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### Find Out What's Happening

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

# Zone 7 Agency Welcomes Brown's Backing of 'Twin Tunnels' Plan

#### By Ron McNicoll

The announcement by California Gov. Jerry Brown that he favors a plan to build two tunnels under the Delta to convey more fresh river water to state and federal water projects was welcomed by Zone 7 Water Agency general manager Jill Duerig.

Brown's announcement on July 25 amounted to an endorsement of a plan that was the result of years of deliberation among stakehold-

ers involved in the Bay Delta a state initiative. Some 90 Conservation Plan (BDCP). The talks were led by state and federal officials in the fields of water supply and environmental protection.

Brown still would have to obtain approval from the Legislature to make the plan a reality. He did that once before, in 1982, in his first tenure as governor.

The bill to construct a Peripheral Canal around the Delta passed the Legislature in 1982, but it was ended by

percent of northern California voters voted against it.

Duerig said in a formal statement, "The Delta's ecosystem is in crisis while the state's water project is comprised of infrastructure that is aging and inadequate. Taking steps now for a Delta solution that employs science to address both needs equally may be the single, best chance to avoid disaster.

"The entire Bay Area

depends on the Delta watershed for two-thirds of its drinking water supply. For people in the Tri-Valley, the plumbing that is proposed in tunnels under the Delta is no less than a lifeline to the Sierra snowmelt needed to maintain our current quality of life," said Duerig.

"The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is our best hope of addressing the challenges of a deteriorating Delta ecosystem and building a water conveyance

system that can withstand the effects of a major earthquake and climate change," Juerig stated.

Duerig told The Independent that the reliability of the water supply from the Delta now is "unacceptable." She said, "We won't have enough water to put into the storage basin (under the Valley). We will see the supply declining. It will not be reliable enough, nor will there be enough of it." Close (See WATER, page 10)

### Livermore Schools Plan **Transitional Kindergarten** Program

Beginning with the 2012-13 academic year, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) will offer a Transitional Kindergarten Program (T-K program), SPROUTS, Students Participating in Readiness **Opportunities Using Themes** in Science.

Schools participating are Altamont Creek, Jackson Avenue, Marylin Avenue, and Michell K-8.

In the past, children born before Dec. 1 start kindergarten. The new transitional program hasestablished a three year lead in to change the admission date. In the first year, admission will be to children born between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1; the second year between Oct. 1 and (See TRANSITIONAL, page 3)

### Merchant Wants a **Flagpole Back On P Street**



CalTrans Hears **Ideas About Lower Impacts For Niles Canyon Road** 

CalTrans can construct many low-impact modifications to Niles Canyon Road to make it safer, without greatly changing the road.

That was the word from consultants who spoke at a three-hour meeting on July 30 to more than 125 concerned residents from Sunol and Fremont.

A year ago, the agency cut down 99 trees and proposed removing 600 more trees to widen the road and add shoulders.

The consultants suggested working mostly within the frame of what is already there, adding such things as radar signboards to slow motorists, and adding re-

(See NILES, page 2)

### 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. Swimmers warmed up for the championship meet with dual meets last weekend.

### California Vaccination Law Saving Lives: Kaiser Expert

**By Jeff Garberson** 

While states from Washington to New York are reporting serious outbreaks of whooping cough, California appears to be protected

new law requiring whooping cough vaccinations for nearly all children going to

2010 epidemic that killed 10 California children - all infants — and sickened thouschool, according to a Kaiser sands more. That epidemic Permanente expert on vac- was a "catastrophe" because whooping cough epidemics cine effectiveness in Marin Costa counties have each

Kaiser expert.

Witt has studied vaccine effectiveness nationally and in California, most recently publishing a paper on vaccough rate in California is "trivial" so far this year.

According to the California Department of Public Health, Alameda and Contra

### By Ron McNicoll

Livermore once was a strong flagpole city, with the crowning glory of Old Glory, first flying in 1905, on a pole that was 126 feet tall, at the intersection of North Livermore Avenue and First street.

There still is a tall flagpole at that location, a 120foot fiberglass pole, which replaced the wooden one in 2005.

However, missing in the downtown are what one merchant recalls as "six flagpoles that you could see when you looked right down First Street" from his store,

(See FLAGPOLE, page 2)

### LARPD **Declines to Discuss Merger**

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) rejected a request to discuss the potential for LARPD to become an enterprise program governed by the city.

The LARPD board vote was unanimous.

The request came from Mayor John Marchand. The premise behind the idea is that over \$3 million per year from the ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund) property tax shift would be realized. The City of Livermore also loses money to ERAF each year, but at a lower percentage. The theory is that the shift of park funds would be reduced to the level of that of the city.

Director Maryalice Faltings was the only board member who commented on the issue. She stated, "To the mayor, what part of 'no' are you not understanding. This is an independent district." She added that

(See MERGER, page 5)

cinations. against epidemics this year

at least partly because of a a year ago in response to a cording to David Witt, the week, he said the whooping

The state law was passed are largely preventable, ac- County. In an interview last reported only two cases of

(See LIVES, page 10)

### **Oversight Board Approves List of Recognized Obligations**

the Livermore Successor Agency approved the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the first six months of 2013. The vote was 5 to 1, with

Dunlop was absent.

The Oversight Board is charged with reviewing actions taken by the Successor Agency in winding down the Redevelopment

The Oversight Board of Beth Wilson opposed. Bill Agency in Livermore. The ROPS consists of a list of enforceable obligations that the Livermore Successor Agency (LSA) needs to pay on behalf of the former Livermore Redevelopment

Agency (RDA). The ROPS includes loans, bonds, and agreements. Among the agreements is one with the nonprofit Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC) to build a regional

theater.

Wilson, who represents the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District on the Oversight Board, questioned whether the regional theater (See OVERSIGHT, page 5)

### Summit Got People Looking at **Taking Action for Hispanics**

People attending a White House Hispanic Community Action Summit at Las Positas College talked about their hopes in helping Latinos succeed in the nation's educational system.

The summit was held July 26. It drew 276 community members from four counties along with 20 federal officials.

It was the 21st such gathering in the nation over the past year or so. The series was started when White House policymakers held a national conference, and learned that people at the grassroots wanted to take action on the problems facing Hispanics concerning education.

Marco Davis, deputy director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, chaired the all-day conference.

leadership role in organizing the Las Positas event.

After hearing speeches from Davis and colleague Gabriel Sandoval, the attendees moved into discussion groups to assess needs, think of solutions, and form action plans that might implement solutions.

They discussed ensuring adequate provision of health care by getting information out to Hispanic people. Job creation through support of small businesses and the local economy was another topic.

"Fixing our broken immigration system" was another agenda topic in the discussion groups. One participant (Srr ACTIONS, page 5)



A dedication ceremony was held Tuesday to welcome the University of San Francisco (USF) East Bay campus to Pleasanton. 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 Desiree Shaw, director of the campus. The academic programs at the Pleasanton campus are offered through the School of Management, School of Education, and School of Nursing and Health Professions.

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Jerry from the Siamese duo, Jerry AND June. Jerry is a lilac point Siamese and June is a seal point Siamese. At about 4 months old, they are ready to conquer the world, meet new people, and explore new digs. They are a bonded pair who will melt your heart the minute you set eyes on them. 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 St., Pleasanton. Photo by Trina Cort

### of San Francisco Pictorial Histor Davis credited Aaron Ortiz, a Livermore resident who heads the newly formed East Bay Youth and Family Initiative (EBYFI), based in Livermore, for taking the



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Wendy Weathers (far right), chairperson of the Livermore Fireworks Committee, presented a check for \$5,764 to the Knights of Columbus for providing parking services at the July 4th event. The Knights of Columbus plan to use the money in support of its Living Bethlehem project. The plan is to construct a replica of Bethlehem in which to stage a living recreation of the Nativity. Dates selected are Dec. 13 to 17, 2012. For additional information, to help build the city or be a cast member, visit www.livingbethlehem.org. Members of Knights of Columbus are (from left) Andrew Porter, Don Humphrey, Dennis Lundbom, Chuck Bellavia, Joe Revolinsky, and Doug Fernandez.

### FLAGPOLE

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Abbey Carpet & Floor, on P Street in the 1960s.

The merchant, Gary Wolfe, would like to see one of those flagpole locations make a comeback. Until recently, a flagpole stood in front of a store on the corner of First Street and P Street, next to Wolfe's business.

Wolfe, an Army veteran, called the 40-foot pole historic. "It was very meaningful and symbolic to the community of Livermore," he stated.

The building at one time housed a bank, went through various transformations, and eventually was used as a seasonal store selling items at Halloween and other holidays

new building footprint was shifted west on the lot. Walgreens will be located there.

There is room on the site for a flagpole. However, a check with city planners found that Walgreens has no plans to build a new flagpole, said Wolfe.

He said that no condition requiring a replacement were attached to the approval of the building.

Wolfe said that flags continue to disappear from communities. They seem to be receding from society's awareness

So Wolfe is busy now, organizing local merchants to obtain a new flagpole. When the building was He has been networking demolished, its flagpole with other Livermore Val-

went with it, because the lev Chamber of Commerce members to start a push for a new pole, while hoping that the drug store chain would pay for it. The chain might find it to be a good community relations move, he said.

> Wolfe wrote to the property developer, and said he was promised that the developer will talk to the drug chain about a flagpole.

> Asked about the cost of maintaining a flagpole's mechanical parts, and the attention employees might have to give to flag display, Wolfe acknowledged that it can be a consideration for a firm. However, he pointed out that freedom comes at a cost, too, as military veterans well know. He wants people to have more reminders of that, with flags flying.

### Bankhead Ticket Sales Running 51% Ahead of Same Time Last Year

The new LVPAC Presents 2012-13 Season of 45 performance events from around the world is off to a healthy start according to information released by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC). The new Bankhead season, which has been on sale for just over one month, is enjoying advance ticket sales running 51% ahead of the same time one year ago.

Now completing its fifth season, the Bankhead Theater has hosted more than 375,000 attendees, including 75,000 school children, for more than 900 performance and community events. In addition, LVPAC has re-

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flective signing on a bridge abutment.

The consultants identified some hotspots on the road which will need some significant solutions. They include a blind spot for westbound motorists who want to turn right onto Palomares Canyon Road, a narrow underpass entry near the west end of the road, and sharp curves at the Alameda Creek Bridge.

Also on the list is the back-up traffic on Highway 84 at the stop sign near the Sunol Water Temple. It's the site of rear-end crashes, and leads to heavy traffic cutting through on Main Street in Sunol, said the consultants. One possible remedy might be a traffic roundabout at that location.

CalTrans shut down preliminary work on Niles Canyon Road more than a turned more than 4 million dollars in ticket receipts to local performing groups in furtherance of their artistic missions and operations.

According to Len Alexander, LVPAC's Executive Director, "The overall economic impact of the Bankhead Theater within our community is almost 4 million dollars each year. The addition, over the past five years, of new restaurants and shops in our downtown is a potent reminder of the power of the arts to transform and enhance communities, as well as people's lives."

The new Bankhead season includes encore perfor-

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year ago after public on-site protests of the removal of 99 trees in the canyon.

After a series of community meetings in which residents sounded off in angry opposition to the CalTrans plan, the agency started over.

Step one in that process was the meeting in Niles to explore a process that would achieve CalTrans' goal for better safety. It would also address the residents' desire for minimum disturbance of the environment, and no changes that would convert the road into what they fear would be a speedway.

CalTrans brought in two consultants for this first step, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and a team of consultants, both private and some public agency planning and engineering staff, named the Value Analysis Team.

mances from such favorites as Arlo Guthrie, Chanticleer, Jake Shimabukuro, Dave Mason, Capitol Steps, Flash Cadillac and The Kingston Trio along with some spectacular newcomers, The Moscow Boys Choir, Paco Pena, The Lettermen, Kathy Mattea, John Hammond, Red Clay Ramblers, Dan Zanes, Jesse Cook and San Francisco's Smuin Ballet.

Tickets for all LVPAC Presents performances are now on sale at the Bankhead Theater ticket office or online at www.BankheadTheater.org

The Bankhead is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

The FHWA consultants worked with Niles Canyon traffic safety data from 2000 to 2010. Its report went to the analysis team, which used its own data from 2007 to 2010. That group started with 2007, because some improvements, such as rumble strips, were installed then. They wanted to see the effect of improvements over that three-year period.

CalTrans public information officer Traci Ruth said that none of the ideas are anything but ideas at this stage. They are there for the public to discuss. Another meeting will be held in a month or two, to allow the public to digest the information from this week.

Jeff Miller, director of the Alameda Creek Alliance, a leading critic of CalTrans' original plan, said that what he heard at the meeting was encouraging.



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## LEY ROUND

### **Testing Completed**

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) successfully conducted the third seismic Source Physics Experiment (SPE-3) at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). The seismic experiment was the third in a series of seven underground, fully-coupled, highexplosive field tests.

The series is a long-term NNSA research and development effort that aims at improving arms control and nonproliferation treaty verification. The experiment's findings are intended to advance the U.S.'s ability to detect and discriminate low-yield nuclear explosions amid the clutter of conventional explosions and small earthquake signals.

NNSA's three national laboratories have already used the data from the first experiment in the series, SPE-1, executed on May 3, 2011, and the second, SPE-2, executed Oct. 25, 2011, to refine and improve geophysical models and to make pre-shot predictions for SPE-3. The results of SPE-3 and all further experiments will continue to advance the national nuclear security strategy across the whole of government.

The Source Physics Experiments represent a U.S.-interagency wide endeavor, with Los Alamos National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories and the Department of Defense's Defense Threat Reduction Agency all serving as partners in SPE-3. Each entity brings its own expertise and resources to the experiment and all will share the resulting data.

The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) is an integral part of the U.S.'s nuclear nonproliferation and arms control agenda that prohibits all nuclear explosive testing. In the absence of nuclear explosive testing, the U.S. Government employs a number of programs to verify a safe, secure and reliable nuclear stockpile. Elements such as seismic Source Physics Experiments provide the ability to better monitor and characterize foreign weapons programs to verify treaty compliance.

### Hiroshima Day

Hundreds of peace advocates to "Foreclose on the Bomb, Not the People" are expected to gather Sun., August 5 to commemorate the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m.

According to the protestors, nuclear weapons spending has increased. They will talk about the economic reality of weapons spending while people's basic needs go unmet. There will be speakers, music, local organizations, and food courtesy of Food not Bombs.

Natalia Mironova, engineer, activist and former legislator from Chelyabinsk, Russia, will speak on US-Russian nuclearism. Other speakers will be Takashi Tanemori, Hiroshima bomb survivor; Michael Eisenscher, US Labor Against the War; Tara Dorabji, Tri-Valley CAREs; Andy Lichterman, Western States Legal Foundation.

Music includes Emma's Revolution, back for a return engagement, local band Tasha Kame, and Daniel Zwickel.

The event will take place across from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory at William Payne Park, corner of Vasco Rd. and Patterson Pass Rd., Livermore.

### Stark Best for Working Families

Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA) was recognized by Working Mother Media and Corporate Voices for Working Families with the 2012 Best of Congress award. Stark was honored for his longstanding support for working families through legislation, advocacy, and by setting an example through the family-friendly policies promoted in his Congressional office. Stark and other 2012 winners will be featured in the August/September issue of Working Mother magazine and on WorkingMother.com.

Stark announced nearly \$5 million in grants awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) and Urban Development to Alameda County. The money will help improve housing and economic opportunities for moderate-, low-, and very low-income individuals in Alameda County.

Stark stated, "I am very pleased to see that Alameda County is receiving the funding and support that it deserves. The County continues to work tirelessly on behalf of those in need, and this federal support will help our local government to provide ongoing assistance to low-income people and families, emergency homeless shelters, and affordable housing."

The HUD grant money will be awarded through:

 Two Community Development Block Grants totaling more than \$2.5 million, in order to help local government create and expand housing and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals.

• Two Emergency Shelter Grants totaling \$200,470, which will fund quality improvements and expansion of homeless shelters.

• One grant through the HOME program totaling nearly \$2 million, which will help support housing programs for affordable housing to low- and very lowincome families.

### TRANSITIONAL (continued from page one)

Dec. 1. By the third year, the tional Kindergarten planning cut-off date for enrollment will be Sept. 1.

The focus for the transitional kindergarten program is Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math or STEAM. The SPROUTS T-K Program is designed to be the first year of a 2-year kindergarten experience for children affected by the State change in kindergarten eligibility. Program hours are 8:45 - 12:05 daily.

The Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 amended the California Educational Code to change the required birthday for admission to kindergarten and first grade. The act established a transitional kindergarten program beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. Research shows that children who attend kindergarten readiness programs such as transitional kindergarten are more likely to do well in school and become lifelong learners. A transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum and is age and developmentally appropriate.

Superintendent of Schools Kelly Bowers said, "In the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD), we recognize that by enrolling students in a transitional kindergarten class, we optimize the likelihood that they will continue a successful K-12 educational career in our District. The SPROUTS T-K program will capitalize on young students' natural curiosity and eagerness to learn, and ensure our 'budding young minds of the future' blossom into exceptional students and make the most of their entire academic experience. This is how life-long learners are cultivated."

According to Kim Farrand, SPROUTS Coordinator, "The LVJUSD Transi-

team met over the course of the past year to develop this unique curricular offering. The instructional and curriculum considerations are based on a blend of the California Kindergarten Standards, California Preschool Foundations and the California Common Core Standards. As developmentally appropriate, the program is driven by student interest and the Life Science Experimentation and Investigation standards. The interactive classroom structure is designed to include centers and multiple settings for hands-on activities and whole group circle time, and is organized around big ideas and themes."

Curriculum is centered around the UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science themes from their Great Explorations in Math and Science (GEMS) curriculum for young learners. Read aloud materials link to this curriculum, enabling teach-

ers to develop vocabulary, reinforce literacy concepts, and increase content knowledge. Additional materials used to increase literacy include Handwriting Without Tears and Zoo Phonics. These materials work to develop phonemic awareness, phonics skills, letter recognition, letter/sound patterns, appropriate letter formation, and writing skills. Additionally, students will use Math Their Way to explore patterning, number sense concepts, geometry, and measurement.

Currently, children who turn 5 in November are eligible for the SPROUTS program. Older children can request a transfer into SPROUTS and will be admitted on a case-by-case basis.

To find out additional information about the LVJUSD SPROUTS T-K Program contact Student Services at 925-606-3206. A child may be registered at www. livermoreschools.com



### Draft Livermore Climate Action Plan

The City has prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) for public review. The Draft CAP outlines strategies and activities the City and Community can take to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emission levels produced in Livermore.

The CAP implements General Plan policy and statewide efforts, under the Global Warming Solutions Act, to reduce GHG emissions in California to 1990 levels by 2020.

The public review period is from Wednesday, August 1 through Friday, August 31, 2012. Planning Commission and City Council review is tentatively scheduled for September and October, 2012.

Copies of the document are available for review online at: www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd/planning/default.asp and at:

City Hall, 1052 South Livermore Avenue Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue

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#### Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Audience members dance to the Latin jazz with salsa music of El Desayuno during the Friday Nights LIVE concert last week. On Aug. 3, the Gabe Duffin Band will play classic rock. The free concerts are sponsored by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center (LVPAC). They are presented on the Shea Homes Stage outside the Bankhead Theater from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. each Friday night from June through mid-September. The final concert on September 14th launches the fourth annual LVPAC Guitar FEST featuring live music, free clinics and other events for guitar enthusiasts and music fans. The Bankhead Theater and Shea Homes Stage are located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore.



### Education Programs

For a complete list of classes and class fees, lectures and health education resources, visit pamf.org/healtheducation.

August 2012

### A Mother's Place: Postpartum Support Group

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 925-875-6223

**Dublin Center** 4050 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin



Meet with an R.N. and certified lactation consultant to ensure your first weeks of motherhood are healthy and happy.

### Your Baby's Doctor

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Dublin Center** 4050 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin



650-853-2960

This is a free one-hour class to learn about normal newborn appearance and behavior as well as soothing techniques from one of our Dublin Center Pediatricians or Family Medicine doctors. After the presentation, our doctors will be available for a Q&A session about everything newborn as well as how the pediatrics and family medicine departments work, what happens in the hospital and what to look for in the first few weeks with your baby.

#### **Childbirth and Parent Education Classes** 650-853-2960

Breastfeeding – Secrets for Success

Preparing for Birth

#### **Nutrition and Diabetes Classes** 510-498-2184

Living Well with Diabetes

#### Weight Management Programs 510-498-2184

- New Weigh of Life
- (adult weight management)

### **Community Health Resource Center**

The Health Resource Center offers information and support for those who wish to make informed decisions regarding their health and wellness. The center is open to all members of the community.

- Nurse health educators
- Health reference books
- Health lectures
- Health newsletters
- Informational brochures
- Educational DVDs and videotapes
- Access to health information websites
- Information on community resources

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Dublin, 925-875-6150 and Fremont, 510-623-2231

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## **EDITORIAL Working Towards Solutions**

Two high powered sessions were held in the Tri-Valley last Thursday.

A panel of business experts drew a near capacity audience at Casa Real. The event, hosted by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce and Innovation Tri-Valley showcased local technologies and innovations.

The panel focused on how to grow jobs in the US and keep them here. They talked about public and private partnerships, changes in export laws, and improved education as ways to move innovation to the marketplace.

Education was also a key part of a White House Hispanic Community Action Summit at Las Positas College. Those attending discussed their hopes of helping Latinos succeed in the nation's educational system.

The summit, which attracted just under 300 participants, was part of a series started when White House policymakers held a national conference, and learned that people at the grassroots wanted to take action on education problems facing Hispanics.

Those attending either session had to be pleased with the fact that people are working together beyond politics to try to solve issues facing the region and the nation.

### **ELECTION 2012**

#### **DeMarcus to Run for Pleasanton Council**

Erlene DeMarcus, Pleasanton's former BART Board Representative and longtime Pleasanton resident, announced she will run for Pleasanton City Council in the November 6, 2012 General Municipal Election.

Before her election to the Board, DeMarcus led the community effort to persuade BART to adopt the east Dublin/Pleasanton extension project, and subsequently the campaign effort to pass the countywide transportation tax necessary to fund it. According to her statement, once elected to the Board, she pushed the Pleasanton extension to the top of the project list.

Asked why she is running, DeMarcus said, "Pleasanton is my home and I want to continue to do what I can to improve the quality of life for all of us. " She expects to focus on issues such as transportation, jobs, public safety and children's services as ways of improving the quality of life.

DeMarcus has already attracted broad-based support. Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett, Štate Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Assemblymember Joan Buchanan, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, BART President John McPartland and Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern are just a few of the sponsors of her first fundraising breakfast, August 15 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. While a congressional staffer for Jerry McNerney she advised the Congressman on Regional Transportation issues. She was one of the founding board members of the Pleasanton-Dublin Livermore WHEELS bus program.

support services at all three school levels, advanced intervention programs in reading, science and math, upgrades to athletic fields at Amador and Foothill high schools, and maintaining important art, music and athletic programs.

Grant said he was also "instrumental in increasing the number of school-based nurses through his close collaboration and efforts with ValleyCare." The district went from one full-time nurse to three because of that improvement.

Grant was a founding member of the district's excellence in education committee, and has been an advocate for special eduction. He has served on the board of the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and the Pleasanton economic vitality committee.

Grant has been chosen as school board president twice.

Arkin said that as a parent of three children and a professional with an MBA, she understands the importance of a high quality education.

She served as board president in 2011, and is a delegate to the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

Arkin has served on the strategic plan, budget advisory, board policies and auall committees of the board She represented the board as its liaison to the special consultant who helped select Parvin Ahmadi. Arkin said her priorities include transparency in the board's decision making, and effective communication with the community. She credited support from district employees, parents and the community for maintaining "our excellent educational program." Arkin wants to improve and maintain the excellent academic programs, while ensuring that all students are given the opportunity to reach their maximum potential. "I consider the best interest of kids in every decision I make," she said. Citing a passion for education of the students in the district, Arkin said it is important to offer all students from high achievers to those needing interventions the opportunity to reach their maximum potential.

### **Business Experts See Public-Private** Partnerships As Way to Grow Economy

Public and private partnerships, changes in export laws, and improved education are all keys to growing the economy.

Those observations were voiced during the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Innovation Tri-Valley luncheon. It was held last Thursday at Casa Real in Pleasanton with a goal of showcasing local technologies and innovations.

A panel of business experts, which focused was on how to grow jobs in the US and keep them here.

Peter Burrows, senior writer for Bloomberg Businessweek, served as the moderator.

Among the panel members were Carl Guardino, CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, which has a membership of 375 companies; Ken Turteltaub, Livermore National Laboratory Laboratory, who is leading the effort to develop an Institute for Translational Biomedicine (ITB) a partnership between LLNL and Sandia located on the Livermore Valley Open Campus. Additional panel members were Ro Khanna, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce under the Obama administration; Anthony Zografos, COO of Compact Particle Acceleration Corporation (CPAC); and Christine Wente, senior vice president for hospitality at Wente Vineyards.

Khanna pointed out that the U.S. is still a world leader in manufacturing. One reason is the productivity of the American worker. "Fifteen U.S. manufacturers were asked how they compete successfully against low wage countries. They valued the creativity of every individual. The U.S. system is one that allows a worker to challenge the status quo, which leads to innovation."

Guardino added, "It is important to create a climate where this country can keep and grow jobs." Issues such as a BART extension, affordable housing and health care need to be dealt with to ensure quality of life, which help to attract and keep workers. He pointed out that businesses should be aware that jobs can and should be located here and in the rest of the United States. At the same time, it is important to remember that jobs have to be global, because the market is global. Ninety-five percent of the people in the world live outside the United

States.

Turteltaub noted that historically, the national labs have focused on national security. Now the mission and role they can play is broadening. He pointed out that four large companies with over a \$8 billion in income, are using technologies developed at the Lab. The Lab is open to partnering with businesses, people and inventors." He used as one example an artificial retina that is now in clinical trial. It is based on technology developed at the Lab. "It is amazing what happens when someone who has been blind from birth can see," he commented.

Turteltaub said that his role is to create an opportunity to transition biomedical technologies more quickly to the market place. One way is by using the computing power at the Lab. For example, new therapeutics can move more quality to the market, because the computers can predict such results as drug interaction.

Panelists Zografos of CPAC said his company utilizes technology licensed from the Lab. If successful, it would use photon beams to treat cancer patients. His goal would be to manufacture the device in this area. "The challenge is raising the capital to complete the work. This country should invest in innovation. China is working on the same technology. They have an endless source of funding available from the Chinese government."

Guardino pointed out, "The good news is that as a region, 40 percent of venture capital dollars and deals have come back to the U.S."

Wente noted that innovation isn't just in the realm of high tech. Marketing, wine growing and sustainability are targets of innovation in the wine industry, a part of the ecosystem that is important to a high quality of life. Hospitality and tourism are important to the success of wineries. Collaboration in these areas helps to grow

the market. Burrows wondered about the disconnect between business executives and the political culture. He mentioned Bridgelux, a company that manufactures LEDs. They wanted to locate here. However, they received incredible offers from China and Singapore to locate in those countries. "It's not a fair fight," Burrows commented. "The policy here is

the laughing stock around nesses from paying a value the world," he quoted one executive as stating.

Khanna declared that the U.S. doesn't need to work more like China, but more like America. He pointed out that there is a history of the U.S. government investing in business. In 1792, Alexander Hamilton wrote that government should provide bounties for manufacturing. "Over the last thirty years, there has been no role for government. Anyone who suggests government should be involved in business is accused of imitating Europe." We need to get back to the basics of what we did before, which resulted in our becoming a super power, Khanna continued.

Guardino said that CEOs need to do a better job of communicating with public officials. He explained there is a different view of what is happening. Electeds see the current economy as cyclical. That view leads to a decision to ride out the situation. CEOs view the problem as structural. They are looking for bold changes now when it comes to the budget, regulations and pensions.

'Other nations have policies to work more closely with the private sector. We need to help the innovative sector be innovative," Guardino said. He added that involves reforming the patent system. There has been one patent office in the U.S. That has created a 5-year backlog. In the world of technology, that leads to obsolescence. The only patent office was located in Washington, D.C. "Obama has changed this. He has cut the waiting time from three years to 18 months. A bill was approved to create regional offices. A regional office will open in Silicon Valley.

Another policy issue was raised by Khanna. It revolves around tax policy. He suggested that there should not be a blanket tax reduction for corporations. Rather, the focus should be on cutting taxes in areas where jobs would be created. "Cutting taxes for Wall Street doesn't mean there will be more jobs. The goal should be economic competitiveness. Take the politics out of the discussion.

Khanna said that U.S. businesses are subject to all taxes levied by the U.S. and countries to which they export products. Those same countries exempt their busiadded tax. "The policy needs to be reformed." Also impacting the ability to export is China's manipulation of their currency. Khanna explained, "China exports huge amounts. The dumping of solar panels at below market rates impacts solar manufacturers here, such as Solyndra, which went bankrupt. This country needs to take a harder line to create a level playing field. It doesn't exist right now."

Burrows asked what changes are helping needed to help businesses in the area.

Wente mentioned continued collaboration and the recognition of the Valley as a place to work and live.

Turteltaub suggested that people with ideas should interact with the labs. "We can help each other. That will create new businesses and jobs.

Guardino stated that the country is failing its children. "There is a need to accomplish more to improve the educational system, to make sure students are prepared to be good citizens and employable citizens.' He provided an example of the advantages of an education. In Silicon Valley, there is a 4% unemployment rate for those with a college degree; 1% for someone with an electrical engineering degree; while the overall rate is 9%.

Khanna agreed that education is important. However, there is a need to look at vocational education programs as well. Not everyone wants to attend college. He said that art, music and the liberal arts are important. "I see the U.S. as being very creative. I don't want to lose that part of education."

He said later that there needs to be value placed on intelligence and intellect. "Our founding fathers were nerds. There has been a dumbing down of political discourse. Intelligence is not valued, as it should be.

Wente too felt that education is a key to the future. It should be a top priority. "The good news is that the local school system has accomplished much through its career pathways. There is cooperation between schools and businesses. Businesses are able to communicate to schools what they need and expect." She mentioned that Wente has just established a Foundation for Art and Music Education.

#### Grant, Arkin Intend to **Run for Re-election**

Incumbent Pleasanton school trustees Chris Grant and Valerie Arkin have announced they will run for re-election in the Nov. 6 vote. The third incumbent. Jamie Hintzke, has already announced her plans to put her name on the ballot.

All of the incumbents have filed, so there will be no extension of the Aug. 10 filing deadline.

Arkin and Grant announced their intentions in individual news releases.

Grant is a parent of three children and senior vice president of corporate development and investments for Kaiser Permanente.

Grant cited dramatic improvements in academic test scores, including achievement of competency levels in science at more than 90 percent, which he attributed to the addition of science specialists at each elementary school.

He notes other achievements that occured during his five-plus years on the board include maintaining critical lenger Mark Thrailkill.

Arkin's web page for more information is www. electvaleriearkin.com.

#### More Filings

In the Livermore schools election, incumbent Chuck Rogge has filed his papers. They still must be certified by election officers to make it an official filing. Arthur Hansen has pulled papers to run for the board. Incumbent Belia Martinez had already pulled papers.

Filing their papers for the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District board were incumbents Steve Goodman and Beth Wilson and chal-

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#### **Airport Protection** John Stein Livermore

The Airport Protection Area has protected Livermore Airport operations and the residents of Livermore for more than 20 years. Your editorial fails to point out the lack of significant evidence supporting the staff suggested reduced safety and noise impacts used to justify the partial dismantling of the Airport Protection Area.

The area that they are proposing to remove from the protection area is under the airport traffic pattern. Curiously staff did not provide any input from the Airport Commission, the FAA or local pilots supporting their safety conclusions. Councilman Woerner, the only pilot on the council, expressed concern about the fact that the area being proposed for removal was where small planes make their downwind turn for an easterly approach.

The noise justification was based upon a projection of what the noise levels might be in 2030 but the current levels were not provided. Historically many of the planes now flying will still be in the air in 2030. The noise analysis did not include the added new noise from increased traffic on I-580 and the Isabel inter-

change or the noise generated from the BART trains.

There are many other concerns. A General Plan Change is costly in terms of money and staff time, both in limited supply, It is unclear where resources to carry out this plan change will be found. The area being proposed for residential development is in the Scenic Corridor and development of more than one or two stories will block views of hillsides and ridgelines. If sound walls or berms are required they will be totally obscured. As was pointed out with the proposed development at Greenville Road, there are significant air pollution related health hazards in building too close to the freeway. This change if carried out will set a precedent encouraging Dublin and Pleasanton to seek their own reductions in the Airport Protection Area with further

impacts on airport operation. Before proceeding any further real facts should be provided to allow a realistic and balanced look at the risks and benefits. It should also be noted that the overwhelming majority of the Isabel BART station riders will come from the parking and perhaps shuttle buses not pedestrians or bicyclists from nearby residential developments.

#### Remembering Walter D. Harvey Livermore

Recent Mailbox letters have reminded me that it is once again time to both mourn for those killed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki by our two atomic bombs, and to rejoice for the hundreds of millions of Americans, Japanese, Russians, Chinese, Southeast Asians and others who would not have survived or later existed had World War II not been brought to an abrupt and thankful end following the dropping of the second bomb. (The first one wasn't sufficient

to convince Japan's leaders to surrender.) I am also reminded of my August 1959 visit to Hiroshima; rebuilt, modern and vibrant.

#### **Hiroshima Day Donald King** Livermore

On July 27, 1945, I was discharged from my position as a Merchant Seaman on the S.S. Walter Colton. We had completed a voyage to Okinawa. We had suffered an attack by a kamikaze while our cargo was being unloaded. I was just 21 years old. Just ten days later, on August 6, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. World War II would soon be over Jubilation reigned.

I don't recall anyone even mentioning the estimated 60,000 Japanese men, women and children annihilated in one fell swoop. Did Truman or Churchill agonize even a little bit over the decision to use the bomb? How about Roosevelt, who had just died? The distinction between civilian and military targets had been erased. The Allies bombed German cities with little effort to avoid areas with no military installations. They continued that policy with raids on Tokyo and other Japanese cities. One historian reports that as many as 90,000 civilians were killed in fire-bombing Japan many times the combined death tolls of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Years after the event, I began to read about that awful decision. My conclusion? It was an atrocity committed by America.

Come to a Hiroshima Day Gathering in Livermore at William Payne Park on Sunday, August 5, from 4 to 6 p.m.

#### Atomic Bomb **Bob Cooper** Livermore

August is here again and

with it the traditional demonstrations against nuclear weapons. Peaceful demonstrations and discussions about nuclear weapons are good. Nuclear weapons are incredibly destructive and should not be taken or dismissed lightly.

After recently reading the memoirs of GI's in the Pacific in World War II. their unanimous, instant reaction to news of dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima was "this will end the war" and "we won't have to invade the Japan." It was estimated that the invasion of mainland Japan would result in 500,000 to 1,000,000 Allied casualties. The Allies were greatly thankful for the Manhattan Project and its hardworking people. Japan surrendered just ten days after the bombing of Hiroshima.

Fortunately, the world survived the Cold War that followed WW II. Russia and US/NATO played stupid brinksmanship with an arsenal of thermonuclear bombs. The size of the arsenal gave real meaning to the strategy of "mutual assured destruction.

It is disheartening to find the world in 2012 still trying to deal with the spread of nuclear weapons. The cast of nations in play has expanded. The politics of Iran and North Korea seem as scary as those of Hitler in the 1930's. Just like the 30's, the world powers are divided on what to do about the situation. In the 30's, England discovered that appeasement does not work.

Hopefully, a more united front of sanctions for Iran will change their national goals. Hopefully, China will take more responsibility for North Korea. Hopefully all nations will take more seriously their responsibility for the future of the world. Hopefully, my daughter will grow up seeing more peace and less conflict. Those are my hopes.

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should be an ongoing obligation. She suggested that a discussion should take place regarding the city's future involvement with the theater funding. "We keep voting to roll everything over."

Wilson declared, "Using public funds for a private enterprise may or may not be legal, but in my mind, it isn't right. It's not moral and it's not just. It towers above any other reasoning, pro or con.'

After the meeting, City Manager Marc Roberts pointed out that there is a long history of public-private partnerships involving both for-profit and nonprofit groups. "The premise behind such agreements is that the city is providing funds to accomplish a particular goal that can't be met in the private market." One example he provided is the need for affordable housing. The city backed several developments in order to provide affordable housing at Heritage Estates and with Eden Housing (Stoney Creek) and Bridge Housing (Heritage Park). Heritage Estates provides senior housing. It was built by a for-profit group. Both Eden and Bridge are nonprofits.

In other cases, property has been assembled, then sold at a loss, continued Roberts. The building in which Uncle Yu's is located is one such project. Another is Station Square on Railroad Avenue. The latter case involved brownfield cleanup. The movie theater paid for its property. The city's contribution to the project was parking in the nearby garage. The three projects are examples of partnerships with for-profit businesses.

Valerie Raymond addressed the meeting with concerns about the continued support for the regional theater. She noted that the board has a fudiciary responsibility to look out for local taxing districts who would receive money that formerly went to the RDA. She asked if the board could terminate, renegotiate or buy-out contracts.

Roberts said at the meeting that the board also has a fiduciary responsibility to all of those entities who hold contracts with the former Redevelopment Agency. "The larger question is whether it is possible to contractually undo an enforceable obligation. There could be a devastating impact on the nonprofit LVPAC. The two theaters have been linked from the beginning. If the project did not move forward, there could be a negative impact on the Bankhead Theater and possibly on the city. At a later time, Roberts said, "The Oversight Board can choose to break a contract. However, according

to contract law, there are consequences for doing so." In one case, a contract may not be fulfilled, damaging the other party, which has spent money depending on the fulfillment of the contract. Another potential issue could result if the party were depending on the contract to make money or as part of a business plan. Both of these have very serious consequences, said Roberts.

Len Alexander, CEO of LVPAC, noted, "LVPAC, a community-based non-profit, has depended on the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) that our organization made with the City of Livermore and the Redevelopment Agency on February 14, 2011. To date, we have spent over \$9.2 million dollars performing our obligations as required by that DDA. We continue to expect that the City and the Successor Agency, which has taken over the legal obligations of the Redevelopment Agency, will honor the agreement that we entered into in good faith."

Other concerns raised by Wilson were related to parking, the potential success of such a large theater, and the impact on the character of the downtown. "We're a quirky town of scientists, cowboys, and beautiful wine country, and we're not trying to be something we're not. In the unlikely event that it (the regional theater) is successful, Livermore would look quite different than it is now.

Observers point out that Livermore looks quite different from how it looked just a few short years ago. First Street is now a two lane city street rather than a four lane highway. There are theaters, restaurants and a parking garage with a high level of pedestrian activity almost every night of the week.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, a member of the Successor Board, suggested that it is not up to the board to undo a contract approved by a past Livermore City Council. "Our role is to determine if the theater is an enforceable obligation." The board has voted twice in support of leaving the theater on the ROPS.

Stewart Gary, who represents Livermore on the board, asked staff to provide specific information with regard to what the Agency can or cannot do. He then asked staff about the state's reaction to listing the regional

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said that he was on a Spanish-speaking voter drive, and signed up three or four people at the first house. The grandmother there wasn't registered. Asked why not,

### MERGER (continued from page one)

LARPD is able to provide park and recreation services more effectively than could the city.

Mayor Marchand said he felt that a discussion should take place concerning a potential merger. He said that the city had conducted two studies that identified how to bring an additional \$4 million in resources to the district. He explained that the city had conducted two studies. Setting up the district as an enterprise fund would ensure that all of the revenue due parks and recreation would be used for that purpose. There would be no net revenue going to the city.

Marchand pointed out that the district recently lost funding for its ESS program, voted to close the Rock Gym, and were unable to provide financial support in the effort to bring back the fireworks.

Marchand added, "If the district and its constituency aren't interested in holding any discussions, the city won't pursue any additional action.

General Manager Tim Barry reported that unless the state makes a change in its current policy, it appears that no reduction in ERAF would occur. That opinion came from several different sources. One was the Alameda County Tax Manager and Auditor/Controller, who theorized that unless the state directs otherwise, the ERAF calculation would remain the same in the event of a consolidation. No reduction in the ERAF shift would occur.

Barry said the same viewpoint was voiced by the executive director of California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.

Barry provided an example of a consolidation that did occur. Brentwood and its park district consolidated. There was no change in the ERAF shift after the merger," he stated.

There are other ramifica-

she said, "No one ever asked me.'

Representatives of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) said in one group that they

Barry said that as a single

purpose district, LARPD is

able to use all of its funds

for parks and recreation.

As a subsidiary to the city,

it would have to compete

for funds with police, fire

and public works. "Citizens

aren't asking for someone

else to operate the parks

and recreation district," con-

new contract for General

Manager Tim Barry was ap-

proved, extending it through

June 17, 2015. Changes

to the contract include an

increase in the monthly

mileage allowance, which

was last set in 2005, and a

one-time retention bonus

that will be administered to

all District employees, with

the maximum level set at

woman of the Livermore

Fireworks Committee, was

presented with certificates of

appreciation for outstanding

efforts to reinstate Fourth of

July fireworks in Livermore

for 2012. Weathers reported

that enough funds were

raised to kick start next

year's event, and they are

already looking for sponsor-

Several announcements

• The Board will hold

were made by staff and

two upcoming on-site park

meetings, one at Ralph T.

Wattenburger Park on Aug.

15 and one at Sunset Park on

Sept. 19. Both meetings will

start at 6:30 p.m. and will

Wendy Weathers, chair-

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like to encourage immigrants to attend swearing-in ceremonies of new citizens as a role model for what immigrant parents and children can do.

The USCIS can arrange such a ceremony at a school, for example, if a teacher is becoming a new citizen. At one school in Point Reyes, the entire school attended a ceremony.

At swearing-in ceremonies in larger public halls, county voter registrars are there to register the new Americans. Partisan political and community groups can do that too, but they must be outside the premises of the ceremonies, said one USCIS representative.

The USCIS can't involve itself in partisan politics. That was also stated by Davis, who said the conference is on the policy side of the White House, not the political campaign side.

In the last event of the conference, the discussion groups met together and reported their ideas for action. Staff from Chabot College and a community college in Stockton said they will be networking with USCIS to discuss attendance at monthly swearing-in ceremonies.

After the conference, Ortiz said he was pleased by the turnout. "It was quite amazing. We were all in awe. I think it started a dialogue here in the Tri-Valley, and with organizations in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and San Joaquin counties," said Ortiz.

Among Valley attendees were Livermore school trustee Belia Martinez and Pleasanton school staffer Patty Blair.

SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS Martinez works parttime for EBYFI, said Ortiz. The organization creates programs to serve young people and their families in the East Bay, primarily in the Valley.

EBYFI was created formally on July 1, after having been sponsored for two years by the now defunct Tri-Valley Community Foundation.

Ortiz is writing grants to secure funding for EBFYI programs. EBYFI employs six full-time staff and six part-timers.

One program currently operating is a year-round job internship with 30 foster and probation youths enrolled. Martinez created the program, and administers it.

The youths work for 150 hours during the summer, and another 150 hours during the school year at the California minimum wage of \$8 per hour. They gain work experience. Some have been offered their intern jobs as permanent positions, said Ortiz

Another program, begun when EBYFI was under the wing of the Community Foundation, is Boys to Men at Livermore High School. The program supports at risk youths, some of them potential gang members, in making good choices about their lives.

EBYFI also has conducted psychology education workshops at Livermore, Del Valle, and Vineyard High Schools.

Ortiz said that as far as reaching out to youths and families with programs that will help them, "we are just scratching the surface. There is still a lot of work to do."

We will establish a baseline of where things are. Once we figure it out, it will tell us where we need to go," said Ortiz.



theater on the ROPS.

Roberts said the state Department of Finance first asked questions about the various agreements with LVPAC. Then, the Department of Finance left the regional theater on the list. There were no comments provided.

tions involved in a potential merger. Barry explained that because LAFCO requires there to be a 70 percent territorial overlap between the consolidating agencies, LARPD would have to detach territory including, perhaps, Sycamore Grove and Brushy Peak.

ever, the District will not be changing its procedures because of its belief in the importance of the principal of transparency of government. LARPD will continue to post and give 72-hour advance notice of meetings. The district will continue to comply with all Brown Act requirements.



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Livermore Fusion 98 Boys team (U14) played in the 2012 Azuri Summer Classic Tournament this past weekend. It was their first tournament of the season and a step in competition from their Bronze level State Cup Championship last year. The boys started the weekend with a solid 1-0 victory over Dublin United, narrowly missing a handful of opportunities to blow the game open. The team was missing two players and suffered two injuries in the first game, which resulted in a challenging 6-2 one sub loss to Gold Level Capital Athletic Soccer Association. The game got away late as the boys finally wore down in the summer heat. The next day, the boys put it together against eventual champion Gold Level Mustang United in a evenly matched 1-0 loss. While the team went 1-2, the boys performed very well while stepping up in competition. Pictured are: Coach: Craig Scheer, Players: William Chacon, Lucas Coppock, Benjamin Dupuis, Dillon Eng, Max Ibanez (pictured), Brendan McCafferty, Daniel McGreer, Charles Mitchell, Cameron O'Shaughnessy (GK), Luis Angel Ortiz, Nico Robles, Ben Schasker, Ethan Shang, Brian Zarate. Not present, but missed Ethan Aboumrad and Austin McMillan

#### **Fusion Soccer**

The Livermore Fusion Soccer Club entered teams in their first tournament of the summer this last weekend. Some of these tournaments include the Azuri Summer Classic in San Ramon and The Diablo Summer Classic The U16 Boys also entered a 6 vs 6 competition in Sonoma. Two of the teams entered in the Azuri tournament won their division.

The Livermore Fusion SC U9 Girls Maroon is coached by Laura King and Matthew Fitchett. They started the weekend out with a strong win against Mustang Fire, and con-cluded Saturday with a shutout win 3-0 against the hosts, 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. Fusion's offense, led by Emily Johnson, Laney Lawrence, Jordan Knight, Peyton McGrail, Gracie Contreras, and Maci Mccormick continually attacked UC and came up with a goal before the half. Defensive players Jayden Thomas, Cassidy Castro, Emma Shingler, Bryanna Leary and Bella Lopez made sure to keep 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. The Livermore Fusion SC U10 Maroon Girls also entered and won the Azuri Summer Classic. They went undefeated in the tournament. In the qualifying round they faced the FCA Sparks team and defeated them 11-1 next they faced Benicia Arsenal FC and defeated them 10-0. On the second day of the tournament they defeated San Ramon Azuri, 5-2 in the semifinals. That win qualified them for the final match where they defeated the Tahuici FC 5-0 to become the 2012 San Ramon Azuri Summer Classic Champions. After the carnage was assessed, Liver-more Fusion SC U10 Maroon Girls, led by Coach Matt Caution, scored 31 goals and allowed only 3.

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The West Coast Soccer U-12 Wrath picked up where they left off in February at the La Coba Classic where they made the finals playing a year up. This time the team marched south to Ocean Beach San Diego to match will against the toughest teams the Wrath has played to date. West Coast Soccer U12 Wrath win the Championship Trophy at the Albion National Soccer Showcase Cup in San Diego. Pictured are TylerRene Enderlein, Ast. Coach Todd Lawsen Kaylie Lawsen, Kylie Karter, Kate Wallace, Anneliese Widmann, Kalea Bartolotto, Profesional Coach Paul Giamona, Leila Anzo, Hayley Thompson, Lindsey Philips, Abby Andrews, Abby Hoobing, Kelsi Green, Brianne Radliff, and Fran Hyde

The next day, the boys put it together against eventual champion Gold Level Mustang United in a evenly matched 1-0 loss. While the team went 1-2, the boys performed very well. All signs indicate that the team is ready to build on last year's success.

Fusion SC also entered a few of its teams in the Diablo Summer Classic. The U13 and U14 girls teams both put on great performances. Not to be outdone, the U12 Girls Gold reached the top of their bracket before succumbing in the semi finals.

For more news about the Fusion Soccer Club, check out the website http://www.fusionsc.org

#### Pleasanton Ballistic

The 2012 version of the Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U19 Select ventured to Elk Grove to begin the season, and came away with a third place finish.

Game one was against Fruitridge RSR. The Select started like it was their first game. RSR put early pres-sure on GK Bailey Roberts, forcing him to make two acrobatic saves in the 13th and 17th minutes. The Select regrouped and had a golden opportunity in the 41st, when two point blank tries were stopped by the RSR keeper. In the 51st, Drake Foote sent a lofting cross back post to Jack Simmons, but his header try was saved. Roberts had In header try was saved. Roberts had to come up big on another breakaway in the 53rd. The game ended 0-0. Game two was against the Elk Grove Heat. The Select were playing

toe to toe, and were again helped by a Roberts save on a breakaway, and the half ended at zero. Early in the second half, the Heat applied heavy pressure and Roberts was forced to punch out a shot that still was dangerously close to the goal until Grant Petrie made a terrific clearing header off his line. However, the Heat converted shortly thereafter on a corner, and the Select trailed 1-0. A missed PK by the Heat in the 45th gave the Select life, and they almost knotted the game on another strong shot by Simmons in the 48th, but they eventually fell 1-0.

Game 3 was the semifinal against the Elk Grove Milan. It turned into a classic "the better team didn't win" game. Another early defensive rotation error gave the Milan a shot and a 1-0 lead early. For the next 55 minutes, it was all Select, except the goal. Dustin Lacy had a header just high off a lofting cross by Kevin Faggiano in the 11th. Simmons forced a diving save in the 15th, and made a steal to lead Alex Codik down the sideline. Codix went high far post and just missed tucking it under the crossbar. Foote launched one from 35 yards that went just high. But the Select still trailed 1-0 at half. In the 36th to 37th minutes, they forced 4 corner kicks. Simmons had a free kick go high from 22 yards, and blistered one near post in the 60th minute that was punched out on a diving save. The Select suffered the 1-0 loss.

The consolation game pitted the Select vs the Advance. Continued improvement in the offensive buildup led to many quality chances. The best of which was Foote finding himself 5 yards out but unable to convert after a goal mouth pileup. The Select looked absolutely snake bitten, and when the Advance converted in the 29th for the 1-0 lead, there was a big hole to dig out of. But the Select got their shovels out and got it done. Center back Wes Rager, who had a stellar weekend defensively, did the offensive dirty work in the 31st, winning a ball in the air and touching a soft header to Garrett Leone in front of the Advance net. If you had Leone in the pool for first goal, you are eligible to collect. Leone powered it home for the 1-1 tie at half.

Energized with the goal, the Select came out with more of the same. Simmons drove the middle in the 55th minute, patiently waited out the defender to commit, and led Leone 1v1 to goal. He slotted it home for the 2-1 lead. The Advance pressed for the equalizer, but the defense of Rager Petrie, Faggiano, Andrew Natsch, and Arthur Kuo buckled down and did not allow any dangerous attempts. Codik made a steal deep in the Advance end in the 69th minute and blistered a left footer far post for the 3-1 final. The Select (1-2-1) next head to Soccer by the Bay.

### **Pleasanton Rage**

The Pleasanton Rage U12 Orange team started the season started in fine fashion by going undefeated in the Pleasanton Showcase tournament the weekend of July 28-29.

Rage started the tournament by drawing with Lamorinda 3-3 in a wild back and forth game. Rage goals were scored by Maggie McPeek, Abby Fried and Holly Judson. In the 2nd game of the day Rage, defeated De Anza Force 2-1. Judson and Yasmine Springer scored for Rage as Rage earned its 1st victory of the season.

On Sunday, Rage defeated San Juan Sprits 3-1 with Springer scor-ing twice and McPeek scoring once. Finally, in the last game of the day Rage earned a win in the consolation game by defeating a tough Mustang Blast team 1-0. Fried scored the games lone goal and goalie Haley Roundtree recorded her 1st shutout of the season. The Coach is Trisha Gonzales. Team members are: Abby Fried, Addy Mapes, Delaney Soble, Eknoor Kaur, Haley Roundtree, Holly Judson, Isa-bella Adamos, Isabella Huyler, Karin McCarty, Casey Cring, Kiera Hegarty, Leila Shafi, Lilly Fehrmann, Maggie McPeek, Natalia Margaris, Sarah Mirr and Yasmine Springer.

### West Coast Soccer

The Livermore National Little League 10 year old All

Stars took 1st place the Livermore American All Star

Tournament. Pictured are (top) Coach Dave Lord,

Manager Tony Farner, Coach Rick deLisser; (middle)

Drew Dillon, Éric Ruloma, Ryan Hanley, Mason Smith, Nathan Findley, Jack Wilson; (bottom) Jacob Lord, Mateo

Moncada, Colby Smith, Zachary Harris, Bobby Farner,

and Mason deLisser The National All Stars went on a 6

game winning streak to capture the championship.

The West Coast Soccer U-12 Wrath picked up where they left off in February at the La Coba Classic where they made the finals playing a year up. This time the team marched south to Ocean Beach San Diego to match will against the toughest teams the Wrath has played to date. The Albion cup tournament featuring teams from the most competitive clubs in the state began for the Wrath with a closely fought match pitting two determined teams battling to set the tone for their own destiny. Both clubs traveling a great distance for the chance to compete against the best competition fought to a 3-2 Wrath win against LHSC Eclipse West. After going down to an early goal, the Wrath players showed spirit, heart and fire. With Hayley Thompson's equalizing goal off a through pass from Kelsi Green. After well executed chances for both squads Eclipse broke the deadlock late in the first half on a beautiful follow up shot following a great penalty kick save by Brianne Radlif. The girls battled back after the restart and were awarded a free kick from 22 yards out on the top right which Francisca Hyde deposited in the back of the net to draw the match to a tie. Francisca then scored another pressure packed penalty kick from roughly the same location on the pitch and secured the 3-2 Wrath victory.

The Wrath then were matched

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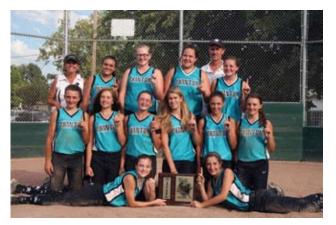
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## **SPORTS NOTES**



Livermore Fusion SC U9 Maroon girls pose for a photo following their strong showing over the weekend.



Phantom 12B's Championship team members pictured are (back row, left to right) Coach Kristen Ho-Tseung, Sofia Molina, Michelle Wood, Emily Trinidad, Coach Mike Williams, Caroline Clark; (middle row) Jessica O'Neal, Lauren Ho-Tseung, Danielle Williams, Mary Rockwood, Shelby Cabral, Jenna O'Neal; and (bottom row) Nicole Riordan and Courtney Dinelli.

up against Cypress Futbol, a physical team thar led to a physical match and two evenly matched teams battling for any crack in the stellar defensive play. Hayley Thompson scored her second goal of the day to put Wrath 1-0. To the credit of Cypress they never quit and equalizing the match, finishing in a well contested draw.

On Sunday, West Coast Soccer knew they had to win 3-0 to put themselves into the semi-finals and control their own fate. Otherwise they would need to watch the scoreboard. SCAthletic was a well-organized team with a plan to come up the middle. The Wrath broke the 0-0 deadlock with a first half goal by Kate Wallace to make it 1-0. Knowing they needed a 3-0 decision professional coach Paul Giamona switched to a 4-3-3 formation at half to create more attacking pressure while protecting the middle. In the second half Hayley Thompson scored her third goal of the tournament to make it 2-0 before Leila Anzo sealed the win and a place in the semis with a well worked goal created from the back and a personal all out effort to get it in the back of the net.

On to the semi final against Qwest. The teams were evenly matched and all the girls played well and battled hard. Leila Anzo scored to put Wrath ahead but Qwest equalized to lock the game at 1-1. At the end of regulation time, the game went straight to penalties. Brianne Radliff, stepped up in goal and made several amazing saves 8 shots The Wonder were commanding in their victories showing superior ball control and tactical awareness, allowing them to dominate in their first two games winning 5-0 and 3-1. The point total qualified the Wonder for the semis. In a hard fought physical game with regulation time ending in a tie, the Wonder were upset in penalty kicks to the eventual Championship team

98, Strikers FC G98 and FC Nova.

Vista SC Storm Premier. The West Coast Soccer U-13 Wildfire making its longest road trip as a team had an outstanding performance on the road winning all three games in their bracket. They entered the semis as the point count leader with 27, 7 points more than the next closest team. The Wildfire girls, in their second year as a team, are making huge strides. They won their league division and they are dominating on the road at tournaments.

In the Wildfire's semi-final game, the players were asked to play a creative formation many had not been familiarized with.

### Pleasanton Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks (PLS) sent many qualifying swimmers to compete at the Pacific Swimming Junior Olympic Championship Meet held at the Adam Szmidt Memorial Pool July 19 to July 22 in Moraga, CA. PLS was overflowing with many best times, new cuts, and new team records, which included the 10&U Girls 200



Livermore Smoke U8 girl softball team finished in 2nd place in this weekend tournament in Livermore. The girls put together a great season in 5 tournaments they collected (3) 2nd place finishes and, (1) 1st place finish.



Pleasanton American Little League All Star 10-yearold 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 team taking 1 st place in this tournament. This was an important win as we go into our last tournament in Salem, Oregon for Western Nationals.

On Saturday during pool play Phantom won all three games. The first game was against Worth Salinas Storm with a final score of 2-1. Danielle Williams threw 7 strikeouts while allowing only 2 hits. She also hit a 2 RBI double. Courtney Dinelli doubled and catcher Sofia Molina, threw out a base runner at 2nd base not once, but twice.

In game two the opponent was the Mayhem Elite with a 3-2 win. Jessica O'Neal recorded 9 strikeouts and allowed 2 hits. Nicole Riordan had an awesome double play applying a tag HoTseung. The great lines of communication between Courtney Dinelli and Nicole Riordan were working for us defensively also.

us defensively also. In Game 2, the San Mateo Slammers were the foes, with a comfortable win of 9-0. Jessica O'Neal did a great job pitching, striking out 6 batters along with accounting for 3 RBI's. Danielle Williams was 3 for 3 at the plate and drove in 2 runs. Defense was also on fire with double plays and great catches.

In Game 3, against the Strike Zone, Phantom won 8-2. Danielle Williams allowed only 3 hits while striking out 5 batters. Jessica O'Neal stayed hot at the plate, going 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's. Emily Trinidad's bat was also on fire going 3 for 3 with a double and 3 runs driven in. Michelle Wood had a great hit, driving in 2 runs.



Livermore Fusion SC U10 Maroon girls left a lasting impression on their opponents at the Azuri Summer Classic July 21 and 22. The team scored 31 goals while conceding only 3 over the hot weekend in San Ramon, which earned them the title of Champions. Pictured are back row (left to right): Lily Redell, Kalya Galo, Payton Hall, Lissa Mizutani, Ashleigh Ward, Coach Matt Caution; front (Left to right): Kaleigh Castillo, Faith Rogers, Alina Guzman, Alivia Ganz, Athena Lewis, and April Phillips.



Pictured are members of the Pleasanton Seahawk 10&U girls 200 free record breaking relay team (left to right) Lara Serban, Katherina Cory, Nicole Stiles and Grace Kim.

Scanlon (IM), and Whiteland (free). DuBos wasn't the only double winner in the family as sister Lauren took the 6U fly and free. Joey Geasa (IM, free) also won two events for Pleasanton Meadows.

The Sharks also had family connections from Haley Isaacs who won the 13-14 breaststroke, Andrew Whiteland who won the 9-10 fly, and the Vaeth Siblings, Cody (9-10 free), and Sidney (11-12 free).

The final first place finishers for the Sharks were Parker Brown (15-18 fly), Ainsley Hasty (9-10 fly), Chris Mowry (15-18 breaststroke), and Tyler Rhoads (13-14 fly).

Rhoads (13-14 fly). Relay Winners for Pleasanton Meadows: Girls 6 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay 1) Coyne, Madeline 2) McElroy, Julia 3) DuBos, Lauren 4) Montague, Isabella; Girls 7-8 100 Yard Medley Relay 1) Olivier, Courtney 2) Walder, Hannah 3) Herlich, Samantha 2) Walder, Johnny 3) Herz, Joey 4) Scanlon, Luke; Mixed 13-14 200 Yard Freestyle Relay 1) Azuma, Michael 2) Tucker, Nick 3) Herz, Tommy 4) Miller, Jack; Mixed 15-18 200 Yard Freestyle Relay1) Sweetnam, Grant 2) Silva, Aaron 3) Azuma, Christopher 4) Cheney, Perry

### Briarhill vs. FAST

The Briarhill Barracudas hosted the FAST (Foothill Area Swim Team) Dolphins on 7/28 at the FAST Swimming facility. The meet was highlighted by strong performances by individuals from both teams. The Briarhill Minicudas also competed for this first time in a single exhibition race. The final meet of the season concluded with Briarhill defeating FAST by a score of 563-393.

Swimmers with multiple victories

taken 2 scored 2 missed attempts and four saves. And to have the Wrath players respond to such pressure depositing clutch goals Kelsi Green, Leila Anzo, and game winner Brianne Radlif was an amazing sight. In the championship game, Eclipse

scored two quick goals before Abby Andrews brought Wrath back into the game with a header goal just before half time. The Wrath players, led by Abby Hoobing continued to apply pressure. But despite spirited defending by the strong defense led by Kayley Lawson and Lindsey Phillips Eclipse restored their two goal lead with less than a quarter of the game left. The real difference makers were the outside attacking defenders Kelsi Green and Tyler Enderline keeping the ball in the attacking zone. With Abby Andrews battling hard down the wing and Kylie Karter putting dangerous passes into the penalty box, while Kalylee Bartalotto was dominating the middle Wrath with a through ball to Leila Anzo reduced the deficit to one with minutes remaining. Wrath continued to work hard at both ends, and were rewarded when Leila gathered a loose ball and placed it into the net and a 3-3 come back tie was secured. The match went into two 10 minute golden goal halves that were fought valiantly with opportunities from both teams being just missed or beautiful goal line clears being made by the defense. After a scoreless extra time, it was time for penalty kicks again. After 5 kicks it was sudden death With Brianne Radlif making save after save, the teams were tied after 11 penalties. Then Leila Anzo stepped up and again buried her penalty giving Wrath the game advantage. With pressure at its highest Brianne Radliff made her final save the 12th penalty kick of the game the 20th kick faced in two games. Wrath won 5-4 on penalties. The 4 earlier penalty goal scorers were Kelsi Green, Tyler Enderline, Franciseca Hyde, and Anneliese Windmann.

Playing their first 11 v 11 competition the West Coast U-11G Wave traveled extremely well and enjoyed the playing experience and growth from such a competitive schedule in front of large crowds at the Albion Cup Tournament. The Wave was a force in every game with a tenacious commitment to build from the back.

ment to build from the back. The West Coast Soccer U-14G Wonder went down to the Albion cup with the odds stacked against them, playing in a very difficult bracket featuring the teams Legens FC Black

Free Relay breaking the team record set in 2008.

Pre-Junior Group: Alex Ren & Nicole Stiles both earned New Pacific Recordable Times (PRT); 10&U Girls 200 Free Relay broke the team record originally set in 2008 (Lara Serban, Katherina Cory, Nicole Stiles, Grace Kim); 200 Medley Relay Team (Nicole Stiles, Lara Serban, Kyra Black, and Grace Kim, placed 2nd at the Meet, ranking 3rd All-Time in PLS Seahawks History

Seahawks History Junior: Kyra Black made FW in the 100 free; Kat Cory had best times in the 50 back/breast; Grace Kim made FW in the 200 IM and 400 free; Claire Suen made (PRT) in every event she swam and made finals in 6 of them; Justin Tsai made PRT and finals in the 50/100 back; Laurel Heckman did well in her races; Paulina Umansky made Far Western (FW) in the 200 breast; Emma Valentine had 100% best times; Niklas Bengtsson had 100% best times; Aditya Gupta had 100% best times;

and a PRT in the 50 back
Pre-Senior: 11-12 GIRLS - Alexandra Hernandez - 2 PRTs, 4 FWs;
Miranda Heckman -7 PRTs; Sofia
Barrera - 3 PRTs, 2 JOs; Nja Zuniga - 1 FW; 11-12 BOYS - Wolfgang
Lachance - 2 PRTs, 2 FWs; Tyler
Lu - 1 Western Zone (WZ), 3 FWs;
Drew Kobayashi - 3 WZ, 2 PRTs, 2
FWs; Jonah Cooper - 6 WZ, 1 PRT;
Christopher Jhong - 3 WZ, 1 PRT;
Christopher Jhong - 3 WZ, 1 PRT;
Christopher Jhong - 3 WZ, 1 PRT;
Christopher Jhong - 10; Kyle OSlund - 1 JO;
Alex Gilchrist - 1 PRT

Senior: Swimmers with 100% Lifetime Best Swims - Anna Parker, Lason Lau, Jonathon Mui, Thomas Neufeld, RJ Scott, Jeffrey Tang; New Sectionals Cut for Regis Lachance 100 Back; New PRT Swims - Anna Parker, RJ Scott; Other outstanding swims by Lillian Sun (100 fly), Bernadine Martin (400 free, 400 IM), Emily Saccullo (100/200 breast), Natalie Wong

### Pleasanton Phantom 12B

The Pleasanton Phantom 12B came out on top again over the weekend at the Lincoln/Roseville Tournament. It was a hot but successful weekend for

on a base runner and quickly throwing the ball to 1st base. Courtney Dinelli went 3 for 3 including a game winning double

In game 3, against the Central California Krush it was a 6-1 win. Both Danielle Williams and Jenna O'Neal pitched. The defense was on fire with great plays by Sofia Molina, Shelby Cabral, Nicole Riordan and Jessica O'Neal. Mary Rockwood laid down an excellent bunt moving a runner at first over to 3rd. Emily Trinidad and Jessica O'Neal both had two RBI's in this game. Lauren Ho Tseung grounded to 3rd and her alert baserunning took her to 2nd on an over throw, later to score a run.

On Sunday, Phantom were the top seed. The opening game was a forfeit.

The second game was against the USA Elite, with a 6-2 win. Jessica O'Neal and Danielle Williams combined for 3 strikeouts. Danielle was 3 for 3 at the plate with an RBI. Jessica O'Neal and Emily Trinidad both had 2 RBI's. Once again catchers, Sofia Molina and Courtney Dinelli both threw out a runner at 2nd base.

In the semifinal game, Phantom defeated the Salinas Storm, 5-1. Jessica O'Neal pitched, recording three strikeouts. Defense was alive with great plays by Sofia Molina, Danielle Williams, and Jenna O'Neal. On offense, Emily Trinidad went 2 for 2, Mary Rockwood tripled and Michelle Wood doubled.

In the championship game, Phantom took on the Stockton Grapettes. This was a tough team that has a very high ranking in girls softball. Danielle Williams was at the top of her game with 10 strikeouts and 4 for 4 at the plate. There were many great defensive plays involving Sofia Molina, Nicole Riordan, Jessica O'Neal, and Shelby Cabral. Jessica O'Neal hit a triple (that would have gone over the fence had there been one) and was 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's. Courtney Dinelli was 3 for 4, Sofia Molina was 2 for 3, and Jenna O'Neal was 2 for 3. Overall, the girls had 16 hits in this game. Phantom 12B took 2nd place in

Phantom 12B took 2nd place in the Stockton Tournament on July 14th and 15th.

During Pool Play on Saturday, action started out against the Alameda Blaze with a real battle, ending in a 4-4 tie. There were great offensive contributions from both of the O'Neal girls (Jenna and Jessica) and a nicely executed sacrifice bunt from Lauren

At the end of pool play, the girls scored 21 runs while allowing only 6, earning the #1 seed!

On Sunday, against Mojo, the girls' bats were alive. Nicole Riordan was 2 for 2, Jessica O'Neal was 2 for 2 with 3 RBI's, Jenna O'Neal was 2 for 3 and Emily Trinidad had big hits that gave us 2 more runs driven in. Defensively, we had great pitching from Jessica O'Neal and Danielle Williams and our outfield played fantastic. Final score was 11-5.

The Championship Game was against the Belmont Blast. Phantom team members played great defense with an exciting run down between 1st and 2nd bases. Belmont was able to hit well and have some key bunting that put them on top 4-2.

#### Sharks vs. Del Prado The Pleasanton Meadows Sharks

used a strong backstroke performance and enough free relay points to record a narrow 512-476 over Del Prado in Tri-Valley Swim League action. The Meadows trailed by three points entering into the final two events of the meet, but got to the wall first in 10 of the 12 backstroke events and won seven of the 12 free relays to record the come-from-behind win.

Isaac Hilton and Juila McElroy started off the backstroke events for the Sharks with wins in the 6U age group and the 7-8 pair of Sydney Simmons and Jack DuBos also followed with wins. In fact, the Meadows won each backstroke race until the 15-18 age group. The 9-10 races were won by Laura Whiteland and Luke Scanlon, the 11-12's by Allison Miller and David Azuma, and the 13-14's by Alyson Isaacs and Nick Tucker. Hilton and Tucker had the most

Hilton and Tucker had the most prolific days for the Sharks with three individual wins and also swam on a winning free relay team. Hilton won the fly and free in addition to the back while Tucker took the IM and free to go with his win in the back. Although she won only one event, it was still an exciting day for Kaala Cheney as she broke a team record for the second week in a row. Last week it was the IM, this week the 15-18 fly.

Getting a second win in addition to their backstroke victories were Dubos (free), McElroy (breaststroke),



4) Kulkarni, Ela; Girls 9-10 100 Yard Medley Relay1) Whiteland, Laura 2) Rae, Kaitlyn 3) Hasty, Ainsley 4) Pozzi, Peyton; Mixed 15-18 200 Yard Medley Relay 1) Sweetnam, Grant 2) Mowry, Chris 3) Brown, Parker 4) Cheney, Perry; Girls 6 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle Relay 1) DuBos, Lauren 2) Espino, Katelyn 3) Montague, Isabella 4) McElroy, Julia; Mixed 6 & Under 100 Yard Freestyle Relay1) Hilton, Isaac 2) Lammle, Elijah 3) Lin, Marvin 4) Herlich, Harry; Girls 7-100 Yard Freestyle Relay 1) Simmons, Sydney 2) Kulkarni, Ela 3) Hasty, Devyn 7 4) Ruby, Jane; Girls -10 200 Yard Freestyle Relay 1) Kelly, Amelia 2) Rhoads, Jessica 3) Thordsen, Kyra 4) Pozzi, Peyton; Mixed -10 200 Yard Freestyle Relay 1) Vaeth, Cody



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## SPORTS NOTES





West Coast Soccer Club sends four teams to San Diego for the Albion Cup, a Got Soccer Platinum/Gold-ranked tournament. The Albion Cup is a nationally recognized event attracting teams from all over the map, including five foreign teams. Three out of the four West Coast Soccer teams made the Semi's with one team bringing home the Albion Cub Championship! The first impression of West Coast Soccer for clubs from different parts of the state and internationally, Albion officials commented "quite a dominate performance from West Coast Soccer. Pictured are U14G Wonder, U13G Wildfire, and U11G Wave. Not pictured is the U12G Wrath.

Local Velocity 18A and 16A softball teams captured 1st and 2nd in the ASA "Hot Bats" tournament this past weekend in Livermore. Pictured are the team members.

on the Barracuda squad included: Samantha Bianco (6) freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke; Matteo Naderi (6) medley relay, backstroke; Thomas Clesen (6) medley relay, butterfly, breaststroke; Jonas Moore (6) medley relay, freestyle relay; Thomas Labat (7) freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke; (7) freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, Alyssa Burdusis (9) breaststroke, free-style relay; Zoey Dunbar (9) butterfly, freestyle relay; Whitney Dishman (10) freestyle, IM, freestyle relay

Trevor Lind (9) IM, freestyle relay; Callan Jackman (12) medley relay, freestyle, butterfly, IM; Isabel Townsend (12) medley relay, backstroke; Kevina Vuong (12) medley relay, back-stroke; Kevina Vuong (12) medley relay, breaststroke; Andrew Voit (12) medley relay, IM, backstroke; Joey Grywczynski (11) medley relay, butterfly, freestyle relay; Adam Schroeder (11) medley relay, freestyle relay; Matthew Grywczynski (13) medley relay, butterfly, freestyle relay; Brian Garcia (13) medley relay, freestyle relay; Meghan Butler (14) freestyle, backstroke

Chad Wakamiya (14) medley relay, freestyle relay; Kristin Hor-rillo (16) medley relay, butterfly, IM, backstroke; Alexis Carino (16) medley relay, freestyle; Brittney Achziger (15) medley relay, freestyle; Savannah Wieser (15) medley relay, freestyle relay; Clark Jackman (16) medley relay, freestyle, IM; Sherman Vuong (16) medley relay, freestyle relay; Cole Melloch (15) medley relay, freestyle relay The Dolphins had their own high-

light reel starting with a victory by 4 year old Landon Kenney in the 6 and under mixed freestyle. The Dolphins had multiple victories from a number of individuals including: Sydney Stimson (6) medley relay,

freestyle relay; Alyssa Lam (6) medley relay, breaststroke, backstroke, freestyle; Amelia Clinton (8) medley relay butterfly, freestyle; Tori Stewart (7) medley relay, freestyle relay; Katrina Terpstra (8) medley relay, freestyle, freestyle relay; Darragh Kennedy (7) medley relay, freestyle relay; John Mihelcic (8) medley relay, freestyle relay; Nathan Clinton (7) medley relay,

freestyle relay; Connor Witt (9) medley relay, freestyle, butterfly; Scott Drummond (10) medley relay, freestyle, butterfly; h Mar (10)

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Breaststroke: 6-under 25 yd. McElroy, Julia, PMST-CC, 38.59.7-8 25 yd. Heath, Amy R, DP Stingrays-CC, 22.98.9-10.25 yd. Graham, Lauren, DPStingrays-CC, 22.55.11-1250 yd. Hogue, Meghan, DPStingrays-CC, yd. Hogue, Megnan, DP Stingrays-CC, 38.19. 13-14 50 yd. Isaacs, Haley, PMST-CC, 37.84.15-1850 yd. Gates, Elaina, DP Stingrays-CC, 37.75. 100 IM: 9-10 Hicks, Shelby, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:31.04. 11-12 Hogue, Meghan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:11.70. ISACC, 1:13.20 Magna DP, Stingrays-CC, 1:13.28 Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:13.88. 15-18 Gates, Elaina, DP Stingrays-CC, 1:09.21. Backstroke: 6-under 25 yd. McElroy, Julia, PMST-CC, 27.74. 7-8 25 yd. Simmons, Sydney, PMST-CC, 22.18. 9-10 25 yd. Whiteland, Laura, PMST-CC, 19.13. 11-12 50 yd. Miller, Allison, PMST-CC, 38.25. 13.14 50 yd. Isaacs, Alyson, PMST-CC, 32.77. 15-18 50 yd. Banke, Megan, DP Stingrays-CC, 34.38. Freestyle Relay: 6-under 100

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Freestyle Relay: 6-under mixed 100 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Hilton, Isaac M6, Lammle, Elijah M6, Lin, Marvin M6, Herlich, Harry M6), 1:51.56. 7-8 mixed 100 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Ivey, Thomas M8, Stedman, Cole M8, Banke, Caden M8, Drain, Caden M7), 1:19.08. 9-10 mixed 200 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Vaeth, Cody M10, Walder, Johnny M10, Herz, Joey M10, Scan-John Juke M9), 2:27.06. 11-12 mixed 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Verduzco, Parker M12, Carter, Har-rison M12, Dutra, Ethan M12, Loeffler, Matt M11), 2:30.50. 13-14 mixed 200 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Azuma, Michael M14, Tucker, Nick M14, Herz, Tommy M14, Miller, Jack M13), 1:49.37. 15-18 mixed 200 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Sweetnam, Grant M18, Silva, Aaron M17, Azuma, Christopher M16, Cheney, Perry M15), 1:41.48.

#### PVC vs. San Ramon

After defeating the San Ramon Aquabears by a score of 1075 to 722, Pleasanton Valley swim team will head into the Championship Meet as the 2012 Valley Swim League Dual Meet Champions. The coaching staff, Coach Brett Rauscher, Coach Jessica Leandro, Coach Samantha Beadle, and Coach Catherine Breed, praised all Dolphins for swimming each and every race with "all heart and no pain." New PVC Records include the

following: 9-10 Girls 100 Medley Relay

1:05.86 (Kieran Wallace, Julia Gonsman, Emily Claridge, and Caroline Gjerde); 15-18 Boys 200 Medley Relay 1:48.78 (Brent Bockover, Copeland Green, Michael Brooks, and Bryce McLaggan); and 15-18 Girls 200FreeRelay 1:47.15 (Ali Gonsman, Taylor Truex, Claire McLaggan, and Erin Walsh).

### CYO Basketball

St. Michael/St. Charles CYO Basketball is now accepting regis-tration for the 2012/2013 season.

group felt that good students, active in athletics, were a nucleus of future good citizens, with qualities of leader-ship, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit.

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

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

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

### Summer Classic

JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) Bay Area will hold its annual Summer Classic on Friday, August 17 at Wente Vineyards in Livermore. Created by Active Charity, the JDRF Summer Classic features 18 holes of golf on the premier course at Wente Vineyards in Livermore, followed by an evening under the other with each trule a gaterment dinner stars with cocktails, a gourmet dinner, award-winning wines, live and silent auctions and dancing to live music This year the event will feature live

music by Evolution, a Journey cover-band. Since 2005, Summer Classic

has raised nearly \$2 million. Active Charity was founded in 2005 by four Chico State graduates - Dan Michie, Jason Skeoch, Ryan Ashburn and Rob Nowacek. Together with two other members, Pace Link and John Kay, they focus on local issues and charitable organizations benefiting children. When the son of a good friend was diagnosed with T1D, the group quickly sought out ways to help, and soon after were planning the first Summer Classic. Since its founding, Active Charity has been improving communities by supporting charitable organizations. Their primary role is to act as "feet on the street" in finding donors and participants for their fundraising events. Their largest annual event is the JDRF Summer Classic.

JDRF is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research.

running shoe and clothing companies. running gear, vitamin and supplement samples and information, cookies cupcakes, lemonade, and on-going raffles. Pick up race packet or register for the 5k race.

Sunday, August 12, 8:00 a.m. start, (race day registration/check-in begins at 6:30a.m.) Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd, Pleasanton: The Women's 5K run/walk provides an ideal opportunity for women. A portion of the proceeds of this special event will benefit the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Girls on the

Run of the Bay Area. The Run/Walk course is entirely inside Shadow Cliffs Regional Park with packed Jeep trail and a few gradual hills. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are allowed in the race. Baby joggers/strollers are not recommended

due to the gravel course. Entrants will receive a woman specific event tee, delicious post-race refreshments, chocolate from OCHO Chocolates, free massage from Massage Envy, raffle drawing and awards.

Pre-registration fee is \$35.00, and Fitness Festival and race-day registration is \$40.00. Shadow Cliffs Regional Park charges \$6.00 parking fee, carpooling is encouraged.

To pre-register, run/walk partici-pants can download this application and mail in to On Your Mark Events. or drop off at Fleet Feet Sports Pleasanton with entry fee, or online at active.com. For more information about the Women's 5K Run/Walk &

Fitness Festival, contact Fleet Feet at 925-426-5576.

### Fall Ball Registration

Fall Ball registration for Liver-more residents will be August 15. It will take place at Mountain Mike's First Street Livermore from 6:30 to 8:00. Fee is \$125.00; open to ages 6 to 13. Please bring a copy of a birth certificate.

### Fusion Frenzy Golf

The Livermore Fusion Soccer Club is a non-profit organization serving the Livermore Community since 1976. The inaugural Fusion Frenzy Golf Tournament will help to raise funds for the program.

The shotgun start scramble tournament will be held at the newly renovated Las Positas Golf course in Livermore on Friday August 17 starting at 12:30. Following golf, there will be a dinner and awards ceremony starting at 6 pm. All proceeds will benefit Livermore Fusion SC Programs, Equipment and Robertson Park Turf Project.

The tournament will include many raffles and prizes, including a new Chevy Camaro for a Hole in One. Other an Exotics Trilogy Fairway Wood. For more information on how to

participate and/or sponsor this exciting event go to http://www.fusions org/Livermore Fusion Frenzy Golf Tournament

### Streets Closed for Fast & Furious in Pleasanton

On Sunday, August 5, 2012 the second annual Fast and Furious Festival will be held in downtown Pleasanton. This all-day family event, which is sponsored by Safeway and Hill Physicians, is also supported by the City of Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Downtown Association and Katalyst Events.

streets in the immediate

area of downtown will be

closed between 2:00 a.m.

and midnight on Sunday,

posted for no parking dur-

ing the event to allow for the

event course and safe traffic

flow during the day. Lim-

ited vehicular access will be

available for merchants and

residents and there will be

alternate routes around the

closed area. Most streets

Many streets will be

August 5.

normal traffic by midnight.

The event begins at 8:00 a.m. with a 5K run/walk that is open to the community, followed by a one-mile sprint with some of the fastest runners in the region. Throughout the remainder of the day, 8 criterium bicycle races as well as a free kids run and bike race will be conducted on the closed

freestyle, breaststroke; Warren Xu (10) medley relay, freestyle; McKenna Moura (13) medley relay, butterfly; Elizabeth Brown (13) medley relay, breaststroke; Katie Eichhorn (13) medley relay, freestyle; Maddy Hud-son-Robertson (14) medley relay, IM, freestyle; Michael Belichak (14) freestyle, breaststroke, IM; Jason Hua (16) butterfly, backstroke

### Sharks vs. Stingrays

On Saturday, July 28, the Pleasan-ton Meadows Sharks hosted the Del Prado Stingrays at the Shark Tank, in the last dual meet of the season. The Sharks swam away with a 512 to 476 victory, in a meet that had some very exciting races. The top swimmers for the Stingray girls were Meghan Hogue, Amy Heath, Elaina Gates, Megan Doi, and Laura Klein. For the boys, Andrew Goard, Sam Jorgenson, Tommy Sabatini, Nathan Jetter, and Tommy Juarez.

The top swimmers for the Sharks were Laura Whiteland, Sydney Simmons, Sidney Vaeth, Alyson Isaacs, and Julia McElroy, for the girls and Isaac Hilton, Nick Tucker, Joseph Geasa, Jack DuBos, and David Azuma, for the boys. Also turning in good performances for Del Prado were Nikki White, Shelby Hicks, Lauren Graham, Megan Banke, Emilie Kasper, Ryan Hogue, Jack Bessiere, Max Jorgenson, James Reimer, and Alex Glenn. The Sharks also had some good performances from Lauren DuBos, Kaala Cheney, Allison Miller, Haley Isaacs, Ainsley Hasty, Luke Scanlon, Chris Mowry, Cody Vaeth, Parker Brown, and Tyler Rhoads.

Girls Results

Medley Relay: 6-under 100 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Coyne, Madeline 5, McElroy, Julia 6, Du-Bos, Lauren 6, Montague, Isabella 5), 1:59.59. 7-8 100 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Olivier, Courtney 8, Walder, Hannah 7, Herlich, Samantha 8, Kulkarni, Ela 8), 1:30.90. 9-10 100 yd. Pleasanton Meadows-CC 'A' (Whiteland, Laura 10, Rae, Kaitlyn 9, Hasty, Ainsley 9, Pozzi, Peyton 9), 1:16.67. 11-12 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Hicks, Lacey 1 Hogue, Meghan 12, Bardakos, Alyssa 12, Foster, Madeline 11), 2:22.30.13-14 200 vd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Doi, Megan 14, Suto, Healey 14, White, Nikki 13, Bell, Lucy 14), 2:14.40. 15-18 200 yd. Del Prado Stingrays-CC 'A' (Banke, Megan 16,

Register on-line at www.smsccyo.org for players 1st-8th grade, coaches, and referees. We are only accepting online registration. All registration must be completed prior to tryouts. Visit the website for more information or email smscbasketball@yahoo.com. Open to Livermore residents.

### **Bocce Kits for Rent**

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

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

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

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

### **Register for Alumni Football Game**

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

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

The Livermore-Granada Boosters were organized in 1949 by a group of former Livermore High School athletes, former students, and civicminded businessmen to foster and

For more information on the Sum-

### to www.jdrfbayarea.org Golf Benefits Football

mer Classic and how to participate, go



2012 PJFL CLASSIC **GOLF TOURNAMENT** 

will be open by 10:00 pm The first-ever 2012 Pleasanton Sunday night and Main Junior Football League (PJFL) Clas-sic Golf Tournament will be held on Street is expected to resume Friday, August 24 at Sunol Valley Golf Course. All registered participants will receive 18 holes of golf on the Cypress Course at Sunol Valley Golf Course, lunch and dinner. Golfers can purchase a single spot, a foursome, or even become a sponsor of the tournament.

Every year, league insurance, field use fees and equipment purchases & maintenance costs continue to rise. In an effort to keep player registration costs down, all of the (net) proceeds of the tournament will go to the PJFL general fund to help offset these ris-ing expenses.

For more details and to register your foursome, please visit PJFL. com.

#### Walk/Run for Women

Fleet Feet Sports of Pleasanton is esenting its Inaugural Women's 5K Run/Walk & Fitness Festival, August 11 (Health & Fitness Festival at Fleet Feet Sports on Main Street) and August 12 (5K Run/Walk at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park).

Saturday August 11, 10a.m. 4:00 p.m., at Fleet Feet Sports, 234 Main Street, Pleasanton: Health & Fitness Festival, presented by Health Unlimited. The exciting and educational festival is open to everyone and will feature organic foods and beverages,



Fri - Sat: 12:20 2:30 7:10

**TO ROME WITH LOVE** 

Fri - Sat: 4:40 9:05

Call for Sun - Thurs Show Times

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The Pleasanton Police streets. Department advises that

The final professional level race will conclude at 7:45 p.m. under the Pleasanton Arch. The Safeway Music Stage and kid's zone will entertain all ages with a BMX Demo show, game truck, jump structures and Striders bike races. Downtown businesses will be open the entire day.

For more information about this community event, parking locations, and for a list and description of the streets that will be closed on Sunday, please visit the Fast and Furious website: http://www.fastandfurious pleasanton.com/.

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### Friday Night Dinner & Music on the Patio

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## SHORT NOTES

#### Library Programs

The Livermore Public Library presents two different programs as part of its Summer Reading Program, "Dream Big, Read!

The Puppet Art Theater will perform "Hansel and Gretel" on August 8, 2012.

Puppet Art Theater presents a hilarious new take on the Grimm old classic! Will Hansel and Gretel escape the witch's gingerbread house and find their way home?

The program will take place at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 8th, at the Livermore Public Library, Rincon Branch, located at 725 Rincon Avenue. The 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 Conservation Zoomo**bile** from the Oakland Zoo will come to Livermore on August 8.2012.

Visit four different stations, each teaching about conserving our earth's resources. Sit in a rain forest tent, sort "garbage" learn about why cell phones have a great impact on our rain forests, see composting in action, and meet wild animalsreptiles, mammals, amphibians, and insects!

The program will take place at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 8, at the Livermore Public ibrary, Civic Center, located at 188 South Livermore Avenue, in the Storytime Room. No registration is necessary for this program, but space is limited. For that reason, attendance will be limited to children ages 4 and older.

These programs are underwritten by Friends of the Library

The Livermore Public Library's Summer Reading Program is a free program featuring pecial events and prizes for all ages. Scheduled programs throughout the summer include storytimes, crafts, wildlife presentation and international performances. More informa-

tion can be found at any of the library's three locations, or by clicking on "Kids' Place" at ww.livermorelibrary.net.

### **Nature Program**

Birds will be the topic of the Sat., Aug. 4 nature program led by Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Road.

Birds are one of the most diverse and most beautiful groups of animals on earth. There is a wide variety in color, shape, size and habit. How did they get that color? How come they can fly? What exactly makes a bird a bird anyway? Join this program to answer these questions and more about these animals.

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. Partici-pants may call 925-960-2400 for more information.

#### Excel Classes

The Pleasanton Library is presenting two Excel classes in August, one for beginners, and one intermediate level class. Participants will gain skills for career advancement, learning formatting, advanced formulas, visual basic programming, and more. Classes are taught by a finance professional with 9 years of experience.

Sign up for one, two, or three sessions on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 at the Library on the following dates: Monday, August 6: Beginners Excel; Monday, August 13: Intermediate Excel; Monday, August 20: Advanced Excel.

Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400, extension 7.

Library programs are free and open to everyone. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

Stories for Pre-Walkers The Livermore Public Library presents special story times for "pre-walkers." These 20-minute programs are for parents and babies 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.

#### Mt. Diablo Hikes

Save Mount Diablo will host the following hikes:

Curry Point Loop Hike hike: Sat., Aug. 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home to dozens of rare plants and wildlife, the area is a hotspot for biodiversity and forms a watershed divide between Marsh, Walnut and Alameda Creeks

Depending on weather conditions the hike will be between 4 and 6 miles with about 1,000 ft. of elevation gain/loss. RSVP here or call 925-947-3535 for more information. 40 person maximum.

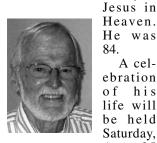
Donner Canyon Expedition: Sun., Aug. 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chaparral, springs, oak woodland, serpentine escarpments and diverse wildlife. Donner Canyon drops from the slopes of Mount Diablo's North Peak and Main Peak providing vantage points for dazzling views of the Los Medanos Hills. Dozens of rare plants and animals inhabit the diverse area. Follow Kirk, as he showcases some of the best kept secrets on the Mountain. The hike will be between 4 and 6 miles, depending on the weather, and will have around 600 ft. elevation gain/loss. RSVP here or call 925-947-3535 for more information. 40 person maximum.

Sunset in Hidden Valley Open Space: Fri., Aug 10, 6 to 8:30 p.m. A tilted, 1,000 acre (continued on page 10)

## OBITUARIES

#### John Vincent

Resident of Pleasanton On July 18, 2012, John Wm. Vincent went to join



Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. at Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton, CA.

John was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada June 1, 1928. He grew up in Transcona, Manitoba, Canada.

He graduated from the United College in Winnipeg in 1950 with a degree in Psychology/Sociology. Shortly after graduating, John moved to California, worked on the Southern Pacific Railway and then was drafted into the U.S. Army at the beginning of the Korean War. After basic training, he was sent to Germany as a psychiatric/social worker.

Upon discharge in 1953, he became an elementary school teacher. John spent his entire teaching career in the Menlo Park School District, teaching many grade levels with specialties in math, history and biology. He also served as one of the

of marriage. They lived in San Jose from 1959 to 2002 when they moved to lesus in Pleasanton.Besides his lov-Heaven. ing wife, he leaves behind He was three children, Dan (Libby) of Folsom, Mark (Theresa) A celof San Jose and Cary of ebration Pleasanton and grandchilof his dren Maggie and Trent of life will Folsom. He has one sister, be held Joan (Bob) of Hemet, CA.

had just celebrated 56 years

The family requests contributions in his memory to the Alaska Bible College Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 289, Glennallen, Alaska 99588 or an organization of your choice that supports John's many interests.

#### Neal Amick

Neal Amick passed away at home in Livermore on

> Glasgow, MT on June 25,

1935, he grew up in Stockton, CA and received his Bachelors degree from Sacramento State College in 1957, with a major in criminal justice and a minor in public administration. Neal played on the football team, served on the Student Council Board of Justice, was Vice President of the Athletic Society and President of Alpha Pi Delta, now Alpha Sigma Epsilon. During his career, he was a Sacramento Co. Sheriff's Deputy, an investigator for the CA State Athletic Commission, Special Agent for PT&T, General Security Manager for AT&T and Vice President of Pinkerton Investigative services. He was active in many professional law enforcement associations and served on the National Board of Directors-Law Enforcement Explorers, Boy Scouts of America. After 23 years of service, he retired as a Commander in the Naval Investigative Service, USNR. In retirement, home was in Forest Meadows, Murphys, CA where he was an active member of the community. He served as a member and President of the HOA board of directors, President of SIR, Scholarship Committee for Ophir Bear Mtn. Masonic Lodge #33

Amick (Lee), and 7 grandchildren; Matt, Scott and Lauren Gildea, and Chris, Shawn, Tyler and Megan Amick, all of Livermore, CA. He is also survived by his sister,, Lynne Cosgrove (Jack) of Stockton, CA, sisters-in-law, Kathleen Wiley-Kelly, Kristine Wiley McGrew, Mary Wiley Church and many nieces and nephews.

Any donations should be sent to Ophir Bear Mtn. Masonic Lodge #33, George M. Truemper Scholarship Fund, PO Box 645 Murphys, CA, 95247, Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave. Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568, or a charity of your choice.

### Maureen Mulholland O'Hare

Maureen Mulholland O'Hare, a 27 year resident of Pleasanton, passed away suddenly of natural causes on July 8th, 2012.

Maureen was an empathetic soul who felt for those who were marginalized, poor or suffered from the ravages of war. Her warm smile, great heart and sense of fun were especially evident in her playfulness with children. Maureen was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 30th, 1952. She lived in Brooklyn, Florida, Lompoc and San Jose as the family relocated while her father worked on the missile programs. Maureen graduated from Leland High School in San Jose in 1970. She worked twenty years for Pacific Bell in San Jose, San Francisco and San Ramon as a Staff Engineer. Maureen retired after the birth of her second child to concentrate on raising her children. She volunteered at Hillendale and Alisal schools where she particularly enjoyed teaching about Art History. She was a member of the inaugural St. Augustine parish neighborhood faith formation groups and loved dancing and museums. Maureen enjoyed traveling and frequently visited Ireland, the birthplace of her parents. Maureen is survived by her children Shannon and Brendan, her husband William, her mother Johannah Mulholland and her brother Rory Mulholland. She was predeceased by her father John Mulholland. Services will be held in Pleasanton on August 4th at 11am at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel followed by a reception from noon-4pm at Handles in the Pleasanton Hotel. Donations can be made to the National Psoriasis Foundation.

Marjorie Claire Duncan Marjorie passed away peacefully into the arms of



she later moved to Pennsylvania and finally settled in California where she met and married the love of her life, George. Marjorie and George are now reunited in heaven.

To Marjorie, family always came first. She was so proud of her daughters and grandchildren, and was a friend to many people of all ages. Marjorie was proud of her endeavors, and loved traveling with George in their RV and playing video poker. She enjoyed following current events and politics, and loved participating in church events. Marjorie delighted in crocheting blankets for her new grandchildren and the children of many friends, and was known for her incredible baking skills.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George Smith Duncan, and parents, Blanche and Cecil Hess. Marjorie is survived by her prother, Lawrence (Carol) Hess of San Gabriel, Ca and her loving children, Debbie McNamara of Quincy, Ca; Beckie (Richard) McWilliams of Livermore, Ca; Cindie Duncan of Omaha, Ne; and Donna (Tom) Stacy of Marietta, Ga. Marjorie was a loving grandmother to Lea, George (Leah), Margie, Matthew, Michael (Heather), Dawn (Keith), Joseph (Elizabeth), Richie, Alexandra; and great grandmother to Mellissa, Madison, Haylie, Logan, George, Lillian, Jackson, Dyeani and many nieces and nephews. 'Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6 A memorial service will be held in Norco, Ca on August 4 at 2 p.m., followed by burial at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Santa Nella, Ca on August 6.

school. Later he got great enjoyment from downhill skiing. His careers ranged from owning a business, real estate, food service & mixologist. In recent years many would call on Pete along with his dog Zep for a safe ride home from all downtown Livermore locations. He enjoyed his time as a cab driver, which included getting to meet new friends all the time.

Pete is survived by his son, Ian Andrew Jackson and wife Lyca of Milpitas; parents Kenneth and Thelma Jackson of Turlock; brothers John Jackson (Mary), Portland; David Jackson (Patricia & daughter Heather), Manteca; Mark A Jackson (Rebecca, daughter Jessica, son Sean), Livermore.

Donations please in lieu of flowers to a program attended by his niece Heather Jackson, in the memory of K. Peter Jackson, Futures Explored, 3547 Wilkinson Lane, Lafayette, CA, 94549.

A celebration of life will be held on August 3, 2012 at 1:00pm; Callaghan Mortuary, Livermore.

### Rev. John Oliver **McCandless**

Rev. John Oliver Mc-Candless passed away on Inly 2012 at his home in Rosewood Gardens afterafive month battle with brain

cancer.

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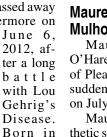
pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Ohio, Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church in Saginaw, Michigan, First Presbyterian Church in Jonesville, Michigan, First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, Indiana, First Presbyterian Church in Akron Colorado, and Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar City, Utah. Though he retired in Cedar City after 38.5 years of full time service, it wasn't enough, he completed stints as interim pastor in such exotic locales as Pinewood Springs, Colorado, Wrangel, Alaska, then Craig, Alaska (on Prince of Wales Island) before retiring for good in August, 1995. The Cedar City church awarded him "Pastor Emeritus" status in May 1996. They moved to Livermore, CA in 1999 to be close to family.

John has served on numerous civic organizations and boards including Lion's Club and Kiwanis Club, YMCA and Iron County Care and Share, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. His favorite hobbies include reading, hiking, traveling, tennis, and bowling.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine, sons Mark in New Orleans, LA; David in Wrangel, Alaska,; Paul in Livermore, CA, and Tim in Spokane, WA; daughter Marjorie in Concord, NH, their spouses, and 10 precious grandchildren. Preceding him in death are two brothers, Coulter and Ralph McCandless, one sister, Helen Alberta McCandless, and his parents. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 4 at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, CA at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers please consider a gift to the memorial fund of the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street, Livermore, CA 94550.



### June 6, 2012, after a long battle with Lou



three District Principals.

Early in his career, he left the district and spent a year teaching in a native school in Cordova, Alaska during the pre-statehood year of 1959.

Academically, John completed a B.A. at the United College, an M.A. in Educational Administration at San Jose State and a second M.A. from Santa Clara University in Family Counseling.

He was an accomplished pipe organist, having studied under Herbert Sadlow of London, England.

John retired from teaching in 1988 and went immediately to work full-time as a Juvenile Probation Officer for the San Mateo County, East Palo Alto where he worked until 2002. The fulltime employment continued his long-time summer job with the county.

John loved the Lord and delighted in serving him throughout his life. He served by singing in the choir, teaching, serving as elder and deacon, leading many mission trips to Guatemala and Alaska and being a friend to all.

John loved to carve wood. Through his two terms as President of the CA Guild #1 in San Jose and his current membership with the Tri-Valley Carvers, he made many lifelong friendships which he treasured. Lately he had been involved in the wounded warrior Eagle Head Project.

John and his wife, Elaine,

Neal loved to fish, sail, golf, travel and to just have fun with his family and his many friends. Everyone will remember his wonderful sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norlyn and Esther Amick. He is survived by Jean, his wife of 55 years, his daughter, Karen Gildea (Richard), son, Paul

### Pete Jackson

Aug. 8, 1957 – July 14, 2012 "Ambassador" of Livermore

Kenneth Peter Jackson, 54, passed away peacefully with his family by his side. Pete graduated from Irvington HS, Fremont in 1975. He earned his Eagle Scout Award and God & Country from BSA Troop 161, Fremont. Pete was an avid soccer player and ran cross country while in



was born August 27, 1926 to Jennifer C. McCandless and Goldie Ruth (Walters) McCandless on the Hermitage Farm (near Unionville), Butler, Pennsylvania. His elementary education was received at the Unionville School. He graduated from Butler High School in 1944 and from Slippery Rock State Teacher's College in 1949 and proceeded to teach grades 5-6 at the Portersville Town School in 1949-50. Finding Elaine Shannon in college, they married on August 17, 1951 and have remained together ever since.

John was ordained as a Presbyterian clergyman on June 11, 1953 in the Unionville Presbyterian Church, received his first call to the McIntosh, Wautaga, Morristown Parrish in South Dakota. Subsequently, he was a



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### WATER

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to 87 percent of the water supply to Zone 7 travels through the Delta.

**COURT ORDER** LIMITS

WATER AVAILABILITY Currently, the Delta is used to convey fresh water from a dam in the northern part of the Central Valley. Using the Delta as a conduit has led to problems of water quality and availability. It has also resulted in the killing of sensitive fish species in the Delta, which have been sucked into water pumps.

A lawsuit resulted in a judge's order to protect species. Compliance with the order led to more restrictions on Delta pumping, which have resulted in less water availability at times for water contractors such as Zone 7.

The twin tunnels plan is intended as a fix to preserve species and have more reliable access to the fresh water.

Environmentalists were among the stakeholders in devising the BDCP plan. Keeping more fresh water out of the Delta can lead to more saltwater intrusion from San Francisco Bay. which will cause its own measure of harm to plant and fish species.

The saltwater intrusion into the Delta has caused some environmentalists to oppose the tunnels. However, other environmentalists have agreed to them as a compromise solution

### ČOSTS ARE NOT **FIRMED UP YET**

Some critics have objected to the \$14 billion cost of the twin tunnels plan cited by Brown. There is also the cost of anywhere from \$2 billion to \$5 billion over 50 years in maintenance and operation costs.

However, Duerig said that the hard facts are not known yet, and won't be until the project is bid and built

What is certain is that whatever Zone 7 has to accomplish to obtain more water for the Valley population, which continues to grow, will mean increasing rates for water users.

The only options available to Zone 7 for new water are desalination and the use of treated wastewater for irrigation, which would free more of the water supply to be treated for personal use. Like the Delta fix, these options not only cost money, but also have their

environmental impacts, said Duerig

Another water source likely is closed off for now. Ten years ago, Zone 7 was buying water rights from Central Valley irrigation districts. It is doubtful the agency would find any water now for purchase.

Duerig said that all water districts are facing a crunch as a result of climate change, and its predicted impacts on water supply. Longer droughts are expected. An earlier melt of the snowpack is also anticipated, which can result in more flooding, and less capture of water for use

#### POPULATION DRIVES THE DEMAND

Although it serves some agricultural users, Zone 7 delivers most of its water for personal use. It is considered primarily to be an urban water district, in contrast to irrigation districts, which are found in predominantly rural areas.

All urban districts face the demands of the state's continuing population growth. When voters defeated the Peripheral Canal in 1982. the state's population was 23 million. In the 2010 census, population was 37 million. That's a 60 percent increase over nearly 30 years.

In the same time period in the Valley, the population of Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton grew from 96,000 to 196,000, an increase of 104 percent.

Whatever measures are taken to meet the demands of the growing California population (predicted to be 50 million by 2032), the one certainty in the future of water is higher rates, according to experts.

Zone 7 could wind up paying 1 percent of the total estimated cost of the project, said Duerig. It's definitely a "could," not a "will," in the absence of a clearer picture.

Brown in his announcement worked with a figure of \$14 billion for the cost of the plan. If Zone 7 were required to pay 1 percent, that would translate to \$140 million. Not enough is known now to determine how that would be financed.

Even the 1 percent estimate of the Zone 7 share depends on whether all contractors on the state and federal projects sign up for the tunnels, said Duerig.

As far as water conservation is concerned, Zone 7 for years has offered rebates on standard items available to the public, such as low-flow toilets and shower heads. Voluntary conservation of lawn watering and use of native plants, which do not require much water, have been encouraged. There is not much more left that Zone 7 can encourage when it comes to conservation. GARAMENDI, MCNER-

### NEY OPPOSE PLAN

Rep. John Garamendi, whose district includes Livermore in the current Congress, was an opponent of the Peripheral Canal in 1982, when he was a state senator. He opposes the twin tunnels, too. Rep Jerry McNerney, whose current district includes Pleasanton, is also an opponent.

Both congressmen represent areas of the Delta. and if elected, will continue to do so in the next Congress, when they lose Livermore and Pleasanton, respectively.

Garamendi and McNerney have been siding with concerns from Delta constituents about the impacts on fish and the amounts of water for Delta farming, which they said would be adversely affected by a conveyance under or around the Delta.

Garamendi said in a Sacramento press conference on July 25, "It is possible for California to solve its water problems. The Delta and Northern California counties must be at the table. It will take a comprehensive, multifaceted approach, not just a piece of plumbing in the Delta.

We must address the needs of all Californians by prioritizing storage, conservation, recycling, levee improvements, and habitat restoration. A BDCP without these elements is incomplete at best," added Garamendi.

McNerney said at a press conference on July 25 in Washington, "This BDCP plan is a travesty for northern California and will decimate our region, costing millions of dollars and thousands of jobs. This development is a huge breach of the public trust.

'Gov. Brown and (U.S. Interior) Secretary (Ken) Salazar have shown today that they have little regard for the people of San Joaquin County. The families, farmers, and small business owners in northern California stand to have their livelihoods destroyed," declared

### Highway 84 Widening Begins

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), with its partners the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Livermore, broke ground last week on the northern section of the State Route 84 Expressway project.

The expressway is one in a series of projects to improve the SR-84 corridor between Interstate 580 in Livermore and Interstate 680 in Sunol. Combined, the projects reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, and reduce air pollution.

The SR-84 Expressway project will widen a 4.6mile section of SR-84, also known as Isabel Avenue, between Ruby Hill Drive and Stanley Boulevard from two lanes to four lanes, and to six lanes between Stanley Boulevard and Jack London Boulevard. With the upgrade, SR-84 will reach expressway standards of 55-mile-per-hour drive speeds.

Mark Green, Mayor of Union City and Chair of the ACTC, stated, "This is a project that has been planned and implemented in stages to deliver congestion relief, improve access and help support community vitality.

### LIVES

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whooping cough since the beginning of the year. Several factors have led to the dramatic health improvement, Witt believes. Vaccination rates have "skyrocketed" since the new law went into effect last year requiring children entering seventh grade to be vaccinated, he says. Last year's vaccinations continue to confer protection. More protected children means

fewer disease carriers, less exposure of the newborn and others who are unvaccinated. This so-called "herd im-

munity" is essential because whooping cough vaccine is not fully protective. By contrast, vaccines for measles, polio and some other diseases provide protection even during an epidemic. In addition to partial immunity conferred by the whooping cough vaccine, the medical community must rely on public education, personal hygiene and quarantine to keep a few isolated cases from becoming an epidem-1C

Infants are at greatest risk. Those two months and younger can't be vaccinated. One in a hundred die if they contract whooping cough.

Our sales tax measure in Alameda County has been a major funding source for each stage of development. If voters approve the Alameda County 2012 Transportation Expenditure Plan in November 2012, we will have funding to close the final gaps on this project with a new interchange at Route 84 and I-680. The combination of local transportation dollars and state bond funds, both approved by voters, is what is delivering this important project in the Tri-Valley.

The project is also integral to the ongoing transformation of Livermore by shifting through-traffic away from the re-designed, pedestrian-friendly city center. Pedestrians and bicyclists will also derive safety benefits. The multi-use trail between Jack London Boulevard and Vineyard Avenue will be improved, closing a gap and providing a continuous 2.5-mile route for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Since the relocation of SR-84 from downtown Livermore to Isabel Avenue on the city's western edge, Livermore's city center is thriving," said Livermore Mayor John Marchand. "The

Witt and many others have stressed the importance of keeping the disease out of homes with babies.

This is particularly challenging for families that refuse vaccinations for reasons of personal belief, an exemption that is permitted under the California School Immunization Law.

Whooping cough, known medically as pertussis, is highly contagious. In the 1930s, with a population less than half of today's, the U.S. experienced more than 200,000 cases of whooping cough and more than 4.000 fatalities per year. A vaccine was introduced in the 1940s and improved in subsequent years. By the 1970s, the U.S. was experiencing around 1,000 cases of whooping cough per year.

An improved vaccine for children was introduced in the 1990s. Ironically, the incidence of whooping cough in the U.S. was rising dramatically at the same time, as parents who never experienced the disease saw no reason to have their children vaccinated. "Our population has lost their fear of childhood illness," Witt said in an interview earlier this year.

inviting pedestrian spaces and attractive streetscaping have revitalized our business district. Investments in transportation increase economic vitality and quality of life, both for citizens of Livermore and Bay Area commuters. They can travel more efficiently and spend less time in their vehicles and more time in their community.'

The total SR-84 Expressway project cost estimate is \$122.4 million. Of that amount, almost half of the funding for the project-\$59 million (49%)-is being provided by the Measure B halfcent transportation sales tax passed by Alameda County voters in 2000. ACTC has leveraged the Measure B funding to attract state and local funding to design and build the project. Funding for the northern segment includes \$16 million from the State Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) bond funds and \$23.6 million of Measure B funds. Proposed funding for the southern segment may include State Transportation Improvement Program funds and Tri-Valley Transportation Council funds, in addition to Measure B funds.

While Californians are largely protected by the mandatory vaccination law and the herd immunity it helps to create, other states have not passed such legislation.

As of last month, ten U.S. states reported whooping cough rates more than double the U.S. average of 5.4 per 100,000 people. Figures published by the Centers for Disease Control show Wisconsin's rate at 50.7 per 100,000, by far the highest at 10 times the national average. However, several states have rates in the 20s and 30s per 100,000.

There have been some 18,000 cases across the U.S. so far this year, double the number last year at this time, according to CDC. California has recorded about 400 of those, according to the State Public Health Department

In general, California law requires all school children entering seventh grade to show proof of having been vaccinated with the Tdap vaccine. Tdap stands for tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxiod and accelular pertussis. It is the current vaccine standard for children 11 and older

## SHORT NOTES

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grassland bowl at the northwest corner of Windemere development in San Ramon, the Open Space and its creeks drain into Hidden Valley Park. This hike offers spectacular views of Mount Diablo and the Tassajara Valley. The hike will be a 4 mile out and back with a few hundred feet of elevation gain. RSVP here or call 925-947-3535 for more information.

For a calendar of events go to www.savemountdiablo.org

### Car Safety Seats

Axis Community Health and the California Highway Patrol invite residents to take part in a free car seat safety event. Those attending will be able to have a car seat checked or replaced at no cost. According to California Highway Patrol, over 40% of car seats for children are used incorrectly.

The event is being held

on Saturday, August 11, from 9am-12pm at Axis's Livermore Clinic, 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore.

Contact Erika Cordova by August 3 at (925) 201-6082 or ecordova@axishealth.org to schedule an appointment, or drop by anytime between 9 am and 12pm on the day of the event.

### 4th & 5th Graders

The Livermore Public Library invites fourth and fifth grades to join Ms. Rebecca Hart for an hour of book discussion and fun at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore. This free book club will meet from 4:00pm to 5:00pm, the second Friday of each month from September 14, 2012 through January 11, 2013, in the Storytime Room.

At the first club meeting, Ms. Hart will present several books for nomination. Book club participants will decide which book to read as a group. Each participant will obtain a copy of the chosen book and then read it.

Registration is required. To register for this program or for more information, please contact the Youth Services Desk at (925) 373-5504, or visit the Library's 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 numbress 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. Reservations are required. Please call 800.284.2878 or register on www.OurSanRamonHospital. com on Find an Event under Orthopedics.

### **To-Do List Contest**

If given the chance to cross the ultimate to-do item off a "todo" list, what would the choice be? According to the General Manager of the Hilton Garden Inn located at 2801 Constitution Drive in Livermore, a recent study conducted by the hotel

brand showed that nearly seven out of 10 Americans have created some type of ultimate to-do list with travel and volunteering for a cause topping the list. Hilton Garden Inn, along with National Geographic Traveler, launched the second annual "Life's Ultimate To-Do List" contest on July 10 to encourage consumers to enter for an opportunity to make their bucket list dreams a reality

The "Life's Ultimate To-Do List" contest, which runs through August 5th on Hilton Garden Inn's Facebook page, asks consumers to share their top to-do list item and why they should win the prize, which will serve as their entry into the contest. Entries will also be added to Hilton Garden Inn's ongoing "Ultimate To-Do List," a comprehensive guide of fun and interesting things to explore across the globe. At the end of the contest, the 10 best entries will be chosen as the grand prize

winners and they can fulfill their to-do list item. Each winner will receive a 3-day/2-night trip totaling up to \$5,000. The trip will include roundtrip airfare for the winner and a guest to the destination of choice near an eligible Hilton Garden Inn hotel, hotel accommodations at any eligible Hilton Garden Inn around the globe, spending money to spend on the activity, a flip camera to document the adventure and a year-long subscription to National Geographic Traveler.

No purchase is necessary. To enter the contest, explore the consumer-generated Ultimate To-Dolist content, and find more information, visit the Hilton Garden Inn Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HiltonGardenInn. For more information on the Hilton Garden Inn located at 2801 Constitution Drive in Livermore contact the General Manager at 292-2000 or LVKLH\_DOS@hilton.com.

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Despite the limited inventory, home sales were up compared with the first quarter in 13 of the 15 communities included in the report. Home sales more than doubled from the first quarter in Alameda (+158%), Piedmont (+136%) and Pleasanton (+117%), and were sharply higher on an annualized basis in Castro Valley (+32%), Pleasanton (+22%) and Fremont (+19%). Oakland set the pace with 734 homes sold, up from only 577 in the first quarter and 719 a year ago.

Strong demand, limited inventory and multiple offers nudged prices higher in all Alameda County cities compared with the first quarter and in most cities compared with last year's second quarter. Countywide, the median price was \$445,020, up 20 percent from \$370,222 in the first quarter and 7 percent higher than last year's median sales price of \$417,384. Oakland once again set the pace: Its median sales price was \$297,750, up 31 percent from a year ago, when it stood at \$227,000.

Looking ahead, home sales should remain brisk and home prices can be expected to continue to rise absent any substantive increase in inventory or a significant change in the economy. Entry-level homebuyers will continue to face strong competition from investors with cash. Expect short sales to continue to influence the market through the end of 2012, when rules governing their tax treatment are scheduled to expire.

### **Residents Invited to Participate** in National Night Out in Dublin

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Pleasanton Police Department. Over 37 million people in more than 15,000 communities will join forces on Tuesday, August 7 to celebrate National Night Out's 29th annual event. National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug awareness, (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. The Pleasanton Police Department began participating in National Night Out over 10 years ago with 4 neighborhood block parties. Since then the event has progressively grown to 38 block parties with most coming from organized Neighborhood Watch groups. Parties vary from potlucks and BBQ's to ice cream socials and have included

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Those interested in hosting a National Night Out Party, are asked to visit www.pleasantonpd. org and download an application or pick one up in the front lobby of the Pleasanton Police Department. Any questions can be directed to CSO Shannon Revel-Whitaker at (925) 931-5240 or by email at srevel-whitaker@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Deadline for applications is August 1.

### **Pleasanton to Participate** In National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 7, 2012, the City of Dublin, along with other communities nationwide, will participate in National Night Out in order to build camaraderie and to demonstrate its anti-crime and anti-drug stance.

Participation in National Night Out represents the pro-active involvement of Dublin's community members and their commitment to preserving the City's quality of life. The City of Dublin encourages residents and businesses to give crime and drugs a going away party on August 7 by turning on porch lights and hosting a block party or event in order to display neighborhood unity.

The City of Dublin's city officials, Departments of Police Services and Fire Services, Neighborhood Resources and California Highway Patrol will visit with local residents and businesses at registered parties between 5:00 PM and

8:30 PM. Citizens will have the opportunity to meet with local first responders and display a united front against crime and drugs.

This year two major local retailers, Ulferts Center and Hacienda Crossings, will be partnering with Dublin to present National Night Out in order to express their support of the community. They will host outdoor celebrations on August 7, complete with giveaways and refreshments.

For more information about the National Night Out program, go to www.natw.org. To register your neighborhood block party or events online, please visit www. dublin.ca.gov and visit the City's National Night Out webpage.

For additional information or to request an application, please contact Laura Correa-Hernandez in Neighborhood Resources via phone, (925) 833-6686, or email, laura.correa-hernandez@dublin.ca.gov. The registration deadline is August 3, 2012.

and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, dogs are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at W Angela and First Streets. Two ocations will showcase cats only: Petsmart in Dublin from 12:00 to 4:00 and the Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. On Sundays cats are available at Petsmart in Dublin from 1:00 to 4:00, and Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. For more information, call Terry at

## **Class Teaches Participants the Buzz Behind Beekeeping**

### **By Carol Graham**

It's a summer morning in the country.

The earth is still damp and cool from the night, wild grasses scent the air, and with each minute the sun works up its dazzling, terrifying heat. The grapevines are thriving, taller than most men. From high above comes the nearly imperceptible drone of bees - a fitting soundtrack for the day's activities.

At Retzlaff Vineyards, Ed of Gerard'Z Honeybees breaks into a huge grin. "Wine is just to cleanse your palate for honey," he tells the 20 people attending his Introduction to Beekeeping Workshop. It is a class he began teaching in March at local wineries, nurseries, and festivals.

"Eighty percent of everything we eat has something to do with bees," says Ed, noting that bees play a critical role in pollinating all flowering plants and are particularly important for increasing orchards' productivity. "Each year 40% of beehives die off due to pesticides, starvation, disease, predators and Colony Collapse Disorder (a recent phenomenon in which worker bees abruptly disappear from a hive or colony)."

Ed's interest in bees began at age nine when he started helping his grandfather Gerard. "Baseball?" Ed's father said to him. "Get over there and help your grandfather."

Starting out with just three hives, Ed's secondcareer enterprise took off as colonies outgrew their space and broke off to create new hives. "We provide pollination services. I'm also active in swarm removal throughout the Bay Area,"



Ed discusses bees and beekeeping during a seminar at Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore.

says Ed. "Free bees, are you kidding me?"

His enthusiasm paved the way for hosting his beekeeping seminars at Retzlaff. "He called us one day regarding selling his honey in our tasting room," recalls manager Salome Garau-Taylor. "He was so animated and

excited about his bees and his honey business that we really couldn't resist.

'We produce our wines from our own organicallycertified grapes and take pride in our wines just as Ed takes great pride in his honey. The bees are sort of his buddies. They're thought

to be true indicators of a healthy environment; those bees are quite happy when they visit the winery.'

Ed notes, "There's a lot of spirituality in beekeeping. Bees live like man should live. They're solely concerned with raising their babies; they are not going

### Wheels to Increase Bus Service Starting in Late August; Changes in Some Routes

The Livermore Amador trips have been modified to been discontinued. Trans-Valley Transit Authority, serve the new Pleasanton fer opportunities between operator of the Wheels bus Gateway Center on Bernal system, will increase service Ave. for the third consecutive year

Route 9: On trips that with its Fall 2012 service continue to and from Route this area. change. Effective Saturday, 70X, the route alignment has August 25, 2012, changes to been modified to exclude the the Wheels fixed routes will Chabot Dr loop. This area will continue to be served by Route 9 and will run every 30 minutes.

new Bus Book will be available aboard the bus, at all Routes 8 and 10 have been public libraries and at the optimized at Neal/First to Transit Center on August provide service coverage to 17, 2012.

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to leave them. If there are in the workshop. Particiuncared for babies, they're on it."

The reason these non-aggressive insects may sting is to scare people or large predators and to kill insects and small predators such as moths and mice, Ed explains. Since stingers are attached to the bee's internal organs, a stinger embedded in fleshy tissue will result in the bee's death.

Along with focusing on the importance of bees and their behavior, the two-hour introductory class teaches how to build and expand hives. "Hives must be near a water source, even if it's just sprinklers," says Ed. 'They should face east, get afternoon shade, and must have at least some sun during the day."

To enlarge crowded hives or to introduce new hives, Ed recommends a gradual evolution. "Once bees get to know each other, they're okay," he says. "They're like us: if you show up on my doorstep, I'll think you want my honey. And I love my honey."

For Livermore resident Linda Nidever-Galles, the biggest surprise was the use of pre-made frames to house the hives. "If you think about it, it makes sense to have your bees working on making honey instead of honeycombs," she says, adding that she's gathering information to see if it makes sense to start a hive in her vineyard. "This is a great class for all ages."

Both wine tasting and honey tasting are included pants choose from several flights of wine available in Retzlaff's country-style tasting room. Some of the honeys available to taste include star thistle, pomegranate, orange blossom and avocado honey.

"Two tablespoons of honey a day are known to reduce allergies, arthritis, sore throats and digestive disorders," says Ed of raw honey's antioxidants, proteins, enzymes, minerals and the antimicrobial properties that make it a natural antibiotic.

Upcoming classes, including Colony Splitting and Relocation, Bee Maintenance, and Bee-Bee-Q, are listed on Gerard'Z Honeybees website. Attending makes a great kick-off for a day of wine tasting or for simply enjoying the beauty of the Livermore Valley.

Participant Rich Pixley sums it up perfectly. "Bees are in trouble and they are a key part of our food cycle. Beekeepers help," he says. "Ed is quite knowledgeable, puts on a fine show, and the winery (with wine tasting!) is a lovely venue for it."



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Route 1: The route alignment has been extended east to Fallon Rd on Sundays.

Route 2: The route alignment has been extended north on Tassajara Rd past Dublin Ranch Rd and east to Fallon Rd. The service will run every 45 minutes.

Route 3: The route direction has been reversed to clockwise in the morning and counter-clockwise in the afternoon. The hours of operation have been increased to provide continual service between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm on Saturdays. Beginning January 2013, service frequency will be increased to every 30 minutes.

been renamed Route 203. Route 203 will run only on school days.

service, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, has been added. Select

Route 12: On Saturdays, the route alignment will shift to the newly constructed Jack London Blvd extension and will include stops at the Paragon Outlets. This service change is anticipated to start in November 2012.

Route R (Rapid): The hours of operation have been shifted by one hour, starting at 5:30 am and ending at 7:30 pm.

Route 201: The route alignment has been extended further north on Tassajara Rd and east to Fallon Rd.

Route 202: Service coverage has been expanded in Route 3V: The route has the central Dublin Ranch area to include Brannigan St and Gleason Dr. Extensions to Positano Pkwy and Route 8: New Sunday Croak Rd are planned in the near future.

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## THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A



## Sally Struthers Brings Her Show to the Firehouse

The Firehouse Arts Center Cabaret Annie, Grease and The Odd Couple. Series will present Simply Sally Struthers, a rare intimate evening of songs, stories, and laughter with the television, film and Broadway personality.

The performance will be Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Struthers is best known as Gloria Stivic on television's All in the Family, for which she won two Emmy awards in 1972 and 1979, and as Babette Dell on Gilmore Girls. She also starred in Broadway productions of

After a brief Archie Bunker's Place spinoff, Gloria, in 1982–1983, Struthers became a semi-regular panelist on the 1990 revival of Match Game. She also appeared occasionally as a celebrity guest on Win, Lose or Draw, had a recurring role as Bill Miller's manipulative mother, Louise, on the CBS sitcom, Still Standing. She was a regular cast member on Gilmore Girls.

Struthers provided voices for a number of animated series such as The Pebbles and Bamm-Bamm Show and TaleSpin. She was

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## **Entries Being** Accepted in New Acoustic Guitar Competition



### Lary Carlton to Perform at Guitar Fest LIVE!

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center has announced a new Acoustic Guitar Competition to take place during LVPAC's fourth annual Guitar Fest LIVE! a weekend-long celebration of guitars and guitar music centered in and around the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. A package of prizes, including valuable media exposure and performance opportunities, will be awarded to non-professional guitarists. The competition is expected to draw talent from throughout the region.

The competition finals will take place Sunday afternoon, September 16, 2012 beginning at noon on the Artistic Edge Acoustic Stage at Blacksmith Square on North Livermore Avenue across the street from the Bankhead Theater.

Each year Guitar Fest LIVE! features headline performances by world-class guitarists inside the Bankhead, free outdoor concerts and guitar clinics, as well as a showcase of the latest guitar equipment.

A free performance by the Volker Strifler Band on the Shea Homes Stage outside the theater kicks off the festival on Friday evening, September 14th.

Throughout the afternoon on Saturday September 15th, there will be free guitar clinics at ABC Music Store and Academy on First Street, as well as performances on the Shea Homes Stage and the Artistic Edge Acoustic Stage at Blacksmith Square, culminating in a performance by the Larry Carlton Trio inside the Bankhead.

Four time Grammy Award-winner Carlton has been called one of the most accomplished, admired and imitated guitarists in the world. His guitar stylings are heard on more than 100 gold records with artists from Barbara Streisand and Joni Mitchell, to Dolly Parton and Michael Jackson.

His legendary solo on Steely Dan's "Kid Charlemagne" is considered one of the most influential guitar solos of all time and he has released more than 20 solo albums. Tickets to see the Larry Carlton Trio range from \$35 to \$52 for adults and \$14 for students.

The festival concludes with the acoustic guitar competition on Sunday afternoon.

Since the Bankhead Theater opened in 2007, audiences have filled the venue for performances by such world-renowned guitarists as Eric Johnson, Dave Mason, Lee Ritenour and the late Ronnie Montrose.

"Guitar Fest LIVE! was designed to reflect the broad

interests of both guitarists and audiences alike and to represent the many different styles of music within the world of guitars," said Len Alexander, LVPAC's Executive Director. Competitions held during the festival in past years have largely attracted electric guitar participants. This year's competition is exclusively acoustic.

Guitar Fest LIVE! and the Acoustic Guitar Competition are sponsored by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center joined by local businesses.

The grand prize winner will receive a Voyage-Air Songwriter Series guitar, an interview with Rosalie and a recorded song aired on KFOG's Acoustic Sunrise, an article and music video posted on GuitarPlayer.com, a recording session at Studio D Recording with awardwinning engineer/producer Joel Jaffe, three paid performance engagements at select Downtown Livermore businesses, and a paid spot on stage during the 2013 Livermore Wine Country Festival.

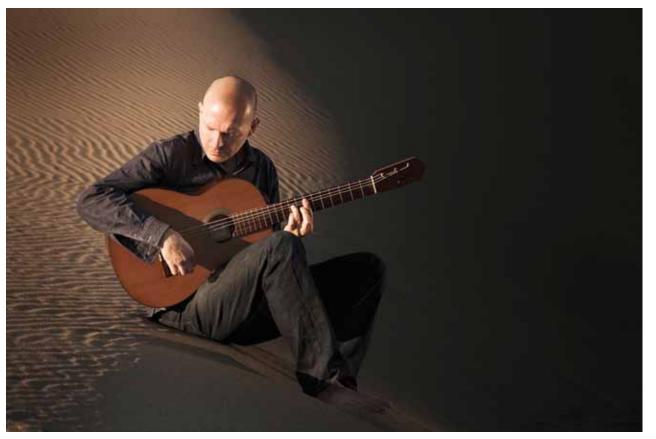
Entrants in the Guitar Fest LIVE! Acoustic Guitar Competition must be 18 years of age and a nonprofessional guitarist as outlined in the application.

## Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra Back at the Bankhead

Ottmar Liebert and his band Luna Negra have performed at the Bankhead Theater every year since his first appearance in 2009.

Incorporating international rock, jazz and pop music influences, Liebert redefined the art form with his double platinum debut album Nouveau Flamenco. The album. which included his signature song "Barcelona Nights," is one of the best-selling guitar albums of all time. Tickets for the single performance by Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra on Thursday, August 9 at 7:30 p.m. range from \$39 to \$62 for adults and \$14 for students.

Liebert has earned a strong global audience with music that is a reflection of the sounds and experiences he discovered in following his youthful wanderlust. He bought his first guitar when he was just 11 and left his home in Germany at the age of 18 to travel the world, where he was quick to explore and adapt to the musical traditions he encountered. Over the years, he blended his love for the unique, rhythmic aspects of traditional flamenco with haunting Eastern European melodies, passionate Hungarian gypsy music and distinctive South American percussion. Through his



### Ottmar Liebert will debut "Dune."

music, he evokes a sense of time and place, light, texture and mood.

After living in New York for a number of years, Liebert eventually settled among the artistic community in Santa Fe, New Mexico in the 1980s. He initially played in local restaurants

and small venues, but his first album, recorded for limited release at an art show in Santa Fe, sparked such an enthusiastic response from local radio audiences, it was released by an independent record label as "Nouveau Flamenco" and quickly went platinum. Considered one of the world's most successful and prolific instrumental artists, Liebert has released more than two dozen albums in the decades since "Nouveau Flamenco." He has been nominated for five GRAM-MY Awards and nearly every one of his albums has achieved gold or platinum status. While often classified in the World Music or New Age categories, Liebert's music and his relaxed stage presence appeal to fans from across all musical genres. His most recent release "Dune" continues to express the evocative sounds and rhythms inspired by his life in the American Southwest and was described by Culture Court as "poetic sunshine at midnight."

Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra appear as part of the LVPAC Presents series at the Bankhead Theater showcasing artists in a wide range of music, dance and other performing arts. They will be followed by an evening with singer/songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker, whose original country, jazz and folk rock sound will fill the Bankhead on August 17.

Throughout the summer, LVPAC Presents sponsors live music on the Shea Homes stage outside the Bankhead Theater from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. every Friday. These free concerts culminate in mid-September with the launch of LVPAC's fourth annual guitar festival, Guitar Fest LIVE!, a weekend filled with live guitar performances, free clinics, and a new acoustic guitar competition at Blacksmith Square across the street from the theater.

Tickets for all LVPAC Presents performances including Ottmar Liebert, Jerry Jeff Walker, and the complete 2012-2013 season are on sale now at the Bankhead Theater box office or online at www.bankheadtheater.org

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore.

### **GUITAR MUSIC**

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Applications must be submitted by August 15, 2012 with \$25 entrance fee. The top six entrants selected using a weighted combination of public voting and the input of professionals in the music industry, will be invited to perform before a panel of expert judges and live audience at Blacksmith Square in Livermore on Sunday, September 16. Applications and complete information are available at www.guitarfestlive.com.

Tickets for the Larry Carlton Trio concert as well as for all events in the LVPAC Presents 2012-2013 season are on sale now at the Bankhead Theater box office

or online at www.bankhead-theater.org.

#### LVPAC Guitar Fest LIVE! 2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 14: Free outdoor concert by The Volker Strifler Band on the Shea Homes Stage outside the Bankhead Theater. 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Saturday, September 15: Free guitar clinics at ABC Music Store and Academy. 2156 First Street. 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Free live music on the Artistic Edge Acoustic Stage at Blacksmith Square. 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.; Free live music on the Shea Homes Stage outside the Bankhead Theater. 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.; Guitar equipment showcase. Open to the public 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.; open to concert ticket holders in the Bankhead Theater lobby. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and during intermission. Concert with Larry Carlton Trio, Bankhead Theater. 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 16: Acoustic Guitar Competition Finals at Artistic Edge Acoustic Stage in Blacksmith Square. 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in Downtown Livermore. To purchase tickets call 925-373-6800 or visit www. bankheadtheater.org.

## Bud Donaldson Receives Jefferson Award for Unique Art and Music Programs for Veterans

Art and music nurture the soul. No where is that more apparent than the Veterans Administration Hospital in Livermore, where interactive programs of painting and music have drawn reclusive veterans out of their rooms.

Bud Donaldson is the founder of the unique program. Two afternoons a week, he and other volunteers teach painting. A third afternoon is devoted to music. For his efforts, Donaldson is the recipient of a Jefferson Award.

Donaldson himself is a veteran, serving 23 years in the Air Force, flying 150 missions over Vietnam and earning 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses.

The Jefferson Awards are a prestigious national recognition system honoring community and public service in America. The Jefferson Awards are presented on two levels: national and local. They were instituted in 1972 to create a Nobel Prize for public service. Today, their primary purpose is to serve as a "Call to Action for Volunteers" in local communities.

The program at the Livermore site is unique. It is the only weekly program run by volunteers. "We can always use more volunteers," Donaldson mentioned. His description of a volunteer, "The person should be dedicated, fun

loving and a little crazy. You have to have an open mind."

About 17 instructors have participated in the program over the last eight years. Some had very little experience, others came in with 20 to 30 years of painting expertise. Donaldson mentioned his current volunteers: Lynn Foote, Jeanette and Doug Brown, Linda Lavis, Triees Cunningham, Leigh Masi, Janie Alvegedis, Lorrie Jones, and Dick Seavey. "We don't have credentials, we're not therapists, we're not psychologists," he said. "We are dedicated and compassionate."

Donaldson says that he had wanted to paint and at age 50 started taking lessons. Eventually, he began teaching his grandchildren to paint. After moving to Livermore, he taught painting in his home to students ranging in age from 6 to 72.

In 1998, he started volunteering at the VA, helping the art teacher. "After she left, I took over the class. But soon traded the art for playing guitar." Donaldson and other volunteers now play every Friday. Anywhere from 5 to 9 musicians are on hand on any given Friday.

In 2004, he began to teacher water-based oil painting to three veterans. He supplied all of the paint and other needed supplies. "It was a success. I recruited other artists to help. Over the with velcro and he finished last 8 plus years, we have his painting by moving the

had over 120 veterans paint brush with his knee. at least one painting, some have created over 70 works of art." One of the original three veterans, Sonny, is still participating in the program.

Donaldson recalled that it took three months to draw Sonny into the class. He was full of anger. During the first three years in the program, he turned his anger into love, made up with his children and has sold over \$800 worth of paintings.

Work created by the veterans has been displayed at the Livermore ArtWalk, the Creative Art Show in Palo Alto, the Livermore Library and on-site in the nursing home. He uses frames that he collects at garage sales to display the paintings.

Donaldson sees the benefit of his and his volunteers paying dividends, "creating small miracles. Despite all of their problems, they come down and they try.'

One patient with ALS, Jim, never got out of bed for six years. He was sent to the Livermore facility. His roommate urged him to join the painting group. Jim was given a wheelchair and could use his chin to move it. He came down and watched, finally coming up with an idea to put a glove on his right hand with a slit under his middle finger. A brush was placed in the slot. His hand was attached to his knee

According to Donaldson, Jim has said that if it weren't for his painting classes, he would hardly get out of bed. Now he can paint on his own, mix his colors and will be receiving a new chair so he can use his hand instead of his chin to move around.

Mike was paralyzed from the neck down. Over the last two years, he has created nine paintings using his mouth to hold the brush.

Ozzie used to stay in his room. He was wounded in the head while serving in Vietnam and was afraid to be around people. He has been painting for four to five years. Today he is very sociable and goes out on outings provided by the VA.

In the information submitted to nominate him for the Jefferson Award, Sue Scott, Voluntary Service Specialist at the Livermore service, had much to say about Bud. He has volunteered over 8,250 hours. He was instrumental in starting and keeping the art program up and running and is a key player in "Sally's Pub," on Friday afternoons. He has an incredible library of music and makes sure the residents hear their favorite songs. He plays his sax at memorial services for the veteran residents who pass away. He also visits the residents with one of the pet therapy dogs.

Donaldson says, "Volunteers find that they get back

as much as they give." As to volunteer is invited to for myself, "I am doing what I want to do at this point in m life."

help out on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Music is played on Fridays.

Anyone who would like



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### SALLY STRUTHERS (continued from front page)

one of the voice stars on ABC's Dinosaurs produced

by Walt Disney and Henson Productions. Struthers is also widely

known for her work with ChildFund International, advocating on behalf of impoverished children in

developing countries, especially Africa. Her activism has been satirized on television episodes of Grey's Anatomy, In Living Color, and South Park.

Tickets are adult: \$28. \$33 and \$38 and senior: \$28. \$33 and \$33. Group discounts are available. Tickets 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 the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.



The photos are of the Del Valle summer camp excursion held last month.

### The American Indian Center Fosters Appreciation for Indigenous Culture

Across the nation Native American Indians gather for powwows, attend cultural classes, take field trips and learn Native American dancing to celebrate and preserve their indigenous heritage. Locally, Indian Education Program director Mary Puthoff, of the Livermore American Indian Center, located at Rancho Las Positas Elementary School, 401 E. Jack London Blvd., Livermore, works to foster appreciation for and create pride in Indian culture.

Puthoff, born on the Rosebud Lakota Reservation in South Dakota, was adopted at age five into a family that raised her in the Black Hills. Once married, she and her husband brought their young family to the Bay Area. Puthoff received her degree from UC Berkeley.

"One-third of Indians, nationally, haven't been raised by birth families," said Puthoff, referring to the Indian Adoption Project. It is a contract which existed from the 1950's until about 1970 through the collaboration of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Children's Bureau and the Child Welfare League of America, allowing the adoption of Native American children to white families in the U.S. The idea was to allow Native children to have a better life.

"The Livermore American Indian Center serves students of American Indian heritage in the Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, Sunol Glen and Castro Valley school districts," said Puthoff, who has held her Tri-Valley Program Specialist, Title VII, position since 1978. "Families may sign up with the Indian center even with a small amount of Indian heritage, depending on the tribe."

The museum exhibits a large collection of memorabilia and historical artifacts to promote understanding and respect for the heritage of our continent's earliest inhabitants.

"The facility is centrally located for those coming from out of town," explained Puthoff. "The museum was previously located at Junction Ave. K-8 School for over a decade. It moved to Rancho Las Positas Elementary in 2011."

The museum is federally funded through the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, which annually applies to the Office of Indian Education, U.S. Dept. of Educ., for a grant to operate the Indian program. The mission of the Office of Indian Education is to support the efforts of local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, and postsecondary institutions to meet the educational and culturally-related academic needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

"The family or guardians of kids of American Indian heritage fill out a form so the school can count each child for funding under the program," said Puthoff. The form asks for verification (if known) of the student's Indian tribe, band or group. Puthoff said there are over 100 tribes represented in California.

Free services provided for participating students include genealogy research, tutoring, heritage enrichment, summer day camp, scholarships, tobacco prevention education, and referrals for social services and counseling. At Christmas these students receive gifts from an American Indian Santa Claus, courtesy of donations the program receives throughout the year.

"Working with kids, in a variety of activities, is never boring," said Puthoff.

The 2012 American Indian Education Program Summer Camp was held 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 18-21 at Lake Del Valle, and Native

American Day will be held in Sept. 2012 at Rancho Las Positas Elem. School in Livermore.

To visit the museum, contact Mary Puthoff at

mputhoff@lvjusd.k12. ca.us or call 925-606-4748 ext. 3, or visit http://rancho.schoolloop.com/cms/ page\_view?d=x&piid=&vp id=1211910070914

### Zydeco Festival Set

Ardenwood Historic Farm inFremont will host the Annual Cajun Zydeco festival on Saturday, August 11.

The day will be filled with the Cajun/Zydeco music, dancing, Cajun & Creole cuisine and other festival food favorites. The 16th annual festival features Chubby Carrier & The Bayou Swamp Band, Bay Area favorites Andre Thierry & Zydeco Magic, Corey Ledet & His Zydeco Band, and opening the Festival is Tom Rigney & Flambeau.

Gates open at 10 a.m., live music will play from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Park Express Transportation Program for low-income schools and groups serving senior or disabled persons visiting the East Bay Regional Parks. Additional donations welcome. Contact the Regional Parks Foundation: (510) 544-2202.

Ardenwood Historic Farm is located on Ardenwood Boulevard just north of Highway 84 (Dumbarton Expressway) in Fremont. Advance tickets: \$18 for adults, \$3 for youth (ages 4 - 15 years). Advance tickets can be purchased through August 8 at (510) 544-2202 or online at EBParksOnline.org. Day of event tickets: \$22 for adults, \$5 youth (ages 4 - 15years). 3 years and under free. Free parking.

Additional information can be found at (510) 544-2202 or www.ebparks.org.

### Taste of Downtown This Weekend in Livermore

Livermore Downtown Inc. presents the "Taste of Downtown; Explore the More," a food & wine stroll through downtown Livermore. The event will be held August 4 and 5 from noon to 5 p.m. each day. Purchase a "Taste of Downtown" Passport and Wine Glass then stroll downtown where participants will be able to sample 18 different wines in participating downtown stores and food samples from over 19 downtown restaurants. Live music will be performed at the Flag Pole Plaza, Bankhead Plaza & Blacksmith Square. The passport is also good for a free horse drawn carriage ride.

Pre-sale Passport & Wine Glass Packages are available for \$35.00 (if purchased by August 3rd) at Artistic Edge at Blacksmith Square, 21 S. Livermore Ave. or online at www.livermoredowntown.com

Passport & Wine Glass Packages will also be available for \$40.00, while supplies last, the day of the event at the Flag Pole Plaza on the corner of First Street and Livermore Avenue. Those who have a 2012 Livermore Wine Country Festival Wine Glass, will be able to purchase a passport for \$25.00 Pre-Sale or \$30.00 day of the event. Food only Passports will be available the weekend of event for \$15.00.

For more information please visit www.livermoredowntown.com or call Livermore Downtown Inc. at 925-373-1795 Authors Lorena Bathey and Susy Flory will present their program *Two Paths* to *Getting Published* at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, on Sunday, August 5, 2012 at 2 p.m.

There is no charge for this event. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Authors Lorena Bathey and Susy Flory will share their stories of the trials and tribulations they face when the writing's done and compare the traditional and self publishing routes, among the many options available to writers today.

Susy Flory is a New York Times best-selling author who grew up on the back of a quarter horse in Northern California. She took degrees from UCLA in english and psychology and has a background in journalism, education, and communications. Susy first started writing at the Newhall Signal with the legendary Scotty Newhall, an ex-editor of the

San Francisco Chronicle and a one-legged cigar-smoking curmudgeon who ruled the newsroom from behind a dented metal desk where he pounded out stories on an Underwood typewriter. She taught high school English and journalism, then quit in 2004 to write full time for publications such as Focus on the Family, Guideposts Books, In Touch, Praise & Coffee, Today's Christian, and Today's Christian Woman. Susy is the author or co-author of four books, including So Long Status Quo: What I Learned From the Women Who Changed the World, as well as the much-anticipated 2011 memoir she co-wrote with blind 9-11 survivor Michael Hingson, called Thunder Dog: The True Story of a Blind Man, His Guide Dog, and the Triumph of Trust at Ground Zero.

Lorena Bathey's first book was Happy Beginnings, a hysterical memoir of her journey to find herself

### Tri-Valley Treasures Can Be Seen at the Bankhead

Tri-Valley Conservancy and the Bankhead Theater are working together to share an exhibit of the winners from the 2012 "Tri-Valley Treasures" Plein Air competition and top 25 Freeze Frame photographs from our 2011 competition.

The exhibit will run through September 10. A reception is set for August 15 from 6 to 8pm in conjunction with the Founder's Room Exhibition Reception for realist artist Maryann Kot, also at the Bankhead Theater.

Linda Ryan, curator and manager of the Bankhead Theater Art Exhibition program stated, "I'm delighted with this exhibition of the Freeze Frame photographs and the Plein Air paintings. Each piece captures the rural and agricultural landscapes of our community. I am thrilled to be working with the Tri Valley Conservancy."

For more information about Tri-Valley Conservancy, the art exhibit at the Bankhead Theater, or the upcoming 2012 Freeze Frame competition beginning August 27, please visit our website at www.trivalleyconservancy.org.

after her world fell apart while she was facing her mother's death and her own divorce. These circumstances pushed her to change and inspired her to learn to make her own wishes come

Authors to Present Program at the Library on Two Paths to Getting Published

true rather than waiting for them to happen. Lorena has gone on to write and publish Beatrice Munson, House on Plunkett Street, and coming soon, The X. more Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

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### Artist's Reception Scheduled at Prudential

The artwork of Alan Ryall, a Livermore artist who specializes in marine paintings, is on display at Prudential California Realty, 1780 First Street, Livermore, through Sept. 30.

A free reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Alan Ryall's paintings depict a variety of marine subjects in settings that convey the feelings and moods of the marine environment - the exhilaration of sailing in a stiff breeze on San Francisco Bay, the tranquility of a misty Chesapeake dawn, the melancholy of a mothballed warship being towed out to sea for disposal, or the mood of anticipation aboard a British schooner hunting for slavers on the African coast.

"As a fourth-generation Californian I am particularly attracted to scenes involving San Francisco Bay or the rugged western coastline." he said.

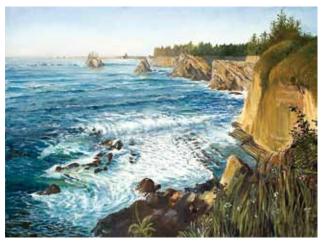
Ryall credits an aunt with mentoring his first attempts at pen-and-ink sketching.

After junior college he shelved artistic endeavors for several decades to pursue more other activities — three years in the Army, where he trained in Russian language and various Signal Corps schools; earning an A.B. degree in geology and a Ph.D. in geophysics; and a career in teaching, research and government program management.

He started the geophysics program at the University of Nevada-Reno; conducted studies of earth structure, earthquake and volcanic processes, and research to improve nuclear test ban treaty monitoring; and he participated in test-ban negotiations between the United States and the former Soviet Union in Geneva.

While working in Virginia, Ryall took up sailing, ship modeling and maritime history, and made frequent visits to the superb maritime museums along the eastern seaboard.

In 1987, with particular inspiration from a Naval Academy exhibit of William Gilkerson's paintings of "The Ships of John Paul



#### Cape Arago

Jones," he began thinking about combining his nautical interests to pursue a new career in marine art.

In 1994, he and his wife Floriana returned to California where, over a seven-year period, he completed a comprehensive program of art courses under Bill Paskewitz at Las Positas College.

"Marine art as we know it in America arose in the Netherlands in the 17th century, matured further in 18th-century England, and reached the US early in the 19th century," he said. book jacket paintings for novels dealing with the American Revolution.

"For contemporary scenes, my paintings are based on my own photographs of boats and ships, with elements of those photographs combined in various ways to achieve the desired composition," he explained.

"With a background in scientific research, I also enjoy reconstructing scenes from the historic past, and those paintings typically involve a good deal of analysis – of ships' plans, rigging diagrams, maps, old photographs — and even building and photographing my own models."

Ryall is a signature member of both the American Society of Marine Artists (ASMA) and the International Society of Marine Painters, and recently joined the Coast Guard Art Program.

In 2008 he was elected as one of two ASMA representatives for the western United States, and in 2009 he was appointed to the ASMA Board of Directors. His paintings have been shown in fine art galleries in San Diego, Tiburon, Sausalito, Danville, Blackhawk, Morro Bay and Avila Beach, CA; Coos Bay, OR; Seattle, WA; Williamsburg, VA; and Rollinsford, NH., as well as in juried shows.

Ryall's paintings have been accepted for the Foss Maritime Company's 2012 calendar; the 2012 Coast Guard Art Collection, and for inclusion in the ASMA's War of 1912 Bicentennial website.

He also won first prize in oil painting at the Livermore Art Association's Spring Art Show.

Ryall served as a juror for the 19th Annual Maritime Exhibit at the Coos Art Museum in Oregon, and has two paintings in the 57th Haggin Museum Exhibition in Stockton.

The Prudential show is open for viewing during business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., or by appointment.

For information, contact Cher Wollard at 925 824-4824 or cherw@cherw.com



Enjoying dishes of ice cream at a previous Social.

### Victorian Flavor to Annual Ice Cream Social

A Victorian-themed afternoon is planned at the picturesque Ravenswood Historic Site in Livermore as the annual Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social takes place.

This year's Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12.

Presented by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Ravenswood Progress League, this event transports visitors back to a slower-paced time for a summer celebration to glimpse what Livermore may have been like in the 1890s.

"Today it is practiced by

a robust and growing group

of painters, and is part of a

general resurgence in clas-

sical realism within the art

community. My paintings

are in oil on canvas or linen,

and my techniques are those

that have been used tradi-

had paintings in juried and/

or invitational maritime

art exhibitions on both the

west and east coasts, and

has won numerous awards

He also completed four

for his work.

Since 1999, Ryall has

tionally in this genre."

Admission is free. The day will feature games, music, historic demonstrations and more.

Ice cream and hot dogs will be for sale. All funds raised from the event go toward restoration of the site, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, a

State of California Historical Point of Interest and a City of Livermore Historic Preservation Landmark Site.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band and Valley Banjos. Children can enjoy pony rides and a petting zoo offered by Tickle Me Pony Parties as well as other kidfriendly activities.

Ravenswood Historic Site is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Ravenswood is also open for free public tours from noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

Costumed docents lead hour-long tours of the site, which also includes the Ravenswood Progress League Gift Shop located in the Tank House.

For more information, call 925-443-0238 or visit www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

## Livermore Valley Chamber Announces "Livermore Schools Rock" Video Contest

### **By Patricia Koning**

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce wants to show why Livermore schools rock—in a video. "We want to connect the business community with our schools," explains Dale Kaye, chief executive officer of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce. "There is a lot of negative press about where California schools fall in national rankings. We want to show everyone how great our local schools are."

The Chamber is seeking three-minute videos on the theme "Livermore Schools Rock." The theme is deliberately broad, says Dale, to encourage creativity. She adds that the contest is open to all Livermore schools, including the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Livermore Valley Charter School, Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School, and private schools within the city.

The submissions will be judged anonymously by a panel of film professionals that includes Joel Goldstein, MSI manager for top talent like William Hurt and Christina Aguilera; Ted Kaye, former head of production for Disney Television; and Jody Amos of Amos Productions. One winner will be chosen in each of four categories: K-8, high school, college, and community.

The winning videos will be shown at the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Summer Luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 26; posted on the Chamber website (www.livermorechamber. org) and the Innovation Tri-Valley website (www.innovationtrivalley.org; used as promotional pieces for the schools, city, and region; and potentially screened at the Vine Theater in Downtown Livermore.

"For any aspiring filmmaker, having their work shown in these venues will be an exciting opportunity," says Dale. "I'm excited to see what the youth and community of Livermore will create to show how Livermore schools rock."

The videos must be in either MP4 or H.264 format and no longer than 3 minutes including credits. Entries are due by August 31. They can be submitted to the Chamber via email to info@livermorechamber.org with the subject line "Video Contest" or by mail to Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, 2157 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550, Attn: Video Contest.

For more information, contact Dale Kaye at the Chamber office by calling 925-447-1606 or by e-mail to dkaye@livermorechamber.org.



**Creatures by Carol Peake-Faber** 

### The Last Art Happens of Summer Set

Join artists, artisans and art supporters in Downtown Livermore for an evening stroll and art on August 9. Art Happens is a monthly tour that occurs the second Thursday of each month from 6 to 8pm. Pick up a brochure map at any participating venue, or download one from www.bothwellartscenter.org.

This month, Bothwell's Downtown Art Studios, the organizer of the monthly event, hosts open studios and the multi-faceted art of Carol Faber. Her work ranges from stained glass to paintings of the minute made large. Figurehead Gallery, in the Old Theater Mall, offers a new multiartist exhibition entitled "Figures and Faces." Theresa Guinasso's colorful, universal art is featured at Panama Red Coffee Company (go early before open mic if you can!).

For a hands-on art experience, Art Glass Studios offers an inexpensive "make your own stepping stone" project. Stop by the Livermore Art Association Gallery at the Carnegie Building in the heart of the Farmers' Market, and check out some fine work by local artists.

Combining a stroll through art with fine tapas and drinks available for purchase are Sanctuary Ultra Lounge, showing a permanent rotating display of works by Trish Fenton, WineMaker's Pour House exhibiting art programmed by Artistic Edge, and Artistic Edge's own home base at Blacksmith Square, features Animal Art in the Square, where you will find wine and craft beer, tapas and entertainment as well. The Wild Vine has closed temporarily and until they relocate, the art shows scheduled there are on hold.

Art Happens is produced with significant help from Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center staff and volunteers such as Jennifer McGregor and Brenda Rose. The Bothwell is a project of LVPAC.

### 'Figures & Faces' New Exhibition Opens at the Figurehead Gallery

The Figurehead Gallery in Downtown Livermore is opening a new exhibit entitled Figures & Faces that will be showing during the month of August.

The opening reception will be Sat., Aug. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. It features the work of Thomasin Dewhurst, Lara Hoke, Carolyn Lord, Ed Mestre, Lana Rak, Roy Reynolds, and Elizabeth Zanzinger

The human figure is one of the most challenging yet captivating subjects for artists and viewers alike. Whereas other artistic subjects such as landscapes, and still life can be enjoyed with a sense of detachment, the human figure and face elicit an emotional response derived from a common bond we all share with the image-that of being human.

The exhibit Figures & Faces features the work of five painters and one photographer from the Bay Area, and one painter from Idaho. The common theme the seven artists share is that of a deep interest and respect for the human form. Each artist explores and interprets the figure in their own personal way, some highly realistic and others, more impressionistic, yet always striving to develop a strong emotional connection between the subject and the viewer.

Artists and photographers themselves, owners Ken Ball and Victoria Whyte Ball explain that it was their intention at the inception of the Figurehead Gallery to regularly feature figure work and to carry both figurative art and photography in their gallery inventory.

The Gallery is located at 2222 2nd St., Suite 21 in downtown Livermore. The work will be exhibited through August. 25. Gallery hours are Wednesday, 12-6, Thursday, 12-8:30, Friday, 12-6, Saturday, 12-5, and by

appointment

For more information, contact Ken Ball at 925-353-0419 or ball@figureheadgallery.com.

Thomasin Dewhurst's paintings are ephemeral and dream-like. She says of her work, "By reworking an image numerous times, either by scraping off paint or erasing drawn marks, an expression of tactility emerges through the ghosts of previous images."

Lara Hoke executes her paintings with a combination of direct application of paint and thin glazes of color and is especially interested in light, form, and line and how they work together to create space and emotional atmosphere.

Carolyn Lord teaches academic drawing workshops and is exhibiting oil studies and drawings. Lord lives in Livermore and teaches drawing workshops at the Figurehead Gallery.

Bay Area photographer Ed Mestre first became interested in photography in the mid 1980's. In his work he strives to find his own artistic vision and achieve results that go beyond the usual pin-up or fashion approach to figure photography.

Born and raised in Kiev,

Ukraine, Lana Rak now calls the Bay Area home.

Painter Roy Reynolds is best known for his depictions of western landscapes, people and architecture and also for his bronzes of cowboys and mountain men.He regularly draws and paints from the model rendered in a loose, impressionistic style with bold brushwork.

Elizabeth Zanzinger is an emerging artist from the San Francisco Bay Area. Zanzinger "sees the life of an artist as a journey through continually evolving processes, whether the focus is technical or conceptual."

### **ART & ENTERTAINMENT**



"Jazz'

### 'Color Matters' Is Theme of New Exhibit at Wente

Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore will be hosting the art exhibit, Color Matters, by Linda Jeffery Sailors during the month of August. Sailors' paintings will be on view in the tasting room during regular business hours.

There will be an artist's reception on Aug. 5, from 1pm-3pm. The public is invited.

Sailors specializes in rich colors using watercolors and various types of paper to create unique textures and color blends. The exhibit will contain examples of both her representational and abstract work. She is a frequent award winner and currently serving as the President of the Pleasanton Art League. For more information visit www.LindaJefferySailors.com

#### 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.

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. **Absolutely Abstract**, August art exhibit at the Livermore Library. About 30 works of art will be displayed featuring all local abstract artists. Livermore Main Library Artist's Gallery at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. It is open during normal library hours.

#### 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. 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, invato una sinua 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.murrietaswell.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. tamasestates.com. 5565 Tesla Road Livermore. (925) 456-2380.

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. 7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore.

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

Cedar Mountain Winery, Zinfandel release party, Aug. 5, 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy a flight of three gold medal Zinfandels. The winery will release its 2009 Zealous Girls Zinfandel and tasting the 2007 Hansen Vineyard Zinfandel, and 2009 Livermore Valley Reserve Zinfandel. Small tidbits will be served. \$5 per person, club members are free. 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore.

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; 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://thomascoynewinery.com Charles R Vineyards Friday Night

**Uncorked** – August 24, 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 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 Cruisetones, oldies. Final concert Aug. 5, David Martin's House Party. Free admission. www.sanramon. ca.gov/Parks/events/summer\_concerts.htm

Authentic New Orleans Style/Danceable Dixieland Traditional Jazz now at Sunol Jazz Cafe<sup>\*</sup>. 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,

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 cartilichenmusic391@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. Stave Martin and the Steen

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 Livermore-Shakes.org. Tickets range from \$25 to \$39, day-dependent, with discounts for seniors, students and educators. For

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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.
- 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.
- Cone-dy Uncorked, Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore. Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Faith Alpher, Carla Clayy 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

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 Cho-

rale's annual Sing-it-Yourself Messiah, Durufle'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., 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, 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. Ti-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 Mattlock 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and reads books about issues and trends that are driving current affairs in both the national and international arenas. Topics that have been covered include politics, governance, economics, military affairs, history, sociology, science, the climate, and religion. Contact Rich at 872-7923, for further questions **We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a membercentered 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 preliteracy 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.
- 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 Kinnev 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 LH-SAA & the Boys Soccer Teams. 10017 Tesla Rd., Livermore. eagleridgevinevard.com/





Sunset Soiree An Evening of Dance and Fellowship, will be held on Sat., Aug. 4, 5:30 to 8p.m. on the Shea Stage in front of the Bankhead Theater at 2400 First Street. Downtown Livermore. Entertainment will be provided by Livermore School Of Dance Jazz Company and local entertainers. Those attending are invited to bring a picnic dinner or purchase a boxed dinner from Uncle Yu's restaurant at a special price. Wear all white. Bring a blanket to sit and picnic on. Chairs and seating section for handicap and seniors will be provided. For more information and to purchase event tickets and/or one of Uncle Yu's boxed dinners please log on to @www. livermoredance.com

The Californios used the Spanish word chaparro, meaning scrub oak, to describe the community of shrubs that often grows on the local hills. It is shaped by our Mediterranean climate, with its mild, wet winters and its hot, dry summers. Chaparral plants, usually no higher than 10 feet, have adapted to hot, steep, rocky areas where the rainfall runs off quickly. An estimated five percent of California is covered by chaparral. The Black Hills, north of Livermore, were named for their chaparral, which looks black in the summer and autumn in contrast to the golden grasses.

Smaller varieties of chaparral plants sometimes have leaves with fragrant oils smelling like turpentine, vinegar, or mint to ward off browsing animals: most people react to the oil of poison oak. On hot days the plant oils evaporate, thus cooling the leaves. Some chaparral plants, like poison oak, are deciduous, but most are evergreen. The chaparral biome carefully preserves against water evaporation: manzanita's stiff leaves turn sideways to avoid direct sunlight; chamise has developed needlelike leaves, which provide less surface for the sun's rays. Ceanothus-wild lilac or buck brush-protects its leaves with a waxy substance. Another familiar plant in the chaparral is toyon, sometimes called California holly, with its bright orange-red berries in late summer.

The natural oils and waxes of these plants cause them to be highly flammable. Fire is essential for chaparral to renew itself. When an arsonignited blaze broke out on 14 July 1981 and burned 2,400 acres from Blackhawk Ridge to Finley Road to Curry Canyon, it raged for three days until it was contained. Burning chaparral sent up huge columns of flame fanned by erratic winds in areas too steep for fire engines to maneuver. The main attacks had to come on foot and by air.

One authority from the California Division of Forestry said appreciatively of the assembled firefighters, "It's a direct attack. Hot, smoky and dirty, with hand tools. It's the only way to do it, and they're doing a tremendous job." Roger Lake told of local volunteers being caught in the middle of an aerial drop of bentonite: "We were up on a ridge. We were getting 40- or 50-foot columns of flame coming up through the chaparral. There were air drops on us, behind us, in front of us, to keep sparks away." A firefighter who had been bulldozing hillsides for a day and night had a face smudged with dirt, and his bright yellow fire retardant clothes were a dull gray. He commented to a reporter, "You get used to it. But it does get a little hard when the dozer starts going sideways."

One evening, 32 hours into the battle, local firefighters were stationed on the west side of Finley Road with instructions to protect nearby houses from the approaching fire. The winds came up again after dark, gusting up to 25 miles an hour, and sent flames scurrying into more brush. As chaparral that had been



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John McGlinchey in his "woolies."

holding back the rocks on the hillside burned, rocks tumbled down the hill toward the firefighters. They could hear and feel them whistling past in the dark. One hit a fire engine and put it out of commission. Although the flames came close, no structures were lost, and no one died. Almost 1,000 firefighters from all over the state fought the blaze. In the natural world of the chaparral, fire is good. Sprouts rise from old root crowns, and the heat of the fire germinates seeds.

To protect their legs from the dense thickets and from rainy weather when chasing cattle or horses, vaqueros wore *chaparajos*, leather guards now called "chaps." I am from back East, where we pronounce the word "chaps" as if it begins with the "ch" of the word

"chin." Here in the West, however, the common pronunciation has the word beginning with the "sh" of "she." That is because both chaparral and chaparajos begin with the soft "sh" sound of Spanish. Chaps fit over the rider's pants with a separate belt. Sometimes the leather has the animal hair or wool left on, offering even more protection. Kathryn Laughlin remembers her grandfather, John McGlinchey, had chaps made of angora goat skin with the wool left on the outside. Kathryn calls them "woolies."

The natural oils in the animal hair helped to shed rain water and kept the rider warm in the winter. With the development of the rodeo as an entertainment, the design of chaps became not only functional, but decorative. The fringe, which had little importance originally, became an integral part of rodeo chaps because it exaggerates the motion of the bucking animal and dramatizes the cowboy's ride.

The overarching shrubs of chaparral conceal the tracks of many residents, including skunks, bobcats, deer, feral pigs, coyotes, rabbits, snakes, and lizards. In bygone days grizzly bears often retreated from hunters into these warrens. One of my favorite places to visit chaparral is in Morgan Territory Regional Preserve on the loop of the Prairie Falcon Trail. You won't see any grizzlies, but you might see hummingbirds, towhees, and scrub jays. The trail curves from woodland into chaparral habitat and back. Red-barked manzanitas are common as well as wild lilac and chamise. In an 1861-62 survey of the area, maps and notes showed places called "*chamisal*," a now rarely used word for the almost impenetrable thickets formed by chamise.

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

### Still Space for Vendors

The upcoming 2012 Children's Fair, put on by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, still has space available for vendors interested in connecting with community families.

This year's fair is set for Saturday, Sept. 15, and Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. The fair will include performances, safety information, entertainment, crafts, carnival games, food booths, "Make It and Take It" crafts and more. The objectives of Children's Fair are education, safety, recreation and fun.

Nearly 2,000 people attend this free fair each year, making this a great opportunity to spread the word about local businesses. Vendor spots are available in the areas of food, commercial and nonprofit information for children and families. The deadline for vendors is Friday, Aug. 24, or sooner if spots fill up. Booths are 10-by-10-feet, with shade.

The Children's Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Interested vendors can contact Moe Kline at 925-373-5717 or mkline@larpd. dst.ca.us. F

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

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

Fall Restaurant and Shop Walk, 6 to 9 p.m. Tues., Sept. 18 in downtown Pleasanton. Fundraiser for the Pleasanton Lions Club. Passports are \$25.00 each Tickets must be purchased prior to the event as there is a limit of only 400 passports A passport entitles the guest to sample foods and beverages from 19 participating restaurants and businesses located in downtown Pleasanton For more information or to purchase passports: contact: Pam Grimes 925-484-3524 / Donna DeVincenzi 925-462-6525 or e-mail pleasantonlionsclub@ comcast.net Proceeds from the event will be donated to a fund for two children from a local family who recently suffered the loss of their father. Mothers With a Purpose, as well as other local organizations supported by the Lions.

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society meeting Tues., Aug. 14, 2012 - 7:30pm. Steve Danko will lecture on "The ABC's of DNA," how Genetic Genealogy uses DNA to help answer genealogical questions, adding true-life stories about results from testing. Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Visitors welcome -no charge. For info contact Cheryl Palmer program@L-AGS.org

Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association annual BBQ, Sat, August 11, 5:30 p.m. at the lvy Glen BBQ Area, Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. There will be the Famous "Tony Macchiano's" Lickety Split BBQ Dinner, live and silent suctions, great DJ, and dancing under the stars, nohost bar, and lots of fun. \$30.00 per person. Send check for reservations to PTSCA, PO Box 5283, Pleasanton 94566, or credit cards accepted - call Mike Terkelsen, 846-6463. All are invited to attend.

Car Seat Safety Check, Axis Community Health and the California Highway Patrol invite you to join us for a free car seat safety event where you can get your car seat checked or replaced at no cost to you. Saturday, August 11 from 9am-12pm at Axis's Livermore Clinic, 3311 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Call (925) 201-6082 or email ecordova@axishalth.org by August 3 to schedule an appointment or drop by anytime between 9am-12pm on the day of the event.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Lunch in Blackhawk Plaza, Aug. 9, 11:30 a.m. RSVP by Aug. 6 to Marsha, 830-8483. Chinese lunch in San Ramon, Aug. 11, 12:30 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 8 to Bert, 510-582-7524. Brunch in Livermore, Aug. 12, 11 a.m., RSVP by Aug. 9 to Hilda, 398-8808. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Aug. 16, 5 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 14 to Kathy, 398-8005. Friendly bridge in Pleasanton, Aug. 18, 1 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 11 to Athene, 847-0111. Mexican lunch in Dublin, Aug. 19, noon, RSVP by Aug. 16 to Marge, 828-1524. Lunch in Pleasanton, Aug. 23, noon, RSVP by Aug. 20 to David, 833-7647. Dinner in San Ramon, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 20 to Barbara, 426-8876. Theater musical in Pleasanton, Aug. 26, 2 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 8 to Ruby, 462-9636.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Aug. 4, 47 miles Dublin to Moraga loop, meet 8:30 a.m. at Shannon Center, Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Sun., Aug. 5, 35 miles from Central Park in San Ramon up Mt. Diablo, meet 9:30 a.m., Dave Leddon, 462-0727. Wed., Aug. 8, 47 miles Heather Farms across the Benicia and Carqueniz bridges, meet 9 a.m., Richard Skow, 939-6964. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Annual Seniors' Day, Sat., Aug. 18, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by lunch. Free. Shiva-Vishnu Temple Assembly Hall, 1232 Arrowhead Ave, Livermore. Seniors are invited to take part in a day full of activities including a talent show, games and lunch. Register by August 15 to participate. To register, contact Suman Jain at suman1218@yahoo.com, Anand Gundu at anand gundu@yahoo.com, or call the temple 925-449-6255.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, 7 p.m. Wed, August 8. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, August 22, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions?? Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@ gmail.com; or kdowding@pacbell.net. www. Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Tri-Valley Democratic Club annual picnic potluck. Sun., Aug. 26, 11:20 a.m. to 3 p.m. Family, friends & neighbors are all invited to the white elephant sale & silent auction - bring your stuff or services. RSVP required (so we know how much food to order) Sharon SHGOLD237@aol.com 925 831 8355.

Dress a Girl Around the World Sew Fest: Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, 9am – 3pm, St. Michael Hall, 300 block of Maple Street, Livermore. Please bring sewing machine and creative imagination to help sew over 200 dresses in a single day for girls in developing countries. Also people needed to setup, clean up, iron, snip, sort, fetch and carry. Donations of colorful pillowcases and cotton fabrics appreciated. For more information, please contact Suzanne Slupesky: suzbeck@vahoo.com, 925-352-8447.

Armchair Travelers. Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., Aug. 9, 1:30 to 2.30 n m. Independent travelers Susan and Frank Alcorn have walked more than 1.800 miles in Spain France and Portugal on ancient routes of the Camino Francés (St. lames Way) This is the 500-mile pilgrimage route from the village of Jean Pied du Port in France to Santiago de Compostela, the reputed burial site of the Apostle Saint lames in northern Spain Susan and Ralph Acorn are long-time Bay Area residents. They are avid long-distance hikers who have completed the John Muir Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail as well as many of the Camino routes Susan's hook Camino Chronicle-Walking to Santiago documents their 2001 Camino hike Susan is also the author of We're in the Mountains. Not Over the Hill: Tales and Tips from Seasoned Women Backpackers and the forthcoming book Patagonia Chronicle: On Foot in Torres del Paine. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, 925 373-5500.

### Diabetes Self-Management Classes,

free. This 6 to 7 week series will teach how to manage diabetes with exercise, healthy

eating and medications, and answer questions about living with diabetes. Thursdays August 16 through Sept 27, 5 - 7 pm, Dublin Senior Center. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes. Program at 510-383-5185 to register. Space is limited.

Hawaiian Luau, Sat., Aug. 25, 4 p.m. Livermore-Pleasanton Elks #2117 Lodge, Livermore. Tickets \$25, call for reservations, 455-8829.

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

WOW (Women of Wellness) Conference, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 8 at the California Center Pleasanton, formerly Carr America Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr, Pleasanton. Twenty-four panelists will offer presentations varying from learning the instinctive ability to healing the body mentally and spiritually to maintaining a healthier lifestyle without the feeling of fatigue and stress. Admission is \$99/per person. Learn more about the event, the speakers and ticket purchase information at www.thewowfactor.co or visit www. anatomypower.com.

Holiday Craft Boutique, Livermore Eagles Auxiliary is looking for vendors for a Sat., Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Eagles Hall, 527 N. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Sought are handmade, quality items from local vendors. \$30 for a 6 ft. x6 ft. space that includes one 6 ft. table. Larger spaces available at additional cost. To sign up or information, contact Linda at 371-5380 or ylorse@comcast.net. Leave contact information (name, address, phone or email). Detailed flyer and application form will be sent.

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

Alameda County Master Gardeners are on hand from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on the 2nd Saturday of every month to give advice and guided tours of the Earth-Friendly Demonstration Garden. Talks start at 10:00. "Bouquets of Summer" on August 11. The Demonstration Garden is located at the Martinelli Event Center, 3575 Greenville Road in Livermore.

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

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

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

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

M.I. Hummel Club, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, meets second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at member's home. Guests always welcome. Topics include sharing of Hummel figurine news and information. For information, contact Joan Mumma, club secretary, 447-5164 or www. mumma.org/hummel/ Boy Scout Troop 934 is offering

Boy Scout Iroop 934 is offering recycling of home and office inkjet and toner cartridges to help the Pleasanton community protect and conserve natural resources. Instead of throwing away used inkjet and toner cartridges, drop them off at U.S. Bank, 749 Main Street, Pleasanton, or arrange for a pick at your local business by contacting the scouts at recycle@bstroop934.com.

Love A Doll Club meets on the second Thursday morning of each month. Come share the love, knowledge and collection of dolls and doll related items. For more detailed information, call 925-447-5149.

#### RELIGION

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

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

Unitarian Universalist, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore. 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Information 447-8747. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400

Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bible Study, offered Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Refreshments served at no cost. 925-305-9468.

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school -9:45 a.m.; worship service -11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 243 Scott Street, Livermore. 925-447-5462, services on Saturday: Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. www.livermoresda. org/ All are welcome.

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

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

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

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

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended-style with choir and band, family worship. 10:30 a.m. contemporary led by band, Sunday School for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointechurch. org; 925-846-4436.

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. For details please see our website at www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. Leo Arrowsmith at 456–0845.

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

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Services on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information call the church office at (925) 447-3289 or SaintBartsLivermore.com.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church follows the traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer. 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. Sunday school provided. For information, contact Fr. Ben Brown at 925/906-9561.

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

Unity of Tri-Valley Church, 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley. More room for all the new classes, small groups, new children's and teen programs, and Sunday services (at 10 a.m.). All are welcome. Rev. Harriet Hawkins, minister. (925) 829-2733. www.trivalleyunity.com Check out Unity of Tri Valley on Facebook.

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www. littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommuntiychurch. org (925) 829-4793

**Community HU Chant** is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday August 4 at 1:15 PM. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 1st Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton. For More Information contact http://eck-ca.org/ by computer.

Global Leadership Summit, August 9-10, a faith based conference is a gathering of church and business leaders. It will be broadcast live via satellite to 200 + locations in North America, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 9-10. For a complete list of speakers and roj information about local satellite sites and registration for The Global Leadership Summit 2012, visit www.willowcreek.com/ summit or call (800) 570-9812. Local host site is Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. Information, Kevin Sousa. sousabhone@earthlink.net

# Milestones Community

## Education

Caroline Rose, of Livermore, has been named to Notre Dame de Namur University's Dean's List for the spring semester. Rose is a graduate of Livermore High School. To be eligible for Dean's List, a student must have attained a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher in a program of 12 or more units of graded courses.

Several local residents made the academic Dean's List at Azusa Pacific University. These students are honored for a spring 2012 academic standing of a 3.5 grade-point average or bet-



ter. They are joined by 1,650 students receiving the same honor. Livermore residents on the list are Tyler Carter, history; Luke Gutierrez, English; Joel Jaeger, music and worship; Chelsea Marriott, liberal studies; Adam Nunea, English; Garrett Steward, marketing; and Kimberly Troutloff, accounting.

Danika Briggs of Livermore has graduated from California Lutheran University. Briggs graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication. She was among 672 students who were eligible to participate in the Forty-Ninth Annual Undergraduate Commencement on May 12.

Livermore resident Alicia Avery graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music on Fri., July 27, 2012, and joined approximately 635 graduates at the summer commencement ceremonies.



### Supervisor Haggerty Honors First Responders

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty recognized a police officer from the Livermore Police Department and a fire fighter from the Fremont Fire Department as the recipients of the 2012 Law Enforcement Officer and the 2012 Fire Fighter of the Year Awards at Haggerty's 16th annual barbecue held at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton today.

"It is an honor for me to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of our public safety personnel each year," said Haggerty. The sacrifices and contributions of our fire fighters and law enforcement officers occur every minute of the day and this is a small but special gesture to highlight two of these heroes."

Officer Dan Cabral has been with the Livermore Police Department for seven years and currently serves as one of two School Resource Officers. Dan was selected for the 2012 Law Enforcement Officer award because of his hard work and dedication to the youth in the community and for going above and beyond the expected duties of his current assignment. He works hard to maintain trust and open communication between the police and students, as well as the school faculty, recognizing the destruction that drug influences can have on students. Officer Cabral took a proactive stance to help combat the problem by using the K9 unit drug sniffing dog on school campus. Prior to conducting the searches, Officer Cabral met with school officials to counterattack any reservations they may have had with the use of the drug canine. He also took a proac-

tive approach with the students through preventative and educational measures.

Officer Cabral created and presented numerous lectures to students, parents, school administrators, and faculty with the school district on sexual battery, bullying, mandatory reporting requirements, teamwork, and integrity. Due to the success of the sexual battery presentation, Officer Cabral was asked to expand his sexual battery presentation to include Las Positas College. He also worked with school officials on the increasing gang concerns at the schools. As part of his zero tolerance ideology, Officer Cabral routinely contacts suspected or known gang members wearing gang colors, taking the necessary enforcement action through consent and probation searches. Furthermore, he participates in expulsion meetings involving gang members by providing valuable input warranting action taken by the administrators. Currently, he is working with members of department and the Livermore School District for an operational plan should an active shooter incident happen at one of the schools. Since the School Resource Officers are considered the first line of defense for Livermore high school students, Officer Cabral felt it necessary to be better prepared should such a misfortune take place. Receiving the 2012 Fire

Fighter award Retired Fremont Captain Michael Avila began his employment with the City of Fremont in 1980 where he played a major role in the development and delivery of the Department's Wildland Firefighting equipment, the Department's Hose Evolution Binder and the design and delivery of the Department's Confined Space Awareness Rescue training that was delivered to more than 220 employees. Captain Avila conducted five (5) separate Firefighter Recruit Academies for entry-level employees. He also played a key role in the rescue efforts involving the collapse of the Cypress Structure in Oakland after the Loma Prieta earthquake. He served as a member of the FEMA California Area Task Force – 4 (CATF-4) Urban Search and Rescue Team based out of Oakland, California. Retired Captain Avila is currently finishing an assignment as the Project Manager of the Fire Department's Building Program. The Building Program was instituted following the

passage of Measure R and focused on seismically retrofitting/remodeling seven of the existing eleven (11) Fire Stations, relocating three (3) others and building a new Fire Department Training Center. Captain Avila has had a profound and steady influence on the Fremont Fire Department. His skill, experience, leadership, tenacity and dedication to this community through exemplary service will continue to positively influence the employees of the Fremont Fire Department and the residents of Fremont for generations to come. Captain Avila retired in April 2006.

Scott Haggerty represents the First District communities of Fremont, Livermore, Dublin, and east unincorporated areas on the five-member Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

### Amador Valley Student Receives Scholarship

Six Bay-area youth were recently were awarded \$1,000 Kohl's Cares® regional scholarships for their impactful efforts in their communities.

Among the recipients is Claire Williams, 17. Williams lives in Pleasanton and attends Amador Valley High School. Aspiring to be an English teacher, Claire created the Read To A Teen program where young kids can work on their reading skills by spending half an hour reading a story of choice to a teen every Sunday at the local library. The teen volunteers help students practice reading while encouraging and building the young readers comprehension skills.

The program has been very successful. Many librarians throughout the state of California have expressed an interest in adopting it in their own libraries.

Kohl's Cares® regional scholarships are to be used toward post-secondary education. More than 35,000 nominees nationwide were considered for this award.

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