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

Plan Bay Area Slated for Approval

ABAG and MTC are set to approve a nine-county Bay Area plan created to establish policies that are designed to help curb pollution emissions and promote balanced jobs and housing growth between now and 2040.

The two agencies' executive boards will meet jointly at 6:30 p.m. on July 18 at the Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway, Oakland to consider Plan Bay Area (PBA).

The meeting is on the day that the state set for compliance with SB 375, which

requires the 18 regional planning agencies in the state to have an approved Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The two executive boards will approve the final plan, final EIR, an air quality analysis and funding contained in a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

On July 12, committees from the two agencies will meet at 9:30 a.m. to review the final documents. The documents will then be passed along to the executive boards. That meeting is scheduled for the auditorium

of the Joseph P. Bort Metro-Center, 101 8th St. Oakland.

The plan has been in the making for several years. There have been more than 600 comments on the draft plan submitted by public agencies, stakeholders, neighborhood groups and concerned individuals.

Outreach meetings were held in every county. Revision recommendations were taken at a meeting June 14.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, a member of both MTC and ABAG, pushed for more recognition of the severe traffic congestion on

Interstate 580, which he said will only get worse.

Haggerty said he wanted to see specific language in the plan addressing that, and the fact that congestion on Interstate 580 is choking off the ability to ship goods by truck in the area.

Haggerty said that more than 70 percent of the East Bay truck trips are within the I-580 corridor. He asked for a financial commitment to finance ways to alleviate this congestion. He also wanted language added that talks about preserving existing industrial land, so that there

is less need to ship in goods from longer distances.

Haggerty said that the plan should also include involvement in agricultural preservation by local farm groups and agricultural commissions.

Opponents at the same meeting said that the new plan will take planning control away from cities and counties, an opinion they have stated during past hearings. They called the plan social engineering.

However, ABAG representatives state that the (See BAY PLAN, page 4)

Expansion At Bottom Of BART Priority List

A BART expansion to Livermore is the lowest priority on BART's list of key capital priorities.

The draft list covers the next forty years.

BART's Metro Vision lists six priorities. Topping the list are new railcars, Hayward maintenance complex to reinvestment, and train control system modernization. Second is reinvestment and state of good repair followed by capacity, stations, infill and finally expansion.

Capacity would provide more room at stations, as well as additional tracks for core service.

The draft priority list drew support at a meeting held in April. The BART board is scheduled to approve the list at a meeting tentatively set for July 25.

Livermore assistant city engineer Bob Vinn, who is in charge of the BART project for the city, said he wanted to let Livermore residents know about the meeting in case they want to attend and comment on the priorities.

The agenda has not yet been posted on-line.

Livermore Featured on TV Show

The City of Livermore will be featured on the show, Today in America, on the Discovery Channel on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 7:00 AM Eastern and Pacific, 6:00 AM Central, and 5:00 AM Mountain Time.

Today in America is a television show exclusively hosted by pro football Hall of Fame inductee, television host, author, and actor Terry Bradshaw. The show provides viewers with business news stories, lifestyle features, and in-depth interviews with newsmakers from a variety of industries, including local government.

The City of Livermore is known as the home of the world's longest burning light-bulb, world's largest laser, the state's oldest wine region, its nationally awarded family oriented Downtown shopping district with its entertainment that includes two movie theaters and a community theater, and the premium outlets. Filming took place at various locations earlier this year on January 26, 2013. Locations include the Robert Livermore Community Center, Downtown Livermore, i-GATE Innovation Hub facility, and Wentle Vineyards. Interviews regarding what makes Livermore special were also conducted on the same day. Mayor John Marchand, City Manager Marc Roberts, Wentle Family Estates Fifth Generation Winegrower Christine Wentle, and Livermore Downtown Inc. President Rachael Snedecor were among those interviewed.

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Fireworks filled the sky over Las Positas College on the 4th of July. For more photos, go to page 10.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Looks to Add Services At Airport

Livermore will begin negotiating a lease with Five Rivers Aviation, LLC, to serve as a full service fixed base operator (FBO) at the Livermore Airport.

The city council approved the negotiations by a unanimous vote (Laureen Turner absent). Councilmembers noted that negotiations did not mean a contract would be signed. Once negotiations are completed, the agreement will come back to the council for a public hearing.

Karen McMullen, an activist opposed to expansion at the airport, had asked the council to delay a decision on negotiating a lease until a more fully noticed public hearing could be held. She pointed out that there had been a great deal of opposition to any expansion at the

(See AIRPORT, page 10)

Three Valley Officials on Measure B1 Committee

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti have been named to a committee that will look at tweaking Measure B1 for another ballot attempt before voters.

Haggerty, an official of the Alameda County Trans-

portation Commission (ACTC), is chair of the new committee, and selected its members. It is an ad hoc committee totally under the ACTC jurisdiction.

Measure B1 in 2012 failed by less than 2 percent of the necessary two-thirds vote. It would have extended

the half-cent sales tax for transportation in the county and raised it to 1 percent in perpetuity.

The measure would have allocated \$7.8 billion over the next 30 years for projects in roads, transit, bikeways and pedestrian infrastructure. Among the funding was

\$400 million for a BART extension to Isabel Avenue in Livermore.

The new committee will have its first meeting at 11:30 a.m. July 25 at ACTC headquarters in the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 101 8th St. Oakland.

Sbranti said that the

meeting will simply be one for organizing the work ahead, with an eye toward passing the measure.

Three of the ad hoc committee's nine seats are from the Valley. That geographical balance bodes well for the Valley, said Sbranti. One

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Tech Transfer Professional to Head Lab's Industrial Partnership Office

For some people, technology commercialization is an ordinary task consisting of paperwork and ensuring the law is followed.

However, it's much more than that to Richard Rankin, the new leader of Lawrence

Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Industrial Partnerships Office (IPO).

One of Rankin's goals for the Lab's IPO is to assist in transforming the office's focus to a wider, more business development-oriented

perspective. In addition, he would like to more closely couple IPO with the Lab's scientific and engineering programs and the local economic development community.

"Rich's expertise will en-

able him to provide leadership for the rapid realization and recognition of LLNL as a significant driver of economic growth in the Tri-Valley region based on its capabilities, technologies, spinoffs and ability to attract

collaborators and capital," said former LLNL Director of Economic Development Buck Koonce.

"One of the hardest parts of the technology commercialization business is

(See LAB OFFICE, page 10)

Applications Submitted to Rezone Office Complexes

Applications to demolish two office parks to make way for housing in south Livermore have been submitted to the City of Livermore.

The 13-acre Sunset Office Plaza was built in the early 70s and has more than 75,000 square feet of medical, dental and office space in 10 buildings. It is located at the corner of Concannon and Holmes.

The second, the Livermore Financial Center, consists of four buildings on two acres behind the Lucky Shopping Center.

Sunset Development Company has held several

meetings with nearby residents to gauge support for various housing types and densities. The goal was to come up with a plan that satisfied neighbors and was profitable for the company. Neighbors of the two sites have said that they preferred retaining the current commercial/ business uses. If there were any change in use, an all single family development would be the choice.

The application submitted to the city for the larger site at the northeast corner of Holmes Street and Concannon Boulevard proposes the (See SUNSET, page 3)

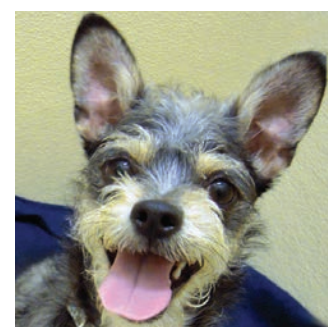


The sunset adds a golden glow to the hills along Morgan Territory Road.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

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PET OF THE WEEK

Take the ride of a lifetime with Scooter! An adorable 2-year-old Cairn Terrier mix, Scooter is a free-wheelin' canine with enough love to last for miles. Motor down to Valley Humane Society (VHS) and meet Scooter today! VHS is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm, and is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information please call (925) 426-8656, or visit www.valleyhumane.org to see other adoptable cats and dogs. Photo - Valley Humane Society/V. Kelly

Cuda Ridge Wines Opens New Tasting Room and Winery

Cuda Ridge Wines, producer of handcrafted, small lot, Bordeaux style wines, will celebrate the opening of its new tasting room and winery at 2400 Arroyo Road in Livermore the weekend of August 10-11. The new facility will provide a beautiful wine country setting in which guests can experience award-winning wines. Cuda Ridge 2010 Merlot was recently awarded 89 Points by Wine Enthusiast; and the 2010 Petit Verdot and 2010 Cabernet Franc both received 88 points. In addition, Cuda Ridge received 5 medals at the 2013 SF Chronicle Wine Competition.

Located on Arroyo Road across from the historic Ravenswood site, the new Cuda Ridge winery is in the heart of Livermore Valley with views of the surrounding olive trees and vineyards. The estate vineyard is newly planted with Petit Verdot and will be used to make Cuda Ridge Wines Estate Petit Verdot when the vineyard starts producing fruit. The 1500-square-foot tasting room features a standup bar, seating area for enjoying a tasting flight or bottle of wine, and an area for private and winemaker tastings. Guests can purchase picnic foods, such as artisan cheeses, salami's, crackers; and have a picnic in the designated outdoor picnic area while enjoying the vineyard views. The tasting room is fitted with an art hanging system to display and support local artwork and also offers visitors a view from the tasting room into the barrel room through glass doors.

The move to Arroyo Road marks a significant milestone for Cuda Ridge Wines, which was founded by Larry and Margie Dino in 2007.

"Cuda Ridge started in a garage as a hobby business. In the first phase of our winery endeavor, our production was only 300 cases and we did not have a tasting room," says Margie Dino.

In 2009, Larry and Margie moved their winery to the East Avenue location to open a tasting room and increase production. With the move to Arroyo Road in August, Cuda Ridge will have a premier winery setting to accompany its award-winning wines.

"We are excited about the customer experience that we will be able to offer our guests with the new location.

There are many amenities that will make us a destination winery in Livermore Valley," says Larry Dino.

Cuda Ridge will open just in time for harvest and will participate in the region's popular Harvest Wine Cele-

bration on Labor Day weekend, at the new Arroyo Road location. Information on the new winery, Grand Open-

ing weekend and the other winery events can be found at www.CudaRidgeWines.com.

State Senators to Host Veterans Resource Fair in Pleasanton

Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett and Senator Mark DeSaulnier will co-host a Veterans Resource Fair at the Pleasanton Memorial Veterans Hall.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sat., July 20 at the Pleasanton Veteran's Memorial Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. This event will provide information and assistance to veterans of all ages and their families. The fair will feature booths from a number of veteran service organizations and free resources to help

veterans with education, employment, housing and other crucial issues.

The fair will include a presentation on financial literacy and fraud prevention for the Dept. of Corporations to help keep veterans fiscally secure. In addition, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will have claim representatives on hand to check the progress of pending VA claims.

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Alameda County Leads Nation's Largest Collaborative Procurement of Renewable Energy for Public Agencies

Under the leadership of Alameda County, 19 Bay Area public agencies are joining together to collaboratively purchase renewable energy for public facilities. The Regional Renewable Energy Procurement Project (R-REP) brings clean, renewable energy to over 120 sites including community centers, libraries, fire stations, medical facilities, city halls and educational facilities.

Approximately 20 megawatts of power will be developed for projects in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties through the installation of solar panels on rooftops and carports,

fuel cell power generation systems, and rooftop solar thermal applications. These projects will effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the amount generated by approximately 4,000 average-sized homes for an entire year. In addition, participating local governments anticipate saving on the cost of renewable power purchased through the collaborative.

Leveraging the leadership of Alameda County, collaboration will save public agencies administrative costs, and the large-scale purchase will lower pricing for participating agencies.

"We are proud to be a part of this outstanding col-

laboration, which highlights several of our priorities here in Alameda County, including sustainability and green energy production, as well as productive partnerships that enable us to maximize the return we get on the tax dollars we invest," said Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator.

As lead agency in the R-REP project, Alameda County is working closely with two regional nonprofit organizations, Joint Venture Silicon Valley and the Contra Costa Economic Partnership. Optony, Inc. and Newcomb Anderson McCormick are assisting the County with technical consulting. KNN Public Finance of Oakland,

a division of Zions First National Bank, is a financial advisor on the project. The initiative is anticipated to generate over \$200 million in local economic activity and jobs for solar and fuel cell system designers, installers, electricians, and construction contractors.

"For many years now, Alameda County has led the way for local governments in terms of green-building projects and alternative energy generation," said Keith

Carson, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. "Now, through collaborations like this one, we are helping to make Alameda County and the Bay Area a hub of innovation creating collaborative models that build sustainable communities."

Alameda County will conduct a two-phase solicitation for the R-REP including a Request for Qualification, and then a Request for Proposals from the qualified

firms with an anticipated release date in September. The R-REP vendors will be selected through a fair, open and competitive bid process. Interested vendors may register at the County's website: <http://www.acgov.org/gsa/purchasing/esubscribe.htm>. Through its regional leadership, Alameda County will help bring renewable energy to communities throughout the Bay Area, achieving power through collaboration.

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Mobile Resolution

U.S. Representatives Eric Swalwell (CA-15) and Steve Pearce (NM-2) have introduced a resolution to allow Members more time connecting with the American people and less time being influenced by lobbyists in Washington, DC.

H. Res. 287, the Members Operating to Be Innovative and Link Everyone (MOBILE) Resolution, would enable Members to participate in committee hearings and vote on non-controversial suspension bills remotely.

"Companies and families across the country are using technology to communicate remotely and conduct business. There is no reason that the legislative branch of the world's oldest constitutional democracy cannot do the same. I'm pleased to introduce the MOBILE Resolution with Rep. Steve Pearce to bring technological innovations to Congress," said Swalwell. "Our bill will allow Members of Congress to work more efficiently and stay better connected to our constituents. Northern Silicon Valley, where I represent, is leading a technological revolution and Congress shouldn't be left behind. I pledged during the campaign that I would bring Congress into the 21st century and this is a first upgrade."

The MOBILE Resolution would require that Members and invited witnesses be allowed to participate in committee hearings remotely. This participation would count toward rules on quorum. It also would mandate the development of a secure remote voting system which Members could use to vote remotely on suspension bills, generally non-controversial bills that require a two-thirds vote to pass.

Truck Stolen

An unknown male suspect entered the fenced and secured yard of a business located in the 100 block of N. Mines Rd. early Sunday morning by cutting a padlock. Video surveillance in the company's yard show a white male adult, mid to late 20s, wearing a dark colored logo shirt, blue jeans, and a baseball cap.

The suspect eventually stole a white Nissan UD2600 box truck. The license plate of the Nissan is 8V60969. The box truck has "General Plumbing Supply" written on the doors in black lettering. The truck is 24' in length and has a lift device installed on the back of the truck.

Anyone seeing this vehicle should immediately call "911" and report its location to the police.

SUNSET

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development of 49 detached single family residences and 38 attached townhome residences. The townhomes are located on the west side of the site, near Holmes Street.

For the smaller site at the southwest corner of Barcelona Street and Catalina Drive, the application proposes the development of 31 attached townhome residences.

Neighbors have raised a variety of concerns. They include traffic, parking, the size of the lots, school overcrowding, property values, and the loss of a place where small businesses could afford to locate.

In the past, Sunset Development has said that relocation of tenants would be part of the process. Speakers at the meetings with Sunset said that many of the businesses could not afford rents at other sites in Livermore. They may go out of business or move to another city, such as Tracy. Several speakers pointed out that the affordability is what allowed small businesses to get started. Small businesses are the engine that drives the

economy. They are needed.

Sunset has said that the office complexes need hundreds of thousands of dollars in upgrades. The centers cannot pull the types of tenants that will pay higher rents.

According to Scott Lee, senior planner for the city, the applications are currently under review by City staff for completeness. Once the applications are determined to be complete, they will be scheduled for a public hearing with the Planning Commission. A second public hearing will be scheduled with the City Council after the Planning Commission reviews the applications and makes its recommendation.

Lee stated, "It is difficult to say at this time how long the approval process will take, but it will be at least three months and probably longer."

Both a general plan amendment and rezoning would be required to allow construction of the housing.

A letter has been sent to those who attended previous meetings announcing a Tues., July 16 session at

Sunset Elementary School, 1671 Frankfurt Way. It begins at 6:30 p.m.

Sunset Development will present the details of its applications. Display boards will be set up by 6:30 p.m. Beginning about 7:15 p.m., Sunset Development representative Chris Truebridge will present a brief overview of the project and answer questions.

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EDITORIAL

SELF Is 50 Years Old

In 1963, Livermore residents got together at the suggestion of Jerry Jones and created the Student Education Loan Fund (SELF). This Sunday, July 14, SELF will celebrate 50 years of operation.

The fund allows Livermore students to borrow money from their own community in order to continue their education beyond high school.

In the intervening years, SELF issued almost 550 loans totaling \$700,000 to help Livermore residents attend trade school, community college, a four college or graduate school.

Jones wanted the loans targeted to kids who were not high academic achievers or who came from economically challenged backgrounds; and they were to be provided interest-free.

Applicants can borrow up to \$2,500. They are required to repay the loan within five years of finishing school.

According to SELF, loan recipients have gone on to become doctors, accountants, engineers, entrepreneurs, and performing artists. The fund is run by volunteers and funded by donations from individuals, businesses, and service organizations. For more information about SELF visit <http://www.selfloans.org>.

SELF is a remarkable example of what can be accomplished when people set out to help others. This should be celebrated.

Wheels Meshed Well With BART Bus Service

The four days of the BART strike were a little hectic for Wheels, but service went well, according to general manager Paul Matsuoka.

Wheels provided shuttle service from the Dublin/Pleasanton station to Oakland.

BART employees returned to their jobs July 5 and agreed to continue to work under their old contract until Aug. 5. Talks with management will continue, in hopes by both sides that the dispute will be resolved without another strike.

BART ran round-trip chartered shuttle buses from the Dublin/Pleasanton station and three other points in the BART system. They all went directly to BART's West Oakland station, where people could either transfer to San Francisco-bound buses or to buses going to destinations in Oakland and other Bayside communities. People could also drive to West Oakland to catch those buses.

Things went smoothly at the Dublin/Pleasanton station. All of the BART customers who showed up were able to make the round-trip on the shuttle, said Matsuoka. No one was stranded.

Matsuoka said that BART operated seven shuttle buses from a street near the BART station. Wheels bus drivers belong to a union. They refused to cross the BART union's picket lines at the BART station.

Avoidance of the BART station led to a rerouting of

Wheels bus service in the vicinity. The rerouting took local bus service off Dublin Boulevard for a stretch between the Dublin/Pleasanton station and Dougherty Road, throughout the days and evenings, said Matsuoka.

Matsuoka and his staff were busy daily with one-hour conference calls to operators of bus services throughout the BART area. He estimated there probably were 100 people on each conference call, with two or three officials from each bus company, along with the CHP and CalTrans.

"Typically the calls were about 'How did it go this morning?' 'What lessons did you learn?' and 'Will you do anything different this afternoon?'" said Matsuoka. The calls helped Wheels make some minor adjustments.

If the strike appears ready to resume Aug. 5, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will give Wheels and the other agencies a one-week notice so they can put their plans in action again.

"I hope they resolve this thing. It's very disruptive of our service. A large part of our ridership is based on riding Wheels to the BART train. We want to be able to keep those riders. I'm sure that people figured out car pooling or telecommuting. We want to get those people back," said Matsuoka.

Matsuoka had no figures about whether the resumption of BART service has brought Wheels ridership back to pre-strike levels.

COMMITTEE

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of the region's greatest needs is BART to Livermore. It would go a long way toward easing I-580 congestion, and building the Valley as a jobs hub, said Sbranti.

If the Valley can grow as a jobs hub, the big commute from the Central Valley could terminate in the Valley, instead of continuing on to other cities. That would reduce greenhouse gas emissions, said Sbranti.

Marchand said his goal is to pass Measure B1. "Since there was almost no campaign in the Tri-Valley, the message concerning the importance of Measure B1 did not get out," said Marchand. Among all Valley precincts, only one in Dublin voted the necessary two-thirds margin for approval.

The new panel will look into hiring a polling firm to gauge the public's sentiments about what needs to

change in the ballot measure.

Asked whether there is a danger that the \$400 million in Measure B1 last time for the Livermore BART extension would be bumped off a new ballot this time, Marchand said that ACTC was firm last time about including the Livermore extension. "The \$400 million is key to bringing in over \$600 million in 'New Starts' money," said Marchand.

Marchand stated, "It's time to talk about extending BART all the way to the Greenville station to bring workers into Livermore's Technology Park and the Labs' Livermore Valley Open Campus. At the same time, we can intercept workers and commuters coming over the Altamont and get them off 580." The \$400 million could be used to leverage more money for studies for a Greenville sta-

Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group Gears up to Showcase Valley of Ideas

When all the assets of an area are identified and interconnected, they represent the power of an aligned vision. Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group is working on creating that aligned vision in conjunction with the power of two National Labs, the game changing businesses, educators and civic leaders.

According to Dale Kaye, executive director of Innovation Tri-Valley (ITV), "Innovation is committed to creating initiatives and a program to let the world know about the quality of life here in our 'valley of ideas.' By working together we will bring in new businesses, help existing businesses scale up, fill workforce gaps, and brand the Tri-Valley."

She points out that permitting and scaling up here in the Tri-Valley could be easier to do than most anywhere else. ITV is a "place maker" bringing national and international events and the press that goes with it to this area. ITV is also partnering business and educators for the first time to build a workforce that is comparable to any other innovation hub.

Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group was created by business and is business led. Its vision is to use the full capacity of regionalism to create an interconnected hub of innovation in the Tri-Valley, which is composed of Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon

BAY PLAN

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documents leave planning up to cities and counties. The numbers set in the plan are goals. Special areas, called Planned Development Areas (PDA), can be eligible for special funds, if and when available.

The cities already have planned growth in the PDAs.

Figures released by ABAG show that the number of housing units in Livermore are expected to grow by 9700 units or 32 percent between the listed 2010 level and 2040. The PDAs are located in the downtown, on the east side, and at the Isabel BART station.

In Pleasanton, growth is expected to add 7700 more units, a 28 percent increase, with Hacienda Park as the PDA.

Dublin will grow by 8430 units, or 54 percent. The PDAs there are identified in the Downtown Specific Plan area, Town Center and the Transit Center.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand told The Independent that the problem with PDA funding for residential growth is that no funds would come for the necessary local infrastructure cost, such as increasing police and fire protection and improvements for water and sewer. "It's simply money for housing. It does provide

— and a good deal of unincorporated land controlled by Alameda County. This kind of regional effort is designed to spur job growth and sustain a healthy economy and vibrant community.

Kaye points out that forward thinking companies like SAP, Chevron Energy Solutions, Wente Vineyards, Comcast, AT&T, Bridgelux, Adept Technology, Colliers International, Sensiba San Filippo and Kaiser Permanente saw immediately that they could turn up the heat by advocating for business friendly policies and incentives thereby generating jobs, retaining top talent and expanding the number of major corporations

ITV Leadership Group met with Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan who then facilitated a meeting with GO-Biz, the Governor's economic development arm. The plan is in the works to make the Tri-Valley a model for a simplified and streamlined permitting process that could be replicated in other parts of the state.

The education community, which includes forward thinking educators at the Pleasanton School District, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Las Positas Community College and Valley Montessori School and WattzOn, are working to produce an educated certified workforce that will make the next generation successful by connecting businesses to educators. They partner with ITV and other commu-

nity organization to create prestigious events, such as TEDx Livermore

Kaye notes that links were established between business and education based on a survey to assess the workforce readiness of the Tri-Valley student population. The links foster the development of internships at Tri-Valley companies and establish a partnership with Tri-Valley Education Collaborative

Public-partnerships are important, continued Kaye. Companies like Chevron Energy Solutions, municipalities like Livermore and parts of Alameda County and research labs such as the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories saw the potential for the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group immediately. The labs are building an Open Campus to make their technology more assessable. The i-GATE initiative has created a broad super regional partnership that harnesses the economic development advantage of LLNL and Sandia National Laboratories Livermore.

ITV Leadership group illuminates the labs missions and achievement, the innovations coming out of both labs, as well as at events across the region.

Chevron Energy Solutions worked with ITV, Bridgelux and the City of Livermore on a unique program that allows Livermore to replace its streetlights with Bridgelux LED

lighting, a move that helps Bridgelux scale up and ultimately saves the city a good deal of money.

Marketing Innovation Tri-Valley works with all organizations to create an effective branding program for the Tri-Valley as a region.

The Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership group helped to bring the Cleantech Open to Dublin, a prestigious event that brought in national press. ITV also created the annual Innovation Forum, a daylong event that showcases regional innovators with a trade show. The luncheon portion of the program always features a national press figure moderating a panel of experts on the needs of business and an innovation hub. This year's innovation forum will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2013, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton.

ITV commissioned a comprehensive report to identify regional assets and articulate the innovation potential in the Tri-Valley

The group also developed an inclusive and highly optimized website and mobile platform that provides opportunities for partners to share valuable info about their contribution to the Tri-Valley innovation activity

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group please contact Dale Eldridge Kaye at dkaye@innovationtrivalley.org or visit www.innovationtrivalley.org

for all of the planning," said Marchand.

JOBS SAID TO BE UNDERCOUNTED

Employment growth constitutes the other main goal in the plan. A good jobs-housing balance needs to be achieved.

The plan's goals for job creation by 2040 are undercounted, according to Marchand and Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti.

Employment goals in Livermore by 2040 are expected to bring an increase of 14,760 jobs, or 38 percent. Marchand said that PBA has not counted the many technology jobs projected to locate in the city's technology park, i-GATE, and at the Livermore Valley Open Campus.

Those tech jobs are important both for demands on city infrastructure, and the fact that thousands of people will be able to ride BART to those jobs. The job growth should be recognized as qualifying Livermore for transportation money from PBA.

Sbranti agreed with Marchand about Livermore's need for transportation money. The lab jobs strengthen the whole Valley's economy. Extending BART to Livermore will help Dublin commuters travel to new tech

jobs, said Sbranti.

As for job creation, Dublin shows an 88 percent increase by 2040 in jobs in the PBA statistics. That might sound like a high percentage, but it undercounts Dublin, said Sbranti. It ignores the hundreds of thousands of square feet that Dublin has zoned in certain areas for offices.

In Pleasanton, job growth is expected to be up by 28 percent, with Hacienda Park adding 5410 jobs, which would be the location of about one-third of the total job increase for the city.

URBAN AREAS WIN, VALLEY LOSES

Marchand and Haggerty pointed out that of the first funding already allocated to PDAs, nearly all went to projects in Berkeley, Oakland and Fremont, with virtually nothing for the Valley. Sbranti said that a small amount of money went to Wheels.

Haggerty told the policy committee meeting in June 14 that the major urban areas in the nine counties come out winners in funding for PDAs, but the suburbs and rural areas will receive nothing.

Some of the protesters at

the meeting said that a vote of the people should decide the plan. Haggerty asked questions of BART staff about whether it would be feasible at least to seek an advisory vote, and delay adoption of the plan until June 2014.

Staff members said that the law is specific about the final date, which is July 18. If there were a delay, it could mean having to start another EIR. Haggerty said he wanted a clear opinion on a delay to allow for a vote of the public by the meeting July 18. A majority of the committee members did not support the idea.

ABAG president Mark Luce, a Napa county supervisor, said that even if it went to a vote of the people, the voters "probably won't even know what they're voting on, much less the impacts."

Leon Garcia, mayor of American Canyon, said he thought the whole process for public input has been "fair and equitable."

Novato Mayor Pat Eklund said, "The outreach has not been good, Leon. You need to be involved from the beginning. I have to tell you, people don't understand what this is about."

City Attorney Retiring

Livermore City Attorney John Pomidor was presented with a proclamation during Monday's city council meeting noting his achievements over the nine years he has worked for the city.

He is retiring as of Friday.

Among the cases he handled were annexation of the two national laboratories into the city, acquisition of Hagemann Ranch, a successful fight to return tax dollars in the Owens & Minor and Vanstar issue, and the effort to wind down the redevelopment agency's operations. He also was involved in land use projects such as the El Charro Specific Plan, Toyota dealership and First Street

streetscape.

He plans to travel, including a trip to Spain this fall with his wife. He also will spend time with his sons, and play Frisbee with Finn the dog.

Pomidor said it was humbling to hear what was said about his work. However, he added, in most cases, I got out of the way of staff and let staff members do their jobs. He thanked the council for the faith it has shown in the attorney's office and what it does. "With support we were able to move mountains."

Jason Alcalá, senior assistant city attorney, has been appointed to serve as interim city attorney.

MAILBOX

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Successful 4th Jerri Long (Publicity volunteer)

We'd like to thank the Independent for graciously providing detailed advance publicity of our fifteenth annual Independence Day celebration in Lions Wayside Park in Pleasanton. Despite the heat wave, over 600 people of all ages came out for "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution." They were treated to a spirited performance by our local treasure, the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the

direction of Bob Williams.

Ann Collins read the 150-year-old *Gettysburg Address*, which still resonates today, as demonstrated by responses from Ward Belding (AKA Uncle Sam), Les Duman (master of ceremonies), and W. Ron Sutton (founder of the celebration). We are indebted to the members of Boy Scout Troop 908 and their leaders for their energetic help in setting up and tearing down the canopies, seating, and decorations. Local chapters of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars got us off to a rousing start with

a 21-gun salute at high noon, followed by the presentation of the colors. Mayor Jerry Thorne provided the welcome.

Pleasanton Lions Club members cooked hot-dog lunches. In all, this Independence Day celebration brought together almost 100 volunteers to provide this special occasion for our neighbors. We are grateful to event sponsor Heritage Bank of Commerce, plus music sponsor AC-CUSPLIT, makers of certified accurate pedometers and stopwatches, for their financial assistance.

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Rabbit Adoption Service Educates Pet Owners

By Ron McNicoll

Rabbits are pretty special pets, and have to be treated accordingly.

That's the word from Joan Wegner, a Dublin resident who volunteers her time to the non-profit East Bay Rabbit Rescue.

Wegner finds foster homes for surrendered rabbits that have been turned in to the Alameda County animal shelter in Dublin.

No other shelter in the area takes rabbits, so Wegner calls the county shelter to see whether any rabbits have been brought in.

Many people acquire rabbits, especially the ones that are in the cute bunny stage around Easter time, with its tie-in with the Easter Bunny.

Sometimes children are too young for a pet, and often neither parents nor children receive complete instruction from pet store

owners about how to feed rabbits and care for them, said Wegner.

In nature, rabbits live in burrows, which give them a year-round temperature of 55 to 65 degrees. When they become pets, some will be put in cages outdoors, or allowed to hop around outdoors in the extreme heat of the Valley.

Temperatures over 80 degrees can be fatal to rabbits, so it's important to keep them in an air conditioned home in summer. Some rabbit owners think that bringing them ice water out in the yard solves the problem, but it doesn't, said Wegner.

"Very few people realize it takes the same commitment to raise a rabbit as having a dog or cat. It is not a starter pet. They live for 8 to 12 years. But a rabbit is a good pet when you have it for the right reason," said

Wegner.

The right reasons include having fun watching the rabbits run, jump or snuggle up to you, said Wegner. "Each rabbit is a little different. They do have personalities, just as cats and dogs do. They can be part of the family," said Wegner.

Rabbits beg for food, just like a dog will. Rabbit owners should be very careful about the diet. Hay is an important part of the diet, because it aids their digestion. But not just any hay will do. It should be timothy or orchard grass.

Rabbits are famous for their reproductive abilities. When there is a litter, it can run from six to 12 bunnies. The reproductive system of rabbits is such that the female will ovulate during mating, an almost certain guarantee that bunnies will be on the way. Gestation takes about 28 days.

It's important that rabbits be spayed and neutered, but animal shelters don't always do it. East Bay Rabbit Rescue does spaying and neutering, so that can take a worry off the prospective adopter's mind.

For more information about adopting a rabbit, see the web page for East Bay Rabbit Rescue. It is at www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com/. The site includes a button for locating rabbits available for adoption.

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In his interview, Mayor Marchand stated, "I am proud to be the Mayor of Livermore. This video showcases our remarkable city and the many amenities that we have to offer such as our wineries, open space, high technology, and unique quality of life." Referring to the video segment, Mayor Marchand added that "it also serves as a critical tool for economic development, and it effectively communicates Livermore's story to those outside our region."

For more information, please call Theresa De La Vega at (925) 960-4049.



Pictured are Buttercup and volunteer Leah Brown. Buttercup will be available for adoption this Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Dublin PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Rd.

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Phantom Brings Home Another Trophy

The Pleasanton Mighty Phantom 12B softball team had a successful weekend in Fremont at the Warm Up For State Tournament. Both coaches Pete Schlag and Shannon Gusti guided the team to victory in all of the games played during the weekend.

Pool play began early Saturday morning. Pleasanton played the San Lorenzo Heat, outscoring them 7-0. A combination of strong pitching from Rachel Pettey, big hits from Malia Konig (triple), a huge 3 run home run from Abby Curlett and a series of singles led to the first win of the day. In game two, the opponent was the Treasure Island Waves of San Francisco. Libby Schlag pitched three solid innings. Malia Konig closed the game out with 3 strike outs in the 4th inning for a shut out score of 15-0. Michaela Cabral hit two triples and a single (3 RBIs). Kaitlyn Jones hit a double and a single (3 RBIs). Other important singles came off the bats of Libby Schlag, Malia Konig, Ellen Ebbers, Abby Curlett, Rachel Pettey, Aliya Lubrin, and Lauren Hermes scoring 9 more runs for the victory. The third game of pool play was against the Mavericks. It started off with another big solo home run from Abby Curlett. Libby Schlag hit 2 singles. Hope Alley, Brooke Promes, Aliya Lubrin and Michaela Cabral also singled, scoring 4 more runs. Hope Alley's single in the 4th inning began her stealing rampage going from 1st to 2nd to 3rd and then stealing home. Rachel Pettey continued to maintain accurate pitching to end Saturday with a 5-1 win.

On Sunday, bracket play began against the Mavericks. Libby Schlag allowed only 2 runs during this 4 inning game. The offense was on fire with Kaitlyn Jones (3 singles), Hope Alley (3 singles, double), Michaela Cabral (2 singles, double), Malia Konig (2 RBI double), Brooke Promes (3 singles) and other singles from Abby Curlett, Ellen Ebbers, and Lauren Hermes. Outstanding defense at 2nd base and outfield by Jessica Shockley also was key in this 12-2 win for Phantom.

In the semifinals, Phantom faced the California Crossfire. It was a battle throughout, but Phantom came out on top, 3-2. Rachel Pettey again pitched strong innings accompanied by key offensive singles and steals for the win. Lauren Hermes doubled in the 1st and 3rd innings to score two runs. In the bottom of the 5th the score was tied 2-2. Michaela Cabral hit a single to score Lauren Hermes, the winning run, ending the game.

In the championship, Phantom took on the Central Coast Fury, an "A" ball team. They came out hitting in the first inning to take a 2-0 lead. Phantom's first five batters were



The Livermore Long Shots U8 travel baseball team got off to a hot start at the Manteca Big League Dreams Tournament. They weren't able to hold onto the lead, falling 6 to 5 to the East Bay Outlaws. Pictured are head coaches Steve Griffith and Mike Nixon, (back, from left) Shane, Quinn, Josh, Matthew, and Jason; (front) Tyler, Justin, Derek, Anthony, Andrew and Tanner; not pictured, Nick.

struggling to hit the strong pitching of the Fury, but by the bottom of the 2nd inning, the bats came alive. It started out with a single from Brooke Promes followed by a triple from Abby Curlett and single from Kaitlyn Jones that put Phantom on the scoreboard 3-2. Rachel Pettey was holding steady and strong with accurate pitching that held the Fury to 3 runs for the rest of the game. The Phantom offense continued to score runs. In the 3rd inning, the team put five runs on the board with doubles from Libby Schlag, Hope Alley, Michaela Cabral, and Aliya Lubrin. Key singles came from Lauren Hermes and Brooke Promes, all ending the 3rd with Phantom on top 7-3. The game went two more innings with both teams playing strong defense and allowing no additional runs. The Mighty Phantom 12B came home with another 1st place trophy.

Sharks vs. Dolphins

It was a beautiful day for swimming at Foothill High School on Saturday where the FAST (Foothill Area Swim Team) Dolphins and Pleasanton Meadows Sharks battled for a crosstown win. In the end, the Sharks came out victorious: PMST 644; FAST 331.

Kevin Yan broke a Sharks' team record that stood for 13 years with his swim in the 15/18 boys butterfly of 0:25.98. In addition to that 1st place swim, Kevin posted two 2nd place

finishes in both the backstroke and breaststroke as well as contributing to the 1st place medley relay swim.

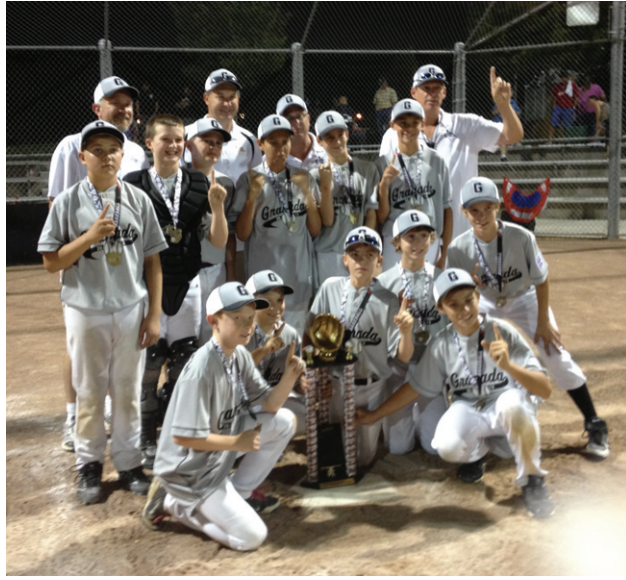
In other team highlights, it was a great day to be part of a 3-sibling family as five Sharks' families dominated the scoring results. Andrew, Laura and Matthew Whiteland; Annie, Jack and Joe Geasa; Audrey, Sydney and Grayson Simmons; Christopher, Michael and David Azuma; and Meredith, Amelia and Laura Kelly combined for a 330 points.

The FAST Dolphins were led by three outstanding 15/18 swimmers, who all posted two individual 1st place finishes: Alexandra Brown (17) in the breaststroke and IM; Jason Hua (16) in the freestyle and backstroke; and Isabel Zhang (16) in the butterfly and backstroke. At the other end of the age groups were terrific swimmers by Kevin Franck (6) and Landon Kenney (6). Both contributed to 1st place finishes for the FAST U6 boys medley relay and freestyle relay, while also posting individual 1st place swims: backstroke for Franck and butterfly for Kenney.

Green Gators vs. Stingrays

On Saturday, July 6th, the Dublin Green Gators nipped the Del Prado Stingrays by the score of 499.5 to 458.5 in the Tri-Valley Swim League. The local heat wave had cooled, but the competition did not.

The top point scorers for the



The 12U Granada "Black Attack" tournament team won the inaugural Pleasanton Foothill Little League, District 57, Joselito Gonzaga Memorial Tournament played on June 29 - July 3 at the Bernal Community Sports Park. The tournament featured 9 teams from the District 57 corridor competing to win the first ever held tournament dedicated to the memory of long time local coach and volunteer Joselito Gonzaga. The Granada Black Attack represented Livermore well with strong play from every position and aspect of the game - going undefeated including two shutout performances. The Granada 12U Black Attack team members are Ian Rasmussen, Dylan Tompkins, Cole Seely, Ethan Vincent, Cameron Schrader, Zack Clark, AJ Phillips, Justin Watson, Devon Pearce, Andrew Hayley, Seth Street, Grant Blockley, Cameron McGee. Coaches: Paul Schrader, Neil Rasmussen, Stan Phillips, and Rich Hayley.

Stingrays were Annalise DeMange (6), Nikki White (14), Healey Suto (15), Megan Banke (17), and Amy Heath (9), for the girls. The boys were led by Cameron Kurotori (17), Andrew Goard (17), John Lester (10), Sam Jorgensen (9), and Andrew McMasters (8).

Top girls for the Green Gators were, Isabella Santos (13), Chloe Kanoho (11), Clarice Lai (6), Tait Wilkinson (12), and Sofia Gluck (12). Jake Fleming (6), Sean Coakley (14), Jonathan Adrian (6), Frankie Fitzpatrick (11), and Jack Stickler (10), were tops for the boys.

Also turning in top performances for the Stingrays, were Hannah Fowler-Kimsey (17), Meghan Hogue (13), Lauren Graham (10), Katie Kirschner

Chelsea 8, Bennett, Laine 8), 1:33.04. 9-10 100 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Loeffler, Hannah 9, Graham, Lauren 10, Griston, Isla 10, Garcia, Melissa 10), 1:14.73. 11-12 200 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Caufield, Emma 12, Haly, Katelyn 1 Gavrilova, Eugenia 12, Simmons, Jenna 12), 2:29.80. 13-14 200 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Huber, Cameron 14, Hogue, Meghan 13, Bardakos, Alyssa 13, Waldear, Heather 14), 2:14.79. 15-18 200 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Banke, Megan 17, Suto, Healey 15, Fowler-Kimsey, Hannah 17, Bantz, Megan 16), 2:20.26.

Freestyle: 6 & under 25 yard: DeMange, Annalise, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.08. 7-8 25 yard: Toney, Grace, Dub Green Gators-CC, 18.99. 9-10 50 yard: Griston, Isla, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.48. 11-12 50 yard: Kanoho, Chloe, Dub Green Gators-CC, 30.78. 13-14 50 yard: Santos, Isabella, Dub Green Gators-CC, 27.98. 15-18 50 yard: Fowler-Kimsey, Hannah, DP Stingrays-CC, 29.79.

Butterfly: 6 & under 25 yard: Lai, Clarice, Dub Green Gators-CC, 35.62. 7-8 25 yard: Lee, Chelsea, Dub Green Gators-CC, 22.94. 9-10 25 yard: Heath, Amy R, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.21. 11-12 50 yard: Gavrilova, Eugenia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 36.91. 13-14 50 yard: White, Nikki, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.21. 15-18 50 yard: Fowler-Kimsey, Hannah, DP Stingrays-CC, 36.08.

Breaststroke: 6 & under 25 yard: DeMange, Annalise, DP Stingrays-CC, 38.78. 7-8 25 yard: Duarte, Miranda, Dub Green Gators-CC, 27.77. 9-10 25 yard: Graham, Lauren, DP Stingrays-CC, 20.87. 11-12 50 yard: Wilkinson, Tait, Dub Green Gators-CC, 38.44. 13-14 50 yard: Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 37.52. 15-18 50 yard: Suto, Healey, DP Stingrays-CC, 36.67.

100 Yard IM: 9-10: Toney, Makenna, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:29.63. 11-12 Wilkinson, Tait, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:21.64. 13-14 White, Nikki, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:12.51. 15-18 Suto, Healey, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:16.69.

Backstroke: 6 & under 25 yard: Lai, Clarice, Dub Green Gators-CC, 31.58. 7-8 25 yard: Duarte, Miranda, Dub Green Gators-CC, 23.51. 9-10 25 yard: Kruschke, Stella C, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.19. 11-12 50 yard: Gluck, Sofia, Dub Green Gators-CC, 38.15. 13-14 50 yard: Santos, Isabella, Dub Green Gators-CC, 31.82. 15-18 50 yard: Banke, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 34.26.

Freestyle relay: 6 & under 100 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Gluck, Maya 5, Symes, Ruby 5, Rettig, Maria 5, Lai, Clarice 6), 3:09.73. 7-8 100 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Lee, Chelsea 8, Duarte, Miranda 8, Bennett, Laine 8, Toney, Grace 8), 1:26.01. 9-10 200 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Heath, Amy R 9, Kruschke, Stella C 10, Loeffler, Han-



Photos - Doug Jorgensen

Over 850 girls from around the Bay Area competed in the Pleasanton Summer Softball Classic, a fast pitch softball tournament for Junior Olympic B traveling teams. Shown in the photos is some of the action that took place over the weekend. Teams played in three pool games on Friday and Saturday to determine the seeding for the double elimination bracket. The champions and runners-up were: 8B: Phantom (Pleasanton) were the champions; 2nd place went to Belmont; 10B, San Carlos finished first, Almaden second. In 10C, Almaden won, West Valley was the runner-up. Fremont captured the 12B title followed by San Bruno. Phantom (Pleasanton) won the 12C title, with Morgan Hill second. In 14B action, Belmont was the champ with Phantom (Pleasanton) second.



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nah 9, Griston, Isla 10), 2:21.99. 11-12 200 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Gluck, Sofia 12, Wang, Caroline 1 Wang, Laura 12, Kanoho, Chloe 11), 2:10.89. 13-14 200 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (White, Nikki 14, Waldear, Heather 14, Huber, Cameron 14, Bardakos, Alyssa 13), 2:00.57. 15-18 200 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Maguire, Madeline 16, Bennett, Quinn 16, Smith, Sarah 15, Carlson, Mackenzie 15), 2:09.03.

Boys results

Medley relay: 6 & under 100 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Murray, Zack M6, Valentine, Simon M6, Harold, Ryan M6, O'Nesky, Bryce M5), 2:57.42. 7-8 100 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Wong, Kaiden M8, Borrelli, Logan M7, Valentine, Mason M7, Ito, Seiji M8), 1:33.17. 9-10 100 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kasper, Kenny M9, Lester, John M10, Reimer, David M10, Nazareno, Joseph M10), 1:16.90. 11-12 200 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Purissima, Immanuel M1 Cruz, Isaiah M1 Rettig, Samuel M12, Lee, Justin M1), 2:32.40. 13-14 200 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Cruz, Chandler M14, Coakley, Sean M14, Romero-Salas, Matthew M14, Toney, Reece M13), 2:08.47. 15-18 200 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Goard, Andrew M17, Cole, Joshua M16, Hogue, Ryan M16, Kurotori, Cameron M17), 1:53.02.

Freestyle: 6 & under 25 yard: Fleming, Jake, Dub Green Gators-CC, 20.77. 7-8 25 yard: Drain, Caden, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.31. 9-10 50 yard: Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.49. 11-12 50 yard: Fitzpatrick, Frankie, Dub Green Gators-CC, 30.34. 13-14 50 yard: Coakley, Sean, Dub Green Gators-CC, 26.04. 15-18 50 yard: Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 23.85.

Butterfly: 6 & under 25 yard: Fleming, Jake, Dub Green Gators-CC, 31.50. 7-8 25 yard: Valentine, Mason, Dub Green Gators-CC, 23.06. 9-10 25 yard: Jorgensen, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 16.85. 11-12 50 yard: Rettig, Samuel, Dub Green Gators-CC, 35.97. 13-14 50 yard: Rettig, Patrick, Dub Green Gators-CC, 31.57. 15-18 50 yard: Kurotori, Cameron, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.21.

Breaststroke: 6 & under 25 yard: Fleming, Jake, Dub Green Gators-CC, 33.07. 7-8 25 yard: Wong, Kaiden, Dub Green Gators-CC, 26.97. 9-10 25 yard: Jetter, Aidan, DP Stingrays-CC, 21.57. 11-12 50 yard: Cruz, Isaiah, Dub Green Gators-CC, 43.44. 13-14 50 yard: Coakley, Sean, Dub Green Gators-CC, 33.74. 15-18 50 yard: Cole, Joshua, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.94. 100 yard IM: 9-10: Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:25.06. 11-12 Rettig, Samuel, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:24.51. 13-14 Coakley, Sean, Dub Green Gators-CC, 1:08.44. 15-18 Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 59.21.

Backstroke: 6 & under 25 yard: Fleming, Jake, Dub Green Gators-CC, 29.31. 7-8 25 yard: McMasters, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.73. 9-10 25 yard: Stickler, Jack, Dub Green Gators-CC, 20.08. 11-12 50 yard: Purissima, Immanuel, Dub Green Gators-CC, 39.46. 13-14 50 yard: Banke, Jacob, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.96. 15-18 50 yard: Goard, Andrew,

DP Stingrays-CC, 28.10.

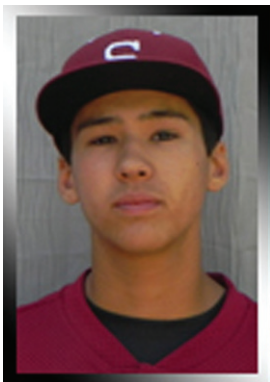
Freestyle relay: 6 & under 100 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Boyer, Drew M5, Ways, Caiden M6, Murray, Zack M6, O'Nesky, Bryce M5), 2:25.74. 7-8 100 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Valentine, Mason M7, Wong, Kaiden M8, Ito, Seiji M8, Fitzpatrick, Owen M7), 1:23.20. 9-10 200 yard: Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Reimer, David M10, Jetter, Aidan M10, Nazareno, Joseph M10, Lester, John M10), 2:26.92. 11-12 200 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Rettig, Samuel M12, Purissima, Immanuel M1 Lee, Justin M1 Fitzpatrick, Frankie M11), 2:12.77. 13-14 200 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Romero-Salas, Matthew M14, Bennett, Ren M13, Romo, Alexander M13, Rettig, Patrick M14), 2:00.60. 15-18 200 yard: Dublin Green Gators-CC 'A' (Dillon, Spencer M17, Dillon, Stefan M15, Bird, Liam M16, Loebrich, Calvin M15), 1:46.94.

Smoke U8 Captures Title

The Livermore Girls Softball Association Smoke 8U "B" team were on fire, bringing home the 1st place title at the Campbell Crush Butterfly Classic tournament the weekend of June 29-30. Smoke went 3-0 in pool play on Saturday, not allowing a single run to score, earning them the #1 seed position going into bracket play on Sunday.

Smoke's first game on Sunday would be against the #4 seed, MVLA Nova. From the first pitch down to last out, this game was a nail biter. Each team had strong hitting and played tough defense and at the end of 5 innings the game was tied 4-4, sending it into extra innings. Smoke would prevail 6-5 in 7 innings. The championship game vs. Scott's Valley Trouble would end with a score of 1-0 in Smoke's favor, crowning the girls 1st place champs out of 12 teams.

Dublin Baseball Player Gains Multiple Honors



Dublin High baseball player Danny Terry will be a senior in 2014. But, his season so far has been incredibly busy for the power hitting Dublin shortstop and third baseman.

Since the end of his 2013 high school season with Dublin High, Terry was invited to and played in the 3 day Bay Area World Series at Santa Clara University, the 3 1/2 day Stanford All Star Camp at Stanford University,

the USA Premier Firecracker 17U tournament in Orange County, and the SSK 18U travel team games in Santa Rosa, Ca.

At the Bay Area World Series, he led off his first at bat with a double that two-hopped the wall in the power alley in left field. He added two defensive plays in game two, then capped off his effort by striking out the side in the final inning of the final game.

At the Stanford Camp, he led off with a big line drive that bounced off the fence in the left field corner. He added two outstanding defensive plays at 3B in game 2, one on a full layout forehand and throw out to first base, another on a relay from left field to cut down an opponent at the plate.

At the Firecracker 17U quarterfinals, he went two for two, with a double and a single, and played error free ball at third base for the Greg Jefferies All Star Club (Team APS).

For his SSK team, Terry went 3 for 4, played 3B, LF, CF, and pitched.

This all comes on top of his junior year, which included a no-hitter, 20 consecutive innings without allowing an earned run, and not allowing a single earned run in league play. He was named Dublin High's "Fireman of the Year" for his efforts.

Golf Tournament

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

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

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

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

Bocce Kits for Rent

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

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

Rental for one week is \$20, plus a \$40 refundable deposit by credit card or cash - a total of \$60. The \$40 deposit is refundable if equipment is returned in good condition. Kits are rented on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations are not available in advance. Rental of a bocce ball kit does not guarantee a bocce ball court will be available.

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



Competitors warm up by doing jumping-jacks prior to the start of a recent Splash and Dash event. The Splash & Dash, hosted by the Tri-Valley Triathlon Club, is a swim/run event for ages 7-15 that introduces youth participants to USA Triathlon and the exciting world of multisport. For more details, see the story in Sports Notes.

Splash & Dash For Tri-Valley Kids

The Tri-Valley Triathlon Club will host the first of three summer Tri-Valley Kids Splash & Dash for ages 7-15 on Sunday, July 21 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton. Other events are Sunday, August 18 and Sunday, September 8.

Register online or find more information on the event website <http://trivalleytriclub.com/youth/splash>

The Splash & Dash is a swim/run event for ages 7-15 that introduces youth participants to USA Triathlon and the exciting world of multisport. The event is one of 40 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, and 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.

The only requirement is that competitors must be able to swim at least 25 yards independently without stopping, any stroke or style.

Online registration for the July 21 event closes Thursday, July 18. Register online at Active.com <http://beta.active.com/pleasanton-ca/triathlon/races/trivalley-kids-splash-and-dash-event-1-2013> Discount if register for all three events (July 21, August 18 and September 8) together. The City of Pleasanton and spon-

sors Tri-Valley Triathlon Club, YMCA of the East Bay, TriNowFitness, SportsPlus, and MedicinEvolution make the event possible. For remaining sponsorship opportunities, please contact Liz Elliott at splashdash@trivalleytriclub.com to learn more.

Fall Ball Signup

Fall Ball Registration for Livermore National Little League players from age 6 to 13 year olds will be July 11th at the Junction Avenue baseball fields.

New this year is a second division - Academy (high comp) for 10 through 13 year olds

Please bring a copy of players BC. Fees are recreation division \$150.00 and academy \$210.00

Table Tennis Tourney

29th Taiwanese & Chinese American Athletic Tournament of San Francisco Bay Area will be held on July 21 at the Tri-Valley Table Tennis Club, 5001 Case Ave. Pleasanton.

Check in time is 7 to 9 a.m.

The event is sponsored by the Taiwanese & Chinese American Athletic Tournament of San Francisco Bay Area and the City of Pleasanton.

For information, call 200-8078 or go to www.Trivalleyttc.com.



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FAIR FUN COMES TO AN END

Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Alameda County Fair wrapped up its 17-day run at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Sunday. During the annual event, visitors took in the Capt'n Jack Spare Ribs Show, which included magic, juggling, illusions and more. Pig racing continued to be a popular pastime for fairgoers. Food and displays of various crafts were among the attractions. High flying freestyle motocross riders flew through the air reaching heights of 35 feet while executing such tricks as "Hart Attacks," cliff hangers and the crowd favorite back flips. Other attractions included live horse racing, carnival rides and a midway and special contests and activities for all ages.



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SHORT NOTES

Veterans Victory Velo

Serious cyclists and recreational riders alike are invited to help severely wounded veterans by joining "V3", the second annual Veterans Victory Velo bike ride set for Saturday, October 12, 2013 in San Ramon.

Riders can choose from three routes: 30 miles, 60 miles or the more challenging 100 mile Devil Mountain Century to raise funds for the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation (www.sentinelsoffreedom.org), a San Ramon based non-profit which has been helping wounded veterans regain their self-sufficiency and independence since its inception in 2003.

Registration is now open at www.veteransvictoryvelo.com. Registration fees increase after September 1st. All V3 rides will begin and end in the parking lot of the Foundation offices located at 2678 Bishop Drive in San Ramon. Riders from the novice to the experienced are welcome.

100-mile Devil Mountain Century Ride begins at 7 a.m.; 60-mile ride begins at 9 a.m.; 30-mile ride begins at 10 a.m.

The 30 mile ride is an out-and-back along San Ramon and Foothill Blvds to the picturesque and historic town of Sunol. The 60 mile ride loops through the Tri-Valley area, extending east from Danville to the lush vineyards of Livermore and the rolling hills of Pleasanton before returning through Dublin and San Ramon. The 100-mile Devil Mountain Century Ride takes cyclists to the ranger station on Mt. Diablo, down through Clayton and up and over Morgan Territory lands before descending into the Livermore/Pleasanton/Sunol region on the return.

Participants who register by August 1st will receive a free comprehensive safety clinic and follow-on

free training rides included in their registration. The 3-hour evening class will be taught by a League of American Bicyclists certified instructor; the group training rides will be held on Saturday mornings until race day. All registrants may join the training rides regardless of registration date.

Following the V3 bike rides, there will be a family-friendly celebration including a barbecue lunch provided by sponsors Carl's Jr. (www.carlsjr.com) and Rubio's (www.rubios.com) as well as live music provided by AKA of Ken Cooper Music (www.kencoopermusic.com), additional food tents, wine and beer tastings, free massages for riders, static displays from local military organizations, and other fun events. The festival is scheduled for 1 - 5 p.m. and is open to the public. Radio sponsor 101.7 KKIQ (www.kkiq.com) will be broadcasting live at various times throughout the day from the Bishop Ranch start and finish line.

A new custom bike jersey is available for purchase online now through ride day to commemorate the V3 event. The Club Cut, red, white and blue bike jersey, \$65, is a little longer and looser than a Race Cut jersey. Cycling bibs and shorts with the V3 logo may also be purchased at <http://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/3545>.

Additional corporate sponsorship opportunities are still available for this event.

Anyone interested in more information about race details and registration, jersey purchase, or the Sentinels of Freedom organization should go to www.veteransvictoryvelo.com or email info@sentinelsoffreedom.org. SOf staff can be reached at 925-380-6342.

Night Hike

Save Mount Diablo will

present a Night Hike at Mangini on Fri., July 26 from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

For many animals the setting sun is the cue to take shelter for the night. For others it's time to wake up. Join expert naturalist Michael Marchiano on a moderate evening hike in search of nighttime wildlife encounters. There will be a short interpretive talk before the start of this 4 mile round trip walk. Participants will be exploring the Mangini Ranch property in Concord between Lime Ridge and Mt. Diablo State Park hoping to find owls, small mammals and possibly even some scorpions. Kids are welcome - RSVPs are required. Space is limited to 20 participants. Bring bright flashlights and headlamps (remember to check your batteries) and warm clothes.

RSVP Required at (925) 947-3535 or smdinfo@SaveMountDiablo.org.

Bicycle Classes

The City of Pleasanton and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition have teamed up to offer free summer bicycle safety classes.

The first workshop teaches cycling basics to families with children who are able to ride a bike. Parents and kids must attend together, bring their own bikes, and be prepared for a day of fun games, safety drills, skills building, and a neighborhood ride. This workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sat., July 13.

For adults over age 18, a two-day workshop is on tap. On Day 1, Aug. 10, 1 to 4:30 p.m., the focus is Urban Cycling 101, a class that covers the basic rules of the road, helmet fit and how to avoid a crash, to name a few. Day 2, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is an on-road, on-your-bike practice session conducted by certified League of American Bicy-

clists instructors. Learn how to improve your handling skills, crash avoidance maneuvers, and the ability to bike confidently and safely.

All workshops are taught by certified instructors and will be held at Hart Middle School, located at 4433 Willow Road in Pleasanton.

Pre-registration is required at www.pleasantongreenscene.org/transportation or www.ebbc.org/safety. For more information, please call (925) 931-5039.

Stuffed Animals

Did your stuffed animal ever wonder what it would be like to have a sleepover at the library? Well, now they can find out. Bring a stuffed animal to the Civic Center Library on Wednesday, July 24th, 2013 at 10:30 AM. Register and have a picture taken with the stuffed animal then leave it for The Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover and Midnight Feast. Action figures and dolls are welcome too.

Come back to the library between July 25th and August 17th to pick up the stuffed animal. Participants will receive a complimentary picture of the stuffed animal's big night out at the Livermore Public Library!

The Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover and Midnight Feast is in conjunction with Livermore Public Library's 2013 Summer Reading Program, "Reading is So Delicious!"

For more information about this free program, or to register for "Reading is So Delicious!" please visit the Livermore Public Library's web site at <http://www.livermorelibrary.net>, or call 373-5504.

History Walk

Ivina will be the subject of a Sat., July 13 program presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger

staff. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Rd., Livermore.

What do the old ruins in the middle of the park, the stone arch at the corner of Wetmore and Arroyo roads and the walnut lanes between them have in common? They were all bound up in one man. Join this program to look at the life and times of Julius Paul Smith and the estate he created. This will be a slow-paced 1-mile walk with a slight elevation gain. Bring water, proper shoes and a camera if you like. Call 925-960-2400 to reserve a seat in the van.

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

Craft Fair Openings

Tri-Valley Haven is hosting its Second Annual Holiday Craft Fair for local artisans to market their wares. If you are an artist who creates jewelry, quilting, knitting, sewing, pottery, wood-working or other crafts, then Tri-Valley Haven and the people it assists need your talent.

Our Holiday Craft Fair will be Thursday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Livermore Barn located at 3131 Pacific Avenue in Livermore.

Vendor applications for are due by July 22, with vendors being notified of acceptance the week of July 29. Acceptance will be based on a jury process.

Interested artists, please download a Tri-Valley Haven Craft Fair Vendor application at www.trivalleyhaven.org or call (925) 667-2711.

Fairgoers Donated 38,837 Pounds of Food

Organizers of this year's food drive at the Alameda County Fair received 38,837 pounds of donated food to feed families in need.

"We're extremely fortunate to have the Alameda County Fair's unwavering commitment to our mission and grateful to the thousands of Alameda County residents who combined their day of fun at the fair with support for their neighbors struggling with hunger," said Katherine Avila, food drive coordinator for the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

"The Food Bank serves one-in-six Alameda County residents—the majority of whom are children and seniors and entire families—and need spikes during the summer months when children no longer can rely on school meals. Together, with the support of the community, we're able to better ensure that our neighbors have access to the healthy food that they need and deserve during these difficult times," she added.

Donations of four non-perishable food items earned participants free admission to the Fair, in addition to the satisfaction of helping those in need.

OBITUARIES

Patricia Ann Buckner

Past resident of Livermore, Patricia Ann Buckner passed away on Sunday the 30th of June, 2013 in Carson, Washington. She was born on March 23rd, 1933 in Alton, Illinois to Allen and Irene Lawrence.

In 1952 Patricia married Albert Buckner and during 60 years of marriage they raised three sons and a daughter. Patricia's children were important to her. Her strength, tolerance, upbeat personality and creativity inspired her children and everyone she met. Pat was a good wife, a terrific mother, and a good friend.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, and her younger brother Richard Lawrence. Patricia is survived by her husband Albert Buckner of Carson, Washington; her children Robert Buckner of San Jose, California, Brian Buckner of Roseville, California, Stephen Buckner of North Fork, California, and Kathryn Buckner of Tigard, Oregon; her five granddaughters Bethany, Michelle, Evelyn, Lindsey and Lauren; her two great-grandsons Gavin and Mason; her brothers Tommy Lawrence of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Gary Lawrence of Belleville, Illinois.

A Celebration of Patricia's Life will be held at the United Methodist Church of Stevenson, Washington at 11:00 AM on July 20th, 2013. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the National MS Society.

Robert James Trimmingham

May 26, 1937-June 20, 2013 Resident of Livermore

Robert (Bob) Trimmingham passed away June 20th at his home in Livermore, CA. He is survived by his



sisters Claire (Tom) Fields, nephew Christopher (Sheila) Martin, niece Nicole (Maytheni Allen) Ines, four great nephews and two great nieces, and also his companion of many years, Deloris Colonna. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Lorna Trimmingham, of Pleasanton.

Bob was born in Pleasanton in 1937. He attended Amador High School and went to Stanford University where he received a degree in Geology. He then received a degree in Physical Science/Education from UC Berkley in 1963, and attended the University of Rochester in NY for a Master's Degree in Education. Bob had a teaching career in Geology, Physics, and Math at Livermore High School which lasted for 30 years before retiring in 1995.

Bob remained a loyal Stanford sports fan his entire life. His other primary interest was minerals and collecting mineral species, from micros to large showy specimens. He was a courageous mineral field tripper who avidly traveled America for collections, mineral shows and museums. He was a member of the Livermore Valley Lithophiles Gem and Mineral Society for 45 years. He helped with Lithorama Gem and Mineral shows, societies' booths, lithophiles' presentations, and the San Leandro Library reading programs. He was a charter member of the Bay Area Mineralogists in Palo Alto, and belonged to the Northern California Mineralogical Society in

Placerville. Bob also was a member of the Museum on Main Street in Pleasanton, where he did displays on the Geology of the Tri-Valley area. His dedication to family and friends, as well as his generosity, intelligence, and kindness will be missed by all. A private service will be held.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to the American Diabetes Association.

Bruce Harris "Highway Harris"

Sept. 15, 1946-June 30, 2013 Livermore resident

Bruce Harris passed away peacefully in his Livermore home on June 30, 2013, after a brave battle with cancer. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Bruce was born in Waldron, AR. His family moved to California when Bruce was 5 years old. Bruce graduated from Newark High School in 1964. He served in the Army from 1966-1972 and was discharged as a Specialist SP-5 Welder. Bruce was a long time construction truck driver. He moved heavy equipment all across

the State of California. His last job was with Marshall Bros. Construction Co. The Marshall family thought of Bruce as a brother.

Bruce was a member of the Goodguys Rod and Custom Association. He loved hot rods and owned 10 or more over his lifetime.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents Paul Harris and Doris Harris. He is survived by cousins Paul and Suzie Bull from Arkansas, Jim Cauthron from Stockton, CA., Don Cauthron from Bend, OR., Bill Campbell from Boonville, AR., special friends Dan and Kathy Crawford of Livermore, CA., and many long time friends.

Edward (Ed) James McMahon

Ed, resident of Ft. Worth, Texas, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2013, at the age of 70, with his family at his side in Waldorf, Maryland.

Ed was born February 10, 1943, in Dubuque, Iowa and raised in Pleasanton, California. Ed graduated from Amador Valley HS in 1961, then served his



country honorably in the US Army. He retired from General Motors in 1999 after 37 years of employment. He was a proud member of the UAW Local 816, the National Rifle Association and enjoyed two decades of coaching baseball, playing softball, cooking, spending time with family, fishing and shooting at the gun range.

Ed is survived by his sisters Patsy Lund, Barbara Mills, Bette Olivares, his two sons Master Chief Shawn McMahon, Jason

(and wife Kim) McMahon and his six grandchildren Blake, Kailey, Mackenzie, Aydan, Grady and Maylee McMahon.

At Mr. McMahon's request there is no service being held. Please send your condolences to 2202 Pinefield Rd., Waldorf, MD 20601

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Livermore celebrated the 4th of July as John Adams, this nation's second president, said it should be, "It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations . . ." Large crowds gathered at Las Positas College to view the fireworks in the evening. During the afternoon, there was entertainment, and fun. Councilmember Stewart Gary commented, Livermore Downtown, Inc. did a fabulous job. The event exceeded our wildest expectations." Gary added that there were many people who watched the fireworks from nearby roads. He reminded residents that if not enough people pay to attend the event, there won't be fireworks in the future. Mayor John Marchand also suggested people attend the event. "It is a lot of fun to get together as a community. There has to be support for the event, or it goes away."



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picking winners among the wealth of intellectual property, and then coaching, shepherding and helping to give birth to a commercial product," Rankin said.

Rankin knows this from experience. During a successful 35-year career at Idaho National Laboratory (INL), he held four different positions as a technology transfer professional. As a chemical scientist, he developed an instrument that was commercialized.

That instrument won Rankin an R&D 100 award in 1990 for its ability to detect chemicals and pollutants in the environment at very low concentrations with very high precision.

In 1991, Rankin was named an INL Fellow Scientist through Westinghouse, which managed the laboratory. It was then a practice to have one of the INL Fellows manage the laboratory's intellectual property. That task went to Rankin.

"Tech transfer wasn't a mission then. It was added later. I was asked to help form the technology transfer function along with another INL employee," he recalls. Rankin says he loved technology commercialization from the start.

"Scientists and engineers come to work at the national laboratories not because they want to become wealthy, but because they want to have an impact. With technology transfer, you have an opportunity to broaden the scope. The very best technology sitting on a lab bench has little impact compared to one that's been commercialized."

Earlier this year, Rankin, 59, retired from INL.

"At this point, I'm at a place where I don't need to work a normal job," Rankin said. "What they described here as the challenge they wanted me to undertake sounded like a great opportunity to make an impact and to have fun doing it. Also, I like the Livermore community and my son had recently moved here."

In his first weeks on the job, Rankin said he has received a "very warm welcome."

"It's good to be here. I'm very impressed with the caliber of the people in IPO and at the Laboratory."

Erik Stenehem, the former head of the industrial partnerships office, left the Lab in December after five years in the job. He moved to Qatar to become director of commercialization and economic development for the Qatar Foundation.

Rankin is a member of the Association of University Technology Managers, the Licensing Executives Society and the American Chemical Society. In addition to his R&D 100 award, he has received a Lifetime Achievement Award for Inventorship, a George Westinghouse Innovation Award (for the corporation's top inventors); and a George Westinghouse Signature Award (for engineering excellence).

During his time away from work, he enjoys the outdoors, including camping, whitewater rafting, hiking and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

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airport. She viewed the FBO as an expansion.

According to airport manager Leander Hauri, the need for an FBO was identified during the airport master plan update process in 2001. "An FBO would provide a variety of specialized services expected by the air community that the Livermore Airport does not provide at this time," he declared.

In 2010, the city council approved a rezoning of the Airport and approved an EIR for the airport that examined, at a broad programmatic level, environmental impacts of the ultimate build-out of the airport development envisioned by the rezoning. This includes development of a full service FBO, a new administration building with a restaurant, and future hangar construction.

A lease was negotiated in 2007 to build the FBO. However, it was never built because of the recession. A new request for proposals was issued by the city, which includes the fuel concession. There was one response from Five Rivers Aviation, LLC.

An FBO would provide a full line of service including fueling, towing, lavatory and cabin cleaning; catering and concierge services, including crew support and crew cars; overnight and long-term hangar storage for all aircraft sizes;

and aircraft maintenance, engine overhaul and avionics installation.

In addition, Five Rivers will offer services to the general public, such as an aircraft dealership row, charter service support, passenger concierge services, rental cars, hotel reservations, emergency services and law enforcement support and additional disaster relief support equipment and amenities.

Hauri told the council that the airport is the aviation gateway to Livermore. An FBO will improve the image of the city, contributing to a good first impression of Livermore.

Hauri said an FBO would allow airport personnel to focus on maintenance of the airport. He noted that currently inadequate staff time is available to provide both fueling and airport facility maintenance services, creating a significant backlog in maintenance projects that must be addressed. Shifting the workload would increase expenditures by \$290,000.

Under the proposed lease, the Airport Enterprise Fund would forfeit approximately \$360,000 in net income as a result of relinquishing the fuel sales and shifting permanent staff from fueling activities to deferred maintenance activities. However, according to Hauri the Airport is still projected to generate

a positive cash flow of approximately \$260,000 at the end of the first year of FBO operation.

During the public hearing, McMullen noted that the Livermore Airport Citizens Group is very opposed to the airport's master plan update and development at the airport. "You should allow time for citizens to speak on this issue. An FBO will attract more aircraft."

Her remarks were echoed by Matthew Steinberg. He said that he was attending the council with his Scout Troop. "This is the first I've heard of an FBO."

It was pointed out that an FBO would mean fewer flights operations at the airport. Jets don't fly in for service; they are dropping off and picking up passengers. They fuel up and receive services at other sites. By offering service, one of the trips could be eliminated.

Hauri was asked if there were data available to support that claim. He said there wasn't.

One concern raised by Councilmember Bob Wornner was the cost of fuel. He said it looks like there would be an increase, which will have an impact on the average pilot.

Hauri said that Five Rivers has agreed to keep prices competitive. In 2012, the average fill-up cost \$136. That would increase by an average of \$13 under the lease. The price is com-

parable to that charged by nearby airports.

Councilmember Stewart Gary asked for a copy of the old master plan, environmental review and other documents related to changes at the airport. He also requested a legal review of the rezoning and rulings to determine if they still stand. He suggested that maintenance should be reviewed to determine what is the best way to go economically; perhaps it should be privatized as well.

Councilmember Doug Horner pointed out that the negotiated lease will come back to the council. "We will hear all of the details, before we agree to anything."

Under the lease, Five Rivers would construct the FBO building and the required 25,000 square foot of hangar space in the form of five 4,000 square foot hangar units and one 5,000 square foot hangar unit.

Five Rivers estimates the development would cost approximately \$3 million. Two modern, compact and self-contained self-serve fueling facilities would be installed, one each on the north and south side of the airfield. These facilities would dispense aviation gasoline only (no Jet-A fuel), and would be accessible on a 24-hour basis.

Five Rivers also proposes to construct additional hangar storage space in future years through a phased, demand-based approach.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EDWARD JOSEPH JERBIC

Case No. RP13680067

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **EDWARD JOSEPH JERBIC**
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **EDWARD MICHAEL JERBIC** in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: **EDWARD MICHAEL JERBIC** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
4. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
5. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
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7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of

the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
10. (X) Petitioner
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Lab Researchers Recognized for Top Industrial Innovations

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers are the recipients of five awards among the top 100 industrial innovations worldwide in 2012.

This year's Livermore R&D 100 awards could provide assistance in fighting bioterrorism and improve indoor air quality in buildings, improve understanding of important material and biological processes, upgrade lasers for defense and industrial applications and boost fusion energy research.

The five technologies honored by the trade journal R&D Magazine were developed by three teams of LLNL scientists and engineers, a team of Lab physicists and two LLNL computational scientists who worked with two other national labs, a British lab and a company.

This year's R&D 100 awards will be presented Nov. 7 during a black-tie dinner at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla.

With this year's results, the Laboratory has captured a total of 148 R&D awards since 1978. U.S. Department of Energy national laboratories received a total 36 awards in this year's judging.

"I am very pleased that the Laboratory has received this recognition through the R&D 100 awards this year," said LLNL Deputy Director for Science and Technology Bill Goldstein. "The Laboratory has again succeeded in winning acclaim in a broad range of research areas that benefit the nation and U.S. industry."

Two of LLNL's five R&D 100 awards – the Movie Mode Dynamic Transmission Electron Microscope and the Efficient Mode-Converters for High-Power Fiber Amplifiers – received internal "seed money" from the Laboratory Directed Research & Development (LDRD) Program. This funding enables high-risk, potentially high-payoff projects at the forefront of science and technology to be undertaken.

• A team of LLNL scientists and engineers has developed a safe and versatile material, known as DNA Tagged Reagents for Aerosol Experiments (DNATrax), that can be used to reliably and rapidly diagnose airflow patterns and problems in both indoor and outdoor

venues.

Among the applications for the new material are indoor air quality detection, for homes, offices, ships and airplanes; urban particulate tracking, for subway stations, train stations, and convention centers; environmental release tracking; and oil and gas uses, including fracking, to better track fluid flow.

DNATrax are particles comprised of sugar and synthetic DNA that serve as a bar code for the particle. The potential for creating unique bar-coded particles is virtually unlimited, thus allowing for simultaneous and repeated releases, which dramatically reduces the costs associated with conducting tests for contaminants.

The developers of this technology are: George Farquar, Elizabeth Wheeler, Ruth Udey, Beth Vitalis, Roald Leif, Brian Baker, Christine Hara, Cindy Thomas, Maxim Shusteff and Sally Hall.

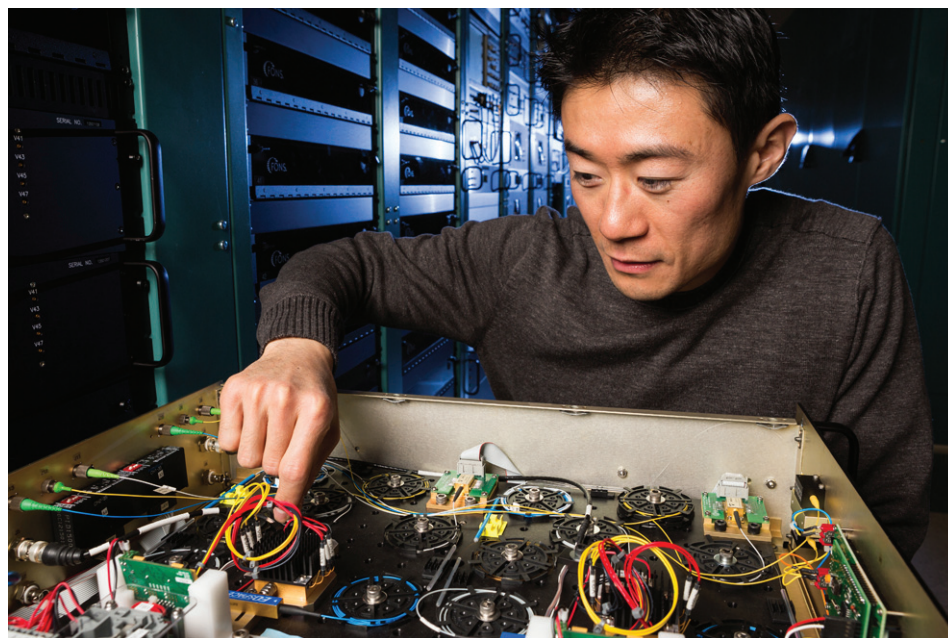
• A new instrument developed by LLNL scientists and engineers, the Movie Mode Dynamic Transmission Electron Microscope (MM-DTEM), captures billionth-of-a-meter-scale images with frame rates more than 100,000 times faster than those of conventional techniques. The work was done in collaboration with a Pleasanton-based company, Integrated Dynamic Electron Solutions (IDES) Inc.

Winning team members are: Thomas LaGrange, Bryan Reed, Glenn Huete, Richard Shuttlesworth and William DeHope, all of LLNL. The work was done in collaboration with Integrated Dynamic Electron Solutions of Danville.

Using this imaging technique, a range of fundamental and technologically important material and biological processes can be captured in action, in complete billionth-of-a-meter detail, for the first time.

The primary application is the direct observation of fast processes, including microstructural changes, phase transformations and chemical reactions, that shape real-world performance of nanostructured materials and potentially biological entities.

IDES Inc. has licensed the technology from LLNL and worked with the Laboratory to define the instrument as a commercially available product. The firm expects to



LLNL optics engineer Jason Chou looks over a new technology called Laser SHIELD that won an R&D 100 award. In the past, it took as long as 12 hours to manually screen 48 critical checkpoints at LLNL's National Ignition Facility -- the largest laser in the world -- for harmful laser pulses. With the Laser SHIELD advance, the screening can be done in less than one second and at the push of a button.

have its first orders within the next several months.

• Two Livermore computer scientists served on a Sandia National Laboratories-led team that developed Mantevo Suite 1.0, the first integrated suite of small software programs, also called "miniapps," to be made available to the high performance computing (HPC) community. These miniapps facilitate the development of new HPC systems and the applications that run on them.

Miniapps (miniature applications) serve as stripped down surrogates for complex, full-scale applications that can require a great deal of time and effort to port to a new HPC system because they often consist of hundreds of thousands of lines of code. The miniapps are a prototype that contains some or all of the essentials of the real application but with many fewer lines of code, making the miniapp more versatile for experimentation. This allows researchers to explore more rapidly options and optimize system design, greatly improving the chances the full-scale application will perform successfully.

These miniapps have become essential tools for exploring complex design spaces because they can reliably predict the performance of full applications. Consequently, HPC system developers can make earlier and better informed design decisions. Such a tool, or set of tools, is of particular im-

portance as computer scientists develop next-generation supercomputers and their applications in a ferociously competitive global market.

Computing hardware has historically enabled rapid information processing by "sequential" execution. But clock speeds have stalled and developers are looking to new approaches. Future performance gains will come almost exclusively from running sets of instructions concurrently – not sequentially – necessitating basic design changes to computer components and how these interact. Collaborative, simultaneous development of all system components, called "co-design," is seen as the only way to dramatically advance computer performance.

Besides Sandia National Laboratories and LLNL, other members of the Mantevo project include: Los Alamos National Laboratory (UK); the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE); and the University of Warwick. The team pioneered the "miniapp" concept. Mantevo 1.0 is the first integrated collection of full-featured miniapps. DOE/NNSA labs have had a longstanding interest in miniapps as a way to accelerate the development of high performance scientific computing. Computing industry leaders such as Intel, IBM, NVIDIA, AMD and Cray also use miniapps as essential tools for the design of new systems.

Winning team members

are: Arun Kumar Sridharan, Paul Pax, Derrek Drachenberg, James Armstrong, John Heebner and Jay Dawson.

• In the past, it took as long as 12 hours to manually screen 48 critical checkpoints at the National Ignition Facility (NIF) for harmful laser pulses. The screening equipment had to be moved from point to point throughout a facility the size of three football fields.

Now with a new technology, called Laser SHIELD (Screening at High-throughput to Identify Energetic Laser Distortion), the screening can be done in less than one second, with the push of a button.

Among the team members that developed Laser SHIELD are: Jason Chou, Vincent Hernandez, Corey Bennett, Larry Pelz, Mark Bowers, John Heebner, Matthew Rever, Jean-Michel DiNicola, Jeff Jarboe, Gaylen Erbert, Mike Shaw, Kim Christensen, Larry K. Smith, Ernesto Padilla, Alex Deland, Don Browning, Tracy Budge, Kevin Williams, Nan Wong, Anthony Rivera, Adrian Barnes and Leyen Chang.

Proper screening of pulses is critical for the operation of high-energy lasers to ensure that the laser does

not exceed safe operating conditions for optics. The energetic beams of light are so powerful that, when left uncontrolled, they can shatter the extremely valuable glass inside the laser. If a harmful pulse is found, immediate adjustments can be made in order to protect the optics for the facility.

Laser SHIELD is a custom-designed high-throughput screening system built from low-cost and commercially available components found in the telecommunications industry. Its all-fiber design makes it amenable to the unique needs of high-energy laser facilities, including routing to intricate pick-off locations, immunity to electromagnetic interference and low-loss transport (up to several kilometers).

The technology offers several important benefits for NIF. First, the facility is able to fire more shots in less time—an efficiency that saves the facility millions of dollars each year. Second, high-energy lasers are more flexible to wavelength changes requested by target physicists. Third, by identifying harmful pulses before they damage the laser's optics, the facility potentially saves hundreds of thousands of dollars in maintenance costs each year.

An LLNL team of six physicists has developed a new technology that is a stepping stone to enable some of the limitations on high-power fiber lasers to be overcome.

Their technology, dubbed "Efficient Mode-Converters for High-Power Fiber Amplifiers," allows the power of fiber lasers to be increased while maintaining high beam quality.

Currently, high beam quality fiber lasers are used in machining, on factory floors and in a number of defense applications and can produce kilowatts of power.

The use of this LLNL technology will permit the construction of higher power lasers for lower costs and increase the power of high quality fiber lasers from kilowatts of power to potentially about 100 kilowatts.

Tri-Valley Haven Needs Help with School Supply Drive

Tri-Valley Haven will be giving away backpacks and school supplies to students in need on Tuesday, August 13 from 1-5PM at their Food Pantry (located at 418 Junction Avenue in Livermore). Tri-Valley Haven is asking the community for help to enable underprivileged children to return to school with dignity by assisting them with school supplies.

The impact of the recession is still evident in the numbers served at the Haven's Food Pantry.

Last year the Pantry served nearly 5,600 individuals from Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton and Sunol. "With so many families still struggling to keep food on their table, it is no surprise that many parents don't have the money to purchase school supplies for their children," says Samantha Burrows, Director of Homeless and Family Support Programs, who oversees the Haven's Pantry as well as the Back to School Drive.

Last year, over 400 Tri-Valley children were outfitted with backpacks, school supplies and even new shoes; this year the Haven anticipates the number of those in need to climb even higher.

Backpacks and supplies are given out on a first come, first served basis until they

are gone, and although the distribution itself does not start until the afternoon, families begin lining up in the early morning hours.

The Haven is requesting the community's help in making this year's drive a success. Donations are being accepted until Thursday, August 8 at the Tri-Valley

Haven Community Building, located at 3663 Pacific Avenue in Livermore.

Families needing assistance are invited to come to the Pantry on Aug 13th; all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

In fairness to families who show up early and wait

in line, holding spaces or picking up items for other families will not be allowed. Identification and evidence of being a Tri-Valley resident are required.

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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

Summer Performances Range From Dickens to Gilbert & Sullivan



Sonia Gariaeff appears as the Fairy Queen (double cast with Cary Ann Rosko), Wm. H. Neil as Willis (double cast with Sean Irwin), Molly Mahoney and Michele Schroeder as fairies (cast together as Iolanthe). There will be a sneak peek of the production at the Pleasanton Library. For details, see page 2. Photo by David Allen, 2013



Characters in "Oliver" include the Artful Dodger (Max DeSantis) Oliver (Trevor Gomez) and Fagin (Paul Plain). The play is based on the story "Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens. For the story, see page 3.

Mugs clink and bells tinkle in *Noah's Flood*

A bunch of humble coffee mugs—the kind with *World's Greatest Grandma* inscribed on the side—get into the act this weekend in Benjamin Britten's "Noah's Flood." The children's opera will be staged twice in Livermore and twice in Pleasanton in honor of the famed composer's centenary. (See below for details.)

The mugs, always useful when folks get together, have another significant role in Britten's popular work. They let the audience know when a sea change is coming, said Bob Williams, conductor of Pleasanton's Community Concert Band, now in rehearsal with the opera orchestra. Suspended in the air and hit with a mallet, they sound like raindrops, presaging the Biblical flood's angry beginning and also its merciful end.

Britten wrote the mugs into his score as "tuned slung mugs," and Williams caused some comment as he made the rounds of thrift stores to search them out. He kept hitting the merchandise with his little mallet to test their pitch. "People thought I was crazy," he said. But he got what he wanted—C-D-E-F-G!

In Britten's score, the mugs hobnob with more elegant instruments: the mighty organ, pianos, tympani, drums, trumpets and violins. Handbell ringers from Livermore's Asbury Methodist Church provide "ethereal music when the storm is clearing up and Noah realizes the world will be saved," Williams said.

As Britten hoped, the opera's instrumentalists, singers and actors create a diverse community.



Janice Lee, Joyce Parry Moore Ariana Moore and Sophie Clark prepare for the flood.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Musicians come from all over the Tri-Valley, from the Oakland-East Bay, San Jose and Livermore-Amador symphonies, the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, Cantabella Children's Chorus, a recreational group of recorder players, and others.

In all, 38-40 instrumentalists will perform Saturday and Sunday, along with a wind machine made especially for this production.

The cast, headed by baritone Roberto Perlas Gomez as Noah and lyric soprano Joyce Parry Moore as Mrs. Noah, reflects the same diversity. The leads are opera professionals; community members fill feature roles, and Canta-

bella's summer opera camp graduates play the birds and beasts. (Editor's note: *No animals have been harmed in creating this production.*)

"Everybody gets a chance to be something special," said Williams, noting even the audience can participate in singing familiar hymns that comment on the action.

"The music is straightforward, very tuneful in spots," said Williams. "It's dramatically very nice, and the arias and recitatives are not difficult to do."

Williams is part of a team of experienced artists guiding the production. Actor/director Patrick Moore is stage director; Cantabella founder Bee Chow is music

director; Connie Zaug, also of Cantabella, is choreographer.

"It's a good story, good music, fun to watch, fun to listen to," said Williams. "Come and open your voices!"

Co-producers of "Noah's Flood" are St.

Bartholomew's Episcopal Church and Cantabella Children's Chorus. Additional funding for this project has been provided by a generous grant from the City of Pleasanton and the San Francisco Foundation.

Noah's Flood plays at 4:30 and 7 pm Saturday, July 13 at St. Bartholomew's Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore; and 4:30 and 7 pm Sunday, July 14 at St. Clare's Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Come early for the pre-show festival!

For advance tickets at \$8-\$17, \$45 for a family of four, go to cantabella.org/tickets. Admission at the door is \$10-\$20. The Big Heart Wellness Center, serving needy neighbors, will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Sneak Peek of 'Iolanthe' Offered at Library

Lamplighters Music Theatre will present a sneak peek at their newest production, Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe," at the Pleasanton Public Library.

The performance will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 21.

The Bay Area's own Lamplighters Music Theatre takes a dig at ineffectual political rivalries with this satirical story about what happens when a band of fairies take over Parliament. The story features the tongue-twisting tour de force "Nightmare Song," a pompous and dim-witted ruling elite, and a leading man who's half a fairy – from the waist up. Gilbert's satire is delivered with elegant absurdity. This "fairy opera" was written at the midpoint of Gilbert and Sullivan's collaboration, when both artists were at the peak of their creative powers.

This free one-hour program will include excerpts from "Iolanthe" and is presented as a 'sneak-peek preview' of the full production coming to Livermore's Bankhead Theater on August 24th and 25th.

All library programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required.

For more information, please call the Pleasanton Library at 925/931-3400, ext. 4.



Pictured are cast members of "Oliver," the Artful Dodger (Max DeSantis), Nancy (Julia Etzel), Bet (Sophia Delucchi), and Oliver (Trevor Gomez).

'Oliver' Opens at the Bankhead

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre will stage the musical, "Oliver," at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Performances are weekends July 20 through August 4, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The musical is based on the novel "Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens.

After running away from the orphanage with the heartless Mr. Bumble, Oliver meets the Artful Dodger and is recruited to pick pockets for Fagin. There, Oliver finds a friend in Nancy, but neither she nor the boy are fit for a life of crime.

Songs from the show include Food Glorious Food, Consider Yourself, You've Got to Pick-a-Pocket or Two, I'd Do Anything, Oom Pah Pah, As Long As He Needs Me and many more.

Cast members include Oliver-Trevor Gomez, Fagin-Paul Plain, Bill Sykes-Ron Houk, Nancy-Julia Etzel, Artful Dodger-Max DeSantis, Mr. Bumble-Lucas de Ayora, Bet-Sophia Delucchi, Widow Corney-Shauna Shoptaw, Mr Sowerberry-Gary Foley, Mrs. Sowerberry-Julie Dahms, Noah-Noah McMoyler, Mr. Brownlow-Gary Bennett, Charlotte-Cassidy Kepp, Charley-Colin FitzMaurice,

Old Sally-Betsy Edwards, Mrs. Bedwin-Maren Haws, Rose Seller-Alexis Wong, Grimwig-Brian FitzMaurice.

Actors taking on the roles of orphans and the Dodger gang include Madelyn Conner, JD Cerruti, Dylan Cazin, Jennifer Caviglia, Jacob Dahms, Jack Estes, Colin FitzMaurice, Nathan Jones, Emily Joy-Kessel, Ashley Prickett, Amy Semmelmay-er, Akash Wason, Enrica Waugh, Imani Wilson, Ryan Yoshikami, Isabella Nicole Palmer, and Alec Zhang.

Members of the adult ensemble are Ashley Forney, Maren Haws, Bob

Weisman, Noah McMoyler, Alexis Wong, Kalene Gomez, Betsy Edwards, Brian FitzMaurice, Genie Hollie, Tim Nolan, Gabriela Oliveira, Gary Bennett, Zoey Brandt, Heather Drewis, Julie Dahms, and Elizabeth Dimits.

John Baiocchi directs. Choreography is by Todd Aragon, musical direction by Cary Litchford. Kathleen Breedveld is the producer.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankhead-theater.org or by calling 373-6800.

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Jazz in July Continues with the Oakland Jazz Choir

The Oakland Jazz Choir (OJC) will perform at 2pm on Sunday, July 14, 2013 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, as part of Jazz in July, a month-long series of free jazz events. There is no charge for this program.

The Oakland Jazz Choir is a talented group of dedicated singers from diverse backgrounds who have joined voices to take part in a new genre of vocal jazz. The use of fifteen (15) singers in a jazz choral setting provides a unique opportunity to deliver an innovative sound – exquisite harmonies and rhythms distinct to jazz, expressed by the power and finesse of so many human voices. The group sings traditional and contemporary jazz with exciting original arrangements. Paying homage to the cultural roots of jazz, OJC's repertoire also includes blues, gospel, Latin and Brazilian music.

Through research, education, collaboration, outreach and performances in a wide variety of settings, OJC carries out their mission of preserving one of the most inspiring and inspired American art forms – Jazz music. OJC performs throughout the year at a wide variety of venues including Yoshi's, The Great American Music Hall, SF Jazz Festival, Tahoe Summer Music Festival, Oakland's Art and Soul Festival, and many others. They also donate their time to various benefit organizations in the area.

The Oakland Jazz Choir has collaborated and performed with notable artists such as the great jazz vocalists Mark Murphy, Marlena Shaw and Madeline Eastman; fabulous blues singers Faye Carol and Brenda Boykin; the inspirational gospel singer and director Terrance Kelly; talented Bay Area arranger Greg Murai; and the innovative Keith Terry and his group Crosspulse. Dave Becker of the Oakland Tribune calls them "...a local treasure..."

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Jazz in July series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Exhibition Work Focuses on Bay Area

Studio Seven Arts has announced its July art exhibition celebrating the natural and iconic beauty of the San Francisco Bay Area. Oil and acrylic landscapes paintings will be displayed that depict the timeless and natural beauty of the Bay. Featured will be the work of Tom Taneyhill and Bryan Mark Taylor.

The exhibition opens Thursday, July 11th and runs through August, 11th.

"The work of Bryan and Tom were selected based on their distinctive capabilities to capture the essence of the Bay Area's character, from water views with sailboats, to cityscapes and the bridges brought to life on the canvas," said Dirk Christensen of Studio Seven Arts in downtown Pleasanton. "Both artists make use of their accomplished styles to bring brilliant detail, subtle color variations and personalized touches to their paintings- making the exhibition a treat for gallery visitors and art collectors."

Bryan Mark Taylor paints in a traditional Plein Air (outdoor) style capturing the light and essence of moment. His collections of paintings range from cityscapes to the varied natural beauty of the Bay Area's diverse outdoor scenes. He captures them in great degrees of detail and individual expression. He says, "I find great joy and fulfillment in studying nature directly and seeking out the best elements in order to convey these emotions. For



Angel Island Blues by Tom Taneyhill



Bay Sunset by Bryan Mark Taylor

me, a successful painting becomes not just a depiction of the physical, but a medium for connecting with our own spiritual natures."

Tom Taneyhill's paintings have a sense of motion with a touch of illustrative feel that stems from a previous era. The excitement of the America's Cup has inspired a collection of paintings of water, boats and the iconic bridges of San Francisco. Taneyhill says, "I find great inspiration in

the landscape of Northern California. With a painting style developed during my time as an illustrator, I attempt to portray the subject in a way that evokes a sense of beauty. However, my greatest challenge is to find the elusive quality of timelessness hidden within a modern landscape."

The gallery is located at 400 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton; information at (925) 846-4322.

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The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Friday

23rd Annual Day the Park Hosted by The Taylor Family Foundation at Camp Arroyo

Annual fundraiser aims to raise \$1.1 Million for terminally and chronically ill children

Plans are underway for The Taylor Family Foundation's 23rd Annual *Day in the Park* auction fundraiser, scheduled for Sunday, August 25 at Camp Arroyo in Livermore. Proceeds from the auction support The Taylor Family Foundation's (TTFF) mission to preserve the wellness and enhance the quality of life for children in Northern California living with life-threatening and chronic illnesses, developmental disabilities and at-risk youth through unique therapeutic experiences and support.

TTFF facilitates more than 30 summer and weekend camp sessions at Camp Arroyo, a safe haven and exciting experience for children living with HIV/AIDS, skin and heart disease, Crohn's & colitis, diabetes, brain tumors, autism and other chronic and critical illnesses. Since its inception in 1990, TTFF has helped more than 40,000 children and 70,000 parents by providing respite and unique camp opportunities. Each year, TTFF is able to provide 3,000 children with what is often a once-in-a-lifetime camp experience at no cost to their families. At Camp Arroyo, kids meet other children with similar conditions, learn to live with their disease and make lasting friendships. Children are given the opportunity to just be kids without worry-




ing about medicine, doctors, surgeries and other difficult life circumstances.

In addition to funding camp programs, TTFF continues their commitment to providing financial and emotional support for children and families in the community who are in desperate need. Too often, when a child falls seriously ill, the entire family becomes ill and infrastructures begin to crumble. TTFF continues to support these families in their time of need.

This year's auction fundraiser includes gourmet food and wine from some of the Bay Area's top restaurants and the finest Northern Californian wineries. Mingle with local celebrities, bid on more than 150 silent and live auction packages and buy raffle tickets for a chance

to win a 2013 Fiat 500. Priceless and rare live auction items include celebrity dinners and sports packages, private air accommodations to red carpet events, luxurious vacations and other glamorous packages. Individual tickets are \$175 and tables of 10 are \$2,000. Sponsorships range from \$3,000 to \$100,000.

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



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Cast of *Les Miserables* School Edition takes time out from rehearsals to pose for a group photo.

Les Miserables School Edition To Be Performed

Tri-Valley Young Performers Academy (TVYPA) presents *Les Miserables* School Edition. The musical is performed by talented young actors from Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon. Performances are Friday, July 12 at 7pm, Saturday, July 13 at 3pm and 7pm and Sunday, July 14 at 1pm. Tickets are \$10 online at <http://bpt.me/410427> and will be available at the door.

The performance will be at the Livermore High School Theater, 600 Maple Street.

TVYPA will be holding a raffle fundraiser during the shows for a chance

to win two tickets to see the hottest show in San Francisco - *The Book of Mormon*. The winner will be announced during the last show on July 14 at 1pm.

The summer performing arts camps include the current *Les Mis* camp in addition to the upcoming *Little Mermaid, Jr.*, *Comedy Improv* and *KinderDrama* Camps starting on July 15 through Dublin Parks and Recreation. Visit <http://www.DublinRecguide.com> to register. Classes are also offered during the year

through the City of Dublin. Upstage productions give young actors ages 10-18 a chance to perform with live music and take their acting, singing and dance skills to another level. In the past, shows have included *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, *13 the Musical* and *Urinetown*.

TVYPA was established in 2007 by two directors and two moms.

For more information about our programs-visit <http://www.TriValleyYPA.org>. Support young people in the arts and see a show!



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Concannon Vineyard Celebrates 130th Anniversary of Cabernet Sauvignon

2013 Commemorates the Historic Livermore Valley Winery's 130th Anniversary and 130 Years of Growing and Producing California Cabernet Sauvignon

Concannon Vineyard celebrates its 130th Anniversary this year as America's oldest, continuously operating winery under the same family label and stewardship and 130 years of growing and producing California Cabernet Sauvignon. "We are extremely proud to celebrate 130 continuous years of wine production under the Concannon Vineyard label, a history made possible by four generations of leadership," said John Concannon, fourth-generation vintner.

Concannon Vineyard has been recognized for many pioneering contributions to California winemaking and viticulture, including its history with Cabernet Sauvignon and proud legacy of industry "firsts." In 1883, James Concannon not only established the first successful winery founded by an Irish immigrant, but also established Concannon as a Founding Family of the California wine industry. James was well-known for his study of winemaking techniques and viticulture early on and imported vines directly from Bordeaux to first plant Cabernet Sauvignon at Concannon Vineyard in 1883, bottling one of California's first Bordeaux-style wines in 1886.

It was second-generation vintner Captain Joe who kept Concannon operating through Prohibition as the winery was permitted to produce sacramental wine. While many other California wineries had to close their doors during Prohibition, Captain Joe was able to maintain the Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards and improve winemaking techniques.

The famous Concannon Cabernet Clones 7, 8 and 11 are Concannon Vineyard's most significant contributions thus far to the California wine industry. The Concannon Clones resulted from the highly successful, collaborative work between third-generation vintner Jim Concannon and UC Davis in selecting and preparing for heat treatment cuttings from a single Cabernet Sauvignon vine which James Con-



cannon had earlier imported from Bordeaux. The Concannon Clones played a key role in the enormous expansion of Cabernet Sauvignon plantings in California beginning in the 1970s, and are credited for the widespread healthy expansion we continue to see today.

Jim Concannon is also recognized for his highly significant contribution of being first to release a bottling of Petite Sirah as a stand-alone varietal. After its first release from his 1961 vintage, Jim became well-known for introducing "America's First Petite Sirah®" and has garnered great respect as the "Father of Petite Sirah."

Fourth-generation vintner, John Concannon, continues his family's legacy of preserving the past while engaging the future. Since stepping into his role at the winery, Concannon Vineyard was first to place its vineyard into the Tri-Valley Conservancy Land Trust and was one of the first to become Certified Sustainable by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance (CSWA). A ten year revitalization project was also completed which includes a state-of-the-art, solar powered, small lot winery and the restoration of the original, historic winery. Today, the winery produces Cabernet Sauvignon in each of its five wine production tiers: Heritage, Reserve, Conservancy, Selected Vineyards, and Glen Ellen Reserve.

"I am firmly committed to upholding the Concannon family values of integrity, excellence and respect for the land, all required within the Concannon name which, in ancient Gaelic, means 'Wisdom Without Compromise,'" said John Concannon. "My family's history of firsts and legacy of producing and growing Cabernet Sauvignon for over 130 years inspires me and drives us to continue this tradition for many years to come."

For more information about Concannon Vineyard's legacy and Cabernet history as well as information about Concannon's Cabernet Day celebrations or to buy tickets, please visit www.concannonvineyard.com/cabernet. Join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Free Summer Bicycle Classes Offered in Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton and the East Bay Bicycle Coalition have teamed up to offer free summer bicycle safety classes.

The first workshop teaches cycling basics to families with children who are able to ride a bike. Parents and kids must attend together, bring their own bikes, and be prepared for a day of fun games, safety drills, skills building, and a neighborhood ride. This workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sat., July 13.

For adults over age 18, a two-day workshop is on tap. On Day 1, Aug. 10, 1 to 4:30 p.m., the focus is Urban Cycling 101, a class that covers the basic rules of the road, helmet fit and how to avoid a crash, to name a few. Day 2, Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is an on-road, on-your-bike practice session conducted by certified League of American Bicyclists instructors. Learn how to improve your handling skills, crash avoidance maneuvers, and the ability to bike confidently and safely.

All workshops are taught by certified instructors and will be held at Hart Middle School, located at 4433 Willow Road in Pleasanton.

Pre-registration is required at www.pleasantongreenscene.org/transportation or www.ebbc.org/safety. For more information, please call (925) 931-5039.

San Ramon Offers Concerts

The San Ramon 2013 Summer Concert Series takes place Sundays in July and August at 5:30 p.m.

The location is Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Bring a picnic, blanket and/or lawn chairs. Adult beverages, soda and ice cream will be available for purchase.

The schedule includes: July 14 - Aja Vu, Steely Dan Tribute; July 21 - East Bay Mudd, R&B, soul and funk; July 28 - The Unauthorized Rolling Stones - tribute band; and August 4 - Take 2, high energy band.

Picnic Flix Begin July 12

Pack up your blankets and beach chairs and head to Emerald Glen Park for the free 2013 outdoor movie series known as "Picnic Flix." This summer's schedule will include:

Friday, July 12 - Madagascar 3 (PG)

Friday, August 2 - Angels in the Outfield (PG)

Friday, August 23 - Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3

Attendees may arrive as early as 7:00 p.m. Movies will begin at dusk - typically 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Also, new for this year, look for food vendors who will be offering great food to enjoy along with the movie. No pets, please.

For more information, call (925) 556-4500.

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.

Art Happens, 2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 9 p.m. July 11. Downtown Livermore. Art displays, poetry, entertainment, special events. For the brochure go to www.bothwellartscenter.org.

Encuentros: Bankhead Theater hosts three Latin-American artists in summer exhibition. Encuentros opens with a reception from 6-7:30pm on Thursday, July 11, in conjunction with July's Art Happens event, at 2400 First Street, Livermore. The exhibit features oil paintings, acrylics, and monotypes from Edmee Keele, Jordi Camps and Alfredo Mordas. The art will remain on exhibition until September 8th. Proceeds from sales benefit the Bothwell Arts Center, a project of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation.

Paintings by Bill Paskewitz are on display at Prudential California Realty, 1780 First Street, Livermore, through Aug. 18. A reception will be held Thursday, July 11, 6-9, in conjunction with Art Happens! The public is welcome to stop by to meet the artist and view the show. Local wine and light refreshments will be served. The show is open for viewing during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or by appointment with Cher Wollard, 925-824-4824 or cherw@cherw.com

The Contemporary Landscape: Exhibition at the Harrington Gallery at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, June 7 through July 19. Invitational exhibit featuring 5 very different artists, from abstract to conceptual: John Crawford, John Maxon, Margaret Rinkovsky, Jenn Shifflet, Jeff Snell. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12-5pm; Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Admission is free, donations always appreciated.

Where a Painter Meets Poets, A new exhibit featuring poetic responses to the work of Livermore artist Lily Xu will be on display at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal, through Sept. 30. The show, Where a Painter Meets Poets, features Xu's watercolor paintings, as well as poems by Ronnie Holland, poet laureate

emeritus of Dublin; Cher Wollard, outgoing poet laureate of Livermore; Susan Wilson; Jim Curcuro; and Kay Speaks.

Wente Vineyards will exhibit the work of local painter Patricia Benson from July 2 to July 30. Wente Vineyards Estate tasting room located at 5565 Tesla Road in Livermore.

Art Under the Oaks, July 20 and 21, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Alden Lane Nursery. Livermore Art Association show. Art displays, demonstrations, entertainment, etc. www.livermoreartassociation.org.

California Society of Printmakers, Celebrating 100 Years of the California Society of Printmakers, Aug. 1-Sept. 5, Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Opening reception is Thurs., Aug. 1, 7 to 9 p.m. Printmaking of all types: book arts, silkscreen, monotype, woodcut and linocut, lithography, mixed mediums, etching and letterpress. California Society of Printmakers is the oldest continuously operating association of printmakers in the United States. The gallery is open Wed.-Fri. 12-5 and Sat. 11-3. www.firehousearts.org.

Nicole Wakeman, mixed media artist, Work displayed at Wente Vineyards Estate Winery,, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore during the month of August. Reception on Sun., Aug. 4, 1 p.m. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Fine Art on Friday, 10 a.m. with Art Critique & Coffee at the Corner Bakery Cafe, Pleasanton Gateway Plaza. Professional, Local and Emerging Artists of the San Francisco Bay Area. Contact Claudette for more information 510 543-4776.

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

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

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

The Young Artists' Studio has openings in its 2013 Summer Session. Artist Peggy Frank welcomes interested students ages 7 through high school to sign up for a week or more of small group instruction in art. Projects include all kinds of drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. High school students working on advanced portfolios are welcome. Peggy has been working with young artists in the Livermore Valley since 1980. For information about the summer art program or school year lessons contact her at (925) 443-8755 or email frank.a@comcast.net.

Drawing Classes at the Figurehead Gallery, 2222 2nd Street, Suite 21, Livermore: Jacob Hankinson, Portrait Drawing, Mondays, July 8 - August 26, (8 week session), 7-9 PM, \$200; Jacob Hankinson, Intro to Drawing, Fridays, July 5 - August 23, (8 week

session), 4-6 PM, \$200. 2222 2nd St. Suite 21, Livermore. 337-1799 or figureheadgallery.com

Ukulele Circle, July 13th and July 27th. Meetings are held the 2nd and last Saturday of each month from 12noon-1pm at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www.GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Firehouse First Fridays: Free Summer Events at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. July 5, August 2. All free and open to the public. Events include: Open mic on Firehouse Theater Stage anchored by special guest acts, Harrington Art Gallery exhibits, art demonstrations by noted collage, mixed media, paint and fiber artists, and children's art projects led by Debbie Wardrope and Young Rembrandts. Other activities include face painting by Lighthouse Faces, balloons, light refreshments, and Firehouse staff on hand to chat and answer questions. Firehouse Arts Center is located in downtown Pleasanton at 4444 Railroad Avenue. For information, visit www.firehousearts.org, or call 925-931-4848.

WINERY EVENTS

Live Music, The Winemaker's Pour House, 2241 First St., Livermore, 215-2656. www.winemakerspourhouse.com

Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. Check for the winery listings

at www.lvwine.org.

McGrail Vineyards and Winery events: Tapas, Tasting, and Tunes, 6 to 9 p.m. Fri., July 12. Posada Catering will be selling gourmet tapas, music by the Catfish Boys! A special wine flight or wine by the glass and bottle will be available for purchase. \$5/wine club member. \$10/person. Paellas, Pizza and the Patriot, July 13, celebrate Independence Day with the Patriot Cabernet. Enjoy small plates of Paella from Juan Mendivel and Gourmet Wood-Fired Pizza by Soleil Pizza. The Pink Pirates will be playing. Tickets are required \$35/person, \$29/wine club member. www.mcgrailvineyards.com or (925) 215-0717. 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

The Front Porch Presents Homegrown, Saturday, July 13, 5 to 9 p.m. Bay Area musical talent paired with Wente Vineyards' award-winning wines, food and outdoor fun. This July, enjoy the music of the Tumbleweed Wanderers and Wolf Hamlin & The Front Porch Drifters. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Pre-sale tickets at ticketweb for \$15 per person. 456-2305

Taste our Terroir, Thursday through Sunday, July 18-21, 2013: Livermore Valley's premier food and wine affair spans four delectable days. On Thursday night, the annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence has 20 winemakers partnering with Bay Area chefs to compete for honors. Taste pairings and cast a vote for the coveted People's Choice award. Friday through Sunday wineries across the region host cooking classes, barrel seminars, vineyard tours and more. Saturday night, guests join winemakers for a varietal dinner in an elegant wine country setting. Tickets and information at www.lvwine.org

Yoga & Wine, Unwind with Fifth Generation Winemaker Karl D. Wente and Vinyasa Yoga instructor Suzanna Spring in an invigorating series of

yoga and wine tasting. July 30 and August 27. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wente Vineyards vineyard lawn area. 456-2300.

Wood Family Vineyards 10th Annual Release Party, Aug. 10 and 11, noon to 4:30 p.m. Live bands both days. Wines will be paired with gourmet cheeses. \$10 per person and keep your crystal logo wine glass (waived for "Extended Family" club members). www.woodfamilyvineyards.com

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Shamrock'n Sundays Concert Series. Emerald Glen Park, Dublin, 5 p.m. July 21, Jukebox Heroes; Aug. 18, Finding Stella. Bring beach chairs or blankets and a picnic or purchase a delicious dinner from several food vendors which will be onsite. No pets please. For more information call 925-556-4500.

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

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

Jazz in July at the Livermore Public Library, Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue: The Oakland Jazz Choir (OJC), Sun., July 27, 2 p.m. Charged Particles, Sun., July 21, 2 p.m. FivePlay, Sun., July 28, 2 p.m. The Friends of the



Keiko Matsui

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Livermore Shakespeare Festival's 2013 season runs two more weekends at Concannon Vineyard in Livermore. William Shakespeare's comic look at the battle of the sexes, *The Taming of the Shrew*, and the madcap comedy of manners, *The Liar*, adapted by David Ives from a farce by Pierre Corneille play in repertory June 20 – July 21. Tickets on sale at www.LivermoreShakes.org or 1-800-838-3006. For more information call (925) 443-BARD. The photo at left shows a scene from *The Liar*. Pictured are Rafael Jordan and Paul Barrois. In the photo at the right are Sean Higgins and Luisa Frascioni in *The Taming of the Shrew*. (Photos - Kenneth Alexander)

Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Jazz in July series. No admission charge. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

14th Annual Hayward Russell City Blues Festival artists include Bobby Rush, Johnny Rawls, Sista Monica, Lester Chambers, Jamie Blues Boy Powell, Ron Thompson, Alvin Jett, Sonny Green-Tribute to Bobby Blue Bland, Caravan of All Stars, JC Smith Blues Band, Big Cat Telefree, Mofa Party Band, Stars of Glory, Umoja Community Choir, Guitar Mac and Bobby Joe Neeley. Hosted by Bay Area Blues Society and the City of Hayward, Hayward City Hall Plaza, 777 B St., Hayward. July 13 and 14, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. \$25 in advance / \$30 at the door per day / \$45 2-day in advance. \$25 students/seniors (62+) in advance; \$30 student/seniors (62+) at the door per day with ID. No picnic baskets, ice chests, food, drink or pets (service animals only). Brownpapertickets.com or highsierratickets.com

Huey Lewis and the News, "Sports" 30th Anniversary Tour, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Tues., July 16. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com

Counting Crows and the Wallflowers, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Wed., July 17.

Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com

Top Shelf's Johnny 'T': A Salute to the Songs of Ray Charles and Aretha Franklin. Bay Area favorite Johnny Trotman returns with his popular performing group along with special guest Felicia White. Famous for their hit shows *Motown Madness* and *Disco Fever*, Top Shelf pays tribute to the legends of soul, with songs including *Hit the Road Jack*, *Chain of Fools*, and, of course, *Respect*. Saturday, July 20, 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are also available at the Firehouse 2 hours prior to the performance.

A Cabaret Gone Choral II, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, July 27, 2 and 8 p.m. and July 28, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

An Evening with Chicago, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Mon., Aug. 5. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com

Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Aug. 9, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org

or 373-6800.

The World of Webber, A Cabaret Tribute To the Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber (2013), Aug. 10, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 373-6800.

Keiko Matsui, Japanese-born pianist and composer, plays contemporary smooth jazz. Aug. 17, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Chris Botti, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Mon., Aug. 19. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com

Ottmar Liebert, flamenco guitarist and composer. Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Tri-Valley High: The Series. Creatures of Impulse, the Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe, presents their summer classic. Over 4 Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., the troupe performs the episodic, live, improvised teen soap opera, full of mesmerizing teen angst. Audience members help create the characters, location, and plot for this interactive and un-scripted adventure. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. General admission tickets

students \$5 advance, \$8 door; adults \$10 advance, \$15 door. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Free parking.

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

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

Staged reading of The Language Archive by Julia Cho, a comedy about a linguist who must learn the words for love. The third DMT Bare Bones series in the 2013-2014 season: edgier pieces by contemporary writers. One performance. 8 p.m. Appropriate for

ages 15 and up. July 30, 2013. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 open seating. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

Kabaret...for Kids! Cabaret and theater star Samantha Samuels hosts her Musical Variety Show for children and their families. Cabaret for Kids returns again this summer to the Firehouse Arts Center for two Friday matinees on July 12 and August 2 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8-\$12, and available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Oliver, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, weekends July 20 to Aug. 4. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Foreigner, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. Aug. 17-25, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Lamplighters Music Theater, Gilbert & Sullivan's *Iolanthe*. Aug. 24, 8 p.m. and Aug. 25, 2 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org, 373-6800.

COMEDY

Comedy Uncorked. Saturday, July 27 – 7:30 pm (grounds open at 6:00 pm). Performing: Jeff Applebaum, Kellen Erskine, Faith Alpher. Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 South Livermore Ave,

Livermore. Tickets \$25 advance/\$30 at door. Proceeds benefit Open Heart Kitchen. www.comedyuncorked.com/

MOVIES

Civil War on Film, Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. "Glory; July 12, 2 p.m. Lincoln; July 19, 2 p.m. Conspirator. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us

The Cinema at Wente Vineyards, All movies are complimentary and start at twilight. Wines available by the bottle or glass. July 11 Bridesmaids, Ken's Wood Fired Pizzas available for sale; July 18 The Hunger Games; August 8 Wreck-It Ralph. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery & Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore. 456-2305.

Movies outdoors, compliments of the City of Pleasanton. All films will be shown on a giant screen that measures 26 feet diagonally. The movies will begin at dusk at Amador Valley Community Park, located at 4301 Black Avenue. July 11, Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax*; July 18, *ParaNorman*; July 25, *Brave*; Aug. 1, *Hotel Transylvania*; Aug. 8, *The Amazing Spiderman*; Aug. 15, *The Avengers*. For more information about the film series, please call the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340.

Picnic Flick, movies begin at dusk, approx. 8:30 p.m. Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. July 12: *Madagascar*

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3; Aug. 2, Angels in the Outfield; Aug. 23, Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3. No pets please. 556-4500 for more information.

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

Monty Python's Spamalot, auditions for Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. Sun., July 21 and Mon., July 22, 7 p.m. Callbacks Sat., July 27, 10 a.m. (invitation only). 32 bars comedic song, be ready to dance, cold read from script, british accent attempted, (dialect coach will be used for production), bring headshot and resume, audition form, and conflict calendar must be completed. Rehearsals begin in Pleasanton on August 12, 2013 and performances are Saturday Oct. 19th through—Sun Nov 3rd 2013 at the Bankhead Theatre in Livermore. Information at www.trivalleyrep.org

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

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 41st annual Competition for Young Musicians, open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside in 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. 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. The application deadline is Oct. 6, 2013.

OPERA

Noah's Flood, composer Benjamin Britten's opera to be performed 4:30 and 7 pm Saturday, July 13 at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore; and 4:30

and 7 pm Sunday, July 14 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Tickets at \$8-\$17 are available in advance at cantabella.org/tickets, or at \$10-\$20 at the door. Families of four receive a discount. A portion of the proceeds will go to the new Big Heart Wellness Center at St. Bart's, which serves needy community neighbors.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Teens Only Program, July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Amador Recreation Center at 4455 Black Avenue, Pleasanton. Activities designed for ages 13 to 18. The fee is \$5 for one Thursday, or \$15 to attend all five Thursday night events. Pre-registration is required at www.pleasantonfun.com. For more information, please call Rachel Mariscal at (925) 931-3434.

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

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

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

The Great Catsby! Valley Humane Society (VHS), Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 6 to 10:30 pm at the Veteran's Hall in downtown Pleasanton. The event benefits the animal rescue programs and community services of VHS. Casino games, big band sounds, food, silent auction. Tickets are just \$65 per person, with an optional poker tournament buy-in an additional \$35 each. Tournament is limited to 24 entrants. Tickets and tournament registration available online at valleyhumane.org. The Veteran's Hall is located at 301 Main Street, Pleasanton.

2013 Wine Country Summer Luncheon Series, July 25, 11:30 a.m. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Annual Innovation Forum. Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce. Reservations, 447-1606.

Summer Wine Stroll, July 27, 5 to 8 p.m. Main St., Downtown Pleasanton. Tickets and information at www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Summer series on Lincoln, Civil War and Constitution:

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

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

2013 Intermediate Little League World Series, inaugural event July 30-Aug. 5 at Max Baer Park, Livermore. Hosted by California District 57 Little League and Granada Little League. Championship game, Aug. 5 at 4 p.m. U.S. champ versus international champ. www.intermediateworldseries.org.

16th Annual Pooch Parade, Wed., Aug. 7 in downtown Pleasanton at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal Streets. Event runs in conjunction with the 1st Wednesday Street Party sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Registration and judging for the Pooch Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks at 6:30 p.m. and the parade at 7 p.m. Winners and raffle numbers will be announced at 7:45 p.m. Enter a pooch, any size, 4 months or older, in any or all of the seven categories. The entry fee is \$10.00 per category. All proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. All donations are tax deductible. For complete details and to download registration form, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

A Starry Night in the Caribbean, fund-raiser hosted by Pleasanton North Rotary, Sun., Sept. 21, 4:30 to 10 p.m. at Barone's Restaurant, 475 St. John's Place, Pleasanton. Includes no host cocktail reception with appetizers, live steel drum music, silent raffle drawing, music and dancing and Mike Darby's cigar bar. \$100 per person until Sept. 1. Dress is resort formal. Now taking reservations for full tables and Cabanas (for corporate

sponsors) at www.astarrynight.org. Contact Event Chair Tina Case 925-519-0669 or Tina@coenow.com for information.

1st Wednesday Street Party, Dog Days of Summer, August 7, 6 to 9 p.m., downtown Pleasanton, Pleasanton Downtown Association, (925) 484-2199, www.pleasantondowntown.net

Ice Cream Social, Aug. 11, Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Ice Cream, cookies, and hot dogs are for sale. Demonstrations, Music, and more. Tours and Gift Shop. Operated by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. www.larpd.dst.ca.us

An Evening with Pleasanton Firefighters, Tues., Aug. 13, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series, Join

past and present firefighters as they share their experiences and memories through the years. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Fireman's Muster "Reunion," August 17, return to the Pleasanton Musters of the 1970s. Sponsored by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and LPFD Firefighters' Foundation. Activities begin at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, events begin at 9 a.m. The muster benefits the Museum on Main in Pleasanton. www.museumonmain.org

2013 Wine Country Summer Luncheon Series, Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m. Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Speaker to be announced. Livermore Valley Chamber of Com-

merce. Reservations, 447-1606.

Cat Show, the Golden Gate Cat Club is having its annual show at Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, on Aug. 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Young cat lovers will be invited to bring their favorite stuffed or toy kitty from home. The toy kitties will be judged in a special ring for ribbons. Rescue cats available for adoption. 934-3471 for information.

148th Scottish Gathering & Games, presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. August 31 and Sept. 1 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Gates open at 8 a.m. each day. Dance, music, athletic contests, entertainment, food and fun for all ages. www.thescottishgames.com

Wineries Host Ports of Call Wine Stroll

The Ports of Call Wine Stroll will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, July 19.

Explore seven late harvest, dessert, or port wines from seven different Livermore Valley winemakers at various locations. Each dessert wine will be paired with a special food selection ranging from savory espresso cheese to decadent desserts.

Charles R Vineyards will be featuring a 2006 VINO de Amor paired with Port Brownies and Espresso Cheese and Crackers.

Eagle Ridge Vineyards will offer the MadLyn Port paired with Raincoast Toast with Stilton & Toasted Wal-

nuts

el Sol Winery will showcase its 2006 Zinfandel Port paired with a port infused, chocolate bundt cake topped with vanilla bean ice cream.

Big White House and John Evans Cellar will be pouring their late harvest Syrah paired with mahogany chicken wings. The chicken wings will have a late harvest syrah reduction BBQ glazed wing, smoked over a bed of oak barrel staves, topped with an optional blue cheese crumble.

Eckert Estate Winery will sample its 2003 Decade Cabernet Port and 2005 Boa Quinta Tawny Reserve Port paired with a crostini topped

with mostarda, honey bacon, goat cheese and organic white nectarines.

Longevity Wines will pour Zinfandel Port Desert wine that has aromas of raspberry, cherry, blackberry, spice, chocolate, and coffee paired with a Mixed Berry Crumble drizzled with chocolate.

Occasio Winery will be sampling its 2011 Angelica and 2010 Opportunity Port paired with a savory cupcake treat from Dolce, Livermore's little bake shop.

Guests must provide transportation to each location. Tickets are \$45. For tickets or more information, go to www.lvwine.org.

Music in the Orchard Summer Series 2013

The Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation is a partial beneficiary of the proceeds from Music in the Orchard, a 2013 summer concert series presented by The Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa and Nottingham Cellars. Invite friends and family to join you for an evening of music among the olive trees.

The concerts will be held at The Purple Orchid Wine Country Resort & Spa in Livermore on Thursdays, July 25, August 29 and September 26. Tickets are \$15 and include admission to the concert, souvenir glass and first pour of wine or beer.

Tickets are available online at <http://purpleorchid.bpt.me>

Wine by Nottingham Cellars, beer by Altamont Beer Works and food by Ken's Wood Fired Pizza will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and relax under the olive trees!

Musical Line-up: July 25 - Wolf Hamlin and the Front Porch Drifters; August 29 - Crawdad Republic; and September 26 - TMI

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.)

Dress a Girl Around the World, meetings once a month, next Sew-Fest is Saturday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Michael Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) There is a lot of fabric and pillowcases, so there are many kits ready to sew. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Become a volunteer literacy tutor for the Livermore Public Library and make a real difference in someone's life! Over 60 adults are waiting for help. A free tutor training workshop will be held at the Livermore Library on Saturday, July 20, from 9AM-3PM. Tutors can volunteer any day or any time. To register, or for more information, call 373-5507.

GNON (Girls Night Out Networking) is partnering with the Valley Humane Society for a donation drive to help pets. The mixer will be held Wed., July 17, 5 to 8 p.m. Event is sponsored by Hairlights Salon, 4307 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. Bring a donation and network. For list of appropriate donations visit <http://valleyhumane.org/how-to-help-wish-list/> RSVP: To gnoners@gmail.com by July 14, \$10/pp for GNON members, \$15/pp for non-members.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., July 13, 37 miles Dublin Canyon Rd. to Castro Valley, meet 8:30 a.m., Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2812. Sun., July 14, 38 miles Central Park in San Ramon to Blackhawk meet 8 a.m., Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Wed., July 17, 25-40 miles, from San Ramon Central Park to Mt. Diablo/San Ramon area, meet 9:30 a.m., Jim Conger, 876-4949. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, will meet on Tuesday, August 13, 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. The presentation by Ralph Severson will be on "Navigating the Family Search Website." Ralph has been an avid genealogist for 40 years. Currently he is the Director of the Oakland Family Search Library. He will give us background about the FamilySearch.org website. He will explain the various features - what is least important, worthwhile and of the greatest value. Ralph will explain how to use the records as well as how to use research Wiki, research courses and how to use Family Tree. Ralph's specialties are Portuguese, French, Southern States and recently an interest in Australia. Come learn how you can maximize your use of the Family Search.org website for your brick walls. For question contact Pat Northam Program Chairperson email: program@L-AGS.org. Visitors welcome, no charge.

Organizing for Action East Bay Central Chapter, Training Camp OYA. Sat., July 13, noon to 4 p.m. Contact Kyoko at 925-290-7124. Organizing for Action Climate Change House Party, Thurs., July 18, 6:30 p.m. Eloise's House 7065 Inclined Pl, Dublin. Discuss how to turn the President Obama's agenda on preventing climate change into action in the community and how to defend against climate change deniers. Contact Eloise at 925-997-4646

Pleasanton Library's Project Read

needs volunteer tutors to help adults with English skills. Project Read provides the workbooks and study guides as well as teaching volunteers how to develop teaching skills, craft curriculum, and gain experience. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old, and fluent in American English and be able to devote a consistent hour or two weekly to a student for a semester. For more information, email PennyJohnson@Cityof-PleasantonCa.gov, or call Penny Johnson, 925/931-3405.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets 7 p.m. Mon., July 15 at IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Presenting the program will be Congressman Jerry McNERNEY & Marty Cheek authors of Clean Energy Nation. Book signing, discussion, refreshments, fun.

Bereaved Mothers' Network of the Tri-Valley, offering support, understanding and compassion to mothers who have suffered the loss (past or present) of a precious child. Safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment. Monthly meeting held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month. Livermore Civic Center Library in Community Room "B". Small voluntary donations to help with meeting and outreach costs are appreciated. For further information reach Katie Strube at katiestrube@comcast.net

Pleasantonians for Peace, Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, July 24, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowning@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs), Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex. All are welcome at our monthly meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Thursday, July 18th from 7:30pm to 9pm. For more information call Tri-Valley CAREs at (925) 443-7148 or visit our website at <http://trivalleycares.org>

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

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

Moreau Catholic High School is hosting its inaugural Reunion Weekend for the classes ending in 3 and 8. Alumni are invited back to campus on July 19th and 20th to celebrate with friends, music, food and fun. Tickets start at \$45. Register online at www.moreaucatholic.org/reunion-weekend13 or call the Alumni Coordinator at 510-881-4360.

LHS Reunion, Did you graduate in 1982 or 1983 from Livermore High School? A combined 30 year reunion is planned for this August 10th, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Robert Livermore Community Center. lhsclassof82and83@yahoo.com

Volunteer visitors, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is looking for

Volunteers for their Friendly Visitor Program. The Friendly Visitor Program aims to decrease the isolation of a homebound senior by matching volunteers with seniors who share similar interests. Volunteers may also provide occasional transportation to errands. Please contact Mary or Lorie at 931-5388 on how to become a Friendly Visitor.

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Beginners Internet and e-mail classes, Free classes for absolute beginners who have never clicked a mouse, used e-mail, or surfed the net. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Learn to keep in touch with loved ones and access internet sites all around the world. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Four one-hour classes in each series. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 4. Library programs are free and open to everyone. An ongoing program. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

Alameda County Master Gardeners are on hand on the 2nd Saturday of every month to give advice and guided tours of the Earth-Friendly Demonstration Garden. Talks start at 10:00. Topics are: July 13, creating a border to attract beneficial insects; Aug. 10, getting a garden through the summer heat; Sept. 14, autumn blooming perennials/planting for fall color, inviting birds for autumn - see production trees they love; Oct. 12, best drought resistant secret - bulbs; and Nov. 9, composting ABCs. Talks begin at 10 a.m., topics may be subject to change. The Demonstration Garden is located at the Martinelli Event Center, 3575 Greenville Road in Livermore. Information, 930-1130.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Lunch in San Ramon, July 17, 11:30 a.m., RSVP to Marsha by July 14, 830-8483. Happy hour in Pleasanton, July 18, 5 p.m. RSVP to Marge by July 16, 828-5124. Friendly bridge, July 20, 1 p.m. RSVP by July 13 to Harriett, 447-8229. Lunch in Livermore, July 25, noon, RSVP by July 22 to David, 833-7647. Family dinner at Colombo Club, July 27, 6:30 p.m., RSVP by calling Gino, 243-1281. Poppy Ridge lunch in Livermore, July 28, 12:30 p.m. RSVP to Ruby by July 26, 462-9636. Lunch in Pleasanton, July 30, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by July 27 to David, 833-7647.

Diabetes Self-Management Classes, free 7 week series will teach participants how to manage diabetes with exercise, healthy eating and medications, and answer questions about living with diabetes. Thursdays July 11 through August 22, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., 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. For LARPd register on-line www.larpd.dst.ca.us/ Space is limited.

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 aril.tamayoa@criil-online.org. All services are free.

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 Grafath 443-6655 or Lee Parlett 292-9280.

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

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.

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

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

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 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. 9 a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 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 No. I Street Livermore. (925) 447-4357 - www.calvalrylivermore.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; workshops on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Children's program on Sunday morning and first Fridays. The community is welcome. United CC is an Open and Affirming ministry. Call 449-6820 for more information.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 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.

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. Intercountry 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.

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Summer Sunday services with Rev. Joyce Parry-Moore, Rector: 9:30 am Eucharist with music (child care for children 5 and under provided). The two service schedule, Godly Play and Youth Group programs will resume on September 8.

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

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 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.

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

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

Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat, an informal gathering to discuss ideas. Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic Jewish community, but is open

to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

Unity of Tri-Valley Church, Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m.; all are welcome. Ongoing small groups, weekly activities, choir, classes, and Children's church. 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). (925) 829-2733, www.trivalleyunity.com Rev. Karen Epps.

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

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Summer Sunday worship at 9:30 am with childcare and Sunday school. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, minister. All are welcome. www.lynnewood.org. 925 846-0221.

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

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garraventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

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

Grief Workshop, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Second and fourth Thursday evening at 7:30pm. July 11th & 25th August 8th & 22nd. No prerequisite is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information.

Summer Light workshops, Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm. Led by Rev. Karen Epps, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Love offering basis. More information: revkarenutv@gmail.com (925) 829-2733, press 1. See www.trivalleyunity.com for a complete list of all the Summer Light workshops under Services and Classes.

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Singing Bowls & Spoken Word Workshop - Thurs., July 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Music of crystal bowls, poetry, circle of dancing led by Revs. Dennis Baugh and Karen Epps. Love offering basis. For more info: revkarenutv@gmail.com See www.trivalleyunity.com for a complete list of all the Summer Light Workshops under Services and Classes. (925) 829-2733, press 1.

Milestones

Community

Education

Alameda County's Top Teachers Recognized

The Alameda County Office of Education has announced the district winners for this year's Teacher of the Year award. Eighteen districts and two Regional Occupational Programs selected teachers for excellence in classroom instruction and commitment to their students. Of the district winners, one teacher will be named the Alameda County Teacher of the Year and will advance to the state competition. Last year's Alameda County Teacher of the Year I'Asha Warfield won the state competition and represented California at the national level.

The Alameda County district winners will be honored and recognized for their achievements at the 24th Annual Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony on October 3, 2013 at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts. This year's theme, Planting the Seed of Success, celebrates the important role teachers play in student growth and development in the classroom and in life. The event is open to the public; registration details will become available in the fall at aco.org.

Local teachers selected include: Dublin USD - Keira Andresen, Dublin Elementary School; Livermore Valley Joint USD - Regina Brinker, Christensen Middle School; Pleasanton USD - Christie Carnahan, Valley View Elementary School; Sunol Glen USD - Melody Mayer, Sunol Glen Elementary School; and Tri-Valley ROP - Laurie Erceg, Granada High School.

Brandon Luthy of Livermore was among a group of more than 700 students who received a diploma at George Fox University's spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 4. Luthy earned a bachelor of arts in entrepreneurship degree from the Newberg, Ore. based university.

Robert Nilsen, a Business Administration major, has been named to the Academic Honor's List at Las Positas College for both the Fall and Spring semesters of his freshman year. Robert swam for the Las Positas Hawks this spring and qualified for the finals in the 200 backstroke and 100 breaststroke at the Coast Conference Championship.

Christopher Nilsen was named to the Dean's List for the Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters for his freshman year at Cal Poly Pomona where he is studying Mechanical Engineering and is a member of the Kellogg Honors College. Christopher was also named to the President's List for the 2012-2013 Academic Year in recognition of being on the Dean's List all three quarters and recently awarded a scholarship from Chevron.

Robert and Christopher are the twin sons of Joseph and Denise Nilsen of Livermore and are both 2012 Livermore High graduates and winners of Pedrozzi Scholarships.

Chad Brewer Anderson of Dublin is one of 2,749 Eastern Kentucky University students who earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2013 semester.

Anderson is a Fire Prot&Safety Engr/Technlgy major at EKU.

To achieve Dean's List honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

Valley Christian Center Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Valley Christian Center (VCC) of Dublin, celebrated its 50th Anniversary Celebration. Events included a Legacy Banquet on July 6, and special services on Sunday, July 7. VCC has been a long-time presence within the Dublin and Tri-Valley communities, and has had a rich history of community service to their residents through Valley Christian Schools and outreaches to countless non-profit organizations.

In 1961, it was the vision of Pastor James Swanson of Bethel Temple in Hayward to plant a church in the Dublin area. VCC, then known as San Ramon Assembly of God, had its beginnings in the home of Curtis and Gloria Smith, with 33 original members, led by Pastor Gene and Joan Anderson (1963-1968). It soon outgrew the Smith home, and the congregation moved its services to Dublin Elementary School, also holding classes at Foster's Freeze, Howard Johnson's Motor Hotel, and Homestead Savings and Loan. In 1966, property was purchased to build "the little chapel" on the current site of McNamara's.

In 1968, Rick and Anita Howard (1968-1971) were appointed as VCC's second senior pastor. It was under Pastor Howard's tenure that the name change from San Ramon Assembly of God to Valley Christian Center took place. It was also the

vision of Pastor Howard to open the Tri-Valley's first interdenominational Christian elementary school, which became the foundation for all that would become Valley Christian Schools, VCC's primary ministry. Christian Center Schools opened its doors in 1970 with just over 60 students.

For the next 23 years, Pastor Ward and Dixie Tanneberg (1971 - 1995) led the congregation as VCC's third pastor. VCC outgrew "the little chapel" and moved to the Dublin High Little Theatre, where they remained for 7 years (1975-1982). The growth of the church was significant, and in 1978, VCC purchased 49 acres off Inspiration Drive on the hill overlooking the Tri-Valley, with groundbreaking ceremonies taking place in 1980 and occupancy in November of 1982. It was also during Pastor Tanneberg's tenure that Valley Christian Preschool, Junior High and High Schools opened their doors. Primary outreaches that grew out of the individual passions of VCC members during this time included Valley Pregnancy Center and Shepherd's Gate.

Pastor Kenneth and Judith Mayton (1995-2000) became VCC's fourth pastors, and served for the next 6 years, at which time the original Elementary School moved onto the hill, bringing the entire church and school system into one central location.

While a master plan for

the property was developed years earlier, it was under the tenure of Pastor Ray and Linda Noah (2000 - 2008) that a campaign was put in place to finally build a sanctuary.

In 2008, VCC elected Pastor Roger and Janae Valci as its seventh and current pastor. Under Pastor Valci's tenure, the building campaign continued and has resulted in the construction of a state-of-the-art 850-seat Worship & Performing Arts Center, tentatively scheduled for occupancy by year's end.

Valley Christian Center and Valley Christian Schools has further solidified its contribution to the surrounding

communities through the development of "CityServe of the Tri-Valley," a non-profit organization comprised of 17 local churches, all with the intent of serving local non-profits. To date, City-Serve works with over 30 non-profits; its volunteers have given nearly 20,000 community service hours annually.

The Celebration Weekend included a Legacy Banquet, with former Associate Pastor Earl Heverly, Master of Ceremonies, and former Associate Pastor Steve Madsen as guest speaker. There was an Exhibit Hall showcasing the history and various ministries over the 50 years.

Maurine Henno at Home in Pleasanton for 100th Birthday

Globe-trotting Maurine Henno will celebrate her 100th birthday this July 26 in Pleasanton at home. Her love of travel and curiosity with various cultures has taken her throughout Europe: Great Britain, France, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Italy and Switzerland. Between these overseas journeys, she has also managed to enjoy time in Mexico, various Caribbean Islands, Cuba and Panama.

Born and raised in Oakland, Henno has traversed the United States as well. She lived in New York City, Washington, D.C., Seattle and Anchorage. She proudly

points out, "I've always returned to the Bay Area."

Henno now resides at The Parkview, a Pleasanton assisted living community managed by Eskaton. She is one of more than three dozen centenarians who live in Eskaton communities throughout Northern California.

Trips now for Henno include mostly Reno and Las Vegas excursions with her neighbors at The Parkview and friends from the local senior center. "Travel, enjoying the outdoors, and gambling will always be a part of my life," she confidently adds.