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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.

State Board of Education Denies Portola Academy Petition

By Patricia Koning

The State Board of Education (SBE) voted 6-3 to deny the petition for the Portola Academy charter school, a K-8 school that the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) planned to open on the old Portola Elementary School campus in Livermore. The decision was made July 19.

The state had approved two other charter petitions

submitted by TVLC. This is the first rejection.

"We're very disappointed, but we remain committed to Portola Academy. This action delays the opening of this school for a year," says TVLC chief operating officer Bill Batchelor. TVLC operates the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS) and Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory high school (LVCP).

In the recommendation to the SBE, the California Department of Education (CDE) found that the petition "does not provide sufficient information on how the school will serve the diverse and underserved student population it proposes to educate." The CDE recommendation also described the Portola Academy financial plan as "overly optimistic and unsustainable"

and found that the petition "did not provide the required number of signatures specified in state law."

To see the entire report, visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/ag/ag/sbedownload.asp> and choose "Agenda Items for July 18-19, 2012, Single File Version." The Portola Academy report is Item 15.

Batchelor says that there were similar findings in the approved petitions for both

LVCS and LVCP that TVLC was able to overcome. "Having been through the petition approval and renewal process many times over the past seven years, I can say that this time was the most political. It's a challenging time for school reform in California," he adds.

According to Batchelor, had the SBE approved the petition, Portola Academy (See PETITION, page 10)

Funds Sought for Program to Aid Veterans

By Carol Graham

Don Tishman understands the hardships veterans live with.

"Our submarines had eight watertight compartments," recalled Tishman, who served on three submarines in the Pacific theater during World War II. "They ran on batteries. When water got on the batteries it created chlorine gas that would kill everybody. If any part of the submarine leaked water, they would lock it off with people in it. You'd hear them knocking on the door, calling you all kinds of names you can imagine. Some of them got better, and some didn't."

It's this level of awareness that helped Tishman create RAVE, Rotary Assisting Veterans Education, a volunteer committee partnering with Las Positas College's Veterans First Program. The goal is to ensure that veterans receive counseling and education that will allow them to successfully re-enter civilian life.

"After our country was attacked on September 11, 2001, these young men and women stepped forward to serve," said Tishman. "They volunteered to put on a uniform knowing the dangers that come from military service."

"Because of their courage, we have gone nearly 11 years without another successful terrorist attack on American soil."

When Tishman's grandson Ben Brown returned home disabled after serving six years as a Navy Seal in Iraq and Afghanistan, Brown began counseling other veterans, talking with Tishman about the severe lack of resources available to help returnees. It is required that veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome be seen

(See VETERANS, page 3)



RABBIT ADOPTION

My name is Pixie. I'm a dignified girl, just a tad over 4 lbs, with lovely fur just like a wild bunny. I'm a gentle spirit, both elegant and sweet. At 9 months old, I enjoy leaping, running and quiet time, too. To meet Pixie, drop in this Saturday from 12-3 pm at the Adoption Event at the Dublin Petco, 11976 Dublin Blvd. For more info, call 925-519-1723, or email ebrabbit@comcast.net. Visit www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com to see more pet profiles.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Dublin celebrated its 30th Anniversary of incorporation and designation as an All-American City with an All American celebration last Saturday. The day included American foods, sack races, a watermelon eating contest, face painting and wagon and tractor rides (show). Performers entertained the crowd with American music. Speakers offered remarks about the city and its history. In June 2011, the City of Dublin was recognized as a 2011 "All-America City" by the National Civic League. For more photos, see page 10.

Nation's Eyes on County As Supervisors Require Drug Firms to Pay for Disposal

By Ron McNicoll

Alameda County Supervisors passed what is believed to be the first local government ordinance in the United States to make pharmaceutical manufacturers responsible for the cost of collecting and safely disposing of unused medications.

The vote on the Safe

Drug Disposal ordinance was unanimous at the supervisors meeting July 24. The specific model to accomplish the task has not been established. When it is, failure to comply with ordinance regulations can result in a fine of up to \$1000 per day for a manufacturer.

Supervisor Nate Miley,

whose district includes Pleasanton, spearheaded the ordinance drive. It began in February. An early version of the ordinance was modified after talks with drug industry representatives who came from all over the United States to take part in discussions.

Currently, there are 28

collection points in the county where drugs can be left. The annual cost to dispose of the drugs is \$40,000. The collection points are operated by 10 different agencies, often with labor donated by those agencies.

However, the county needs a much bigger collection (See DRUGS, page 5)

Science and the Community Are Topic of August 1 Discussion

By Jeff Garberson

The public is invited to a discussion next Wednesday evening of how to tailor science more effectively to a wide range of community needs.

The discussion will be held in the community room at Livermore Public Library starting at 7 p.m.

Participants will consider how scientists, policy makers, business leaders and others can work together to bring more lasting value to society from research and innovation.

The organization sponsoring the discussion is Livermore-based Yamana (See SCIENCE, page 5)

USF Moves East Bay Campus to Pleasanton

The University of San Francisco has moved its long-time East Bay campus from San Ramon to Pleasanton.

Classes are underway. A private dedication ceremony will be held July 31 with public officials and press in attendance.

The campus is located in

a building at 6120 Stoneridge Mall Road, about one block from the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station.

"The new USF Pleasanton campus builds upon our extensive 30-year history in serving the academic and professional development needs of the East Bay," said (See CAMPUS, page 10)

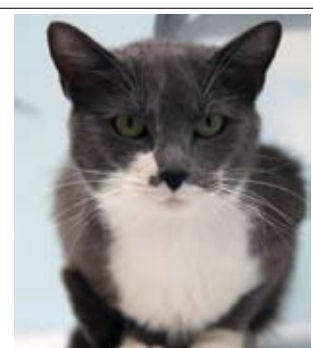


Photos - Doug Jorgensen

The Pleasanton Relay for Life took place last Saturday at Pleasanton Middle School. Forty-one teams took part in the fund-raising for the American Cancer Society. Totals on Tuesday were \$98,474. Relay for Life is an overnight event increasing cancer awareness while raising funds for the American Cancer Society's programs and services for the community. Team members raise the funds and then take turns walking around the track, relay style. Pictured with the Tin Man are Ethan and Kira Doyle.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Jewel is a 2 year old grey and white kitty who enjoys visiting with humans. Whenever she gets a visitor in Kitty City, she runs up to them and asks them to join her and give her some company. Jewel came to us as a momma kitty with five kittens. We still have one of her babies, Jenny. For more information, call 925-426-8656 or go online to www.valleyhumane.org or www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Photo by Aaron Czeszynski

5 Millionth Visitor to Battleship Missouri Memorial from Livermore

The Miller family of Livermore received a big surprise during their recent vacation in Oahu, Hawaii. Dad Daniel Miller was the five-millionth visitor to The Battleship Missouri Memorial.

"Now that we've gone through this we're still in a little bit of shock, but thrilled, thrilled to be selected," Dan Miller said during an interview with a local television station in Hawaii. He said that it was his son Zach's idea to visit Hawaii.

The family had planned to visit the USS Arizona Memorial first. However, it was sold out.

The Missouri's President and COO, Michael A. Carr presented them with a prize package including round-trip airfare for five to Oahu on Hawaiian Airlines, a five night stay at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa and a family membership to the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

The Miller family was also given a VIP tour, with all access to the battleship.

Miller received a rare, engraved piece of teak pulled from the decks of the USS Missouri. "Although I have to say I'm most thrilled about this, that's pretty cool, to actually have a piece of wood from the deck of this ship is amazing," Dan said.

The celebration concluded by firing confetti out of the Missouri's famous 16-inch guns.



Confetti was fired out of the guns as part of the ceremony honoring the 5 millionth visitor.

The USS Missouri, known as America's last battleship, secured her spot in history as the site of Japan's unconditional surrender to the Allied Forces on Sept. 2, 1945, ending World War II.

The Missouri was decommissioned for the final time in 1992 concluding a career that spanned five decades and three engagements, bringing the Battleship era to an end. On Jan.

29, 1999, 55 years to the day after she was launched, the Battleship Missouri Memorial opened to the public.

"I don't think anybody expected us to be this successful as a destination, our location has a lot to do with it, with the Arizona just a few hundred yards away," stated Carr.

The event received press coverage both in newspapers and on television.

Meeting Planned to Discuss Local Voluntary Conservation Program

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) invites interested individuals to attend a public meeting to discuss the Alameda County Voluntary Local Program (VLP). The ACRCD and the California Department of Fish and Game (Department) are working to collaboratively develop the Program.

A public meeting to describe the proposed project and answer questions is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at 3585 Greenville Rd. Ste. 2, Livermore.

Once in place, the VLP will provide a permitting solution for implementing voluntary conservation projects that have impacts to species and/or their habitat that are listed by the Department under the California Endangered Species Act.

The VLP will provide authorization for take of California tiger salamanders and Alameda whipsnake that is incidental to routine and ongoing agricultural activities and selected management practices. This coverage will be afforded to persons who enroll in the Program to implement voluntary conservation projects and adhere to the required avoidance and minimization measures.

Landowners and land managers in Alameda County who participate in agricultural activities are eligible for the Program.

The ACRCD has prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the VLP, and is inviting comments regarding the adequacy of the document. ACRCD is the lead agency under CEQA for the proposed project. ACRCD will be accepting comments on the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration from Wednesday, July 18th through Friday, August 17th,

2012. Written comments may be submitted to: Leslie Koenig, Alameda County Resource Conservation District, 3585 Greenville Road Suite 2, Livermore, CA 94550.

More information on the Voluntary Local Program and the related documents can be viewed online at <http://www.acrcd.org/ForRuralLandowners/VoluntaryLocalProgram.aspx>

Tribute To Sally Ride

The death of former astronaut Sally Ride, the first U.S. woman in space, prompted a tribute from another woman astronaut, Tammy Jernigan, now a manager at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Ride and Jernigan both took part in educational science programs put on by the

Laboratory to inspire girls to consider careers in science.

"Sally was an extraordinary role model committed to encouraging girls to reach for the stars," Jernigan said after learning that Ride succumbed to pancreatic cancer. "She was very passionate about providing opportunities for both students and educators in science and

technology. She will be missed immeasurably."

Ride and Jernigan followed careers that were parallel in several respects. Both grew up in Southern California and both earned undergraduate physics degrees from Stanford. Ride went on to a physics PhD at Stanford, while Jernigan

got a physics and astronomy PhD from Rice.

Ride's pioneering space flight took place in 1983, Jernigan's eight years later. Both women pursued professional careers after NASA, Ride as a physics professor at UC-San Diego and Jernigan as a manager at Lawrence Livermore.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Recycled Water Use Record Set

Golf courses, parks, schools and other large green spaces in Dublin and San Ramon soaked up a record 6.155 million gallons of recycled water on a single day in mid-July, saving enough drinking water in one day to serve 59 households for an entire year. The last daily record of 5.98 million gallons was set last August.

"By next summer, recycled water demand could increase by a half million to a million gallons a day because of the Central Dublin Retrofit Project," says DSRSD Operations Manager Dan Gallagher. "Four more schools and three more parks will be irrigating their landscapes with recycled water. The jump in demand should be pretty dramatic."

Schools and parks built in Dublin and Dougherty Valley since 2006 have been plumbed from the start to irrigate with recycled water, but the Central Dublin Recycled Water Retrofit Project is the District's first major retrofit in older parts of its service area. Pipeline construction is expected to be finished in the fall and then the District will convert the irrigation systems at all seven sites.

Recycled water used in Dublin and San Ramon is produced at a water recycling plant next to the DSRSD Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. DSRSD operates the plant on behalf of the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program,

a partnership between DSRSD and East Bay Municipal Utility District. Recycled water use in Dublin and San Ramon grew from 399 million gallons in 2006 to 828 million gallons in 2011.

Murder-Suicide

Since the discovery on May 7, 2012 of the shooting deaths of Amy Freeman Burton and her 13 year-old daughter Ainsley Burton, Pleasanton police investigators have worked extensively to determine the facts leading up to the shootings. Investigators have determined that Amy Freeman-Burton shot and killed her daughter, Ainsley Freeman, and then shot and killed herself. Extensive evidence, including physical and forensic evidence, supported this conclusion. The police say they are confident that based on the evidence, no other people were involved.

Isabel Avenue Closures

Caltrans will be closing portions of Isabel Avenue between Stanley Boulevard and Jack London Boulevard from July 23 to July 27 between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. as part of a widening project. Depending on the specific closure location, traffic could be detoured using Jack London Boulevard, Murrieta Boulevard, Stanley Boulevard, Holmes Street, and Concannon Boulevard.

For inquiries please contact Caltrans at 510.715.7920.

Buchanan Swears In Zone 7 Directors

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan swore in three Zone 7 Water Agency directors to new terms.

The ceremony at the board's meeting July 18 included reappointed directors Sandy Figuers and Dick Quigley and first-time director Angela Ramirez Holmes.

All three directors were appointed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Only the three candidates filed for the three vacancies on the board, therefore no election was held.

It is believed to be the first time a state official has administered the oath of office to Zone 7 directors. Usually that task has been performed by the board's secretary.

Ramirez Holmes, who knows Buchanan personally, made the arrangements. Buchanan has carried bills in the Assembly for Zone 7.

She was a major supporter of a bill introduced by Sen. Mark DeSaulnier that would enable total separation by Zone 7 from the county.

Ramirez Holmes told The Independent, "For Zone 7, our relationship with officials matter a lot. She said, "Buchanan attending the meeting provided a chance for her to see the directors at work."

The board also reorganized, with Sarah Palmer replacing Figuers as the board's president. Bill Stevens was elected vice president, replacing Palmer.

With Ramirez Holmes joining Palmer on the board, there are two women serving on the seven-member board together for the first time in the agency's 55-year history.

Margaret Tracy of Livermore was the first woman elected to the board. She served from 1978-94. Tracy

still attends meetings regularly as an audience member. Lynn Spence of Pleasanton served from 1994-98.

\$1.5 M TO PROTECT HOUSE

During the meeting, directors approved spending up to \$1.5 million on work to shore up an eroding wall of a former gravel quarry that was turned over to the agency for future water storage and flood control purposes.

The erosion has been undermining the bank very close to an unoccupied house on the property next to the Zone 7 asset.

Director A.J. Machaevich asked whether it might be cheaper to acquire the house and property. General manager Jill Duerig said that the history between the property owner and Zone 7 indicates that it would not be a successful path to follow.

VETERANS

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within 14 days, said Tishman. However, with funding slashed and an increasing numbers of veterans returning home, it can take up to a year before a veteran's file is reviewed.

"There are over 6,500 veteran suicides each year, killing as many of our troops in one year as our enemies have killed in the past decade," said Tishman. "It's obvious the private sector must step in."

Before starting its pilot program, RAVE committee members contacted and surveyed 17 community organizations devoted to helping veterans. "From all sources came the same primary needs: counseling and an emergency loan fund," said Tishman. "These veterans volunteered to help our country. Now they need treatment and there isn't any money to provide it."

"When veterans get out of the military, they don't have any money. Now they're asked to rent an apartment, go to school or buy a car, whatever they need to do to survive. Unless they come from people who can help them, they're in trouble."

RAVE's current goal is to raise \$130,000 to see that the 500 veterans attending Las

Positas College have access to counseling, both mental health and academic, and access to no-interest loans enabling them to assimilate into post-service life.

"Las Positas has one of the best veteran programs in the state," said Tishman. "Every veteran deserves access to treatment for the trauma they experienced while defending us and to be able to provide for themselves or their families. Education is essential."

RAVE has reached out to the Tri-Valley Rotary Clubs ("Members gave very generously," said Tishman), local Chambers of Commerce, and Sandia and Lawrence Livermore National Labs for financial support and exposure. Now RAVE is seeking help from all citizens.

"These veterans need more than gratitude," said Tishman. "Somebody has to help these veterans; private citizens have to do it. This is an excellent way to help these locals who volunteered to defend our freedoms. Now it's our turn to fight for them."

For more information or to donate, visit: www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/index.php or www.livermore-rotary.org/RAVE.html

Los Vaqueros Dedication Re-opens to Recreation

The north shore of Los Vaqueros Reservoir west of Vasco Road in Contra Costa County opened again for recreation.

The area was closed for more than a year during construction of the reservoir expansion, which was dedicated in a ceremony July 13.

The reservoir attracts fishers, hikers and cyclists from a large surrounding area, including the Tri-Valley. The north shore opened for all activities, including shore fishing, on July 14, and drew 117 cyclists and 400 other people.

The south shore hosted 155 people, mostly fishing from the shore. Work continues on that shore on a new boat dock and fishing piers, which are expected to be completed in six months. A replacement indoor facility is under construction further up the hill, because of inundation by higher water levels.

The expansion project raised the dam by 34 feet to a height of 521 feet. That lifted the reservoir's capacity from 100,000 acre feet (AF) to 160,000.

The change will boost water capacity for drought reliability and also improve water quality.

CCWD board president Joseph Campbell said that the expansion exemplifies "the can-do approach needed in the Delta to stay ahead of the increasing challenges (to) California water management."

By providing more storage, CCWD can better time its draws of water from the Delta. That helps contribute to solving the Delta's ecological problems, explained CCWD spokesperson Jennifer Allen.

The district spent \$109 million on the project, \$11 million less than estimated. The work was completed several months ahead of schedule.

Nearly all of the funding came from water rate payers using revenue set aside in a 10-year capital fund. Federal and state agencies awarded grants for studies.

The total cost included work on the dam, relocation and reconstruction of the marina and other recreation facilities, and the purchase of more than 5000 acres of habitat mitigation land.

Some of the mitigation land is in the Altamont, where it will help preserve species migration corridors.

The dedication ceremony drew an estimated 180 people. Dignitaries present were Reps. Jerry McNerney and George Miller, state Sens. Mark DeSaulnier and Lois Wolk, Assemblymember Joan Buchanan, and state Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird.

When CCWD was planning the expansion, the Valley's wholesaler, Zone 7 Water Agency, looked at the possibility of connecting to

add to its reserve capacity. However, the cost-to-benefit ratio did not work out.

Zone 7 may hear about another expansion of Los Vaqueros in the future. CCWD continues looking at boosting the new 160,000 AF to 275,000 AF, and even further, which would require more partners, potentially, in the Bay Area, said Allen.

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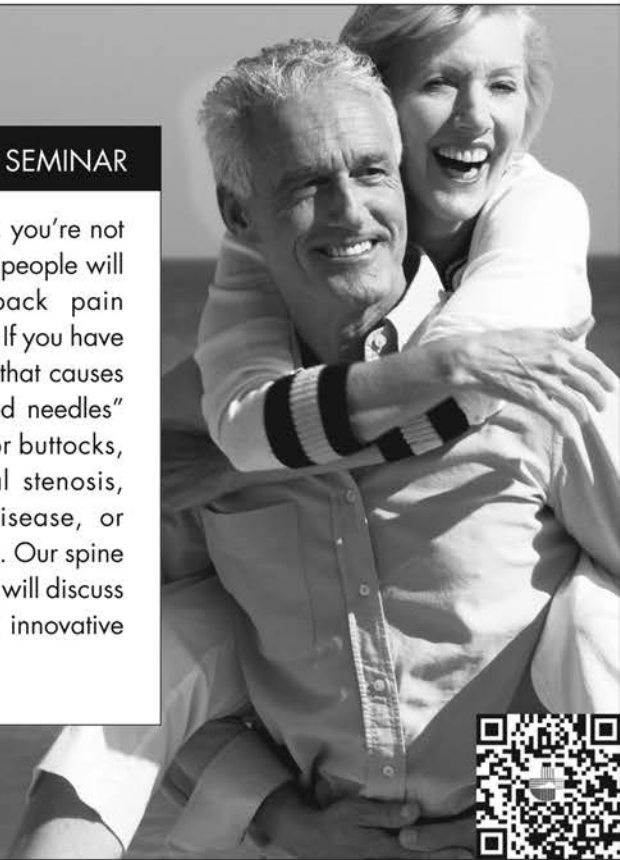
Innovations in Diagnosis and Treatment of Low Back Pain and Sacroiliac Joint Disease

GOT BACK PAIN?

Wednesday, August 8, 2012 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.


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SCIENCE

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Science. Yamana sees itself as a catalyst for goal-setting processes that involve a wider cross-section of the interested public than many of today's top-down science and technology programs.

Yamana founder Kennan Salinero views the meeting as an effort to "determine the leverage that is available for change" through science.

Her organization, a non-profit founded in 2005, grew out of studies on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley examining factors beyond traditional academic credentials that can lead to successful science outcomes.

The word "yamana" suggests the highest form of living in the language of the world's southernmost people, the Yaghan, or Fuegians, who live at the southern end of South America.

This is Yamana Science's first public discussion in Livermore. In previous conferences in the Washington, D.C., area, Yamana has encouraged participants to explore non-traditional approaches to science such as collaboration rather than competition, communication between separate disciplines, and connecting academic research with commercial product lines.

None of these ideas is new in itself. For example, Lawrence Livermore and other national laboratories engage in interdisciplinary research and try to transfer government sponsored technology to industry. However, Salinero believes that recent, negative trends in science employment underscore the importance of new thinking.

She points to a study by

the National Institutes of Health suggesting that there are too few job openings for the large numbers of biomedical graduate students being trained.

Salinero herself is a biomedical research scientist who has worked at Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos, Celera and the Joint Genome Institute. She agrees with a recent warning by Shirley Tilghman, president of Princeton University, that new employment ideas are needed to keep the nation's huge educational investment in these young scientists from being wasted.

Her organization's goal of promoting imaginative thinking in such areas rests on the concept of the "Third Place" or "Third Space," described by American sociologist Ray Oldenburg.

The Third Place, in Old-

enburg's writings, is where influential community decisions are made informally in group settings outside the relative isolation of home (the first place) or work (second place.)

A Third Place can be a coffee house, a barbershop or even a street corner. Discussions are characterized by equality among participants with a minimum of structure and freewheeling creativity.

Next Wednesday, Salinero expects to start with a panel discussion in which three scientists discuss their own education and careers. There will be reports on trends in science funding, training and employment.

In a scientific community like Livermore, she hopes for plenty of public participation as well.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The 26th Annual Art Under the Oaks was presented over the weekend by Alden Lane Nursery and the Livermore Art Association. Local artists will exhibit their work as well as demonstrate their skills. There was also wine and summer fruit tasting. Live music provided entertainment for visitors. In the photo, is a display that incorporates flowers and plants into the art.

DRUGS

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tion and disposal program. That need is beyond the county's financial means, said Miley.

The drug industry makes \$186 million in profits annually in the county, said Miley. Taking one cent for every \$33 worth of pharmaceuticals sold in the county would finance a good, comprehensive program, he said.

Proper pill disposal would prevent contamination of the water supply from drugs that are flushed down toilets, but not totally processed by waste treatment plants. Those thrown away in the trash can seep down through landfills into the water table.

Even more important are the potentially fatal consequences to seniors who may be forgetful and start taking

pills that their physicians have discontinued.

Supervisor Wilma Chan, who made the motion for the ordinance, said that her mother, who died four years ago in Massachusetts, would still be alive, if that state had an ordinance like the one that the supervisors passed.

"The family tried to hide a (blood pressure) drug in the back of a drawer. She continued to take it, though she was not supposed to," said Chan.

Pharmaceutical producers were not the only people nationally interested in the ordinance. Letters of support were sent to Miley from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and Rep. Mary Bono Mack.

Kennedy is senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

He was concerned about the effects of drugs disposed in landfills and water systems, and their impact on the environment.

Kennedy also mentioned the other chief driver behind the ordinance: removing surplus drugs from homes, where seniors and children might take them accidentally, or teens take them as an experiment.

Mack is chair of a House caucus on prescription drug use. In her letter to Miley, she talked about the "horrific epidemic" of prescription drug use.

Mack wrote, "Congress can impact legislation at a federal level, but that alone won't suffice. We need a concerted effort at the federal, state and community combined."

In discussions over the county's ordinance, the industry pointed to similar programs in Europe and Canada that have been operating for the past 15 years. They said that they have not been shown to be effective.

Heidi Sanborn, of the California Product Stewardship Council, responded at the supervisors meeting that she has seen the results of such programs in Canada and Europe. "They are cost-effective and durable," she said.

"It's about money, corporate responsibility and the role of government," said Sanborn. She pointed out that a poll showed that 85 percent of respondents believe that drug manufacturers should take back the unneeded pills.

PARK

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district will include are family picnic areas and shelters, day camp and group picnic areas. There will be two new staging areas, one with 75 parking spaces, and another with 90 spaces.

Parking at the Foothill Road staging area will be increased by 20 to 25 spaces, says a staff report on the recommendations to the board.

Other features are a new trailhead at the Devany Canyon entrance, a system of trails that can support several uses, and trails only for hiking.

Safety on Foothill Road at access areas will be coordinated with Pleasanton and Alameda County.

Ayn Wieskamp, the Valley's EBRPD representative, said that her first priority will be to meet with Pleasanton city officials concerning road improvements to control the traffic impact of the park area on Foothill Road across from Foothill High School.

Wieskamp said that she and her fellow directors were happy with the final draft. Problems raised through public input about traffic safety and staging areas were resolved.

Some 70 people turned out at the final public out-

reach session before July 17 to discuss any issues that might have been lingering.

"The staff felt good about the meeting. We had a lot of support from the public," said Wieskamp.

Now the district faces the job of obtaining funds to develop the facilities, said Wieskamp. The district's strategy has been to acquire property when possible, then retain it in land bank status until money is available for facility development and maintenance and operations.

The park district uses a combination of Measure

WW money and grants from the state and foundations to acquire land and develop facilities.

Operation and maintenance of the facilities is financed by property tax revenue and park user fees. Wieskamp said that with the economic recession, property tax revenue has suffered. That drop has been affecting the funds for operation and maintenance.

EBRPD is still looking to add more land to the north end of the ridge park. "We keep talking to people who might want to sell their land," said Wieskamp.

MAILBOX

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Alameda County Fire Department/CAL Fire (especially Jim Crawford), paramedics, staff at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, and Steve, the person who first called us from the accident site: we are tremendously grateful for your help in caring for our kids.

Unfortunately, we are still trying to find their little dog "Walter," who escaped from the car during the accident and has not been seen since. He is a small Chihuahua mix weighing about 7 pounds, golden brown in color, with a white chest, white paws, large floppy ears, and a long feathered tail. Responders went above and beyond the call of duty looking for him before leaving the accident site, but could not find him. We've also conducted an exhaustive search of the area near the accident site (which we were able to pinpoint with the help of staff from Allen's Towing in Livermore) and the area near Andrade Road, without success.

I've attached a copy of a flyer showing a photo of Walter and giving our contact information, and would appreciate it if you could make this available to your readers. I would also like



Walter

to thank the many business owners and organizations in the Sunol area who have been so understanding and sympathetic and have allowed us to post "lost dog" flyers on their doors and windows.

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SPORTS NOTES



The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 13 Year Old All-Star team members are (front row) Ryan Bowman, Nate White, Nic Venezia, Matt Neswick, Jared Dawson, Dante Albanese; (back row) Manager Sean Venezia, Clark Eder, Saiki Roy, Jack Fryer, Joshua Ott, Max Moore, James Cowick, Jack Maloon, Darroch Koel, Jack Morgan, Coach Rick Fryer and Coach Todd Moore.

Babe Ruth All-Stars

The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 13 Year Old All-Star team won the Northern California Babe Ruth All Star tournament in Woodland, CA last week. Tri-Valley went 4 - 0 defeating East Sacramento, Oakland and Bel-Mateo twice, and outscored their opponents 35 - 8.

James Cowick pitched a no hitter in the championship game defeating Bel-Mateo 6 - 1. Cowick also pitched in the opening game against East Sacramento, which Tri-Valley won 6 - 2. Joshua Ott and Darroch Koel also pitched gems in the games against Oakland, 12 - 2, and Bel-Mateo, 11 - 3, respectively. Saiki Roy, Koel and Dante Albanese provided the offensive punch for Tri-Valley. Jack Morgan, Roy, Koel and Cowick turned in defensive gems for Tri-Valley.

By winning the Northern California Babe Ruth All Star tournament in Woodland, Tri-Valley advances to the Southwest Regional Babe Ruth Tournament in Surprise, Arizona starting July 30.

The Tri-Valley team is made up of players from Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. Attached is a photo of the Tri-Valley Ruth 13 Year Old All-Star Team in a corn field in Woodland "Field of Dreams."

Pleasanton Seahawks

The beautiful weather matched the mid-season achievements of the Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) swim team at the Tiger Aquatics Senior II Championships held July 13 to July 15 at the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

New cuts and many Lifetime Best Swims were on tap for the PLS Champions.

Senior Group: Regis Lanchance picked up his first Sectionals Cut 200 Back; Lifetime Best Swims: Hannah Bergh 50/100/800 free, 100 fly; Samantha Howell 100/200 free; Anna Parker 200 free, 200 IM; Emily Saccullo 50 free, 200 breast; Regis Lanchance 50/100/200 back; RJ Scott

50/800 free, 100 back, 100 breast, 100 fly, 200 IM; Jeffrey Tang 50 free, 100 back, 400 IM; Bailey Wong 200 Free; Brendan Wong 200 free, 100 fly

Senior Elite: Iris Brand swam a Best Time (BT) in the 200IM; Eva Chung swam BTs in the 100/200 breast, 100 free & 400 IM; Cayla Jetter and Celina Li each swam a BT in the 100 back; Tony Shen swam BTs in the 50/200 free; Nick Silverthorn swam a BT in the 200 breast; Moriah Simonds swam a BT in the 800 free; Maxime Rooney swam BTs in the 200 breast & 50/800/1500 free; Katie Woods swam a BT in the 800 free

The Meadows vs. DBAC

Summer league swim meets rarely come down to the final set of relays, much less the final relay of the meet, but such was the case in the Pleasanton Meadows 501-499 victory over Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center (DBAC) in Tri-Valley Swim League action.

DBAC held a slim 493-491 lead after winning both the boys 13-14 and girls 15-18 free relays, setting up a "winner take all" situation in the final race of the meet featuring the 15-18 boys. The Sharks' team of Chris Mowry, Chris Iniguez, Chris Azuma, and Perry Cheney went out and swam their best time of the year posting a five second victory to bring the win home for The Meadows.

The victory itself was huge for the Sharks, who had not recorded a win over the Aquatic Center in many years. It was also a record setting day for the team as five team records fell; three of them in the breaststroke. Talia Florio, Adriana Harris, Alyson Isaacs, and Haley Isaacs started the trend by breaking the girls 13-14 medley relay record. The three breaststroke records fell in quick succession. After Haley Isaacs broke the 13-14 girls record, Justin Lee followed with a record in the next event and, after a one event break, Mowry broke a 14 year old record for the 15-18 boys. Kaala Cheney also broke an old record, one set in 2001, in the 15-18 IM.

In addition to their record break-



The Granada Little League Gold 12 year-old All Stars won the Tassajara Valley Little League (TVLL) Invitational with an 8-2 victory over Livermore National Little League in the championship game. Granada Little League team members pictured are (back row) Coach Will Wentworth, Joe Murphy, Lucas Anninos, Troy Wentworth, Mitch Roccereto, Austin Moomau, Manager Jim Geyer, Jackson Taylor, Mark Silverthorn, Coach Morgan Taylor; (front row) Noah Stewart, Andrew Walker, Grant Riddiough, Cameron Geyer and Tyler Stultz.

ing swims, four swimmers won other events. Lee, in fact, took a trio of events, winning the back and fly, while Cheney additionally took the fly. From the relay team, Florio won the fly and Harris the back.

Although he didn't set any records, David Azuma recorded a triple win day taking the 11-12 back, fly, and free. Winning two events for the Sharks were the brother and sister team of Jack and Lauren DuBos. Jack took the 7-8 back and fly while Lauren won the 6U back and free. Another 6U double winner was Harry Herlich who took the back and free. The girls had two other double winners as did the boys. Courtney Olivier took the 7-8 back and breaststroke and Sidney Vaeth the 11-12 IM and fly for the girls while Trent Pozzi won the 9-10 breaststroke and free and Nick Tucker the 13-14 IM and free for the boys.

Rounding out Pleasanton Meadows first place finishers were Parker Brown (15-18 back), Perry Cheney (15-18 free), Samantha Herlich (7-8 fly), and Jared Lem (11-12 breaststroke).

Del Prado vs. Ruby Hill

On Saturday, July 21st, the Del Prado Stingrays, out swam the Ruby Hill Killer Whales, by a score of 631 to 348. Stingray swimmers, Sam Jorgenson and Michael McMasters, both broke team records in their victory. Sam for the boys 7-8 25 Fly in 18.80 and Michael for the boys 9-10 50 Free in 31.48. The Killer Whales had top performances from Emily Harris (9), Sarah Deplich (5), Saylor Limkaken (6), Nicole Williams (8), and Ava Haubner (6), for the girls, and for the boys, Joey Vasquez (12), Andrew Maddalon (8), Evan Lee (16), Alec Gauthier (15), and Ethan Hunt (11). Top swimmers for the Stingrays were girls Elaina Gates (17), Megan

Doi (14), Laura Klein (17), Shelby Hicks (9), and Hannah Loeffler (8). The top boys were Nathan Jetter (6), Michael McMasters (10), Tommy Juarez (12), Andrew Goard (16), and Ryan Hogue (15).

Ruby Hill also had good performances from Alicia Vasquez (11), Kirsten Hewitt (13), Lexi Ewanich (14), Kaitlyn Schnierer (15), Lindsey Maddalon (10), Adan Amer (10), Colin Russell (8), Connor Moore (16), Sebastian Sannajust (17) and Michael O'Brien (10). Also turning in top performances for Del Prado were Alyssa Bardakos (12), Meghan (12), Amy Heath (8), Nikki White (13), Lauren Graham (9), John Lester (9), Jake Newman (14), Sam Jorgenson (8), Alex Glenn (12), and James Reimer (14).

Girls Results:
Medley Relay: 6-under 100 yd. Ruby Hill Killer Whales-TV 'A' (Deplich, Sarah 5, O'Rourke, Lauren 6, Haubner, Ava 6, Limkaken, Saylor 1 6), 2:04.34. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Rule, Isabella 8, Vahey, Kaylyn 8, Loeffler, Hannah 8, Heath, Amy 8), 1:25.40. 9-10 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Foster, Isabella 10, Graham, Lauren 9, Griston, Isla 9, Hicks, Shelby 9), 1:16.25. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Hicks, Lacey 1 Hogue, Meghan 12, Bardakos, Alyssa 12, Jeffrey, Sara 11), 2:21.11. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Huber, Cameron 13, Suto, Healey 14, Doi, Megan 14, Bell, Lucy 14), 2:11.78. 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Banke, Megan 16, Gates, Elaina 17, Beatty, Madi 17, Klein, Laura 17), 2:12.07.

Freestyle: 6-under 25 yd. Limkaken, Saylor 1, RHST-TV, 24.67. 7-8 25 yd. Loeffler, Hannah, DPStingrays-CC, 16.60. 9-10 50 yd. Hicks, Shelby, DPStingrays-CC, 33.86. 11-12 50 yd. Hogue, Meghan, DPStingrays-CC, 29.49. 13-14 50 yd. Ewanich, Lexi, RHST-TV, 27.79. 15-18 50 yd. Klein,



Pleasanton American Little League All Star 10-year-old team captured second place in the District 57 Tournament. Pictured are (front, left to right) Vincent Schillaci, Jack Kroll, Jake Borges, Kyle Bautista, Cooper Smith, Josh Wilner; (middle row) Matt Sugden, Aiden Loughnane, Peter Montini, Josh Anderson, Tommy Scavone, Cody Vaeth; (back row) Coaches Pete Montini, Scott Sugden, and Jeff Borges.



The U8 Livermore Girls Smoke softball team came in 2nd place out of 12 teams in tournament action in San Jose. They made it to the championship game on Sunday by beating a team with a 35-0 record and had beaten the team from Livermore for the last 2 years in the U8 division. Smoke won the semi-final game in dramatic fashion in extra innings with a runner at 2nd and 2 outs the batter with a 3-2 count hit a single up the middle to win the game and send the Smoke into the championship game.

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SPORTS NOTES



The Fireballs' (Livermore Valley Tennis Club summer swim team) 9-10 Boys' 200 freestyle relay team broke a 24 year old club record during a dual meet against the Robert Livermore Electric Eels swim team. Swimmers Nick Coltrin, Jared Tovera, Alden Dean and Connor Campbell crushed the 1988 LVTC club record with a time of 2:15.00.

Laura, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.89. Butterfly: 6-under 25 yd. Haubner, Ava, RHST-TV, 29.56. 7-8 25 yd. Loeffler, Hannah, DP Stingrays-CC, 19.59. 9-10 25 yd. Hicks, Shelby, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.44. 11-12 50 yd. Bardakos, Alyssa, DP Stingrays-CC, 35.09. 13-14 50 yd. Doi, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.02. 15-18 50 yd. Gates, Elaina, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.20.

16, Fasman, Dana R 13, Schnierer, Kaitlyn 15), 2:08.14.

Boys Results:

Medley Relay: 6-under 100 yd. Ruby Hill Killer Whales-TV 'A' (Harkness, Dex GM4, Campanella, Greyson G M5, Arora, Kush M6, Limkakeng, Zack Z M5), 2:50.72. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kasper, Kenny M8, Jorgenson, Sam M8, McMasters, Andrew M7, Stedman, Cole M8), 1:30.14. 9-10 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Reimer, David M9, McMasters, Michael M10, Bell, Jack M10, Jorgenson, Max M10), 1:19.10. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Reimer, Steven M1 Juarez, Tommy M12, Glenn, Alex M12, McMasters, Vincent M12), 2:42.99. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Banke, Jacob M13, Sabatini, Tommy M14, Howard, Michael M14, Reimer, James M14), 2:12.62. 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Goard, Andrew M16, Cole, Joshua M15, Hogue, Ryan M15, Lindley, Joseph M17), 1:58.12.

Freestyle: 6-under 25 yd. Jetter, Nathan, DP Stingrays-CC, 24.99. 7-8 25 yd. McMasters, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 17.95. 9-10 25 yd. McMasters, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.48. 11-12 50 yd. Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.52. 13-14 50 yd. Sabatini, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 27.47. 15-18 50 yd. Hogue, Ryan, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.44. Butterfly: 6-under 25 yd. Jetter, Nathan, DP Sting-



The Livermore Aquacowboys swim away with new records at the Pacific Swimming Adam Szmidi Memorial long course, Junior Olympics. This summer's Junior Olympic event was held on July 20-22, 2012 Hosted by the Terrapins swim team in Concord, CA. The swimmers achieved many personal best times as well as new Far Western times. They also set new team records. Pictured are (top row) Alex Gonzalez, Nina Hayes, Katie Kulp, Stephen Mackanic, Nathan Boas, Haley Hamza, Jenna Chew and Tori Carroll; (bottom row) Sofia Moufarrej, Brandon Siu, Shahini Ananth, Christopher Gonzalez, Franco Moufarrej and Caroline Eckel. Not pictured, but also competing at the Junior Olympics were Celine Nuygen and Megan Fairbanks.

rays-CC, 36.06. 7-8 25 yd. Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 18.80. 9-10 25 yd. Lester, John, DP Stingrays-CC, 18.38. 11-12 50 yd. Glenn, Alex, DP Stingrays-CC, 40.69. 13-14 50 yd. Howard, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.42. 15-18 50 yd. Hogue, Ryan, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.01.

Breaststroke: 6-under 25 yd. Jetter, Nathan, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.46. 7-8 25 yd. Jorgenson, Sam, DP Stingrays-CC, 25.50. 9-10 25 yd. McMasters, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 20.80. 11-12 50 yd. Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 41.12. 13-14 50 yd. Reimer, James, DP Stingrays-CC, 38.55. 15-18 50 yd. Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 32.90. 100 yd. IM: 9-10 McMasters, Michael, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:30.07. 11-12 Juarez, Tommy, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:22.60. 13-14 Reimer, James, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:14.67. 15-18 Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:01.92. Backstroke: 6-under 25 yd. Pruss, Evan, DP Stingrays-CC, 31.99. 7-8 25 yd. Maddalon, Andrew, RHST-TV, 22.82. 9-10 25 yd. Amer, Adan, RHST-TV, 22.02. 11-12 50 yd. Glenn, Alex,

DP Stingrays-CC, 42.86. 13-14 50 yd. Newman, Jake, DP Stingrays-CC, 33.22. 15-18 50 yd. Goard, Andrew, DP Stingrays-CC, 28.92.

Freestyle Relay: 6-under 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Jorgenson, Jae M5, Stedman, Caden M6, Pruss, Evan M6, Jetter, Nathan M6), 2:03.98. 7-8 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Kasper, Kenny M8, Jorgenson, Sam M8, McMasters, Andrew M7, Lester, Timmy M8), 1:14.56. 9-10 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Nazareno, Joseph M9, Dormer, James M10, Jetter, Aidan M9, Lester, John M9), 2:39.64. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Reimer, Steven M1 Glenn, Alex M12, Loeffler, Matt M1 Proud, Will M12), 2:18.15. 13-14 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Howard, Michael M14, Glenn, Seth M14, Reimer, James M14, Sabatini, Tommy M14), 1:54.32. 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Burke, Gabriel M15, Sabatini, Anthony M16, Rogers, Billy M18, Rogers, Steven M18), 1:59.16.



Livermore Fusion S/C U9 Girls Maroon team won the 2012 Azuri Summer Classic Tournament this past weekend, their first tournament ever as a team. They started the weekend out with a strong win against Mustang Fire, and concluded Saturday with a shutout 3-0 victory over San Ramon Soccer Azuri 04G. Sunday morning began with another solid performance against Lamorinda United 03W, which put the team in top position moving into the championship game, against UC Premier. Both teams came out fighting as Fusion's offense, Emily Johnson, Laney Lawrence, Jordan Knight, Peyton McGrail, Gracie Contreras, and Maci McCormick, continually attacked UC's defense and came up victorious with a goal in the first half. Defensive players Jayden Thomas, Cassidy Castro, Emma Shingler, Bryanna Leary and Bella Lopez kept Union City away from their end of the field, and continued this pattern until the end. Fusion battled hard and scored another goal in the second half, finishing the game with a 2-0 shutout win. Sophia Piper missed the tournament due to illness.

TVA at Summer JO

Tri-Valley Aquatics (TVA) swimmers had an outstanding meet at the Junior Olympics (JO) Championship this past weekend in Concord. With just nine swimmers, the team scored enough points to rank them twelfth among many larger teams. Out of 64 individual races, there were 31 personal best times and 18 top-eight finishes.

On the girls side, Stephanie Doi scored the most points with a second-place finish in the 400IM, third in both the butterfly races, fifth in the 200 IM, and seventh in the 100 freestyle.

In addition to placing in almost all of her events, Doi swam five personal bests. Teammate Maria Carlson swam a blazing 100 breaststroke to win the event and come within 0.4 of the Junior National cut; Carlson also placed in the 200 breaststroke (third) and 100 backstroke (seventh). Natalie Tang landed finals top-eight positions in the 200 backstroke (second), 100 freestyle (fourth), 200 freestyle (fourth), 100 backstroke (fourth), and 50 freestyle (sixth) and swam four best times. Lissi Knell also took home three personal bests.

For the boys, Julian Wagner and Kyle Sheppard tied for the most points scored, Wagner with a third-place finish in the 1500 freestyle and seventh in the 400 IM, and Sheppard with fourth- and sixth-place finishes in the 100 and 200 backstrokes, respectively. Each had multiple swims that came out far faster than any of their previous personal records. Thomas Gjerde also scored points with his 100 butterfly, in which he took home fourth with a best time. Jordan Reznick and Caleb Wagner each swam three events, with best times in each race.

With the Junior Olympics over, the TVAs swimmers look to bigger venues. The Far Westerns Championships is the largest age-group championship in Pacific Swimming, and Stephanie Doi, Thomas Gjerde, Borchers Nate and Jordan Reznick will head to San Jose to compete in early August while

Tri-Valley League Championships in Pleasanton

The City of Pleasanton's Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center (DBAC) will be the host site for the annual Tri-Valley Swim League Championships on Saturday, August 4, 2012. The meet is expected to draw about 900 swimmers. Spectators who will begin to arrive at 6:00 a.m. The event will continue until approximately 5:30 p.m.

The City of Pleasanton has worked with the Tri-Valley Swim League to develop plans for a successful competition and reduced impact on the neighborhoods surrounding the Aquatic Center, located at 4455 Black Avenue near Santa Rita Road. Congested traffic conditions may occur on Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue each morning as the swimmers begin to arrive for the day's competition. Accordingly, City staff has developed a traffic flow system for the Aquatic Center to facilitate competitor drop-off, and participants have been notified of pre-designated parking locations that would reduce the impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Pleasanton's Aquatic Center is the home of the DBAC Piranha Swim Team. Also competing in the league are the Briarhill Barracudas, Clubsport Tidal Waves, Del Prado Stingrays, Dublin Green Gators, FAST Dolphins, Pleasanton Meadows Sharks, and Ruby Hill Killer Whales swim teams, representing hundreds of young swimmers in the Tri-Valley region dedicated to the development of a positive attitude towards swimming through the fun and competitive experience of being on a swim team.

For more information, please contact Michelle Stearns at (925) 931-3423.



Swimmers take to the water in last year's league championship meet.



West Coast Soccer start, Grace Cabri earned a college scholarship to play Division I soccer at Creighton University. Creighton University is an NCAA Division I university located in Omaha, Nebraska. The school has a strong reputation for its health science majors and its renowned graduate programs. Gracie has spent the last five years playing soccer for Coach Troy Dayak. Pictured is Grace Cabri wearing her new Creighton University t-shirt. She stated, "I could not be more excited to play soccer for Creighton. I have always dreamed of being a collegiate athlete and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to play soccer at the next level. Creighton has a great coaching staff, an incredible stadium, and a vibrant, supportive student body. With a variety of health science majors and renowned graduate programs, Creighton is an ideal fit for me."



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Good News Bears Celebrates 'Bearthday;' Plans Fund-raiser

Good News Bears, a Livermore-based charity, recently held a Bearthday dinner for members, celebrating 16 years of gifting stuffed animals.

The organization's mission is to spread comfort through providing stuffed animals to those needing a "stuffed hug" due to trauma, loss, illness, or loneliness. Special "angels" – supporters of GNB were recognized. Betty and Larry Herman, who donate to the organization, and offer space to the organization at their twice-yearly Doll & Bear Show at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds for a drawing fundraiser, received 2012 Angel Award. Dave Farpelha of Custom Sport Cards was thanked for continuously supporting GNB with printing needs and assistance with a calendar sold as a fundraiser.

Members invite inter-

ested people to support their cause by dining at Melo's Pasta & Pizza in Livermore on Wednesday, August 1. By presenting the flyer when dining in or ordering take out, Good News Bears will receive 20% of the tab as a donation. For a flyer, please email Jeanie at jhaigh@webbears.com, stop by the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, or ask any member of Good News Bears.

Good News Bears has been in operation since 1996. It has steadily increased its donations every year. In 2011, 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. "Members" 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 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. Soroptimist International of Livermore, and the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley have been generous donors this year.

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, members 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.

Members of the club are all volunteers. Every member 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.

Community support is essential. 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 373-7982, or log on to www.goodnewsbears.org.

New Rules Govern Use of Pesticides

New regulations from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) mean pest control companies will be following an updated set of guidelines governing their work.

The new regulations restrict the use of 17 pesticides by businesses that apply these pesticides to homes, other structures and landscaped areas. The regulations decrease the amount of pesticides used around structures in perimeter spraying and specifically prohibit pest control applicators and maintenance gardeners from applying pesticides when it rains, when puddles are present and over drains or natural drainage areas, according to DPR.

The new rules were put in place because runoff from homes and yards to storm drains is a documented source of water pollution. Monitoring data from the California Water Boards indicates widespread pyrethroid pollution in suburban and urban waterways throughout the state; pyrethroids are a commonly used type of pesticide.

DPR Director Brian R. Leahy called the new regulations a "milestone" because they will protect surface water from structural pesticide use. "The pest control businesses already following these practices voluntarily have found they can effectively treat for ants and other structural and landscape pests."

To find lists of pest control operators in the Bay Area who are certified in less-toxic integrated pest management or for more information on less toxic pest control, visit BayWise.org.

'Green House Calls' Offered in Livermore and Pleasanton

California Youth Energy Services (CYES) is offering its free Green House Calls to Livermore and Pleasanton this summer.

By signing up for a Green House Call, both homeowners and renters can receive a free energy and water assessment for their home and free energy and water saving measures such as CFLs, clotheslines, powerstrips, high efficiency showerheads, water aerators and much more.

All residents are eligible,

regardless of income.

Melissa Ott, an Energy Specialist from Pleasanton had this to share after her first year with CYES,

"I especially like the fact that this job isn't furthering the consumerist, "buy-buy-buy" mindset that is plaguing our society. In fact, it's in some ways trying to reverse this by beginning with at-home resource conservation and efficiency behaviors, which can lead to more eco-educated and conscious

consumers and citizens."

CYES is a program that sustains the environment, employs young adults trying to make a difference, and provides residents with a no cost way to combat climate change and help their own communities flourish.

Green House Calls are available through August 10.

To reserve a free assessment, call 510-665-1501 ext 10, or for more information, visit www.risingsunenergy.org.

Torchiere Swap Scheduled

California Youth Energy Services will be offering a Torchiere Swap at the Livermore Station 6 Fire House.

The Torchiere Swap event will be held on July 31 between noon and 5:30 p.m. at Station House 6, 4550 East Ave. This is a service in which Livermore residents can bring their old halogen standing lamps to swap out with energy efficient tall standing lamps.

For those who cannot attend the July 31 event, lamps may be left at the CYES Livermore Site Office, 4047 First St., through August 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Lamps must have a 300 watt or greater halogen bulb. Those bringing lamps must be residents of Alameda, Contra Costa or Marin counties and provide a PG&E bill.

Information can be found at www.risingsunenergy.org or call 510-665-1501 ext. 10.

OBITUARIES

Save Mt. Diablo Co-Founder Arthur D. Bonwell

Arthur D. Bonwell, "Art" co-founded Save Mount Diablo on December 7, 1971 and served on its Board of Directors until he passed away 7/14/2012 in Concord.

Born April 28, 1927 in Dana, Indiana, a town of about 700, Bonwell moved to California in 1956. When he returned to Dana in 1987 to care for his elderly mother, he was elected to the town council in 1988 and served as the town council's President for several years before returning to California in 1993.

Between his junior and senior years in high school Bonwell worked for Western Union. From April 1945 to 1948 he served in the U.S. Navy as an electronics technician. After graduating from Purdue University with a B.S.E.E. in 1951 he went to work for a Dupont ordnance works built at the start of World War II in Dana. In 1956, he transferred to the Organic Chemicals Dept. and moved to California to help build and operate the Dupont-Antioch Works where he was a Process Control Engineer, while living in Concord. He retired in 1982 at age 55 but had already begun the equivalent of a second career, in conservation.

Bonwell was active in both the Contra Costa Park Council and in the Sierra Club. In 1969 he became Chairman of the Central Contra Costa County Conservation Committee of the Sierra Club's S.F. Bay Chapter. Botanist Mary Bowerman was also a member and repeatedly brought attention to increasing threats to Mount Diablo and that the State was doing little to protect it or to enlarge the small State Park there. Art suggested that they organize a group to work specifically on Mt. Diablo issues. In 1971 Art and Mary co-founded Save Mount Diablo,

which he considered the most important work of his life.

Save Mount Diablo has helped expand protected lands on Mount Diablo from just one park of 6,788 acres in 1971 to more than forty parks and preserves totaling 110,000 acres in 2012. Bowerman was recognized for providing Save Mount Diablo's early vision but it was Bonwell's organizational skills which created the organization and aided in its growth to more than 8,000 supporters today. Art served Save Mount Diablo in many roles over the last forty-one years including as its President, Vice-President, member of the Executive and Land Committees, as well as the first webmaster. At the time of his death he was a Board Member Emeritus and continued to serve on the organization's Land Committee. While serving Save Mount Diablo, such well known areas of Mount Diablo as Mitchell, Back and Donner Canyons were preserved, as well as North Peak, Pine Ridge and Canyon, and the Blackhills.

In 1971, Bonwell founded the Diablo Wheelman bicycle club, which organized rides and trips, many of them more than 500 miles, throughout northern California and Oregon. It eventually grew to 450 members.

Art was closely associated with the Concord Historical Society, where he served as a member of the Board of Directors from 1996 until 2009. He edited the Society's newsletter, changing its name from Newsletter to Concord Historical Society in 1998. He updated and expanded the Society's web site. He also began the oral history interviews, recruited the interviewers, arranged the transcriptions and loaded them on to CHS computers for easy access.

Bonwell was a taciturn mid-westerner, both gregarious and fiercely independent. He was continuously

doing whatever was needed from carpentry to lobbying elected officials in Sacramento. He actively campaigned for legislators such as Senator John Nejedly, Assemblyman-Senator Dan Boatwright, County Supervisors-Assemblymen-Tom Torlakson and Mark De Saulnier, and County Supervisor-Assemblyman Joe Canciamilla.

During Bonwell's tenure on the Dana, Indiana town council from 1988 to 1993 and as council president, the town got a new well, sidewalks, and playground equipment. He was always helping others to pursue their passion, and better their lives. He helped several bicyclists become accomplished racers, and mentored several other young adults and teenagers. He never hesitated to offer his physical labor to make others' pursuits a possibility.

During his life Art received many awards including a State of California Golden Bear Award, the 1996 Chevron Times-Mirror Magazine National Conservation Award, in 1999 Save Mount Diablo's first Mountain Star Award, and in 2000 Diablo Magazine's Threads of Hope Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Bonwell is survived by his sister Jane Bonwell of Indianapolis, Indiana.

A "Celebration of Life" event in Art's honor will be held on Sunday, August 19, 3:00 pm, Mitchell Canyon, Mt. Diablo State Park, Clayton.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Art's memory to: Concord Historical Society, PO Box 404, Concord, CA 94522 or Save Mount Diablo, 1901 Olympic Blvd, Suite 320, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Donald Jay Dugan

Donald Jay Dugan passed

away on July 13, 2012. He was born on April 18, 1940 in Iowa City, Iowa.

Don was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. Donald was a retired union carpenter of 50 years, a US Navy Veteran, and a master wood carver as he hand carved and donated over 100 canes to the disabled Veterans.

Donald is survived by his wife Phyllis Dugan of Livermore, CA. Along with his three sons Randall, Rodney and Rick and his brother Charles Dugan of Lathrop, CA. Don is also survived by 17 grandchildren with another great grandson on the way and one brother-in-law.

Services were held July 24 at St. Michael's Church in Livermore. Burial was at Chapel of Chimes in Hayward.

Louise Marie Grutzeck

Louise Marie Grutzeck of Henderson, NV, died peacefully on July 16, 2012 at Saint Rose Dominican Hospital Rose De Lima Campus after gracefully fighting pancreatic cancer for the last 6 months. She was surrounded by family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Carl, her sons Steven and Carl Jr., her sister Carole Brady and their extended families.

She was born April 23, 1942 in Brooklyn, New York to Nancy and John Nardo as the second of four children. She moved to Livermore, California and built two two businesses from the ground through hard work and sacrifice. Louise Marie's Fish and Chips is still open and a local favorite in Livermore. Louise Marie's Fine Gifts was her passion. She loved to share beautiful works of art with her customers. She retired to Henderson with Carl and was frequently

visited by her family and friends. Her cancer was diagnosed in January of 2012 and she fought it both intensely and elegantly. She celebrated her 70th birthday party in April with many family and friends while undergoing treatment with lots of smiles, hugs, and, of course, lots of keno. She always was independent and dignified in her fight to overcome many of her life's obstacles. Ultimately she died the way she lived her life—on her own terms, sharing her love with all of us in the process.

She was one of God's gifts to us all and anyone who met her, loved her. Now Louise celebrates with God, her brothers, and her parents. We know she will be with us all in our hearts and minds until we can celebrate with her. We love you Louise.

A Catholic service was held July 18 in Henderson, NV. A Committal Service was held Friday, July 20th, 2012 at SVMC. Arrangements by Tom Cropp Hites Funeral Home.

Vito Ferrulli III

Albuquerque, New Mexico—Vito Ferrulli III, 51, died in his home from a dissecting aneurism of the heart on July 12, 2012. He was born February 7, 1961, in Concord, CA



to Vito P Ferrulli and Nancy J Hall.

He was a resident of

Livermore and Placerville, Ca most of his life. He never married.

He is survived by his brothers Pat and Mike Ferrulli, his children SrA Joshua V. Ferrulli and Sabrina M. Parsonson, and by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Vito graduated from Livermore High in 1979 and is an Army Veteran. He loved to watch baseball, eat pizza, and to be around family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall in Livermore on July 28 from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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

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Nikki and Frankie Cruz now enjoy the water.

Let's Swim Program Offered Through LARPD

Pool games and swimming are practically a rite of passage in many area neighborhoods during the summer. However, splashing and innocent games of Marco Polo can be intimidating if you are a child who doesn't know how to swim.

Last summer, siblings Nikki and Frankie Cruz were in that very situation. The nine and seven year olds were too afraid to put their faces in the water, let alone go swimming. They were missing out on fun water activities. Their mom Lucy was concerned about their safety near water. That was when they learned about the "Let's Swim" program.

Let's Swim offers discounted swimming lessons to underserved families in Livermore. The program is available through a grant from Kaiser Permanente. Nine 30 minute swim lessons normally cost \$30/each through the Livermore Area

Recreation and Park District. However, with the grant funding, the rate is discounted to just \$10 per session, opening the program to more families like the Cruzs.

"I never really swam before," said Nikki. "I really liked my swimming teachers. They gave me a stamp on my hand when I learned something new." Nikki also says her legs and arms felt stronger after her swimming lessons, where she learned the back, crawl and breast strokes. "They gave me a report card after each group of lessons, showing what I had learned."

Frankie stated, "My favorite part of the swimming lessons was diving for toys at the bottom of the pool. That was fun." The siblings took several sessions of lessons and by the end of the summer they were able to swim underwater the short

length of the pool.

The Cruz family also takes part in the portion of the program that provides recreational swimming sessions at the May Nissen Swim Center in Livermore for a reduced fee; sessions cost only .25 cents per person. Employees at the pool say that some kids collect change all summer just to be able to swim at the reduced rate.

Lucy is grateful her children have learned how to swim and are now comfortable in the water. "Without the discount on the lessons, I wouldn't have been able to afford them. Now I know my kids are water safe and getting great exercise. They've become little fish — it's hard to get them out of the pool."

For more information on the Let's Swim program visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us/aquatics/mnsc.html

Haggerty Secures Funds for Nursing Careers Program

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was able to obtain \$36,000 in County funds to allow the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program to continue providing medical occupational courses to Tri-Valley high school students.

"Working with the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency I was able to secure funds to address an important educational need in the Tri-Valley. The health care industry continues to grow in the Bay Area and it's important that we give young people an opportunity to be exposed to different career paths," said Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

The Tri-Valley ROP Nursing Careers Program is an introduction to the field of Nursing and an integral course in the ROP Medical

Occupations pathway. Studies include an understanding of the systems of the body with associated medical terminology and diseases, basic patient care, taking vital signs, charting, medical ethics as well as understanding patient privacy laws. Students learn about the various nursing specialties while studying the care of patients and the role nurses provide in a variety of healthcare settings.

Haggerty stated, "The Nursing Program introduces students to the expanding health care field while giving them the skills and confidence to work in a hospital and clinic setting."

There are 31 students currently enrolled in the ROP Nursing Careers Program for the 2012-2013 school year. The program is at-

tended by students from the five comprehensive high schools in the Tri-Valley. The cost of the program is approximately \$36,000 which includes the teacher's salary and instructional supplies.

Julie Duncan, Director of Tri-Valley ROP, said, "The Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program commends Supervisor Haggerty's efforts to ensure that the students of the Tri-Valley are able to have exposure to nursing careers. The Nursing Program provides students the opportunity to build partnerships within the healthcare community and establishes the possibility of future employment after their post-secondary education to make Tri-Valley their home."

CAMPUS

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Desiree Shaw, director of the campus.

"We are excited about the move, and the opportunity to expand our program offerings and host workshops and educational seminars for the community at-large," said Shaw.

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, a USF alumna, stated, "The University enjoys a top-notch reputation across the entire country, providing quality education leading to

improved life-skills and meaningful careers.

"The East Bay campus made it possible for me to realize my dreams. Now, I am so pleased to welcome the University of San Francisco's East Bay campus to the City of Pleasanton," Hosterman added.

Classes primarily are scheduled on nights and weekends to accommodate adult professionals who wish to complete their bachelor's degree, earn a teach-

ing credential, or a master's degree.

The academic programs at the Pleasanton campus are offered through the School of Management, School of Education, and School of Nursing and Health Professions.

USF reportedly relocated its regional branch campuses to make them more urban and accessible. The campus in Pleasanton is a block from BART.

PETITION

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would have opened this fall with full enrollment of 560 students. TVLC staff is already revising the Portola Academy petition and plans to submit it to the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District this fall.

If the District denies the petition, TVLC can appeal to the Alameda County Board

of Education and SBE. If the petition goes all the way to the SBE, it will likely be spring before TVLC hears the decision.

TVLC will also be submitting a renewal petition for LVCS this fall. LVCS was chartered and renewed by the SBE.

TVLC intends to move

LVCS to its new campus at Constitution Drive and North Canyons Parkway by the end of 2012. "The delay with the LVCS move is separate from Portola Academy," says Batchelor. "This has been a very complicated process."

For more information on Portola Academy, visit www.portolaacademy.org.



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Red, white and blue were popular colors during Dublin's celebration. Flags were flown, photos taken and speeches made.



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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. HG12636364
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Arun Sharma, Heeral Roy filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: Kirat A Sharma
Proposed Name: Keerat Sharma

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name

changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. **Date:** 09/07/2012
Time: 8:45 AM **Dept:** 504
b. **The address of the court is:** Hayward Hall of Justice 24405 Amador Street Room 108 Hayward, CA 94544

3.a. A copy of this *Order To Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county.

The Independent Dated: June 26, 2012
/s/: Winifred Y. Smith
Judge of the Superior Court
The Independent Legal No. 3270.
Published July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 466361
The following person(s) doing business as: Budahas Empire, 3443 Cumberland Gap Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): James Madison Sharp, 3443 Cumberland Gap Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/01/12.
Signature of Registrant(s): James M. Sharp
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 13, 2012. Expires June 13, 2017.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 466546
The following person(s) doing business as: Green Valley Landscape, 3991 First Street, Suite B, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Green Valley Group, 3991 First Street, Suite B, 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 06/06/96.
Signature of Registrant(s): Frank N. Smith, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 20, 2012. Expires June 20, 2017.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 466771
The following person(s) doing business as: 780 Main Street Enterprise, 507 Saint John Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered

by the following owner(s): Edward E. Churka, 507 Saint John Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/25/12.
Signature of Registrant(s): Edward E. Churka, Owner
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The Independent Legal No. 3273. Published July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. 421835-36
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: (1)ABC-GGC (2)ABC-GGC Training Trust, 4577 Las Positas Road, Unit C, Livermore, CA 94551.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on 03/05/2009 in the County of Alameda.

The full name of Registrant: Golden Gate Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors Inc., 4577 Las Positas Road, Unit C, Livermore, CA, 94551
Signature of Registrant: /s/: Toby Cummings, President/CSO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 29, 2012. Expires June 29, 2017.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 466918-20
The following person(s) doing business as: (1)ABC-GGC (2)ABC-GGC Training Trust (3)ABC Golden Gate Chapter, 4577 Las Positas Road, Unit C, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Associated Builders and Contractors Northern California Chapter, 4577 Las Positas Road, Unit C, Livermore, CA 94551
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant began to transact business under the ficti-

tious business name(s) listed above on 06/19/12.
Signature of Registrant(s): Toby Cummings, President/CSO
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 467346
The following person(s) doing business as: Top Tier Communication, 3737 First St, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jerry Mark Kozak, 3737 First St, 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 N/A.
Signature of Registrant(s): Jerry Kozak, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 13, 2012. Expires July 13, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3279. Published July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 467286
The following person(s) doing business as: Monk Metal, 2127 Research Dr, Suite 11, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jorge Monge, 677 Adelle St, 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 N/A.
Signature of Registrant(s): J. A. Monge
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 12, 2012. Expires July 12, 2017.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 467366
The following person(s) doing business as: Cristo Delivery, 2127 Research Dr #11, Liver-



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more, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Enrique Romero, 2352 Chestnut St., Livermore, CA 94550
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Signature of Registrant(s): Enrique Romero
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 16, 2012. Expires July 16, 2017.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 467544
The following person(s) doing business as: Diablo Valley Property Management, 1860 Meadow Glen Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Judith D. Pipkin, 1860 Meadow Glen Drive, 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 N/A.
Signature of Registrant(s): Judy Pipkin
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 18, 2012. Expires July 18, 2017.
The Independent Legal No. 3283. Published July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 467066-69
The following person(s) doing business as: (1) T J Dillon (2) T J Dillon & Co (3) Cloud 9 By Aimee, 2767 Huff Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amy Holland, 2767 Huff Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588
This business is conducted by an individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrant(s): Amy Holland
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 6, 2012. Expires July 6, 2017.
The Independent Legal No. 3285. Published July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2012.

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Real Estate by the Numbers

By Cher Wollard

We often look at the ABCs of real estate in explaining how it works. Your Realtor, during any transaction, will be acutely aware of dotting all the *I's* and crossing every *T*.
But the real estate market can also be understood by looking at the numbers. So here are a few that tell the story of today's market in Livermore:
26.44 The total number of square miles in Livermore.
82,476 Number of people living in Livermore. That's up from 80,968 when the 2010 census was taken.
30,402 That's how many housing units Livermore has, including houses, condos, townhomes, duets, mobile homes and apartments.
3,216.1 The number of Livermore residents per square mile.
By contrast, large cities often have population densities in the tens of thousands per square mile. San Francisco, for example, has an average of 16,634.4 residents per square mile.
The average for the state of California – which includes deserts, mountains, waterways and other sparsely populated areas – is 241.7, making it the 11th most densely populated state.
72 Percentage of Livermore homes occupied by their owners, which is above the national homeownership rate of 67.4 percent and is higher than the rates in most nations of the world.
93 Percentage of respondents in a 2012 National Citizens Survey who rated Livermore an "excellent" or "good" place to live. The overall "quality of life" in the city was rated as "excellent" or "good" by 86 percent of respondents. Almost all reported they plan to remain in Livermore at least five more years.
288 The number of Realtors who list their home office in Livermore. Most of these agents are residential specialists, but some are commercial agents, some focus on property management or helping consumers obtain mortgages. In the past several years, a few have built practices helping other agents secure bank approval for short sales.
Statistics show that only about 40 percent of Realtors work full-time in real estate. If that ratio holds true here, approximately 110 Livermore agents are full-time professionals.
Of course, agents based in other California communities can also list and sell homes here.
98 Residential properties on the Multiple Listing Service this week in Livermore. This does not include new homes that the builder has not listed on the MLS, homes offered for sale by owners or properties listed by agents who are not members of the MLS board.
87 Single family residences (sometimes abbreviated as SFR) in Livermore on the MLS this week.
36 Number of those properties which are country homes.
4 Number of those listed properties which are new construction, offered for sale by the builder through the MLS.
452 The number of Livermore SFRs on the MLS in July 2007. By August, it was up to the high point of 473. The low point of the past decade was 46, in December 2004. A balanced market here averages 220-240 resale homes on the market.
86 SFR homes sales that closed in Livermore last month.
\$479,000 Median sales price for those homes.
29 The average days those homes spent on the market before being sold.
09 Months of inventory to pending. This is a statistic used to indicate the pace of the market, and specifically how long it would take at the current rate of sale for every home on the MLS to go into contract, if no other listings were added.
At today's pace, the Livermore market would be wiped out in about three weeks.
The National Association of Realtors considers a normal market, one in which buyers and sellers are evenly balanced, to be 6 months of inventory to pending.
100 Percentage of sales price vs. asking price. This is not a number you see very often.
"100 percent" does not indicate that every home sold exactly for its asking price, but rather that on average, homes sold right at asking price. No doubt, some sold for more and some for less.
The asking price, after all, is just a number at which the seller and his/her agent agree to list the home. True market value, on the other hand, is the amount a willing and able buyer will actually pay for that home. It can be higher or lower than list price.
26 Number of bank-owned properties in Livermore, according to Foreclosure Radar. In addition, another 18 have recently been sold by the lenders to third parties. All 288 Livermore agents and their buyers would love to see these properties offered for sale soon.
214 Livermore properties are scheduled to be auctioned; 88 of such properties have had the foreclosure sales cancelled in recent weeks.
In some cases, these sales are cancelled because the owners have made arrangements to pay their mortgages, perhaps by obtaining loan modifications or approval for short sales. Nowadays, some sales are being cancelled or delayed while banks investigate title issues caused by the "robo-signing" scandal.
More foreclosures may be in the offing, as 150 notices of default have been filed in Livermore. This rate is slower than we have seen over the past few years.
8.1 The percentage of increase in median-home prices in California between June 2011 and June 2012.
6 Number of consecutive months (January-June) that median prices for SFRs in Livermore have risen; it is also the number of consecutive months that the median price per square foot of homes in Livermore has risen, from \$244 in January to \$302 in June. This is the first time that figure has broken the \$300 mark since September 2008.
66 First-time homebuyer affordability index score for the Bay Area, as of the first quarter of 2012. This compares to 84 for the nation. This index measures the percentage of first-time homebuyers who can afford to purchase an entry-level home.
45 This is the Bay Area's score on the traditional housing affordability index – which measures how many folks can afford to purchase a median-priced home here, and compares to 71 for the nation.
3.56 Rate charged on a conventional 30-year fixed-rate mortgage as of Monday.
6.0 Lowest average rate charged on similar mortgages in the 20th century (circa 1963).
14.9 Average rate in 1981, the highest average rate in the U.S. since records have been kept.
720000 Dollars you would net by buying rather than renting an average priced home in Livermore over a 30-year period, assuming an average increase in appreciation of 3 percent, and assuming rents hold steady at about \$2,000 per month (probably an unrealistic assumption). This is according to the rent vs. own calculator at www.bayarealoan.com.
\$1,162,659.46 Estimated value of a home worth \$479,000 today after 30 years, assuming 3 percent per year appreciation. Historically, California real estate has appreciated an average of 5 percent per year.
If you are interested in more real estate numbers – or precise analysis of what these numbers mean for you – contact your local Realtor today.

Cher Wollard is a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, Livermore.

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The Community Gift Program of the Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC is accepting applications until Aug. 30.

The program provides up to \$100,000 in funding to support organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) education, community-service and philanthropic needs in communities having a large population of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) employees.

Eligible organizations interested in applying may submit an application to LLNS by Aug. 30. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by Oct. 26, 2012.

More information on LLNS and its Community Gift Program is available on the Web at <http://www.llnslc.com/communityGiving/llngift.asp>.

Leaving Clues

Who Left That Clue? is the topic of the Sun., July 29 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger program. Meet Ranger "Scatty" Patti at 8:30 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Rd.

There are lots of clues in nature that tell the stories of who or what has passed through the area. Tracks and scats are just a couple of chapters of those stories. Come discover what other clues are hidden in the plants and along the trails. There may be some off-trail exploring. This program will last about two hours and reach into the hills of upper Sycamore Grove Park.

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.

Family Hike

Save Mount Diablo is sponsoring the following hike:

Volcanoes in Clayton Family Hike hike, Sun., July 29, 9:30 to noon. Save Mount Diablo recently acquired a 7-acre property on Marsh Creek Road which turned out to be composed of rhyodacite, a type of volcanic rock formed when rising magma cools in two stages. Further investigation showed that a series of these volcanic rock formations are found in the Marsh Creek - Morgan Territory area. Rare plants, great views and fascinating geology make this a great 2 mile, 350" elevation gain hike, not to mention an amazing creek, historic rock dams and lots of history. RSVP here or call 925-947-3535 for more information. 40 person maximum. www.savemountdiablo.org/

Special Story Times

Livermore Public Library presents special story times for "pre-walkers." These 20-minute programs are for you and your baby to bond through books, songs, and gentle tickles. Stay awhile after the storytime and visit with other moms/dads and babies.

These babies-only programs will take place every Tuesday, at 11 a.m., August 7 through August 28, 2012.

All programs will take place in the Children's Storytime Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore

Avenue, Livermore, and are free of charge. For further information, please contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504, or consult the website: www.livermorelibrary.net.

Back Pain

San Ramon Regional Medical Center invites the community to a free educational seminar, "Innovations in Diagnosis and Treatment of Back Pain" on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The symposium will be held in the South Conference Room in the South Building located on the San Ramon hospital campus at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

Spine Surgeon, Hieu Ball, M.D., will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of back pain, including spinal stenosis, degenerative disc disease, and sacroiliac joint disease. He will explain that a dull or aching back may cause numbness or "pins and needles" in the legs, calves, or buttocks. Four out of five people will experience lower back pain sometime in their lives.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call 800.284.2878 or register on www.OurSanRamonHospital.com on Find an Event under Orthopedics.

Residents Invited to Take Part in National Night Out in Livermore

The Livermore Police Department will be participating in the 29th Annual National Night Out Event scheduled for August 7, 2012.

Representatives from the Livermore Police Department along with volunteers will be out visiting those neighborhoods who

have come together to fight against crime.

National Night Out is designed to: Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participate in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirits and police-community partnerships and send a message to

criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The police are asking neighborhoods to come together, turn on porch lights and host a neighborhood event. Some past examples have been: Neighborhood BBQ's, Ice Cream Socials, Dessert Bars and Chili cook

offs. Whatever a neighborhood chooses to do, the police department would love to be part of it.

Those who would like a visit from a Police representative are asked to please call Nicole Aguon at 925-371-4987 or e-mail her at naguon@cityoflivermore.net

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Documentary Film Project to Portray Living with Trichotillomania

By Patricia Koning

Trichotillomania is estimated to affect about 3% of all Americans, more than double the rate of anorexia nervosa or bulimia, yet few people have even heard of the disorder. Jillian Corsie, a 2005 graduate of Amador Valley High School, aims to change that.

Trichotillomania is a disorder that causes people to pull out hair from their scalp, eyelashes, eyebrows, or other parts of the body, resulting in noticeable bald patches. It affects people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, nationalities, and socio-economic backgrounds—including Jillian's best childhood friend.

"One day at swim practice, I looked at her and asked 'what happened to your eyebrows?'" she recalls. "I felt so bad for her. She had to hide it from her family and lie to them. Trichotillomania is not something that you can just stop and it's not well understood. Even if you have never heard of it, chances are you know someone affected by this disorder."

Jillian is embarking on an ambitious project, a feature-length documentary film named "Trichster" for the term that some trichotillomania sufferers call themselves. She plans to follow several people suffering from trichotillomania for a year to shed light on what living with the

disorder is really like.

The film will seek answers to what it is like to have trichotillomania, how often people pull their hair, why they do it, and how it affects friends and loved ones. Next spring she plans to attend the Trichotillomania Conference in New York, where hundreds of trichsters and professionals come together each year to discuss the latest research and treatments. Jillian hopes to finish shooting by early 2014.

She first attempted to produce a short documentary about trichotillomania in 2008 as a college student. That project failed to gain traction, but the idea stayed with her.

After graduating from the University of Arizona with a bachelor of fine arts in media arts production, she moved to New York City. Jillian currently works on the editorial staff at Fluid Editorial, a postproduction facility that specializes in advertisements, music videos, and short films, among other things.

"I had accomplished some milestones, professionally and personally, and decided it was time to return to an idea I really believe in," she says. "Now I have the resources and access to some really talented people."



**Amador Valley
Jillian Corsie
is working on a
documentary.**



She's been pleasantly surprised by the support she's received for the project, from both the documentary filmmaking and trichotillomania communities. She has the support of the Trichotillomania Learning Center (TLC)—they helped her find subjects for the film.

She recently launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise \$10,000 for the project, half of the \$20,000 she says she needs to raise to bring the film to life. The \$10,000 will pay for her to bring one of her subjects to the annual TLC retreat in Santa Cruz in September and for post-production.

Jillian is off to a good start—with four weeks to go she's raised nearly \$5,500. However, she has to raise the full \$10,000 by August 17 or she loses it all. Her Kickstarter page can be found at www.kickstarter.com/projects/1024153773/trichster (there is also a link on the Trichster website).

The Trichster website (<http://trichster.com>) features interviews with Valerie, one of the trichsters Jillian is profiling for the movie; information on Jillian and the rest of the Trichster team; a blog; and a forum.

To learn more about trichotillomania, visit the TLC website at www.trich.org.



Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre (PCRT) will present Singers Showcase at the Firehouse Arts Center, August 11th and 12th. Well-known Bay Area musical theatre artists Julie Ekoue-Totou, Daniella Innocenti-Beem and Cami Thompson will perform the songs of Harold Arlen and Ira and George Gershwin – “Stormy Weather,” “Over the Rainbow,” “Summertime,” “Lady Be Good” and more.

Ottmar Liebert Performance to Include New Release 'Dune'

There is a change in the weather and sound for Ottmar Liebert's new release entitled 'Dune.' Magic men are said to be drawn to the desert sands. Sometimes they come as sculptors like Christo that put up strange and beautiful environments that inspire. Sometimes they come as Native American medicine men or old Japanese Kyoto masters to meditate and postulate. Liebert's new release "Dune" sits firmly in the crosshairs of it all. Random beauty – airy, rhythmic and sometimes funky; sounds to put you inside of full and empty spaces, at the same time.

He will perform in concert with Luna Negra at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Aug. 9 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Ottmar has been nominated for 5 Grammy's and has multiple Gold and Platinum records. He has sold millions of records across the globe. This skilled practitioner of contemporary flamenco guitar is always a surprise. He plays with lots of textures in this set – contrasting traditional and electric instruments and adding accordion, Memphis bass lines, trumpets and a drum machine – in addition to lots of percussion. This release features Ottmar on acoustic and electric guitars; Jon Gagan on acoustic upright bass, electric bass guitars, and keyboards, including clavinet; Char Rothschild on accordion; and Robby Rothschild on percussion.

Ottmar adds "I'm following the idea of contrasting traditional and electric instruments like we did on the 'Opium' release. There are also beautiful treatments and sound design by Andrew Gaskins on three tracks. For the opening track, 'Fallin In' (to a dream), for example, I sent Andrew single notes and chords I played on my guitar, which he then stretched and manipulated."

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St., Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.bankheadtheater.org or call 373-6800.

Broadway Tunes Highlight Singers' Showcase

Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center will host Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre's (PCRT) Singers' Showcase for two performances.

They are set for Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Three cast members of past PCRT musical productions, Julie Ekoue-Totou, Daniella Innocenti-Beem

and Cami Thompson, will display their musical talent with the songs of Harold Arlen and George and Ira Gershwin. Ekoue-Totou and Innocenti-Beem will perform Arlen songs such as "Stormy Weather", "Blues in the Night" and "Over the Rainbow" at the Saturday evening show while Thompson will sing Gershwin favorites like "Summertime", "How Long Has This Been Going On" and "Lady Be Good" at the Sunday matinee.

Ekoue-Totou and Innocenti-Beem appeared in PCRT's first production, A New Life Coming! They received rave reviews by audiences, both singly and as a duo, with their exceptional vocal ranges and powerful voices. Since then, they have appeared in several musical productions and have produced two cabaret shows, "The Dynamic Duo" and "The Dynamic Duo Returns", at the Novato

Playhouse in Marin County. Thompson appeared as Muzzy von Hossmere in PCRT's production of Thoroughly Modern Millie last season. She is also well known in both San Francisco and Reno/Tahoe for her big band arrangements of 1930s and '40s music. Of her performance in 42nd Street Moon's production of Girl Crazy, Chad Jones of the San Francisco Examiner wrote, "There's nothing quite like a Gershwin revival to brighten

the musical scene. In the role made famous by Ethel Merman in her Broadway debut is Cami Thompson, who imbues Frisco Kate with Mae West sass and a voice West could only dream of and Merman would have to envy."

Both Singers' Showcase shows will be accompanied by Pat Parr on piano, Danny Min on bass and Scott Welsh on drums.

Tickets are adult: \$15, \$20 and \$25; child: \$12, and

senior: \$20. They may be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to each performance.

The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

Jazz in July Finale Features Amendola vs. Blades

The Livermore Public Library's *Jazz in July* series concludes on Sunday, July 29, 2012 at 2pm with *Amendola vs. Blades*, featuring jazz organist Wil Blades joined by drummer Scott Amendola.

This event will take place at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue. There is no charge to attend.

From cookin' with Blues legend John Lee Hooker to organ summits with B-3 master Dr. Lonnie Smith, Wil Blades is gaining critical acclaim and international recognition. Blades, a native Chicagoan, has become the San Francisco Bay Area's first call organist and is rapidly gaining momentum throughout the country. In 2007 and 2008, he was named in the Downbeat critics poll under "Rising Star" for organ. In addition to performing with legendary artists such as John Lee Hooker and Dr. Lonnie Smith, Wil has performed and recorded with Melvin Sparks, Idris Muhammad, Joe Louis Walker, Don Braden, Donald Harrison, Karl Denson, Will Bernard, Scott Amendola, Charlie Hunter, Stanton Moore, Betty Joplin, Eddie Marshall, Herbie Lewis, and many others. Born in 1979,



Jazz organist Wil Blades and drummer Scott Amendola.

Wil began playing drums at the age of 8, guitar at 13, and then found his true calling on Hammond B-3 at 19. While studying Jazz at New College of California with Herbie Lewis,

Wil landed weekly gigs at John Lee Hooker's Boom Boom Room in San Francisco. Barely of legal age, veteran musicians such as Oscar Myers took him under their wings. In the years since, Wil has received tutelage from Jazz Organ master, Dr. Lonnie Smith.

Wil has kept the traditional sounds of Jimmy Smith, Larry Young, and "Groove" Holmes alive, while creating a more personal, modern sound. His playing is rhythmic, funky

and bluesy, yet his original compositions are harmonically intriguing and unique.

Wil currently leads his own groups around the Bay Area and is dedicating his time to teaching the Hammond B-3 Organ privately and at the Jazzschool in Berkeley. Wil's debut record, "Sketchy", is now available on Doodlin' Records.

For Scott Amendola, the drum kit isn't so much an instrument as a musical portal. As an ambitious composer, savvy bandleader and creative foil for some of the world's most inventive musicians, Amendola applies his wide-ranging rhythmic virtuosity to a vast array of settings. Whatever

the context, Amendola possesses a gift for twisting musical genres in unexpected directions. By employing custom designed electronics, he's continually expanding his sonic palette.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Amendola displayed an aptitude for rhythm almost from the moment he could walk. His grandfather, Tony Gottuso, was a highly respected guitarist who performed with jazz luminaries such as Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Frank Sinatra, and Nat "King" Cole, and was a member of the original Tonight Show Band under Steve Allen. "We used to play together a lot when I was a teenager," Amendola says. "It had a huge impact on me to play with someone who was around when a lot of the standards that musicians like Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Keith Jarrett play were written."

After graduating from Boston's Berklee College of Music, in 1992, Amendola moved to San Francisco, where he quickly hooked up with Charlie Hunter. They went on to play together in the three-guitar-and-drums combo T. J. Kirk, which earned a Grammy nomination for its eponymous 1996

debut album.

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.

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Breakdancing Competition Draws Record Crowd

Arthur H. Barinque and AS 1 Movement held the sixth breakdancing competition in Livermore on Sunday, July 15 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. The event drew a record attendance of more than 300 people. Attendees traveled from as far as San Francisco, Stockton, even Columbia,

while others came from down the street.

Twenty teams from all around went into battle that day.

In the end, one team emerged as winners, Fallen Kingz. Fallen Kingz won respect, the cash prize, apparel, and a guaranteed top 16 spot at Kings of the Scene B Boy

League in Sacramento on August 25.

Arthur H. Barinque was able to make a cash donation to Horizons Family Counseling, because of all the support from the breakdancing competition. The money donated will go towards helping those of low income in Livermore

through Horizons' "Parent Project," and, "Crossroads to Change." Vendors at the breakdancing competition also made donations to help Horizons' efforts.

Arthur H. Barinque and AS 1 Movement would like to thank everyone who was part of making the event a success.

Oklahoma! O.K!

Presented by Tri-Valley Rep at the Bankhead

by Harry Stoll

Oklahoma!, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, as performed by the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre at the Bankhead, delivers a bright golden haze of beautiful and touching songs. Here are but three—Oh, What a Beautiful Morning, The Surrey with the Fringe on Top, and People Will Say We're in Love. It has some darkness, but much more light, and is robustly performed by the complete cast as they sing, act, dance, dosey-do, grab their partners and go round and round in a square dance, and carry on ever which a way—in the barnyard, on bales of hay, and among corn growing as high as an elephant's eye.

Each cast member renders Oh What a Beautiful Morning by over-emphasizing the letter 't'. Perhaps a minor irritation, but still irritating.

The musical is set near Claremore, Oklahoma in 1906 (the year Oklahoma became a state), a time when cattlemen and farmers fought on the frontier. Although Rodgers and Hammerstein are credited with breaking new ground by making the music and lyrics integral to the story, one of the weaknesses of the play is that the conflict is treated only good naturedly.

In Oklahoma! farmer's daughter Laurey (Katie Potts) could have symbolized the farmers, and cowboy Curly (Josh Milbourne) the ranchers. Again, a missed opportunity for tension and conflict. Or, it can be viewed as subtlety for the audience to figure out.

Potts played an ambiguously sensuous nerd in Tri-Valley's "Shout." She's pretty and has a pleasant singing voice. Inexplicably, she begins Oklahoma! in bib overalls, which do her no favor. It's hard to imagine what handsome dashing Curly sees in her, but he does. We do see her in a dress later on and she's right purty.

In an early scene the two are quite fetching as he takes her out in a surrey with the fringe on the top and curtains you can roll right down in case there's a change in the weather.

There are plenty of storms brewing. Curly visits the crazed Jud (Robert Sholty), a farm hand who lives in the smokehouse. He's a dangerous deluded loony who lusts after Laurey and believes she loves him. Seemingly out of nowhere, Curly sadistically suggests suicide to Jud. Sholty is believable as this darksider, so believable, that at curtain call, it seemed the audience would boo and hiss him, but they ended up applauding the performance.

The rank stench of the smokehouse scene is finally treated with humor, and it works, thanks to the skill of both actors. Both sing and dance the foreboding Pore Jud Is Daid with alacrity. Milbourne has an intriguing nuanced voice. Sholty is all sad basso profundo.

Will Peifer plays rodeo roper Will Parker with much gusto and dances in a cowpoke bowlegged stance that works. He is rather hefty, but that doesn't stop him from making all the right



The cast of Oklahoma performs one of the production numbers.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

moves. The character's first name being Will stands as a tribute to Oklahoma Territory humorist Will Rogers who spun a rope in his early 1930s Broadway monologues and lassoed America's heart.

When Will returns from a ropin' contest in Kansas City he brings not only his \$50 winnings, but memories of the burlesque theaters where the boys like to go, places of naughty delights that outdid our Paris fantasies. He brings a kaleidoscopic device with pictures of near nekkid ladies, a time-honored market. But the scope contains both sex and death, with a concealed stiletto foreshadowing, the way Chekhov's gun over the

doorframe does.

Will spends his \$50 on gifts for his honey, Ado Annie (Morgan Breedveld). Annie sings I Can't Say No. She is a delight as a woman of many romances, and portraying her as a girl who just liked to have fun, rather than a slut, must have been enlightened thinking at the time. Breedveld glows in a greenish-gold dress that highlights her blondness. When she jumps on and straddles a standing Will, it's goofy, clean fun. She'll light up your life.

One of Ado Annie's lovers is the Persian peddler Ali Hakim (Rick Costello). The folks pronounce his name hack im, rather like some of us render Iraq as eye rack.

Foreign accents seem to be automatically funny. You could figure racism, but Hakim does have some very funny lines as the amoral stereotype salesman who will do anything for a sale and Costello delivers them with wit and verve.

Ultimately Hakim is stuck with Gertie, played by the very talented Phoebe Leppla with a Minnie Pearslesque grating laugh.

Mary Gimeno is the wise feisty Aunt Eller, a frontier woman of wisdom who sees the world as it is, but deals with it in the way she wants it. She looks through Will's nekkidscope and is at first appalled, but keeps lookin'. She joins Will and the boys in singing Kansas City.

But later in the second act, when she began to peel, She proved that everything she had was absolutely real!

For the film these lyrics were sanitized to eliminate the peeling.

In a key dream scene (of Laurey's) the scarlet saloon women in scarlet high kickin' and shakin' a leg during the dream scene are Meaghan Hornbacher, Cara Pardo, Danielle Pierce, Monica Sousa, and Danielle Santisteven. They played it with artful joyous abandon.

Some of the dancers have other minor parts or are part of an ensemble of big-hatted men, and women in ruffled bloomers. The ensemble does more than support, their high-spirited skill-

Oklahoma . . .

fulness is essential to the spectacle. In addition to the scarlet harlots named above, the ensemble is: Austin Andrade, Cathy Ashland, KJ Brown, Christine Curulla, Max DeSantis, Elizabeth Dimits, Brian Fitzmaurice, Colin Fitzmaurice, Tatum Fitzmaurice, Eric Gateno, Britt Jensky, Sue Claire Jones, Emily Joy Kessel, Grace Mesenbring, Michael James Miille, Brian Olkowski, Bri Reynolds, and Dylan Spooner.

Oklahoma! Is based on the 1931 play, *Green Grow the Lilacs*, which is also an Irish folk song of lost love. The playwright is Lynn Green who was born in Claremont in 1899. He would have been in the first grade at the time the play is set. In an interview when he was in his eighties he said, "I can think I learned about the grave and the slope to the grave." He said the characters are based on people he knew. In an earlier interview he had a rosier view of his childhood, and in the play made things much more pleasant—a not unusual case of a writer selling out to get published.

The creepy stuff is overwhelmed by the delights of this work and prospective audiences should not be put off, but enjoy the joy and maybe ponder the rest. It does have a happy ending and two lovers ride off in a surrey whose dashboard is genuine leather.

Director is Kendell Tieck, Musical Director Jo Anne Fosselman, Vocal Director Evan Alperone, and Choreographer—Kevin Haymond

Performances are week-ends, through August 5. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore; 925.373.6800; www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Dublin Community Steps Up In Support of Nicole Malone

Nicole Malone is battling cancer for the second time in her twelve-year old life. After battling lymphoma five years ago, Nicole is now battling bone and soft-tissue cancer.

The Malone family was planning a trip to Disneyland in April when Nicole's leg began to hurt. The trip was canceled and Nicole began chemotherapy treatments.

Nicole's family, Tim and Janet Malone, are exploring every option available to help their precious daughter. As would be expected, this diagnosis has had a profound impact to the family emotionally, physically and financially. While friends and family have come together to provide emotional support, Nicole's parents must take time off from work, traveling to see specialists and to obtain treatments, taking a financial toll on the family finances.

To respond to this need, the Dublin community has held and planned a number of fundraising activities. "Residents of this city are known for their support and compassion for their neighbors and young people," said Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, "I know that many will come forward to support Nicole and her family as they contend with the trials before them."

On Friday July 27, the Green Gators Swim Team of Dublin will be swimming "Laps of Love for Nicole" at the Dublin Swim Center from 5-7 pm. Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti will be swimming laps between 5 and 5:30 pm. "I am proud to see the community come together to support Nicole and her family and I am humbled to do my part to help," said Mayor Sbranti. The swim center is located adjacent to Dublin High School at 8157 Village Parkway in Dublin. For more information on this fundraising event contact Kagan Wilkinson at 925-984-8949 or kagan.wilkinson@gmail.com.

Donations are welcomed and being accepted at an account set up for Nicole. Checks should be made payable to "Care of Nicole Malone" Account No. 999090095 and mailed to: Safe America Credit Union, 6001 Gibraltar Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588

The Malone family and friends deeply appreciate the support of the community during this very difficult time. For more information on Nicole Malone and efforts to assist the Malone family, contact Rob Turner at 650-804-2188 or turner.rob@sbcglobal.net.

Book of Poetry Offers Glimpse of a Family's Struggle with Autism

A new book of poetry by Connie Post has been published by Finishing Books.

The former Livermore Poet Laureate's collection of poems is titled "And When the Sun Drops."

The cover was designed by Trish Fenton.

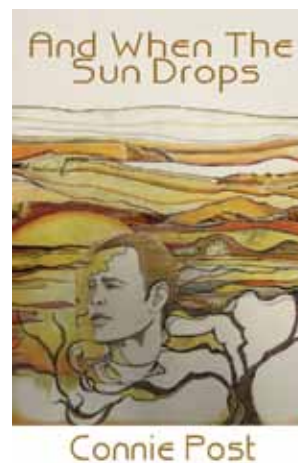
This collection encompasses a family's continuing struggle with autism. They focus on Connie's son growing into an adult and what this means for the family and her son. According to a press release, "The poems represent years of work and a crescendo of poetry that is honest and brave."

In "By the Window," the speaker addresses her son about ". . . the dawning of other worlds / of prisms that

would take you from us / that would take language from you."

Lana Hechtman Ayers, author of *A New Red*, writes, "Post's poems are focused, direct and unyielding. Her language expresses strong sentiment, but never descends into sentimentality, allowing the reader to feel authentic emotions. I shed more than a few tears over these beautifully wrought, honest poems. This collection is for anyone who desires to, as Post puts it, '. . . make an origami out of / any shape of loss / and make it somehow / feel like gratitude.'"

Connie Post served as Poet Laureate of Livermore, California from 2005 – June



2009. During her term she created two reading series "Wine and Words" and "Ravenswood". She currently hosts a series in Crockett, the "Valona Deli Second

Sunday Poetry Series."

Her work has appeared in both print journals and on line poetry magazines. Magazine, Wild Goose Poetry Review and The Great American Poetry Show

Her Awards and recognition include the 2009 Caesura Poetry Award from the Poetry Center of San Jose, the Dirty Napkin Cover Prize (Spring 2009). She was a finalist in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011 in the Muriel Craft Bailey Awards (Comstock Review) and a finalist in the 2008 Lois Cranstons Memorial Awards. Her poem was selected in the top five by Ursula Le Guin.

Her poetry has earned two Pushcart nominations

(2007 and 2010), and a "Best of the Net" nomination in 2010 from "Up the Staircase Quarterly".

Connie Post has been an advocate for autism for many years. She has presented to many local community colleges and groups on the subject of parenting and advocacy. She has served as a keynote speaker for professional and parent groups alike. She weaves her poetry throughout her discussions as a way to reach her audiences. Connie has been writing about the experience of parenting a son with autism for twenty years.

For more information go to www.finishinglinepress.com

Campers Learn How to Produce a TV Program



Tri-Valley TV Summer Campers shooting a segment in front of the Livermore Heritage Guild History Mobile.



Tri-Valley TV summer camper Sarah Lu from Dublin.

For the fourth summer Tri-Valley Community TV also known as TV30 is offering two sessions of a unique TV Summer Camp available to middle school and high school students in the Tri-Valley. The first camp took place the week of June 11 and the second session begins August 6. Ten camp-

ers from Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Hayward participated in the five day camp in June. The result is a special TV program produced by the students titled Tri-Valley Youth View. This one-hour special is currently airing on TV 30.

"We had a super group of 'new producers' in our

June camp," noted Melissa Tench-Stevens, Executive Director of TV30. "We have a couple of spots remaining in the August camp. Students in that camp will interview guests Livermore Mayor John Marchand and former Oakland Raider Napoleon Kaufman, among others."

Under the direction of Camp Director, Mitch Eason, the hands-on TV Camp provides an introduction to the technical and talent aspects of studio and field production. Tri-Valley Youth View was written and produced by the middle and high school students. They researched and wrote ques-

tions, acted as crew for all the production positions and were talent for the program.

Guests on the current episode include Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti who is interviewed about his job as Mayor, Dr. Marshall Kamena talks about coin collecting, Lee Jouthas from the Dublin Library, Jennifer

Amiel with the Pleasanton Museum on Main, Lisa Healy from Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and Nancy Mulligan from the Livermore Heritage Guild.

Mobile devices can view the stations without an app by going to trivalleytv.org and clicking on the Android or Apple icon for the station they want to view.

House of Samba Drum and Rhythm Show Offers Hands-on Entertainment

The Livermore Public Library will present the House of Samba Drum and Rhythm Show on August 1, 2012 as part of the library's Summer Reading Program, "Dream Big, Read!"

The Friends of the Library have underwritten

this program.

Expect to dance, sing, get involved and be transported around the globe through the sounds of drums and percussion! Samba Samba is an interactive educational workshop that uses music, rhythm, percussion instru-

ments, and drums as tools for capturing the imagination of the participants.

The program will take place at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 1st, at the Livermore Public Library, Civic Center, located at 1188 South Livermore

Avenue. This free performance 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. These programs are

geared toward children ages 4 and older.

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring special events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include sto-

rytimes, crafts, wildlife presentation and international performances. More information can be found at any of the library's three locations, or by clicking on "Kids' Place" at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian



Diseases We Conquered—Or Have We?

The presence here of two hospitals for tubercular patients, Arroyo Del Valle Sanatorium and the Veterans Administration Hospital, testifies to the terrible presence of TB before the advent of streptomycin and other antibiotics in the 1950s. Many people died of the disease at home without being hospitalized. Unfortunately, since the 1980s, some tubercular bacilli have become drug resistant.

Today, all Livermore Valley children are required to receive the DTaP combination vaccine, first developed in the 1940s to prevent diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis, any of the three often fatal to small children. Diphtheria is a highly contagious disease that spreads quickly; as soon as a case was known, officials would close the local school. In 1876 a diphtheria epidemic caused 25 deaths in Livermore. Pertussis, better known as whooping cough, is also an infectious bacterial disease. The membranes of the respiratory tract become inflamed and secrete extra mucous, causing the victim to have persistent attacks of coughing that sometimes

end in a relieved inspiration that is the “whoop.” Dr. William S. Taylor lost his little girl, Olive, to this disease in 1882, when she was only a year old. The three-week-old son of Richard C. Sweet died of whooping cough in 1903. A news article several days ago told of increased infections of whooping cough—nearly 18,000 cases reported this year in the United States, raising doubts about the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Typhoid fever is another disease that is curable with antibiotics. The bacterium *Salmonella typhi* is transmitted by drinking water or eating food that has been contaminated by fecal matter. Out-houses before the days of modern sewage systems were often the problem, with flies that flew into unscreened houses and landed on food. Dennis F. Bernal’s father died from the disease in Pleasanton in 1860. Here in Livermore in the late 1880s and early 1890s, baker Lorenz Huber, farmers James Egan and John O’Brien, gravedigger John McCauer, and ranchero Nathaniel Green Patterson all succumbed to the disease. Leland Stanford Jr. died of the disease. His parents created Stanford Uni-

versity in his memory. Eugene Day, Livermore livery stable owner, died of typhoid in 1908. With today’s safe food-handling practices, sanitary sewage treatment, and modern water systems, the disease rarely occurs now in California. Livermore put in its first sewer system in 1908. By 1896 scientists had developed a human vaccine using guinea pigs. In 1948 the first antibiotic was used. Some of the *Salmonella* bacteria, however, are beginning to show resistance to antibiotics.

Infantile paralysis, or polio, is caused by a virus that enters the body through the intestinal system. It then invades the spinal cord, leading to paralysis and muscle degeneration. Henrietta Greer believes the disease that struck her grandmother, Sophie Nissen, in 1894 in Livermore was polio. Local medical opinion did not agree because the disease was only known to infect children, not adult women of age 40 with six children; nevertheless, Sophie remained in a wheelchair with paralyzed legs until her death 36 years later. By 1921, when Franklin Delano Roosevelt con-



Hans and Sophie Nissen at their home in Livermore.

tracted polio while in his forties, more adults were being recognized as having the disease. The first public notice of infantile paralysis in Livermore was a front page story in the *Herald* on 8 October 1910, which told of four fatalities, two in Tesla and two in Dublin. In the same period the Livermore Valley reported six serious cases, none of them fatal.

In 1927, Barbara Merritt Adams, daughter of the head of Livermore’s Coast Manufacturing and Supply Company, was having a good time with her family vacationing at Capitola, frequently the destination of Livermore residents in the summer. She fell ill with polio, but at first no one suspected what was wrong. They returned home to Livermore, but Barbara continued to be ill. A city doctor was brought in and confirmed a diagnosis of infantile paralysis. The

family was house-quarantined for about three weeks. Barbara remembered that Schenone Grocery brought supplies and hung them on the apple tree in the backyard. She eventually developed paralysis in both legs. She stayed for 18 months at an Oakland hospital, part of that time in a body cast. She recalled a nurse who often read to her, and a canary named Henry. To amuse Barbara, her aunt made beautiful clothes for her dolls that closed with snaps and even buttons. One of her legs recovered, but she required a brace on the other. “I couldn’t run or skate or bicycle, but I could do everything else.” Her parents encouraged her to live a full life—camping, horseback riding, swimming, traveling.

In 1953 Jonas Salk developed a polio vaccine. In 1954 the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis launched an am-

bitious mass inoculation. Susan Dopking Canfield remembered when the vaccine was offered here in Livermore; her parents refused to allow her to be inoculated. She was very upset because she did not receive a Polio Pioneer lapel pin. Albert Sabin followed Salk’s development in 1961 with an oral vaccine that was easier to administer. On Sunday March 10, 1963 at what was billed as “K.O. Polio Family Day,” Livermore residents were offered the oral vaccine at Junction Avenue and Joe Michell Schools. The last polio case occurred in the United States in 1979. Unfortunately, some polio survivors are suffering a recurrence of the disease’s symptoms, labeled PPS, post-polio syndrome. This happened to Barbara Adams in 1995. As a result, she had to use a wheelchair.

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ART & ENTERTAINMENT



'Untitled' by Lynda Briggs



'Stonebridge Park' by Nicole Wakeman

"Absolutely Abstract" is the theme of the August art exhibit at the Livermore Library.

About 30 works of art will be displayed featuring all local abstract artists. The abstract show has become a very popular and annual event at the Library, one of the few venues for displaying abstract art in the East Bay. This creative collection explores the use of form and color instead of traditional subject matter.

"Absolutely Abstract" is showing at the Livermore Main Library Artist's Gallery at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. It is open during normal library hours.

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.

Mendocino Magic, exhibit of plein air paintings and photographs. Participating artists are Charlotte Severin, Bonnie Bartlett, Steve Barkkarie, Marv Dalander, Kathleen Elm, June Ferreri, Helene Hallett, Daniella Karo, Margo Kirkewoog, Arne Kirkewoog, Dorothy Maestas, Miranda Miller, and Justin Trent. Civic Center Library, 1188 So., Livermore Ave. The exhibit includes watercolors, oils, acrylics and photographs created on location in the Mendocino/Ft. Bragg area. The exhibit will be open for viewing July 2 to 31 during regular library hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 to 9; Fri. 10 to 6, Sat. 10 to 5 and Sun. noon to 5. For information, call 373-5500.

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

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Livermore Art Classes, Artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst offers art instruction to children and adults. Classes cover painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, collage, animation and construction. Students also learn about Master Artists from the History of Art. Thomasin Dewhurst's students have successfully prepared for entry into college art courses, entered and won awards at art shows, sold their work, and participated in their own exhibition at a local gallery space. For further information please call (925) 216-7231 email thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com>

Piano lessons, Private and small group piano lessons available for beginning students. Lessons include playing practice, theory, expression and an introduction to various types of music and composers. Private classes are \$15 per half hour and group lessons are \$12 per student per half hour (up to 4 students). For more information please call (925) 216-7231 email thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit <http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com/>.

WINERY EVENTS

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

La Luna Fridays, evening of tapas, live music and wines on the terrace of Murrieta's Well on Aug. 3, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 6 to 9 p.m. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore. \$50 per person, \$40 Silver Spur Club members plus tax; ticket includes live music, tapas and wine. Reservations are required. Call 925.456.2395. www.murrietawell.com

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

Winemaker's Pour House, 2241 First St., Livermore, live music: July 26, 7-9:30 p.m. Steve Kritzer; July 27, 7 to 10 p.m. Northern Static; July 28, 7-10 p.m. Steve Fread; July 29, 4 to 6 p.m. Mitch and Elissa. For more information call (925) 215-2656 or visit www.winemakerspourhouse.com

Charles R Vineyards July events: July 27, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday Night Uncorked. music by Steve Kritzer. Selected wines will be paired with delectable island fare. Each fourth Friday offers a different musician and appetizers set to a theme. Cost includes appetizers and a glass of wine. \$10 per guest and \$5 for club-members. Wine for purchase available by the glass and bottle. 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore, (925)454-3040, www.charlesvineyards.com

Wine and Wheels, Cedar Mountain Winery, July 29, noon to 4 p.m. The Altamont Cruisers will be Cruising in for the day to show off their muscle cars, street rods, custom and classic cars. Chair Massage for hire. Information about Cruisers and charitable activities go to www.altamontcruisers.org Wine tasting will be available from 12-4 (fees apply) Chair Massage available from 12-4 (fees apply). 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

Third Annual East Tesla Old World Wine Tour, Friday, August 3, 5:30 until 8:30. Les Chenes Estate Vineyards, Eagle Ridge, Bodegas Aguirre and el Sol will be serving wine and food pairings from around the world. Bodegas Aguirre will be serving Spanish pairings, Eagle Ridge will be serving Greek pairings. Les Chenes will be serving Celtic cuisine pairings and el Sol will be serving Italian pairings. Call or visit any of the four participating wineries. el Sol (925) 606-1827, Bodegas Aguirre (925) 606-0554, Eagle Ridge (925) 447-4328 and Les Chenes (925) 373-1662. Limited tickets available and will not be sold on the day of the event. Tickets: \$40.00 a person - \$35.00 for wine club members. Tickets include a souvenir logo wine glass plus raffle ticket.

Cedar Mountain Winery, Aug. 4, 6 to 9 p.m. BYOM (bring your own meal), rock music by Louisiana Rain. Winery supplies the grill with hot coals; bring grilling food and side dishes, plates and utensils. Wine by the glass/bottle and beverages available for purchase. Call the tasting room for more information at (925) 373-6636. Fee is \$5 p/person. No outside alcohol permitted.

Thomas Coyne Winery, Vinticulture and Winemaking Seminar, August 4 and 5, 2012, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 51 E. Vallecitos Road, Livermore. For information call 925 373-6541.

Charles R Vineyards Barbera Release & Club Pick-Up Party -August 11, Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Rock out with live music by the Hurricane Band and join us to celebrate a new addition to the Charles R flight of wines--a Barbera that's loaded with personality and sure to please in our club wine release party with a food and wine pairing. Tasting is \$5 per guest and tasting complementary for club-members. Wine for purchase available by the glass and bottle. 8195 Crane Ridge Road Livermore, (925) 337-3315

Wood Family Vineyards, 9th annual release party and futures pickup, Aug. 11 and 12. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Wines to be released: 2011 Chardonnay, 2010 Grenache, 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 30, 2010 50/50 (Zinfandel, Petite Siorah blend), and the 2010 "Big Wood Zin" Zinfandel. Live music by Patty & Abigail on Saturday and The Mundaze on Sunday. \$10 per person (waived for "Extended Family" club members) and keep the logo crystal wine glass. 7702 Cedar Mountain Road, Livermore, 606-7411. www.woodfamilyvineyards.com/

Thomas Coyne Winery Summer Open House, Aug. 18 and 19, noon to 5 p.m. at 51 E. Vallecitos Rd., Livermore. Four new wines to be released: 2011 La Petite Quest Rose, California; 2005 Syrah, Livermore Valley; 2007 Grenache, Livermore Valley; and 2010 Secrete wine from grapes that have never been bottled before. Served with a selection of fruits and cheeses. For more info call (925) 373-6541 or visit <http://thomascwynewinery.com>

Charles R Vineyards Friday Night Uncorked -August 24, Friday Evening, 5:30-8:30 p.m. summer evening on the patio at Charles R. This month's theme of Chuck Wagon, features appetizers paired with our award winning wine and music by

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Robyne and Nick Teslick. Board games available, or bring your own. Meet some new friends or invite those you know. \$10 per guest and \$5 for club-members. Cost includes appetizers and a glass of wine. Wine for purchase available by the glass and bottle. 8195 Crane Ridge Road Livermore, (925) 337-3315

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

Summer Concert Series, Sundays in July, 5:30 p.m. San Ramon Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon. Bring a picnic, blanket and/or lawn chairs. Adult beverages, soda and ice cream available for purchase. July 29, Fabulous Cruisetonics, oldies. Final concert Aug. 5, David Martin's House Party. Free admission. www.sanramon.ca.gov/Parks/events/summer_concerts.htm

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

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

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

Heavenly Harp in concert, Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 South Livermore Ave., Livermore, Saturday, July 28, at 7:00 pm. "Serenity" concert features peaceful harp, flute and vocal music performed by the mother-daughter duo Karin and Joy Gunderson. The concert will include familiar songs, a little light classical music and inspiring stories. All are welcome to this free concert event.

The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Aug. 1, An Evening with John Fogerty, Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. www.wentevineyards.com

Shawn Brown's Chasing Streetlights Album Release Show, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 5. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. firehousearts.org

Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra, August 9, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Aug. 15, Diana Krall Summer Nights US Tour, Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. www.wentevineyards.com

Carl Tilchen, International Singer/Songwriter, concert Aug. 16, 6 to 9 p.m. Nonni's Bistron, 425 Main St., Pleasanton. For information 510-371-9688, e mail cartilchen-music391@gmail.com. Carl Tilchen's Concert will include: Jazz, Popular Songs by Stevie Wonder, Folksongs by Pete Seeger, Blues by Ray Charles, and Original Comedy Songs The Guerilla Gardener, You Feel Romantic, & Google's Car No Driver.

Jerry Jeff Walker, August 17, 8 p.m. singer, songwriter, troubadour of cowboy rock 'n roll. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Aug. 29, Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. www.wentevineyards.com

ON THE STAGE

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

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

Pacific Coast Repertory Theater Showcase, Aug. 11, 8 p.m., Aug. 12, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Sally Struthers Live!, Aug. 18, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

The Mikado, by Gilbert & Sullivan, August 25 and 26, 8/2 p.m. Lamplighters Music Theatre. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Lamplighters open its 60th Season with Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado. The Mikado is a playful tale set in a make-believe Japanese town where flirting is a capital offense, The Mikado is actually a satire on Victorian British society. Nanki-Poo has fallen in love with the beautiful Yum-Yum, fiancée to the Lord High Executioner Ko-Ko. When the Mikado, emperor of Japan, demands the execution of

Ko-Ko, and Nanki-Poo volunteers to take Ko-Ko's place under the condition that he first be allowed to marry Yum-Yum, chaos, desperation, and comical mayhem ensue. Bankhead Theater, Livermore. Sat., Aug. 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 26, 2 p.m. 925-373-6800 or bankheadtheater.org

COMEDY

Creatures of Impulse Tri Valley High: Heroes and Villians, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 4, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Comedy Uncorked, Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore. Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Faith Alpher, Carla Clay and Kurt Weitzmann. Funds raised benefit Open Heart Kitchen. Advance tickets are \$30, tickets are \$35 at the door. For tickets and information, go to www.comedyuncorked.com. Retzlaff is located at 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

DANCE

Zydeco at the Bothwell, July 28, 6 to 10 p.m. dance party and lessons. Featured Mark St. Mary Delta Blues & Zydeco Band. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dance lessons at 6 and 8 p.m. \$15 at the door. www.bothwellartscenter.org 2466 8th St., Livermore.

Sunset Soiree An Evening of Dance and Fellowship, Sat., Aug. 4, 5:30 to 8p.m. Shea Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First Street. Downtown Livermore. Entertainment by Livermore School Of Dance Jazz Company and local entertainers. Bring a picnic dinner or purchase a boxed dinner from Uncle Yu's restaurant at a special price for \$5.50. Wear all white. Bring a blanket to sit and picnic on. Chairs and seating section for handicap and seniors will be provided. Tickets are \$10 per person or purchase a set of 4 for \$25. All ages welcome. For more information and to purchase even tickets and Uncle Yu's boxed dinners please log on to our web-site @ www.livermoredance.com

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

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

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

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association applications for the 40th annual Competition for Young Musicians deadline is Sun., Oct. 7, 2012. Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. Two winners will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 23, 2013. Each winner/soloist will be awarded \$300. Completed applications must be accompanied by an \$8 application fee and a CD or cassette tape for preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained from www.livamsymph.org or by contacting the competition chairperson at 447-1947.

MOVIES

Family Movies, outdoors in Dublin, arrival time, 7 p.m., showtime, approximately 8 p.m. No pets please. Refreshments available. Fri., July 27, Dolphin Tale, Heritage Park and Museums; and Fri., Aug. 10, Moneyball, Emerald Glen Park. Information, 556-4500.

Movies shown at dusk at Amador Valley Community Park, located at 4301 Black Avenue. Seating cordoned off in sections with blanket seating in the front, low-back beach chairs in the center, and camp chairs and other higher positioned seating in the rear. Thursday, July 26 The Muppet Movie (PG). Thursday, Aug. 7, Cars 2, (PG). Thursday, Aug. 9, Hugo (PG). Thursday, Aug. 16, The Adventures of Tintin (PG). Free admission. For more information about the film series, please call the Community Services Department at (925) 931-5340.

CHORAL

Broadway Chorus special benefit concert on August 25 and 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre presents "A Cabaret Gone Choral!" an evening of song, starring Broadway Chorus Directors Jenny Matteucci and Daniel

Lockert, a/k/a the Matlock Duo, and featuring the many friends and voices of Broadway Chorus. The program will include the music os of Broadway with songs from Berlin to Bernstein and beyond. Tickets www.firehousearts.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

Museum on Main, preschool pre-literacy program, M.o.M.'s Reading Time. For ages 2 to 5 and families, free reading program, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Reading at 10 a.m. with theme crafts following. Donations appreciated. No reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please phone in advance: 925.462.2766 or email: education@museumonmain.org. 2012 M.o.M.'s Reading Time Dates and Themes: August 8, It's A Circus; September 12, Fiesta; October 10, Creepy Critters; November 14, Thank You, Veterans; and, December 12, Light Up the Seasons. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton.

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

Taste of Downtown, August 4 & 5, 2012 - noon to 5 p.m. Downtown Livermore, a food & wine stroll. www.livermoredowntown.com

Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social at Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Rd., Livermore, August 12, 2012, Noon - 4:00 p.m. No admission charge. Pleasanton Community Concert Band. Classic Car show. Petting zoo. History mobile. Ice Cream and lunch available. Victorian historic estate. Ravenswood Progress League event. Sandy Silva, president 925-462-7324.

Ed Kinney Lecture Series, 7 p.m. An Evening with Sourdough Steve, Tues., August 14. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. \$10 general admission, \$5 members & seniors, \$3 students/teachers with ID. All tickets are paid at the door. All tickets are open seating. Information www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

Sunset at the Ridge, Friday Aug. 31, 6pm - 9pm. at Eagle Ridge Vineyard. This fund-raising event is presented with the Livermore High School Alumni Association (LHSAA). The profits from this event will be donated to the LHSAA to provide league approved uniforms for the LHS Boys Varsity & JV Soccer Teams. Without league uniforms, LHS must forfeit all the league soccer games. Evening of live music with TankhalfFull with food & wine available for purchase. There will be plenty of opportunities to contribute to the LHSAA & the Boys Soccer Teams. 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore. eagleridgevineyard.com/



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Voting Underway for Pets To Appear on Calendar; Other Events Planned

Valley Humane Society events:

- Voting for pets to appear on the 2013 Calendar Contest is underway through midnight on Tues., July 31. Each vote is \$1. All proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. The top 12 vote earners will automatically win a space in the 2013 calendar, and one grand prize winner will be selected for the calendar cover.

- Pair up for pets at the 3rd annual Tri-Valley Doubles Championships. Held over Labor Day weekend, September 1-3, the Doubles Championships is an all-doubles event for players of all abilities to benefit VHS. Entry fees of \$120 per team (\$60 for high school divisions) are tax-deductible. Register by August 27; visit www.trivalleydoubleschampionships.com for more information and sign-ups.

- Name Your Own Price in August: Through the

month of August, pet adopters will be able to name their own adoption fee. Not sure how much to offer? A tiered guide showing the cost of animal care at varying levels will be available for review. Standard adoption criteria apply.

- Join VHS on Saturday, September 23, for Paws in the Park 2012, the second annual charity dog walk and animal festival. Held at Amador Valley Community Park in Pleasanton, this year's event will feature a wide variety of activities, including demonstrations, a dog walk around the park, shopping with vendors, canine contests, food, and fun for the whole family. Proceeds from Paws in the Park 2012 will go to support the lifesaving efforts and programs of Valley Humane Society. Event registration begins July 30th.

More information can be found at www.valleyhumanesociety.org/

Family Night at Dublin Farmers' Market

"Family Night" will be held Thurs., July 26 at the Dublin Farmers' Market

The Market is held at Emerald Glen Park from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Activities for the whole family are planned, includ-

ing balloon twisting with Crackers the Clown!

The Valley Children's Mobile Museum will also be open for exploration. The East Bay SPCA will bring along some cute pets that need a new home.

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Milestones

Community

Lab's Mike McCoy First to Receive NNSA Science and Technology Award



NNSA Administrator Tom D'Agostino presents Mike McCoy with the first NNSA Science and Technology Award.

Administrator Thomas D'Agostino of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) today awarded the first NNSA Science and Technology Excellence Award to Michel McCoy from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) for his leadership with the Advanced Simulation and Computing (ASC) program.

McCoy serves as the program director for ASC in the Weapons and Complex Integration Principal Directorate at LLNL.

D'Agostino stated, "The award presented to Dr. McCoy represents NNSA's deep commitment to the science and technology that serves the breadth of our national security missions. Dr. McCoy's leadership helped NNSA's Sequoia supercomputer be named as the fastest supercomputer in the world."

The NNSA Science and Technology Excellence Award is the highest level of recognition for science and technology achievement in NNSA. It recognizes accomplishment that can include vision, leadership, innovation and intellectual contributions. The newly established award is intended to draw attention to the remarkable scientific and technological successes that are achieved by the researchers that support the NNSA mission.

As a deputy associate director in Computation at

LLNL, McCoy is responsible for the advancement of High Performance Computing (HPC). In particular, he takes responsibility for the strategic direction employed by the Livermore Computing Center, which is considered the world's premier scientific computing site. LLNL manages more than 23 petaflops of computing power on 22 HPC systems across the classified and unclassified computing environments serving laboratory research.

As program director in Weapons and Complex Integration, he is responsible for maintaining a productive and responsive relationship with the NNSA headquarters ASC office, with maintaining appropriate programmatic balance across the various ASC elements at LLNL, including integrated codes, physics and engineering models, verification and validation, computational systems and environments, and computing infrastructure, and in forging a coherent path to predictive simulation, necessary to affect the goals of complex transformation.

McCoy has worked with LLNL science teams to establish institutional computing for laboratory scientists and to foster partnerships with industry and academia. This emphasis is part of a vision for enhancing the role of simulation so that all programs, including the underlying science base that supports these programs, remain computationally enabled and intellectually healthy. He led the development of a strategy for simultaneous exploitation of multiple computing technologies to meet a broad spectrum of mission requirements at low cost. As a result of the successful implementation of this strategy, McCoy was recognized in the LLNL Edward Teller Prize in 2004.

Romance

Donald and Marlene Kelly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, July 21, 2012. Happy Golden Anniversary Dad, Mom, Grandpa & Grandma.

Sarah Andrews and Brian Wilson have announced plans to wed. The date set for the ceremony is August 25, 2012 at Ravenswood Historic Site in Livermore.

Milestones

Daughters of the American Revolution Moves to Digital Age

Community

No more boxes for Daughters of the American Revolution, José Maria Amador Chapter, NSDAR. Member Dona Smith has been constructing a digital album of the chapter's various scrapbooks, recording secretary's minutes, and chapter history by scanning old photos, fading yearbooks, and cracking newsletters and records, and then compiling them on disc.

"This is a small way that I feel I can contribute to the chapter," said Smith. "The boxes of history, from 1973 to current, were moving from garage to storage shed to closet, and some have been lost entirely."

Chapter Regent Diane Groome was impressed with the project that Smith has undertaken. "This was a huge job," said Groome. "The work she put into getting the chapter's archives onto disc is amazing. 'Thank you' just isn't enough to express how much we appreciate her volunteer efforts."

Smith, who has been a chapter member for six years, has a good understanding of the chapter's history and believes it is important enough to be

preserved.

"The volumes of history will probably fit on a single DVD, and each video is on a separate disc," explained Smith. "I have been through the treasurer's records twice now, pulling out what seems important to keep. The financial records are all I have left to scan and that will probably take a couple of months."

A treasure was found in the bundled boxes---a 1987 Jose Maria Amador Chapter Cookbook. Smith believes the cookbook was for a chapter fundraiser and sold for \$5 each.

Other interesting finds were documentation of field trips the Daughters took to do research, visit historic sites, and call on vets at Veteran's medical centers. Early members who participated in these past outings were Susan Denny, Sharron Paukert, and Shirley Williams.

"There was memorabilia of a grave marking in Gilroy," said Smith. "A chapter member had managed to locate a relative buried in St. Mary's cemetery there."

Smith estimates that she will have the digital albums finished by the chapter's



DONA SMITH

next meeting, Sept. 8. "It has taken many, many long weeks of scanning photos and documents to electronically organize them into a manageable album," said Chapter Librarian Mary Mallery. "Dona has performed a wonderful service for Jose Maria Amador. We thank her for this monumental job."

A great advantage to digitizing these documents is that copies can easily be made. "Copies can be given to the CSSDAR (California State Society) and NSDAR (National Society)," said Smith. "We can proudly tell other chapters that JMA (Jose Maria Amador Chapter) has moved to the digital age."

Steven Kent and La Rochelle Wineries Plan to Expand to Southern California

Steven Kent Winery and La Rochelle are teaming with R&R Wine Marketing in three key Southern California markets. This will be the first real opportunity for on and off-premise accounts in the region to have access to these limited wines.

Steven Mirassou, proprietor of the Steven Kent Portfolio commented, "R&R has a terrific team of professionals bringing a great selection of wines to the retailers and restaurateurs of San Diego, Orange County and the Desert. We are honored to be part of this great new team and look forward to being a vital part of the wine scene in these three markets."

The Steven Kent Winery, Lineage, and La Rochelle brands are part of the Steven Kent Portfolio. The Steven Kent Winery is located in the historic, world-class Livermore Valley appellation. Owner / winemaker Steven Kent Mirassou, sixth-generation of America's oldest winemaking family, specializes in crafting small-lot wines based on Cabernet Sauvignon and the Bordeaux varietals - conscientiously farmed on the Ghielmetti Vineyard and the winery's own estate blocks. Lineage is a single-wine brand that aspires to make one of the finest Bordeaux-style blends in the world.

La Rochelle Winery focuses on small-lot, vineyard-centric Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from the Santa Lucia Highlands, Anderson Valley, Sonoma Coast, and Russian River Valley appellations. Owner Steven Mirassou and Winemaker Tom Stutz' "Burgundian" portfolio also includes a limited release Pinot Meunier, Rosé of Pinot Noir, and a méthode champenoise sparkling wine.

The Steven Kent and La Rochelle wineries are open daily in the Livermore Valley wine country at 5443 Tesla Road. Their online home is www.StevenKentPortfolio.com

Education

Cornell University's Curran Reddy of Dublin has been placed on the Dean's List of the College of Arts and Sciences for Excellence in Scholarship for the Spring 2012 semester. The College of Arts and Sciences is Cornell University's largest undergraduate college.

Hansen Shi, grade 10, of Dublin, ; parents Dr. Jianxiang Shi and Mrs. Manli Zhang, earned Highest Honors for the spring 2012 term at the Phillips Exeter Academy.

Madeline Saxton from Pleasanton, has made the Dean's List for Franklin & Marshall College's spring 2012 semester. Madeline is the daughter of Robert Saxton and Laurie Saxton, of Pleasanton (94566), and a graduate of Foothill High School.

Nisha Patel, of Dublin, has graduated from Loyola Marymount University, joining over 1,300 classmates in LMU's 2012 Centennial graduating class. Patel earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.



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