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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.

## Zone 7 in Talks to Buy 5,000 Acres of Del Valle Watershed

By Ron McNicoll

In a major move to ensure water availability and quality, Zone 7 Water Agency directors have authorized the purchase of 5,000 acres of watershed land east and west of Lake Del Valle for \$19 million.

The deal, which has not been made final yet, will guarantee that Zone 7 controls the watershed's use

and condition. Directors at their meeting July 17 voted unanimously to authorize general manager Jill Duerig to conclude negotiations. Zone 7 reserved \$25 million in the 2013-14 budget for watershed protection.

Director John Greci, who said he participated in some of the negotiations, stated that in his 20 years on the board, "This is the most ex-

citing thing I've ever done." He supports the foresight the district is showing in meeting future water needs.

Greci praised Duerig for taking the initiative to start the process for the land acquisition. He said that other watershed land uphill from the Patterson property needs to be considered for acquisition in the future.

Board president Bill Ste-

vens said that it is important to control the watershed land, especially if it turned out that another water agency would be interested in buying the land.

The land to be acquired is on the east and west sides of Lake Del Valle, where the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) operates recreational facilities. Duerig said that an MOU

was reached with EBRPD in April concerning any impact on EBRPD land and facilities.

Duerig later told The Independent that any change in use would require a CEQA analysis. "We'd have to come up with a master plan. That would be way down the road. Now we are just buying the property. There

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## Parade to Kick Off World Series in Livermore

Livermore, Granada Little League, and California District 57 Little League will act as the hosts for the inaugural Intermediate Little League World Series to be held July 30 through August 5, 2013 in Livermore.

The Inaugural Intermediate World Series will be kicked off with a parade through Downtown Livermore on Monday, July 29. The parade will start at 6pm, and go down First street. It will end in front of the Bankhead Theater, where the teams will gather and a short ceremony will be held.

Ten (10) teams from around the world — one local host team, five more U.S. teams and four international teams will play 19 games culminating with the Championship game Monday, August 5, which will be broadcast live on ESPN.

The games in Livermore will be played at Max Baer Park in Livermore, which has been refurbished for the occasion. Stands will seat about a 1000 people. Others can watch from just beyond the outfield.

VIPs from Little League International Headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., and Major League Baseball are expected to attend.

(Note: times for opening day games were listed incorrectly in The Independent Magazine.)

The opening game will be played at 9 a.m. on Tues., July 30. It will be an international contest between teams from Latin America and Puerto Rico.

The District 57 team, Pleasanton National Little League, will play on opening day in a 6 p.m. game against the Central Region champion.

A special game will be played on Sat., Aug. 3 at 10 a.m. featuring Challenger teams playing in a Jamboree Game. The Challenger Division was established in 1989 as a separate division of Little League to enable boys and girls with physical and mental challenges, ages 4-18, or up to age 22 if still enrolled in high school, to enjoy the game of baseball.

On Sun., August 4, the international championship game will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the U.S. championship game at 4 p.m.

Winners of these two games will battle for the World Series title starting at 4 p.m. on Mon., August 5.

The Intermediate Divi-

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A canopy of oak trees was the setting for the annual Art in the Oaks show in Livermore. The event is hosted by the Livermore Art Association and Alden Lane Nursery at the nursery. During the event, visitors, viewed completed art, watched artists create new work, sampled wines and listened to musical entertainment. For more photos, see page 8.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Kaiser Plans Continued Growth In Tri-Valley

Kaiser-Permanente, the largest local medical provider with 108,000 Tri-Valley members, is continuing to expand its presence with a new medical office scheduled to open in San Ramon in November and a center for specialty medicine that may open in Dublin by 2018.

Located in Bishop Ranch at 2300 Camino Ramon, the San Ramon medical office will be three stories high and cover 67,000 square feet. It will house about 40 physicians emphasizing family and general medicine.

For comparison, the two-story Livermore medical office building covers 70,000 square feet and houses 30

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## Problems and Solutions for Undocumented Immigrants in the Tri-Valley

By David Rapley

Spojmie Nasiri spent her formative years without the presence of her parents.

"I came to the United States as an immigrant, a

refugee from Afghanistan during the Soviet War in 1988. I was 6 years old. My father was already here, but my mother remained home," she says, noting that her

mother was unable to join them due to paperwork errors. "Unfortunately it took 9 years for us to be reunited with her. We grew up in a household without parents

because my dad was always working."

The struggles Nasiri faced and overcame proved to be a driving force for her choice to become an im-

migration and nationality attorney practicing in the Tri-Valley.

While immigrants face a host of challenges, Nasiri (See SOLUTIONS, page 4)

## Livermore to Skip Amgen Bicycle Race in 2014

Livermore will not be part of the 2014 Amgen Tour of California bicycle race.

The city council decided at its Monday meeting to take a year off to assess whether or not to reapply in the future. Councilmembers suggested that the city might consider hosting smaller events with a local focus, rather than continue with Amgen.

The city hosted the event on Sat., May 18 as a start city. The finish was atop Mt. Diablo. The race passed through the city twice. A life-style festival was held in the downtown as part of the festivities. In May of 2012, Livermore served as a finish location in the downtown on a weekday.

According to City Manager Marc Roberts, holding

the event on a Saturday led to a modest increase in business. In some cases, businesses reported a negative impact with fewer patrons. The weekdays provided a greater benefit on what are traditionally slower days in the downtown.

He said that if the city were to proceed as an Amgen host, consideration

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## Pleasanton Council Weighs in On Plans for Two Downtown Parks

Pleasanton City Councilmembers reviewed two designs that would allow Lions Wayside Park and Delucchi Park to function as a single park.

They were unanimous in supporting an option to cover an open drainage swale that cuts across Lions Wayside Park. They also wanted the green area expanded to allow for greater audience

numbers for events that are held there. Jerry Pentin and Cheryl Cook-Kallio participated via teleconferencing.

The two parks are located along First Street. Lions Wayside Park, at First and Neal streets, hosts the Friday night concert series. Delucchi Park, between Neal Street and W. Angela, provides a place for pet adoptions during the weekly

Farmers Market, as well as other activities.

Julie Yuan-Mui, assistant city manager, told the council that proposed changes would allow for greater integration of the parks with the Firehouse Arts Center and for expansion in the diversity of events. The Firehouse is located adjacent to Lions Wayside Park.

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

A 32-acre fire threatened structures along Jerrold Road, near Greenville Road, in Livermore on July 18. Crews from the Alameda County Fire Department, Cal Fire, the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department responded. No damage was reported to nearby structures. A worker at a nearby ranch used a spray bottle to put out fires that kept re-igniting on a fence post and land surrounding a vineyard.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Decorate your life with Ribbons, a 1½ -year-old white shorthaired cat with a splash of black and orange on her head and tail. Rescued from a hoarder, Ribbons would love to go home with her sister Ruffles, a medium-hair version of Ribbons without the orange. Gentle and playful, these two will warm any space. Visit them today at the Valley Humane Society (VHS) showroom, open Tues.-Sat. from 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Visit valleyhumane.org for info. Photo - Valley Humane Society/D. Smith

## Americans Using More Renewables

Americans used more natural gas, solar panels and wind turbines and less coal to generate electricity in 2012, according to the most recent U.S. energy charts released by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Each year, the Laboratory releases energy flow charts that track the nation's consumption of energy resources.

Natural gas use is up particularly in the electricity generation sector, where it has basically substituted directly for coal.

Sustained low natural gas prices have prompted a shift from coal to gas in the electricity generating sector, according to A.J. Simon, an LLNL energy systems analyst.

Simon said the rise in renewables is tied to both prices (the underlying cost of solar panels and wind turbines has gone down) and policy (government incentives to installers of equipment or renewable energy targets in various states).

Overall, Americans used 2.2 quadrillion BTU, or quads, less in 2012 than the previous year. (BTU or British Thermal Unit is a unit of measurement for energy; 3,400 BTU is equivalent to about 1 kW-hr).

Once again, wind power saw the highest percentage gains in going from 1.17 quads produced in 2011 up to 1.36 quads in 2012. New wind farms continue to come on line with bigger, more

efficient turbines that have been developed in response to government-sponsored incentives to invest in renewable energy.

Solar also jumped from 0.158 quads in 2011 to 0.235 quads in 2012. Extraordinary declines in prices of photovoltaic panels, due to global oversupply, drove this shift.

This is the first year in at least a decade where there has been a measurable decrease in nuclear energy.

"It is likely to be a permanent cut as four nuclear reactors recently went offline (two units at San Onofre in California as well as the power stations at Kewaunee in Wisconsin and Crystal River in Florida)," Simon said. "There are a couple of nuclear plants under construction, but they won't come on for another few years."

Coal and oil use dropped in 2012 while natural gas use jumped to 26 quads from 24.9 quads the previous year. There is a direct correlation between a drop in coal electricity generation and the jump in electricity production from natural gas.

The majority of energy use in 2012 was used for electricity generation (38.1 quads), followed by transportation, industrial, residential and consumption. However, energy use in the residential, commercial and transportation sectors decreased while industrial energy use increased slightly.

## Analysis Finds Health Care Changes Having Positive Impact

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) released a new analysis that shows that millions of people in the Bay Area are already benefiting from the Affordable Care Act. This analysis was released just as House Republicans prepared to take their 38th vote to undermine or repeal the protections and benefits of the health care law.

"Since the Affordable Care Act was signed into law three years ago, millions of Bay Area residents and Americans across the country have already been seeing lower costs and better coverage," Swalwell stated. "Rather than repealing the law, House Republicans should be working with Democrats to implement and improve it."

A new analysis prepared by the Minority staff of the House Energy and Commerce Committee provides estimates of the number of people benefiting from health care law.

The new analysis shows that the health care law has already provided:

- Coverage for 75,200 additional young adults in the Bay Area. The health care law requires health insurers to permit parents to retain coverage for their children until their 26th birthday. Because of this provision, 75,200 young adults in the Bay Area have already gained health care coverage.

- Lower drug costs for 63,100 Bay Area seniors. The health care law is providing major savings in drug costs for seniors in the Medicare Part D 'donut hole.' Because of this provision, 63,100 seniors in the Bay Area have received prescription drug discounts worth \$80.6 million.

- Free preventive services for 1.028 million Bay Area seniors. Since 2011, the health care law provides free Medicare coverage of preventive services, such as mammograms and colonoscopies, without any co-pays, coinsurance or deductible.

- Free preventive services for 2.047 million individuals in private plans in the Bay Area. Since September 2010, the health care law also provides, for those enrolled in most private plans, free coverage of preventive services. As a result, 2,047,000 individuals in private plans – including 433,000 children and 827,000 women – now have health insurance that covers preventive services without any co-pays, coinsurance, or deductible.

- Savings in premiums for nearly 2.5 million individuals in the Bay Area. 2,498,000 million individuals in the Bay Area have saved on their premiums due to ACA provisions that prevent insurers from spending more than 20% of their premiums on profits and administrative overhead. Because

## Dublin Council Agrees to Create Human Services Commission

Dublin City Council members have approved creation of a human services commission, which will serve the community and also interact with their counterparts in Livermore and Pleasanton on issues that affect the whole Valley.

The vote establishing the commission was unanimous at the council's meeting July 16.

The council will be taking applications for potential members. Councilmember Abe Gupta said he would like to see a diverse membership on the committee to avoid a group-thinking mentality.

Gupta said variety could include a member from a non-profit, another from a private sector business. He said he did not want to limit membership on the commission to those categories, but wanted to suggest the idea.

Mayor Tim Sbranti said Gupta raised a valid point. "I would not want to work the membership into the bylaws as a requirement, but previous mayors and I have supported balance, at least informally." Sbranti said that bringing different skills and backgrounds to a committee is important. "The council should consider that."

Council discussion mentioned housing as a potential topic for the commission, as well as helping youths.

A report from human services manager Amy Cunningham listed 14 areas of needs in the Valley. The information comes from a study conducted by the Livermore and Pleasanton human services commissions. Dublin staff also participated in the study, which was published last year.

Behavioral health, which includes mental health and

substance abuse, was at the top of the list. Other needs with a high priority were affordable housing, health care, workforce development and reducing homelessness.

Transportation access, domestic violence, child abuse, food and nutrition, senior and youth services, child care, changing demographics, growing diversity, and financial assistance also were on the list.

The plan is for the panel to meet quarterly, and also join with Livermore and Pleasanton in one or two joint meetings every year.

Dublin's first meeting would be held in early November where an orientation would lay the ground work for future work. It would also include a discussion about the community grants program and the needs assessment poll.

On another item, the council discussed the possibility of allowing councilmembers to attend meetings via teleconferencing.

No final decision was made. However, councilmembers made it clear that the goal is to have councilmembers present, because of the back-and-forth nature of discussions. However, if there were an occasional need, it's all right to set such a policy.

Staff polling results from seven cities in the Eastbay showed that they don't use teleconferencing often. In Livermore, it was used twice in seven years. Pleasanton uses it once or twice each year.

Dublin City Manager Joni Pattillo will return to the council with policy. Sbranti said, "Within the confines of the law, we'll make it happen."

## Panel Pushes Back One Deadline for Incremental Turbine Shutdown in Altamont

Altamont Winds Inc. (AWI) received permission to go ahead with its revised schedule of phasing out its old wind turbines in the Altamont.

The vote by the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments on July 18 was unanimous. The panel approved a conditional permit change, and the EIR for the schedule.

AWI has already removed 10 percent of its original 920 turbines as part of a lawsuit settlement between the Audubon Society and another group filed against Alameda County and regulatory agencies. The suit charged that they failed to protect endangered species.

Another 25 percent of the original AWI turbines were supposed to be taken out of commission by Sept. 30 of this year. However, AWI asked to keep those turbines running until Sept. 30, 2015, when another 50 percent are supposed to be shut down. That would keep AWI running at more power, and bring more income. Without

the income, AWI would go bankrupt, said company founder Rick Koebbe.

In exchange, AWI would shut down the last 15 percent of its turbines in 2015, not in 2018 as had been scheduled.

Opponents to the change objected at an earlier BZA meeting that departing from the original phase-out schedule would result in more bird deaths, because more turbines would be operating until 2015.

Mike Lynes of the Golden Gate Audubon Society said at the July 18 meeting that his group preferred the EIR alternative that studied no change to the phase-out plan.

However, if BZA did approve the AWI request, it should attach language to it that would "encourage" AWI to consult with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service about obtaining take permits for bird deaths. BZA agreed to do that, but said it can't be a legal requirement.

In granting Koebbe the change he wants, the BZA also imposed a requirement that AWI shut down an estimated 14 turbines that have been ranked by the county's Scientific Review Committee as the biggest threat to birds among AWI wind turbines. Koebbe said, "I can live with that condition."

## ZONE 7

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is a long-term ranching lease on the property. We can't change that without a public process," explained Duerig.

The land is being offered by the Patterson Family Trust, descendants of George Washington Patterson, who was a '49er who left the gold fields, and bought 10,000 acres of Livermore Valley land and 4,000 acres in Fremont.

EBRPD acquired sites for Del Valle Regional Regional Park, and Ardenwood

Regional Preserve and Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont. The Queen Anne Victorian house preserved at Ardenwood served as Patterson's residence.

The Patterson trust offered EBRPD the chance to expand its Del Valle land, but the park district declined, said Duerig. Park officials have said that there is no money available now for new land acquisitions.

The watershed area brings an average of 7,300

acre feet of water annually to Zone 7. The amount is 12.6 percent of the agency's total water source. (An acre foot is the amount of water covering one acre of land to a depth of one foot. It can serve two households per year.)

Most of the Zone 7 water comes from the State Water Project, which supplies 83.5 percent of the total need. Two separate water agreements with suppliers account for the remainder.

## ValleyCare Medical Foundation Welcomes

### Jyothi Ratti, MD

Board Certified in Internal Medicine

Dr. Jyothi Ratti has joined the ValleyCare Medical Foundation specializing in Internal Medicine.

She completed her residency in Internal Medicine from University of Nevada School of Medicine/ University Medical Center in Las Vegas, NV and received her medical and undergraduate degrees from Andhra Medical College/King George Hospital in India. Prior to coming to ValleyCare, Dr. Ratti practiced Internal Medicine with the Sutter North Medical Foundation/Fremont-Rideout Hospital in Yuba City, CA for four years.

Dr. Ratti is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and has memberships in the American Medical Association, American College of Physicians and the American Society of Internal Medicine.

She has a special interest in preventative care, evidenced-based medicine, diabetes and metabolic syndrome. Her personal interests include traveling, cooking and spending time with her family.



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# VALLEY ROUNDUP

## Police Asks Public Help

On June 8, 2013, at about 4:14 P.M., a vehicle struck a pedestrian in the ValleyCare Medical Center parking lot at 5555 W. Las Positas Blvd causing major injuries to the pedestrian. The victim is unable to provide any details to assist Pleasanton Police in this case.

Through an initial investigation, a lifted pick-up truck was reported to be in the parking lot at the time of this collision. The truck was described as being a newer model pick-up truck, blue or black in color, with large wheels. A witness described the driver as a female Hispanic in her late twenties to early thirties.

Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying this person and/or the vehicle. Anyone with information relating to this collision is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

## Bird with West Nile Virus Found in Pleasanton

The Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District reported two dead birds tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). This is the County's first indication of active virus transmission this year. The birds were both American Crows, one was picked up in the City of Pleasanton (Zip Code 94588) and the other in the City of Oakland (Zip Code 94602).

Since West Nile Virus is a mosquito-transmitted disease, controlling the mosquito population is paramount. District staff routinely inspect and treat all known mosquito sources, including but not limited to storm drains, catch basins, and neglected swimming pools.

As part of an on-going surveillance program, the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District is asking the public to report any dead tree squirrels or wild birds, especially crows, ravens, jays, magpies and birds of prey that have been dead less than 48 hours (and show no signs of decomposition), to the California Department of Public Health. The website address for reporting the dead birds is [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov) or call (877)968-2473.

The public can access information about mosquitoes, West Nile Virus, and mosquitofish at [www.mosquitoes.org](http://www.mosquitoes.org). Residents can also pick up free mosquito-larvae eating fish at our District office from 7:30-4:30pm for use in ornamental ponds, horse troughs, or neglected swimming pools. The office is located in Hayward at 23187 Connecticut St. The phone number is (510)783-7744.

## Community Meeting in Dublin

The City of Dublin is hosting a community meeting to present the results of the Dublin Boulevard Corridor Study and to provide the context for Downtown Dublin bicycle and pedestrian projects being proposed in the updated Bikeways and Pedestrian Master Plan. The goal of the Plan is to create safe, pleasant places for walking and biking in Dublin that balance the needs of all roadway users.

The Corridor Study covers Dublin Boulevard through Downtown from San

Ramon Road to the Alamo Canal Trail.

The meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wed., July 31 in the Regional Meeting Room at City Hall, 100 Civic Plaza.

The discussion will include the next steps.

For more information, please visit Dublin's Bikeways website at [www.dublin.ca.gov/bikeways](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/bikeways). For answers to questions contact Ferd Del Rosario, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Dublin at (925) 833-6630 or [ferd.delrosario@dublin.ca.gov](mailto:ferd.delrosario@dublin.ca.gov).

## Road Resurfacing

City of Pleasanton engineering division has scheduled roadway resurfacing on two city streets beginning July 29, 2013. The streets are Stoneridge Drive between Santa Rita Road and Trevor Parkway, and Vineyard Avenue between First Street and Bernal Avenue. Traffic on both streets will remain open during construction and traffic delays are expected as some lane closure is necessary.

The work includes pavement repair, pavement surface milling/grinding, traffic detection loop installation, a new layer of asphalt concrete, utility box adjustment, striping and more. The major roadway construction operations such as pavement milling and overlay are expected to be completed by August 27, 2013. The entire project is anticipated to be completed by September 15, 2013.

For more information, please call Huy Ho at (925) 931-5663.

## Hacienda Business Park Reports Positive First Half of 2013

Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton is reporting a positive inflow of tenant activity for the first half of 2013. Over 175,000 square feet of transactions occurred in Hacienda during the first half of the year along with approvals for three major new developments. Absorption at the end of June was a positive 141,000 square feet.

"Hacienda has seen slow and steady growth through the first half of 2013" said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Additional leasing is expected to occur in the near future that should allow us to see the same type of progress over the next few quarters."

Major commitments were made by companies in a variety of business segments, including: Iron Planet (online marketplace), Safari Kid (academic heritage school), Schneider Electric (energy management) and Spigit, Inc. (social innovation software).

Two new developments also received approvals during the first half of 2013. They included St. Anton Hacienda received approval for a 168 unit apartment complex and a mixed-use development, consisting of 305 apartment units and nearly 7,500 sf of retail, adjacent to the California Center. A third project, a new facility for Mercedes-Benz of Pleasanton, received approvals at the beginning of the year and is due to be completed within the next few months.

# State Route 239 Promise of Traffic Relief on 580 a Long Way Off

The initial stage of a plan to build State Route 239 is underway. However, one of its proposed effects, some traffic relief for I-580, seems to be a long way away, if it ever arrives.

The road is intended to link Highway 4 near Brentwood to I-205 west of Tracy, which is why the project is called TriLink.

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) has concluded a series of public meetings concerning SR 239. There will be more meetings of advisory committees starting in the fall.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty serve on the policy committee for the project, which carries the name TriLink. Livermore staff members are part of a separate committee for technical people.

Livermore attends, because the project may be able to lower the amount of I-580 traffic expected by 2040. Alameda County is at the table for that reason, too, but also because the proposed route of SR 239 would cut across a corner of the eastern Altamont on its way from Byron to Mountain House and points beyond.

Andrew Hill, outreach consultant to CCTA, said, "This is a very long-range project, (out to) 2030 or 2040. It is a program of potential improvements, not necessarily all built at the same time."

Most likely the first

phase of the project would be near the Byron airport, to make access to that area better for incoming traffic, said Hill.

The project was first identified in 1959. Nothing happened until Richard Pombo, who then represented the area in Congress, obtained an allocation of \$4 million for a study. That later was expanded by \$10 million. The funding was renewed by Congress in 2011.

That's not enough money to build much. Planners hope to use the \$10 million as seed money to raise more money, said Hill.

The route is intended to open up the Byron area more for home and commercial development. Now it is seen as a cul-de-sac with no access to the transportation grid, other than the two-lane Byron-Bethany highway.

Rich Cimino, a Pleasanton resident who attended the June 27 meeting of the East County Board of Zoning Adjustment, told those members that they might want to be aware of the SR 239 process. It could bring development that would push more raptor grazing habitat farther west toward Altamont wind turbines, a project on which BZA makes decisions. Cimino has been invited to be a stakeholder on the committee representing the Audubon Society.

Haggerty said in response to questions from The Independent concerning raptor deaths, housing or other impacts, that the plans would need to be fully studied throughout this process. "I have concerns as to whether this is the best use of money to alleviate congestion on 580."

Haggerty has long sought

to improve traffic conditions on Vasco Road, especially reducing truck traffic there. SR 239 promises to address that problem.

As far as any traffic congestion relief for the future on I-580 is concerned, Haggerty said, "It would simply reroute traffic from one congested arterial route (Vasco Road) to another, but does nothing to address the spill-off onto 580 heading west, which starts to back-up on 580 west-bound before North Flynn."

"I have a lot of questions, but I think this is very early on in the process. We will all have time to express our concerns," said Haggerty.

A map on the project's web site shows current and projected traffic numbers. Currently there are 151,000 two-way vehicle trips per day on I-580. Projected numbers for 2040, if there were no TriLink, are 198,000 two-way trips per day.

The TriLink page is at <http://trilink239.org/>. There are videos and text explaining the project, and a blogspot to ask questions or make comments.

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sion began as a two-year pilot program, before becoming an official division in 2012.

Players ages 11-13 are eligible to play in this Intermediate baseball league, which features a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot bases, also known as "50/70".

Information on games and a bracket can be found at <http://intermediateworld-series.org/>

# Meeting in Livermore to Focus on Future ACE Plans

The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR) is holding five public scoping meetings over the next two weeks in the cities of Santa Clara, Fremont, Modesto, Livermore and Tracy.

The public is invited to comment on proposed improvements and expansion of existing Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) rail service between Stockton and San Jose and extension of new ACE rail service to Downtown Modesto by as early as 2018 and Merced by as early as 2022. The SJRR and the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) are jointly preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the ACEforward Program in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The purpose of the ACEforward Program is to implement a series of projects to reduce travel time, increase service reliability and frequency, improve passenger facilities, and extend the reach of the ACE rail system. Expansion of service is planned from four to six daily round trips between Stockton and San Jose. Service would be extended to Merced and provide approximately 10 daily round trips from Stockton to San Jose as early as 2022.

The general public is encouraged to attend any of the five public scoping meetings to learn more about the project and to provide com-

ments. The meetings will be open houses and attendees can drop by anytime during the three hour meetings. Public scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

In Livermore, the meeting will be held on Monday, July 29, 2013, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Civic Center Library Community Rooms A+B, 1188 S. Livermore

Ave., Livermore, CA 94550

Public comments on the scope of the environmental review will be accepted through August 16, 2013. Comments may be submitted at any of the public scoping meetings or in writing to Mr. Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, ATTN: ACEforward Program EIR/EIS, SJRR/ACE Headquarters 949 East Channel

Street, Stockton, CA 95202, or via email with the Subject line "ACEforward EIR/EIS" to: [aceforward@acerail.com](mailto:aceforward@acerail.com).

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# EDITORIAL

## Big Welcome Urged

Teams from all over the country and the world will be arriving in Livermore this weekend to compete in the inaugural Intermediate Little League World Series.

The event will kick off with a parade down First Street in downtown Livermore on July 29. It will start at 6 p.m., ending in front of the Bankhead Theater where a short ceremony will be held.

Games will be played July 30 through August 5, 2013 at Max Baer Park in Livermore, which has been refurbished for the occasion.

The District 57 host team, Pleasanton National Little League, will play at 6 p.m. on July 30.

On Sun., August 4, the international championship game will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the U.S. championship game at 4 p.m. Winners of these two games will battle for the World Series title starting at 4 p.m. on Mon., August 5. ESPN will air the title game.

VIPs from Little League International Headquarters in Williamsport, PA., and Major League Baseball are expected to attend.

Organizers stated, "We would love to have a huge crowd for the parade." We urge residents to make that wish a reality by attending the parade and giving the World Series participants a rousing welcome.

# Plan Bay Area Passes, with Haggerty, Thorne Voting No

A joint meeting of the executive boards of two regional agencies approved Plan Bay Area, an integrated strategy for land use and transportation designed to curb greenhouse gases and provide more affordable housing opportunities for a growing population.

The boards of ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) voted July 18 in Oakland to approve the plan. The vote came in time to meet a state mandate set in 2008 by Senate Bill 375 for 18 metropolitan areas to have a plan to implement housing and transportation policies.

Twenty-one ABAG board members voted to support the plan, five were opposed, and one abstained. Two of the dissenting votes came from Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne.

Haggerty serves on the MTC board as well. The board voted 12-1 for Plan Bay Area. On the MTC

board, Haggerty cast the lone vote in opposition.

Haggerty's chief of staff Shawn Wilson said, "Haggerty still thinks that a plan of this magnitude should have been voted on by the people."

Haggerty, at an earlier ABAG committee meeting, made a motion to have the ABAG general assembly, which consists of more than 100 members, vote on Plan Bay Area, but he lost the vote.

Thorne told The Independent that he voted against Plan Bay Area because of his concern about how much local control over land use is being taken away by the state Legislature.

"They will tell you it (the plan) is voluntary, and it's not impacting local control. But they are attaching transportation financing. You won't have a shot at getting the tax dollars if you don't follow the plan," said Thorne.

ABAG voted separately and unanimously on approv-

al of a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) list. ABAG talked to each city and county about the jobs-housing balance in those communities, negotiated back and forth, and came up with the numbers.

Thorne said that while he does not like the concept of RHNA, because it interferes with local control, he thought that ABAG "went through the process, as prescribed. They put up the numbers, as prescribed."

More than 150 speakers from the audience were each given one minute to comment on the Bay Area Plan and RHNA numbers, and used three hours to do so. Most focused on Plan Bay Area. Opponents appeared to outnumber proponents.

Opponents disliked what they perceived as loss of local control in land use planning, which some of them equated with socialism and totalitarianism. They singled out the lack of a direct vote by the people on the plan.

Critics also said they

saw a bias in favor of transit support, instead of their preference for more money for more street maintenance projects.

Several people said they do not want to live in "stack and pack" housing, and "do not want their cars taken away" from them.

There was also a big delegation of supporters in the audience, which totaled more than 200 people. They cited more affordable housing opportunities, healthier air, and better jobs-housing balances in communities as benefits of Plan Bay Area.

Plan Bay Area was also the topic at the Livermore City Council meeting July 22 for Judy Galletti, who spoke during the public forum.

Galletti said she was disappointed that no one from the Livermore council was in attendance at the Oakland meeting to speak against Plan Bay Area. She said that several lawsuits are being planned against the agencies' adoption of the plan.

## KAISER

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physicians, a Kaiser spokesperson said.

The new San Ramon facility will offer medical programs in women's health, dermatology, reproductive health, sports medicine, physical therapy, general radiology and mammography, pharmacy and an injection clinic.

The reproductive health and sports medicine programs will be the only ones of their kind in Kaiser's Diablo Service Area, which includes the Tri-Valley, the spokesperson said.

Plans for the Dublin facility are less firm, needing final approval both from the Kaiser Board of Directors and from the City of Dublin, according to a Kaiser manager. If the Board approves, Kaiser this fall will submit an application for a multi-year permit that could lead to a 3-4 story medical office building in as few as five years. It would cover 150,000 square feet on 59 acres of land owned by Kaiser located between Hopyard and Fallon roads.

Assuming approval, construction could start as early as 2016. Actual timing will depend on the pacing of approvals and permits as well as continued membership growth in the Tri-Valley, according to Colleen Mckeown, senior vice president and area manager for the Diablo Service Area.

As currently envisioned, the Dublin facility would house about 50 physicians and offer primary and specialty services, Mckeown said. These could include ambulatory surgery, urgent care, radiation oncology and pharmacy. The possibility of a hospital has been discussed, but it would be much farther in the future. There are no firm plans for it today.

Asked for a comment, the mayor of Dublin, Tim Sbranti, said, "We're really excited" about the prospect of Kaiser establishing a facility there. ValleyCare already has an outpatient care

center in Dublin, he pointed out. He expects the Kaiser addition to be "a win-win all the way around," promoting further growth while providing needed service for Dublin residents who are Kaiser patients.

Kaiser membership is strong and growing rapidly in the Tri-Valley, according to Linsey Dicks, medical group administrator for Kaiser's Diablo Service Area. Dicks spoke earlier this month at a meeting of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Retirees Association.

He said Kaiser is well positioned for the future under the Affordable Care Act, commonly called Obamacare.

It operates California's only top-rated "Five-Star" Medicare Advantage plan at a time when Medicare enrollment is increasing steadily.

It operates a single, integrated system, allowing primary care physicians to refer patients for specialized care and treatment without insurance company billing challenges, delays or refusals.

It has invested heavily in digital record-keeping, which reduces paperwork costs and makes it possible for specialists in different departments and in different geographic areas to immediately call up detailed medical information on Kaiser patients who are referred to them or who experience emergencies.

Current medical thinking is that people's health is determined 30-40 percent by genetic factors and 60-70 percent "by what you do," Dicks said. This means that it is wise for individuals to take personal responsibility for healthy habits and activities. Beyond providing integrated medical care, Kaiser tries to help its members through preventive health efforts like vaccinations and educational outreach, he said.

## SOLUTIONS

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says the most pressing is Secure Communities, a deportation program that relies on a partnership among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to run fingerprints verifying the citizenship of those booked into jails. The measure calls for the "removal of criminal aliens, those who pose a threat to public safety, and repeat immigration violators," according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Although the program has helped with the deportation of more than 60,000 immigrants convicted of aggravated felony, Nasiri asserts that there are negative consequences affecting a large number of the immigrant community who are not on the same criminal level as these felons.

"I had a client detained for a broken taillight," she says. "Incidents like this build mistrust with law enforcement. In some ways the program is a money mechanism for county sheriffs as they get reimbursed for holding the inmates, and there is definitely racial profiling, especially in the Latino community."

The legal process for a person with a Secure Communities immigration hold is extremely challenging, adds

Nasiri. "For something like a speeding ticket, a person cannot be bailed out, has a very difficult time contacting family, and is forced to wait two to three days to be taken into deportation proceedings."

Another problem many undocumented immigrants face is having to accept pay well below minimum wage, according to Nasiri. It is something most workers without legal working status are afraid to contest.

With illegal status comes much misconception and misjudgement, another major issue for immigrants, Nasiri points out. She says that contrary to one popular misconception—that immigrants are all living in this country tax-free—many of her clients have tax identification numbers, and pay taxes without necessarily reaping the benefits of the average taxpayer.

Immigrant students likewise face challenges. Without the option of post-secondary education and the hope of landing a job with competitive wages, motivation to do well academically erodes.

Nasiri's mission is to inform the public that there are options for obtaining legal status in this country. Along with asylum and naturaliza-

tion through marriage, such options include Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and obtaining U-visa status.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a discretionary determination to defer removal action for an individual who meets certain criteria, including being between the ages of 15 and 31, having arrived in the US prior to turning 16, having continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, and having not been convicted of a felony or significant misdemeanor, nor posing a threat to national security or public safety.

Under DACA, Nasiri says she has worked on about 80 cases, all of which have been approved.

The U-visa provides a way to gain legal documentation if one is the victim of a crime. Eligibility mandates that an individual has suffered substantial physical or mental abuse resulting from criminal activity, has information concerning that activity, is or has been helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the crime, and that the criminal activity violated US laws.

However, many are apprehensive; Nasiri clarifies this apprehension saying,

"When I have clients come in, many tell me they have been victims of crimes, but have not reported them." Nasiri describes that this lack of reporting is due to the fear of dealing with law enforcement because of a perceived threat of deportation. She believes that fear, in this case, is unnecessary, reassuring that "no law enforcement is going to report you to immigration; that's not their policy, but the key criteria is that there has to be a police report, you must cooperate, and law enforcement has to sign a certification."

Although immigration laws are constantly evolving, the message Nasiri ultimately hopes to relay is that undocumented immigrants deserve to be informed of their rights and options.

"It is invaluable to seek legal consultation from a licensed attorney," she says. "As an immigrant myself, having experienced firsthand the consequences of these laws and being separated from my mother, I can relate to the suffering. I feel committed to my clients. I do everything I can to make their cases strong."

For more information, visit the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

## AMGEN

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should be given to moving the location out of the downtown. The council should also determine whether it prefers serving as a start or a finish city.

Councilmember Bob Wornner said that his preference would be to serve as a finish city presumably on a weekday. He said that it appeared the city was receiving diminishing returns from hosting the event, as well as some push back from the downtown. Perhaps it would be time to take a breather.

Roberts said that it is difficult to provide hard numbers on the actual impact. For example, do people discover Livermore and return in the future? There is no way to track the information.

He added that the actual event went very smoothly. "By all accounts it was a stunning success. It is a large and complicated event." He noted that the deadline to apply for the 2014 event is August 16. Options would be to apply to serve as a start

city, a finish city, time trial city, or a pass-through city.

Councilmember Stewart Gary asked about the impact of this year's event on the city's budget.

Roberts said that the estimated \$90,000 to \$120,000 cost represented a shifting of resources, not an increase in spending. Work in other areas of the city was not accomplished.

Gary said that the crowds seemed to him to be lighter for this year's event. "It didn't have the ambiance of a finish." Gary, who represents the city for Livermore Downtown, Inc., said that the downtown has serious reservations about hosting the event. There is not a lot of enthusiasm for bringing it back to the downtown.

Mayor John Marchand wondered about media coverage.

Staff replied that the entire race produced 3.5 billion on-line prints. There was 50 hours of live television coverage aired in over 200

countries. About 1.5 million people visited the race website.

Marchand suggested that the coverage led to the city receiving a call from the Discovery Channel to film a story about the city. Livermore was named to host the Intermediate Little League World Series. "Livermore proved it is really good at throwing a party. Is there another party we want," he wondered.

He noted that the organizers of the Grapes of Rock half marathon have expressed interest in holding their event in Livermore.

Marchand also said that if the city is not realizing the positive economic impacts, it may be time to step back, rethink participation, and come back with another plan and location for hosting it.

Gary said that the marathon sponsors would pay all of the cost associated with the event. "We've had a good run with the Amgen. It's time to take a break."

One of the issues with hosting the Amgen is the ability to sign up local sponsors to help finance the event. For example, no local winery could host the event, because there is a national wine sponsor for the event.

Roberts suggested that Las Positas College would be large enough to accommodate the event. However, the college's no alcohol policy would be an issue. The rodeo grounds may be another option; it is not laid out correctly. Perhaps some industrial area would work. It is unlikely the city would see much benefit with that option.

Marchand said that the city is required by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) to organize a cycling committee. Perhaps, once the committee is organized, it could work on the issue of how Livermore might participate in the Amgen in the future. "It makes sense to take a year off and revisit Amgen."

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# PARKS

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Proposed changes at the parks include the addition of pedestrian plazas to form gateways into the parks, a rose garden, a bandstand that would provide space for a wide range of performances, group picnic area, an adventure play area with a water feature, and a regional trail. The area currently used to seat audiences would be doubled in size to become a "great lawn area." An area along Neal Street could be blocked off and act as a plaza during special events.

It was suggested that with additional audience space and a larger bandstand, Shakespeare in the Park could be moved to the downtown location. "Expanded venues will increase economic development and property values and further utilize an already popular gathering space," Yuan-Mui stated.

Safety concerns were the main reasons behind the desire to cover the swale. Pipes would be installed underground to carry water. If the swales were to remain open, they may require retaining

walls with steep sides. If the swale remained open, a bridge would connect the green area and bandstand. Staff said once discussions were held with regulatory agencies, they would have a better idea as to the cost and process of covering the swale. The Army Corps of Engineers, State Department of Fish and Game, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board all have jurisdiction.

Joe Streng, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, addressed the council. He said there was unanimous support for the option that covered the open drainage swale in Wayside Park. He added that members of the public have suggested that granite blocks within the swale be used as a design element in the park.

Mike Hosterman, president of the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA), listed ideas supported by the PDA. He declared that redesigning the parks was one of the PDA's highest priorities. He suggested that the swale

in Delucchi Park also be covered, which could make room for more parking. The area for the farmers' market vendors should be expanded. There is not enough room for all who want to participate, he stated.

Hosterman continued, "The PDA would like to see the great lawn area as large as possible, with maybe fewer trees. The adventure water park should be in Delucchi Park, closer to restrooms."

Councilmembers offered their input. They all agreed that the great lawn should be as big as possible.

Kathy Narum stated, "It looks like there are way too many trees down the middle." Her concern was that the trees would block the view of the bandstand. She also wanted the adventure water park moved to Delucchi, because its proposed location next to the Firehouse Arts Center, would interfere with expanding events at the Firehouse into the park.

"Overall I like the design a lot. I think it is headed in the right direction. I like

the idea of incorporating the granite blocks into the design," Narum said.

Karla Brown wanted to see all of the heritage trees retained on the site. She liked the idea of a play area for children, but would prefer that it not have a water feature.

Mayor Jerry Thorne said that he would cover the swales in both parks, not just Wayside. He too liked the idea of using the granite blocks as a design feature.

Thorne and Brown both expressed concern that blocking off Neal Street with temporary plazas would interfere with bus service. Thorne said there is a need to have access to the bus along Neal Street.

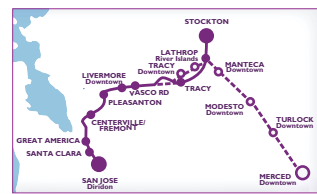
Cheryl Cook-Kallio said she would like to see more space allocated to the Farmers' Market. She asked for more information on how the bus might be rerouted during special events.

The plan will go back to staff for refinement then returned to the council for final approval in the future.



## NEPA/CEQA PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Please join us at one of the upcoming meetings to learn about the new ACEforward project and kick off the environmental review process. This exciting project will provide faster and more frequent service between Stockton and San Jose via the Altamont Pass and Tri-Valley area (6 daily round-trips by 2018 and 10 daily round-trips by 2022). We are also planning to extend ACE service to the downtowns of Manteca, Modesto, Turlock, and Merced and are investigating moving ACE to downtown Tracy. Come talk with project planners and share your ideas about the route and station stops. We also need input on the scope of issues to be considered in the environmental impact statement/report being prepared by the Federal Railroad Administration and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Written comments can be submitted by August 16, 2013 to Dan Leavitt, Manager of Regional Initiatives, ATTN: ACEforward Program EIR/EIS, SJRR/ACE Headquarters 949 East Channel Street, Stockton, CA 95202, or via email to: [aceforward@acerail.com](mailto:aceforward@acerail.com).



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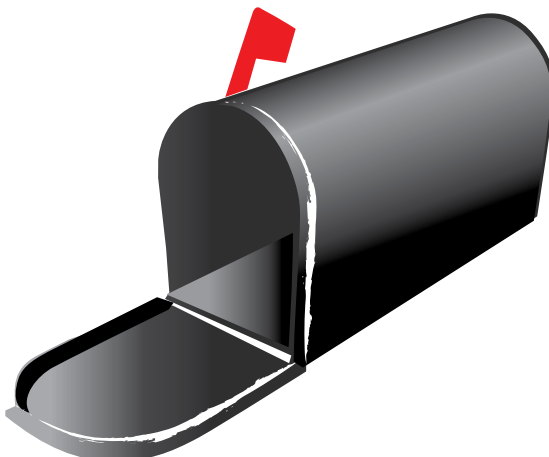
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# SPORTS NOTES



Senior team members are DB Vidal, Drew Webber, Jay Telles, Tyler Wallis, Brody Martinez, Truman Griffeath, Tim Harris, Jr., Connor Spalding, Jacob Rakestraw, Chris Logan, Koll Waddle, Cole Phelps, Stone Remy, Jake Foscolina, JJ Christman, Clayton Cruncheon and coaches Jon Spalding and Dave Griffeath with Manager Tim Harris.



Members of the Junior team are Nate Reddit, Jacob Fumar, Andrew Scull, Cameron Johnston, Frank Gomez, Justin Hill, Ryan Robinson, Patrick Schwartz, Ben Kerling, Austin Birdwell, Tyler Gonzalez, Bryce Disbrow and coaches Chris Johnston and Steve Gonzalez with Manager Manny Fumero.



The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 14 year old all star team won the Northern California State championship on Sunday, July 21 in Woodland, CA. This is the first of three tournaments as they compete in the Babe Ruth World Series. Tri-Valley was undefeated in the four games at Woodland. They outscored their opponents 49 to 5. In the final game Tri-Valley defeated East Sacramento 8 to 5. James Cowick, Jack Maloon, Nate White, Joshua Ott, Ryan Bowman, Zack Patterson and Jack Morgan pitched great throughout the four game tournament. Saiki Roy and Jack Maloon hit home runs. Tri-Valley will compete in the Pacific Southwest regional tournament in Surprise, Arizona on July 29 - Aug 1. Pictured are (front, let to right) Saiki Roy, Ryan Bowman, CJ Malski, Jared Dawson, Nick Venezia, Jack Morgan, Zach Patterson; (back) Coach Rick Fryer, Joshua Ott, Jack Maloon, Nate White, Max Moore, Darroch Koel, James Cowick, Jack Fryer, Coach Mike Maloon, Clark Eder, and Manager Sean Venezia.

## Livermore Juniors and Seniors Capture District 57 Titles

Both the Livermore Little League Junior and Senior baseball teams captured the District 57 championships. The teams are comprised of players from Livermore American and Livermore National Little Leagues.

The Juniors, after losing the first game to San Ramon, 9 to 6, battled through the elimination bracket. They defeated Granada 9 to 5, San Ramon Valley/Danville 11 to 1, then in a rematch with San Ramon won 10 to 5. In the winner take all game, Livermore edged out San Ramon, 8 to 7, for the championship.

In the Section 3 Tournament they beat Half Moon Bay in a game played at Bill Payne Field in Livermore, 12 to 1. They defeated Ashland LL 16 to 2 after having lost to the team in the second meeting. In the championship game, they beat Ashland again, 11 to 1.

The Juniors team moved on to the Norcal divisionals in Healdsburg on July 20 at 9am where they faced Visalia. They lost to Visalia and fell into the elimination bracket.

Members of the Junior team are Nate Reddit, Jacob Fumar, Andrew Scull, Cameron Johnston, Frank Gomez, Justin Hill, Ryan Robinson, Patrick Schwartz, Ben Kerling, Austin Birdwell, Tyler Gonzalez, Bryce Disbrow and coaches Chris Johnston and Steve Gonzalez with Manager Manny Fumero.

The Senior team had a easier time earning a first round bye as the tournament host. In following games, they beat Pleasanton American 10 to 5 and won the championship by beating San Ramon Valley 9 to 3.

They moved onto the Section 3 tournament on Saturday, July 13 and lost a close game to the District 45 champion Castro Valley at Sequoia High School in Redwood City 5 to 4. That loss put them into the elimination bracket. They first beat the host Redwood City team 11 to 1, Mission San Jose 7 to 1, followed by avenging the loss to Castro Valley 7 to 1. They then beat Castro Valley again in the winner take all game 14 to 4.

They moved on to the Norcal divisionals on July 20 at American River College in Sacramento where they faced Wheatland Little League. Seniors won 13 to 5. The played Tuesday at American River College after The Independent's deadline.

Senior team members are DB Vidal, Drew Webber, Jay Telles,

Tyler Wallis, Brody Martinez, Truman Griffeath, Tim Harris, Jr., Connor Spalding, Jacob Rakestraw, Chris Logan, Koll Waddle, Cole Phelps, Stone Remy, Jake Foscolina, JJ Christman, Clayton Cruncheon and coaches Jon Spalding and Dave Griffeath with Manager Tim Harris.

The two Livermore teams, who headed to the Little League Northern California State tournaments, were battling for the state crown. The Livermore teams represent Section 3. The winners will represent Northern California at the Little League Regional tournaments. At the Regional tournament, all state champions will play each other to determine who will represent the West at the Little League World Series.

The Juniors Division World Series will be played in Taylor, Michigan and the Seniors World Series in Bangor, Maine.

## Tri-Valley Aquatics

Last week Tri-Valley Aquatics competed in five-day California-Nevada Championships swim meet in Santa Clarita, CA.

The USA Swim team members practice at Las Positas College.

Impressive swimmers came from Chris Dotson who, going into his third year at UC Santa Barbara this fall, pulled out championship finals 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place in two freestyle events. He swam his life-time bests in all of his qualifying events: 50 freestyle 23.69, 100 freestyle 51.81 and 100 butterfly 59.08.

Another TVA's finalist was Maria Carlson, who dropped 6 seconds to advance into the championship finals in the 200 breaststroke (2:39.69) and took 8<sup>th</sup> place overall in the meet. Maria made the bonus finals in the 100 breast and also swam her life-time bests in 100, 200, 400 Freestyle and 200 Individual Medley.

Stephanie Doi swam her life-time best in 50, 100 freestyle events and 100 butterfly. TVA's Captain Natalie Tang swam her personal best in 50 freestyle, and twice in the 100 freestyle.

TVA's relay swimmers Liz Reimer and Alex Torrez, both recorded life-time best times during the relays (100 free and 100 back).

Next stop for Tri Valley Aquatics swimmers are the USA Swimming Junior Nationals and Far Westerns Championships.

## Springtime Brings Home 3 National Titles

The U.S. Trampoline and Tum-

bling (T&T) National Championships was held in Kansas City, Missouri on July 3-10. To qualify for the National Championships, T&T gymnasts must earn a qualifying score at either the State or Regional Competition. Gymnasts can qualify in four events: trampoline, double mini trampoline, synchronized trampoline, and tumbling. They compete against other gymnasts in the same age group and level. Those scoring in the top 8 of the nation are recognized on the podium and earn a medal.

Livermore's Springtime Tumbling and Trampoline sent 8 gymnasts to the National competition: Kendall Aasen, Kaitlyn Clevenger, Laney Foote, Rob Harries, Emilio Lehmer, Becca Okmin, Ruben Padilla, and Jeremy Pigford. Springtime T&T brought home 3 National Titles. Laney Foote (level 9) and Ruben Padilla (level 10) were both named National Champions in trampoline, and Becca Okmin (level 8) earned the National title in tumbling.

In other podium finishes, Kaitlyn Clevenger was 2nd in trampoline (level 8) and 7th in double mini (level 8). Emilio Lehmer earned 2nd place in trampoline (level 8) and 4th in tumbling (level 8). Rob Harries made a trip to the podium to bring home a 5th place medal in trampoline (level 10). Ruben Padilla also earned 2nd place medals in tumbling (level 9) and synchronized trampoline (level 10) and 5th place in double mini trampoline (level 10). Also performing well were Kendall Aasen, placing 14th in trampoline and Jeremy Pigford with a 12th place finish in double-mini trampoline.

## Del Prado vs. Ruby Hill

The Ruby Hill Killer Whales swam against the Del Prado Stingrays. The Stingrays emerged as the winners by the score of 574 to 386 in Valley Swim League.

The top scorers for the Killer Whales were, Kirsty Brown (13), Jenna Brown (12), Teah Woods (8), Sarah Deplitch (6), Charlotte Kelly (6), Andrew Yeung (14), Jack Kost (11), Devon Kost (9), Joey Vasquez (13), and Zack Limkakang (6).

For the Stingrays, the top scorers were, Shelby Hicks (10), Lauren Graham (10), Meghan Hogue (13), Lucy Bell (15), Elaina Gates (18), Andrew Goard (17), Jack Bessiere (12), Jacob Banke (14), John Lester (10), and Nathan Jetter (7). Also clocking some fine swims, were Kaitlyn Schrierer (16), Emily Harris (10), Taylor



Pictured from Tri-Valley Aquatics are (from left) TVA's coach Daniel R, swimmers Alex Torrez, Maria Carlson, Chris Dotson, Stephanie Doi, Natalie Tamd, and Liz Reimer.

Sowers (12), Lauren Deplitch (8), Evelyn McLaughlin (8), Dex Harkness (5), Ethan Cartwright (15), Andrew Maddalon (9), Aidan Looz (7), Michael O'Brien (11), and Cole Flashberger (12), for Ruby Hill.

For Del Prado, Lacey Hicks (12), Nikki White (14), Isla Griston (10), Katie Kirschner (8), Megan Doi (15), Bryce O'Necky (5), Cameron Kuratori (17), Tommy Juarez (13), Caiden Ways (6), and Evan Pruss (7). The Del Prado's 9-10 boys 200 free relay swimmers, Joseph Nazareno, David Reimer, Sam Jorgenson, and John Lester, broke the team record, by 2 seconds.

6 & Under: girls 100 yd. medley relay: Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Deplitch, Sarah 6, Jeon, Ella Y 6, Kelly, Charlotte E 6, Hamilton, Hailey E 6), 2:03.70. Mixed 100 yd. medley relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (O'Necky, Bryce M5, Jorgenson, Jac M6, Harold, Ryan M6, Ways, Caiden M6), 2:14.65. Girls 25 yd. free Kelly, Charlotte E, RHST-CC, 26.23. Boys 25 yd. free Ways, Caiden, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.00. Girls 25 yd. fly Kelly, Charlotte E, RHST-CC, 30.18. Boys 25 yd. fly Limkakang, Zack Z, RHST-CC, 37.54. Girls 25 yd. breaststroke Deplitch, Sarah, RHST-CC, 32.32. Boys 25 yd. breaststroke Jorgenson, Jac, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.26. Girls 25 yd. back Deplitch, Sarah, RHST-CC, 32.73. Boys 25 yd. back O'Necky, Bryce, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.75. Girls 100 yd. free relay Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Kelly, Charlotte E 6, Deplitch, Sarah 6, Jeon, Ella Y 6, Hamilton, Hailey E 6), 1:48.73. Mixed 100 yd. free relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Murray, Zack M6, Jetter, Tyson M4, Boyer, Drew M5, Harold, Ryan M6), 2:20.52.

7-8: Girls 100 yd. medley relay Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Brown, Erin 8, Deplitch, Lauren 8, Woods, Teah J 8, Harris, Kate 8), 1:24.57. Mixed 100 yd. medley relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Pruss, Evan M7, Harold, Jack M8, Shackelford, Joey M8, Jetter, Nathan M7), 1:45.17. Girls 25 yd. free Woods, Teah J, RHST-CC, 18.27. Boys 25 yd. free Jetter, Nathan, DP Stingrays-CC, 20.80. Girls 25 yd. fly McLaughlin, Evelyn E, RHST-CC, 19.95. Boys 25 yd. fly Shackelford, Joey, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.16. Girls 25 yd. breaststroke Deplitch, Lauren, RHST-CC, 24.04. Boys 25 yd. breaststroke Jetter, Nathan, DP Stingrays-CC, 26.71. Girls 25 yd. back Woods, Teah J, RHST-CC, 20.86. Boys 25 yd. back Pruss, Evan, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.54. Girls 100 yd. free relay Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Jennings, Tessa N 7, Harris, Kate 8, Woods, Teah J 8, Brown, Erin 8), 1:13.25. Mixed 100 yd. free relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Shackelford, Joey M8, Solari, Dante M7, Moore, Terrence M8, Stedman, Caden M7), 1:42.34.

9-10: Girls 100 yd. medley relay Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Harris, Emily 10, Judge, Sophie 10, Sowers, Lauren 10, Flashberger, Chloe R 10), 1:12.38. Mixed 100 yd. medley relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kasper, Kenny M9, Jetter, Aidan M10, Jorgenson, Sam M9, Reimer, David M10), 1:17.17. Girls 50 yd. free Graham, Lauren, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.54. Boys 50 yd. free Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.55. Girls 25 yd. fly Griston, Isla, DP Stingrays-CC, 15.42. Boys 25 yd. fly Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.08. Girls 25 yd. breaststroke Harris, Emily, RHST-CC, 21.09. Boys 25 yd. breaststroke Jetter, Aidan, DP



Livermore Fusion SC 99 Girls kicked off the season in style with a 2nd place finish in the San Ramon Azuri Summer Classic on July 20th and 21st. The team tied a Danville Mustang team 1-1 and were victorious over American River FC 4-1 and Sonoma SC 3-1. Fusion is looking forward to a rematch against Heritage SC. After only 4 days of practice followed by a soft performance on Saturday, the team worked out the kinks and rallied back on Sunday to finish strong as a finalist. Pictured with their medals from top left to right are Jenni Kovisto, Kristen Heise, Daniela Walker, Alyssa Bonfiglio, Tori Borgna, Andrea Sommer, Catherine Ng, Shey Holsen, Coach Chay Bardales, Krissy Keller, Jessica Bonfiglio, Ciara Martinez, Kylie Moore, Alexis Salazar, Lauren Martin and Sydney Mendoza. (On vacation, Sydney Duncan.)



Livermore Fusion SC 02B Maroon were crowned champions at the San Ramon Azuri Summer Classic on July 20th and 21st with an undefeated record for the weekend: 4-0 vs. Mustang Outlaws, 11-2 vs. Santa Rosa United America, 2-1 vs. Walnut Creek SC Milan, and 7-4 in the final vs. USA Stars 03B. Pictured with Coaches Matt Caution and Marc Beard from top left to right are Mateo Wilde, Joey Keller, Dane Winslow, Aidan Lewis, Abraham Zarate, Ethan Voelker, Dylan Baxter, Austin de Vries, Devin Ruzich, Colton Trudeau, Landon Ratinho, Parker Moore, and Edwin Zabala.

Stingrays-CC, 21.19. Girls 100 yd. IM Hicks, Shelby, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:26.49. Boys 100 yd. IM Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:21.47. Girls 25 yd. back Harris, Emily, RHST-CC, 17.43. Boys 25 yd. back Kost, Devon G, RHST-CC, 20.46. Girls 200 yd. free relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Graham, Lauren 10, Heath, Amy R 9, Griston, Isla 10, Hicks, Shelby 10), 2:13.27. Mixed 200 yd. free relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Nazareno, Joseph M10, Reimer, David M10, Jorgenson, Sam M9, Lester, John M10), 2:15.23.

11-12: Girls 200 yd. medley relay Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Brown, Jenna 12, Vasquez, Alicia 12, Sowers, Taylor 12, Farruto, Lauren 12), 2:21.60. Mixed 200 yd. medley relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Bessiere, Matthew M12, Reimer, Steven M12, Bessiere, Jack M12, McMasters, Michael M11), 2:34.31. Girls 50 yd. free Brown, Jenna, RHST-CC, 27.55. Boys 50 yd. free Bessiere, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.36. Girls 50 yd. fly Sowers, Taylor, RHST-CC, 34.72. Boys 50 yd. fly Bessiere, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.09. Girls 50 yd.

# SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore American Little League 10-year-old All Star team won the Tassajara Valley Little League Turf and Dirt Tournament played on July 13-18. The team went 5-0 during the tournament. This followed their strong 3rd place showing in the District 57 All Star tournament. Pictured are (back row) Coach Ed Lee, Coach Jason Knight, Manager Mickey Hill; (middle) Parker Hively, Joey Orluck, Kyle Johnson, Jesse Goodman, Blaze Hill; (front) Miles Kluball, JJ Knight, Cameron Winter, Cayden Ho, Cole Arnold, and Steven Lee; (not pictured) Coach Steve Chapman and Adam Chapman.



The Livermore Smoke U8 B team were a force to be reckoned with over the past weekend at the Wes Jones Memorial softball tournament in San Jose. Playing 6 games in 2 days, Smoke's opponents were taken by storm when faced up against Smoke's pitchers. In a total of 67 batters to come up to bat, 56 of them struck out. The batters who were able to create a little spark off their bats were only to be met with trouble from Smoke's defense, which allowed just 8 total runs to score. Smoke's hitters sent a major shockwave thru their opponents, scoring 42 runs, making this tournament Smoke's best hitting and pitching performance to date. Pictured are (from left, top) Coach Steve Johnston, Coach Mel Herrera, Coach Kim Hood, Coach Elvis Aguilar, Coach Brian; (2nd row) Marissa Herrera, Delaney Johnston, Dakota Hood, Skylar Jester; (3rd row) Lexi Dimas, Emma Hatcher, Emily Aleman, Raegan Chioino; (bottom) Maggie Robinson, Kaitlyn Aguilar, Elizabeth Ruiz, and Taylor Rapp.



Pictured from Taylor's Martial Arts are competitors at the Gold Cup Circuit's Quake City Open (back row) Hector Flores, Rachel Bryant, Vince Aying; (front row) Mayalanni Erediano, Alexis Aying, and Helena Macias



The West Coast Fury U11 girls took their Norcal championship team to the prestigious San Diego Albion Cup Showcase tournament to face some of the best teams in Southern California and beyond. The Fury had an impressive showing making it to the finals to face the region's #1 team, the San Diego SC Navy. Pictured (top row) are Coach Ray Canevani, Jamie Conklin, Kelsey Hoopes, Angelina Alfonso, Celina Garcia, Gracie Alfonso, Trinity Sandridge, Kelena Brongiel, Leela Amin, Laura Gonzalez, and Coach Dave Conklin; (bottom row) Kourtney Kessler, Alina Garcia, Alyssa Garza, Katie Zeck, and Cassidy Brackett.



The Livermore Long Shots U8 team advanced to the championship game at the All Star World Series Warm Ups in Fremont. It was the third time in a row. Pictured are Coaches Mike Nixon and Steve Griffith, team members Andrew, Derek, Tyler, Shane, Josh, Matthew, Tanner, Jason, Nick and Anthony; not pictured Justin and Quinn.



The U14 LAZERS Boys Water Polo team played and won 2 games during the West Valley College Tournament in Saratoga. Coming up big on offense for the LAZERS was Sean Croghan, Mia Battilega, Maddie David and Drew Kobayashi. On the defensive side, Nathan Fish played great at the 2 meter position, with the swarming perimeter defense handled by Calvin David and David Brooks. Also coming up with some big blocks in the goal were Scott Ragatz and Ian Herbert.



Livermore's Springtime Tumbling and Trampoline team competed at the National Championships. Pictured are (back row) Coach Jill Wilson, Laney Foote, Kendall Aasen, Emilio Lehmer, Rob Harries, Jeremy Pigford, Coach Brock Wilson; (front row) Ruben Padilla, Becca Okmin, and Kaitlyn Clevenger.



The 12U Granada Little League "Black Attack" tournament team placed 2nd in the Livermore American Little League, District 57, All Star Tournament played on July 12 - July 18 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The tournament featured 8 teams from District 57. The Granada Black Attack represented well, going undefeated during pool play and scratching out a come-from-behind win over Pleasanton Foothill in the semi-final playoff game - losing the Championship game to LNL's 12 Gold team 10-4. The Granada 12U Black Attack are (right to left, front row) Devon Pearce, Cameron Schrader, Ian Rasmussen, Andrew Hayley, Grant Blockley, AJ Philips; (middle row) Zack Clark, Dylan Tompkins, Cole Seely, Cameron McGee, Seth Street, Ethan Vincent, Justin Watson; (back row) Paul Schrader, Stan Philips, Manager Neil Rasmussen, and Rich Hayley.

## Dolphins top Aquabears

The Pleasanton Valley Club (PVC) Dolphins won their 8th consecutive VSL Dual Meet Championship

The PVC dolphins raced San Ramon Aquabears on July 20, 2013 in Pleasanton. PVC pulled through with their sixth win of the season with a score of 1022 to Aquabears 785.

PVC finished the season undefeated and headed to the Championships with great times.

PVC swimmers came in first for the following races: 7/8 under boys 25 meter freestyle Jackson Risher 17.04; 9/10 under girls 50 meter freestyle Vanessa Montiel 33.94; 11/12 girls 50 meter freestyle Daniella Hawkins 28.68; 11/12 boys 50 meter freestyle David Gjerde 29.63; 13/14 girls 50 meter freestyle Sophia Holbrook 28.44; 13/14 boys 50 meter freestyle Thomas Boss 26.87; 15-18 girls 50 meter freestyle Erin Walsh 27.47; 15-18 boys 50 meter freestyle Eric Li 24.13; 7/8 girls 25 meter butterfly Sophia Kang 21.73; 7/8 boys 25 meter butterfly Jackson Risher 22.21; 9/10 girls 25 meter butterfly Vanessa Montiel 17.14; 11/12 girls 50 meter butterfly Marissa Lawrence 30.55; 11/12 boys 50 meter butterfly David Gjerde 34.99

13/14 girls 50 meter butterfly Sophia Holbrook 31.51; 15-18 boys 50 meter butterfly Eric Li 27.95; 7/8 girls 25 meter breaststroke Paige Reynolds 22.38; 9/10 girls 25 meter breaststroke Maya Morgenstern 21.12; 9/10 boys 25 meter breaststroke Ethan Braga 20.96; 11/12 girls 50 meter breaststroke Marissa Lawrence 38.35; 11/12 boys 50 meter breaststroke Nathan

Williams 39.58; 13/14 girls 50 meter breaststroke Lindsay Dillon 38.70; 15-18 girls 50 meter breaststroke Mackenzie Bammer 36.86; 15-18 boys 50 meter breaststroke Copeland Green 32.34; 11/12 girls 100 meter IM Marissa Lawrence 1:11.06; 11/12 boys 100 meter IM Gavin Wallace 1:16.61; 13/14 girls 100 meter IM McKenna Harris 1:15.16;

13/14 girls 100 meter IM Brooke Christian 1:15.73; 13/14 boys 100 meter IM Thomas Bosse 1:09.88; 15-18 girls 100 meter IM Erin Walsh 1:08.32; 15-18 boys 100 meter IM Eric Li 1:02.90; 6 under girls 25 meter backstroke Reagan Braga 25.93; 7/8 girls 25 meter backstroke Paige Reynolds 22.48; 7/8 boys 25 meter backstroke Jackson Risher 20.73; 9/10 girls 25 meter backstroke Vanessa Montiel 20.66; 9/10 boys 25 meter backstroke Charlie Claridge 20.78; 11/12 girls 50 meter backstroke Daniella Hawkins 33.81; 11/12 boys 50 meter backstroke David Gjerde 35.11; 13/14 girls 50 meter backstroke Brooke Christian 34.80; 13/14 boys 50 meter backstroke Chase Sinclair 32.66; 15-18 boys 50 meter backstroke Steven Cox 31.04

## Martial Arts

Five students from Taylor's Martial Arts in Livermore, California, competed at the Gold Cup Circuit's Quake City Open on July 20, 2013.

Forms/Kata: Rachel Bryant - 1st Place in 15-17 yr old Girls Advanced Kajukenbo/Kempo Forms; Hector Flores - 2nd Place in 12-14 yr old Boys Advanced Kajukenbo/Kempo Forms; Helena Macias - 2nd Place in 8-9 yr old Girls Novice Intermediate Kajukenbo/Kempo Forms; Alexis Aying - 3rd Place in Girls 8-9 yr old

Intermediate Kajukenbo/Kempo Forms: Mayalanni Erediano - 2nd Place Girls in 6-7 yr old Novice Kajukenbo/Kempo Forms

Sparring: Rachel Bryant - 1st Place in 15-17 yr old Girls Advanced Sparring and 15-17 yr old Girls Sparring Grand Champion; Hector Flores - 1st Place in 12-14 yr old Boys Advanced Sparring; Alexis Aying - 1st Place in 8-9 yr old Girls Advanced Sparring and 8-9 yr old Girls Sparring Grand Champion; Mayalanni Erediano - 1st Place in 6-7 yr old Girls Novice Sparring and 6-7 yr old Girls Sparring Grand Champion

## West Coast Soccer

U11G West Coast Fury U11G premier team hit the road to play in the prestigious Albion Cup Showcase soccer tournament in San Diego. The Fury girls battled some of the most competitive teams they've seen yet. They faced teams from San Diego, Hawaii, and other parts of Southern California. In the semi-finals, the Fury battled the Honolulu Bulls, Hawaii's top girls' team. The Fury quickly moved ahead 1-0 before the half. In the second, forward Kelena Brongiel netted two goals to give the Fury a solid 3-0 finish. The win propelled the Fury into the championship match against San Diego SC Navy, the region's #1 U11 team. In the finals, San Diego leveraged its home field advantage and experience playing 11 v. 11 to

keep the Fury at bay. The West Coast Fury, in their first 11 v. 11 tournament at the premier level, came home with a very respectable second place finish.

## 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

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breaststroke Foster, Madeline, DP Stingrays-CC, 41.16. Boys 50 yd. breaststroke Reimer, Steven, DP Stingrays-CC, 43.71. Girls 100 yd. IM Hicks, Lacey, DPStingrays-CC, 1:20.05. Boys 100 yd. IM Bessiere, Jack, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:21.65. Girls 50 yd. back Brown, Jenna, RHST-CC, 31.38. Boys 50 yd. back Kost, Jack J, RHST-CC, 38.79. Girls 200 yd. free relay Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Farrauto, Lauren 12, Brown, Jenna 12, Laurence, Rebecca 12, Sowers, Taylor 12), 2:00.94. Mixed 200 yd. free relay Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Kost, Jack JM1 Flashberger, Cole BM12, Williams, Jack M1 O'Brien, Michael M11), 2:18.58.

13-14: Girls 200 yd. medley relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Huber, Cameron 14, Renton, Kelly 14, White, Nikki 14, Waldlear, Heather 14), 2:13.80. Mixed 200 yd. medley relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Banke, Jacob M14, Juarez, Tommy M13, Glenn, Alex M13, Sullivan, Sean M14), 2:14.68. Girls 50 yd. free Brown, Kirsty, RHST-CC, 27.27. Boys 50 yd. free Yeung, Andrew H, RHST-CC, 26.53. Girls 50 yd. fly White, Nikki, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.21. Boys 50 yd. fly Yeung, Andrew H, RHST-CC, 30.35. Girls 50 yd. breaststroke Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 37.30. Boys 50 yd. breaststroke Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.20. Girls 100 yd. IM Brown, Kirsty, RHST-CC, 1:10.61. Boys 100 yd. IM Banke, Jacob, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:14.06. Girls 50 yd. back Brown, Kirsty, RHST-CC, 32.33. Boys 50 yd. back Banke, Jacob, DP Stingrays-CC, 30.86. Girls 200 yd. free relay Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Hogue, Meghan 13, Renton, Kelly 14, Bardakas, Alyssa 13, White, Nikki 14), 1:54.93. Mixed 200 yd. free relay Ruby Hill Swim Team-CC 'A' (Vasquez, Joey M13, Luangphonh, Billy M14, Palma, Nick M13, Yeung, Andrew H M14), 2:05.80.

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# Draft of Delta Plan EIR Review Draws Congress Members' Criticism

Congressional members who have been critical of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) advanced by Gov. Jerry Brown's administration have added more remarks. The remarks were prompted by draft reviews of the project by various regulatory agencies.

Congressional members with the Delta in their districts, including Jerry McNerney and John Garamendi, called on Brown to withdraw and fully revise the proposed BDCP plan, in light of the draft environmental documents, which they said were found "biased" and "insufficient" by federal agencies in public comments made available July 17.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service provided these comments to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as part of a review of the draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS), said the congressional members in their news release of July 18.

McNerney said, "We have said from day one that any proposal related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta must be based on sound science and an accurate cost-benefit analysis. The recently-released re-

ports clearly show that Governor Brown's misguided plan for the Delta is based on neither."

Garamendi added, "The current plan concludes that massive water diversions south of the Delta are needed, and then twists arguments to meet that conclusion. Instead, we need a scientific process, freed from the blinders of bias, to meet the legally mandated co-equal goals of ecological conservation and reliability of water supply - both of which are essential to the state's economy."

Reacting to the comments, state Natural Resources Agency deputy secretary Jerry Meral said, "In context, it is important to remember that regulatory agencies by their nature do not give out 'gold stars' for their work, but road maps for improvement."

Meral said that with further work on the EIR, the agency will improve it. "The issues raised in the (federal agencies') comments can be successfully resolved in the coming months."

Typical of the 44-page draft available on-line was one from the federal Bureau of Reclamation, which said, "The identification of adverse and beneficial impacts is very subjective, and appears to be based on a misreading of NEPA regulations."



Photos - Doug Jorgensen  
Art was accompanied by music performed by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band.



## SPORTS

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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.

### 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](http://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](http://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 Au-

gust 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](http://www.carlsjr.com)) and Rubio's ([www.rubios.com](http://www.rubios.com)) as well as live music provided by AKA of Ken Cooper Music ([www.kencoopermusic.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.veteransvictoryvelo.com) or email [info@sentinelsoffreedom.org](mailto:info@sentinelsoffreedom.org). SOF staff can be reached at 925-380-6342.

### CYO Basketball

Registration for the 2013/14 SM/SC CYO Basketball season is open. This season fees have been and the availability of training and on court opportunities have been increased.

Coaches are needed. Each year, the league looks for men and women to lead the players by exemplifying Christian values and teaching the game of basketball. Interested individuals are invited to register as coaches.

Please visit <http://smsccyo.org/> for more information.

## 5th Annual "Party Palooza" Events Raise Funds to Help Cancer Patients

The 5th annual "Party Palooza" is coming to the Tri-Valley in August, September and October to benefit the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. The nonprofit organization will present nine individual events to raise money to help local cancer patients. Donations go toward providing pain and stress relief to local residents suffering with cancer.

These special events are smaller-scale social events, hosted by Tri-Valley residents and companies, each raising funds to support this 100% volunteer foundation. All the hosts have generously contributed their time, talent, food and supplies so that all guest reservations and contributions will directly benefit the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies

Foundation. Included in this year's events are a 5k Run/Walk, a 3rd Annual Bunco Party, a 3rd Annual Passage to India: Festivals Night, the longest running Party Palooza Event—The 5th Annual Soups of the World—All Stars and many more original and special events.

Most events have a limited number of guests and have sold out in the past.

The list of this year's events and dates are:

August 2 Downtown Pleasanton's Concert in the Park featuring Finding Stella

Aug. 18 Fleet Feet Sports Women's 5K Run/Walk

Sept. 13 Wine Bottling and Tasting at John Evan Cellars and The Big White House Winery

Sept 16 Sip and Paint Art Class

Sept. 21 3rd Annual Passage to India-Festivals Night

Sept. 21 Celebrate Your Power to Heal

Sept. 26 3rd Annual Bunco Party

Oct. 12 5th Annual Soups of the World - All Stars

Oct. 19 4th Annual Gourmet Dinner with the Shapiro's

A full list of events and details is available at [www.HealingTherapies-Foundation.org/palooza](http://www.HealingTherapies-Foundation.org/palooza)

"We are so excited about the variety of events we have this year," said founder Sandra J. Wing, a multiple cancer survivor. "Party Palooza and donations from our other events and donors have helped us provide finan-

cial assistance to cover complementary therapies helping over 300 local cancer patients to endure chemotherapy and radiation therapies."

The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation provides funds so that cancer patients can experience the immediate benefit of complementary therapies to help alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy.

These therapies include: guided/visual imagery, acupuncture, acupressure, therapeutic massage and deep breathing meditation. These have been proven to be therapeutically beneficial in many scientific studies, and can provide relief for neuropathy, anxiety, stress, aches, fatigue, nausea and pain.

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**RETZLAFF Estate Wines**  
Comedy Uncorked Saturday, July 27th  
Benefiting Open Heart Kitchen  
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Fri - Sun: 12:00 2:10 4:30 6:45 9:00  
Sundance Film Festival - Grand Jury Prize Winner!

**FRUITVALE STATION**  
Fri - Sun: 12:20 2:30 4:45 7:10 9:10

**AMERICAN GRAFFITI**  
Thursday Aug. 1: 7:00

**Classics Night - WILLY WONKA - July 25 @ 7pm**

**MUSIC on the RIDGE**

**THURSDAYS August | 6-9pm**

**POPPY RIDGE**  
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Poppy Ridge Golf Course  
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Reggae - August 1  
Rhythm & Blues - August 8  
Sinatra Tribute - August 22  
Country Rock - August 29  
Wolf & The Front Porch Drifters

No show scheduled for August 15th due to private engagement



## SHORT NOTES

### Mayors' Cook-Off

Alameda County Mayors' Healthy Cook-Off Challenge will take place at the Dublin Farmers' Market on Thurs., July 25.

The market is held at Emerald Glen Park from 4 to 8 p.m. Theme is "Family Night" at the Dublin Farmers' Market. Activities include a fun cook-off, featuring local mayors and chefs. Crackers the Clown will be on hand to entertain the kids, while the City of Dublin and the "Wellness City Challenge" will host the "Alameda County Mayors' Healthy Cook-Off Challenge." Local mayors and chefs will work together to create the best dish, using ingredients found at the Market.

### Homemade Ice Cream

Homemade Ice Cream in the Park is the theme of the Sun., July 28 program offered by the Livermore Area

Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

Here's your chance to use an old-fashioned hand-cranked ice cream maker - join this park program for summer fun. Kids can give it a whirl to make a delicious treat; adults can relax, share stories of summer and enjoy a beautiful evening in the park. Please plan on donating \$2 per person to help cover the cost of supplies.

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

In another outdoor program, youth ages 10 to 13 can join in Ohlone Nature Camp to expand their outdoor skills. Campers will learn how to find their way without streets and discover

how native Californians lived without supermarkets and hardware stores. One all-day camp session is still available from Aug. 5 to 9. \$220 for the five-day week. Register on-line at [www.larpd.dst.ca.us](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us).

### Lucky Fans

Tri-Valley TV is announcing some great new free stuff they are giving away to TV30 "Lucky Fans." Items include free tickets to the summer series "Concerts at Wente Vineyards," theater tickets to the Firehouse Arts Center and gift cards for meals at restaurants in the Tri-Valley. It's easy to become a TV30 "Lucky Fan" and it's free too.

TV30 viewers go to the Tri-Valley TV website at [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org) to register to become a "Lucky Fan." There is no charge and the information will not be shared. TV30 randomly selects a winner at various

times from the "Lucky Fan" registrations. The winner will be announced on the Tri-Valley TV Facebook page and on TV30. A person can enter as many times as they want until they win.

For complete rules or to sign up to be a "Lucky Fan" go to [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org) and click on the "Lucky Fan" icon located on that page. Good luck!

### Outdoor Events

Save Mount Diablo is offering the following programs:

Native Gardening on Marsh Creek, 9 a.m. to noon on Sat., Aug. 10. Join the Diablo Restoration Team for a fun morning restoring native habitat along Marsh Creek. Help expand native vegetation along the creek to enhance habitat and improve wildlife corridors. We'll be removing non-native weeds such as hemlock, radish, mustard and periwinkle that threaten the health of the ecosystem. RSVP to George

at 925-947-3535 or [gphilips@SaveMountDiablo.org](mailto:gphilips@SaveMountDiablo.org).

Moonlight on the Mountain, 4 to 10 p.m. Sat., Sept. 7, the 42nd anniversary celebration at Mount Diablo's China Wall for a memorable evening with an elegant dinner, live and silent auctions, live music and dancing - all under the light of the moon. The evening's celebration is a benefit to "Preserve, Defend and Restore" Mount Diablo's natural lands for you, future generations and wildlife to enjoy. [www.savemountdiablo.org](http://www.savemountdiablo.org).

First Ever Junction Wave Challenge, Sun., Oct. 6, Traditionally, the Mount Diablo Challenge is a 11.2 mile timed bike ride, starting at Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Road 3,249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo. For the first time ever, we've added a Junction Wave for 2013 which will end at Mt. Diablo's Junction- great for

families and those building their climbing skills! Prizes are awarded for several categories after the rides with food and beverages for all. All proceeds benefit our land conservation efforts. [www.savemountdiablo.org](http://www.savemountdiablo.org).

### Fire in Garage

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department (LFPD) responded to the report of a residential structure fire on July 20 on the 2200 block of Linden Street in Livermore. Firefighters arrived on scene and found a duplex with an active fire in a garage spreading towards a separate attached garage at the same address. Firefighters were able to knock the fire down within approximately 10 minutes and prevented the fire from spreading into the living area. The living area did receive moderate smoke damage. The second unit was undamaged.

Two adults and four children (continued on page 10)

## OBITUARIES

### Denelda R. Wichman

Denelda R. Wichman, 73, Tracy, California died July 9, 2013 at Sutter Tracy Community Hospital.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 23, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 163 W. Eaton Ave. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mrs. Wichman's name may be sent to St. Bernard's Parish, 163 W. Eaton Ave., Tracy, CA 95376.

Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 S. Central Ave., is handling arrangements.

### Katy Caryl Lovell

1/1/56 — 7/10/2013

Beautiful, benevolent, gracious and gifted, our dearly beloved Katy Lovell, winemaker at Poetic Cellars in Soquel, CA, and mother of three, left us all too soon on July 10, 2013. She waged a brave battle against pancreatic cancer, following a two-year struggle with Lyme disease. To the end, she embraced life with a passion and positive attitude that inspired everyone she touched.

Born at home on January 1, 1956, in Hemet, CA, to her parents Caryl and Hap Lovell, Katy was first at so many things, including first born of the year in her home town. She was an outstanding athlete and music student, winning President Kennedy's Presidential Fitness award two years in a row. A brilliant flutist, she studied music at Interlochen's Center for the Arts, and attended Oberlin College. If not for a wrist injury, Katy would have pursued a career in music. Instead, she took up pottery and weaving, eventually supporting herself both as a fiber artist and a cabinetmaker.

Her lifelong love of wine led her to study winemaking at Davis in the mid 1990s, after which she founded Rios-Lovell winery in Livermore with her former partner, Max Rios, the father of her children. In 2003, she left Livermore in search of a new dream home and vineyard site in the Santa Cruz Mountains. She founded Poetic Cellars, and built a winery on a beautiful secluded parcel off Rodeo Gulch Drive, where she made extraordinary wine.

Katy was one of only three women winemakers in the Santa Cruz Mountains: she was a pioneer, master blender and hero to many. She was also a single mother of Julie, age 19, Brett, age 21 and Zac, age 23: they were her proudest achievement, and are all enrolled in college. Both sons graduated from Los Gatos High School, and her daughter, from Harbor High School.

In addition to her children, she leaves behind father and mother, Hap & Caryl Gault Lovell of Grant's Pass, Oregon, sister Jan Laiho of William, Oregon, niece Windy Twelves of Sunnyvale, CA and nephew Tree Simonson of Grants Pass, Oregon.

The winery she dearly loved, Poetic Cellars, at 5000 North Rodeo Gulch Drive, Soquel, CA, will remain open weekends from noon til 5pm, and wine sales will continue until further notice. Katy may have departed this life, but she left behind her beautiful gift of wine for many to enjoy for years to come. [www.poeticcellars.com](http://www.poeticcellars.com)

Donations on behalf of her children, to help defray medical bills and final expenses, may be sent to Julie Rios Lovell, P.O. Box 3599 Santa Cruz CA 95063

A tribute to Katy will be held in August: further details to come. For more information, please email: [highperf@got.net](mailto:highperf@got.net)

### Christine Louise Gothan Fernandes-Marovich

Born June 26, 1964 in Pittsburgh, PA to Ronald and Shirley Marovich and passed away on Sunday, July 14, 2013 at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada. She was surrounded by her loving family.

"Chris" is survived by her husband of 24 years, Fred Gothan; sons, Aaron Fernandez, Brandon and Camron Gothan; brothers, Ronald, Brian and Michael Marovich; two grandchildren, Antonette Fernandes and Jack Gothan; and grandmother, Helen Marovich of Hopwood, PA. She will be missed by dog, Boots and cats, Pearl and Bella.

Chris graduated from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, CA, before

moving to Reno where she enjoyed a prosperous career in finance with Bank of the West and serving the community with the Salvation Army.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, August 3, 2013 at the Salvation Army, 1931 Sutro Street, Reno, NV. A reception will follow.

### Colonel Joseph Francis Schuman

March 25, 1929-July 17, 2013

Colonel Joseph Francis Schuman, U.S. Army retired, passed away at age 84 on July 17, 2013, at Silver Oak Manor, Livermore, California, after a long illness. Joe was born at home on March 25, 1929, on the South Side of Chicago, where he spent his youth and graduated from Hirsch High School in 1947. Desiring a military career since a young age, Joe attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduating as a member of the Class of 1951, and beginning his service as an artillery officer.

After graduating West Point, Joe volunteered for combat service in Korea, where he earned the Bronze Star with "V" for valor. His extensive military career included assignments at the Citadel, as a research engineer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and with the 4th Armor Division, Artillery, in West Germany. Further assignments included nuclear warhead delivery systems production at the Institute of Nuclear Studies, then located at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Chief of Staff at Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam, earning a second Bronze Star. Joe's last military assignment involved fielding an anti-ballistic system at SAFSCOM, Redstone Arsenal, in Huntsville, Alabama. During his military career, Joe was awarded the Legion of Merit three times.

In 1960, Joe graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with Mas-

ters Degrees of Science in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering and in Instrumentation Engineering. He also earned a Masters Degree in Administrative Science from the University of Alabama, Huntsville, in 1973. After his military retirement in 1973, Joe worked as an Associate Division Leader of Manufacturing and Precision Engineering at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory until his retirement in 1984.

Always devoted to his family, Joe is survived by his wife Clare (Schirmacher) Schuman, who he married on September 19, 1953, in Chicago at Saint Francis de Paula Catholic Church shortly after his return from Korea. Also surviving Joe are his two children, John Schuman of Livermore and Ann (Robert) Gegan of Davis, grandsons Joseph, Ross, and Michael Gegan, and his siblings Agnes Schwarz of Downers Grove, Illinois, and Donna Gamble of Oceanside, California, as well as many nephews and nieces. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Cecilia (Bruenderman) Schuman, and three brothers, Charles, Paul, and George Schuman.

Visitation was held at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore on July 24. Internment followed at 11 am on July 25th at the Davis Cemetery in Davis, California.

### Elizabeth May Hystad

Resident of Pleasanton  
Elizabeth was born in Pinckneyville, IL on August 17, 1912 and passed away on Monday July 15, 2013, at the age of 100, surrounded by her loving family.

Elizabeth played basketball from 1927-1929 and graduated from high school in Wynne, Arkansas in 1930. She married Jacob Harold Hystad in 1931. Elizabeth was a highly regarded business woman. She was the President of the Hayward City Employee Associa-

tion, 1953-1958 and 1970-1971 and was honored as the American Business Woman of the Year. She was Secretary and Treasurer for the Hayward Women's Association in 1968 and for 25 years at the Hayward City Water Works. She belonged to the Women's Traffic Club, Rifle and Pistol Club.

After retiring in 1974, Elizabeth traveled to Europe. She loved spending time with her family and friends, needlepoint, sewing and gardening. Elizabeth was proud to retain her driver's license past the age of 100, next month being her 101.

She never gave up. She will be dearly missed.

She is preceded in death by her father, Benjamin Franklin Primm; mother, Grace Primm and son Jack H. Hystad. She is survived by her 3 grandchildren; Joyce, James and John, 6 great grandchildren; Timothy, Thomas, Daniel, James Jr. Joseph IV, Isaiah, and 3 great great grandchildren Jaxon, Nora and Alexis.

Funeral services were held on Tues., July 24, 2013 at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

### Diane Rae

Sept. 6, 1937 - July 12, 2013

Diane was a longtime resident of Pleasanton and passed away at age 75. She was born in Berkeley, California, to Ernie and Minnie Dahl.



Diane married her husband John shortly after high school. They were married for 45 years before John passed away in 2000. Together they raised three daughters, Linda of San Diego, Karen of Livermore and Janet of San Francisco. Diane retired from LLNL after 20 years of service and volunteered for the ValleyCare Auxiliary for the last 12 years. She enjoyed spending time with

her grandchildren Brandon and Courtney. Diane will be greatly missed by her family, friends and coworkers.

A private memorial will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to ValleyCare Charitable Foundation in memory of Diane Rae, 1111 East Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550.

### Patricia Sullivan Trimble

Jan. 30, 1924 - July 19, 2013

Pat passed away peacefully on July 19th at Silver Lake.

She was born in Pennsylvania in 1924 and was married in 1945 to her husband,

Richard Trimble, who preceded her in death in 2001.

She and her husband raised their children in Livermore from the 1950's until he retired in 1980, when they moved to Manteca. Pat moved to Oakdale in 2001 after her husband passed away. Pat was a very loving and caring mother and leaves behind eight children and their families: Mike and Dede Trimble of Pleasanton; Teri and Jim Botsford of Linden; Patti Trimble of Oakdale; Greg and Shereen Trimble of Manteca; Mimi and Ray Jackson of Oakdale; Leslie Higgen of Oakdale; Julie Brown and Leland Schneider of Ione; Jackie and John Brichetto of Oakdale. She also leaves behind 17 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Her love for her family was central to her life and she will be greatly missed by all.

To celebrate her strong faith, the Rosary will be said at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 89 Oak Avenue in Oakdale at 6:00pm Thursday and a funeral Mass will be said at 10:00am on Friday at St. Mary's Church. Burial services will follow at St. John's Cemetery in Escalon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Mary's Activities Center Building Fund at 1225 Olive Street, Oakdale, CA 95361.

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### Obituary/ Memorial Policies

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

Please send an email to [editmail@compuserve.com](mailto:editmail@compuserve.com)

# SHORT NOTES

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dren were home at the time of the fire. The occupants, who were asleep at the time of the incident, were alerted by their smoke detectors and safely evacuated. Due to smoke, fire and damage to the electrical wiring, the home was uninhabitable after the fire. Red Cross was notified and was providing shelter and assistance to the occupants.

The origin of the fire appeared to be the rear corner of the garage. The cause at this time remains undetermined, though arson is not suspected. Damage is estimated to be over \$50,000. The building is tenant occupied. A representative of the owners arrived on scene and was working with both tenants and repair personnel upon LFPD departure.

Traffic on North Livermore Avenue was impacted for approximately one hour as multiple lanes had to be closed off by the Livermore Police Department to allow for LFPD operations and vehicles. A total of 4 Fire Engines, 2 Fire Trucks and Battalion Chief responded to this incident for a total of 21 firefighters. A Paramedic Supervisor and Paramedics Plus ambulance also responded to the scene for standby. No firefighters or civilians reported any injuries related to this incident.

The fire department notes that this incident serves as a good reminder to test smoke detectors and change the batteries every 6 months.

### Ice Cream Social

Forest Home Farms Historic Park and the Glass House Museum present Fun on the Farm from 10am to 2pm the 2nd Saturday of each month.

On August 10, 2013 the theme for the day will be

“Ice Cream Social.” Visit the farm for some old-fashioned fun. Take a tractor ride, see the hit-and-miss engines, and play old-fashioned games like bean bag toss or hopscotch. Make a craft, and compete with family and friends by entering a hula hoop, watermelon-seed-spitting, or egg toss contest.

The San Ramon Historic Foundation will have scoops of ice cream and cookies for sale. From 11am to 1pm music from the 1920s and 30s will be performed by the East Bay Banjo Club.

Tours of the restored Victorian Glass House Museum will be held at 10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm and tours of Forest Home Farms Historic Park, including the tractor museum, at 11am and 1pm. Each tour lasts approximately 45 minutes and the fee is \$5 per person or \$8 for both tours taken on the same day. Tour tickets can be purchased in the Gift Shoppe. Children ages 2 and under are free.

For more information about Forest Home Farms Historic Park call (925) 973-3284 or visit [www.SanRamon.ca.gov](http://www.SanRamon.ca.gov). Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd., just south of Pine Valley Road in San Ramon.

### Livermore Reads Vote

Livermore Reads Together is an annual community-wide reading program that takes place each February.

During the month, the community of Livermore is encouraged to join their neighbors by reading the featured book and participating in the Livermore Reads Together free events for children and adults. Copies of books and event schedules are made available at

all Livermore Public Library locations. Livermore Reads Together is sponsored by The Friends of the Livermore Library.

Residents can help to select the book for next year. Four mysteries have been nominated. The are Holmes on the Range by Steve Hockensmith; Murder at the Lanterne Rouge: An Aimee Leduc Investigation by Cara Black; The Beekeeper's Apprentice by Laurie King; and Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle.

To vote, go to the city's website [www.cityoflivermore.net](http://www.cityoflivermore.net), click on the library. Deadline to vote is July 31.



California and Hawaii teachers and their students conduct experiments in a research lab during the Lawrence Livermore Teacher Research Academy. The academy gives teachers biotech and computational modeling experience they can use in the classroom.

Photo by Jamie Douglas/LLNL.

## Laboratory Academy Provides Teachers with 'Real World' Context to Teach Science

California and Hawaii teachers seeking real-world knowledge to teach biotech and computational modeling are attending the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Teacher Research Academy (TRA) that began on July 22.

TRA is a summer-long series of professional development workshops for teachers and enrichment programs for students. The programs feature content developed from LLNL research in areas such as computational modeling, biotechnology and technical writing. The biotech program that began on July 22 is offered through a collaboration with Rutgers University. It allows high school teachers to work together with their students to sequence genes from an aquatic plant. Upon successful completion, students will have their work published in a National Institutes of Health (NIH) database.

Teachers participate in a continuum of standards-based instruction, enabling them to progress from novice to mastery in exciting scientific disciplines while they experience the application of real-world science in an environment teachers seldom experience.

TRA's goal is for teachers to increase their understanding of science and technology; gain experience using scientific equipment to perform standards-aligned experi-

ments; improve their ability to provide students a context to understand how science is applied; and improve their ability to guide student research.

During the TRA, teachers will meet LLNL scientists; visit research laboratories; observe science being performed in a lab; learn technical writing skills to better communicate scientific information; experience the nature of science through direct involvement; and use science equipment, processes and practices found in research labs.

The biotech and computational modeling workshops offer a variety of research skills training.

A computer workshop is designed to leverage LLNL's computer simulation expertise to bring hands-on modeling to local high school Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) teachers and their students. Participants will learn to use NetLogo, a free, open-source simulation software used by tens of thousands of students, teachers and researchers worldwide, to create computer models that will enhance their STEM curriculum.

For information about TRA 2014, please contact Richard Farnsworth at 925-422-5059.



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## LEGAL NOTICES

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 479749

The following person(s) doing business as: Patisseries Celeste, 1085 Murrieta Blvd #120, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Celeste Waller, 1085 Murrieta Blvd #120, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Celeste Waller. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 19, 2013. Expires June 19, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3492. Published July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 480194-195

The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Checkers Catering (2)Checkers Catering and Special Events, 83 Wright Brothers Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Checkers Grill, 83 Wright Brothers Avenue, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on July 11, 2003. Signature of Registrants :s/ Denise Slavitt, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 3, 2013. Expires July 3, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3495. Published July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 479599

The following person(s) doing business as: GOCAST, 6175 Water Lily Common #225, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bryan Fagundes, 6175 Water Lily Common #225, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/17/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/ Bryan Fagundes. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 17, 2013. Expires June 17, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3497. Published July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 480633

The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Toyota and Livermore Scion, 6200 Northfront Road, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): John L. Sullivan Enterprises Inc, 700 Automall Drive, Roseville, CA 95661. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/ Steven A. Ruckels, SEC/ CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 17, 2013. Expires July 17, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3498. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 480098

The following person(s) doing business as: The Ink Gallery Tattoo Lounge, 1515 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)OC Junior Thomas IV, 2099 Brennan Ln., Manteca, CA 95337 (2)Sean Mitchell Rivera, 1225 Zinfandel Pl., Manteca, CA 95336. This business is conducted by Co-partners. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/21/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/ OC Thomas, Co-Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 28, 2013. Expires June 28, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3499. Published July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2013.

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### ANIMALS

#### 2) CATS/ DOGS

ADOPT A DOG OR CAT, for adoption information contact Valley Humane Society at (925)426-8656. Adopt a new best friend: TVAR, the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, offers animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, dogs are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at W. Angela and First Streets. Two locations will showcase cats

only: Petsmart in Dublin from 12:00 to 4:00 and the Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. On Sundays, cats are available at Petsmart in Dublin from 1:00 to 4:00, and Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. For more information, call Terry at (925)487-7279 or visit our website at www.tvlar.org

**FERAL CAT FOUNDATION**  
Cat & kitten adoptions now at the new Livermore Petco on Saturdays from 10:00AM to 2:30PM. We have many adorable, tame kittens that have been tested for FIV & FELV, altered & vaccinated. We also have adult cats & ranch cats for adoption.

### EMPLOYMENT

#### 65) HELP WANTED

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### 115) ESTATE/ GARAGE/ YARD SALES

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Saturday, 7/27  
8:00AM - 3:00PM

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## GARAGE SALE

2174 Goldcrest Circle  
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Sunday, 7/28  
8:00 AM - 12:00 NOON  
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# Inventory Shortage, Strong Demand Speed the Pace Of Home Sales

## Home Prices Higher Across the Board

A continued shortage of homes for sale combined with strong demand have driven the median price of a home sharply higher in all 15 Alameda County communities in the second quarter of 2012, according to an analysis of MLS data by the research division of Better Homes and Gardens Mason-McDuffie Real Estate.

Countywide, the second-quarter median sales price of an existing, single-family detached home was \$593,586, up 23 percent from \$480,812 in the first quarter and 36 percent higher than in the second quarter of 2012, when it was \$436,321. For the second consecutive quarter, all 15 communities included in the report recorded increases in the median price of a home sold on both a quarterly and annual basis.

Home sales, meanwhile, rebounded from a first-quarter slowdown. Countywide, 2,785 detached homes changed hands, up 41 percent from 1,977 homes sold in the first quarter of this year but down 14 percent from 3,257 homes sold in the second quarter of 2012.

Dublin recorded an 18 percent increase in its median sales price on a quarterly basis, followed by Alameda and Newark (both +14%). Hayward's median sales price climbed 44 percent on an annualized basis, followed by Albany and San Leandro, where the median sales price rose by 40 percent from a year ago.

Inventory remained tight and homes sold with unprecedented speed. Only 1,016 single-family detached homes were available for sale on the final day of the second quarter, down 33 percent from 1,618 homes on the market on the same date in the second quarter of 2012. The average Alameda County home was on the market only 21 days before receiving a final offer to purchase, down from 42 days a year ago.

Dublin median price for a home increased from \$582,000 to \$720,700. The average time on the market was 16 days. In Livermore, the median price for a single family home rose from \$440,500 to \$550,000. They were on the market an average of 24 days. Pleasanton's median home price rose from \$740,000 to \$855,000 with the average time on the market at 15 days.

The highest sale price for Livermore real estate was \$1,250,000; for Dublin, the highest sale price for homes was \$1,085,000. The highest sale price for Pleasanton real estate was \$3,075,000.

According to Matt Cord, Manager of the Berkeley office, "Looking ahead, only time will tell if Alameda County can sustain these recent increases." Homebuyers are well-advised to keep a close eye on interest rates, have their paperwork in order prior to submitting an offer to purchase, and work with an experienced REALTOR® with local market knowledge as they select and bid on properties and navigate multiple offer scenarios. Current homeowners considering a sale also should seek counsel from a REALTOR® to determine whether now is a good time to sell.

## CODE OF ETHICS

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## Service Changes Listed for Wheels

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, operator of the Wheels bus system, will implement the following changes to its local fixed route services effective Saturday, August 24, 2013:

**Route 1** – Route alignment between Hacienda and Tassajara will shift from Dublin Blvd to Central Parkway.

**Route 2** – Elimination of the North and South Dublin Ranch Loop. This segment will be serviced by Route 501.

**Route 3 and 70xv** – On weekdays, the 8:08 a.m. and 4:43 p.m. trips of Route 3 will be renamed as part of Route 70xv.

**Route 9 and 70x** – On weekdays, all trips of Route 9 that also operate as the 70x will be renamed as part of Route 70x.

**Route 11** – On weekdays, the library service will be eliminated from Route 11 and will be serviced by a newly added "Library Shuttle" in Livermore, Route

704. This will standardize the schedule for Route 11. The alignment will also be changed from Northfront Road to National Drive and Brisa Street.

**Route 12 and 12v** – On weekdays, the Kittyhawk, Armstrong area of the 12v will be shifted to the 12 on a limited basis, serving peak, evening, and late evening times.

**Route 14** – On weekdays, direct service to the Civic Center Library will be added to Route 14 alignment. The frequency of the Route will change from 30 minutes to 45 minutes.

**Route 15A and 15B** – Simplifying Routes to follow a 15A pattern all day with a 30 minute frequency during the peak commute time periods in the morning and evening and hourly service in the mid-day.

**Route 18** – Renaming this route to the 403 and tying it to a school tripper for morning and afternoon bus service.

**Route 501** – On weekday

afternoons, the Route will start its afternoon trip at the intersection of Village Parkway and Davona and not stop in front of the Dublin High School.

**Route 701** – This route will be discontinued.

**Route 704** – Newly added "Library Shuttle" that will begin at the Transit Center and have a 30 minute frequency. The service times will be consistent with the Livermore "Storytime" hours and after school hours; Monday only approximately at 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Monday - Thursday afternoons approximately at 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The fall Wheels Bus Book will be available on our website [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com) or at your local Tri-Valley library and senior centers by August 23, 2013.

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## ValleyCare Earns Five Star Rating

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) recently awarded ValleyCare Health System's 26-bed Skilled Nursing Facility on the ValleyCare Livermore campus a FIVE-STAR overall rating. The rating is important because while all skilled nursing facilities are under the same state and federal guidelines, not all adhere to them in the same manner.

"We are very pleased to receive this five-star rating," said Marcy Feit, ValleyCare CEO. "It's another indicator of ValleyCare's commitment to providing the highest quality of medicine to all who come under our care."

The scores are derived from three performance measures including: state health inspections, staffing levels, and quality measures. ValleyCare scored above average in state and national averages for quality measures which include administering appropriate seasonal

vaccines and pneumonia vaccines. "ValleyCare is also unique in its staffing," says Meriam Signo, MSN, RN, NE-BC director of ValleyCare Skilled Nursing Facility. "Other facilities of this nature typically employ registered nurses (RN), licensed vocational nurses (LVN) and certified nursing assistants (CNA). Our Skilled Nursing employs more RNs than other facilities allowing us to provide a higher level of direct patient care."

According to CMS, ValleyCare also scored "much above average" from unannounced, onsite health inspections, thus giving ValleyCare the overall five star rating.

CMS states that the Five-Star Quality Rating System was created to provide consumers, their families, and caregivers an easy way to understand assessments

of nursing home quality, making meaningful distinctions between high and low performing nursing home facilities.

For more information about CMS Nursing Home Compare, visit [www.medicare.gov/NHCompare](http://www.medicare.gov/NHCompare).

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## ORV Advocate Criticizes Tesla Designation

The update of an East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) map designating potential future parks has brought a response from an off-road vehicle spokesman, who said the move would block expansion of Carnegie Park.

The EBRPD approved a list of 16 parks for its master plan on July 16. One was the designation of Tesla, the name of an old abandoned town south of Livermore, where coal once was mined and a railroad shipped it to market.

Tesla is also the area that the state Department of Parks and Recreation acquired in the 1990s for expansion of Carnegie Park, an off-road vehicle park (ORV). Don Amador, representative of an off-road vehicle coalition, said in a news release that the board's decision was intended to block use of off-road vehicles on the state park's expansion land.

Although the state acquired the land, the area is still closed. EIR documents were begun twice, but never completed.

Amador said that the expansion area is specifically for ORV. He sees the EBRPD vote as a political move to head off the expansion for ORV.

The move by the board "appears to provoke a possible conflict under the California Public Resources Code, which specifically prohibits the district from

interfering with a vehicular recreation area," said Amador.

The paragraph that Amador cited states that the EBRPD board "shall not interfere with the control of any vehicular recreational area or trail that is existing, owned or controlled by a municipality or county in the district." If EBRPD wanted to change things, there would have to be mutual agreement, says the provision.

Amador, who lives in Oakley, served on the state Off-highway Motor Vehicle

Recreation Commission from 1994 to 2000. He said that the EBRPD decision was "the most extreme decision by a land agency" that he has seen. "The decision they made was political," said Amador.

EBRPD assistant general manager Mike Anderson said that the designation of Tesla by the district is marked by a small triangle on the map to show that it's an area of interest, if some opportunity in the future presents itself.

The triangle does not refer to any specific parcel.

Further, the land to which Amador refers is under control of the state Department of Parks and Recreation, and EBRPD has no interest in acquiring any of it.

However, if other land in the vicinity becomes available, EBRPD may have an interest in buying it, according to Anderson.

"They are saying that the fact we are interested in this area precludes (them) from what we want to do. That's not true. We are not interfering with their ability to do anything out there," said Anderson.

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# THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A



## Making a Wish Come True

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory welcomed a very special guest last week, 93 year old Phyllis Rothrock, granting a long time wish of hers to tour the Laboratory.

Rothrock is a resident at Heritage Estates, a retirement community in Livermore. Heritage is managed by Leisure Care, LLC, and has instituted a program called Wishmakers, where Leisure Care facilities compete to see which facility can grant the most wishes of its residents.

The senior residents are encouraged to make a list of wishes. However, Rothrock had only one, to tour the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. When asked why she wanted to tour the Laboratory, she simply stated, “to see the atom splitter and the lab that makes the new elements.”

Rothrock is no stranger to science. She attended Purdue University, graduating with a B.S. degree in Chemistry and went on to conduct graduate work at USC receiving her MS in Education on a Ford Fellowship.

Rothrock was accompanied on the tour by her friend Rhoda Jackson, and Heritage Estates Activities Director, Corey Bauer.

Tour stops included the Discovery Center, the National Ignition Facility, and the Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry.

Mark and Nancy Stoyer, members of the LLNL Livermorium Discovery Team, provided her an overview on “Livermorium” and presented her with special commemorative gifts.

Principal Deputy Principal Associate Director of NIF & Photon Science, Jeff Wisoff, gave Phyllis and her guests an overview of the National Ignition Facility before their tour.



(Above right) Nick Williams, tour guide and science presenter, asked for Rothrock’s assistance in performing a chemistry experiment, called “Elephant’s Toothpaste” which is a popular demonstration in the LLNL Fun with Science Program. The photo above left was her reaction to the experiment.

Pictured at the NIF facility are (from left) Jeff Wisoff, Phyllis Rothrock, Rhoda Jackson, Corey Bauer, and Nick Williams.



Sylvia Solochek Walters

## Celebrating 100 Years: *California Society of Printmakers Centennial Exhibition*

The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center will work by the California Society of Printmakers (CSP) in exhibition to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary. The exhibit, which features a wide variety of art print techniques, styles, and media, opens Thursday, August 1, and runs through September 5.

The Artists' Reception will be held on Thursday, August 1, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Guests are welcome to come explore the exhibit and ask questions

and chat with the artists who will be in attendance. Light refreshments will be served.

CSP is the oldest continuously operating association of printmakers in the United States. It is a non-profit arts association with an international membership of print artists and supporters of the art of fine printmaking. CSP promotes professional development and opportunities for printmakers, and educates artists and the public about printmaking. New members are admitted by portfolio review.



Linda Lee Boyd

The celebration will showcase art works created utilizing traditional printmaking techniques of all types: book arts, silk-screen, monotype, woodcut and linocut, lithography, mixed mediums, etching and letterpress.

There are two basic methods for producing print art: one is by transferring ink or other colored liquid medium from a 'matrix,' which is a non-porous surface, to paper or other dry surface; the other is to move the ink through a prepared screen onto the paper. Common

types of matrices include: metal plates, usually copper or zinc, polymer plates, stone, aluminum, wood, and linoleum. For the second process, screens made of fabric, usually silk or synthetic, are used for the screen-printing process. Printmaking techniques are generally divided into the following four basic categories, all of which will be on display at the Firehouse Arts Center exhibition:

1. "Relief," where the artist cuts away the surface and ink is applied to the original surface of the matrix. Relief techniques

include woodcut or wood-block, wood engraving, linocut and metalcut.

2. "Intaglio," where again the artist uses techniques to cut the surface, but this time ink is applied beneath the original surface of the matrix. Intaglio techniques include engraving, etching, mezzotint, and aquatint.

3. "Planographic," where the matrix surface is not altered, but is specially prepared and/or inked to allow for the transfer of the image. Planographic techniques include lithography, monotyping, and digital techniques.

4. "Stencil," where the artist creates non-porous images on fabric, and then ink is pressed through onto paper or other material. Techniques include silk-screen and pochoir.

In conjunction with this exhibit, there will be a Young@Art class offered for children on opening day, August 1, from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Registration is required at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com), course code 54681. The fee for this class is \$15 for Pleasanton residents and \$20 for non-residents. Young@Art participants visit the Harrington Gallery to learn about the art and how it is made, then explore and create their own works of art in the Firehouse Arts Center classrooms. All classes are taught by professional artists.

The Harrington Gallery is located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, Calif. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and also one hour before most performances and during intermissions. Admission for this exhibit is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.

## Broadway Chorus presents "A Cabaret Gone Choral II"

Broadway Chorus will reprise last August's successful opening engagement at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton with "A Cabaret Gone Choral II." Selections from popular Broadway shows such as "Company," "Bells are Ringing," and "The Fantastiks" will be performed including "Hernando's Hideaway," "Show People," "You're Not Sick, You're Just in Love," and "Cabaret."

The show will feature local cabaret husband-and-wife artists, Jenny Matteucci and Daniel Lockert, otherwise known as the Mattlock Duo, and will be accompanied by selected members of the Broadway Chorus.

The three performances will be held on Saturday, July 27 at 2 PM, Saturday, July 27 at 8 PM and Sunday, July 28 at 2 PM at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Tickets are available online at [www.firehouse-arts.org](http://www.firehouse-arts.org) or by calling 925 931-4848. Tickets may also be purchased at the Theatre Box Office at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Ticket prices are adults 18+ \$20, seniors 60+ \$17, juniors under 18 \$10. For more information visit the chorus website, [www.broadwaychorus.org](http://www.broadwaychorus.org), or call 925.462.2121

## Series Wraps Up with FivePlay Jazz Quintet

The Livermore Public Library's Jazz in July series concludes on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at 2 p.m. when the group FivePlay Jazz Quintet performs at the Civic Center Library.

The library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge for this program.

FivePlay is a Bay Area-based band of long-time musical compatriots playing original music that nourishes both mind and heart, melodic modern jazz for both experienced listeners and those unfamiliar with jazz.

The FivePlay Jazz Quintet consists of Tony Corman on guitar, Laura Klein on piano, Paul Smith on bass, Alan Hall on drums, and Dave Tidball on sax and clarinet.

Laura Klein (piano/composer) has performed with her own trios (including the great drummers Joe Hunt and Benny Barth), many vocalists including Jenny Ferris and Ed Reed, with the Rudy Salvini Big Band, John Dankworth and the San Francisco Symphony, and many others.

Tony Corman (guitar/composer) appeared and recorded with Full Faith and Credit big band, the Contemporary Jazz Orchestra, Bay Area Jazz Composer's Orchestra, and Celia



**FivePlay Jazz Quintet**

Malheiros. He switched to playing guitar in 2002, and since then has been playing with his own trio, Crotty, Corman and Phipps, and composing and arranging for big bands.

Dave Tidball (woodwinds/composer) has played and recorded with Triceratops, Three Tenors No Opera, the great vocalist Paula West, and his own trio, Threedom. Dave teaches music in the Oakland public schools and has a busy freelance playing

schedule.

Alan Hall (drums) teaches at the JazzSchool in Berkeley, CA, and gives clinics and workshops at festivals, colleges and music stores throughout North America.

Paul Smith (bass) joined the acclaimed Moacir Santos group, where he met his future wife, percussionist and vocalist Sheila Smith. Paul has performed and recorded with Mark Levine, Willie Bobo, and toured nationally with Dan

Hicks.

The group's recent release, Five of Hearts, features eleven originals, including forays into tango and samba, a wild Balkan ride, a gorgeous gospel waltz, a romantic Ellingtonian ballad, and lots more.

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](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## EarthCapades Planetary Circus Performs at the Library

The Livermore Public Library presents EarthCapades Planetary Circus on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at 10:30am at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

EarthCapades Planetary Circus is one of many of a variety of performances during the library's 2013

Summer Reading Program, "Reading is So Delicious!" The program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages.

EarthCapades effectively weaves comedy, circus skills and amazing feats to teach audiences about natural resources, conservation, and how saving the planet can

be fun.

This performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held outside, with the audience to be seated on tarps. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best parking and viewing opportunities and to bring appropriate sun gear. Summer Reading Programs

are geared toward children ages 4 and older.

Pick up a 2013 "Reading is So Delicious!" calendar of events at any of the library's three locations.

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Tielle Baker, Kyle Martin, and Kelly Brandenburg to perform in "The World of Webber."

## The World of Webber: A Tribute to the Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber

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The World of Webber debuted in February 2013 to a sold out standing ovation audience at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center. By popular demand, the show returns for a single encore performance on Saturday, August 10, at 8:00 p.m.

Performed in intimate cabaret concert style by three outstanding singers with piano accompaniment, the revue features Andrew Lloyd Webber classics including *Don't Cry for Me, Argentina* (*Evita*), *Memory* (*Cats*), *Music of the Night* (*The Phantom of the Opera*), and selections from many of his other shows, including *Sunset Boulevard*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*,

*Whistle Down the Wind*, *Aspects of Love*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

The World of Webber showcases three veteran stage talents, who have come together again for this special repeat performance

Tielle Baker is a musical theater and opera star who has appeared in over 50 productions with over 20 different companies, including performances at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, and in international music festivals in Italy and Germany. Familiar to Bay Area theatergoers, her performances have been described as "absolutely on fire and entertaining in every way," according to *Voice of Opera*.

Kelly Brandenburg performs on stages throughout the country. Among her long list of theater credits are starring roles in *Jekyll*

& *Hyde*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *The Secret Garden*. She holds musical

theatre degrees from both the American Musical & Dramatic Academy and the

New School University in New York.

Audiences will recognize Kyle Martin from his starring role as the "Piano Man" in the Billy Joel/Twyla Tharp Broadway smash hit musical "Movin' Out" during the 2007-2009 National Tour. Kyle has performed with artists such as Jaci Velasquez, Rosey Grier, Natalie Grant, and many others. In addition he performed with "Joel," a tribute to the piano man.

Musical director Evan Alparone brings his considerable background as conductor and accompanist to the show. He has worked on over 35 musicals, including recent productions with TriValley Repertory Theatre, Utah Shakespeare Festival, Boxcar Theatre, and the Douglas Morrison Theater.

Known for composing and combining all genres of music, from classical to rock, and country to Jazz, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber

has composed 13 musicals, numerous film scores, and a variety of symphonic and choral music. His many honors include seven Tony Awards, three Grammy Awards, an Oscar, a Golden Globe Award, the Kennedy Center Honors Award, and the list goes on. Early ticket purchase recommended.

Tickets are Adults: \$15, \$20, \$25. Youth: \$12. Senior: \$22. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.



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## Review

## 'Oliver' - Talent Sparkles at This Gem of a Show



By Carol Graham

Perhaps the most outstanding aspect of *Oliver!* - if one can choose which facet of a gem shines brightest - is the wide age range of its actors, including a substantial cast of children in both leading and supporting roles.

"The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre board tries to find a summer show that kids can be involved in," President Debbie DeSantis says of the show that will run through August 4th at Livermore's Bankhead Theater. "*Oliver!* is a beloved musical that we haven't done in 12 years."

In fact, John Baiocchi who directed the show a dozen years ago returned from Wisconsin this summer to again direct *Oliver!* "This play is very special to me; it's always been one of my favorites," he says. "Although it's based on the dark novel by Charles Dickens, the great score makes the story more fun and uplifting."

Not to mention the boost it gets from so

much youthful exuberance and talent. From Oliver to the Artful Dodger to the orphans and the dodger gang, the children are flawless. Not a hesitation, not a confused stepping out of character, no furtive waves into the darkened audience, these kids sing and dance with professional aplomb that is a bit mindboggling.

"Working with kids is both challenging and a lot of fun. They definitely keep me on my toes," says choreographer Todd Aragon. "The 'Consider Yourself' number is my favorite. It features Oliver meeting both the younger and older cast, with almost 40 people onstage at one time. It was quite a puzzle to put together."

Perhaps that is one of the truest measures of talent, the skill to hide the hard work from the audience, allowing attendees to simply immerse themselves in spectacular entertainment - a feat *Oliver!* soundly achieves.

"This play has a won-



Fagin, played by Paul Plain, gives a lesson in picking pockets to Oliver, Trevor Gomez, in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of "Oliver" now playing at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. In the photo, upper right, orphans perform a musical number.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

derful storyline in which Charles Dickens uses many different components to create marvelous characters," says Trevor Gomez who plays Oliver.

Based on Dickens' 1838 novel *Oliver Twist*, the musical *Oliver!* features music and lyrics by Lionel Bart. It premiered in London in 1960, and was made into a film in 1968. Oliver, an orphan, endures mistreatment in a workhouse before being placed with an equally dismal undertaker. He escapes to London where the Artful Dodger introduces him to a gang of juvenile pickpockets under the tutelage of miserly, old Fagin. So evolved

are Dickens' characters that even today the nickname artful dodger is commonly applied to someone good at avoiding responsibility or consequences, while Fagin is used to refer to someone who instructs others in criminal activities.

Peopled with many other larger than life characters, *Oliver!* comes full circle when the orphan is united with his loving grandfather.

"The thing I love most about this play is that a long-lost child finally meets his family by mistake," says Max DeSantis who plays the Artful Dodger. "This cast is amazing; there's so much

aspect of this production is the use of a rotating stage, rented specifically for *Oliver!*, allowing nimble transitioning between sets and scenes.

While the young cast, bright songs and lively dance numbers make *Oliver!* an excellent vehicle for introducing children to theater, intriguing subplots captivate adults as well.

Julia Etzel, who plays the bawdy, endearing Nancy, says, "Besides the numbers with the kids, my favorite scene is where I promise to help get Oliver back, but will have to betray the man I love (the fearsome Bill Sykes, played with malevolent self-possession by Ron Houk). It's a total conflict for Nancy; she knows what is right but struggles with the betrayal."

Six upcoming performances will be held July 26-28 and August 2-4. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$28-\$38.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, on line at [www.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org) or by calling 373-6800.

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to bringing top-notch, professional theater to the valley since the company formed in 1972. Attendance for TVRT productions exceeds 15,000 annually.

For more information, visit [tryvalleyrep.org](http://tryvalleyrep.org).

great talent."

Gomez agrees. "I've had so much fun working with Max for *Oliver!*, our seventh show together."

Adding other gleaming facets to the production is gorgeous orchestration led by Cary Litchford, detailed costumes by Lisa Danz, crisp sound by Scott Johnson and seamless lighting by David Lam. Dialect coach Simon Tildesley led the cast in achieving pitch-perfect English accents, striking the right balance between helping reveal each characters' background yet never pulling attention away from the spoken words themselves.

Another brilliant

# Collectible Teddy Bears Sale to Benefit Good News Bears

Good News Bears, a Livermore based charity, is holding a Collectible Teddy Bear Sale on Sunday, July 28 from 10 am – 2 pm. The group has an abundance of hand-made artist and desirable collectible bears and bunnies they will be selling at great prices. All money raised will be used to purchase new teddy bears appropriate for gifting to medical, emergency, and social services to provide comfort.

Hawthorne Suites, 1700 N. Livermore Ave (behind Jack in the Box) is hosting the free event, and invites everyone to stop by between 10 am – 2 pm.

Good News Bears has been in operation since 1996, and has steadily increased its donations every year. In 2012, the club set a record year of gifting over 14,000 critters.

The stuffed animals have been distributed to local police, fire, ambulance, hospitals, shelters, and individuals through the Bay Area and beyond. “Membears” have delivered bears and other stuffed animals throughout the United States, including New York, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and more.

Bears have also been sent to international destinations. Bosnia, Turkey, and New Guinea are some of the places our worldwide traveling bears have been to. In cooperation with Operation SAM and Blue Star Moms, soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan have been receiving



stuffed animals in their care packages. They are welcome to keep them for comfort themselves or pass them on to the local children.

More than 65 organizations are on a regular distribution list for the club. In addition, individual bears are given to those who have been ill, traumatized, or are lonely. The stuffed animals and teddy bears

are purchased with monies from Good News Bears’ fundraising efforts, grants, and donations. The club also accepts new or very gently used animals to pass on.

The club is an official 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. All money donated is put directly toward purchasing more bears. Several fundraisers are held throughout the year,

and local organizations are also generous with grants. Grants from groups such as Soroptomist International of Livermore and Altamont Cruisers, along with the support of the business community are important donations GNB relies on to maintain their growth. Alden Lane Nursery supports the group throughout the year as a sponsor of Octobear Affaire fundraiser

and collecting critter donations.

Donations from the

community in the form of cash or stuffed animals help the club meet the requirements of the many organizations and individuals needing comfort. In addition to donating stuffed animals, membears frequently visit senior care homes to do a program on the history of the teddy bear, share trivia about teddies, and let the guests choose a stuffed friend to keep.

Membears of the club are all volunteers. Every membear has car stock that they keep with them at all times. The individual bears are given to those friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors, and even strangers that find themselves in need. No one is ever charged for a bear, and no questions are asked.

Both the individual children and adults and the organizations that receive a large donation benefit from the good work of the Good News Bears members. Grants, cash donations, and stuffed animal donations make it possible for them to continue to put stuffed love in the arms of those in need. For more information about the Collector Bear Sale or on the non-profit organization, please call Jeanie at 925-373-7982, or log on to [www.goodnews-bears.org](http://www.goodnews-bears.org).

  
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## WINE COUNTRY

by Harry Stoll

# White blends

## An overdue venture

I'm a big fan of red blends. They combine a host of flavors to create something new. But why not white blends?

Las Positas winemaker Brent Amos, was the winemaker at Fenestra, where he made the True White discussed below. He has this to say about white blends:

"As for white blends in general, more wineries need to be making them. It can be more challenging to create a non-varietal white blend than red. Most wineries don't make a lot of different white wines, and so the options can be limited when it comes to blending. White varietals are often distinctly different from each other in regards to the aromas, flavors, and mouth-feel. A vibrant, citrusy Sauvignon Blanc doesn't always blend well with a rich, opulent Chardonnay. The individual components of the blend need to be made in a style that will work for the final blend. With red varietals, while each is distinctly different, many share a common thread, such as cherry or plum, and so they can be blended more seamlessly."

I tried white blends from some Livermore Valley wineries, and found they paired well with food you'd expect. But they brought more interesting results with the many flavors and acidities.

**Multi Vintage Fenestra True White Lot 1 (\$16).** An inspired blend,

it's the first True White from Fenestra, which has produced more than 20 lots of True Red, honoring George True, the 1899 builder of the winery building. This one's also a bargain. The numbers are numbing, but it contains Lodi Verdelho, Arroyo Seco Riesling, Livermore Valley Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, and Semillon. The aroma over the rim has white peach, Fuji apple, lemon meringue, and a smidgeon of honeysuckle jasmine. Light and silky in the mouth, with flavors of lychee, pineapple, pear, and lemon zest. Sip it or pair it with mango chutney, ricotta pasta, or a citrus vinaigrette salad.

**2011 Murrieta's Well Los Tesoros White Meritage Livermore Valley (\$28).** This wine of many merits is a blend of 63% Sauvignon Blanc and 37% Semillon. The Semillon is a sweetheart, lighting up the herbaceous Sauvignon Blanc, which, as with Livermore grapes of that variety is not overly grassy. Slip your proboscis over the edge for aromas of grapefruit, figgy pudding, apricot, melon, and a flower. Both were aged for 11 months in Eastern European and French oak barrels, leaving memories of meeting beneath an oak tree to share vanilla wafers.



**2010 Big White House Lapsus Lodi (\$26).** According to legend, in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, hermit Chevalier Gaspard de Stérimberg made a similar Rhône blend in what is now the hamlet of Hermitage. French law allowed only Roussanne and Marsanne

in the appellation. He flouted tradition by marrying his Roussanne to upriver Viogner. The Big White House label states Saint Stérimberg revealed his secret to them in a dream with a Lapsus Lengua (slip of the tongue). Intriguing story and wine, with the Viogner carrying a wedding bouquet and loving to be with the honey and pear of the roussanne.

**2012 Murrieta's Well Whip Livermore Valley (\$21).** Your nose and mouth will receive heady aromas and flavors of white peach, honey, butterscotch, jazzed with jasmine. It finishes long and strong. This sophisticated blend has Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Sauvignon Blanc, Orange Muscat, Pinot Blanc, Semillon, and Muscat Canelli, fermented and aged in a combination of stainless steel and neutral barrels.

**2011 Tamás Estates Sorrento Central Coast (\$16.99).** You could sing that corny Italian song, but really mean it, with this blend of nearly half

Chardonnay, a little less Viogner, and 15% Pinot Grigio. It's crisp, with the floral Viogner balancing it out. Over the edge of the glass, then tipping it in, you'll get honeydew, melon, and green apples. The three were fermented in stainless steel, the Viogner was aged in neutral oak for six months, imparting a bit of vanilla.

**2011 Thomas Coyne GRUV Lodi (\$20).** The label is different, a throwback, rather psychedelic. Tom Coyne, one of the grooviest winemakers in the valley, blended 41% Grenache, 1% less of Roussanne, 10% Uni Blanc, and 9% Viogner (thus GRUV). Tom pressed, settled, and cold soaked the grapes in French barrels. The groovy result is a wine with a new taste that is more than the sum of its parts. It won silver medals at the El Dorado and Orange county fairs.

**2010 Rios Lovell White Blend Livermore Valley (\$16).** Chardonnay and Viogner evenly split in a 750 ml bottle. The grapes were grown on the estate, where winemaker Dan Baldwin could see them. Dan emphasizes that there are "purely chemical reasons" why some white blends work. He said both of these varietals have a pH between 3 to 3.5. Dan made a nicely balanced blend with a mostly citrusy Chardonnay set off by the floral Viogner.



Wente Vineyards Estate Winery is hosting local award-winning artist Nicole Wakeman in a Solo Exhibition of Abstract and Mixed Media Acrylics, Aug 1 - Aug 30, 2013. An artist's reception will be held Sunday, Aug 4th 1-3pm, at the Wente Estate Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Wakeman is known for her dynamic coloration and exploration of media, surface, transparency, and bold experiments with gels and acrylic mediums. This exhibition will feature abstract waterscapes as well as mixed media paintings. For information or to view her work online, see [Nicolewakeman.com](http://Nicolewakeman.com). Tasting room hours are 11-4:30 daily. Two paintings from the show are "String Theory One," (above) and "Bodega North."





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## ART &amp; 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. Downtown Livermore. Art displays, poetry, entertainment, special events. For the brochure go to [www.bothwellartscenter.org](http://www.bothwellartscenter.org).

**Encuentros**: Bankhead Theater hosts three Latin-American artists in summer exhibition. The exhibit features oil paintings, acrylics, and monotypes from Edmee Keele, Jordi Camps and Alfredo Mordss. 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. 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](mailto:cherw@cherw.com)

**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.

**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. Free and open to the public. 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](http://www.firehousearts.org). Admission is free, donations always appreciated.

**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.

**Artists sought**, the City of San Ramon is seeking applicants for the San Ramon Art Galleries, including the Lindsay Dirx Brown Gallery (inside the Community Center at Central Park), the Dougherty Station Community Center Gallery, and the San Ramon Library Gallery for 2014. Interested artists and groups should submit the following items by Tuesday, September 3, 2013 for review by the San Ramon Arts Advisory Committee for the 2014 gallery year: Eight to ten digital images on CD, or flash drive that represent your artwork and style (no slides or printed photos please); completed gallery application. Application available at [www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks). For more information about each of the Art Galleries in San Ramon please download the 2014 Artist Information Brochure at [www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks).

**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 - [microangelo@earthlink.net](mailto:microangelo@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](mailto: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.

**Ukulele Circle**, 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](http://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. 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 Limelight 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](http://www.firehousearts.org), or call 925-931-4848.

**WINERY EVENTS**

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

**The Winemaker's Pour House**, live music and special events: Live music: July 25, 6:30-9:30, Joey T; July 26, 7-10, Frankie Bones and the Fire Hazard; July 27, 7-10, Roger Kardinal; July 28, 4-7, Joey T "Jam" evening. Events: Wine 102 classes, 4-5:30 p.m. Sat., July 20. Evening with the winemaker, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wed., July 24 featuring newly transplanted Ehrenberg Cellars, with winemaker and owner Chris Ehrenberg, 2241 First St., Livermore. [www.winemakerspourhouse.com](http://www.winemakerspourhouse.com) or 215-2656.

**Charles R Fourth Friday Evenings on the Patio**, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Fri., July 26. Charles R Vineyards & Winery, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., Livermore. \$10 includes wine, music and appetizers. Michael James will perform lots of oldies, but goodies. 925-454-3040

**Cuda Ridge 6th Annual Vintage Tasting and Car Show**, Saturday and Sunday, July 27th and 28th from 12:00 - 4:30 at the 5385 East Avenue location in Livermore. Live Music both days with The Cat Fish Boys on Saturday; and Roger Kardinal and Steve L'Herault on Sunday. Bart's Blazin' Q sliders, sandwiches and ribs available for purchase. There are special wine discounts available through the weekend. If you are interested in entering your car in the car show, contact Larry at [info@CudaRidgeWines.com](mailto:info@CudaRidgeWines.com). The Vintage Tasting is \$10.00 per person which includes wine tasting and keep the logo glass, for Cuda Cadre wine club members the tasting is complementary. For more information on the Vintage Tasting, and Car Show Registration, go to [www.CudaRidgeWines.com](http://www.CudaRidgeWines.com).

**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. **Evening in the Vineyards**, Friday, August 2nd, free concert at Las Positas Vineyards from 6-9pm featuring live music by Jim Ashley. Wine, beer and Artisan pizzas crafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) To make reservations please call 925-449-9463 or contact [info@laspositasvineyards.com](mailto:info@laspositasvineyards.com)

**Free Tasting Fridays at Rodrigue Molyneux Winery** - starting August 2, 2013 RM will have free tasting. Also be offering wine sales, free raffles for some great prizes, and some fun treats to nibble on! Open from 3:00-6:00 PM. Free Tasting Friday tasting offered through the month of August. 3053 Marina Avenue, Livermore, 925-443-1998, [www.rmwinery.com](http://www.rmwinery.com), [info@rmwinery.com](mailto:info@rmwinery.com).

**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](http://www.woodfamilyvineyards.com)

**MUSIC/CONCERTS**

**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. 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](mailto: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: FivePlay, Sun., July 28, 2 p.m. The Friends of the 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](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

**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](http://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](http://www.wentevineyards.com)

**Preservation Hall Jazz Band**, Aug. 9, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.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](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or 373-6800.

**The World of Webber**: A Cabaret Tribute to the Songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Special encore performance of the hit revue that debuted in February 2013 to sold-out standing ovation audiences. Broadway and stage veterans Tielle Baker, Kelly Brandeburg, and Kyle Martin are joined by pianist and musical director Evan Alparone. Featuring songs from Evita, Phantom, Cats, and many more. Saturday, August 10, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$25. Youth \$12; Senior \$22; Group discounts available. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.



Ottmar Liebert to perform at Bankhead.

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**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](http://www.wentevineyards.com)

**Ottmar Liebert**, flamenco guitarist and composer. Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://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. July 31 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](http://www.firehousearts.org), 925-931-4848, or at the Box Office at the center. Free parking.

**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 Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. \$10 open seating. (510) 881-6777; [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org)

**Kabaret...for Kids!** Cabaret and theater star Samantha Samuels hosts her Musical Variety Show for children and their families. Kabaret for Kids returns again this summer to the Firehouse Arts Center, August 2 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8-\$12, and available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://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.bankhead-theater.org](http://www.bankhead-theater.org) or 373-6800.

**The Foreigner**, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. Aug. 17-25, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. [www.firehousearts.org](http://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](http://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/](http://www.comedyuncorked.com/)

## MOVIES

**The Cinema at Wente Vineyards**, All movies are complimentary and start at twilight. Wines available by the bottle or glass. 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 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. Aug. 2, Angels in the Outfield; Aug. 23, Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3. No pets please. 556-4500 for more information.

**Movies on the Lawn**, Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Free admission, free popcorn. Aug. 9: Ghostbusters; Aug. 16: Goonies. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or low lawn chairs. Call (925) 973-3200 for more information. Movies on the Lawn are sponsored by the City of San Ramon and the San Ramon Library Foundation.

## 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

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

**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 from preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained from [www.livamsymph.org](http://www.livamsymph.org) or by contacting the competition chairperson at 447-1947. The application deadline is Oct. 6, 2013.

**Auditions, "Carmen" Opera Chorus**, for Livermore Valley Opera fall production. Auditions 10:30 a.m. Sat., July 27. For information, contact Pat Goad at (925) 443-6563 or [goadp@att.net](mailto:goadp@att.net)

## OPERA

**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](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com) for tickets and information.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Teens Only Program**, July 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](http://www.pleasantonfun.com). For more information, please call Rachel Mariscal at (925) 931-3434.

**Political Issues Book Club** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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*.

**A Celebration of the Arts**, opening ceremony Aug. 3, 1 to 4 p.m. Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Livermore Cultural Arts Council, showcase of local art groups in the area. Display Aug. 2-30. Opening event features live performances.

**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](http://www.firehousearts.org).

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**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](http://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](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

**2013 Intermediate Little League World Series**, inaugural event

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## Tri-Valley Animal Rescue Has 'Mini-Panthers' for Adoption

"Mini-Panther" adoptions will be held this weekend, July 27 and 28.

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue has loads of black kittens. Adopt a black kitten and receive a second kitten (any color) for \$25 or a \$25 PetSmart gift certificate.

Black kittens go with everything, are very cute and adorable, show no spots or streaks and are least likely to be adopted.

Adoptions will take place at Dublin PetSmart, 6960 Amador Plaza Rd., Dublin. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. July 27 and 28.



Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the homeless animal community in the greater Tri-Valley area. For information go to [www.tvvar.org](http://www.tvvar.org)

## Taste Our Terroir Plays to Sold Out Crowd

The Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association's annual Taste Our Terroir was moved to a new location and expanded.

The annual food and wine pairing event was moved to the Casa Real Event Center, where the larger room allowed guests to move around more easily. The event was expanded to twenty winemakers partnered with Bay Area chefs.

There were more pairings. This year also featured a few more white wines and a Rosé. In the past, almost all of the offerings were matched with a red wine.

The sold out event played host to 650 wine and food aficionados.

The evening included celebrity judging, as well as an opportunity for guests to select their favorite pairing. The People's Choice and best white wine pairing award went to Page Mill Winery 2012 Chardonnay Chandler Vineyard, Livermore Valley paired with a WonTon Sheet topped with a lightly blackened scallop with an avocado picodi gallo and chipolte aioli created by Jorge Magallon at Piccola Casa. Page Mill winemaker is Dane Stark.

Cuda Ridge Wines received the most innovative pairing award for a house-made steamed bun, black plum char siu, spice-cured and charred pork belly with pickled root vegetables, cilantro and green onion paired with a 2010 Malbec, Livermore Valley. Larry Dino is the winemaker. The entree was created by Clay Brunton from Beets Hospitality Group.

The judges selected the Concannon Vineyard and Underdog Wine Bar entry. Chef Eric Berg prepared "off the hook" seafood sausage with a rose cream sauce. It was paired with the 2011 Reserve Rightously Rose, Livermore Valley created by winemaker Julian Halasz.

Best classic pairing honors went to Rodrigue Molyneux and Castlewood Country Club. Chef Tracy Flores prepared a lightly crusted Dutch Valley Veal Scallopini with tomoato coulis and fresh mozzarella on distrust infused focaccia. It was paired with a 2009 Estate Sangiovese, Livermore Valley. Garry Rodrigue was the winemaker.

Next major event for the Winegrowers will be the annual Harvest Wine Celebration over Labor Day Weekend.

For information, go to [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org).



The 50th anniversary of the Student Education Loan Fund was celebrated at an afternoon garden reception on Sunday, July 14, 2013. Senator Ellen Corbett, the majority leader of the California State Senate, presented an award certificate to SELF for its work in providing no interest loans for higher education. Livermore City Council member, Bob Woerner, read a City Proclamation recognizing SELF for funding almost 550 interest free loans totaling \$700,000 to help residents attend trade schools, colleges, and universities." Senator Ellen Corbett, majority leader of the California state senate, was the special guest at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Student Education Loan Fund (SELF). Pictured are (left to right) Senator Corbett; Vange Jones, widow of SELF founder Jerry Jones; and Jim Harris, SELF President. Photo - Valerie Jonas.

## Valley Wineries Moving On

by Harry Stoll

In the next two months, two wineries, Cuda Ridge and Thomas Coyne, will move to new locations. Both wineries will keep their present tasting room open until they move to the new location. Also, 3 Steves Winery will open a second tasting room, and newcomer Dante Robere Winery will open a tasting room for the first time.

Cuda Ridge's new location is to be 2400 Arroyo Road—former site of Eckert Estate Winery—not far from the historic Ravenswood site. The grand opening is planned for August 10 and 11 (with a low key opening August 3 and 4). The tasting room at the winery's site on East Avenue will remain open through July, with the annual Vintage Tasting (with new releases) and Car Show on July 27 and 28. It will feature live music and Bart's Barbecue.

Larry and Margie Dino own the winery, which they established in 2007. Larry Dino will make wine at the new site, beginning with the 2013 vintage. The site sits amidst olive groves and vineyards. A newly-planted Petit Verdot vineyard is on the site. The large tasting room has a standup bar, a seating area, an area for private tastings and other events, and will be displaying works of local artists.

Cuda Ridge produces small lots of Bordeaux varietals from Livermore Valley vineyards. It received five medals from the 2013 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition for its 2010 Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The Wine Enthusiast gave a high rating to its 2010 Merlot.

Larry and Marge Dino began their winery in a garage on Crane Ridge. Margie Dino says, "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." They moved to the East Avenue site in 2009.

The name "Cuda Ridge" is an imaginary geologic formation that sprang into being because Larry saw a Plymouth Barracuda he had to have. His classic muscle car is often parked at the East Avenue site, and his Cuda will most likely be on display there July 27 and 28.

Cuda Ridge will be open on Arroyo Road in time for the popular Harvest Wine Celebration. What started as a garagista winery will have plenty of production space and a commodious tasting room.

Larry Dino says, "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."

Thomas Coyne Winery, after 18 years on Vallecitos Road, at the historic Chateau Bellevue site, will move in late September or early October to a site immediately off of Vasco Road, near several other Industrialista wineries, including Longevity, Occasio, Nottingham Cellars, and Eckert Estate. The new site is on Research Drive, opposite the Altamont Beer Works.

Thomas Coyne Winery will not be able to produce wine for the 2013 vintage, but Tom Coyne says they have plenty of wine in stock to meet customers' needs until he can start making wine again. As soon as Tom knew he couldn't accept grapes for the 2013 crush, he notified the growers so they could sell their grapes to other growers.

3 Steves Winery will open a 2<sup>nd</sup> tasting room (in addition to their Blacksmith Square site), on Greenville Road, between McGrail and Big White House wineries. The opening is planned for July 26.

Dante Robere Winery will initiate tasting on July 27 at Eagle Ridge Winery, 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore. Three wines are to be released, with a barrel sample of another wine. They will offer complimentary wine and food pairings.

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

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

tax deductible. For complete details and to download registration form, go to [www.trivalleyguidedogs.org](http://www.trivalleyguidedogs.org)

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

# 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.)

**Pleasanton-Tulancingo BBQ.** The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City's annual BBQ fund-raiser 5:30 to 11 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Social hour and silent auction, dinner at 7 p.m. followed by live auction and dancing under the stars. Reservations are required. \$30 for adults in advance, children age 6 to 12, \$10. Credit card reservations, call 846-6463. For more information, call 413-8863.

**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.

**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 Notham Program Chairperson email: program@L-AGS.org. Visitors welcome, no charge.

**Oliver Stone's documentary film, "South of the Border,"** will be shown Sat., July 27 at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Meet & greet potluck begins at 6:30 PM, the film starts around 7:00 PM, and a short discussion follows the 78 minute film, for those who wish to participate. This public event is free, although, a \$3.00 donation helps fund these events. In this film, Oliver Stone interviews the leaders and others who have affected great changes in the lives of South American people. This event provides wheelchair access, convenient parking, & A/C. For more info, call 926-462-3459.

**Arroyo del Valle Creek Clean-Up,** Sat., Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to noon. Students ages 6 to 12 are invited to become a steward of the land and take part in a creek clean-up. Join staff from the Pleasanton Community Services Department and students from the Earth Club at Foothill High School and Amador Valley High School to clean the creek that runs through downtown. There is no cost for this event. For more information, please call (925) 931-3479.

**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.

**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.

**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

**Tri-Valley Democratic Club** Summer BBQ & Pot Luck, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sun., Aug. 25, Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. Speakers, lots of food, fun crowd, invite your friends & family. www.TriValleyDems.com

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**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. lhcclassof82and83@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.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club**, Sat., July 27, 50 miles Park and Ride on Sycamore Ave. in Danville to Walnut Creek, meet 9:30 a.m., Steve Whelan, 831-8258. Sun., July 28, 56 miles Diablo Vista Park to Livermore and Del Valle Reservoir, meet 8:30 a.m., Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Wed., July 31, 40 miles San Ramon Central Park in the Mt. Diablo/San Ramon area, meet 9:30 a.m., Jill 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.

**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

**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.

**Widowed Men and Women of North-ern CA.**, 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. Lunch in San Ramon, Aug. 4, noon. RSVP by Aug. 1 to Marsha, 830-8483. Mexican Train Group in Hayward, Aug. 8, noon, RSVP by Aug. 2 to Jill, 510-881-4788. General meeting and birthday lunch in San Ramon, Aug. 11, 1 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 3 to Marsha, 830-8483. Lunch in Fremont, Aug. 14, 1 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 12 to Vickie, 510-656-1166. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Aug. 15, 5 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 13 to Marge, 828-5124. Friendly bridge, Aug. 17, 1 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 10 to Athene, Friendly Dinner at Colombo Club in Oakland, Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Gino asap, 243-1282. Lunch in San Ramon, Aug. 22, noon, RSVP by Aug. 19 to Marsha, 830-8483. Brunch in Pleasanton, Aug. 25, noon, RSVP by Aug. 22 to Ruby, 462-9636

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

**Lawyers in the Library**, program offers free legal information and referral. The program is co-sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association. The third Tuesday of each month at the Pleasanton Library. Each person will have a 15 to 20 minute free consultation with a member of the Alameda County Bar Association. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. Names will be selected at 5:50 p.m. You must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. For more information, call Merry Luskin, 931-3400, extension 4.

**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: gloriosu4@comcast.net

**Operation: S.A.M.** "Supporting All

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

## RELIGION

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

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

**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 Mochó 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. L 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.

**The deaf community** is invited to worship at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, where ASL translation will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of 4th and L streets.

**Faith Chapel Assembly of God**, 6656 Alisal St., Pleasanton, Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Children's Church 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Please call office at 846-8650 for weekly programs.

**Trinity**, 557 Olivina Ave., Livermore. Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school or Bible study for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Awana is Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday nights there is adult Bible study at 6:45 and NRG and Re.Gen for youth, and children's choir for kids. Child care during all events. 447-1848, www.trinitylivermore.org.

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

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

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church** 678 Enos Way, Livermore. 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 a.m. 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 pmjrueller@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.

**Lynnwood 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.lynnwood.org, 925 846-0221.

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

**Messages from the Medicine Wheel** - Thurs., Aug. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Used by many indigenous peoples around the world, the Medicine Wheel is a prayer portal that connects us to deep wisdom teachings. Workshop led by Jude "Soaring Eagle" and Rev. 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.

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

# Milestones

## Education

### Highway to Work Program Prepares Students for the Future

By David Rapley

Family, friends and local VIPs gathered on June 27 at the Robert Livermore Community Center to honor East Bay Community Service's (EBCS) Highway to Work class of 2013 graduates. The 40 plus graduates worked as interns at local businesses over the past year to demonstrate their ability to achieve beneficial employment and build their workforce skills. Several of the participants revealed during the ceremony it was a life altering experience. Attending the graduation were Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, representative of Congressmen Eric Swalwell, State Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan and Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley. Supervisor Haggerty remarked, "I am impressed by the effectiveness of East Bay Community Services and its programs."

Thanks to an expanded

Highway to Work Program, 250 youth in the East Bay will be receiving paid internships this summer administered by EBCS, an initiative of Bay Area Community Services. The interns, ages 14-19, who are comprised of foster care, probation, CalWorks, and Cal-Learns youth, will be working for local businesses at no expense to the employers. The wages and worker's compensation liability is included in this program. The goal of Highway to Work is to prepare at-risk youth for a successful transition into the workforce, institutions of higher education and eventual self-sufficiency. East Bay Community Services' Executive Director Aaron Ortiz, who heads the non-profit, stated, "I am proud to be an agent of change to improve the lives of young people in East and South County."

The qualifying participants gain access to classes that prepare them for the



Among those on hand to congratulate graduates were (far left, back row) Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and (far right, Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

workplace with topics such as Customer Service Skills, Resume Writing, Interviewing, Effective Communication, Career Planning and Exploration, and Financial Literacy. In addition to the job-readiness workshops, participants have the opportunity to attend classes on a variety of subjects that generally impact the lives of teens and young adults such as a presentation on conflict resolution facilitated

by Marriage and Family Therapists staff.

During the summer session, interns earn \$10 an hour for up to 30 hours per week and \$25 per workshop. Financial incentives are built into the program to encourage students to establish and work towards a variety of academic goals. This is a transitional program that introduces participants to the standards they will be expected to maintain as

they enter the professional workforce. As students progress, Case Managers guide them through potential obstacles. Obtaining proper work permits, filling out accurate hiring documentation, utilizing transportation vouchers provided by EBCS, setting up bank accounts and applying for colleges are common processes completed while students are enrolled in the Highway to Work program.

EBCS is part of the Bay Area Community Services (BACS) umbrella. Executive Director, Jamie Almanza of BACS, stated, "Attending the graduation and hearing our young people, talk about their experiences and future is one of the most rewarding aspects of our work. Congratulations to EBCS and to the leaders of tomorrow."

EBCS is the lead agency managing the Highway to Work program in Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and Castro Valley. In partnership with City of Union City Youth and Family Services, Highway to Work will now be provided in Fremont, Newark and Union City with EBCS oversight. Businesses interested in partnering with the Highway to Work program or those who would like more information, contact East Bay Community Services at (925) 961-8045, [info@eastbaycs.org](mailto:info@eastbaycs.org), [www.eastbaycs.org](http://www.eastbaycs.org)

### Amador Valley High Student Spends Summer as Researcher at UC Davis

Increasingly summer is a time for high school students to work or study. For many, gone are the days of lounging around the pool, playing video games, or hanging around with friends. One local junior is spending her time off doing research at UC Davis through its Young Scholars Program, now celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

Christine Xu of Amador Valley High School is among a select group of students attending the UC Davis Young Scholars Program

this summer. The advanced science program, hosted each summer by the School of Education, introduces up to 40 high-achieving high school juniors and seniors to the world of original research in the biological and natural sciences.

Participants work one-on-one with research faculty in state-of-the-art laboratories for six weeks. Each student works on an individual project and prepares a research paper and presentation about his or her work.

"Students work under

the direction of real-world researchers," said Rick Pomeroy, program director and teacher educator in the School of Education at UC Davis. "In fact, these high school students are engaged in research that most college undergraduates don't have an opportunity to do."

Christine is researching ways to reduce the completion time of Western blotting, a procedure that allows visualization of proteins, from two days to less than two hours. She will experiment with different block-

ing buffers for washing the membrane, as well as the possible combination of two steps of the process.

The development of a faster Western blot is essential to scientists studying the expression of proteins in normal versus pathological cells. Christine's research will help them gain a better understanding of the conditions that lead up to disease.

The program, which began June 23, immerses students in the entire college experience. During the first two weeks, participants

attend lectures on recent developments in biology and natural sciences in the mornings and conduct lab science every afternoon. During the last four weeks of the program, students work full time in their labs. Students live in campus dormitories and take field trips every weekend.

To qualify for the program, students must have a strong academic record, including biology and two years of college preparatory mathematics, and recommendations from teachers.

In addition, applicants must write a personal essay.

"All of the participants are highly qualified academically, take honors or advanced placement courses, and have high GPAs," said Pomeroy. "Most importantly, though, they have all demonstrated a desire and ability to conduct original scientific research and have the potential to contribute significantly to the field."

The program ends August 3. Students are in the labs through July 28.