extra innings using up valuable pitching. The championship game was called in the 5th inning as Livermore out hit San Ramon by 10 runs. Pictured is the winning JR 90's Gold team.

Camryn, DBAC, 33.37. 7-8 25 yd. Heath, Amy R. DP Stingrays-CC, 23.95. 9-10 25 yd. Dillon, Kaylee, DBAC, 20.13. 11-12 50 yd. Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 37.23. 13-14 50 yd. Pollitz, Rebecca, DBAC, 37.68. 15-18 50 yd. Goodman, Alanna, DBAC, 39.22. 100 IM: 9-10: Lee, Kaela, DBAC, 1:27.72. 11-12 Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:13.27. 13-14 Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:15.44. 15-18 Chang, Iris, DBAC, 1:08.03. Backstroke: 6-under 25 yd. Harper, Savana, DBAC, 31.00. 7-8 25 yd. Kang, Sophia, DBAC, 22.92. 9-10 25 yd. Earle, Elizabeth, DBAC, 19.93. 11-12 50 yd. Lee, Jennifer, DBAC, 36.22. 13-14 50 yd. Earle, Katie, DBAC, 34.92. 15-18 50 yd. Lewis, Madasyn, DBAC, 33.83.

Freestyle Relay: 6-under 100 yd. Dbac Swim Team 'A' (Kops, Abigail 6, Parkhi, Anika 6, Harper, Savana 6, Lurie, Camryn 6), 2:18.63. 7-8 100 yd. Dbac Swim Team 'A' (Domenichini, Jessica 8, Chau, Lilli 7, Kang, Sophia 7, Lee, Aven 7), 1:15.33. 9-10 200 yd. Dbac Swim Team 'A' (Lurie, Hanna 10, Chung, Megan 9, Lee, Kaela 10, Rohovit, Taylor 9), 2:28.69. 11-12 200 yd. Dbac Swim Team 'A' (Earle, Allison 1 Goodman, Audrey 12, Dillon, Lindsay 12, Lee, Jennifer 12), 2:01.56. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Waldeer, Heather 13, Huber, Cameron 13, Bell, Lucy 14, White, Nikki 13), 2:05.12. 15-18 200 yd. Dbac Swim Team 'A' (Lewis, Madasyn 15, Pollitz, Amy-Lynn 17, Goodman, Alanna 15, Chang, Iris 18), 1:50.54.

Boys Results: Medley Relay: 6-under 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Pruss, Evan M6, Jorgenson, Jac M5, Jetter, Nathan M6, Stedman, Caden M6), 2:24.30. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kasper, Kenny M8, Jorgenson, Sam M8, McMasters, Andrew M7, Lester, Timmy M8), 1:35.09. 9-10 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Bell, Jack M10, McMasters, Michael M10, Lester, John M9, Reimer, David M9), 1:18.88. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Glenn, Alex M12, Juarez, Tommy M12, Bessiere, Jack M12, Reimer, Steven M11), 2:37.67. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Newman, Jake M14, Sabatini, Tommy M14, Reimer, James M14, Smith, Taylor M13), 2:12.70. 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kurotori, Cameron M16, Goard, Andrew M16, Hogue, Ryan M15, Sabatini, Anthony M16), 1:56.38.

Freestyle: 6-under 25 yd. Yang, Christopher, DBAC, 35.22. 7-8 25 yd. Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.61. 9-10 50 yd. Kost, Jack, DBAC, 34.28. 11-12 50 yd. Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.37. 13-14 50 yd. Sabatini, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.20. 15-18 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.49. Butterfly: 6-under 25 yd. Stedman, Caden, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.82. 7-8 25 yd. Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 21.04. 9-10 25 yd. Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 18.32. 11-12 50 yd. Bessiere, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 38.45. 13-14 50 yd. Kye, Geunho, DBAC, 31.33. 15-18 50 yd. Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.19.

Breaststroke: 6-under 25 yd. Rohovit, Hunter, DBAC, 34.84. 7-8 25 yd. Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.68. 9-10 50 yd. McMasters, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 20.97. 11-12 50 yd. Huang, Timothy, DBAC, 39.66. 13-14 50 yd. Kim, Minsu, DBAC, 35.89. 15-18 50 yd. Liebman, Jeffrey, DBAC, 31.70. 100 IM: 9-10 Yang, Jerry, DBAC, 1:34.03. 11-12 Lin, Wilmer, DBAC, 1:24.61. 13-14 Corbishley, Zachary, DBAC, 1:09.80. 15-18 Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:01.74. Backstroke: 6-under 25 yd. Rohovit, Hunter, DBAC, 24.69. 7-8 25 yd. Kasper, Kenny, DP Stingrays-CC, 22.89. 9-10 25 yd. Kost, Jack, DBAC, 19.65. 11-12 50 yd. Glenn, Alex, DP Stingrays-CC, 44.97. 13-14 50 yd. Corbishley, Zachary, DBAC, 33.82. 15-18 50 yd. Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.04.

Freestyle Relay: 6-under 100 yd. Dbac Swim Team 'A' (Xu, Ryan M6, Yang, Christopher M5, Im, Jusin M6, Rohovit, Hunter M6), 2:17.03. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (McMasters, Andrew M7, Drain, Caden M7, Banke, Caden M8, Stedman, Cole M8), 1:28.78. 9-10 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Jorgenson, Max M10, Bell, Jack M10, Lester, John M9, McMasters, Michael M10), 2:25.76. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Bessiere, Jack M12, Reimer, Steven M11, Juarez, Tommy M12), 2:15.02. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Smith, Taylor M13, Howard, Michael M14, Glenn, Seth M14, Sabatini, Tommy M14), 1:53.04. 15-18 200 yd. Dbac Swim Team 'A' (Lindell, Mattias M16, Kagele, Jerald M15, Pedersen, Kaleb M16, Liebman, Jeffrey M16), 1:41.29.

Phantom 12B
What a hot weekend in Modesto for Pleasanton Phantom 12B. The Phantom recorded three wins in pool play on Saturday against some pretty

tough teams. Great pitching and powerful hitting led the way. In game one, against the All Star Fastpitch, Phantom won 11-0. Mary Rockwood (#49) and Emily Trinidad (#24) had some great hits accompanied by Jenna O'Neal (pitching) and Nicole Riordan (14 catching). Game two, against the West Coast Ghosts, was exciting with a home run by Jessica O'Neal and two bombs hit by Emily Trinidad. Sofia Molina also connected for some big hits. The combination of Jenna and Jessica O'Neal pitching produced a perfect game. Strong pitching in game three against Fresno Elite by Danielle Williams resulted in the third win of the day. The final score was 1-2 as it ended with a monstrous triple by Michelle Wood that drove in the winning run. On Sunday, Phantom began play at 3:00 against the Fresno Grizzlies. The awesome pitching/catching combo of Danielle Williams and Sofia Molina gave us a 5-1 win against the Fresno Grizzlies. Courtney Dinelli connected for a huge triple along with big hits from Emily Trinidad and Sofia Molina. In the championship game, Phantom battled the CA Aftershock. They held strong with tough pitching and offense for a 2-5 victory. The Pleasanton Phantom 12B team had a weekend to be proud of in Stockton on June 9 and 10 at the RR Gold Tournament. This was an A ball tournament, so the team was challenged all weekend. On Saturday, Phantom faced 3 tough teams, RR Gold, KG Hitters, and CA Breeze, coming away with 2 of the 3 games. Pitching was once again fantastic. Consistent strong hits came from Nicole Riordan, Emily Trinidad and Michelle Wood. On Sunday, Phantom began the day with a win against the Rapids (3-1). The second was a battle with strong pitching from both teams. Phantom ended up losing, with a final score of 4-3.

Phantom 12B

What a hot weekend in Modesto for Pleasanton Phantom 12B. The Phantom recorded three wins in pool play on Saturday against some pretty

Guardian Driving School

SUMMER SPECIAL

FREE ONLINE DRIVERS ED or \$25 OFF ON OUR OUTSTANDING IN CLASS DRIVERS ED WHEN YOU ENROLL IN OUR DRIVING PACKAGE

Call Today 925-606-7502

Sign Up Online at:

www.GuardianDrivingCourse.com

DMV Lic: 3582



The Hurricanes U9 team finished in first place in their division in the indoor soccer league. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Isabella Finch, Adrianna Castro, Emma Shingler, Gianna Ceccanti and Hailey Miller; (second row) Peyton Dinwiddie, Coach Frank, Arianna Hatton, Baylee Schacherer, Chloe Totten, Gianna Pietro and Coach Steve.

team that created two beach squads with both winning their brackets. Again, they faced each other in the semi-finals. One of the Katz squads went on to win the championship. The U16 Girls Kryptonite, split squads with one moving up to play in the U17 - U19 age group. Both teams continued the Kryptonite's winning ways by taking home the championships. The U17-19 Kraze a new team for West Coast Soccer played tough physical games and found the experience rewarding and fun. For more information on We Can Soccer, visit www.westcoastsoccerclub.com/WeCanSoccer.pdf.

Splash & Dash

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

The Splash & Dash is a swim/run event for ages 7-15 that introduces youth participants to USA Triathlon. The event is one of 30 events across the country as a part of the USAT Youth Aquathlon Series.

The focus of the event series is on participation rather than competition. This will be a non-competitive event. No times will be taken. Every participant will receive a USAT Splash and Dash medal, t-shirt and goodies from our sponsors. It is a USA Triathlon sanctioned event requiring a safety plan, and insurance licenses through USAT for every participant. USAT is a not for profit organization.

Boys and girls ages 7 - 15 who want to compete must be able to swim at least 25 yards independently without stopping. Registration is \$25 per child. Register online or find more information on the event website www.trivalleytriathlon.com/splash.

Volleyball Camp

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

Register for Alumni Football Game

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

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

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

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

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

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

Run San Ramon

Kick-off the 4th of July with a healthy start by running or walking in the annual Run San Ramon. This always popular Independence Day classic offers an event for everyone: 3K Fun Walk; 5K Run/Walk; and 10K Run. Proceeds from Run San Ramon will benefit the City of San Ramon's community programs.

All three courses feature flat, fast, and paved surfaces, running throughout the monitored streets in the Bishop Ranch area of San Ramon (East of 680). Commemorative T-shirts go out to all participants. Start/Finish line features beverages, fruit, snacks, ice cream, booths, and the ever-popular wedding fountain, as well as the awards ceremony following the race.

The Mayor's Cup will be awarded to the winning pre-registered San Ramon resident, male and female (5K and 10K). Trophies will go to the top male, female, and team finishers of each 5K and 10K race. Medals will be given three deep in designated age groups for both 5K and 10K male and female participants (5-8, 9-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20-24, to 85+).

Race-day registration for all events per person is \$40.00.

Check-in and race day registration will be open at 6:30 a.m., at the San Ramon Community Center 12501 Alcolta Blvd. (East side of 680), in San Ramon—same location of the races' start and finish lines. The 10K Run will start at 8:15 a.m., with the 3K Fun Walk and 5K Run/Walk beginning at 8:20 a.m.

For more Run San Ramon information and/or an application, contact the San Ramon Parks & Community Services, Brad Morris (925) 973-3367. Participants can download this application and send in entry fee(s). Online registration is available through active.com. Run San Ramon's timing and results will be provided by Your Mark Events.

Jail Break Run

Sunday, July 22, there's going to be a jail break—and the Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Association invites everyone to join in. The 10th annual Jail Break Run, benefiting Special Olympics Northern California, offers an "escape plan" for everyone: a 5K run (or walk), a 10K run, a Kids' 1/2-mile run, and a Kids' 1-mile run. For the tenth straight year, this event will be hosted by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, at its Training Center (which is located right next to the Santa Rita Jail), 6289 Broder Blvd., Dublin. The Jail Break Run is part of the Sheriff's year-round Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraising campaign.

The 5K course is a flat and fast loop. The 10K run is primarily flat and fast, with one hill—the very same hill you must master to join the Alameda County S.W.A.T. team; members of the S.W.A.T. team will be on hand to run the 10K course with the participants. Both USA Track & Field certified courses will run along the outside walls of the jail. For those who are little bit more casual with their "get away," participants are welcome to walk the 5K. Both kids' run courses (children under 8-years old) will be held at the Sheriff Training Center's running track.

Each "escapee" will receive the Jail Break Run T-shirt, refreshments, and entry into the Jail Break raffle, which features a lot of great loot. Every child participating in either the 1/2-mile or 1-mile runs will earn a special award medal. Trophies will be awarded to the first overall male and female participant in each event, as well as the top Masters (45-years and older) male and female in each race.

5K Medals will also be given three-deep to the finishers in each male and female age category, in 10-year increments, beginning 9-years and under. 10K Medals will be given three-deep to the finishers in each male and female age category, in 10-year increments, beginning 18-years and under.

In addition, all participants will have the opportunity to run, or walk, with a number of local Special Olympic athletes who will be competing as well.



DIABLO
PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS, Inc.

Richard Sire, C.P.O.

Call (925) 484-6400
For Free Evaluation

www.DiabloPod.com

Serving 4 Locations:
4479 Stoneridge Dr, Pleasanton
120 LaCasa Via, Suite. 202, Walnut Creek
2723 Crow Canyon, San Ramon
3903 Lone Tree Way, #305, Antioch

FAIR UNDERWAY



SPORTS NOTES



West Coast Soccer Club hit the beach in Santa Cruz with 18 teams from Livermore's premier soccer club playing in the 2012 Santa Cruz Pro-Am Beach soccer tournament. Seven teams brought home championships trophies. Pictured is Director of Coaches, Troy Dayak with the U9 girls Fury champions, the U14g Wild champions, U15g Katz champions, and the U8g Wild Kaos.

Entry fees for either the 10K Run or 5K Walk/Run are \$30.00 pre-registered, \$35.00 after July race-day registration. The Kids' 1/2-Mile and Mile event fees are both \$10.00. Check-in and race-day registration will open at 6:30 a.m., with both 10K and 5K events starting at 8:00 a.m. The Kid's 1/2-Mile and Mile, which takes place on the Sheriff's training center track, will begin around 10:00 a.m. The post-race awards, raffle, and prize give-away ceremony is scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m.

Special Olympics of Northern California and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office have been making a major push to get more high school and college athletic programs to participate. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office has opened its Regional Training Center for this event, which has seen a strong family presence at the Jail Break Run. The Sheriff's Office believes that by utilizing different methods of community outreach to schools, colleges, health clubs, and media we can partnership with our communities to support Special Olympics Programs. Together, we can enhance the quality of life for our athletes by raising funds and public awareness of Special Olympics.

For more Jail Break Run information and/or an application, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832 or visit their website. To register online, go to Active.com.



Livermore High School cross country team helped make the 1st Annual Hope of Crohn's Triathlon & Duathlon on Sunday June 24th a success. LHS was responsible for marshaling the running portion of the race. This was for a great cause. The team hopes to be a part of the event next year, as well as years to come.



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Alameda County Fair opened last week with a record crowd on opening day. On Saturday, the parade returned to Main Street as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the fair. Taking part in the fair parade were the Pleasanton Balloon Platoon (upper left), a country and western dance group (lower left) cheerleaders carrying the parade banner. At the fairgrounds, the midway rides were a popular attraction including the new flume ride (upper right). Fireworks were part of the festivities on Friday night. Fireworks are planned for each Friday night during the fair, which closes July 8 (closed Monday). Live horse racing, livestock, arts and crafts, lots of food, and a variety of displays can all be found at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton.



Are You Hearing And Understanding The Sounds of Life?

Kenneth Billheimer, Au.D.
Audiologist/Hearing Aid Specialist

Sierra Brower, Au.D.
Audiologist/Hearing Aid Specialist

Jacque Pedraza
Hearing Aid Specialist

HEARING SERVICES

Pleasanton
4460 Black Ave, #F
484-3507

Livermore
1524 Holmes St, #D
960-0391

www.pleasantonhearingsservices.com

BODY IN BALANCE
COMMUNITY ACUPUNCTURE

Affordable Acupuncture!
\$20-\$40 Sliding Scale
+ \$10 First Treatment

Kristine M. Buckley, MS, L.Ac.
4133 Mohr Ave., #E, Pleasanton (925) 417-8800
pleasantoncommunityacupuncture.com

Reed Plumbing Company

Livermore, CA
(925) 371-5671
davidreed@dareedplumbing.com
LIC #601931

Friday Night Dinner & Music on the Patio

June 29 - Andy Joe Stewart and Band
July 6 - Roger Kardinal
July 13 - Mark Russo

Dine on Mediterranean cuisine. Drink award winning wines.

Bocce Ball & Dinner Every Thursday

Garré Vineyard & Winery
7986 Tesla Rd, Livermore | www.garrewinery.com
Call for Reservations: (925) 371-8200

CARNEGIE

(continued from page one)

carnage" caused by motor vehicles racing across the hills.

A study showed that pollution was being generated on the site, but the responsible state agency "did nothing about it," she said.

Bill Jennings, executive director of the California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance, which is active in efforts to protect the quality of surface waters throughout the state, also stressed that the goal was clean-up, not closure.

"We found in our investigations that pollutant levels coming onto the Carnegie site (from adjacent lands) were not excessive," he said. "But the Carnegie site was accumulating pollutants like metals and copper" from on-site activities.

A third person who was amused by the Blue Ribbon Coalition's victory claim was Celeste Garamendi, who leads a Livermore-area group that aims to keep off-road vehicles out of the unspoiled, state-owned Tesla site just west of Carnegie.

"If they have a couple more victories like that, Carnegie will be shut down for good!" she wrote in an email.

The legal judgment following the lawsuit was issued in Alameda County Superior Court at the end of May. It requires the State Parks Department to live up to objectives specified in state and regional environmental quality plans for storm runoff and dust control. It further requires the Parks Department to monitor Carnegie environmental quality and report publicly on its findings.

The State Parks Department is named in the suit because its Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division has owned Carnegie since 1979 and operated it as a public off-road vehicle park since 1981. The Division has plans to expand off-road vehicle recreation into the larger Tesla site next door, which it also owns.

The Division is revising its general plan, requiring an environmental impact report

that is open for public comment through July 11. The plan will include operations at Carnegie and expansion into Tesla.

The goal of the general plan revision is not to ask whether off-road vehicle activities should or should not be expanded into Tesla or whether more motor vehicle recreation is appropriate for that location and the present time. Instead, according to the Division's charter, "existing off-highway motor vehicle recreational areas, facilities, and opportunities should be expanded and managed . . . to maintain sustained long term use."

In other words, the general plan update and environmental impact report are intended to find out how best to accomplish the expansion.

The Division faces several potential obstacles, starting with the difficulty faced by the Parks Department in finding enough funding to keep its general access parks open, let alone create new ones.

As the Independent was going to press, a state budget amendment that could keep 50 or more parks open appeared to be moving toward a floor vote in Sacramento, but its impact was not clear. Even if it passed, the governor has blue pencil authority to strike the measure.

If it were to pass and meet the governor's approval, it could make off-road expansion into Tesla significantly more difficult. Among other features, the amendment would transfer \$21 million out of a trust fund that the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division has been counting on to support opening Tesla.

Although the 2009 lawsuit has been settled, future legal action is also possible.

For many years, Carnegie's badly rutted hillsides have been easily visible from Corral Hollow Road a dozen miles east of Livermore. It is hard for environmentalists hoping to protect Tesla to trust a state agency that allowed Carnegie to be

ravaged during the past three decades.

Even if it has the resources, will a state agency that sees promoting off-road vehicle recreation as its goal be motivated to confine thousands of independent-minded off-road drivers effectively enough to protect an untouched nature site that many consider a state treasure?

For many in Garamendi's organization, Friends of Tesla Park, the Carnegie devastation that is visible from Corral Hollow Road generates a visceral reaction.

They point out that Tesla was probably a sacred Native American site and remains a source of artifacts. It is a rich source of Old California history with economic ties to Livermore from the 19th and early 20th centuries. It has high hills and deep valleys protecting wildlife corridors as well as rare and endangered plant and animal species.

Other environmentally focused organizations have

many of the same concerns. National organizations that have expressed their support for establishing Tesla as a low impact preserve and public access park without off-road motor vehicles include the Center for Biological Diversity and the Sierra Club. Locally, supportive groups include the Ohlone Audubon Society, Livermore Heritage Guild, Friends of the Vineyards and East Bay Native Plant Society.

Earlier this month, responding to the request for public comment on the environmental impact report, the East Bay Regional Park District urged the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division to consider a future for Tesla that might not include motorized vehicles.

"A passive non-motorized use alternative should be given equal weight," wrote senior planner Brian Holt.

In the past, East Bay Regional Park District has expressed informal interest in the possibility of managing Tesla as a park site.

Hope Hospice Hosts 31st Annual Recognition Dinner

The Dublin Senior Center was filled with laughter last Friday, as over 100 Hope Hospice volunteers and staff members moved between game tables trying their luck at Left-Center-Right, a fast moving dice game, and guessing characters in Disney themed ice-breakers.

While the evening was billed as a night of fun and games, all were gathered for an important reason - to be recognized for the individualized and compassionate service they provide the dying and grieving throughout our community.

Hope Hospice's office has been located in Dublin since its founding volunteers moved from private homes to an office. However, the team of hospice professionals, licensed grief support providers and volunteers has been serving families throughout the Tri-Valley since 1980. One professional involved since almost

the start of Hope Hospice is Peter P. Wong, MD, Hope Hospice Medical Director, who was honored for his 30 years of service during the 31st Annual Recognition Dinner. When a medical school professor said, "You can't save everyone, but you can always make them comfortable," Peter Wong, took those words to heart and used them to direct his medical career. Wong is a board certified physician specializing in internal medicine, medical oncology, and hospice and palliative care.

A Danville resident, Dr. Wong also works in private practice in Castro Valley, Pleasanton, and San Ramon and has shifted the focus of his practice to palliative care. He also educates other physicians in the specialties of hospice and palliative care. While valuing the professional staff at Hope Hospice, Dr. Wong also

understands the important role that volunteers play as members of the hospice and grief support care team.

Last year, over 160 people spent almost 5,400 hours directly or indirectly supporting community members as patient care, bereavement, special event, and office volunteers.

During Friday's annual event, Irene Philips, Rose Stack, Diane Stein, and Judy Rognlien were recognized for each spending over 200 hours annually as Hope Hospice volunteers. This is not the first year these women have been honored, as they have volunteered for 23, 18, 12, and 5 years, respectively.

Irene Philips was also honored as Volunteer of the Year. During her 23 years of service, she visited patients and their families, helped with events such as the Hike for Hope and completed a variety of tasks in the Dublin

office. The sense of fulfillment that comes from volunteering with the organization leads to the longevity of its volunteers they say. The volunteers who sit vigil with a hospice patient during the final hours of life, sing at patients' bedsides, call a bereaved family member, or assist in the office each become hospice advocates and tell all who listen that their work is rewarding and life affirming, not sad and depressing as those unfamiliar with hospice may assume.

While it was the roll of the dice that allowed fourteen people to win Left-Center-Right at each table during the 31st Annual Recognition Dinner, it is not luck, but rather compassion and dedication that draw volunteers and staff to continue providing comprehensive and individualized hospice care and grief support to patients and families throughout the Tri-Valley.



Peter P. Wong, MD, speaks after being honored for his 30 years of service as Hope Hospice Medical Director

GRAND JURY

(continued from page one)

in order to deliver water to cities and farmers. An independently elected board manages those operations. Enabling legislation in Sacramento established those changes.

Gradually, the agency became more independent, to the point where it prepares its own budget for all operations, but some of the spending has to be reviewed and approved by county supervisors.

Zone 7 has made a final drive to separate flood control from the county. Sen. Mark DeSaulnier carried a bill to that effect in this year's session of the Legislature. He withdrew the bill a few weeks ago.

The county public works department was concerned that the county would lose control over the flood control operations, which could at some future date imperil its flood control capability. Notably, problems upstream in the Zone 7 area, could affect the southerly county flood control areas.

DeSaulnier heard similar concerns from Contra Costa water officials about the connectivity of flood control channels to Zone 7, and withdrew his bill. However, Zone 7 officials have said they will continue to work with county public works to satisfy those concerns, and achieve independence.

The earliest that independence could occur would be Jan. 1, 2014, a year's delay from the original schedule.

The grand jury's recommendations have no legal effect, but they do serve as a guide to policymakers, such as supervisors, for changes that they might consider.

SPECIFICS IN GRAND JURY'S REPORT

The specifics in the grand jury's report say that Zone 7 has identified four reasons for making the total split: getting out from the county's cumbersome civil service system, conducting Zone 7's procurement process, improving its employee recruiting and retention by setting its own salaries, and achieving more flexibility in offering better retirement benefits than those offered by Alameda County.

The grand jury report states, "Few of these reasons represent opportunities for cost savings. In addition, there is considerable risk in creating a new and independent financial structure where there is currently minimal expense, especially given that the potential savings are identified at only \$350,000 per year."

The report also asks whether it is appropriate to create a special water district for an entity that does not provide water directly to the public. Zone 7

is a wholesaler. It sells water to the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) and the private California Water Service in Livermore.

"How will the public be able to evaluate the district when its services are primarily delivered through other agencies," asks the report, referring to the four water retailers.

If Zone 7 wants separation, perhaps it would be better to consolidate with its retailers, or with Alameda County Water District (ACWD), which is in Fremont.

The report also says that the grand jury is concerned "about the lack of public awareness and input." It says that Zone 7 expects to gain full independence through Sacramento, not through its voters.

The grand jury report fails to address that Zone 7 was established by state law. Only new state legislation can make it independent.

ZONE 7 REPLIES TO STATEMENTS

Zone 7 posted a response on its web site, responding all of the assertions made by the grand jury.

Zone 7 notes that there has been no lack of public awareness or input about the Zone 7 drive for total separation. There have been reports

on separation at many meetings, and stories about it in the press.

Zone 7 says that it hears not only from the public through its public board meetings, but also hears from its direct customers, namely the four water retailers.

The agency undergoes an annual outside audit, totally independent of the county, says the Zone 7 report.

One of the most important reasons for total separation, and the special legislation in Sacramento, is to increase public accountability to a group of customers who cannot vote for the Zone 7 board now.

Dougherty Valley customers, who are in Contra Costa, obtain Zone 7 water from DSRSD. However, they can't vote in Zone 7 elections, because they are not in Alameda County. The legislation would give them the right to that vote.

Zone 7 also points out the grand jury error in calling the four water retailers it serves "agencies." DSRSD is a special district, Cal Water is a private company, and the other two retailers are cities.

Because of that mixture of retailers, and the fact that DSRSD crosses county lines into Contra Costa, it would take many years to work out some kind of consolidation

into one unified agency, says Zone 7.

Consolidation with ACWD in Fremont would result in a prohibitive cost tying together the two systems. Also, the commute hour traffic on Interstate 680 would make the sharing of staffs ineffective. The bottom line is that there are no

fiscal savings in consolidating the two agencies.

Zone 7 also notes that saving hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, as its separation study found, "is always important." That was a reference to the grand jury's comment that the separation would save "only \$350,000."

Reins in Motion Receives Help from the Community

Reins In Motion Foundation recently received assistance from Chris Miller, Devon Shepodd and Jackson Phillips. They planned and completed three Eagle Scout projects. The Scouts put in a family sitting area, bleachers, horse bridge, geometric shapes, laid down rock for easier access to the mounting ramp, and painted the new tack room.

Each Boy Scout and his troop put in many hours to complete these projects. Scott Silva Construction Company provided the materials. Volunteers from Starbucks took part in a clean up day. New mats were laid down, helmet and game shelves put together, games and helmets cleaned and or-

ganized. The new tack room was organized and saddles and bridles were all oiled.

Reins In Motion Foundation is a program that provides riding for individuals with life altering issues from children age 3 to adulthood. Reins In Motion is located at Cerro Vista Ranch on Tesla Road. Clients come from all over the Bay Area. A Horsemanship Class is provided for homeschool aged children. Volunteers are used as side walkers, horse walkers, groomers, game runners, etc. If interested please contact Peggy James at 925-413-4739. Volunteers are very important to the success of the program. A Tri-Valley Equine event is planned for October 27, 2012.

RETZLAFF Estate Wines
Comedy Uncorked
 Friday, July 20th
 Benefiting Open Heart Kitchen
 Check details online at:
 www.retzlaffwinery.com
 1356 S. Livermore Ave.
 Hours: Tue-Fri 12-2pm,
 Sat-Sun 12-4:30pm,
 Mon-Closed
 (925) 447-8941

Woody Allen's "To Rome with Love" - Coming July 6
 Playing for ONE week only - 6/29 to 7/5:
THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL
 Daily: 1:00 4:00 6:45 9:10
 Bill Murray, Bruce Willis, Edward Norton star in Wes Anderson's
MOONRISE KINGDOM
 Daily: 12:20 2:30 4:45 7:10 9:15
Classics Night: JAWS June 28 @ 7pm & PRINCESS BRIDE July 12
VINE CINEMA & ALEHOUSE
 1722 First Street - Livermore (925) 447-2545 www.VineCinema.com

LIVERMORE CINEMAS		2490 FIRST STREET 443 SHOW	
TED (R) DLP	11:55	2:25	4:55 7:25 9:55
MAGIC MIKE (R) DLP	11:30	2:05	4:40 7:10 9:50
PEOPLE LIKE US (PG13) DLP	11:20	1:55	4:30 7:05 9:45
TYLER PERRY'S MADEA'S WITNESS PROTECTION (PG13) DLP	11:15	1:45	4:15 6:45 9:25
BRAVE (PG) DLP THX	12:40	3:10	5:40 8:00
BRAVE (PG) DLP	11:10	1:30	4:00 6:40 9:10
BRAVE 3D (PG) DLP THX	11:50	2:20	4:50
ABRAHAM LINCOLN: VAMPIRE HUNTER 3D (R) DLP THX		7:10	9:45
ABRAHAM LINCOLN: VAMPIRE HUNTER (R) DLP	12:25	3:30	6:10 8:40
SEEKING A FRIEND FOR THE END OF THE WORLD (R) DLP	11:40	2:00	4:25 6:50 9:15
MADAGASCAR 3 (PG) DLP	12:05	2:30	4:45 7:00 9:20
PROMETHEUS (R) DLP	1:20	4:25	7:20 10:00
ROCK OF AGES (PG13) DLP		12:50	6:55
SNOW WHITE & THE HUNTSMAN (PG13) DLP		4:00	9:40
THE AVENGERS (PG13) DLP		11:45	6:15
MEN IN BLACK 3 (PG13) DLP		3:40	9:30
MIDNIGHT MON, JULY 2: THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN			
TUE, JULY 3: THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN (PG13) DLP D-BOX	12:35	3:35	6:35 9:35
TUE, JULY 3: THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 3D (PG13) DLP	11:35	2:35	5:35 8:35
THUR, JULY 5: KATY PERRY: PART OF ME 3D (PG) DLP	12:15	2:40	5:00 7:15 9:40

SHORT NOTES

Funds for Fireworks

An Ewaste and Shredding Fundraiser is scheduled to help bring back the Livermore Fireworks this year and future years.

The fundraiser will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., June 30 at Rancho Las Positas Elementary School, 401 East Jack London Blvd., Livermore. The following will be available:

Business and personal documents shredding for disposal - \$8 per banker box.

Free to recycle: televisions, monitors, laptops, flat screens, cell phones, ink jet cartridges.

\$5 collection fee for items same or similar to: CPUs, telephones, printers, copiers, DVD players, fax machines, VCRs, stereos, video games, and small household appliances.

This is a one day event rain or shine. Make Checks Payable to LARPD Foundation.

All items are recycled according to CA law. NAID - Certificate of destruction is mailed after the paper documents are destroyed. For more information call C & T Recycling, 510-590-7510 www.ctrecycling.net.

Seniors in July

Seniors can keep active while still keeping cool this July by attending fun programs at the Robert Livermore Community Center, offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

In July, seniors can:

- Attend the Fourth of July Celebration Luncheon on Tuesday July 3. Live entertainment will be provided by Xtreme Dance Force. The luncheon

will feature fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, coleslaw, biscuit and dessert. The luncheon is open to ages 55 and older for \$8. It will be held at noon, with doors opening at 11:30 a.m.

- Sitback and enjoy the show with Movie Madness, held at 1 p.m. the first Monday and third Thursday of each month. Recent releases as well as movie favorites are featured. For July, the dates are Monday, July 2, and Thursday, July 19.

For more information or to reserve a spot in these or other LARPD Senior Services programs, call 925-373-5760, visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us or drop by the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. The Senior Services office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Pet Calendar Entries

The Valley Humane Society 2013 Calendar Contest is taking entries.

Pet owners are invited to submit a favorite photo for a shot at one of 13 spots in the 2013 calendar. All companion animals are welcome: dogs, cats, birds, pigs, reptiles, etc.

Fifty (50) photos will be selected by an impartial panel to enter the public voting phase. The top 12 vote earners will be featured in the pages of the 2013 calendar. In addition, judges will select one grand prize winner from among the 50 finalists to grace the cover.

All entrants will be entered to win a \$75 gift card to Pet Food Express.

Entry fee is \$15 per photo.

Email your submission along with first name, last name, and pet's name to Melissa Bonnel, mbonnel@valleyhumane.org, by Sunday, July 8. Pay your entry fee online at www.valleyhumane.org or in person at VHS.

Pictures including people and pictures taken on cell phones will not be accepted.

Online public voting for the Fifty (50) Finalist photos will begin at midnight on Tuesday, July 17 and end at midnight on Tuesday, July 31. Each of the top 12 vote earners will automatically win a space in the 2013 calendar. One grand prize winner will be selected for the calendar cover from among all 50 finalists by an impartial panel of judges.

Winners will be announced Friday, August 3 at www.valleyhumane.org and www.facebook.com/valleyhumaneociety.

Concussion Conference

Tri-Valley Community TV (TVCTV) taped a special two-hour "Conference on Concussion in Sports" organized by the Tri-Valley Schools Medical Advisory Board. This free interactive educational event for Tri-Valley school coaches, athletic trainers, parents, athletes and physicians, took place on June 2, 2012. The show is currently airing on TV28 on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m., Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30 p.m. In addition, the Conference can be viewed streaming live on the Tri-Valley TV website at www.trivalleytv.org.

The keynote speaker is

world-renowned concussion expert, Dr. Mark Halstead, currently on the executive committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness. Mark Ibanez, KTVU Sports Director, served as Honorary Spokesperson for the event featuring NFL players and leading experts in concussion management.

The Tri-Valley Schools Medical Advisory Board is comprised of pediatricians and school nurses from Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, and Castro Valley.

Market 'Green Day'

The Dublin Farmers' Market is open at Emerald Glen Park on Thursday, June 28, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., for "Green Day."

There will be information about environmental sustainability, green living, and reducing waste. The "Lexicon of Sustainability" pop-up art show, received through a grant for the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association, will also be on hand. Several crafts for the kids will be available in honor of "Family Night" at the market.

The East Bay SPCA will be bringing some pets. The Valley Children's Mobile Museum will be open to engage the whole family.

Mosquito Abatement

The City of Dublin is now accepting applications to fill an unscheduled Trustee vacancy on the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District. The ending date of the term of the

unscheduled vacancy is January 1, 2014. A Trustee's function is to approve the District's budget and expenditures, set policy, and oversee the Manager. They do not need to be knowledgeable about mosquitoes or mosquito abatement.

Applicants applying for the position of Trustee must be available to attend monthly meetings held on the second Wednesday of every month (5:00 p.m. in Hayward); and must be a resident of Dublin.

The Mayor makes all appointments, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Dublin residents interested in serving on the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District must complete an application form. Applications may be downloaded through the City of Dublin website and hand-delivered, mailed, or emailed (caroline.soto@dublin.ca.gov) to the City Clerk's Office. They may also be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (925) 833-6650. Applications are also available at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza.

Completed applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568 by end of day, July 6, 2012, for appointment on July 17, 2012. Postmarks will not be accepted.

Outdoor Programs

The presentations listed below are free and open to the public. They will be held at REI, 7099 Amador Plaza Road, in Dublin. The public may contact REI Dublin's Customer Service Department for more informa-

tion, (925) 828-9826.

Camp Cooking Basics: 7 pm-8:30 pm, Thursday, July 12, tips on what to bring and how to make the most of cooking in the outdoors presented by REI camping specialist Emily Bauska. No experience necessary.

Great Sierra Backpacking Destinations: 7 pm-8:30 pm, Tuesday, July 17, REI Adventures' Yosemite backpacking guide, Karen Najarian has spent more than 30 years exploring the Sierra backcountry; she knows where to find those perfect swimming lakes, peak climbs, and campsites which make Sierra vacations so memorable. Karen will talk about her favorite three-to-seven-day backpacking trips.

Lightweight Backpacking Basics: 9 am-10:30 am, Saturday, July 21, REI backpacking expert Mike Dubrall will provide excellent tips on lightweight backpacking techniques. Included are shelters, backpacks, food choices, and fuel efficiency.

Half Dome in a Day: Tips for a Successful Hike: 7 pm-8:30 pm, Thursday, July 26, Rick Deutsch, author of "One Best Hike: Yosemite's Half Dome," will present for slides and information on a Yosemite day hike. Find out about acquiring permits, which are now required for any Half Dome hike, every day of the week. New for 2012, permits will be made available by pre-season and daily lottery only.

Those registering for any of the free presentations at www.rei.com/dublin, will have a reserved seat.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Leon Mueller

Kenneth Leon Mueller, 59, long time Livermore resident, passed away peacefully Friday, June 22, 2012,

at Heather's Care Home in Fremont from complications of diabetes and kidney disease. Beloved son of Carol and



Norman Mueller, he was an inspiration to all that knew him. Although developmentally disabled from birth, nothing slowed him down. He graduated from Granada High School in 1973 and worked at Lawrence Livermore for 26 years as a bicycle technician and custodian. Always on the go, he mastered the public transport system, enabling him to attend every baseball, football, hockey, basketball, movie, car show, and concert he could find. A very loving and giving person, Ken was friendly and ready to share a story, or lend a hand.

Ken is preceded in death by his beloved mother and leaves behind his father Norman, and sister and brother-in-law Sheila and John Akins. He will be missed by nieces Kathy Garth of Montana and Samantha Akins of Washington DC, and nephew Jonathan and niece-in-law Deena Akins. He will also be missed by his grandnieces and nephews Nicholas, Daniel and Katie Mottin, Gabriel and Jessica Akins; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins, and friends. The family would like to thank the Regional Center of the East Bay for their years of service and support for people with developmental disabilities, and the friends at Heather's Care Home for the wonderful care and loving environment they extended to Ken.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thurs., June 28 at 11 a.m., at St. Michael Church, burial to follow at St. Michael Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The National Kidney Foundation (www.kidney.org/support) or The Arc of Alameda County, supporting people with developmental disabilities ([eda.org\).](http://www.arcalam-</p>
</div>
<div data-bbox=)

Arrangements are by Callaghan Mortuary.

Dorlene Francis (Garcia) Alves

Oct. 17, 1933-May 31, 2012

Dorlene F. (Garcia) Alves passed away on Thursday, May 31, 2012 after a long battle with dementia.

Dorlene, or "Doe" as she was affectionately called by family and friends, was born and raised in Pleasanton. She graduated from



Amador Valley High in 1951 and married Edmond (Ed) Alves, the love of her life, on June 20, 1954. Dorlene was a homemaker most of her life, raising, loving and supporting her children throughout their lives were her joys and her vocation. "Do what makes you happy," she would say.

Dorlene was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey Alves in 2009, her sister, JoAnne Holden in 2008, parents William and Mrytle (Fragar) in 1984. She leaves behind her husband of 58 years, Edmond, her daughters, Janell (Richard) Anderson of Mountain View, CA, Jennifer (Steve) Dowden of Keller, TX, their four children, Katie, Jackie, Maddie and Samuel; daughter-in-law Blanca Castillo-Alves, her two children, Isabel and Anthony of Simi Valley, CA, her brother Donald (Lillian) Garcia, their three sons, Steve, Mike and Ronnie, her nephew Warren (Kathy) Holden, and their children Chase and Kayleen.

A private family graveside service will be held on July 14 at St. Augustine Cemetery in Pleasanton. Donations in Dorlene's name may be made to a charity of choice.

Brian Lawrence Velasco

On Thursday, June 14, 2012, we lost the greatest man in the world. Brian Law-

rence Velasco, 46, passed away Thursday morning.

Now when I say the greatest man in the world, I'm not just saying that because he was my father. He was the most loving, caring, and respected guy. He was such an impact on every single person's life that he knew. Especially his family. The thing about my dad was he didn't care about anything else besides his family. His absolute number one priority in life was to be with his family or make his family happy. He was a loyal husband, amazing father to his children, and the nicest guy you could ever talk to. But if you did talk to him, you would talk to him for at least an hour.

Brian was an electrician and an amazing one. He was the hardest worker I know and will ever know. He was always fixing stuff around the house and for his friends. He always had a solution to make things work out. I always wanted to be just like him but better, we were so competitive with everything we did. Brian was so loved by everybody he ever talked to because he was just such a lovable person, there was nothing you wouldn't like about my dad. He was always smiling, always talking about his family and friends, and he would always put a smile on your face. It's horrible that such a great person was taken from us. I know any one of his family members or friends would do anything to get him back in a heartbeat. He is in a better place now and I know he his having fun up there watching down on all of us. You will be in our hearts forever and never be forgotten. I miss and love you so much dad.

Brian is survived by his wife, Patti, his daughters Brooke and Caytlyn and his son Jacob; his father Lawrence Velasco, his mom Mary Patricia Velasco, his sisters Cindy Stephen, Christa Spencer, Mandy Rhodes, Bethany Patrick, Amy Velasco, brother Aaron Velasco and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial services will be held on June 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1501 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore, CA 94550

Karen Lee Dircks

July 31, 1944 - June 23, 2012

Born in Livermore, Ca., Karen passed very peace-



fully shortly after a lymphoma diagnosis. Jeanie Reitzell, Cindy Stroud

and her sister, Sharon Rose, were by her side.

She spent most of her life in Fremont, where she worked at the Backdoor Lounge for over 25 years. She will be greatly missed by her many loving friends. She was an avid fan of the Forty Niners and a Fantasy Football aficionado.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Backdoor at 37422 Fremont Blvd., Ste. B on Saturday, June 30 at 3 p.m.

Arrangements are by Callaghan Mortuary.

Cynthia "Cindy" Ann Rose

Dec. 8, 1947-June 18, 2012

Cynthia "Cindy" Ann Rose, 64, passed away Monday, June 18, 2012 at her home in Valley Springs, CA. Cindy was born on Dec. 8, 1947 to Francis and Donna (Jones) Phillips.

Cindy retired from the Operating Engineers Credit Union after 11 years as a loan officer. She met her husband, Dale, at the Credit Union. She and Dale were married on Dec. 31, 1989 in Lake Tahoe. Cindy enjoyed traveling. Her favorite trips were to Quartzsite, AZ, Rose family reunions and fishing tournaments. She loved crocheting and was an incredible cook. Cindy donated her talents to humanitarian

projects, making dolls and blankets. She loved seeing the joy her crafts would bring to others.

She was a wonderful wife and mother. Her infectious life and positive personality will be sorely missed. Cindy is survived by her husband Dale Rose of Valley Springs, CA; son, William Rose of Valley Springs, CA; sister, Linda Bell and her husband Jerry of Livermore, CA; stepdaughter, Lisa Stapley and her husband Shawn of St. George, UT; and many nieces and nephews who adored her.

Cindy's graveside services were held on Friday, June 22, 2012 in Jackson, CA. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Amador and Calaveras Counties, PO Box 595, Jackson, CA 95642.

Hollis George Franks

Resident of Livermore

Hollis George Franks passed on June 23, 2012 at



his home in Livermore, CA at the age of 65. He was a CA native and raised in Livermore.

Having served over a year in the Vietnam War, he earned 2 bronze stars (with Valor), a Purple Heart and a C.I.B. He continued to serve in the Army Reserve for more than 30 years. Hollis dedicated 40 years as a firefighter for Alameda County fire at Station 8. In his time serving he earned a Medal of Valor along with numerous other awards, while saving lives on and off duty.

He is survived by his wife Mary Bell Franks, mother Norma Franks, brother Dennis Franks and his 4 children Rick Baumbach, Jennifer,

Roger and Eric Franks.

He touched many lives, made many friends and is leaving a legacy that will be hard to follow.

Memorial services will be held Sat., June 30 at the LDS church in Livermore located at 1501 Hillcrest Ave. Condolences to the family - 9:00am (enter through the south entrance to the building) with services to begin at 10:00am., followed by a procession and graveyard service at the Memorial Gardens Cemetery on East Ave. at noon.

Arrangements were by Callaghan Mortuary.

Rodell Anthony Robles

Dec. 13, 1948 - June 21, 2012

He was a native of Livermore, and graduate of Granada High School. Rodell was a great artist, he loved motorcycles, falconry, playing his harmonica and took great pride in his gardening skills.

Rodell, son of the late Mike Robles, and a brother to Clarinda Ratekin is survived by his daughters Lisa and Christina, mother Minnie Pedersen, brothers Ron Robles and Melvin Robles (Marianne), and sister Melinda Koopmann (Tim).

A Memorial Service is scheduled at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA on Monday July 2, 2012 at 2 p.m.

Obituary/ Memorial Policies

Obituaries are published in The Independent at no charge. There is a small charge for photographs in the obituaries.

Memorial ads can also be placed in The Independent when families want to honor the memories of their loved ones. There is a charge for memorial ads, based on the size of the ad.

Please send an email to editmail@compuserve.com to receive additional information.

Callaghan Mortuary & Livermore Crematory
Family owned & operated Since 1906

We Make Pre-Planning Easy
CA Insurance License #0E70297

Call Teri Kneisley for an appointment
(925) 447-2942

VALLEY EYECARE CENTER

Thinking about having LASIK?

Jonathan Savell, M.D.
Michael Gagnon, M.D.

The surgeons at Valley EyeCare Center, Doctors Jonathan Savell and Michael Gagnon, offer Intralase, the bladeless all laser LASIK. Use your flexible spending account, tax return dollars or take advantage of their zero percent financing. Schedule a Free LASIK evaluation today!

925-460-5000
5575 W. Las Positas Blvd. #240
Pleasanton
www.ValleyEyeCareCenter.com

SEE YOUR BEST, LOOK YOUR BEST!

Wine Country: Bill and Sandy's Hilltop Adventure

By Laura Ness

HARRIS TESLA: BILL & SANDY'S HILLTOP ADVENTURE

Bill and Sandy (Harris) Thomson essentially have their own personal version of The Golf Channel right outside their expansive living room windows. Their home, completed in 2007, has a dead-on view of the Poppy Hill golf course, where they can observe golfers taking some precarious runs in their carts down the steep hill beyond the edge of their exquisite infinity pool. Sometimes they've seen golfers crash their carts, and have been generally entertained by the on and slightly off course shenanigans that take place on the greens below. From the dining room table, which boasts a brilliant bronze of a cowboy riding a replica of Sandy's stately paint horse, Pony, they can spy John Madden's precisely manicured dark green on gold needlepoint rows of vineyard in the distance.

Stepping into their home is like finding yourself surrounded by the pages of Cowboys & Indians magazine, from the beadwork collection from Plains Indians to the cowboy ranch dinnerware in custom cowboy cabinet to originals by Western master Howard Terpning, on the walls. Their collection of cats is equally fascinating, and include the watchfully observant Ernie and Alice, and big Bert, an orange tabby, who is a dead-ringer for Garfield, complete with the "Who took my cheese?" expression. Then there's the elusively wild, exotic-looking Zoey, an F1 Savannah, a cross between a domestic cat (mother) and African Serval (father). She's the size of a bobcat, but longer and leaner, and has a fascination for baby toys and iPhones. She looks like a Veuve Cliquot sort of feline. (<http://savannahcatbreed.com/>)

Out their front windows, the Thomson's are treated daily to the sight of their own Thomson Ranch vineyard, all planted to Cabernet, stretching to the back fence of Boa Ventura de Caires, their closest neighbor. Pony, the actual in the flesh sleekly muscular paint horse, waits for Sandy beyond the east edge of the vineyard, where the rows Rhonda Wood picks from salute the sunrise. From here, they can see Eagle Ridge Vineyards, and the blonde, oak-punctuated hills that roll to the waiting eternity of the Central Valley. Many handsome equines and a couple of goats graze at the edges of their 40-acre property. Except for the golf course, it really feels like the Wild West out here: the wind whistles country music.

Kendall Jackson originally planted the vineyard in 2000, signing a 7-year contract, during which time

most of the Thomson's fruit was whisked away to bottles unknown. Then came the grape glut of 2007, which meant finding a new home for the majority of their fruit. They've been selling to Ruby Hill (who produced a Harris Tesla Vineyard designate), Eagle Ridge, Boa Ventura de Caires, and Rhonda Wood, who produced a Thomson Ranch vineyard designate that won second place in the Tri-Valley Conservancy wine competition in 2011. They even sold some fruit to Pica-zzo, for a special Cabernet-Merlot blend called Private Reserve (the 2007 is quite lovely). The Wine Group eagerly stepped up to manage a portion of the vineyard. Because the Thomson's have a conservation easement on their property, TWG uses some of the fruit in their Conservancy label.

Coastal Viticultural Consultants (CVC), Michael Princevalle and Bryan Rahn, manage 2 blocks, about 7 acres worth, most of which has gone into the Harris-Tesla label, as well as to the other wineries who have discovered they like it. The contrast between the vineyard rows managed by The Wine Group and those assiduously attended to by CVC, is amazingly visual, both on the ground and on the wire. Cropped carefully and canopy-managed for ideal dappled sunlight on the fruit zone, the CVC-managed vines are well-trained and well-clipped, looking like bankers on their way to the office. In contrast, the vines in TWG's care are rowdy-looking teenagers at a concert, waving their arms in the breeze, reaching out to high-five each other across the aisles. They're probably all well-adjusted in their own way: you just wonder if the well-cropped ones are jealous of all that bushy, overgrown freedom.

From the CVC-managed blocks, in 2012, Rhonda will be taking 3 tons of clone 337, Colin at Nottingham will be taking 3 tons and the rest will go to Gallo of Sonoma, usually delivered to William Hill. Harris Tesla has no plans to make any wine for 2012. The prior vintages are available for purchase. They can be found at wine bars like Double Barrel (2007 vintage) and Underdog (2006), with more placements on the way. A few cases of the 2005 remain as well, with 2008 and 2009 laying down for a nice long bottle nap.

Their winemaker of record is Derek Holstein in Saint Helena, who was recommended by CVC. The formula for elevage is 100% new oak, predominately French with some American and Hungarian. The wines are aged in barrels for at least 24 months. I particular enjoyed the 2005 Cab, with

its vibrant cherry fruit, assertive acidity, gracefully integrated tannins and smooth as mahogany finish. It has the understated, but magnetic charm of Paul Newman playing Cool Hand Luke. The wood adds lots of great cigar and leather notes, reminiscent of the sumptuously detailed saddle on display just outside the Thomson's formal dining room.

ORANGE COUNTY AWARDS 2012

We mentioned a few winners in last week's edition, but wanted to point out that Livermore scored two Best of Class awards, one for the Fenestra 2008 Petite Sirah from Ghielmetti Vineyard, and one for the Mitchell Katz at Ruby Hill 2010 Chardonnay from Shadow Hills Vineyard in the Livermore Valley. Both wines were also 4 Star Gold winners, as was the 2011 "La Petit Quest" Rhone Style blend Rose from Thomas Coyne.

While the BOC for anything out of Ghielmetti probably came as no surprise to Brent and Meredith at Fenestra, getting an award for Chardonnay, a varietal Mitch has assiduously avoided consuming in public, was quite a shocker. "I never thought I'd win Best of Class for a Chard!" he admitted, while pouring himself yet another glass of the stuff. "But I've become a white wine fan of late. I really enjoy drinking this Shadow Hills Chard!" Amazing how tastes change with time and season. It's never too late to drink what you've previously sworn off forever. Mitch also scored Gold for the 2009 Crackerbox Sangiovese, and the 2005 Tawny Port from Falling Star Vineyard.

Bent Creek brought home Silver for the 2009 Cab/Syrah Blend 'Red on Red', and the 2009 Petite Sirah, both from Livermore Valley, while Darcie Kent brought home a slew of medals, including a Gold for the 2008 Merlot "Crown Block" Estate, and Retzlaff took Silver for its 2009 Chardonnay from organically grown estate grapes.

EN GARDE TO RELEASE 2009 PINOT JULY 12, 2012

Csaba Szakal, winemaker at En Garde winery, invites everyone who loves Pinot Noir to attend his 2009 Russian River Pinot Noir release party to be held Thursday, July 12, from 6:30pm til 8:30pm at the Winemaker's Pour House in downtown Livermore. Mark your calendars! The 2009 En Garde Russian River Pinot just scored Silver at the Orange County fair, while the 2009 Reserve Pinot scored Gold. Csaba also took home Gold for his 2009 Tempranillo from El Dorado Hills.

LIVERMORE WINES SHOW BRILLIANTLY IN RHONE SHOOTOUT

The finals of the 2012 Rhone Shootout were held on June 23. Among the 96 finalists, Livermore made a strong showing. Crooked Vine's 2010 Viognier and 2008 Syrah, as well as the Stony Ridge 2008 Petite Sirah, all made by Crooked Vine's former winemaker,

Jaime Dowell, were among the finalists, as were Fenestra's 2008 Syrah, 2008 Ghielmetti Petite Sirah and 2010 Rose. Nottingham Cellars will be pleased to know their stellar GSM, the 2010 "Awakening," as well as their 2010 Hayes Ranch Syrah, also went on to be judged in the final round. In its debut, the 2010 Corvino

Bosco (Grenache Mourvèdre) from Rahn Estates also appeared in the finals. The public is invited to taste all these wines, as well as the amazing selection of Rhones from all over California at "Romancing the Rhones," on July 14 at The Old Mint in San Francisco, from 2pm til 4:30pm. Tickets are available online at affairsoft-hive.com



Work is underway at the new retirement community in Pleasanton.

Business News - Stoneridge Creek

Phase I Under Construction

Building construction has begun on Phase I of Stoneridge Creek, the new continuing care retirement community in Pleasanton. The first phase of the new community, located on 46 acres at 3300 Stoneridge Creek Way off Stoneridge Drive, includes independent living residences, community clubhouses and recreational buildings.

Troy Bourne, vice president of Continuing Life Communities, the owner/operator of Stoneridge Creek, also announced that a new model home for the community is now open for tours. The model home - featuring a full-scale replica of one of Stoneridge Creek's most popular floor plans - is located in the retirement community's information center at 5698 Stoneridge Dr. in Pleasanton. Model tours can be scheduled by calling 1-800-850-3167.

Featuring two bedrooms and two baths, the model showcases numerous interior details designed specifically for seniors. Early depositors can use the model to select granite countertops, wood cabinets and other interior finishes.

The model is one of more than 20 different floor plans including single-story villas with attached garages as well as apartment-style homes. Bourne said that even after adding more than 100 more new homes to the first phase, the community is more than 60 percent reserved and construction is on track for completion during the second half of 2013.

Among the new homes recently added are several new penthouse floor plans ranging from 2,100 to 2,400 square feet. The penthouse plans feature a great room, private laundry room, office and expansive outdoor living areas.

Stoneridge Creek's on-site amenities include several restaurant venues ranging from casual to fine dining; a resident library; billiard and card rooms; computer lab and business center; spa and fitness center; open-air pool and steam room; performing arts theatre for musical and theatrical performances; movie theatre; and an art studio and woodworking shop. Residents can also enjoy a variety of outdoor recre-

ational amenities including tennis courts, short-game golf course, dog park, walking and cycling trails, and bocce and croquet courts.

In addition, Stoneridge Creek will offer a state-of-the-art health center located adjacent to the main campus. The health center, with 68 assisting living apartments and a dedicated memory support area, will also include 73 skilled nursing beds. Licensed by the state's Department of Health Services and Department of Social Services, the health center will be staffed with nursing professionals 24 hours a day. It will be open to the general public as well as Stoneridge Creek residences.



Meadowlark Dairy has been named the 2012 Small Business of the Year by Senator Ellen Corbett. In celebration, Senator Corbett is hosting an ice cream social. The ice cream social will be Friday, June 29th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in Downtown.

LEGAL NOTICES/CLASSIFIEDS

www.independentnews.com



LEGAL NOTICES

FOR INFORMATION
PLACING LEGAL
NOTICES
Call 925-243-8000

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464837

The following person(s) doing business as: Sutter Street, TIC, 1771 Sutter Street, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)John M. Petlansky, 31411 Kasson Road, Tracy, CA 95304 (2)Jeffrey Leonard, 55 Tourmaline Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550 (3)Paul Wise, 330 Knottingham Circle, Livermore, CA 94551 (4)Mark Hirsch, 42800 Caldas Court, Fremont, CA 94539 This business is conducted by Co-partners

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants: John Petlansky, Manager This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 4, 2012. Expires May 4, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3249. Published June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465462

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore AllStars, 5194 Bianca Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Taylor Zentner, 5194 Bianca Way, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants: Taylor Zentner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 21, 2012. Expires May 21, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3252. Published June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465591

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

by an individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants: Tana M. Guker This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 23, 2012. Expires May 23, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3254. Published June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465502

The following person(s) doing business as: Woopsie-daisy Toy Shop, 154 South J Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Elizabeth Fields (2)Bradley Fields, 1262 Claret Rd., Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by a Husband and wife

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/1/2006. Signature of Registrants: Elizabeth Fields This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 22, 2012. Expires May 22, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3255. Published June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 464904

The following person(s) doing business as: Creme de la creme lactation support and education, 4268 Baylor Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jenifer Lyn Pinter, 4268 Baylor Way, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants: Jenifer Lyn Pinter

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 7, 2012. Expires May 7, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3256. Published June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 466045-46

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Pinstripe Motox, 2455 2nd St., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Anthony Bernardi, 2455 2nd St., Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted

by an individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/12. Signature of Registrants: Anthony Bernardi This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 6, 2012. Expires June 6, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3257. Published June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465352

The following person(s) doing business as: Frederick James Consulting Group, 3267 Cheryl Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fred Kotrozo, 3267 Cheryl Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588 This business is conducted by an individual

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 465988

The following person(s) doing business as: Wild Smiles, 4200 East Avenue #100, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Klifford T. Kapus, DDS, MSD, Dental Corporation, 4200 East Avenue #100, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants: Klifford T. Kapus, DDS,

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED ADS ONLINE/CALL IN

Reach over 27,000 homes by direct mail in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin & Sunol.

Call (925) 243-8000
www.independentnews.com



Outing at the Ballpark Draws Attention to Juvenile Diabetes

By Carol Graham

For a 12-year-old taking the field at an Oakland A's game, things can be a bit nerve-wracking.

"Cody was nervous because of the large number of people he'd be in front of in the stadium along with the game being broadcast on television," said mother Renee McCallister. "This was his first time at a baseball game. He didn't know what to expect. He was surprised when he went onto the field and saw all of the players and heard the roar of the crowd."

Cody McCallister, a seventh-grader at Livermore's Our Savior Lutheran School, was one of 12 participants from JDRF (formerly called Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; now known simply by its acronym), took the field to receive an autographed baseball from A's center fielder Coco Crisp (formerly called Covelli Loyce Crisp; now known simply as Coco because, say his siblings, he resembles a character on the Cocoa Krispies cereal box.)

To help raise money for JDRF, baseball players,

coaches, celebrities and media personalities scooped root beer floats for fans prior to the June 20th game that saw the Oakland A's beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-1. Sugar-free root beer and ice cream were offered at special booths.

"MUG Root Beer Float Day is a fun way for A's fans to interact with players, to get autographs and photos, and to raise money for the charity," said the A's Senior Director of Marketing Troy Smith. "It's a win-win!"

JDRF is the leading global organization focused on Type 1 Diabetes, said the non-profit's Special Events Coordinator Katy Coe. "Our goal is to improve the lives of every person affected by T1D by accelerating progress on the most promising opportunities for curing, treating and preventing T1D."

Type 1 Diabetes occurs when the body's immune system destroys the insulin-producing beta cells of the pancreas.

"It's important to know that T1D cannot be prevented, you cannot outgrow it, and that insulin is not a



Cody McCallister holds a baseball signed by A's outfielder Coco Crisp.

cure," said Coe. "All 12 kids who participated have Type 1 Diabetes and are involved

with JDRF either through our Outreach Program, as Cody is, or our Walk Amba-

sador Program."

The Outreach Program supports, engages, and connects the T1D community through family events, an extensive mentor program and educational toolkits.

The Walk Ambassador Program is composed of nine young people who assist JDRF in educating the community about what it's like living with T1D.

"It was great to see my grandson Cody having such a great time with the Oakland A's at the game Wednesday night," said Kerry Taylor. "Cody and kids like him are learning to deal with T1D. They all expect to live normal lives while they deal with the difficulties brought on by failing pancreas."

"Treatment research may soon free them from the constant injections and the never ending struggle to balance their blood sugar."

JDRF categorizes its research in three main areas: Cure - Beta Cell Therapies (replacing or regenerating the beta cells that produce insulin), and Immune Therapies (preventing and reversing the immune system's attack); Treat - Glucose Con-

trol Therapies (developing new devices and therapies, including artificial pancreas and insulin pump technologies) and Complications Therapies (stopping or reversing the progression of complications such as eye, nerve, or kidney disease); and Prevent - Research into the genetic and environmental causes of the disease.

"The change in Cody's life has been significant since the onset of diabetes," noted Taylor. "Events like this and camps for kids with T1D have been the positive side of these adjustments. Cody is already becoming an example for the newly-diagnosed kids because of his determination to overcome whatever diabetes tries to take from him."

Over the 13 years that the A's have hosted MUG Root Beer Float Day, which is sponsored by Pepsi and Dreyer's, more than \$350,000 has been raised for JDRF, said Smith. "From the very first year, the players, fans and JDRF embraced this event," he added. "Root beer floats, summertime and baseball are a perfect match!"

Zone 7 Directors Raise Potential for More Monthly Pay

Zone 7 Water Agency directors voted to hold the line on the compensation they receive for each meeting in a month, but agreed to raise the cap on the number of compensated meetings per month.

Directors took the action at their meeting June 20. The vote was 6-1, with board president Sandy Figuers voting against the motion.

Figuers agreed with other directors about freezing the amount of compensation at \$159.99. He disagreed about which number should be chosen for the cap.

The old policy was to cap compensation at four meetings per month. The new one will cap it at 10. Figuers said that six was a better number, and suggested the board could make upward adjustments, if necessary.

In approving the policy, the directors also added language that defines a meeting.

Meetings include the board's regular meeting and any special meeting, board committee meetings, representation of Zone 7 at meetings of other agencies, and annual attendance at a meeting of statewide water districts.

The board reviews its compensation every two years. Board members receive no benefits package. Their only income, which directors consider to be more along the lines of a stipend to cover expenses, comes from their meeting pay.

At the board's meeting May 16, directors were in agreement about not raising their pay. They cited the job hiring soft freeze for Zone 7 staff, in which only essential positions are filled when they become vacant. Also, general manager Jill Duerig has declined a pay increase.

However, several directors raised the possibility that some kind of monetary increase could lure more candidates into running for the board. They won't run for the money, but at least the agency would recognize rewarding more participation with enough to cover expenses and time and

trouble.

Also, some board members work in jobs where they must take time off from their duties, and may have to miss a half-day's or a full day's pay, directors noted. Child care cost were also cited in past discussions as something that might be offset by a change in compensation.

BOARD PASSES CAPITAL BUDGET

On another item, directors unanimously approved the capital improvement budget for \$49.3 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2013. The capital improvement budget varies from year to year, depending on which projects are being carried out by Zone 7.

The board approved everything else in the Zone 7 budget in April, because that part of the Zone 7 budget is part of the Alameda County budget. The sums approved at the June 20 meeting are for capital improvements only, and exclusive to Zone 7.

Because Zone 7 has been expecting to become totally independent from the county Jan. 1, 2013, staff had prepared an 18-month budget to cover the last six months of 2012, which is the last six months of the County's July 1 to June 30 fiscal year, and the 12 calendar months next year.

The 18-month budget would then enable zone 7 to prepare all its future budgets on calendar years, which is the period covered by the agency's water rates.

However, the enabling legislative bill for Zone 7 to gain total separation from the county was pulled. Zone 7 plans to work further toward independence, but now won't be able to achieve it

County Concerned about State's Impact on Budget

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors on Friday adopted a balanced budget that approved a \$2.6 billion spending plan and closed an \$88.1M funding gap. Although this is the first funding gap of less than \$100M in the past four years, cuts included eliminating 37 vacant County positions and cuts to critical health and human services programs as a result of State-imposed reductions in funding those programs.

Concerns remain in the county over the impact of trailer bills and the fate of the tax increase on the November ballot.

"We hope that details emerging at the State level and the passage of the final budget bill don't further negatively impact the county," said County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi. "We're already squeezed financially as a result of a protracted economic slump, with demand for safety net services remaining unusually high and the resources to pay for these services diminished."

The Legislature's vote on the budget planned for Tuesday was postponed until at least Wednesday to allow time for members to review the trailer bill language, much of which is just now coming to light. Twenty trailer bills are expected. However, as of Tuesday only half of them have been made available for review. These bills contain the details of implementing the plans contained in the budget, many of which significantly impact counties.

Of particular concern to the county is the language that shifts over 80,000 low-income children from the Healthy Families subsidized health care program to the lower-cost Medi-Cal plan, which health advocates say could cause some children to fall through the cracks due

to issues with provider access. Many question whether this shift will yield the anticipated savings. Cuts to CalWORKs would reduce the length of time clients are able to receive grant payments from 48 to 24 months. However, details are still coming to light regarding implementation and allowable exemptions to the welfare-to-work requirement.

"So many critical details are still emerging. Many of the proposed cuts affect the poorest members of our society," said Supervisor Keith Carson, who chairs Alameda County's Budget Workgroup.

On top of that, there is the uncertain fate of the Governor's package of tax-increases on the November ballot - which if not passed, could mean further reductions to programs important to local residents and leave a question mark related to guaranteed, ongoing funding for the State's "realignment" plan which began last October. It transfers responsibili-

ty for many public safety and health and human services programs from the State to local governments.

"Realignment is taking us into uncharted territory,"

said Supervisor Carson, "I believe it will be some time before we truly understand the full impact of these plans on Alameda County and the people we serve."

Discover the **amazing secret** of a Mediterranean Chef at Casbah Café of Livermore!

Persian/Mediterranean homemade cooking, prepared with daily fresh ingredients—naturally.

We have something for everyone to enjoy!

Try our chicken kebabs, fresh wild salmon, and lamb or beef kebabs in a very exotic and inviting environment.

- Great service with unbeatable prices
- Weekly music specials
- Vegetarian, vegan & gluten free menu
- Thursday Nights Live Jazz & Blues 6-8pm

Casbah café
MEDITERRANEAN KITCHEN & BAR

1770 First St, Livermore (925) 243-1477
www.casbahexotic.com

Your RV & Trailer Full Service Center
Call & Ask for Kihl at (925) 456-1205

\$100 OFF Any Complete Major Service
Call for details. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 07/31/12.

Home Of The \$19.95 Lube, Oil & Filter
Oil Change • Tire Rotation • Brake Inspection
Multi-Point Inspection • Fluid Top-Off
Battery Test • Filter Check • Belts & Hoses Check

Complete Brake Service \$179.95
• PADS - Motocraft® brake pads or shoes
• ROTOR or DRUM MACHINING

Fuel Saver Special \$159.95
FREE 21 point inspection

- Lube, Oil & Filter
- Check Belts
- Replace Oil Filter
- Check Belts & Hoses
- Replace Air Filter
- Fuel Conditioner
- Replace Fuel Filter
- Test Battery
- Rotate 4 Tires
- Top Off Fluids

FREE Alignment Check Road Hazard Warranty
When you purchase a set of 4 tires.

Shop The Rest and Buy The Best

Quick Lane
TIRE & AUTO CENTER

LIVERMORE AUTO GROUP • FORD | LINCOLN
2266 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore • (925) 294-7700 • Hours: Mon-Fri 7-5, Sat 8-1

All Sandals **20% OFF**
Coupon Expires 7/12/12

Kali Kouture
1883 Second St., Livermore
(925) 344-7143
Kali-Kouture.com
Mon-Fri 11-8; Sat-Sun Noon-6

Have Fun & Lose Weight... LEARN TO DANCE!

It's a fun workout and a great way to lose weight and inches.

Learn at own pace!

Arthur Murray
Franchised Dance Studios

1947 2nd Street
Livermore
ArthurMurrayLive.com

FREE Private Lesson (925) 456-5556
Beginning to advanced / Singles & couples welcome
Ballroom • Salsa • Swing • Wedding • Country • Social



Samantha Samuels

Musical Variety Show for Children at the Firehouse

Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center will host award-winning cabaret and theatre personality Samantha Samuels and her musical variety show for children on Wednesday afternoons, July 11 and 25, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

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

The show is designed for, with, and by children, an adventure into live theatre that is set to original songs by composers Steven Shore & Eric Vetro. With singing, dancing, audience participation, and featured specialty acts, Kabaret for Kids has been praised as innovative, educational and fun-filled entertainment for children 3-8 years and up.

"Sam" Samuels has

performed throughout the United States and abroad, appearing before the Royal Family in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, by invitation of the United States Embassy in Brussels, Belgium and at Malmo's famed Stadsteatren in Sweden. Her awards include Cabaret Gold, DramaLogue, Dean Goodman Choice honors, a Shellie Award nomination, a citation from the City of San Francisco and the key to the city of Houston, Texas. She has been recognized for her efforts on behalf of both AIDS fundraising and Contra Costa Stand Against Domestic Violence.

In theater, Samuels was cast in the National Touring Company of the Tony Award-winning *Nine - The*

(continued on page 4)

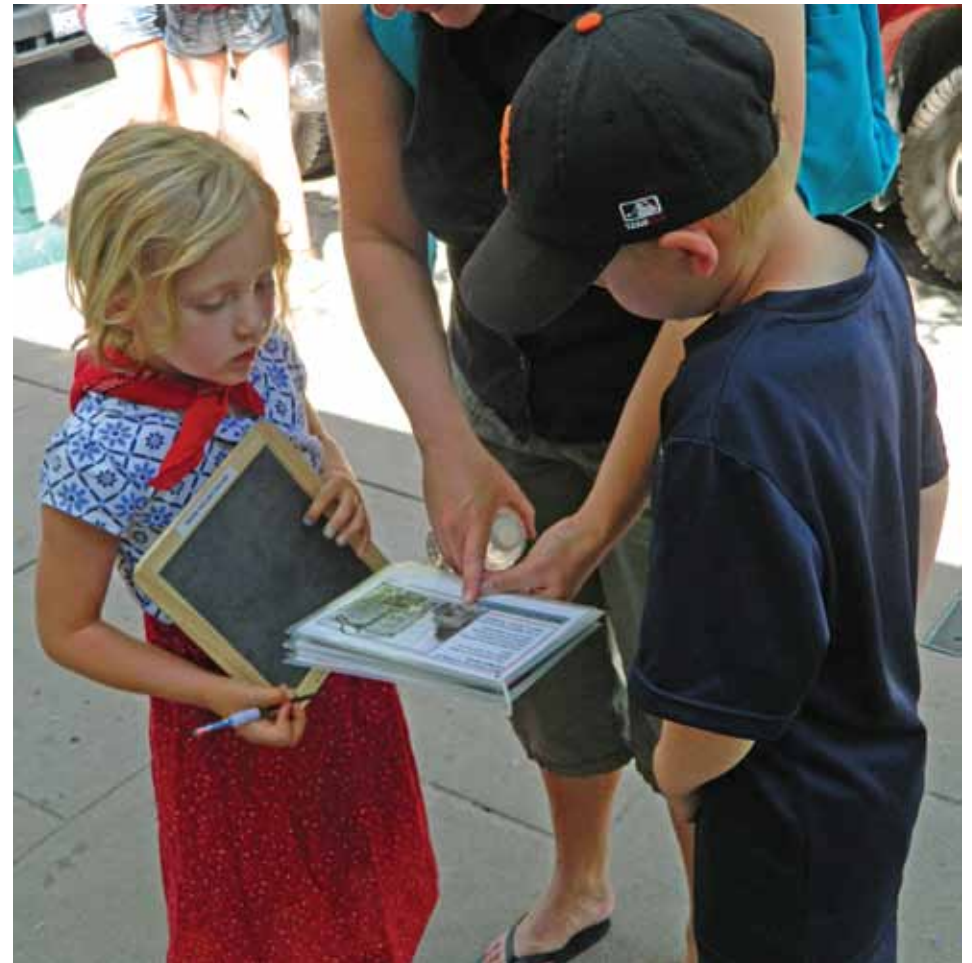
Museum Introduces 'Downtown Detectives' Program for Families

Young detectives are busy at work in Downtown Pleasanton. Museum on Main has released *Downtown Detectives: Time Travelers*, a new family program designed to introduce children and adults to the history of Pleasanton's downtown. The program is funded by The L.G. Skaggs and Mary C. Skaggs Foundation.

The Downtown Detectives: Time Travelers backpack may be checked out and used for free anytime the museum is open to the public, Tuesdays-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults must provide a driver's license and phone number. Families may phone in advance to reserve the backpack if they are planning their day in downtown.

Families with children age five and up are invited to check out the Downtown Detectives: Time Travelers backpack and follow the clues as they search together for the oldest building in downtown. There are activities at each stop, such as dress up, a crayon rubbing, role play, a coloring activity, and writing on a slate board. The self-guided exploration can take anywhere from forty-five minutes to an hour and a half.

"Downtown Detectives is a unique way to explore the history within downtown," states Jennifer Amiel, the



A family explores with the Downtown Detectives backpack.

museum's education director and creator of the program. "Many museums have family backpacks available for checkout within their facilities, but we wanted to create an experience beyond our walls."

"Most people pass by these buildings and never realize their stories." Amiel

notes, "In the case of the Johnston Building, standing at 465 Main Street, they might not realize the place where they do their banking was the old candy shop about one hundred years ago."

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street, Pleasanton. It 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. Admission is free. Donations are always appreciated. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or phone (925) 462-2766.



Among the shows booked for the Bankhead Theater in Livermore include, from left clockwise, Don Edwards, Jake Shimabukuro, It's Magic, Dave Mason, and the Royal Drummers and Dancers of Barundi.



LVPAC Season Offers Something for Everyone

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) has announced the 2012-2013 LVPAC Presents Season.

With more than 40 performances scheduled and others anticipated, the sixth season will continue the Bankhead Theater's tradition of offering a variety of events with a broad appeal. The schedule includes musical choices, from doo wop, Broadway, jazz and authentic country/western to sultry French chanson and electrifying ukulele, join flamenco, circus acrobats, comedy, magic, and holiday celebrations.

Since it opened in 2007, the Bankhead Theater has become an entertainment hub. The past season was the largest to date, a 30 percent increase in events from the prior year, and again sold out more than half the shows. The success of the LVPAC Presents series paid extra

dividends to the community as it has provided funding for a second summer of Friday Nights LIVE!, free outdoor concerts performed on the Shea Homes Stage outside the theater.

"Continued confidence in the quality of LVPAC's programming has helped ensure broader attendance, allowing us to satisfy audiences' existing interests as well as spark their curiosity with new artists and experiences," said Len Alexander executive director of LVPAC. In response to audience feedback last year, more western and folk music acts were booked, and this year new holiday events have been added including a relaxed Hawaiian-style Christmas with guitarist Willie K, an evening of song with The Moscow Boys Choir, and the acclaimed Smuin "Christmas Ballet." Some popular artists whose previous shows sold out will

return this season, such as Jake Shimabukuro, Dave Mason, and the Kingston Trio, allowing audiences another opportunity to see them perform.

The upcoming season will welcome the dynamic Royal Drummers and Dancers of Barundi, Paco Pena Flamenco with the rhythms of Spain, and a taste of the irresistible music of Cuba with Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars.

Making the performing arts accessible for families is a priority for LVPAC and many events, from the season-opening Chinese circus acrobats to the hilarious physical comedy of Avner the Eccentric, provide thrills for all ages. Several programs this season are especially tailored for young families such as a Saturday morning show featuring the catchy tunes of former alternative-rocker-turned-popu-

lar-children's-band-leader, Dan Zanes and Friends. For these and most shows, student tickets can be purchased for just \$14. LVPAC also offers select performances during the weekday for local school groups.

Members of LVPAC are eligible for advance ticket purchase beginning on June 20, 2012 and receive a 10 percent discount on LVPAC Presents tickets all year. Additional benefits are also available at higher membership levels, contact (925) 583-2305 for more information. Tickets for the entire LVPAC Presents 2012-2013 season will be available to the general public after July 10 at the box office, by mail, phone or via the internet.

The Bankhead Theater is

located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open 30 minutes beyond the announced curtain time. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit www.bankheadtheater.org

The 2012-13 season: Country/Western: Rhonda Vincent (Jan 3), Red Clay Ramblers (Mar 13), Kathy Mattea (Apr 11), Don Edwards (Jun 8); Family fun: Dan Zanes and Friends (Nov 3), It's Magic (Apr 21), Professor Smart (school shows); World: National Circus of China (Sep 14), Natalie MacMaster (Oct 23), Royal Drummers/Dancers (Nov 14), Afro-Cuban All

Stars (Feb 14), Paco Pena Flamenco (Feb 26)

Holiday: Smuin Christmas Ballet (Nov 24 and 25), Chanticleer Christmas (Dec 19), Willie K Hawaiian Christmas (Dec 21), Moscow Boys Choir Christmas (Dec 22); Comedy: Gary Mule Deer (Jan 22), Avner the Eccentric (Jan 29), The Capitol Steps (May 6); Dance: Smuin Christmas Ballet (Nov 24 and 25); Best of Smuin Ballet (Mar 1 and 2); Guitar: Jake Shimabukuro (Oct 10), International Guitar Night (Jan 23), Gambetta/Ostrouchhko (Feb 28), Jesse Cook (Apr 5), Arlo Guthrie (Apr 22)

Variety: Tom Wopat (Jan 12), Kingston Trio (Feb 17); Jazz/blues: The Four Freshmen (Nov 1), Julian Lage Group (Mar 12), The Paris Combo (Apr 24), John Hammond (May 17); Rock/pop: Dave Mason (Sep 22), Flash Cadillac New Year's Eve (Dec 31), Tribute to John Denver (Feb 12), Best of Doo Wop (Feb 22), The Lettermen (Apr 26).

Evening of Music Featured at 20th Opera in the Vineyard

Retzlaff Vineyards Hosting Informal Evening

An evening of classic opera in a relaxed, casual setting nestled among the vines of Retzlaff Vineyards is offered by Livermore Valley Opera's (LVO) 20th annual Opera in the Vineyard.

The event will be held Sunday, July 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

This benefit for LVO offers a chance for the community to enjoy arias from classic operas performed by professional singers in an informal setting. It is a "bring-your-own-picnic-dinner" event where guests can purchase the organically-made wines of Retzlaff Vineyards while enjoying performances by professional opera singers. Guests can also purchase gourmet artisan pizzas and salads from Soleil Wood-Fired Pizza.

New this year is professional San Francisco-based accordion player, Reno Di Bono who will entertain guests during the program and during intermission.

Singing will be Vincent Chambers, tenor, and Carrie Hennessey, soprano. The accompanist is Chun Mei Wilson.

LVO will offer the "Arias a la carte" portion of the program when guests have the opportunity to purchase songs from a "menu of arias" for the singers to perform at the purchaser's table or seating area.

Early bird reservations for \$30 through July 9 can be made online at <http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com/>, or by calling the information line at (925) 960-9210. After July 9, the cost is \$35 if space is still available as



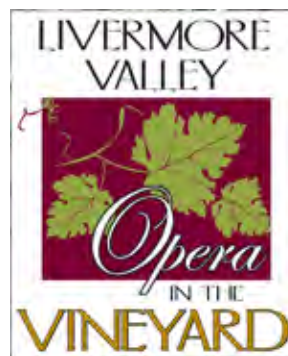
this event is expected to sell-out. Reservations for tables of eight can be reserved in a company or family name.

Adding to the festivities will be a raffle drawing and silent auction. While Retzlaff wine will be available for purchase, no outside wine is permitted. Guests are encouraged to carpool.

Visit LVO's website <http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com/> for more event information.

Vincent Chambers, tenor, recently performed duets and hits Love, Death and Revenge; The Greatest hits of Verdi, Puccini, Mozart, and Others with soprano Carrie Hennessey in Chico, CA. In May he created the role of Sergei in Shostakovich's Moscow, Cherry Town, a U.S. premier of this whimsical work that takes place in Russia, circa 1956. Roles include Canio in Leoncavallo's Pagliacci, Turiddu in Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana, Rodolfo in Puc-

Pictured above is "Arias a la carte" at last year's event.



cini's La Boheme, Eric in Wagner's Flying Dutchman, Eisenstein in Die Fledermaus, and Count Danilo in The Merry Widow.

Carrie Hennessey, soprano, has been described "as gripping an actress as she is a singer." 2011-2012 roles include her European debut at the International Mahler Festival in Prague and her New York City debut in Poulenc's La Voix Humaine, soloist in Beethoven's 9th

Symphony, Carmina Burana, Vivaldi's Gloria, Mozart's Requiem, and Dvorak's Requiem. Ms. Hennessey debuted as Cio-Cio San in Madama Butterfly with LVO, 2011. She is a two-time winner of the Metropolitan Opera Regional Auditions.

Chun Mei Wilson, pianist/accompanist, has collaborative projects that range from recitals with double-bass to marimba to coloratura soprano. Ms. Wilson apprenticed as a prompter at San Francisco Opera and for many seasons has accompanied for Festival Opera, North Bay Opera, and Martinez Opera. Ms. Wilson had the privilege of coaching Frederica Von Stade from 1997 until the mezzo's Carnegie Hall farewell recital in 2010.

Reno Di Bono, accordionist, has been playing this instrument since 1973 and specializes in Italian music. He is a retired high school teacher and taught AP U.S.

History at Monta Vista High School in Cupertino, Ca. Reno plays and sings Italian folk songs throughout Northern California and the Bay Area.

BANKHEAD THEATER

**endless variety,
exciting entertainment**

Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Jul 7 at 8pm

A Bona Fide New Orleans Treasure

Oklahoma!

Jul 21-29, Aug 3-5 at 2/8pm

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre

Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra

Aug 9 at 7:30pm

World Renowned Flamenco Guitarist

Jerry Jeff Walker

Aug 17 at 8pm

Singer, Songwriter, Troubadour of Cowboy Rock 'n Roll

6:30
to
8pm

Friday Nights

FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES
IN DOWNTOWN LIVERMORE

OUTSIDE THE BANKHEAD THEATER

LIVE! 2012

June 29 • WOLF HAMLIN & THE DRIFTERS

American Idol contender's outlaw country

FREE!

BUY TICKETS 925.373.6800

www.bankheadtheater.org

2400 FIRST STREET | Downtown Livermore

Preservation Jazz Hall Band Performing in Livermore

The legendary Preservation Hall Jazz Band will be performing its New Orleans' style music to the Bankhead Theater this summer.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band will appear at the Bankhead for a single performance on Saturday night, July 7, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Located in the very heart of the French Quarter, Preservation Hall is arguably the most revered jazz venue in a city rich in jazz history and legends. It was founded in 1961 by Allan and Sandra Jaffe to preserve and nurture the instantly recognizable sound and style of New Orleans' traditional jazz. A quintessential New Orleans' tradition, few changes have been made to the Hall in the ensuing five decades. Crowded and often hot, no drinks are served and seats

are first-come-first-served wooden benches, but the lines of waiting fans that snake into the street speak to the fact that this irresistible music never fails to lift the spirit.

Preservation Hall is now run by Allan and Sandra's son Ben Jaffe, an Oberlin College-trained musician who plays tuba, bass and banjo in the band. He is ably steering the group Rolling Stone Magazine has called "the past and promise of American music" into the future. The band's roster is now a multigenerational mix of talent and, as with Ben Jaffe himself, many of the younger players boast a direct lineage to former band members, preserving the continuity of sound and tapping the value of the local music community. In



Legendary Preservation Hall Jazz Band

keeping with Preservation Hall's original mission, the band continues to perform the traditional music that first emerged from New Orleans in the early twentieth

century, bringing new life to such favorites as "St. Louis Blues" and "Tiger Rag." Under Jaffe's direction, their music has also evolved to include numbers that re-

flect more contemporary jazz influences, as well as creative collaborations with musicians across genres, such as bluegrass great Del McCoury with whom they released the album "American Legacies" last year. For their historic contributions and long-term commitment to fostering the musical heritage of New Orleans, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2006.

Tickets for the concert range from \$29 to \$51 for adults and \$14 for students.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band appears as part of the LVPAC Presents series at the Bankhead Theater showcasing acclaimed performers in music, dance and other performing arts across a wide range of styles and genres. Coming next, guitarist Ottmar Liebert, known for his innovative blend of traditional and modern flamenco styles, returns to the Bankhead Theater on August 9th with his band Luna Negra. He will be fol-

lowed by singer/songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker, whose country, jazz and folk rock sound will fill the Bankhead on August 17th.

Live music will be found both inside and outside the Bankhead Theater this summer, as Friday Nights LIVE! returns for a second season. Sponsored by LVPAC Presents, these free outdoor concerts take place from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. every Friday through mid-September on the Shea Homes stage directly outside the theater doors and feature local artists and musical groups ranging from rock and roll to country and folk music.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. The ticket office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. On performance days the ticket office remains open through intermission. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit www.bankheadtheater.org

KABARET FOR KIDS

(continued from front page)

Musical, but is best known as Edith Piaf in the Award-winning musical Piaf, No Regrets, and for her award-winning Rodgers & Hammerstein . . . With Hart!

In concert, Samuels has appeared with many celebrities including Joan Rivers, Howie Mandel, The Smothers Brothers and Alan King. She appeared at San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts along with guest stars Bonnie Raitt, John Raitt, Jill Eikenberry and Michael Tucker. Recently, Samuels was featured in David Galligan's production of "Loesser Is More" in Los Angeles, Calif. and in "Not The Same Old Song & Dance" with Robin Williams and Bill Irwin at Yerba Buena Center in San Francisco, Calif.

Samuels' recordings feature the songs Eric Vetro and Steven Shore. In the genre

of children's music, she created the recorded version of Kabaret for Kids, which was made available in the California Public Libraries and in the Early Childhood.com Education Catalogue. Her other recordings include "Samantha Samuels...All Dressed Up" and "Simply Sam".

Tickets are adult \$12.00 and child (12 years and under) \$8.00. They may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to each performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.



Sneak Peek of 'Hairspray' at the Pleasanton Library

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre will offer a sneak peek of its newest production, Hairspray: the Broadway Musical, at the Pleasanton Library.

The performance will be at 2 p.m. on Sun., July 8. It will include a scene and a song or two from the musical and a free dance lesson.

Wake up to 1962 Baltimore, where the only thing bigger than "The Corny Collins Show" is the big

hair and big talent of our plus-size teen heroine, Tracy Turnblad. Join her as she follows her quest for love, stardom, and social equality, all without mussing her hair.

This free program will be held in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room. Come early to find parking and ensure a seat.

For more information regarding the program call Penny Johnson at 931-3405. No registration required.

A Memorable Evening of Dance Featured Variety of Stories

By Carol Graham

For a while, I thought I was the only one who had cried.

I'd been glad of the cool darkness of the theater, of the utter anonymity of gazing forward away from those seated nearby, and into Caroline's world - a captivating "Lilac Garden" alive with the complexities of longing and denial, desire and duty, love and isolation.

Later I discovered I had not been alone at all.

On June 23rd, the Valley Dance Theatre presented Ballets to Remember at Livermore's Bankhead Theater - a gorgeous blend of elegant and whimsical pieces performed by dancers of all ages for an audience of all ages.

"I don't know how anyone could resist the Lilac Garden; it's mesmerizing," said 18-year-old performer Leah Romm. "The music by itself is incredibly moving. Add in the beautiful dancing (Kayla is an exceptional and soulful dancer and person) and, well, tears everywhere! It was especially cool to see it from the wings because I saw some of the minor details one can't see from the seats, from facial expressions to little gestures."

Set in the steely Edwardian era of positioning and propriety, Antony Tudor's "Lilac Garden" (Jardin Aux Lilas, 1936) reveals the interplay between the young Caroline (Kayla Torquemada), the fiancé she does not want to marry, his icy mistress, and the man Caroline loves from whom she must walk away.

"Ballet can be a powerful storyteller," said Valley Dance Theatre's President Karin Bunnell. "This year's production is full of stories."

Ballets to Remember opened with a ballet performed to Maurice Ravel's hypnotic "Bolero," performed stunningly by the Livermore-Amador Symphony Pit Orchestra directed by Bob Williams, accentuating the building tension between the urgent drums overlaid with the dreamy melodies.

For Romm, "The best thing was the energy and beauty that was constantly present throughout the production," she said. "Some pieces were serious, brooding, intense. Other pieces were delightful, energetic and humorous. I liked that we had both; they mixed together perfectly."

The second piece - the colorful and merry "La fille mal gardee," showcased dancers whose flowing steps resulted in a colorful braid of ribbons wrapped around the May Pole. Fifth-grade dancer Ella King, who's been with VDT since 2008, said she most enjoyed "The rush of excitement and butterflies while I was backstage just before my performance. I was surprised by how fast it all went once it started."

As the resident ballet company for the Bankhead Theater, the non-profit VDT is dedicated to advancing cultural appreciation of the art of dance by providing two annual professionally-staged performances: The Nutcracker during the holiday season, and a mid-season showcase such as this year's Ballets to Remember. The VDT school offers classes in ballet and modern dance for children, teens and adults.

"La fille mal gardee" concluded with an authentic and completely enchanting



Scene from "Peter and the Wolf."

clog dance, a type of folk dance in which the footwear is used to punctuate musical beats, which was choreographed, along with the Bolero ballet, by Brenna O'Hair.

Wearing authentic Dutch clogs for the performance, 14-year-old Alyssa Tlera said, "I kept them on by

wearing toe pads, tights, ballet slippers, a pair of regular socks and a pair of ski socks rolled over twice. I want to remember how difficult it was to dance in clogs so I won't complain when I dance en pointe from now on."

The modern dance "Migration" was inspired by

choreographer Genoa Sper-ske's watching birds in flight while stopped at a traffic light in San Francisco. The rolling, split-second delayed movements of the dance reflected the pattern of birds in flight, and the patter of the dancers' bare feet on the stage sounded exactly like wing beats.

Along with choreographing "Lilac Garden," for which narrator Andy Foort claimed she waited nine years to find the perfect Caroline, Artistic Director Betsy Hausberg choreographed a playful and enchanting version of Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" and the rollicking finale "Rodeo."

Like a robust display of fireworks on the 4th of July, "Rodeo" captured the indefatigable American spirit with Aaron Copland's energetic music and the dancers' playful nod to individualism (Andrew Koponen busted out some break-dancing moves).

"So much hard work goes into a production like this," said Tlera. "We have more than 60 dancers who practice for months and we have lots of help backstage with costumes and props and stage work."

Romm agreed. "I admire our director Betsy Hausberg for all of the hard work she puts into VDT. Her support, love and humor is crucial to the well-being of the company, and she is the heart of all of our dancing."

Volunteers Sought to Tutor Adults in English Skills

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

Project Read provides the workbooks and study guides. The program will help volunteers develop teaching skills, craft curriculum, and gain experience, enriching your resume all the while helping nice people.

Students come to Pleasanton from all over the world. Most have basic English skills and many have studied English in their home country.

Tutors should be at least 18 years old, fluent in American English but not necessarily a native speaker and able to devote a consistent hour or two weekly to your student for a semester.

For more information, email PennyJohnson@CityofPleasantonCa.gov, or call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405. Pictured at right is a tutoring session.



WINE COUNTRY

Winging it: Where I went, what I saw, what I tried

By Harry Stoll

On the antithesis of a dark and stormy night, I packed up my troubles in my old kit bag, loaded some CDs, and headed down the Wine Trail. At the Page Mill entrance I sang three cheers for the red, white, and blue balloons. Patsy Cline sighed about our faded love with that catch of breath from deep beneath her solar plexus and I fell to pieces. It was June 10 and along with the release of a 2011 Pinot Gris, Page Mill gave a farewell potty, and inaugurated a new necessary facility. It could have a view of a neighboring Concannon Vineyard, but there is no window; ventilation is from a high-screened opening.

2008 Page Mill Winery Syrah Santa Cruz Mountains Littlehale Vineyard (\$36). An olfactory opulent opening of cherry with a mere hint of a whiff of a fine Havana cigar while hiding in the junipers. Marlene Dietrich sang in my ear, "Mmm, Mmm, kisses sweeter than wine." This sweetheart is not sticky

sweet but full of sweetness nevertheless. Velvet caresses the oral membranes and a floral arrangement decorates the mid-palate. And plenty of white pepper. Ate up Fuji apples stuffed with a mashup of ground pork and morning glory blossoms.

I doglegged to Tesla. In front of Crooked Vine, I pointed at the poignant aged Chevy pickup parked there. Its wing windows let you fly as you get ventilation without a blast of road air. That feature should make a comeback.

2009 Crooked Vine Petit Verdot Livermore Valley Del Arroyo Vineyard (\$28). Often, winemakers add a little Petit Verdot to other Bordeaux wines for its hearty tannins, color, and flavor. This one's good all by itself with a gentlemanly mien while being a heavy hitter right on the nose with crushed blossoms of plumbago, gorgeous plum, home-made organic cranberry sauce, and strong currants in the mouth and we'll have these moments to remember. It's perfect

with a Porterhouse steak on the porch.

Next on Tesla, The Steven Kent Winery was abuzz with tasters standing at up-ended barrels topped with round polished wood table tops. At the counter Jessica gently poured me some samples. Here's one I toted home to try:

2011 Steven Kent Winery "Lola" White Blend Livermore Valley Ghilmetti Vineyard (\$24). This 65% Sauvignon Blanc and 35% Semillon blend was aged in stainless steel for seven months. She's sweet and sharp with her citrus and stone fruit flavors. I removed her practical yet chic cloche of a screwcap and laid it on the table. The trumpets flared up. She wanted something exotic, "Persian Chicken, I think." Whatever Lola wants.

North on Vasco, Eric Burdon in both his 1968 and 2008 vintage sang words that some say are, "Spill the wine, "dig that girl." At Longevity, I was treated to a greeting by that fine Colleen Eileen Sauer. What is she,

a wise gal? Yes, and wine-knowledgeable, and a nice addition to the hospitality of owners Debra and Phil Long.

2011 Longevity Wines Pinot Blanc Livermore Valley Buttner Family Sunol Vineyards (\$24). The grapes sat on the skins overnight then were hand-bucketed into a pneumatic bucket. Fermented clean and cool in stainless steel. No oak, no malo-lactic fermentation. It sings of a taste of honey, white peach, and other wonders. It's long on flavor, light yet full, just generally a sublime wine for a light uncomplicated repast.

Before walking my wingtips into neighboring Occasio Winery, I checked my winged vintage pocket watch, from the classy Occasio label, to catch the fleeting nature of opportunity. From behind the counter, Kathy Sorensen asked me to mention her son who is the associate winemaker, Chris Sorensen. Another winemaker there is owner John Kinney. Here's one they made:

2011 Occasio Winery Sauvignon Blanc Livermore Valley Del Arroyo Vineyard (\$20). With citrus and tropical flavors, it rocks as its gravelly voice sings of the crisp minerality of the Livermore Valley terroir. Harvested two days after the Autumn Equinox with a Brix of 23.3 and a pH of 3.4. 125 cases were produced. This classy Sauvignon Blanc is a splendor in the glass. Good any place with anyone. Partnered with apple-stuffed pork chops it was a dance of Ke\$ha and Fred Astaire.

Next door at Nottingham Cellars, the debonair Paoli wore what appears to be a beret, but, mon deux, is a golf hat turned backwards. Fooled me once. He knew all about wines and food and flung around talk of bouillabaisse. He poured me this one:

2010 Nottingham Cellars "Awakening," Red Wine Livermore Valley (\$36). 57% Syrah, 28%, Mourvedre, and 15% Grenache. Aromatics and flavors of graham cracker s'mores

dipped in Farmstead strawberry preserves. With Fuji apples stuffed with ground pork it's Ginger Rogers and Cab Calloway doing a precursor of moondancing.

On Lupin Way all the pretty horses ran in plenty of pastures. At el Sol Winery, owner/winemaker Hal Liske was doin' a lot of splainin' and Jack White sang, You Know That I Know from the long lost but now found Hank Williams' notebooks. Three Orbinesque women on the patio, celebrating their birthdays, invited me to sit. One had a dreamy combination of nappy hair and Irish freckles. She shaded her eyes looking west into el Sol. I sipped some:

2007 el Sol Merlot Rosé San Francisco Bay (\$18). It's nearly orange, about the color of Jack Daniels. Hal said it spends very little time on the skins and the color is from being barrel aged. It's a robust rosé, tasty and refreshing. It was swell and celestial with well-peppered barbecued chicken and for toasting farewell to the girl with the sun in her eyes.

Tickets Available for Annual 'Taste of Terroir' Food and Wine Pairing

Wine experts Deborah Parker Wong of The Tasting Panel, Lynne Char Bennett of the San Francisco Chronicle's Food & Wine department and Chef Jeffrey Anderson of Safeway, Inc. will judge gourmet pairings at "Taste of Terroir," Livermore Valley's Wine & Food Experience on July 19.

The panel will sample food and wine pairings presented by 16 of the region's wineries and their restaurant partners before awarding

Most Innovative Pairing, Judges' Best and Best Classic Pairing. Guests at this popular public event will have opportunity to taste all of the pairings, bid on luxurious silent auction items and cast a vote in the People's Choice competition.

Silent auction items include several wine country gift baskets containing award-winning wine paired with restaurant, limousine and spa gift certificates. Guests also will have the

opportunity to bid on a limited edition giclee print of the painting "Sarafina" by local artist Jill Denton that is featured on the 31st Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration poster and program cover.

Taste of Terroir 2012 will take place at Palm Event Center in Pleasanton, 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. Tickets are \$75 per person if purchased before July 1, when the price increases to \$85. Ticket price include

a tasting of each of the 16 food and wine pairings, live music by Motel Sheets and a decadent dessert and cheese spread sponsored by US Foodservice and paired with Livermore Valley ports.

Funds raised at this event benefit the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. For tickets and more information, please visit www.LVwine.org.

Teams for the Taste of Terroir 2012 competition include:

Cedar Mountain Winery + Porter's Restaurant at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, Concannon Vineyard + Underdog Wine Bar, Crooked Vine Winery + El Sacramento Restaurant and Bar, Cuda Ridge Wines + Sanctuary Ultra Lounge & Restaurant, Darcie Kent Vineyards + Nieman Marcus Café, Eagle Ridge Vineyard + Terra Mia, Garré Vineyard & Winery + Garré Café, Las Positas Vineyards + Scott's Seafood Grill &

Bar, Longevity Wines + The Winemaker's Pour House, McGrail Vineyards & Winery + Double Barrel Wine Bar, Mitchell Katz Winery + Beets Catering at Casa Real, Nottingham Cellars + Handles Gastropub, Page Mill Winery + First Street Alehouse, Rodrigue Molyneaux + Castlewood Country Club, The Steven Kent Winery + Neil Marquis Catering, Wente Vineyards + The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards



Graham Barber at the egg washing machine - Verde Farm, 1957 (John S. Young)

When John S. Young was little, he enjoyed coming in the summers and during Easter and Christmas vacations to his great-grandfather's and his grandfather's chicken farm in Livermore, where he spent many happy days gathering eggs. He remembered a brooder (a heated building) with hundreds of chicks—"The floor was a solid yellow." We met about a week ago so that I could see some of the information he had about the farm.

At the north end of Hillcrest Avenue, the street makes a little jog and becomes Barber Street. The fourth house on the right, at 164 Barber Street, is the only building left of the Barber family's Verde Poultry Farm. John H. Barber came to Livermore with his family on a frosty Christmas Eve, 1911; the farm was sold to developers in 1960. A map of Livermore shows an oddly-shaped pentagon near the old house, formed by Duke

Way, Barber Street, and Fordham Way. This pentagon shows roughly the area of the chicken farm. The Barbers also owned more property along Hillcrest, just to the north of East Avenue, now occupied partly by the Arbol Verde Apartments. Here they grew barley; they had room to grow alfalfa on the farm. Both of these crops were raised for chicken feed.

John H. Barber and his wife, Jean, had two children. Their daughter, Elsa, graduated from Livermore High in 1917, attended Stanford, and became a teacher. Their son, Graham, worked at Verde Farm with his father and continued with the business after his father's death in 1957. Graham and his first wife, Dorothy, had one child—Elinor Jean Barber, who graduated from Livermore High and married James A. Young in 1949. They had three children, the oldest being John S. Young who gathered eggs at the beginning of this column. John

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian



Peep, Peep, Cluck, Cluck

is the only member of his family who lives in Livermore now, and fortunately for me, he is the one who has inherited the family archives.

One of John's treasures is a hand-drawn detailed map of the farm, about 8 by 10 inches, drawn by his step-grandmother. It is very fragile and loosely held together by scotch tape that has turned brown. It shows the main house as well as the still existing house on Barber Street, which was called the "cottage." There was a barn, where John remembered playing in the hay. Trucks brought chicken feed that was poured into two 10-foot high metal silos. The chickens were all the same breed—Leghorns, which are white with a red comb and lay white eggs. Graham collected eggs twice a day in metal buckets and placed them in a six-foot square two-wheel cart, which he pulled to the egg room at the side of the main house. Here the eggs were washed, at

first by hand, but then with an egg-washing machine, dried, and placed in the egg boxes. They had 11 chicken houses, eight brooders, and a rooster house. John's mother, Elinor, remembered that fertilized eggs were sold to a hatchery in Fremont. They had an orchard, with each type of tree labeled on the map: almond, fig, peach, pear, apricot, apple, cherry, crabapple, and loquat. A small reservoir surrounded by weeping willows helped with pumping water for irrigation. They planted two stands of eucalyptus trees as windbreaks.


Before he came to Livermore, John H. Barber was manager of experimental farms conducted by the U.S. government and the University of California at Santa Monica, Paso Robles, Amador, and Pomona. In 1908 he leased a large orchard in the Carmel Valley and shipped apples and pears to the New York market. He was one of the founders of the Alameda

County Farm Bureau in 1914, and an organizer of a cooperative called Poultry Producers of Central California. He served as the first president of the cooperative in 1918 and then as manager for several years. The Poultry Producers of Central California came to Livermore in 1929 and leased the mill building and several warehouses of the Diamond Milling Company on First Street across from the fire house. The cooperative received eggs from Livermore and Pleasanton members and shipped them to Hayward. It also carried feed for chickens and dairies. In 1951 the cooperative built a new building in Livermore—we now know the building as the Livermore Feed and Farm Supply at the end of Fourth Street across from the Livermore High School track. The Barbers did not sell their

eggs and chickens locally, but through the cooperative.

Through the years, local farms and ranches, and even some homes in town, often kept small chicken flocks for family use. Wives took pleasure in having fresh eggs and meat; sometimes they used them in trade. In 1913 Phillippa Clyma wrote in a letter to her daughter from their local farm: "Pap is going to town [Livermore] tomorrow—I have five squares of butter and 18 doz eggs—and sold two dozen eggs and one square of butter since he was in town last. My reds are laying all the eggs. The others are not laying hardly any." Her husband kept an account book with careful details of their trading. But in the early 1900s, a poultry industry began to develop. The Barber's Verde Farm was just one of many large enterprises that sprang up in and around Livermore. (To be continued next week.)

Readers can reach me at am50homan@yahoo.com.


THE NEPTUNE SOCIETY
OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
 2177 Las Positas Ct, Ste. K, Livermore CA 94551
 (925) 454-1974
 www.neptune-society.com
Angie Apolinar, Branch Director

FD#1823

Home Energy Assessments & Upgrades
For a healthier, more comfortable home and lower utility bills.



GREENHOME
SOLUTIONS
ENERGY EXPERTS

Exclusive!
Low-interest
15 yr. financing.
No equity required.
First come, first serve.
Limited time offer.
(877) 984-7873
www.GHS-Energy-Experts.com



ACCREDITED
CONTRACTOR

Partnering with
 **Eco-Valley Energy Challenge**
For Home & Community

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

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

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

Humanimals and Such Exhibit, July 19 - August 25, 2012. Featured artists include Julie Alvarado, William Charuhas, Michael Cutlip, Rebecca Haines and Stan Peterson. Exhibit with whimsical, playful paintings and sculpture that depict humans, animals, or an incongruous combination of both. Opening reception, Thursday, July 19, 7:00-9:00 pm. Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

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

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

Pleasanton. Contact Cynthia Bryant at PleasantonPoetry@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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

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

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

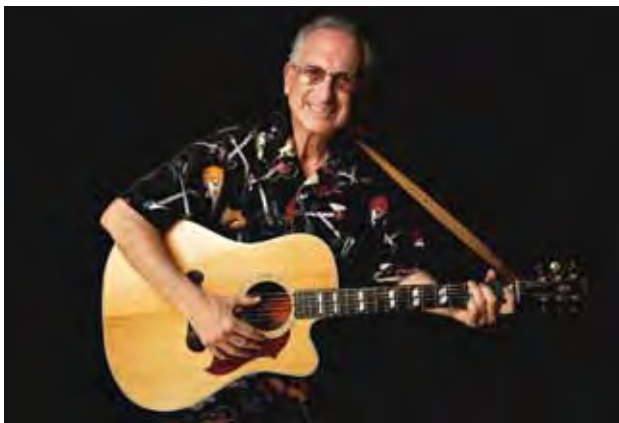
Young Artists' Studio has openings in its Summer Sessions for 2012. Summer classes are one week long and cover a wide range of projects, from drawing and painting, to printmaking, mask making, sculpture, AP projects and portfolio preparation. Instructor Peggy Frank has been working with youngsters in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

WINERY EVENTS

Garre Vineyard & Winery's 'Dinner and Music on the Patio': June 29 The Andy Joe Stewart Band. www.garrewinery.com, 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore, (925) 371-8200.

The Winemaker's Pour House, Be Happy At "Happy Hour" with Livermore Valley Wine. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 4 to 6 p.m. Buy a glass of Livermore Valley Wine or Flight and order a Flatbread for half price. Take the wine puzzle challenge. Ask the wait staff for the wine puzzle. Information call (925) 215-2656 or visit www.winemaker-spourhouse.com.

The Singing Winemaker will be holding a series of wine release parties through-



Carl Tilchen will perform Sun., July 8, 4 to 7 p.m. at The Riata Diner, and Tavern, Address 190 South J Street, Livermore. The program will include Jazz, Popular Songs by Stevie Wonder, Folksongs by Pete Seeger, Blues by Ray Charles, and Original Comedy Songs The Guerilla Gardener, You Feel Romantic, & Google's Car No Driver. For information, call 510-371-9688, or email carltilchenmusic391@gmail.com; websites www.carltilchen.wordpress.com www.theriata.com

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

Ruby Friday at Ruby Hill Winery, June 29, Beach Boys and other summer themed music will be playing—come in your favorite Beach attire. 6:30pm to 9:00pm in the Ruby Hill Winery tasting room. The cost is \$10.00 for Gem Society Members & \$15.00 for non-members; Price includes a glass of wine, 2 barrel tastings, 1 complimentary slice of pizza, light snacks and 'Smores by our fire pit - (weather permitting). Additional wine and pizza will be available for sale. (\$10 for anyone under 21 years of age.) 400 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton.

Cedar Mountain Winery, July 1, noon to 4 p.m. B.Y.O.B- Fill Your Own Bottle. Earl has created a special "Red Blend" table wine for this event only. Bring your clean 750 ml wine bottle, fill, and cork and label it for only \$8.00 per bottle. Use a winery bottle for \$9.00. Fill 12 bottles and the winery will pay the sales. 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925-373-6910

La Luna Fridays, evening of tapas, live music and wines on the terrace of Murrieta's Well on Aug. 3, Sept.

28, Oct. 5, 6 to 9 p.m. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. \$50 per person, \$40 Silver Spur Club members plus tax; ticket includes live music, tapas and wine. Reservations are required. Call 925.456.2395. www.murrietastwell.com

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

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

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

Charles R Vineyards July events: Noon to 4:30 p.m. July 14, pan for gold at Charles R, located on an historic mining road. The creek running along the tasting room is rumored to still have

potential to deliver a small nugget. Adults enjoy another gold experience with the award winning 2007 and 2009 Zinfandel, both gold medal winners at the Chronicle Wine Tasting Competition. July 27, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday Night Uncorked. music by Steve Kritzer. Selected wines will be paired with delectable island fare. Each fourth Friday offers a different musician and appetizers set to a theme. Cost includes appetizers and a glass of wine. \$10 per guest and \$5 for club-members. Wine for purchase available by the glass and bottle. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore, (925)454-3040. www.charlesvineyards.com

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

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

Summer Concert Series, Sundays in July, 5:30 p.m. San Ramon Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon. Bring a picnic, blanket and/or lawn chairs. Adult beverages, soda and ice cream available for purchase. July 4, Pride and Joy; July 15, Sun Kings Beatles Tribute; July 22, Livewire, 70s, 80s & 90s music; July 29, Fabulous Cruisetonos, oldies. Final concert Aug. 5, David Martin's House Party. Free admission. www.sanramon.ca.gov/Parks/events/summer_concerts.htm

Live music at the Winemaker's Pour House, 2241 First Street, Livermore. Alternative, Progressive, Rock with Northern Static Fri., June 29, 7:30pm - 10:00pm; Jazz with Joey T. Sat., June 30, 7:30pm - 10:00pm. Open Mike Night Every Monday 7pm - 9pm. For more information call (925) 215-2656 or visit www.winemakerspourhouse.com

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

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

Preservation Hall Jazz Band, July 7, 8

p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Carl Tilchen will perform Sun., July 8, 4 to 7 p.m. at The Riata Diner, and Tavern, Address 190 South J Street, Livermore. The program will include Jazz, Popular Songs by Stevie Wonder, Folksongs by Pete Seeger, Blues by Ray Charles, and Original Comedy Songs The Guerilla Gardener, You Feel Romantic, & Google's Car No Driver. For information, call 510-371-9688, or email carltilchenmusic391@gmail.com; websites www.carltilchen.wordpress.com www.theriata.com

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

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

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

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

ON THE STAGE

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

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

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

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

LivermoreShakes.org.

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

Lamplighters open its 60th Season with Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado.

The Mikado is a playful tale set in a make-believe Japanese town where flirting is a capital offense. The Mikado is actually a satire on Victorian British society. Nanki-Poo has fallen in love with the beautiful Yum-Yum, fiancée to the Lord High Executioner Ko-Ko. When the Mikado, emperor of Japan, demands the execution of Ko-Ko, and Nanki-Poo volunteers to take Ko-Ko's place under the condition that he first be allowed to marry Yum-Yum, chaos, desperation, and comical mayhem ensue. Bankhead Theater, Livermore. Sat., Aug. 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 26, 2 p.m. 925-373-6800 or bankheadtheater.org

DANCE

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

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Valley Concert Chorale will hold auditions by appointment for its upcoming 2012-2013 concert season on the following dates: Monday, August 27; Monday, September 10. Auditions and rehearsals will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, corner of 4th and L Streets. The Chorale's 49th season will include the music of Gilbert and Sullivan, its December holiday program including the Chorale's annual Sing-it-Yourself Messiah, Duruffe's Requiem, Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, and finally Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Livermore Amador Symphony at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205.

Livermore-Amador Symphony

Association applications for the 40th annual Competition for Young Musicians deadline is Sun., Oct. 7, 2012. Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered.

Two winners will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 23, 2013. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$300. Completed applications must be accompanied by an \$8 application fee and a CD or cassette tape for preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained from www.livamsymph.org or by contacting the competition chairperson at 447-1947.

OPERA

Opera Schedule, Hacienda's Regal Cinema in Dublin: July 11, 6:30 p.m. Offenbach's *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*; July 18, 6:30 p.m., Donizetti's *Lucia Di Lammermoor*; July 25, 6:30 p.m., Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier*.

Opera in the Vineyard, Retzlaff Estate Wines, July 15, go to www.LivermoreValleyOpera.org, for more information 925-447-8941 and tickets. www.retzlaffwinery.com 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alameda County Fair celebrates its 100th Anniversary: 1912 - 2012, June 20-July 8 (closed Mondays) at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. New concert format (one show nightly at 7pm), and a variety of distinctive memorabilia chronicling its 100 year history. Tickets and information at www.AlamedaCountyFair.com

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

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

Ed Kinney Lecture Series, 7 p.m. An Evening with Bonnie and Clyde, Tues., July 10. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. \$10 general admission, \$5 members & seniors, \$3 students/teachers with ID. All tickets are paid at the door. All tickets are open seating. Information www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

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

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



Town Overlook by Charlotte Severin



Rocks and Fisherman by Arne Kirkewoog



Rocky Shore by Dorothy Maestas



IOOF Lodge by Marvin Dalander

'Mendocino Magic' Exhibit Opens at the Livermore Library

The public is invited to the opening artists' reception for "Mendocino Magic." This is an exhibit of plein air paintings and photographs from Mendocino in 2011.

Participating artists are Charlotte Severin, Bonnie

Bartlett, Steve Barkkarie, Marv Dalander, Kathleen Elm, June Ferreri, Helene Hallett, Daniella Karo, Margo Kirkewoog, Arne Kirkewoog, Dorothy Maestas, Miranda Mliler, and Justin Trent.

The opening reception will be held at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So., Livermore Ave., from 1 to 4 p.m. on July 7.

The exhibit includes watercolors, oils, acrylics and photographs created on lo-

cation in the Mendocino/Ft. Bragg area. The exhibit will be open for viewing July 2 to 31 during regular library hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 to 9; Fri. 10 to 6, Sat. 10 to 5 and Sun. noon to 5. For information, call 373-5500.

'Bard and Bravo' Theme for Summer Performances

Livermore Shakespeare Festival and Livermore Valley Opera are teaming up to present, "Bard and Bravo."

Celebrate Shakespeare's Associates' 10th Anniversary of Shakespeare in the Vineyard by attending their production of William Shakespeare's *The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark* at 7:30 pm Saturday, July 14. Performed at Con-cannon Vineyard, bring a picnic or visit the Underdog

Wine Bar for wine and small plates.

Next, wrap up the weekend by attending Livermore Valley Opera's Opera in the Vineyard performance of selected arias from their upcoming season at 5 pm Sunday, July 15. Opera in the Vineyard takes place next door at Retzlaff Vineyards, where you can again bring your own picnic, or purchase gourmet pizza from Soleil Wood Fired Pizza. An in-

novative feature offered is "Arias a la carte." Famous arias, ordered from a menu, can be purchased to be sung at your table or directed to a friend. It has proven to be very entertaining.

Hamlet and *The Merry Wives of Windsor* run in partial rep July 12 through August 12. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 7 pm. Tickets range from \$25 to \$39, day-dependent with discounts for

seniors, students, and educators. For more information, visit www.Livermore-Shakes.org. Tickets are on sale through Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006 or via www.Livermore-Shakes.org.

See <http://livermore-shakes.org/> for more information on Livermore Shakespeare Festival and <http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com/> for information on Livermore Valley Opera.

Milestones Community

Lab Receives Five Awards for Technologies with Commercial Potential

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers have won five awards for their efforts in developing breakthrough technologies with commercial potential.

R&D Magazine announced the winners of its annual R&D 100 Awards, sometimes called the “Oscars of Invention” on Wednesday. The awards will be presented Nov. 1 during a black-tie dinner at the Sea-World Conference Center in Orlando, Fla.

The Laboratory served as the principal developer in four of the awards, while the fifth award was a joint submission. This year’s awards bring the Lab’s total to 142 since it began competing in 1978. The U.S. Department of Energy labs received a total of 36 awards this year.

“I am proud that the Laboratory continues to receive outstanding recognition through the R&D 100 awards,” said Tomas Diaz de la Rubia, the Lab’s deputy director of Science and Technology. “Once again, our scientists and engineers have succeeded in winning acclaim in a wide range of research areas. These teams are using their world-class capabilities and external partnerships to help solve difficult challenges in the global interest.”

The R&D 100 Awards have long been a benchmark of excellence for industry sectors as diverse as telecommunications, high-energy physics, software, manufacturing and biotechnology. For industry leaders, government labs and academic institutions, the awards can be vital for gauging their ef-

forts at commercialization of emerging technologies. In winning an R&D 100 Award, developers often find the push their product needs to find success in the marketplace.

This year’s winners include:

- High-performance coatings via HVLAD: High Velocity Laser Accelerated Deposition (known as H-V LAD) is a new photonic method for producing protective coatings with ultrahigh-strength, explosively bonded interfaces. These coatings prevent corrosion, wear and other modes of degradation in extreme environments. The integrity of the interfacial bond achieved with HVLAD enables industrial systems to achieve exceptional reliability and service life. This could be highly valuable for protecting the nation’s industrial infrastructure from degradation caused by prolonged exposure to extreme environments.

The HVLAD process, developed by Lab researchers Joseph Farmer and Alexander Rubenchik with help from Livermore-based Metal Improvement Company, is based on one of Laboratory’s earlier commercial success, laser peening. Laser peening is used to dramatically extend the fatigue life of fan blades in jet engines, steam and gas turbines, as well as the frame and wings of aircraft.

- Lasers look to LEOPARD: The world’s most energetic lasers greatly benefit from operating at the maximum energy that can be safely extracted from their



Natalia Zaitseva, an LLNL materials scientist, leads a team of Livermore researchers that has developed the first plastic material capable of efficiently distinguishing neutrons from gamma rays, something not thought possible for the past five decades or so. Photo by Jacqueline McBride

laser amplifiers. Such is the case at the Lab’s National Ignition Facility (NIF), which houses the world’s most energetic laser.

To enhance the operability of these laser facilities, as well as meet the requirements of future laser-driven fusion power plants now under conceptual design, LLNL engineer John Heebner has developed LEOPARD -- Laser Energy Optimization by Precision Adjustments to the Radiant Distribution. LEOPARD precisely adjusts a laser beam’s radiant distribution or intensity profile, enabling the beam to extract the maximum amount of energy from the laser amplifiers while preserving a high degree of reliability among the optical components.

The system is now fully operational on NIF, where it saves \$5 million annually. Many other high-power lasers worldwide (Gemini, Vulcan, Janus, OMEGA

EP) would benefit from LEOPARD. The system also may find use in laser-based machining, surgery, lithography and defense applications.

- Plastic scintillators for neutron and gamma ray detection: Ensuring the United States remains safe from a nuclear or radiological attack has motivated the search for more definitive radiation detection and identification technologies. Detecting neutrons and gamma rays, and distinguishing one from the other, are key to identifying nuclear substances such as uranium and plutonium and differentiating them from benign radioactive sources. A team of LLNL researchers, led by Natalia Zaitseva and Steve Payne, has developed the first plastic material capable of efficiently distinguishing neutrons from gamma rays, something not thought possible for the past five decades or so.

- Snowflake Power Divertor for nuclear fusion reactors: Moving away from a fossil-fuel-based electricity supply is critical to sustain natural resources, reduce carbon emissions and stability. Magnetic fusion energy sources, such as doughnut-shaped tokamaks, could be a replacement. A remaining key problem for a commercial tokamak is distributing the hot plasma exhaust of hundreds of megawatts over a sufficiently large wall surface area. Existing techniques magnetically divert the heat flux to specially designed plates, yet the projected power density is well beyond the capability of any material.

The Snowflake Power Divertor, developed by LLNL researcher Dmitri Ryutov along with researchers at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory and the Center for Research in Plasma Physics in Switzerland, uses a previously unknown configuration of the divertor magnetic field whose shape is reminiscent of a snowflake. The resulting magnetic field lines spread the exhaust over a larger wall area and reduce the exhaust heat flux to manageable levels.

- Multiplexed Photonic Doppler Velocimeter: The Multiplexed Photonic Doppler Velocimeter (MPDV) is a portable optical velocimetry system that simultaneously measures up to 32 discrete surface velocities onto a single digitizer by multiplexing signals in frequency and time. As recently as one year ago, scientists measuring shock wave sur-

face velocities typically collected four channels of velocimetry data, and used extrapolation, assumptions and models to determine what was occurring in regions of the experiment that were not observed directly.

Scientists David Esquibel and Howard Bender from National Security Technologies, LLC, with assistance from Lawrence Livermore researcher Ted Strand, were recently able to record 96 channels of data for a fraction of the original cost, using MPDV. MPDV has been used at the Laboratory’s National Ignition Facility and has allowed scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Nevada National Security Site to gather velocimetry data on key national security work at unprecedented density and comprehensiveness.

Military



Pvt. First Class Christian P. Hewitt (pictured above) graduated from basic training and AIT on June 15, 2012. Christian will be stationed at Fort Bliss, TX as of July 27, 2012. He is the son of Darrel and Beth Hewitt of Livermore.

BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to edit-mail@compuserve.com. Include name of organization, meeting date, time, place and theme or subject. Phone number and contact person should also be included. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.)

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

Become a volunteer literacy tutor and make a real difference in someone's life. Over 65 people are waiting for help. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Library on Saturday, July 14th, from 9AM-4PM. Once trained, a volunteer can tutor on any day or at any time. To register, or for more information, call 373-5507. The READ Project is a service of the Livermore Public Library.

Grief workshop, bi-monthly meetings, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30 PM. June 14, 2011 through August 23, 2012. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., fair horse races/Temptations show, July 5, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by July 2 to Athene, 846-0111. General meeting/birthday lunch in Castro Valley, July 8, 12:30 p.m. RSVP by July 1 to Bert, 510-582-7524. Breakfast/lunch in San Ramon, July 12, noon, RSVP by July 9, Marsha, 830-8483. Lunch in Livermore, July 14, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by July 11, Janet, 443-3317. Lunch in Dublin, July 15, noon, RSVP by July 12, Marge, 828-5124. Happy hour in Pleasanton, July 19, 5 p.m., RSVP by July 17, Kathy, 398-8005. Friendly bridge, July 21, 1 p.m., RSVP by July 14, Harriett, 447-8229. Lunch in Dublin, July 26, noon, RSVP by July 23, David, 833-7647. Lunch in Livermore, July 29, 12:30 p.m., RSVP by July 26, Ruby, 462-9636.

Birthright of Livermore Support Services, looking for office volunteers to assist clients weekly on Tuesdays 10-2 (or Mondays), and substitutes for all days. Also looking for a publicity chairman, volunteer secretary, and new Board Members from the business or clergy community. To discuss a variety of volunteer opportunities, please call John M. Kupski evenings or weekends at 606-8230 (or Thursday evenings 6-9 pm at 449-5887). Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, guidance, adoption and medical referrals, baby and maternity clothing, and more. Those in need of services, please visit our Livermore office at 1520 Catalina Ct., or call us at 449-5887. Open M-Tu-W-F, 10 am-2 pm and Thurs. 6-9 pm. 1-800-550-4900 Hotline is staffed 24 hours a day. All Birthright services are free and confidential. www.birthright.org

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., July 12, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jane Moorhead will share photographs of the trip she and her

husband took to Patagonia and Antarctica. The Moorheads spent nine days trekking through national parks in the Chilean and Argentinian parts of Patagonia. Then they took a 13-day cruise through Antarctica. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., June 30, 65 miles from San Ramon Central Park to Del Valle in Livermore, meet 8:30 am., Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Sun., July 1, 25-55 miles, start Crank 2 parking lot, meet 9 a.m., Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Wed., July 4, 52 miles Woodside to Tunitas Creek, meet 9:30 a.m. Woodside City Hall, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Tom Wootton, Training for Bipolar and Depression talk, Sat., July 14, 2 to 3 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Free. Open to the public. No registration required. (415) 992-5315.

Volunteers Wanted, For over thirty years, Tri-Valley Haven, a nonprofit agency, has provided shelter and counseling for battered women, survivors of sexual assault, and children in the Tri-Valley area. The Haven is looking for dedicated enthusiastic volunteers who are interested in training to be sexual assault, crisis line, or legal clinic advocates. The Haven's 65-hour domestic violence and sexual assault volunteer training course will begin on Tuesday, July 17, 2012. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening until September 27, 2012. Volunteers who successfully complete the training will be certified and required to volunteer one shift per month for one year. Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older. Volunteer applications and advocacy descriptions can be found at www.trivalleyhaven.org. Contact Stacey at 925-449-5845 ext. 2711 or stacey@trivalleyhaven.org for more information and to schedule a pre-training interview.

Session 2 of enGAGE! Summer Enrichment Camp begins Monday, July 2 and continues through Friday, July 13, 2012. The program is for students who have completed 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Tuition of \$185 includes 2 courses. On-line registration is available at www.engagethegifted.org. Summer Enrichment Camp is at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton, CA. Hours are 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Monday - Thursday. There will be no class on Wednesday, July 4. The make-up day will be Friday, July 13. GAGE (Gatehouse Academy for Gifted Education, Inc.) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing engaging, intellectually stimulating, challenging and creative learning opportunities.

Dress a Girl Around the World Sew Fest: Saturday, July 21, 2012, 9am - 3pm, St. Michael Hall, 300 block of Maple Street, Livermore. Please bring sewing machine and creative imagination to help sew over 200 dresses in a single day for girls in developing countries. Also people needed to setup, clean up, iron, snip, sort, fetch and carry. Donations of colorful pillowcases and cotton fabrics appreciated. For more information, please contact Suzanne Slupesky: suzbeck@yahoo.com, 925-352-8447.

Free Diabetes Self-Management Classes, 6 to 7 week series will teach you how to manage your diabetes with exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer all your ques-

tions about living with diabetes. Mondays, July 16 through August 27, 10 am at Heritage Estates Livermore. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. Space is limited.

Alameda County Master Gardeners are on hand from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of every month to give advice and guided tours of THE Earth-Friendly Demonstration Garden. Talks start at 10:00. Summer topics will be: "Irrigation for Summer Heat" on June 9; "Keeping the Gardener Healthy: Caring for Knees and Back" on July 14; and, "Bouquets of Summer" on August 11. The Demonstration Garden is located at the Martinelli Event Center, 3575 Greenville Road in Livermore.

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

15th Annual Pooch Parade will take place on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. This event runs in conjunction with the "1st Wednesday Street Party" sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging begins at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks performing at 6:30 p.m. and the parade begins at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at 7:45 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories for great prizes. The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. All donations are tax deductible. For complete details and to download a registration form, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

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

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

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

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for Volunteer Drivers to transport seniors to their medical

appointments. The Senior Transportation Program supplements existing public and paratransit services by providing rides via volunteer drivers. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license, a registered vehicle, carry automobile liability insurance, and have a clear DMV record. Please contact Jennifer Cullen for more information at (925) 931-5387 or email: jcullen@ssptv.org. Funding for this program is provided by Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and Measure B Funds.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program offers services to Veteran families, including housing assistance. The program can offer rental deposit assistance for those veterans who are ready to move in and simply need move in cost covered. The program is looking to work with landlords who will accept rental deposit assistance from the program, who can provide a safe clean apartment complex and landlords who are willing to work with Veterans who may have housing barriers. Reina Brunson, SSVF Housing Specialist, (510) 358-5866, rbrunson@abodesservices.org

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

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

VFV Post 7265, Livermore, invites Veterans of Foreign Wars, all military branches, to join the group. Any age veteran welcome to meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 522 South L St., Livermore. Camaraderie, support, connections, advocacy, distinction and community service. Meetings on the 1st Monday begin at 7:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. Information, call 455-5039.

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

Good News Bears, nonprofit with a m**The Bingo Ranch**, 3070 Pacific Ave. in Livermore and is open Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch has been running Bingo for 16 years and is now working with Livermore Charter, Christensen, Arroyo Seco, East Avenue, Livermore High and Granada High schools, Pleasanton Seahawks and

All American Sports Academy Teams. Come play Bingo and support the kids in the Valley. Call 925-606-7777 for more information.

RELIGION

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

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

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

Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bible Study, offered Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Refreshments served at no cost. 925-305-9468.

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

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243

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

The deaf community is invited to worship at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, where ASL translation will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of 4th and L streets.

Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

Trinity, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

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

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended-style with choir and band, family worship. 10:30 a.m. contemporary led by band, Sunday School for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointechurch.org; 925-846-4436.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. For details please see our website at www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. Leo Arrowsmith at 456-0845.

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Services on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information call the church office at (925) 447-3289 or SaintBartsLivermore.com.

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

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

Unity of Tri-Valley Church, 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. More room for all the new classes, small groups, new children's and teen programs, and Sunday services (at 10 a.m.). All are welcome. Rev. Harriet Hawkins, minister. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com Check out Unity of Tri Valley on Facebook.

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

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

Milestones

Community

Library Honors Volunteers

Jenifer Dever has been chosen as the Livermore Public Library's Volunteer of the Year.

Jenifer Dever has been a volunteer "Adult Listener" for the Livermore Public Library Summer Reading Program for a number of years. In this capacity, she has listened to children report on books they have read for the Summer Reading Program in both the Rincon and Civic Center libraries. In the spring of 2011, she took on the additional responsibility of becoming the Library's Summer Reading Program Assistant, helping with a wide variety of tasks—including counting and sorting prizes, creating hundreds of packets of flyers for distribution to Livermore schools, entering statistical data, and more.

She also joined the Library's Craft Volunteers team in 2011, preparing materials for craft programs, helping children and parents during craft programs, and helping with setup and take-down before and after craft events. In the fall of 2012, she took on the additional

task of becoming a "Paws to Read" Volunteer as well, compiling lists of contact information on attendees and contacting families to remind them of the program. Jenifer has been an outstanding volunteer in support of Youth Services at the Livermore.

Peg Scott has been chosen as the Livermore READ Project's Volunteer of the Year. Peg Scott first joined the READ Project in April of 2006. She began tutoring at the Livermore Library, but she didn't stop there. She was determined to bring the READ Project to the Heritage Estates complex where she lived. Peg saw a need for English education among the kitchen and housecleaning staff and she knew that her fellow residents had time to volunteer. Peg single-mindedly pursued her idea and after numerous discussions with the Heritage Estates management it was agreed that any kitchen or housekeeping staff person who wanted to improve his/her English skills would be given an hour off (with pay) each week to attend class-

es. Students immediately signed up, the READ Project trained Heritage Estates residents as volunteer tutors and tutoring began there in April 2008. Peg continues to oversee the program at Heritage Estates, and she currently supervises 18 tutors who work with 27 students. She is constantly coordinating with management, recruiting tutors, pairing up tutors and students and monitoring the tutoring sessions. At the same time she continues to work with her student at the Livermore Library. While all the tutors at Heritage deserve recognition, Peg Scott is the driving force behind the program there.

Bill Leach was chosen by the Friends of the Livermore Library as their Vol-

unteer of the Year. Shortly after becoming a Bookstore volunteer, Bill took over the job of managing the Friends' two satellite stores, one at the Starbucks on Airway Boulevard and the other at the Panama Red cafe downtown. He has done an excellent job, raising income from these stores, reorganizing the shelves, surveying the customers to find out what kinds of books interest them and providing detailed, up-to-date reports to the Friends' Board. He also researches book prices online for the more valuable donations, helps out at the Friends' Monthly Sales and moves boxes of books to and from the Bookstore and storeroom. Bill is a wonderfully enthusiastic



Bill Leach, pictured with Friends of the Livermore Library President, Janice Diane, was chosen by the Friends of the Livermore Library as their Volunteer of the Year



Jenifer Dever (center) is pictured with Supervising Librarian Gary Myer and Assistant Library Director Tamera LeBeau.



Peg Scott

and energetic volunteer who is very well-liked by all with whom he interacts.

For further information about volunteer opportunities at the Livermore Public Library, visit <http://www.livermorelibrary.net> and under the "How Do I" tab, click "Volunteer."

Education

Three-hundred-and-seventy-six students received bachelor's degrees after completing study in one of George Fox's 41 undergraduate bachelor's degrees or its adult degree programs. Another 324 students received a master's degree or a doctorate after completing study in one of the university's graduate programs or in its seminary. Livermore resident James Brown earned a BA in Cinema and Media Communication Production. He is the son of Keith and Jeanne Brown.

The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of Memphis for the spring 2012 semester: Shi Feng and Jeffery Haugen, both of Dublin. The Dean's List is composed of students who have 12 or more earned hours in either the fall or spring semester, with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 of a 4.0 scale for that semester.

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 6,098 students in May 2012. Receiving degrees were Leslie D. Carano, Master of Science in Computer Information Systems; Adrian E. House, Master of Arts in Medical Science. Boston University is the fourth largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of more than 29,000 students in its 17 schools and colleges. The university offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, sciences, engineering, and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

The University of Wyoming accorded degrees upon the following students from California at the completion of the 2012 spring semester. Janice Correll Potts of Livermore received a BA.

Pacific Medical, Inc. Locates in Livermore

Bay Area Development Company announces that it has completed 504 funding for Pacific Medical, Inc. in Livermore. The project allowed the medical devices company to refinance the mortgage on its 27,300 square foot facility located at 1264 Stealth Street in

Livermore.

Founded in 1987 by John Petlansky, Pacific Medical, Inc. initially served as an exclusive distributor for Donjoy Orthopedics. In 2002 the company created an affiliate, Top Shelf Manufacturing, Inc., to develop its own line of medical prod-

ucts, which it supplied to Pacific Medical. In 2006, the company purchased a location in Tracy, CA with an SBA loan through Bay Area Development and in 2007 purchased a second location in Tracy, again with an SBA loan through Bay Area Development. Today,

Pacific Medical distributes medical equipment and orthotics for rehabilitation, arthroscopic surgery and sports medicine. The company serves hospitals, medical clinics, surgery centers and universities throughout California, Washington and Oregon, and sales reached

\$56 million last year.

When the SBA introduced its mortgage refinancing program, Petlansky worked with Joe Lampe, Senior Vice President at Bay Area Development, to take advantage of the program's long terms and low interest rates. The refinancing

saves Petlansky thousands of dollars each month which he is able to reinvest into the growth of his company. Lampe worked with California Bank & Trust and estimates that ten new jobs will be created as a result of refinancing the company's Livermore location.