

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.

Scottish Games at Fairgrounds **5 More Years**

The Caledonian Club of San Francisco, promoters of the Scottish Highland Gathering and Games announced they once again signed a five year contract with the Alameda County Fairgrounds just in time to celebrate the 148th Annual Event this weekend in Pleasanton.

The Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, is the largest in the United States. There is always something new to be discovered; this year visit a Celtic rock concert at the Games and see what Scotland's young musicians have invented - rock and roll with bagpipes and electric guitars.

"The Pleasanton Games is more than a cultural event for Scottish people; the games are an event for the whole family, regardless of one's roots. Nearly everyone in the U.S. has a drop of Scottish or Irish blood in them, and it can be fully recognized at this event, commented Scottish Games Manager & Chief George McCombe.

The Scottish Gathering and Games not only bring culture and tradition, but has great economic impact on the entire Tri-Valley Region. Barbara Steinfeld, President of Visit Tri-Valley says, "The Scottish Games have been one of the mainstays of tourism for Tri-Valley for decades. Because the Games take place in Pleasanton and the headquarter hotel is the San Ramon Marriott, the Games exemplify how tourism affects the entire Tri-Valley. The economic impact comes from visitors staying in hotels, campers staying in RV Parks, shopping and eating in restaurants. The Scottish Games events are so varied and so fun; they draw thousands to Tri-Valley.'

The Scottish Gathering and Games will be held August 31 and Sept. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day at the fairgrounds in Pleasanton. For more information, go to www.thescottishgames.com.

A schedule of events at the games can be found in Section A of today's Independent newspaper.



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Speaker Debunks Myths Surrounding Health Care Plan

By Carol Graham

threshold of one of the most at Concannon Vineyard. significant changes to health care since the establishment of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965, businesspeople, government officials and community leaders attended the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce's August 22 luncheon talk to learn about

the realities of health care With the nation on the reform. The event was held

> "We were in this lovely venue about a year ago. At that point we were still wondering, 'Is health care reform actually going to happen?" recalled Kitty Guptill, Senior Vice President of Strategic Market Planning for Kaiser Perma

nente's National Program. "A year later, I'm happy to announce, it's being implemented even as we speak."

The Affordable Care Act (ACA), commonly called Obamacare, is a US federal statute signed into law in 2010 aiming to increase the quality and affordability of health insurance, lower the number of the uninsured,

and reduce costs of health be able to shop for health care for individuals and the government.

"Health care reform didn't just happen; Obamacare didn't just pop its head up. It was in response to an untenable situation for millions of Americans," said Guptill. "In a little more than a month, millions of Americans are going to care coverage. By January, they're going to be able to access care for the first time in years, and for some, possibly ever."

Under the ACA, an enrollment period for health insurance plans will begin October 1st, with coverage

(See HEALTH CARE, page 8)

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Book by Harold Brown

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and Livermore Lab's third

more Lab this August, Dr.

Brown expanded on that

and other ideas contained in his book, "Star Spangled

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with Joyce Winslow, pro-

vides lessons from the past,

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that the country faces.

During a visit to Liver-

director.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Visitors to the Alviso Adobe in Pleasanton last Sunday said goodbye to summer vacation with an old fashioned ice cream social. They made ice cream at the original location of the Meadowlark Dairy. After making the ice cream, visitors were able to sample their creation. Allyson Wong licks a cone, while Clayton Kahl looks on. At right is Megan Kummer, assistant naturalist, who made the ice cream with the help of the kids.

Budget Bill Brings a Little More to Pleasanton Schools

Not everything is firmed what she estimated in June not part of the Gov. Jerry lenge to the district. It will (LCFF), the state's new approach to education funding. However, there was a little bit of updated news for the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Deputy Superintendent Luz Cázares told trustees at their meeting Aug. 20 that of the state budget. It was

up yet under the Local as \$923,000 in "new, ongo- Brown's May Revise. Not involve school personnel, Control Funding Formula ing dollars" has grown to much is known about ERT \$1.1 million, based on the in dollars, but a staff report latest information.

Also an improvement since the district drew up its budget for 2013-14 is the addition of the Economic Recovery Target (ERT), which was created in a trailer bill

said that it likely will benefit the Pleasanton District.

The Budget Act also established a requirement that districts adopt a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Drawing up that plan will present a new chalparents and students.

Traditionally, much state funding came with strings attached, and could be used only for certain purposes. Now most of the budget will be available for whatever vision the district chooses to carry out, with the usual

deal with Egypt post-Arab (See BUDGET, page 4) spring, the evolution of his relationship with Edward

Teller, a dysfunctional federal government, and the importance of education and the economy to the security of the nation. Brown's impressive his-

tory of experience informs his views. He served as director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory July 1960-May 1961, leading development of the Polaris missile and thereby (See HAROLD BROWN, page 5)

Dublin Rejects Request to Ban Safe and Sane Fireworks

fireworks were rejected by councilmembers. However, they did call for a report that would help the city educate people concerning fireworks safety.

The council discussed the item at its Aug. 20 meeting.

Requests for Dublin to Marlene Mazzetti raised the ban sales of safe and sane issue in a letter, and spoke in person.

> In Dublin, some nonprofit organizations sell legal fireworks as fund-raisers. Mazzetti said that she was aware of the nonprofits, but the "sale of safe and sane fireworks must be con

sidered separate from the profit it generates. There is too much at stake involving

injuries," said Mazzetti. Pleasanton and Livermore have made the sale of safe and sane fireworks illegal. Dublin should follow suit, said Mazzetti. Many other cities in California

have done so, she added.

Presenting a different point of view was a letter from Pete Peterson, a retired police officer. He said he has been involved for many years in the sale of save and sane fireworks in the community. His experience

(See FIREWORKS, page 4)

Youth America's Cup Includes Competitor from Livermore

By Carol Graham

With The Summer of Racing about to reach fever pitch across the Bay Area, no one is more excited than 21-year-old Livermore native David Liebenberg.

For the first time in the America's Cup's 162-year history, talented, young sailors have a clear pathway toward competing for one of sports' most prestigious trophies, as the Red Bull Youth America's Cup (RBYAC) provides an opportunity for sailors aged 19-24 to

develop their competitive skills in the same arena in which the 34th America's Cup will also be contested: the San Francisco Bay.

"The Youth America's Cup is going to be the most exciting thing to happen on the San Francisco Bay this summer," said Liebenberg. "The skill level is going to be incredible. Several participants won medals at last summer's Olympic games."

The RBYAC is an eightrace series, two races per day (See YOUTH, page 12)



In the photo, David Leibenberg is second from left, in the back row.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Soothe your ruffled feathers with the tranquil attention of petite Madrona. This young mother has emptied her own nest and is ready to fly away to a new home. Madrona is two years old and would enjoy a serene place to perch. Swoop into VHS and visit Madrona Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm, and is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. For more information please call (925) 426-8656, or visit www.valleyhumane.org to see other adoptable cats and dogs. Photo - Valley Humane Society/D. Smith

Old House Saved As Pleasanton City Council OKs 12 New Units

The Pleasanton City Council approved a 12-unit single family project that will replace a mobile home park on Stanley Blvd.

The project had raised controversy because of the presence of a 101 year old home on the property. Previously, the developer, Ponderosa Homes, had proposed demolishing the home and building 14 new houses. The planning commission rejected that plan by a 4 to 0 vote.

Since the planning commission vote, city staff and Ponderosa developed a proposal to preserve the home. Ponderosa would replace the roof, paint the house and provide landscaping. The funds used to spruce up the home would come from a fee that developers pay towards the Bernal Park.

The city council was presented with the option to save the home and approve 12 new homes or demolish the home and allow 14 new

Just prior to last week's council meeting, the property owner notified Ponderosa and the city that the old house had been sold. The new owner would refurbish it.

Pamela Hardy, an official with Ponderosa Homes, told the council that the house has been an issue. "Our preference was demolition. However, at this point, we're indifferent, either option is acceptable."

With that in mind, the council voted 5 to 0 for the 12 unit proposal.

Dale Morris, representing the property owner, said he had been told to sell the home. "We have a signed contract to do so." Morris said that the buyer is related to one of the previous occupants of the home.

The public hearing in-

cluded speakers both supporting saving the home and those who questioned why it should be saved.

Jan Batchellor noted that the site has been an eyesore for forty years. "Keep it simple. Approve the 12 units for the site. A small, infill project will be an attractive addition to the area and bring more customers to downtown businesses."

Gerald Hodnefield, a member of the city's Historic Preservation Task Force, said there should be some balance between retaining old homes and property rights. He did not think the house in question was worth saving.

Scott Raty, CEO of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, agreed with Hodnefield. "This house has no historic value. Let's go back to the 14 units."

Linda Garbarino, another member of the Historic Preservation Task Force, called the decision to sell the home and build 12 new homes a win-win for everyone. "Saving the old home helps retain the charm of the street."

All of the councilmembers said they liked the design of the project.

Karla Brown commented that preservation of a 101 year old home should be the first option, not the last. Old homes are one of the attractions of downtown Pleasanton.

Kathy Narum added that having the home fixed will be a positive for all

Mayor Jerry Thorne said that he felt government had overstepped its bonds by tying the project to the old home. However, he felt that the project that was approved is a good

New Livermore Police Chief Sworn In

By Carol Graham

The Swearing In Ceremony for Livermore's new Chief of Police, Michael Harris, was held August 21 at the Robert Livermore Community Center.

Harris was chosen from a pool of nearly 40 candidates over a three-month application period, according to city officials. He succeeds interim Chief Randy Sonnenberg, who took over after Chief Steve Sweeney retired earlier this year.

"Chief Harris shares a common trait with the previous two chiefs," said Mayor John Marchand. "He has a passion for his work and for serving the community he has sworn to protect. How people feel about the safety of their community is based upon the Chief's leadership and the available resources. When it comes to how the department is managed, the buck stops with the Chief."

Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts announced the appointment on July 31st. "I am very pleased Chief Harris will be joining us," said Roberts. "He is a strong leader and will make a great addition to the department."

Born and raised in Modesto, Harris served as a captain in the Modesto Police Department, and most recently attained the position of Operations Division Commander. He began his law enforcement career in 1990 with the Oakdale Police Department, before transferring to Modesto where he rose through the ranks from police officer to captain. He accepted specialized assignments including working with the SWAT Team, Crimes Against Children, and Internal Affairs.

During the ceremony's invocation, Livermore Police Chaplain Mike Veneman asked for protection, guidance, and for Chief Harris to "be given favor in the eyes of the people for whom he would willingly lay down his life."

Harris is married with

five children, two still living at home. He enjoys baseball, reading, fishing and spending time with his family.

Harris earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the California State University, Stanislaus and a Master's Degree in Emergency Services Administration from California State University, Long Beach. He is also a graduate of both the FBI National Academy and the International Association of Chiefs of Police's nationally recognized leadership training course, Leadership in Police Organizations.

The Livermore Police Department has 90 sworn officers and 45 full-time professional staff members who are responsible for public safety and crime prevention in the City of Livermore.

"I believe public service is a noble calling that encompasses service, honor and courage," Harris said in his Chief's Message. "The Livermore Police Department's Value Statement is a reminder of our core purpose as law enforcement professionals, 'Service with Honor, Protection with Purpose.' We strive to accomplish this by providing quality customer service, maintaining accountability and the public trust, focusing our crime fighting efforts, engaging citizens through community policing, and utilizing technology and best practices."

Added Marchand, "My father started as a motorcycle cop on a seven-man force. He retired as the chief of a department of 120 sworn officers. I take great pride in that three Livermore officers started their careers working for my father and they will finish their careers working with me.

"With that history, and as the Mayor of Livermore, it was a great honor for me to swear in the new police chief of our city."



Chief Michael Harris



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Weapons and Complex Integration

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Director Parney Albright has selected Charles Verdon as principal associate director for Weapons & Complex Integration. Verdon has served in this position in an acting capacity since April 2013.

'Charlie brings an extraordinarily broad national security technical leadership background and expertise to this position that is coupled with the strong respect he garners from the Laboratory and international communities," Albright said. "He has proven his ability to successfully oversee scientific and technical teams in support of the Laboratory's national security mission, both in wide-ranging dimensions and on a personal level."

He will continue to lead and execute the Laboratory's nuclear weapons program to support the current stockpile and transformation to a future stockpile and Nuclear Weapons Complex infrastructure, ensuring stockpile safety, security, reliability and performance. He also will have the responsibility to develop and maintain the broad range of WCI technical capabilities and infrastructure that supports the current and long-range mission of the Laboratory.

Verdon joined the Laboratory in 1998 and has held a variety of scientific and key leadership roles in the WCI organization, most recently serving as the acting WCI principal associate director, principal deputy principal associate director, program director for the Secondary Nuclear Design Program and AX-division leader. He has a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Dublin Human Services Commission

Interested residents are invited to apply for the newly created Dublin Human Services Commission.

The Human Services Commission, an advisory body to the Dublin City Council, provides grant funding recommendations for the Community Grants Program and the federal Community Development Block Grants program. The Commission will also collaborate with the Cities of Livermore and Pleasanton Human Service Commissions to address unmet needs identified in the 2011 Tri-Valley Human Services Needs Assessment.

To learn more about the City of Dublin's recent Human Services activities and to review a copy of the 2011 Tri-Valley Human Services Needs Assessment, please click on this link:http://www.dublin.ca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1142

There are two ways to apply for the position. Fill out the online application, or print the application and return it to the City Clerk's office at 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin.

The deadline to submit applications is at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2013. Commission appointments will be considered by the City Council on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. The first Human Services Commission meeting will be held the week of November 4, 2013.

For questions about the newly formed Human Services Commission, please contact Amy Cunningham at 925-833-6610 or amy.cunningham@dublin.ca.gov.

Funding for BART Safety

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) announced last week that the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) System was awarded a FEMA transportation security grant of \$12.8 million for FY2013 to secure its Transbay Tube and protect the system in case of a terrorist attack. Swalwell, a member of the Homeland Security Committee which has jurisdiction over FEMA funding, recently toured the Transbay Tube and

of Homeland Security (DHS) urging support for BART's request for transit security funding.

"Protecting our BART system means protecting its approximately 400,000 daily riders from a terrorist attack. As we saw in Boston, disaster can strike at any moment and we have to be prepared and vigilant," said Swalwell.

This funding comes through the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) which provides funds to owners and operators of transit systems to secure infrastructure and otherwise protect against terrorist attacks. Examples of possible uses for TSGP awards include surveillance training, public awareness campaigns, detection equipment, security cameras and the hardening of infrastructure. For FY2013, TSGP is providing \$83,716,813 to the Nation's High-Threat Urban Areas.

Robbery Targets Casino Winner

The Pleasanton Police Department received a 911 call Monday from a resident on Roselma Place reporting that she and her husband had been robbed at gunpoint five

The victim advised that she had just arrived home, exited her vehicle and was attempting to close the garage door when she was confronted by three men armed with guns. The suspects forced her into the house, where they then confronted her husband as well and demanded "the money." The husband complied and gave them the cash out of fear for his and his wife's safety.

The husband was apparently gambling at a Bay Area casino from Sunday evening into the early hours of Monday morning. After winning an undisclosed amount of money, he took a cab home and fell asleep in a downstairs bedroom, leaving the cash beside him in a bag. The robbery occurred several hours later.

The three suspects were all described as black male adults, roughly 19 to 23 years of age, of approximately 5'8" in height and weighing 150 pounds. Each was wearing a red "hoodie" sweatshirt and black pants, and all donned bandanas during the robbery. Per the victim, the suspects fled on foot out of the house toward Bernal Avenue. She was unsure whether there was a vehicle involved.

Anyone with information that would assist in the in-

led a letter signed by Bay Area Members to the Department vestigation is encouraged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.

Local Company Recieves NIH Grant

U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell (CA-15) announced that Sandstone Diagnostics, a company based in Livermore, was awarded a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant of nearly \$150,000 to develop equipment to rapidly detect neonatal sepsis, a blood infection, in newborns. The founders of Sandstone Diagnostics developed Sandstone's core pointof-care clinical diagnostics technology at Sandia National Laboratory for national defense applications before licensing the technology and launching the company in 2012.

'We are very excited to have received this grant. Neonatal sepsis is an enormous problem and the current methods for monitoring patients and diagnosing sepsis are not adequate,' said Greg Sommer, co-founder and CEO of Sandstone. "It's extremely difficult to draw blood from a very small infant, and the child's condition can change drastically within the days that it takes a laboratory to make a diagnosis. The fact that our system can run these tests in minutes rather than days using only a few drops of blood makes this a natural early application for our technology. This grant is a big boost to our young company and we are eager to get to work and bring this product to the market.'

Carrie Burchard, manager of business development at Sandia's Livermore campus, stated, "This technology represents a fine example of how Sandia R&D conducted for the government for national security purposes can often have even broader application and benefit to the taxpayer. Sandia has more than 1,200 patents and 500 commercial copyrights, the bulk of which are available for licensing."

Early detection of the onset of sepsis and timely therapeutic intervention is critical for survival in newborns. Sandstone's instrument will enable Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) staff to monitor protein and cellular biomarkers of sepsis at an infant's bedside using only a few drops of blood obtained by a heel stick.

Correction

In last Thursday's paper, the front-page photo accompanying the Veterans Intern Program story shows mentor Lee Phillips, not Jae Jeon.

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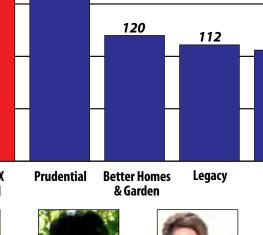
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EDITORIAL

Transition to Teaching

Transition to Teaching for Paraeducators program, a collaboration between Alameda County Office of Education, local community colleges and CSU East Bay, offers an opportunity for those who would like to become teachers to gain the necessary

The program recruits and supports highly-qualified paraeducators with considerable in-classroom experience who want to obtain a teaching credential.

The goal is to develop a diverse and culturally responsive teaching force that is more likely to live in the communities where they work, creating a stronger connection with students and their parents.

In exchange for funding their education, those who are selected pay back the state with time as teachers.

It is a win-win for all involved. Qualified individuals receive advanced education. Schools are able to hire teachers with handson experience.

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limit that there is only so

much total money. This led the trustees to

discuss how a committee could be created to undertake the work, and further, just how much the educational vision might shift, as erased.

Trustee Joan Laursen said that she sees the switch to LFCC funding and the creation of the LCAP as a "huge opportunity. I know staff has visions in their heads about what they would like to see improved."

Laursen said the formation of a budget would not for Common Core. "If the be a matter of 'Here's \$120 million. Figure out how you will spend it,' but rather asking employees to think bigger. If we could agree to change something what would it be, and how could we get there?"

under LCFF and LCAP. In role in the process. the past, some state funding was provided for a Gifted

(GATE) program.

"We no longer offer GATE in this district. But should we? I don't know,' said Laursen. It's expensive to test to see who can benefit from the program, she said.

With the Core Curriculum coming to all California the old categories' walls are districts in 2015, with its own methods of learning and technical tools, "Do we need a separate program (such as GATE)"? she asked.

> Another example of a decision that may have to be made is whether or not the current length of high school class periods would provide a good structure periods were longer, how much longer? How would we fund it? Would it cost more?" asked Laursen.

Trustees and superintendent Parvin Ahmadi discussed how to provide the community with enough Laursen gave an indica- information about LCFF tion of how perceptions and so that the eventual LCAP thoughts by board members members and the community and educators might change at large can play a thoughtful

Ahmadi said that she will return at a future meeting and Talented Education with an additional report.

FIREWORKS

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is that communities in the East Bay that have added officers on July 4, have still failed to control illegal fireworks. A ban on safe and sane fireworks would have a minimal, if any, impact on the use of illegal fireworks.

Alameda County Deputy Fire Chief Bonnie Terra told the council that use of illegal fireworks has risen throughout the state over the past five years, with an increase in quantities and sizes.

Safe and sane fireworks are defined in the health and safety code as fireworks that don't explode or leave the ground.

In the council discussion, David Haubert and Mayor Tim Sbranti said that as earlier testimony showed, banning safe and sane fire-

works does not appear to curb the number of illegal fireworks incidence They said the were inclined not to make any changes in the ordinance.

Kevin Hart said that he agreed, but the council should find out whether any more efforts could be made to educate people about the use of illegal fireworks. The staff will report back concerning that idea.

On another item, the council voted unanimously to create a Human Service Commission, an item it discussed at an earlier meeting.

The council set the application period from Aug. 21 to Sept. 20. Councilmembers will discuss nominations Oct. 1, prior to the mayor making appointments to the new commission.

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Livermore to Host Workshop on **Sunset Development Proposals**

The City of Livermore will hold an information meeting regarding the Sunset Development Company's proposals to redevelop office parks in Livermore for residential use.

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

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 5 at the city council chambers, 3575 Pacific Avenue.

Sunset has submitted an application to rezone property at the northeast corner of Holmes Street and Concannon Boulevard

to allow construction of 49 single family residences and 38 attached townhouses. The 13-acre Sunset Office Plaza was built in the early 70s and has more than 75,000 square feet of medical, dental and office space in 10 buildings.

A separate application was submitted to rezone property at the southwest corner or Barcelona Street and Catalina Drive to allow for 31 attached townhouses. The Livermore Financial Center consists of four buildings on two acres behind the Lucky Shopping

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

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

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

The meeting hosted by the city on Sept. 5 will provide information about the application process and the proposed redevelopment plans. The public will learn about the application process and ways to comment on the applications.

This is an informational meeting only. No action will be taken. Planning commission and city council hearings will be scheduled on dates in the future.

For additional information, contact the Livermore Planning Division at 960-4450 or planning@cityofli-

PPIE Collects Over \$270,000 in Three Days

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation experienced an unprecedented surge in giving from the community during the first three days of the 2014-2015 Giving Fund Campaign this week.. The campaign launched on August 19, which coincided with three days of school registration where PPIE received over \$270,000 in donations.

That's a preliminary number," said Susan Hayes, PPIE Executive Director. "We are still awaiting online donations and matching

Hayes says PPIE is overwhelmed by the support. "Last year, the foundation raised \$170,000 at registration. This level of giving indicates a growing awareness of the importance of providing quality instruction

at all levels of education."

"Filling gaps created by reduced state funding and supporting the continuity of education through student transitions between elementary, middle and high school are imperative," Hayes continued. "These are key areas where PPIE makes an impact."

This week marks the third year PPIE has hosted information tables at school sites during registration. Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi talked about the foundation's role in overall funding for the district.

"In addition to employee concessions, our parent organizations and PPIE have done a phenomenal job working together to help mitigate the impact of the budget cuts the last five years," Ahmadi said. "The new funding model

adopted by the State known making a difference, acas the Local Control Funding Formula will provide our district opportunities as well as challenges that require continued collaboration between all parties. We truly appreciate everything our community does for our students."

Leading PPIE's registration day effort was Board Member Andrea Stokoe, whose committee spent hundreds of hours this summer preparing registration forms, producing a volunteer training packet, designing visuals and materials to explain how school funding works in the district, and implementing two training sessions in early

The increased level of collaboration between the school sites, parent groups, and the foundation is already cording to Bob Miller, PPIE

Board President. "Every year we strive to strengthen the partnership between these critical groups towards our common goal," said Miller, "but this year is already exceeding our expectations. The last three days show how we can really make a difference in supporting our schools by

working together." Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has worked since 1987 to enhance learning experiences for students of the Pleasanton Unified School District through a partnership of businesses, schools and the community. For more information about PPIE, log onto www.ppie. org or contact mail@ppie.

Swalwell Forum Covers Immigration, Cell Snooping

Congressman Eric Swalwell spoke at a constituent forum about current issues before the House, including immigration, the federal able Care Act.

Swalwell's forum held on Aug. 21 at Las Positas College drew about 75 people.

Swalwell spent much of his time talking about the Immigration Act. He said that as an Alameda County prosecutor, he was frustrated about what he called the inconsistency in current immigration regulations.

A felon would be released from prison after serving time, but instead of being sent to his native country, he would be back on the streets in this state. On the other hand, a mother of two

children would be deported. "It's a broken system," said Swalwell.

Swalwell supports the Immigration bill that resupport. The measure would result in a tighter border by doubling the number of agents there from 20,000 to 40,000.

The congressman said he thought that that number would be too high, saying 40,000 agents could be deployed 1000 feet apart, along critical border areas. "I'd rather put the money into education and seniors," he said.

The 13-year path to citizenship in the Senate bill ensures a long system (of naturalization). "Thirteen years ago, I was in college,

so 13 years is a long time," said Swalwell.

Swalwell also quoted a statistic from the Partnerare formed by immigrants or their children. Undocumented individuals receive an education here, and are an asset to the United States. "If we can keep them here, they are keys to the economy, and to creating jobs," said Swalwell.

On the federal government's tracking of everyone's cell phone numbers, Swalwell said, "We need security, but that doesn't mean that cell phone records should be downloaded daily, my mom's and yours. Don't compromise privacy for se-

curity," said Swalwell. The line drew applause.

Members of Tri-Valley CAREs were in the auship for a New American dience, asking questions government's cell-phone ceived 68 votes in the Sen- Economy, which said that 40 about the trucking of plutosnooping, and the Afford- ate, in a show of bipartisan percent of U.S. companies nium bomb cores to LLNI Swalwell said he will be setting up a meeting with the Department of Energy to learn more. "I share your concerns. We should know all about it," he said.

A questioner asked Swalwell if there were anything that he would change about the Affordable Care Act. He said that the medical device section of the law includes a tax that could drive some manufacturers of devices overseas to nations where there is no such tax. He would like to see that

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Weapons Designs Kara Alyssa Bautista

San Ramon The U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration is continuing to expand its warhead Life Extension Programs (LEPs), which is resulting in more extreme modifications to the nuclear weapons' original designs.

One of these proposed LEPs will add a novel military capability to the nuclear arsenal by creating a so-called "interoperable" warhead to be launched interchangeably by nuclear tipped missiles in land based silos and submarines.

In designing this new warhead, the Livermore Laboratory is increasingly contradicting the nation's nuclear policy articulated by the President and the Nuclear Posture Review. Further, the warhead will undermine America's non-proliferation objectives globally.

Another danger is to the U.S. economy. The Fiscal Year 2014 budget request shows a nearly 80% rise in LEPs to more than \$1 billion. Included in that is \$537 million for the controversial overhaul of the B61 nuclear bomb, which is deployed in Europe, and \$73 million to begin the LEP study at Livermore Lab for the "interoperable" W78/88-1 warhead. The B61-12 LEP is estimated to cost nearly \$14 billion, while the W78/88-1 is likely to end up in the \$28 billion range – or higher.

I ask Congress to act to constrain the LEPs, which will save more than half a billion dollars this year and tens of billions over the coming decade.

I ask my neighbors to contact Rep. Eric Swalwell and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer to let them know you are concerned about the escalating costs associated with designing new nuclear weapons.

Non-Violence Lex Manwill Livermore

This week's 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's March on Washington is being observed with marches, speeches, and speculation on what causes Dr. King would

embrace today. He would certainly continue to work for racial equality. But he would also likely advocate for a rapid withdrawal from Afghanistan, workers' rights, gay rights, and animal rights.

Yes, animal rights. Although he is best known for

advocacy of racial equality, Dr. King opposed all violence, like the Vietnam war. And there is no greater violence than that perpetrated each day against billions of cows, pigs, and other sentient animals in America's factory farms and slaughterhouses.

The day before his assassination in 1968, Dr. King came to Memphis to champion the most oppressed human beings in America -- African-American sanitation workers. Today, it would also be about the most oppressed living beings in America -- animals raised for food, experiments, and entertainment.

Although Dr. King never lived long enough to extend his circle of compassion, justice, and nonviolence to non-human animals, his wife Coretta Scott King, and his son Dexter Scott King did, by embracing the vegan lifestyle. A great way for us to honor the King legacy is to follow their lead.

HAROLD BROWN

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establishing the young Lab as an important component in U.S. defense. As U.S. Secretary of Defense from 1977 to 1981 under President Jimmy Carter, Dr. Brown led military to military talks that underpinned what President Carter enabled during the Camp David Peace Accords. As Secretary of Defense, Dr. Brown reinvigorated the NATO alliance, promoted AWACs, increased U.S. conventional force capabilities, and developed a new generation of nuclear strategic weapons and delivery systems during the hottest part of the Cold War. As a senior negotiator of SALT II, he also helped set the limits of nuclear strategic weapons.

As Air Force Secretary during the Lyndon Johnson administration, Brown saw pilots off to the Vietnam War, and began development of bombers, GPS, and other devices in use today. Prior to that, at only 32, Brown served as Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDRE) and advised President Kennedy on nuclear ballistic missiles and strategy during a time when the Soviet Union tested the largest nuclear bomb ever exploded, one of an innovation corporation dubbed Tsar Bomba.

Dr. Brown's idea for an innovation corporation builds on a proposal by John Deutch during a study Brown headed in 1992 that looked at the Government role in civilian technology. The panel recommended a new strategy that would capitalize on private sector strength with federal support. The innovation corporation, could develop demonstration prototypes of processes, products or installations at full scale following research, development and design of technological advances. "The private sector would share in the work of the innovation corporation in a public-private cooperative funding arrangement," Brown writes. Once proven, the private sector would pick up and deploy the technol-



Dr. Harold Brown serves as a Trustee and Counselor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Photo courtesy of CSIS

"This arrangement would provide the new technology with a strong component of market-driven demand," Brown says

A central part of the idea is to provide a one-time extremely large appropriation by Congress, (some tens billions of dollars), and then protect the project from Congressional politics. The projects would be selected by the management of the innovation corporation with advice from technical, industrial, business and even selected political advisers on its board of directors. The selection criteria: projects should encompass new technology, be too uncertain of near-term profitability to be funded directly by the private sector; and have the potential to make major changes in the economy, the society, or the environment.

He used the tube rail, which proposes to shoot people rapidly from place to place, as an example of a large scale project that ogy on a commercial basis. private industry would be unlikely to fund given its high cost and return far in the future.

"Projects would be those that have a good enough chance to work, but not so near being ready that the private sector would be willing to develop them on its own, because the payoff is too unsure or too far off. Companies need to know if there will be demand for their goods or why invest or hire to produce more or new products?" Dr. Brown said.

Projects undertaken by the innovation corporation would not be subject to further Congressional review. He observed, "Once Congress gets its hands on well thought out proposals they are picked apart and added to. They wind up distorted in ways such that they won't

Asked what role the national laboratories might play, Brown said they could provide technology and technical oversight. "Somebody has to make judgments on what may be possible. The National Ignition Facil-



ity (NIF) is an interesting example, if it works.

"The NIF itself has too long-term a payoff to be a project of the innovation corporation. But if it succeeds, an innovation corporation could fund a full-scale prototype of a power generator using NIF principles, say 15 or 20 years from now."

'There is the potential for the laboratories to play another role. Technology transfer is hard," Brown stated. "It is even harder if there is no demand for the technology in the private sector. The labs have experience in a massive number of technologies. Some have applications that could transfer to the private sector." He noted that the Livermore Valley Open Campus is a way to use demand pull from the private sector to move technology from the laboratory into the economy.

THE SITUATION IN **EGYPT**

Dr. Brown helped negotiate the \$1.3 billion dollars in funding to Egypt during the Camp David Peace Accords, which Egypt has received annually ever since, and the removal and relocation of two Israeli bases in the Sinai captured during the Six-Day War. Brown also led the Department of Defense as it set up the arrangements for training Egyptian military generals at the U.S. Army War College and other U.S. institutions. That arrangement was intended to help Egypt turn toward America rather than toward the Soviets, which had previously been the case. The arrangement also taught Egypt how the U.S. military and its civilian population interact.

Asked about what the future of Egypt might be, and how the U.S. might impact that future, Brown stated, 'There is not a lot we can do. It is a very tricky situation." He added that while there was a democratically elected government in place, it was not a democratic government.

Options proposed include stopping financial aid and not selling arms to Egypt.

Brown doesn't see cutting off aid as a useful policy. "It may be possible to tweak it in order to put pressure on the military, but other countries, which may not have U.S interests in mind, are willing to provide a lot more money than we could cut off.'

Brown contends the Egyptians would purchase the arms they want elsewhere. In the meantime, arms purchased from the U.S. would deteriorate, and the country would lose its ability to defend itself.

He said he couldn't predict what may happen in Egypt. "There may be chaos. The U.S. needs to be careful not to make things worse. Despite our inability to run our own country well, we seem to think we are omnipotent in what we can get other countries to do. I confess to some disappointment with the senior military officers that I helped to train. They did not absorb the lesson on how militaries behave in a democratic society. The Egyptian military shouldn't have done what it did. However, it's hard to restore broken china.

In his book, Dr. Brown offered observations on a full range of issues including and most important, he says, that national security depends on political cohesion and the state of the domestic economy as much as on military capabilities and deployment skills. "There is a wide gap between services the public demands and the taxes they are willing to pay. Congress wants to cut everything but itself. The staffs of representatives have increased in size. There is a need to reduce the many levels of decision makers so the country can get important work done and done knowledgeably.'

He says that education represents the smallest budget line item, yet has the most influence in future productivity. He advocates for a vocational education pathway as a way to prepare people for the changing job market, and suggests that the military run its own schools to train personnel leaving the force to jobs needed in the private sector.

Dr. Brown also talked about his relationship with Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb and second director of Livermore Lab, and how that relationship changed over time. Brown was Teller's deputy and then his successor as Livermore's director. "Teller became bitterly disappointed in me when I stopped fully sharing most of his views. Teller believed nuclear weapons were central to national security. As Director of Defense Research and Engineering and later secretary of defense, I opposed most of what he believed as the value of thermonuclear weapons over all else. He felt I betrayed him.

"Teller believed that the possessor of the more destructive weapons would determine the outcome of the political competition for the world. . . . I, for one, soon ceased to regard nuclear weapons as the solution to everything, or even to most military problems. . . . I was convinced that advances in delivery systems, not the nuclear weapons themselves were the most important element in the nuclear balance."

As for imaging a world free of nuclear weapons, Dr. Brown said in his book that even if the weapons were gone, the knowledge to build them remains. "It is not the end of weapons that will make a peaceful world. It is a peaceful, orderly world that is the requisite for the abolition of nuclear weapons."

NIF Fusion Experiment at Lab Yields Record Energy

hours of Aug.13, Lawrence Livermore's National Igni- in the continuing demonstralaser beams on a tiny deuterium-tritium filled capsule. In the nanoseconds that followed, the capsule imploded and released a neutron yield of nearly 3x1015, or approximately 8.000 joules of neutron energy -- approximately three times NIF's previous neutron yield record for cryogenic implosions.

The primary mission of NIF is to provide experimental insight and data for the National Nuclear Security Administration's science-based stockpile stewardship program. The experiment attained conditions not observed since the days of underground nuclear

sents an important milestone without a return to testing.

This newest accomplishment provides an important benchmark for the program's computer simulation tools, and represents a step along the "path forward" for igni-

Early calculations show that fusion reactions in the hot plasma started to selfheat the burning core and enhanced the yield by nearly 50 percent, pushing close to the margins of alpha burn. where the fusion reactions

dominate the process. "The yield was significantly greater than the energy deposited in the hot spot by the implosion," said Ed director for NIF and Photon Science. "This represents burning target, the next critical step on the path to fusion ignition on NIF."

The experiment was designed to resist breakup of the high velocity imploding shell of the target capperformance of previous experiments by lowering compression of the target. To create this resistance, the laser power is turned up during the picket that occurs at the beginning of the laser pulse. This raises the radiation temperature in the foot or trough period of the pulse (hence the name "high-foot" pulse), increasing the stabil-

ity of the target shell but

In the early morning weapons testing and repre- Moses, principle associate reducing compression later lowered the goal in order to in the implosion.

tion Facility (NIF) focused tion that the stockpile can be an important advance in was born after systematiis doing. The results were all 192 of its ultra-powerful kept safe, secure and reliable establishing a self-sustaining cally exploring possible remarkably close to simucauses for the shell breakup observed in a series of lower foot, more compressed experiments, and developing hypotheses for how to ad-

dress the issue. "In the spirit of what sule that has degraded the Livermore is good at, this work was born out of the fierce competition of ideas of how to fix the problem, but then coming together as a team to move the best ideas forward," said Omar Hurricane, lead scientist on the campaign. "In this particular experiment, we intentionally

gain control and learn more The high-foot campaign about what Mother Nature lations and have provided an important tool for understanding and improving performance."

Moses stated, "It's hard not to feel encouraged by the progress we've made with great new and planned diagnostic capabilities, promising results with high-foot experiments, a team that is working extremely well together and a go forward plan that, by and large, is well supported by the community.'



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LIVERMORE

VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Volunteer Advisory Bodies are the perfect place to get involved and make a difference in your community. The City of Livermore is seeking Livermore residents for the following:

Beautification Committee: Reviews and recommends to City Council beautification projects for parks, roadsides, medians, city gateways, and standards for landscape maintenance districts. Public outreach achievements include Earth Day, Arbor Day and Annual Appearance Awards. Meets: 1st Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Maintenance Service Center, 3500 Robertson Park Road. Next meeting: 9/4/13.

Human Services Commission: The Human Services Commission provides a forum for discussion of community social needs, monitors the expenditure of Housing and Community Development Funds, assists local agencies in procuring appropriate grants, and submits an annual report to City Council on the status of social conditions and progress toward achieving solutions to human needs. Meets: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm, Multi-Service Center Conference Room, 3311 Pacific Ave. Next meeting: 9/10/13.

Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission: The Youth Advisory Commission brings together youths and adults, and private and public sectors of the community to address responsibility for the care, health, safety, welfare and education of Livermore's young people. Meets: 1st Monday at 7:00 pm, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue. Next meeting: 10/7/13.

Livermore Housing Authority: The purpose of the Housing Authority is to administer and oversee the 125 low-income housing units at Leahy Square, the Section Eight Certificate Program and the Voucher Program for subsidized housing. Meets: 2nd Wednesday at 5:30 pm, 3203 Leahy Way. Next meeting: 9/11/13.

Applicants to City Advisory Bodies are encouraged to attend at least one meeting of the Advisory Body applied for prior to the interview and must reside within the City limits. For an application or more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 925-960-4200 or online at www.cityoflivermore.net.

Applications are due to the City Clerk's Office by Friday, September 27, 2013, 5:00 pm.

SPORTS NOTES



Pleasanton Rage White U-13 girls with bronze medals after a victorious weekend at the Rage Soccer City Warm-Up Tournament. Photo courtesy of Frank Pereira



Livermore Fusion U11 Boys' goalie Aidan Edwards going in for a save this weekend at the Walnut Creek Summerfest Tournament this weekend.



Livermore U5 boys featured Team Turbo vs Team Lions. Turbo team, under head coach Greg Kubiak and asst. coach Lance Hooker, includes Benjamin Warner, Colton Salamida, Christian Jose, Knox Hooker, Logan Kubiak, Myles Rosales and Shamus McGrail. Team Lions, under head coach Rick Bellmer and asst. coach Jose Rodriquez, include Luke Bellmer, Cyrus Rodriquez, Logan Smoak, J.C. Harris, Henry Newton, Joshua Irwin, Julian McCall and Vincent Chappell. Good offense and defense on both sides and many shots at the goal.



Livermore Fusion Select U10 Boys Black team "Fury" took fourth place in the Stanford Summer Classic Tournament this past weekend. The boys played well in their first tournament, battling hard against some tough teams for two wins and two losses. Pictured are (back, from left) Coach Scott Sousa, Zachary Sousa, Matt Thompson, Luca Montalvo, Ryan Hansen, Tyler Eaton, Coach Tony Campbell; (Front) London Bishop, Jackson Nystrom, Jacob Sisto, Kieran Campbell, Gavin Rose, and Ben Sears.

Pleasanton Rage

Rage White U-13: With its strong finish in this weekend's Pleasanton Rage Soccer City Warm-Up Tournament, Rage White U-13 demonstrated its readiness for the fall soccer season. The team earned three shut-outs on the way to bronze in the U-13 bracket.

In the first of four games, Rage faced Danville's Mustang Vipers (the eventual tournament champions for the U-13 bracket). In Rage's only loss of the weekend, Mustang's offensive unit aggressively bore down on Rage defenders Sarah McKeever, Emma Monsen, Julianna Pereira, Ariyana Walling. Goalie Brooke Delaney prevented seven Mustang shots from reaching their targets, but it was McKeever's goal line clearance in the 28th minute that drew cheers from the Rage sidelines. The game ended 0-3 in Mustang's favor.

The afternoon game showcased Rage's center forward, Gabriella Smith, who earned a hat trick in the second half. Smith was ably assisted in her second goal by Isabella Clark with a textbook cross. Rage's offensive unit appeared inspired by Smith's successes, with Allison DeFazio, Lucia Castaneda and Taylor Metz taking multiple shots on goal against the Tuolumne County Sierra Mitchell team. The final score: 3-0.

Under Sunday morning's cloud cover, Rage U-13 returned to Pleasanton's Aquatic Park to play Cupertino's De Anza Kaos team. Smith, Castaneda and Ashley Lopez took shots on goal, with Smith scoring in the 21st minute. The second half featured seven corner shots from Smith, Castaneda and Hunter Faria, but it was defender Monsen who seized a deflected corner ball to dribble through the Kaos defense before scoring Rage's second goal. The final score: 2-0.

The team coached by Amanda Luxford showed up for the final consolation game ready to win, as it demonstrated with a goal earned within the first 15 seconds against the Walnut Creek Flash. Taking off with the kick-off ball, Clark found Smith, who neatly finished with a swoosh in the back of the net. Metz served up the next assist to a second Smith goal. Cierra Lofhouse-Wolf made several strong shots, and mid-fielders Lauren Londono and Jessica Stubbs supported by keeping the ball on the Flash's half of the field. Eight minutes into the second half, Rage's DeFazio earned a goal with a strong left-footed cross. Final score: 3-0.

Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion Soccer season opened over the weekend.

U7 Boys: Strikers vs. Bandits:

U7 Boys: Strikers vs. Bandits: Strikers came out to play and play hard; goals were scored by Austin Dankwardt, Hayden Hobbs, Michael Boyd, Eli Wigginton and Chase Nadeau. Strikers' defense dominated in an exciting first game of the season with great performances by Drayden Curtis, Richard Jameson, Joshua Hydrick and Preston Timmons.

West Coast Soccer

The West Coast Wildfire U14 girls wrapped up a great weekend of soccer at the 2013 Magic Cup in Morgan Hill. The Wildfire battled top ranked premier teams from both California and Oregon. On day one of the tournament, the Wildfire faced a tough Juventus Blast team. Late in the first half, Forward Meghan Giamona executed on a cross for an easy tap in goal to go ahead 1-0. Meghan scored again late in the 2nd half with a beautifully placed shot in the top right corner. In their second game, the Wildfire met top ranked team from Oregon. Battling the Wind, the Wildfire closed out the first half scoreless. Minutes into the second half, mid-field Sierra Martin scored the first goal with a long ball coming in just under the goal post. The goals closed out day one with two wins and the top ranking going

During the semis, the Wildfire faced home team Central Valley San Jose. CVSJ scored first with a lucky ricochet off the goal post. Mid-way through the second, Wildfire fullback Mimi Freeman, tied the game by sinking a penalty shot from mid-field. With



West Coast Katz U17 were the dominate U17 team this weekend at the Magic Cup and the only team to go undefeated in bracket play. Katz won all three qualifying games, earning the top-seed in the Magic Cup championship in Morgan Hill. Pictured are the West Coast Katz with Coach Troy Dayak.



The Livermore Fusion U10 Select Boys Green team, known as Quicksilver, kicked off their season this weekend at the San Ramon Copper Select Tournament. Pictured are (top row, from left) Coach Jason Franchi, Graedon Beeler, Andrew Hoffman, Kieran Edwards, Mason Franchi, Ryan Gorman, Caleb Penner, Asst Coach Kristina Caldeira; (bottom row) Nick Yamamoto, Ramiro Rueles, Matthew Ludwig, Tyler Caldeira, and Isaac Romero.



West Coast Wrath U13 girls with their medals and the Magic Cup trophy for 3rd place in their first gold tournament. Pictured are Coach Paul Giamona, Brianne Radliff, Allyssa George, Steffanie Angelo, Aryanna Shokoor, Tyler Enderlein, Kate Wallace, Jackie Parker, Asst. Coach Tod Lawsen, Savannah Seals, Regan Mah, Kaylie Lawsen, Abby Hoobing, Kaila Vasconez, Kylie Karter, Lindsey Philips and Fran Hyde.

a tie at the end of regulation play, the girls went straight to penalty kicks to determine who would advance to the championship match. With one goal better, CVSJ moved on and the Wildfire played for 3rd. In the finals, the Wildfire faced FC Sporting. Wildfire controlled the ball the majority time of the match but were unable to sink any goals. Regulation play ended with the score 0-0. Again, the Wildfire headed into penalty kicks to determine the winner. In a repeat of the morning game, the Wildfire came up short 1 goal.

U13 West Coast Wrath brought

the "magic" to the Magic Cup this past weekend. The girls came up just shy of the championship game when they lost the semis after 6 PK's. Game 1, vs CV Magic 00 was hard fought and the team came out on top with a 2-1 win. Both goals were scored by Savannah Seals. The Wrath had a tough battle in the wind during their 2nd game vs the Mtn. View Tornadoes. It was an aggressive game. Despite the strong effort from many, the girls lost 3-0. In the semi-final game vs CV Magic White, Wrath found themselves down 1-0. With 2 minutes remaining, Tyler Enderlein tied the game with a magnificent free kick a magnificent free kick. The game went straight to PK's, but Wrath fell short with a final score of 2-1. In the consolation game, Wrath came ready to play in a rematch against the Mtn. View Tornadoes. Kate Wallace and Tyler Enderlein showed superb effort in the midfield. The team effectively moved the ball around the field incorporating all players, as Kylie Karter provided some great through balls. Kaylie Lawsen made her debut as center mid with tenacious effort. Jackie Parker and Kaila Vasconez played up from the U11 team and did not miss a beat. Brianne Radliff had a great weekend in goal and there was beautiful showman-ship from everyone. Wrath finished the weekend with a 3rd place trophy and medals in hand.

The West Coast Katz were the dominant U17 team this weekend, and the only team to go undefeated in bracket play. Katz won all three qualifying games, earning the top-seed in the Magic Cup championship in Morgan Hill.

Katz took an early lead in the championship game against the Nor-Cal State Champions-Juventus, when Kylie Long scored off Kate Lipman's assist. Juventus tied the game late in the first half, forcing overtime. Katz out-possessed Juventus but ultimately lost 2-1 in a hard fought battle for the title. Katz scored an impressive seven goals in the tournament and allowed only three all weekend long against top ranked teams including: Mountain View/Los Altos (MVLA), Santa Clara Sporting, Turlock Tornadoes and Juventus.

Leading up to the championship, Abby Dyer "fueled" the offense with five goals and a hat trick against Santa Clara Sporting, as well as the solo goal against MVLA. Kate Lipman also scored off a corner in the 2-1 victory over Turlock and had another assist against Santa Clara. Sharon Singh and Victoria Garza rounded out the scoring efforts also with assists vs Santa Clara Sporting

Santa Clara Sporting. Victoria Garza, Keeper Haley Crook and Nikki Lutz anchored the defense and shut down both MVLA and Turlock giving up only one goal off a penalty kick (PK) on Saturday. On Sunday and into the championship, Karlee Hall and Sam Reich played flawlessly, allowing only single-digit shots on goal and frustrating their highly productive offensive competitors who had scored 12 leading up to the day. Kamie Lipman offered support from the midfield by winning everything in the air to help Katz keep control and possession of the ball. Well executed TEAM effort by both the Katz and their coaching staff this weekend, Katie Poynter and Troy Dayle.

Trov Davak. West Coast Karma U17 Gold got off to a shaky start on Saturday at the Magic Cup Tournament, dropping their 1st game to Walnut Creek Dynamos 0-2. Karma allowed an own goal just before the half and gave up an early goal in the 2nd. These were the only 2 goals that Karma's defense allowed in the tournament. Karma came out fierce for game 2 against Alpine Strikers winning 3-0. Scoring 10 minutes into the game was Daesha Brown, striking the ball with pace into the upper left corner. The 2nd goal came on a corner kick with Taylor McGuire finding the net. The 3rd and final goal came with just minutes before the half and again it was on a corner kick with Brown following a rebound to score. Alpine was restless the 2nd half and continued to press until the final whistle, but Karma's defense held steadfast earning the extra point for the shutout and moving them into

1st place in their bracket.

Karma faced Bullard in the semis, the only goal scored was on a set piece with Ally Marty sending a perfect ball into the box setting up Brown to place a header into the net. The 1-0 victory sent Karma into the championship round where they faced a tough Ceres Earthquake FC team. It was a physical and hard fought match with Karma finally scoring in the 31st minute when Marty sent the ball into the net on a direct free kick. The 2nd half the girls continued to battle an aggressive Ceres team, but held on to win 1-0 earning them the title. GK Tania Torres recorded 20 saves during the tournament.

The U16 State Cup Champions
West Coast Wild took home another
championship trophy this weekend
at the 2013 Magic Cup Tournament.
Wild open up with the first game of
the tournament with a 3-0 victory over
Sunnyvale Alliance. Goals came from
Sydney Lunt, Demi Gonis and Jacey
Luzzi while the assist came from Autumn Smithers and Mariah McDuffy.
Second game of the contest put the
Wild upagainst the California Cougars
where Melissa Ellis and Sydney Lunt
scored the goals assisted by Micial
Madison and Emilie Allum. Strong
defensive effort by Amanda Valentine,
Jacey Luzzi, Megan Amick, Autumn
Smithers, Mariah McDuffy, Adilene
Ruiz helped preserve the shutout.

Semifinal game the Wild controlled much of the action over the ECNL MVLA Pride. The Wild's midfield secured the center of the field with solid play by Demi Gonis, Rachel Tungol, Tori Nicolo, Sydney Lunt and Emilie Allum while Kasidee Wiley and Misha Brewster, Melissa



Former LA Galaxy Hall of Fame Player and MLS Cup Champion, Isaias "Chay" Bardales, returned to the StubHub Center on August 17th to play in the LA Galaxy Alumni game and be recognized at halftime during the Galaxy's match against Real Salt Lake. Bardales, who is a premier coach with Livermore Fusion Soccer Club, brought the Fusion SC U14 Girls team with him to Southern California for tournament play and a truly cosmic experience that included watching their coach on the pitch, meeting Alexi Lalas, Cobi Jones and other alum, as well as witnessing Robbie Keane's hat trick performance. Top photo: U14 girls in the stadium cheering on the LA Galaxy. Lower photo: Pictured on the field prior to the game is Chay Bardales with Fusion SC President, Dave Moore.



The Livermore U9 Select Boys Fusion Outlaws took third place in their first tournament, the Stanford Classic in Redwood City. Pictured are (front, from left) Cameron Angotti, Quinn Boyd, Carter March, Tanner Griffith, Justin Johnson, Donovan Umeki; (second row) Kyle Denton, Shane Pollard, Thomas Schnapp, Jacob Woods, Hayden Borg, Andrew McKeever, along with Coaches Steve Griffith, Drew Boyd and Ed Johnson.



West Coast Karma U17 championship team members pictured are (back, left to right) Taylor McGuire, Rachel Braun, Ari Mancieri, Jill Finney, Michelle Hagelston, Brea Maitia, Daesha Brown, Ashley McDaniel, Ally Marty, Carleigh Thurman; (front row) Eli Mendoza, Amanda Montano, Shay Bannert, Molly Stolz, Hunter Wells, Tania Torres, Gabriele Enzmann, and Rachel Esser.



Pictured from Taylor's Martial Arts are (back row, form left) Hector Flores, Coach Vince Aying, Joseph Vitale, Joseph Ventura; (front row) Jaden Husser, Alexis Aying, and Mayalanni Erediano.

Ellis, Hanna Beauchamp and Miciah Madison created multiple scoring chances up top. West Coast Wilds fast pace and physical play was ultimately too much for the ECNL team to handle and Adeline Ruiz rifled a shot past the keeper for the game winner.

Wild would meet Juventus Zebre for the championship for the second straight tournament in a row. Wild dominated the first half but the whistle blew and the score was 1-1 with the goal coming from Melissa Ellis assisted by Hanna Beauchamp. Zebre beat the Wild 2 weekends ago in the Juventus tournament but team Wild had a full roster and a couple of weeks to prepare this time. With great leadership from team Captains Megan Amick and Emilie Allum the Wild were determined to get the championship and secure a #1 ranking. The second half the Wild would put on a clinic as they stretched their lead to 3-1 with two more goals coming from speed ster Miciah Madison both assisted by Melissa Ellis. The Wild showed why they are one of the top teams in the country as they only allowed 1 goal

in what was considered by the directors as the toughest age group in the tournament line up.

The U15 West Coast Wonder Norcal's current Premier State Cup Champions took home yet another championship trophy this weekend at the 2013 Magic Cup Tournament. Their first game against Heritage SC was a tight battle between the two highly skilled teams. After a fantastic build up from the back field, Selina Cardoza rocketed a shot just under the crossbar right past the keeper to beat Heritage 1-0. Game two against Los Gatos allowed Wonder to showcase their teamwork with excellent communication and ball movement.

The semifinal game against Central Valley was fast paced and physical with the first half ending at 0-0. Wonder came into the second half rejuvenated and determined. Coach Dayak made some key moves in the second half and moved Marissa Pletschette into the attacking midfield and Leslie Jimenez up to the target position this worked as Pletschette fed Jimenez a perfect ball

SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore Fusion U16 boys team took 2nd place last weekend in the Stanford Summer Classic D3 tournament, after playing some tough competition and performing well. An early morning game on Saturday set the tone with a 2-0 win over EBU Bay Oaks SC Sting, followed by a back and forth battle with West Valley YSL Wolves that was locked at a 2-2 tie until the last 5 minutes when the Fusion boys kicked it into high gear with a massive goal. A security goal in the last 30 seconds brought the final score to a 4-2 win for Fusion. Sunday's morning game ended in a 0-0 tie with Walnut Creek SC Clash, and secured Fusion's spot in the finals. Despite their best efforts, Fusion finally saw defeat as the host team, Palo Alto SC White Lightning, went on to a 1-0 win. Overall, a great way to start the season for the team and Coach Chay Bardales. Pictured are (front row) Cameron Ourdoune, Jaime Osorio, Max Ibanez, Roberto Soto, Trevor Ross, Jonathan Banales; (back row) Devon Shortridge, Connor Richardson, Brandon Replogle, Giovanni Vera, Jack Schoendienst, Matthew Garcia. Alec Foster. Luis Garcia and Coach Chav.



Taylor's Martial Arts sent two of its students to the League's California State Championship in San Jose, CA on August 24, 2013. Helena Macias competed and won 1st place in the 8-9 year old Intermediate Kenpo/ Kajukenbo Traditional Forms and Caitlin Macias competed in the First Timers Forms division.

Wonder continued pushing forward and within minutes the combination of Pletschette and Jimenez scored again. A foul by Central Valley in the penalty box put Jimenez at the PK line and sealed the 3-0 win and a hat trick for Jimenez.

Wonder met the SF Vikings in the final match. After dominating the first half, the whistle blew and the score was 0-0. Both teams fought hard and even while working against a heavy head wind Wonder managed several good opportunities to score. Despite their efforts, regulation time ended without a score. Just 1min 30 seconds into overtime Jimenez again took charge as she cut inside and hit a shot that crowned the Wonder Champions.

The defense had excellent communication, cooperation and ball movement. The two goalkeepers, Sonia Nichols and Stevie Sobers, added to that defense making key saves and keeping communication going. The midfield expertly controlled the middle and distributed well to the target forwards. Wonder not only earned first place, but did so while not allowing a single goal.
The U18 West Coast Kryptonite

Norcal's 2013 State Cup Champions took home another championship trophy this weekend at the Magic Cup Tournament. After 10 players graduating West Coast Soccer Člub and are now off to college, the famed Kryptonite had to be re tooled for the upcoming 2013 season. After a rocky start the team began to settle in and gel. In the first game Kryptonite had out shot their opponent Clovis Crossfire 16- 0 but by chance the one corner kick that was giving up went directly in giving Clovis the win 1-0.

Second game vs Real Salinas showed a committed team effort as the Kryptonite came out on top 3-0 putting them in the Semi Final match against Diablo Impact. Kryptonite possessed much of the ball and was able to convert defeating the Impact 1-0 to move onto the final and a rematch vs the Clovis Crossfire, the team they lost to in the first game of the tournament. In what was a very physical game team Kryptonite kept their cool and played their way. Captain Mireya Magana converted on the penalty kick and the efforts of the entire team sealed their first championship as a new group.

Karate Tournament Five students from Taylor's Mar-

tial Arts in Livermore, competed at the Gold Cup Circuit's Rising Sun Nationals Karate Tournament on Sat-urday, August 24, 2013 in Daly City, CA. The following students competed: FORMS: 18+ yr old Men's Ad-

vanced Kajukenbo Forms - Joseph Ventura 1st Place and Grand Champion; 12-14 yr old Girls Intermediate Kajukenbo Forms – 1st Place Jaden Husser; 7-9 yr old Intermediate Ka-

which she then sent into the back of jukenbo Forms - Alexis Aying; 7-9 yr place Mayalanni Erediano

Sparring: 18+ yr old Mens Advanced Sparring – Joseph Ventura 1st Place and Grand Champion; 14-15 yr old Boys Advanced Sparring – 1st Place Joseph Vitale; 8-9 yr old Girls Intermediate Sparring – Alexis Aying; 6-7 yr old Girls Novice Sparring – 1st Place Mayalanni Erediano.

Alumni Football Game

Plans are underway for a Livermore versus Granada Alumni Football Game to be held on Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. Practice will begin at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29.

This event is a fund raiser to support both high schools' football programs, which are at risk of cancellation every year due to budget cuts. The state no longer funds athletic programs so it is up to the parents and players to raise money.

The game is called "The Turkey

Bowl" due to the time of year it will be played. Players, and coaches are needed for both teams. This is a full contact game and is open to any Liver more resident 18 and over. Players and aches should contact the organizer, J.W. House, at americancelt@att.net or 209-681-6673 in order to be placed on the roster. They must also log on to http://www.alumniathleticsusa.com/ to register for the game.

Veterans Victory Velo Serious cyclists and recreational

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

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

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

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

Following the V3 bike rides, there will be a family-friendly celebration including a barbecue lunch provided by sponsors Carl's Jr. (www.carlsjr.com) and Rubio's (www.rubios.com) as well as live music provided by AKA of Ken Cooper Music (www.kencoopermusic com), additional food tents, wine and beer tastings, free massages for riders, static displays from local military



Competition jujitsu kata team players from Amador Judo and Jujitsu Studio in Livermore, competed recently in Cerritos at the prestigious Shoshin Ryu National Kata Championships. Placing in the top three from Amador were the following: 1st place, 11-12 year old intermediate division, Kristen Wong and Rafael Valle; 2nd place: 7-8 year old novice division, Michelle Wong; 7-8 year old intermediate division, Alexa Firestone and Andrew Valle. They are pictured with their trophies.



The West Coast Soccer Club U11G Fury performed their magic to bring home the championship at the 2013 Magic Cup in Morgan Hills. The Fury had a flawless tournament beating out four top ranked teams including West Valley, Santa Clara Sporting, CV San Jose, and Mill Valley. Pictured are (bottom row) Alissa Garza, Kelena Brongiel, Grace Alfonzo, Kourtney Kessler, Isabella Romero; (middle row)Angelina Alfonzo, Alina Garcia, Kelsey Hoopes, Kate Zeck, Trinity Sandridge, Celina Garcia, Jamie Conklin, Kassidy Brackett, Laura Gonzalez, and Jenny Barron; (back row) Coaches Dave Conklin, Ray Canevari, and LeeAnn Alfonzo.

The event includes a golf tourna-

ment, dinner and raffle. Las Positas Golf Course is located at 917 Club

House Drive, Livermore. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., shotgun

start at 12:30 p.m., dinner and raffle at 5:30 p.m.

The Hole-in-One prize is a new Toyota Prius, courtesy of Dublin

organizations, and other fun events. The festival is scheduled for 1 - 5 p.m. and is open to the public.

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

CYO Basketball

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

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

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

Race to the Flagpole The Livermore-Grana

will host the 4th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Veterans Day weekend, Saturday, November 9, 2013. The event offers several distances that include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's scenic Sycamore Grove Park. The half marathon goes through Holdener Park in the rolling wine country and continues through Sycamore Grove. These

events are open to all ages and abilities. All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters' scholarship program.

Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. at Independence Park, 2798 Holmes Street in Livermore. The half marathon starts at 8:30am, 5K and 10K at 9:00 am. The one-mile fun run begins at 11:00 am. Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K and 10K are \$30 per runner and \$25 for each runner in a group/family of four. Half marathon entry fees are \$40 per runner and \$35 for each runner in a group/family of four. The one-mile fun run entry fee is \$10. On race day, all registration entry fees will be an additional \$5. Each

race will be divided into age divisions. Every race participant receives a commemorative T-shirt, medal, and post race refreshments. The awards ceremony honors the top finishers in each race, school participation, and a tribute to our veterans. All schools in Livermore may compete for the top participation award. The school with the most participants receives a \$250 cash donation. For more information, for sponsorship opportunities, or to register, visit www.livermoregranadaboosters.org. or contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 925-667-6535 or flagpolerace@yahoo.com.

Youth Basketball

Registration is currently underway for the Pleasanton Youth Basketball (PYB) league, a recreational program for youth in grades 1-12.

All skill levels are welcome.

The program is open to Pleasanton residents only.

Registration continues through Wednesday, September 18. For more information, please visit www.pleasantonfun.com

Swing for Charity

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley is hosting a Golf Fundraiser, "Swing for Charity," to be held at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore on Friday, September 27, 2013.





In the first game of the season, Dazzling Dolphins Lauren Stoneberger defended the goal by knocking out 4 goal attempts. Marina Rivera and Elizabeth were a great fullback team to keep the opposing team chasing their tails, kicking the ball far whenever they got too close. On offense were Claire and Ashton, great passing led to a kick and score. Pictured are Ashton and Claire.

Toyota. Raffle grand prizes include a 3-day stay at the Capella Pedregal Hotel and Spa in Cabo San Lucas, México, a 5-night stay at a vacation home on the Oregon coast, a 3-month membership at the Livermore Tennis Club and much more

NAMI Tri-Valley is a local nonprofit organization that provides support, advocacy, resources and education to those affected by mental illness, including families. In the past eight years, we have helped over 1,000 families and their loved ones through peer-run support groups, educational programs and community education presentations to the general public. All our services are provided free

of charge.

This year, the organization is increasing its education classes for families as well as looking into future NAMI signature programs such as *Ending the Silence*, a presentation at high schools addressing students about

NAMI Tri-Valley is an all-volunteer 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization: our tax ID# is 72-1610675. Please go to www.namitrivalley.org for further information.

Kids Splash & Dash

Tri-Valley Triathlon Club will host the summer Tri-Valley Kids Splash & Dash for ages 5-15 on Sunday, September 8 from 9:00am to 1:00pm Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton.

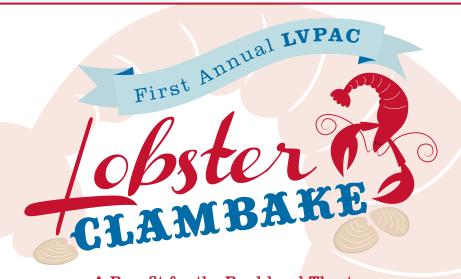
Register online or find more information on the event website http:// trivalleytriclub.com/youth/splash

The Splash & Dash is a swim/run event for ages 7-15 that introduces youth participants to USA Triathlon and the exciting world of multisport! The event is one of 40 events across the country as a part of the USAT Youth Aquathlon Series.

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

Online registration for the September 8 event closes Friday, September 6. Register online at Active.com



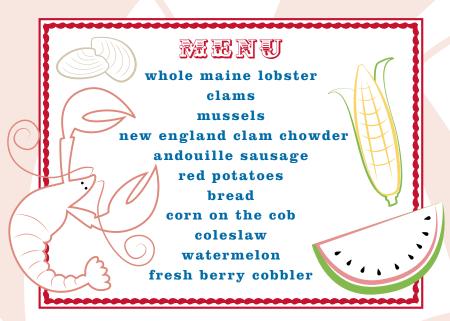


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The arbor at Concannon Vineyard was the setting for the Chamber luncheon.

HEALTH CARE

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starting as early as January

Guptill noted that health care premiums have doubled not once but twice over the last two decades. "It was estimated that without health care reform, without intervention, rates would double again by 2018.

'I am asked a lot of questions at cocktail parties and soccer games," she added. "I want to take some of those questions I'm asked and some of the misconceptions I hear, and do a little mythbusting.

Myth No. 1: All employers must provide coverage or be fined. "Fact: The ACA does not require all employers to provide coverage. It's true that large employers with 50 or more eligible employees, will face fines if they do not provide adequate and affordable health care coverage to employees by January 2015," said Guptill. "Businesses with fewer than 50 eligible employees - 96% of all businesses in the US - are exempt from penalties. In fact, they're eligible for tax incentives if they provide coverage to their employees.

Myth No. 2: Exchanges won't be ready. (A health insurance marketplace, also known as an exchange, involves a set of governmentregulated and standardized health care plans from which individuals may purchase health insurance. Under federal law, all state exchanges must be fully certified and For some, rates will be sigoperational by January 1, nificantly higher; for others,

state in the nation to pass statewide legislation to form an exchange board. We are out ahead of almost every state in terms of being ready," said Guptill. "Covered California (the state's health insurance market-

a high speed chase that ended

calls of a suspicious person

Avenue. As officers were

callers contacted dispatch

and advised of a suspicious

person in the area of the 4700

block of Arroyo Vista. As

officers arrived in the area,

they observed a large truck

with glass racks on the side

leaving the area very quickly.

Officers attempted to make

an enforcement stop on the

truck and the truck imme-

The Livermore Police

in a crash.

place) will go live October a \$5,000 deductible. The 1st. Will everything be pristine and ready to go? Not a chance. We will see bumps in the road, but every day it will get better."

ACA says if you're going

to pay for coverage, you

should get something out of

it. A basic level of benefits

called "essential health ben-

efits" was instituted. Those

on skinny plans may see

their rates increase because

the value of their benefits is

greater. If you already have

a comfortable, rich plan, you

probably aren't going to see

any change, or you might

The older we are the more

likely we are to have chronic

conditions, use more phar-

maceuticals, and probably

will have more of those

pesky treatments and proce-

dures than a young kid," said

Guptill, adding that the cur-

rent ratio of costs between a

55 year old and a 21 year old

is 5:1. "Legislation wants

that to be 3:1. People in the

upper age groups are going

to see their rates decrease,

while people in the lower

ends will see their rates

tion was part of the Cham-

ber's summer Wine Country

Summer Luncheon Series.

This, the third of four lun-

cheons, was hosted by Con-

residents of Livermore for

130 years, our family has

done our best to support

the community," said John Concannon. "Therefore,

it's an honor for us to host

the Chamber luncheon on

outdoors beneath a tunneled

vines, from which clusters

of plump Ruby Red and

Thompson Seedless grapes

cascaded, just weeks away

cannon handed Guptill a gift

of wine. "I don't know if

this is considered a prescrip-

tion or good medicine," he said, as the guests laughed,

"but it has been linked to

good health with moderation. This is a bottle of our Crimson and Clover.

a tribute wine I did for my

father. It's an honor to give

cheon will take place on

September 26th at Wente

Vineyards. Congressman

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The final Chamber lun-

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"The second thing is age.

even see a decrease.

Myth No. 3: Sole proprietors with no employees can buy small-group coverage. 'Fact: They must have at least one qualified, W2reporting employee who is not their spouse to qualify as a group," she said, adding that since now people with pre-existing conditions cannot be denied coverage and can qualify for their own coverage, "This issue goes away.'

Myth No. 4: Choices will be limited because carriers are exiting the market. 'Fact: In California, there will be more choices for individuals and employees, with 12 participating carriers including Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Kaiser Permanente and Health Net," said Guptill. There will also be local, geographically-based carriers, like Valley Health Plan, Alameda Alliance, Chinese Community Health Plan an Contra Costa Health Plan."

The main thing that's going to be different for a small business employee, according to Guptill, is that instead of having only a single coverage option, employees can choose the level of benefits they want.

Myth No. 5: Rates will skyrocket. "Fact: There will be rate dislocation. "California was the first lower," she said. "There are two things driving the rate dislocation. First is benefits. Some people have tried to keep premiums down by choosing really skinny benefit plans, ones that exclude pharmacy benefits or maternity leave, or that have

Crash Ties Up Traffic Tuesday morning traffic bound on Las Positas and in Livermore was tied up on struck three other vehicles

Las Positas Road, following in the area of Bennett Drive,

its side. Officers were able to im-Department began receiving mediately take the suspect into custody. Five drivers and passengers of the vein the 5000 block of Preston hicles that were struck were treated at area hospitals for responding to the area, more minor injuries. Las Positas Road was closed for several hours as the collision investigation was conducted, and the roadway was cleaned up.

rolling the glass truck onto

The owner of the glass truck was contacted and reported that the vehicle had been stolen from the 4700 block of Arroyo Vista.

The suspect is Arthur Salvetti, a transient from Oakdiately began to flee from land. Salvetti was arrested for suspicion of vehicle Las Positas Road. The truck theft, drunk driving, and began driving erratically, eluding officers. Salvetti is and the officers terminated on parole for prior burglarthe pursuit of the truck. The ies. The investigation is truck continued driving east- ongoing.

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ONE DIRECTION (PG) DLP-CC		1:00	3:20	5:40	8:15
GETAWAY (PG13) DLP	12:10	2:30	4:55	7:15	9:45
THE WORLDS ENDS (R) DLP		1:15	4:15	7:00	9:35
MORTAL INSTRUMENTS: CITY OF BONES (PG13) [)LP	12:50	3:55	6:55	9:45
WE'RE THE MILLERS (R) DLP	12:00	2:25	4:50	7:20	9:55
PLANES (PG) DLP	12:05	2:30	4:45	7:10	9:30
ELYSIUM (R) DLP	12:10	2:35	5:00	7:25	10:00
THE BUTLER (PG13) DLP		12:45	3:50	6:40	9:30
KICK-ASS 2 (R) DLP		1:40	4:30	7:15	9:50
PERCY JACKSON: SEA OF MONSTERS (PG) DLP		1:30	4:25	7:00	9:35
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DESPICABLE ME 2 (PG) DLP				1:10	4:00
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Tribute to a Lost Loved One By Carol Graham As the two-year anniversary of her 26-year-old son's death approached, Resa Arnold moved into action. "Few of us will escape the daunting challenge of

losing a loved one," she said. "Along with that comes the deep and difficult quest to keep their memory alive, yet the time following a loss is so anxiety ridden that our attempts to make meaningful choices are often muddled. It's helpful to have the clarity that comes from time, experience, and the insight of others who have journeyed there before you.

Arnold, one of the founding members of the Bereaved Mother's Network of the Tri-Valley, put together for the group a list of "20 ways to give tribute to those we have loved and lost. This is a spin-off effort as a result of the growth that I've experienced in the two years since Elliot's passing, aided by the support I've received from the group. I'm always looking for ways to create goodness out of sadness."

Following is a sampling of Arnold's ideas.

Commemorative bricks, such as those offered at the Bankhead Plaza or the Alameda County Fairgrounds, can be inscribed with a loved one's name, favorite phrase, special saying or graphic art. "This is a visible, tangible and enduring tribute that you or others can visit freely," said Arnold.

Service organizations can be a source of ceremonial

"What was your loved one involved in?" asked Arnold. "Talk to leaders in organizations like scouting, Knights of Columbus, choral groups, church groups, food charities, the Make a Wish Foundation, athletic teams or the Taylor Family Foundation to find a way to dedicate a memorial in his or her name.'

Anniversary Inspires Mother

To List Ways to Pay

Do a kind, generous deed for others. "Put your grief to the betterment of those in need. No shortage of needs or volunteer opportunities exist!" said Arnold. "It can be a one-time effort, or the beginning of actuating a dream you hold. Katie Strube created the Bereaved Mother's Network in honor of her late son Nathan, aged

The Bereaved Mother's Network meets the first Tuesday of each month at Livermore's Civic Center Library from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mothers who have lost a child of any age ("Our oldest loss was a 42 year old daughter; our youngest was just 12 days old," said Arnold), recently or in the past, are welcomed. "We gather to lift one another up in spirit, offer advice and encouragement, and to simply say, 'Like no others, we understand."

Arrange an annual gettogether for your loved one's loved ones. "The intention is to honor their memory by doing something your loved one would have loved doing: a picnic, a potluck, a walk, a

or symbolic remembrances. race, renting a boat or kayaks, a sing-along campfire, a backyard barbeque," said Arnold. "Activity on the day of the loss is especially helpful to many. For others, quiet reflection or prayerful time is helpful.'

Meet challenges head on. "This can be a time to go through and see what can be given to loved ones, re-purposed, sorted, cleaned, donated, organized or surrendered. In the end, we surrender all. Doing this can be especially tough, yet gives a sense of moving forward with healing.'

Create beauty. "Grow a floral garden or plant a tree in your loved one's name," said Arnold. "In a special place, hang multi-faceted crystals or pieces of stained glass in the sunlight. Think of the celestial light of love that endures between you and your loved one.

"Finally," added Arnold, "in your own way, true to who you are, pray or reflect that you were meant to survive this loss. Ask for the power to bring goodness out of this hurtful loss. Vow not to get bogged down in petty, temporal challenges. See time and this world as a path you must navigate only for a short while.

"Be the kind of person who leaves a sparkling legacy of love, which is really the greatest tribute anyone can give."

For more information, visit www.bereavedmothersnetwork.com.

New Marilyn Avenue Principal Selected

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) has appointmented Kim Farrand as principal of Marylin Avenue Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year.

She replaces Jeff Keller, who is leaving to take a position in Stockton.

Farrand has been a teacher for 29 years, the past 17 here in Livermore. During her tenure, she has served as mentor teacher, team teacher, program coordinator, professional development leader, coach, summer school principal, administrative designee, and teacher on special assignment. Her passion is elementary education and she is dedicated to ensuring that every child

reaches his/her potential. Kim grew up in the Bay Area as the eldest of three children. Her family remains in the Bay Area and see one another often. Kim has spent many days working on Science Fair projects, drilling math facts, and providing homework support for her niece and nephews. Her grandparents and aunt were educators, as is her sister, so education runs in her family. Kim also spends free time scrapbooking, swimming, playing bridge, and reading.

From an early age Kim knew she wanted to be an educator and began taking teacher prep classes her first year of college. She graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara with a BA in Liberal Arts. The following year she received her California Teaching Credential from University of California, Berkeley. She taught for 12 years in Vallejo and then transitioned to Livermore, where she decided to return to school. Kim graduated with honors and received both an Administrative Services Credential and Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's College of Moraga.



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SHORT NOTES

Gift Program Deadline

The deadline for submitting applications to Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS)'s annual Community Gift Program to benefit local and area nonprofit organizations is quickly approaching.

LLNS manages Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

Applications are due Aug. 29, 2013. Due to a glitch in the application website, any applicant who submitted between Aug. 12-23 should contact the LLNS office at 925 453-3580 to ensure their application was properly received.

The Community Gift Program provides a total of \$100,000 in awards to support organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) education, community service and philanthropic needs in communities having a large population of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory employees. Nonprofit California educational institutions, IRS-qualified 501(c)(3) organizations and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties are eligible to apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to

Established in 2008, the Community Gift Program received 66 applications for grants in 2012. Twenty-six applications were selected for awards, the majority of which served children in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County, with a focus on science and math education and cultural arts. The Community Gift Program expands upon LLNS' community giving, which continues to benefit the Greater Bay Area.

In December 2012, LLNS matched \$1 million in employee donations to the Laboratory's HOME (Helping Others More Effectively) Campaign. The HOME Campaign benefits community/nonprofit agencies in the Tri-Valley, San Joaquin Valley and Greater Bay Area. Since 1997, HOME has raised more than \$1 million annually through employee donations that go directly to agencies selected by employees. Last year, LLNL employees pledged more than \$2.5 million to the HOME Campaign, the largest amount ever raised during the years of conducting the HOME Campaign. The contributions benefitted more than 400 local agencies. Adding the \$1 million LLNS match brought the total contribution to more than \$3.6 million.

"For more than 60 years, we have been part of this community and we continue to vastly appreciate the support we receive. It is both an honor and pleasure to be able to help support our community through this Gift Program," said Parney Albright, LLNS president and LLNL director.

To be eligible, organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and accountable for spending and program results. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their proposal by Oct. 31, 2013.

More information on LLNS and its Community Gift Program is available at www.llnsllc.com. For information on how to submit an application, go to the Web at http://www.llnsllc.com/communityGiving/llnsgift.asp.

Meals Policy

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) announced its policy for providing free and reduced price meals for children served under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Each school and/or the Educa-

tion Center have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Household receiving assistance under Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) or if their children are considered Other Source Categorically Eligible (children categorized as homeless, runaway, migrant, or as applicable, foster children) if known, will be notified of their eligibility for free benefits.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits are as follows: households receiving SNAP, FDPIR, TANF benefits will only have to list the enrolled child(ren)'s name(s), SNAP, FDPIR, or KinGap case number and the signature of the adult household member. For households who do not list a SNAP, FDPIR, TANF case number, the application must include the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the last 4 digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the household member does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, the Campus Catering Director, as designated by the School Food Authority (SFA) shall review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make their request either orally or in writing to the SFA's hearing official. For specific information as to the name of the determining official and/or hearing official for a specific school or the district, parent or guardians should contact the school(s) their child (ren) attend(s).

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes might make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below certain levels.

If you would like additional information, please contact the LVJUSD Campus Catering Department at (925) 606-3259.

Rational Scientific Theories

Professor Ian Thompson, author of "Starting Science from God: Rational Scientific Theories from Theism, will be presenting a six-week course at First Presbyterian Church in Livermore beginning Sunday evenings, September In this well-argued book, physicist Ian Thompson makes a case for scientific theism. It meshes surprisingly well with the structure of reality already revealed by modern quantum field theory and by theories of developmental stages in human minds. The result is a serious look at a promising new rational structure encompassing theology, psychology and physics. Prof. Thompson shows how a following of core postulates of theism leads to novel and useful predictions, constituting a kind of "theistic science."

The six-week reading and discussion series will be presented on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, September 8th-29th and October 13th and 20th, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth Street. Enter through the courtyard on K Street between Fourth and Fifth

Streets. Registration is required. More information and online signup information is available from the church by calling 925-447-2078 or online at http:// www.fpcl.us/index.php/ministries/adults/86-get-connected/ spiritual/150-starting-sciencefrom-god-rational-theoriesfrom-theism. The books for the course are available through the church office by registering online. Cost of the book is \$12.00 in paperback. It can also be purchased in an e-book format directly from several of the online providers.

Shannon Water Area

The City of Dublin has begun construction for the renovation of the Water Play Area in Shannon Park. The former water feature had reached the end of its useful life and will be replaced by a modern, efficient 'splashpad" type of water play area. The new design features a variety of different types of sprays and includes some interactive features. The new water play area's bold, blue and white color scheme and moving water motifs will offer an exciting new water play experience.

Construction begins August 26, 2013. Project completion is expected in December, 2013.

Due to the water play area's proximity to both of the park's play structures, the construction necessitates closing both the 2-5 year old and 5-12 year old playground areas for the duration of construction. The restroom building and picnic areas will remain open during construction, however there will be limited access to the picnic area on the south side of the restroom building.

During construction, the City suggests visiting other nearby park playgrounds. Dolon Park at 11651 Padre Way is just .25 miles west of Shannon. Mape Park lies just .5 miles south of Shannon at 11711 Mape Way.

For more information on the project, please contact Douglas Rooney, Parks and Facilities Development Coordinator at (925) 556-4546.

Paxti's Pizza

INC. Magazine ranked Patxi's Pizza #24 on its annual list of fastest growing Food & Beverage Companies in 2013's Inc. 5,000—up from their #32 ranking in 2012. The highly anticipated ranking system celebrates the fastest growing privately held companies in the United States each year. Patxi's Pizza ranked 1,217 overall, making it in the top 25% of top growth businesses this year and has experienced 342% growth in the last three years.

Patxi's Pizza (pronounced pah-cheese, 't' before 'x'), opened two new Bay Area locations in San Jose and Livermore this year, as well as their first Denver locations in Cherry Creek and in Cherry Hills. Patxi's Pizza currently owns and operates nine locations in the Bay Area and two in Denver with plans for expansion in both markets this year.

The Livermore Patxi's is located at 2470 First Street.

Heritage Guild Turns 40

The Livermore Heritage Guild (LHG) is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. To say "Happy 40th," people

To say "Happy 40th," people are asked to donate \$40.00 to a "Forty for Forty Fund Raiser" in honor of the Guild's anniversary.

Those wishing to be part of this fund-raiser, can send a donation to the Livermore Heritage Guild - putting "40 for 40" on the note line of the check. Send it to P.O. Box 961, Livermore, CA 94550. Donations can also be dropped off at the History Center in the Carnegie Building Wednesday through Sunday.

through Sunday.

The Guild will commemorate its 40th anniversary at its general meeting on Sat., Sept. 28. The program will include video clips of early LHG members talking about the founding of the Guild. President Jeff Kaskey will make a presentation of accomplishments over the past four decades.

Tickets are available at the History Center for \$15 each. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m. Those with photos of Guild events over the years who wish to share them, please contact the History Center or send digital images to lhg40th@gmail.com.

Concert and Stories

A nostalgic concert and storytelling event will be held on Sat., Aug. 31 at the Duarte Garage and Lincoln Highway Museum in Livermore. The event is sponsored by the Livermore Heritage Guild, which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lincoln Highway, the first coast-to-coast highway. The road passed through Livermore.

Cecelia Otto will present "An American Songline," a program of songs, stories and insight into the way Americans used to live, travel and entertain. "Cece" has traveled the highway this summer giving concerts all along the way. Her accompanist will be David Foster from Stockton.

Prior to the concert, the Valley Heritage Questers will present the Livermore Heritage Guild with an original Lincoln Highway marker. Initially, Boy Scouts placed these markers all along the highway to guide travelers. The square cylindrical granite marker will remain on display at its new home at the Duarte Garage. The Questers, with chapters throughout California, is an organization dedicated to the study, conservation and presentation of historical objects and artifacts for the benefit of today and tomorrow.

The Duarte Garage, an original stop on the Lincoln Highway between Altamont and San Francisco, is located at the corner of North L Street and Portola in Livermore.

Doors open at 4 p.m. on August 31. The dedication will be held at 4:30 p.m. followed by the concert at 5 p.m. Donations are always appreciated. There is no entrance fee. Refreshments, Lincoln High memorabilia and books by local authors will be available for purchase.

Drop-in Computer Help

Need help with downloading E-Books from the library to your E-Reader, sending E-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general internet questions, or other uses. The Pleasanton Library

holds a drop-in program on Tuesdays starting September 3, 5 to 6:30 p.m. For information ask at the

Reference Desk or call 925-931-3400 (press 4 for Ref. Desk) Library programs are free

Library programs are free and open to everyone. No registration is required. Call Merry Luskin at 925/931-3400 for information.

Applied Fighter

Most commercial martial arts and self-defense training today is based on prearranged sequences and techniques, requiring many months and even

years of dedicated practice to become proficient in fighting.

According to Richard Moore, who offers a course called applied fighter, common martial arts techniques will not work under the stress and friction of a real attack. Violent attackers always have an advantage. However, a person's natural reactions provide fast, reliable, and automatic defensive movements that work every time. Learn to fight from the actual positions you will find yourself in which occur as a result of surprise, fear, and physical and mental tension. This perspective allows the most freedom of movement to adapt to changing threats and it develops a confidence under even the most unexpected circumstances. Enjoy the departure from common commercial methods and experience this unique, powerful, and natural approach to self-defense for men, women, and teens.

To learn more about Applied Fighter and Richard A. Moore, visit www.AppliedFighter.com and register for the 3-Day handson training course presented by Community Education at Las Positas College, taking place from 6-8pm on Wednesdays October 9, 16, and 23.

Call 925.424.1467 or register online at http://laspositascollege.edu/communityed. Search for the "Self-Defense the Applied Fighter Way" class listing.

Child Care Council

The Alameda County Child Care Planning Council is seeking individuals who are interested in applying for appointment to the Planning Council Steering Committee, a state mandated advisory committee to the County Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools on child care and development program and policy issues. The Planning Council con-

The Planning Council conducts research and analysis, makes recommendations on California Department of Education (state preschool) funding, and coordinates county wide projects to raise awareness and assist in the development of child care and early education. The Steering Committee consists of 35 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors or the County Superintendent of Schools. The Committee convenes every other month for morning meetings, with members expected to join a subcommittee that meets monthly. The mission of the Alameda County Child Care Planning Council (ACCCPC) is to advise and make recommendations to policymakers to ensure that all children and families have access to quality child care that educates children and enriches their lives.

To download an application, or for more information, please visit the Planning Council's website at www.acgov.org/childcare; or call (510) 208-9675.

Dos Mesas Program

Dos Mesas is the topic of a Sat., Aug 31 program offered by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Darren Segur at 10 a.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd., Livermore.

There is an area in the park that has a lot of history – from the early 1800s, it has been a cattle ranch, a winery, a hospital, a picnic spot, Hell's Angel country and finally, a park. Sift through the layers of time to uncover the story of Dos Mesas. This will be a slow-paced walk of about a mile. Bring water, good shoes and a camera if you like.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee at either entrance to Sycamore Grove Park, and a \$2 donation is requested to help support the programs unless

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Holiday Workshop

Local business owners are invited to attend a small business workshop, "How to Drive Holiday Sales: Discover Dublin Shop Local Holiday Campaign," on Wednesday, September 4, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, in the Community Room at the Dublin Library.

This workshop will look at basic social media tools and offer easy-to-execute tips and techniques. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Dublin, the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, and the Alameda County Small Business Development Center. There is no fee to Dublin Chamber of Commerce members. The non-member fee is \$25.00. To register, call 828-6200.

Fenestra Celebrates

Fran and Lanny Replogle invite the public to celebrate the Harvest Celebration and Labor Day Weekend with a day in the country, to picnic on the lawn, and to taste award-winning wines. Showcased wines for the weekend include the newly released "True White" (a nonvintage blend of Verdelho, Riesling, Chardonnay, Semillon, and Pinot Gris); Pinot Gris from Buttner Vyds, True Red, Lot 27, Tempranillo, from Silvaspoons Vyds in Lodi; Cabernet Sauvignon from Thatcher Bay Vyd, and our "Platinum Award, Best New World Port, Best Varietal, Best of Class" 2004 Port.

Winemaker Meredith Miles will also be offering special Estate Tastings of Syrah and Mourvedre, as well as a special Estate Rose blend of our Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre grapes. Included in this \$5 tasting fee is also an introduction to Fenestra's new GSM blend, "Infrared".

Local vendors will be on hand, selling ceramics, wood crafts, herb teas, and fresh produce. Chef Chacon, of Fremont, will also be offering his famous grilled kabobs and BBQ corn. An added feature, and annual favorite, will be live music performed by the Tom Rose Band.

Tickets for the Livermore Valley's 32nd Harvest Wine Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 1st & 2nd, can be purchased through LVwine.org. Admission price includes a commemorative Livermore Valley wine glass, tastings of at least two wine varietals from each of more than 40 participating wineries, parking, official event program, and shuttle bus service (Sunday only).

The winery is located at 83 Vallecitos Road in Livermore. The winery is open for tasting and sales every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 5pm. For information, phone 925-447-5246 or email info@fenestrawinery.com



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Wendy Hoxie Celeste

Nov. 30, 1955 - July 23, 2013 Wendy passed away peacefully at her home in Livermore surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, July 23, 2013. She was 57. Wendy was born November 30, 1955, in Tucson, AZ, daughter of Joseph Hoxie and Patricia Hoxie (née Outwater).

She graduated from Sahuaro High School and went on to earn a degree in Special and Elementary Education from the University of Arizona in 1977. On June 10, 1978, Wendy mar-

ried the love of her life, John Celeste, at St. Pius X church in Tucson, AZ. Wendy and John moved to Livermore where they have resided for 35 years.

Wendy loved traveling, gardening, volunteering, water coloring, sewing, camping, and spending time with family and friends. Wendy's life was spent serving others. She was an active member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church where she gave her time and energy as a teacher, small Christian community leader, and Eucharistic minister. She first worked at Livermore Playschool for five years and then took great joy in raising her three children as a stay at home mom. She returned to work at St. Charles as the Liturgy Coordinator. Wendy continued her mission of service in her role as Coordinator of Volunteers at Hope Hospice. Her generous spirit and grace touched many

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, John Celeste; her children Kallie

lives. She will be deeply

Celeste (Philippe Tavernier), Nic (Josie) Celeste, and Laura Celeste; and granddaughter Amandine. She also leaves behind her father, Joseph Hoxie; three sisters: Holly Clark, Amy (Tom) Skinn, and Deb (Curt) Petty; two sisters-in-law: Barb (Ken) McCloskey, Chris Wenzel, and a brother-inlaw, Mark (Julie) Celeste; and many nieces and nephews

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

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Concannon: The King of Cabernet for 130 Years

by Laura Ness

Did you know that a single vine of Cabernet from the Livermore Valley may have saved Napa's butt after phylloxera devastated California vineyards in the 1960s? It's not just a rumor: John Concannon, 4th generation vintner, has done his homework carefully and methodically, and has documented the paper trail that proves clearly that Clones 7, 8 & 11 of Cabernet Sauvignon, were sourced from cuttings of "The Mother Vine," which he still believes to be thriving just yards from the beautiful old Victorian house where he grew up. It's right here in Livermore, where we know that Cabernet thrives.

Concannon Vineyard has been recognized over the years for its many pioneering contributions to California winemaking and viticulture. Pretty much everyone associates Concannon with Petite Sirah. No surprise, since Jim was first to varietally bottle and label it as such in 1961. Across the country, people who have heard of Concannon most always say, "Great Petite Sirah!" Or, if they've been hip to the latest, they will rave about "Crimson & Clover," the Zin and Petite blend John created in honor of his father's 80th birthday, and the 50th anniversary of Petite being bottled as a varietal by the Concannons.

This year, the Concannons celebrate a new milestone: 130 years of growing Cabernet in Livermore. In 1883, founder James Concannon first purchased 47 acres here in Livermore, planting Cabernet Sauvignon vines imported directly from Bordeaux, bottling the first wine in 1886. In 1930, second generation Captain Joe Concannon was the first to bottle a single varietal

Cabernet Sauvignon under cuttings then underwent the Concannon label. It's neat to see the old wine labels that John has painstakingly gathered. Most of the labels in the 1930's and '40's show alcohol levels of 12%. The first recorded one says "California Cabernet." Another says "Livermore Cabernet," with the descriptor beneath reading "A Medium Bodied Wine of Cabernet Grapes.'

The longevity of the Con-

cannon family's involvement with Cabernet almost takes a back seat to its importance in helping the wine industry to move forward after the deadly phylloxera outbreak of 1960 that devastated California's vineyards for a second time in less than a century. Phylloxera's first outbreak occurred in the early 1890's, wiping out the Concannon vineyards as well as many others in California. Founder James Concannon imported what he hoped were phylloxeraresistant Cabernet rootstocks directly from Bordeaux between 1893 and 1903 to replant his precious vineyards. These very vines survived the 1960's outbreak, and thus became the subject of intense interest on the part of UC Davis, in particular, Dr. Harold Olmo and Curt Alley from the Department of Enology and Viticulture, who began working with Jim and Joe Concannon to find a disease-resistant rootstock for replanting.

From this research came the famous Concannon Cabernet Sauvignon Clones 7, 8, and 11. These clones were developed from cuttings taken from a single Cabernet Sauvignon vine in the Concannon vineyard in 1965, now called "The Mother Vine," which were used to create a block of vines for analysis by UC Davis. The

heat treatment for various lengths of time at the UC Davis lab, after which they were registered and propagated for vineyard owners to purchase. In 1970, the first clone, Clone 7, was registered, appearing officially on the California Grapevine Registration & Certification program as "Concannon Cabernet Clone 7.

Shortly thereafter, in 1971. Concannon Cabernet Clone 8 was also officially registered, followed by Clone 11 in 1974. These clones formed the backbone of Cabernet in California.

Many Napa wineries are not shy about their acknowledgement of the Concannon's role in replanting not only Napa, but also going on to provide Cab for pretty much all the vinevards in California and Oregon. To the point, the UC Davis Foundation Plant Services describes the Concannon Clones as "the most popular and widely planted Cabernet Sauvignon clones in California and its premium wine growing regions."

It's poignant that both Wente and Concannon are celebrating huge anniversaries of accomplishments, of creating major industries, of survival, of longevity and of belonging to the elite handful of wineries that have managed to survive both the frontal assaults on freedom and the refusal of Mother Nature to grant anyone privileged status, regardless of accomplishment or record.

According to John, "It's fitting that two of the oldest wine families in the US are responsible for both the 'Queen' and 'King' of grape varietals here in California. Wente is celebrating 130 years of Chardonnay and Concannon is celebrating 130 years of Cabernet."

I want to quote my friend Jo Diaz here, who conducted a lot of research on this topic earlier in the decade. According to her, "In a search for more information about the use of Concannon's clones, Jim Concannon personally wrote the following to Dr. James Wolpert, former UC Davis's Department Chair for Viticulture & Enol-

"Dear Dr. Wolpert: Many years ago my late brother Joe worked very closely with the viticulture department at Davis. Unfortunately most records on the background of the Cabernet Sauvignon Clones 7 and 8 were not kept at the winery. Since these clones are so widely used and were developed with the help of my brother Joe, I would be interested in obtaining information on

In response, Dr. Wolpert wrote back to Jim, "It is good to hear from someone with the last name of Concannon. That selection of Cabernet Sauvignon is not only one of the most widely planted, but one of the most highly regarded. It comprises most of our plantings at our department's (UC Davis) Oakville vineyard, where it makes exceptional wines." [Used with the permission of Dr. James

Wolpert and Jim Concannon, August 19, 2004]

Reading that makes me sit up at attention. It's time this incredible achievement was better recognized. Not that Napa has let it go unheralded. I've heard that Warren Winiarski, founder of Stag's Leap, makes no bones about the fact that Concannon Cab clones were planted in his vineyards. Chimney Rock has a bottling of Cab from the Clone 7 vineyard that James Laube praised for its cedar, currant and blackberry flavors and supple texture.

With more than 80% of Chardonnay planted in the West attributed to Clone 4, or the Wente clone, and 80%of Cab vineyards containing Concannon Cabernet clones, Livermore certainly has a lot to be grateful for, along with a lot of progeny to mentor. You can safely say that Livermore is both the Motherlode and Fatherlode of the entire wine industry as we know it today. Chardonnay still outsells all other white wines and blends on the market. Cabernet holds that distinction for reds.

Two Cabs sampled recently at Concannon are the 2010 Conservancy Cabernet, which is solidly good stuff, and can be found for \$12 to \$15 in many outlets, while the 2010 Reserve "Mother Vine" Cabernet is a treasure, with its gorgeous nose of cherry pie and leather, and beautiful dark cherry, cedar and anise flavors. It's aged for 20 months on French oak and retails for \$35. Only 400 cases were made, so snap some up for your cellar.

Help celebrate International Cabernet Day on Thursday August 29, by visiting Steven Kent for their Cab tastings from 12-4:30. Then, attend the "Cab is King" dinner under the arbor at Concannon, 6-9, \$75/\$70.

Transit Expenditures in Compliance

The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) released its 11th Annual Report to the Public, covering fiscal year 2011-2012. The report notes that audited income and expenditures were in compliance with specific caps and that the auditors identified no accounting concerns.

The report also provides an update on the delivery of voter-approved programs and projects funded by Measure B, Alameda County's half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements.

"Alameda CTC is responsible for allocating Measure B sales tax dollars for a wide range of transportation programs and projects that expand access and improve mobility, and the CWC is responsible for providing independent oversight of these expenditures to demonstrate to voters and businesses of Alameda County that Measure B is delivering on its promise," said Citizens Watchdog Committee Chair James Paxson. "The review and analysis done by the CWC play a key role in making sure that Measure B funds are spent in accordance with the wishes of the voters.

In fiscal year 2011-2012, Alameda ČTC expended \$149.7 million as follows: \$92.0 million for public transit, including operations, capital investments and special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities; \$16.7 million for highway and street projects; \$36.8 million for cities and Alameda County for local transportation improvements, including local streets and roads, and bicycle and pedestrian projects; \$3.2 million for general administration; \$1.0 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

The Citizens Watchdog Committee was created in 2002, after reauthorization of the local sales tax measure in 2000, to review agency financial audits and reports as well as the deadlines for program and project completion. Approximately 60 percent of the sales tax revenues, minus administrative costs, funds programs, and approximately 40 percent, minus administrative costs, funds capital projects. Part of the committee's responsibility is to issue an annual report to voters and taxpayers to report on the sales tax fund expenditures, and it keeps watch on all projects, programs and administrative costs.

The CWC Annual Report as well as audits of each agency receiving Measure B funds are available to the public on the Alameda CTC website. Hard copies of the report can be requested via e-mail to aayers@alamedactc.org, via mail to Alameda CTC offices at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94607, or via telephone to 510.208.7400.

Livermore Events For International Cabernet Day, August 29

of Grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon. If you're a tweeter, just use the #Cabernet Day hash tag in your post and it will be trackable by your fellow Cabernet Lovers all around the world. Give it a try: it's fun to see who's drinking what out there in the Twitterverse.

• "Cab is King" Party At Concannon, Thursday, August 29, 6-9pm: Celebrate 130 years of Cabernet at Concannon under the Concannon Vineyard Arbor

\$75 per person (\$70 per club member). This stellar evening will include 4 required. RSVP online.

Help celebrate Inter- courses fit for a king paired national Cabernet Day on with a special Cab vertical, Thursday August 29, by which will feature the very visiting the many Livermore limited 2010 130th Anniwineries hosting special versary Cab (fewer than 100 cases made) and a 2012 barrel sample. Take home a 130 Years of Concannon Cab commemorative wine glass and a keepsake digital photo. Reservations are required and royal attire encouraged.

A special Cabernet vertical with cheese pairing will be available for Club Members at Club 1883 Thursday as well. Be among the first to enjoy the 2010 130th Anniversary Cab, an extremely scarce wine. 11AM - 4:30PM (45 minute sessions). \$20 per person (\$10

per club member) Space is limited. Reservations are International Cabernet and Bacon Day, from 6-8pm: Also on Thursday, August 29, for just \$15, (\$25 includes souvenir wineglass), enjoy a vertical of Las Positas Cabernet, including the 2007 & 2008 library Cabs, the 2009 Livermore Valle Cab, and the 2010 Meritage, a 71% Cabernet blend. Taste in the cellar with winemaker Brent Amos, where you'll enjoy a sip of the highly anticipated 2011 Cabernet along with a delectable bacon brownie. Las Positas is at 1828 Wetmore, 925-449-

• McGrail Celebrates Cabernet Day, 12 – 4:30: Join the Cabernet-loving folks at McGrail on #Cab-

• Las Positas Celebrates ernet Day, when Cabernet ernet, Tasting 12-4:30. In the lovers around the world will be talking about the king of grapes via all social media channels. McGrail will have are invited to pick up their a special tasting menu with four outstanding Cabernets for you to tweet about! \$10

tasting fee. Steven Kent celebrates Cabernet in the Barrel Room, from 12- 4:30; #Cabernet-Day in the Barrel Room. Cabernet + Social Media = a GREAT way to spend your Thursday! Come taste the new Single Vineyard Series Releases, including 2010 Home Ranch, 2010 Folkendt Vineyard and 2010 Smith Ranch Cabernet. Due to limited quantities, this will be your only chance to taste the Smith Ranch CabBarrel Room, \$10, Reservations not required. Single Vineyard Series Members allocations, starting Thurs day 8/29.

Like Getting Vertical? Indulge In The Reserve Tasting. The 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 vintages of Steven Kent Livermore Valley Cabernet will be the featured Reserve Tasting wines. Call 925-243-6440 to reserve your space: \$15 Club Members. \$30 General

Whatever you else you do this day, be sure to drink some Livermore Valley Cabernet, and toast some of the best winemakers on the planet!

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481161

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more, CA 94550

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Signature of Registrants :s/: Kay French, Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 31, 2013. Expires July 31, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3503. Published August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481369

The following person(s) doing business as: J. Benton Group registered by the following J. Benton Group LLC, 301

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EGAL NOTICES/CLASSIFIEDS Earhart Way, Livermore,

This business is conducted

by a Limited liability company The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants :s/: Guillermo Iglesias, CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 6, 2013. Expires August 6, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3505. Published August 15,

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: **DONALD G. HIRZEL**

22, 29, September 5, 2013.

Case No. RP13690581 1.To all heirs, beneficiaries creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in DONALD G. HIRZEL

2.A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DIANA L. HIRZEL in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.

3.The Petition for Probate requests that: DIANA L. HIRZEL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

4. (X) The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for

5. (X) The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless

they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority 6.A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: September 9, 2013 TIME: 9:30 AM DÉPT: 201

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA. County of Alameda 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way Berkeley, CA 94704

7.If you object to the granting of the petition. you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney 8.If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable

in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. 10. (X) Attorney for

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 481596

The following person(s) do-

ing business as: Taqueria

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Rd, Livermore, CA 94551

is hereby registered by the

(1)Jose L. Munoz (2)Lilia

Munoz, 16236 Redondo Dr.

This business is conducted

by Married Couple The registrant began to

transact business under the

fictitious business name(s)

listed above on 3/25/04

following owner(s):

Tracv. CA 95304

listed above on 1/10/97.

Signature of Registrants

:s/: Jose L. Munoz

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business as: Madison Ready Publishing, 401 Oak Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Claire O. Fahey, 401 Oak Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566 This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. Signature of Registrants Claire O. Fahey This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda on August 1, 2013 Expires August 1, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3508. Published August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2013. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481597 The following person(s) doing

business as: Carniceria Consuelito Market, 1565 Olivina Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Jose L. Munoz (2) Lilia Munoz, 16236 Redondo Dr, Tracy, CA 95304

This business is conducted

The registrant began to

by Married Couple

Signature of Registrants :s/: Jose L. Munoz This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2013. Expires August 13, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3510. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2013. NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO

SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application

July 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern: The Names(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: **GUOZHENG SUN** The applicants listed above

This statement was filed are applying to the Departwith the County Clerk of Alment of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic bevameda on August 13, 2013. Expires August 13, 2018. erages at: 2041 FIRST STREET The Independent Legal No LIVERMORE, CA 94550-3509. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2013. 4405

Type of license(s) Applied for: 41 - On-Sale Beer and Wine Eating Place Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control 1515 Clay St. Ste 2208 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-4970

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Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 1:00 PM, Health Care Services Agency, 500 Davis St., Suite 220, San Leandro Responses Due by 2:00 pm on October 1, 2013 County Contact: Sanjida Mazid at (510) 567-8071 or via email: smazid@acbhcs. org Attendance at Networking Bidders Conference is not required. The RFF is available via the GSA website- www.acgov.org under Current Contracting Opportunities 8/29/13 CNS-2524270# THE INDEPENDENT Legal

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481855 The following person(s) doing

business as: Carnegie Park Salon, 2052 4th St., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following (1)Gary Clinton Burdge (2)

Jamie Lee Burdge, 102 Medinah Pl., San Ramon, CA This business is conducted

by Married Couple The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/1/2010. Signature of Registrants :s/: Gary C. Burdge This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 20, 2013.







Expires August 20, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3513. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481260

The following person(s) doing business as: RT & Associates, 849 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paul Randi, 546 Tyler Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/1/2013.

The Names(s) of the

DANA ANN KLEBES

The applicants listed above

are applying to the Depart-

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Signature of Registrants :s/: Paul Randi This statement was filed are EEOC employers with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 2, 2013. 56) ADULT CARE Expires August 2, 2018. The Independent Legal No.

3514. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2013.

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NEWS AND NOTICES

Here's What You Can Buy in the Tri-Valley

By Cher Wollard

The number of new and resale homes on the market in the Tri-Valley is ticking upward, although inventory remains very low.

As of Tuesday, there were exactly 100 Livermore houses, townhouses, condos and duets on the Multiple Listing Service. In a balanced market, that number should be more like 250. Yet it's an improvement from earlier this year when inventory hit rock bottom at just 48.

The picture is a little brighter in Pleasanton, which has 102 homes on the market. Dublin has a mere 93 homes listed, but given that it is the smallest of the three communities, it is relatively more balanced.

The same story is playing out throughout the Bay Area. So what are these nearly resale 300 homes?

• 217 are detached homes, with 80 each in Livermore and

Pleasanton, and 57 in Dublin. This does not, of course, include most new construction. Build-

ers will often list one or two homes on the MLS to draw buyers and their agents in, but may have more units available.

• Prices range from a low of \$199,000 to a high of \$6.9 million, with the median being just under \$720,000.

• The median length of time these homes have been on the market is 23 days.

That's up from 16 days in July but well below last August's pace of 37 days. And, remember, in a balanced Bay Area market homes tend to be on market two or three months before selling. The rest of the country is typically far more patient, expecting homes to move within six months of listing.

• 36 – almost half — of the 78 condos, townhomes and duets currently on the MLS are in Dublin; 22 are in Pleasanton. The largest of the three cities, Livermore, has only 20.

This housing stock varies from brand-new three-story units by KB Homes (Dublin) and Shea (Livermore), to vintage units in all three cities. Prices range from \$199,000 for a one-bedroom unit on Chris Commons in Livermore built in 1990 to \$715,000 for a 3-year-old Toll Brothers townhome in Dublin with more than 2,100 sq.ft. of living space.

• 27 of the detached homes listed are on one or more acres. Of those, more than half -17 – are in Livermore with the other 10 in Pleasanton.

These properties include ranches, vineyards, and other country property, as well as estates in upscale communities such as Eagle Ridge, Castlewood and Ruby Hill. Prices start at under \$250,000 for two rural properties on Mines Road. The median price is just under \$2 million.

• These homes range in style from a 3,400-sq.ft. geodesic dome with lots of custom upgrades on 5 acres listed at \$899,000 to a 112-acre ranch with Victorian-era bungalow on Flynn Road for \$1.499 million to a 6,400-sq.ft. Mediterranean beauty in Castlewood priced at nearly \$4 million.

• The most expensive property is a lavish 8,590-sq.ft. home on more than 77 acres on Foothill Road. This custom home boasts a walk-in wine cellar, a 10-car detached garage and stunning views.

 In contrast, 28 of the Tri-Valley's listings are on less than 4,000 sq.ft. lots.

While suburban houses have traditionally been built on lots ranging from about 5,000-10,000 sq.ft., giving every homeowner a front yard, a large back yard and plenty of space between neighbors, the trend now is for homes to be built on smaller lots. Three things are driving this trend: the high cost of land, the scarcity of land suitable for residential building and the desire among many buyers to simplify their lives with low-maintenance housing.

 While the 3 Pleasanton properties were built in the 1980s and 1990s, the small-lot homes in Livermore and Dublin are all newer or even brand new.

The price range is more narrow, from the low \$600,000s to the mid-\$900,000s, with the median at \$729,900 – about the same as the median for all Tri-Valley housing on the MLS.

• The sizes of these homes range from a two-bedroom home in 1241 sq.ft. to four-bedroom homes at about 3,000 sq.ft.

• Among homes on average size lots, prices range from \$387,000 for a small three-bedroom on Olivina in Livermore to \$3.3 million for a spacious six-bedroom on Castlewood Place, with the median price at \$867,000.

• Sizes start with an 866-sq.ft. cutie on Bluebell Drive in Livermore to a more than 10,000 sq.ft. home in on Bricco Court in Ruby Hill.

Most of the homes on the MLS are easy to view with your

Online Scam Targets Renters

Beware false rental listings, especially on Internet sites.

According to a report in *Real Estate* magazine, Scammers are reposting actual listings from real estate agents, even using the agent's identity, but substituting their own contact information.

They then take deposits from would-be renters before disappearing. The listing agent finds out what has happened when the hapless "client" contacts them to ask for keys to the property.

Your best defense: Engage your trusted Realtor or property management specialist to help you find a rental property, usually at no cost to you.

Mortgage Rates Down Slightly Average interest rates on 30-year fixed-rate conforming mort-

gages inched down this week, to 4.5 percent to 4.65 percent, according to Andrew Aguilar, a mortgage consultant with Vintage Mortgage Group in Pleasanton.

Rates on FHA loans up to \$417,000 held steady at 4.125.

Rates on Super Conforming loans dropped more than a point, to 4.625 percent from 4.750 percent for 30-year fixed loans; to 3.625 percent for 5-year adjustable rate loans; and to 4 percent for 5-year interest only loans. Rates on non-conforming jumbo loans were unchanged from

5.5 percent last week.

Rates may, of course, vary according to your credit score, debt ratios, among of downpayment, and other factors. For information specific to your situation, contact your trusted mortgage specialist today, or ask your Realtor to refer you to someone.

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

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A "first flush" ceremony was held last Friday at the new restrooms in Sycamore Grove Park.

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Visitors to Sycamore Grove Park have a surprise in store for them the next time nature calls – new park

As part of a larger update for Sycamore Grove Park that will include interpretive nature education, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District's newest restrooms are open. Located just steps from the parking lot at both the Wetmore Road and Arroyo Road entrances, the new restroom structures offer park visitors a significant upgrade from the facilities previously in place.

"These provide a more modern, sanitary facility for park visitors," said Chief Ranger Pat Sotelo.

LARPD ranger staff will clean the restrooms daily and check them throughout the day for supplies. Each end of the park has two unisex units.

The Wetmore Road entrance restrooms, which are hooked up to the city's sewer system, also feature sinks with soap dispensers and photo-occupancy sensors for lights.

Each unit also features a skylight to provide plenty of natural lighting. The restrooms will be opened when the park opens each morning and locked overnight after park closing. The restrooms at the Wetmore Road entrance also have drinking fountains attached.

The restrooms at the Arroyo Road entrance are waterless units hooked up to a septic tank.

Constructed by Romtec Inc., the restrooms feature natural elements such as red cedar wood siding and cultured stone veneer. The cement surrounding the buildings also includes imprints of sycamore leaves and animal prints to add aesthetic features to the restrooms. The District held a "First Flush" ceremony with the Board of Directors and LARPD staff on Friday, Aug. 23, to mark the official opening.

YOUTH

beginning at 11 a.m., taking place September 1 - 4.

"I started sailing before I can remember. I think I was a couple of years old," said Liebenberg, a 2010 graduate of Danville's Athenian School. With his team, the American Youth Sailing Force (the Force), Liebenberg has been intensely training for the past year to be ready for the international competition. "We're in the gym five or six days a week. We've been sailing as many different catamarans as we can get our hands on. I've been watching videos of the AC 45s racing in the America's Cup World Series to mentally run through all of the maneuvers. These boats are the most physical boats I have ever experienced."

Liebenberg, the Force's tactician, is a mechanical engineering student entering his senior year at Tufts University, located near Boston.

"The team sometimes calls him 'Q,' like the character in the James Bond movies because he is extraordinarily clever at building gadgets that help them race," said shore team manager Kim Paternoster.

"Early on, my parents knew I was going to be a mechanical engineer because I was able to figure out different rigging systems on our family boat," said Liebenberg, recalling the 27-foot boat his family sailed out of the Richmond Yacht Club.

Yet Paternoster wants to make clear that the Force's nine sailors "are not rich kids with trust funds from the yacht club world. These guys are all incredibly funny, down to earth and really smart. They are good guys with a lot of heart."

In fact, Liebenberg was one of five Force members who jumped into the Bay to rescue a woman in a sinking minivan on June 21st. It was an act that earned the sailors an Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal, which is awarded by US Sailing's Safety-at-Sea Committee to honor those who rescue or endeavor to rescue another person from drowning, shipwreck or other perils at sea.

"Sailing built David's character and taught him essential life skills," said mother Ellen Liebenberg, 'like how to treat others fairly, how to take responsibility for his mistakes, how to follow rules, how

to use disappointment as an incentive to try harder, and how to cope with people who have not mastered these skills. The sportsmanship he learned on the water also serves him well on land."

In addition to their rigorous training, Force team members volunteered with several local youth outreach programs. They also were solely responsible for raising the \$290,000 needed to cover racing fees (including a \$35,000 entry fee, a \$25,000 damage fee, and a \$13,500 insurance fee), gear, water operations, training and coaching, etc., according to Vince Casalaina, the Force's communications manager.

"The Force has gone the extra mile and learned how to build and rig the AC 45 themselves," added Cathy Hammer, also of the shore team. "Serving as their own pit crew makes repairs go faster and each dollar go farther.'

Ten teams qualified for the RBYAC, including a second team from the US, two teams from New Zealand. and one team each from Australia, France, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden and

Spectators can watch the

races from the America's Cup Village at Marina Green and the America's Cup Park at Piers 27/29.

Following the RBYAC, the Golden Gate Yacht Club will defend the America's Cup, which it earned after defeating the Swiss team in 2010, against challengers from New Zealand in a bestof-17 series from September

"This is a great opportunity for people who don't know much about sailing to get to watch and understand racing at its highest level," said Leibenberg.

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THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A

Mike Amaral's California Beach Boys Kick-Off Firehouse Season

The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton opens its concert season on Saturday, September 7, at 8:00 p.m. with the number one Beach Boys Tribute Band.

Mike Amaral's California Beach Boys (MACBB) are famous for their perfect harmonies, attention to detail, period outfits, and of course the Good Vibrations and Fun, Fun, Fun at every show.

MACBB is based in California. Considered "The world's most popular Beach Boys Tribute Band" according to a recent Los Angeles Times feature, Mike Amaral's California Beach Boys' beginnings included performing at the Santa Cruz Boardwalk and the Cocoanut Grove. Now performing around the country as well as internationally, the six piece group has performed together since 2007.

Founder Mike Amaral says their influences come not only from growing up in the 1960's, but also from actually playing on stage with surf-rock legends such as The Ventures, Surfaris, The Sunrays, and The Rivieras to name a few. In addition to Amaral, the group includes Dennis Buldo, Scott Slaughter, James Nobriga, Josh Meschi and Richard Schmidt.

In an interview for Examiner.com, Mike Amaral



Mike Amaral's California Beach Boys coming to Pleasanton.

talks about how "getting together the rest of the members was the most challenging part." He goes on to explain how the harmony of The Beach Boys is much different than that of other bands, which is why there are so few tributes for the group. The harmonies "take a lot of hard work and willingness to rehearse and go over the charts," Amaral says. "Everybody's vocal part is mapped out, and it's really

critical. If one person is off... then everybody is off." The musicians had to be willing to devote lots of studio time to getting it right. "I had to find a complete and strong group of singers that wanted to support the whole endeavor."

The original Beach Boys are known for almost being a family affair, with brothers Brian, Carl, and Dennis Wilson, their cousin Mike Love, and close friend Al Jardine as founding members. Coincidentally Amaral's band includes his two cousins and two close friends. He notes it wasn't his intention to keep the familial aspect of the band when he formed it, "It just happened to work that way."

He goes on to say how in the band's early years, "We just felt we did a good job and we accomplished what our goal was. Our popularity has gone up like I can't believe since the start. It's unbelievable, the fans we have, man, it's unbelievable."

The original Beach Boys was formed in 1961 when teenage brothers Brian, Carl, and Dennis Wilson got together with Love and Jardine to start a band. A year later David Marks joined and their first wave of hits with Capitol Records hit the charts. Marks left after about a year and Brian Johnston joined in 1965 when Brian Wilson stepped back from touring to focus on writing and producing for the group, which was by then obviously headed to the top of the charts and international stardom.

Still holding the record for Most Billboard Top 40 Hits (36), the American pop-rock institution known as The Beach Boys has been recognized with both a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Hits such as "Wouldn't It Be Nice" and "Kokomo" continue to top playlists, and probably always will.

This show is part of the Firehouse Arts Center's Cabaret Series, produced and presented by Esses Productions.

Tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.

Connie Chen Performs During Annual Recital Program Hosted by Music Teachers

This is the fifteenth year that Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore, and the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) have co-sponsored a September piano recital. Each summer at the MTAC convention, members of the local branch choose a talented young artist to perform at Asbury. This year's recital will be held on Saturday evening, September 7, 2013, 7:30 P.M. It will last about 45 minutes. The pianist will be glad to sign programs and meet members of the audience after the performance. Children and music students of all ages, and their families, are especially welcome.

This year's performer is Connie Chen. She grew up in Pleasanton where she began her piano studies with local teacher Ms. Jing Yang, and then continued her studies at the San Francisco Conservatory with Dr. William Wellborn. Connie graduated from Amador Valley High School in June and is now a freshman at UC Berkeley



Connie Chen

Civil Engineering with a minor in Music and currently

where she is majoring in studies piano with Dr. Tai-Cheng Chen.

Ms. Chen was awarded

membership in the prestigious MTAC Young Artist Guild in 2013. She has performed and won top prizes in festivals and competitions both locally and internationally, including First Prize in the Music Division of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council Youth Excellence event in 2010. Connie also received the Livermore-Amador Symphony Association Award this year.

Ms. Chen has chosen musical gems from the piano repertoire for her performance at Asbury. Among them are a prelude and fugue from Bach's iconic Well-Tempered Clavier, Beethoven's Sonata No. 26 Op. 81a, known as "Les Adieux," and Chopin's Andante spianato et grande polonaise brillante, Op. 22, which has been described as a "firework of wondrous passages and bold phrases." Also included in the program is the virtuosic fourth movement of Prokofiev's Sonata No. 6 Op. 82.

The recital is open to all at no charge. Refreshments will be served afterward. For more information: 925 443-2514, accoll@comcast.net.

Cat Show Planned at Robert Livermore **Community Center**

The Golden Gate Cat Club will present an all breed cat show on August 31 at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore.

Kids are invited to bring a favorite stuffed toy kitty for judging by a real cat show judge. Toy kitties are available for adoption for those who don't have one; register by 11 a.m.

A variety of cats and kittens of different breeds will be on display and competing for best in show.

A cat show is composed of a number of separate, concurrently running, individual shows held in the various judging rings throughout a show hall.

Every cat entered in the show is evaluated by each judge, and judged according to a written standard for its breed (with the exception of the Household Pet Class, for which there is no written standard). In an all breed show all cats, regardless of coat length or type, compete for various awards.

Rescue groups will have cats available for adoption. Shop for cat-oriented arts and crafts, gifts and gadgets.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and under age 12 and \$25 for a family. For additional information, call 934-3471.

The Robert Livermore Community Center is located at 4444 East Avenue, Livermore.

Valley Humane Society Offers Program for Future Marketers

Valley Humane Society (VHS) is starting a new program that offers future marketers the chance to work with industry experts and hone their skills while helping animals and people in the community. The Teen Marketing Program kicks off September 9, 2013. It is limited to 20 students in each of three available sessions. Additional sessions begin December 2, 2013 and March 17, 2014.

Funded by a grant through the City of Pleasanton, the Teen Marketing Program is currently open only to Pleasanton high school juniors and seniors; there is no fee to participate. Marketing professionals will offer instruction and advice, which students will use to create and launch their own marketing campaigns to promote VHS animals, programs, and services. Campaigns will be featured in local media outlets.

Topics include graphic design, videography, social media outreach, and brand development, presented by experienced individuals from a range of both corporate and nonprofit environments: Robert Half International, Pleasanton Downtown Association, Ogden Costa Creative Group, Spring Street Studios.

Each session is comprised of twelve weekly 90-minute classes, plus 2 hours to be determined. Students interested in enrolling must commit to attending all meetings in the session to qualify for the program. In addition to hands-on marketing experience, participating students will earn 20 community service hours toward their high school civics graduation requirements. Please visit valleyhumane.org for class dates, downloadable application, and additional information.

Mini Weed Munchers Make Appearance at Tenuta Vineyards

Sheep shearing of "Mini Weed Munchers" will take place on Sun., Sept. 1 from noon to 2 p.m. at Tenuta Vineyards.

The mini sheep are replacing chemicals and tractors in the vines for weed control. They cut down on air and noise pollution as well as the use of fossil fuels and chemicals.

Local Sheep Shearer, Russ Duguid will demonstrate his finesse in the fine art of "turning sheep." He makes a tricky job look easy. Livestock Guardian Dogs, Bonnie and Belle will be there watching over their flock. The Batteate Family and Friends will be on hand to make sure everyone is accounted for and in good health.

Vineyard owner, Nancy Tenuta is taking advantage of a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) cost share program. Last year the program became available for grazing in vineyards and orchards. For information about EQIP, contact Alyson Aquino at NRCS 925-371-0154.

For information about Sheep Shearing at Tenuta, contact Allison Batteate 925-455-5755. The winery is located at 633 Kalthoff Common in Livermore.



Miniature sheep





Christopher Bengochea and Eugene Brancoveneau will perform.

Livermore Valley Opera to Perform Excerpts of Carmen at Local Libraries

Livermore Valley Opera will showcase talented opera singers who will appear in the fall production of Bizet's "Carmen" in three free OperaLIVE! events in the Tri-Valley.

The performances will be presented at all three Tri-Valley libraries.

The show will be staged at the Pleasanton Library at 2 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 8, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Pleasanton Library.

In Livermore, the show will be 2 p.m. Sun., Sept. 15 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. It is sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Libarry.

Dublin Library will host the performance at 2 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 22, 200 Civic Plaza.

"OperaLIVE! events are free, public events that are all about bringing opera to the community so that people who might not otherwise have the opportunity can experience the music

and drama in an intimate public setting," says LVO President Jim Schmidt. "We hope that the experience will encourage people to seek out other opera and musical opportunities."

The library performances occur prior to each opera production, and over the years attendance expands. It's one of many outreach programs LVO offers which include visits by singers to schools in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin.

The one-hour performances will feature professional opera singers performing arias and duets from Carmen featuring mezzo soprano Cybele Gouverneur, (Carmen) and tenor Christopher Bengochea (Don Jose). In addition, Stage Director and baritone Eugene Brancoveneau will perform excerpts from his role as Escamillo and share insights to LVO's production of the dramatic opera.

"The singers will perform selections from Bizet's

well-known opera providing listeners a taste of the wonderful talent that they will hear at the Bankhead Theater when 'Carmen' opens September 28," adds Schmidt.

A question and answer period follows immediately after the performance. "The singers are always more than happy to answer questions about opera, what it's like to

sing opera and be on stage," says Gary Sears, LVO's Outreach Coordinator who manages OperaLIVE. "It's a great opportunity to learn about this passionate and diverse art form."

For more details on the full production of Carmen and the library preview programs, please visit www. livermorevalleyopera.com

Art & Poetry Reception Set

The public is invited to a free closing reception for "Where a Painter Meets a Poet" at the Pleasanton Library on August 31 from Noon-4 p.m.

The show is a close collaboration between Lily Xu, an artist specializing in Chinese watercolor paintings, and poets Cher Wollard, Ronnie Holland, Jim Curcuro, Kay Speaks and Susan Wilson.

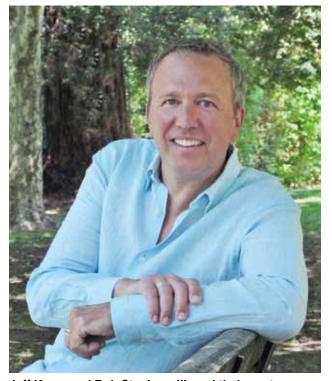
The reception will feature live music by Galina Corkery and Timothy Guan. An open mic begins at 1:30 p.m.

Light Refreshments will be served.

Books, calendars and posters based on the show, and featuring Xu's paintings and poems by Wollard, Holland, Curcuro, Speaks and Wilson, will be available for sale at the reception.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal in Pleasanton. The show runs through Sept. 30.







Jeff Knorr and Bob Stanley will read their poetry.

Poetry Reading Planned at Ravenswood

Livermore's current Poet Laureate, Kevin Gunn, will host the continuing series, Ravenswood Poetry on Sunday September 1, 2013. The program runs from 2-4 p.m. The featured poets read at two followed by an open mic at about 3 p.m.

The featured Poets for this event are Jeff Knorr and Bob Stanley.

Poet Laureate of Sacramento from 2009 to 2012, Bob Stanley has published

two chapbooks: Eleven Blue Strings (little m press) and Walt Whitman Orders a Cheeseburger (Rattlesnake Press). He and his son John Stanley recorded and released a CD of original compositions entitled Songs from Random Lane.

Bob serves as President of the Sacramento Poetry Center, and teaches English at Sac State and Sac City College. His new poetry collection, *Miracle Shine*, was published by CW Books in May 2013.

Jeff Knorr is the current Poet Laureate of Sacramento. He is the author of three books of poetry, *The Third Body* (Cherry Grove Collections), *Keeper* (Mammoth Books), and *Standing Up to the Day* (Pecan Grove Press). His other works include *Mooring Against the Tide: Writing Poetry and Fiction* (Prentice Hall); the anthology, *A Writer's Country* (Prentice Hall).

Knorr's poetry and essays have appeared in numerous literary journals and anthologies including Chelsea, Connecticut Review, The Journal, North American Review, Red Rock Review, Barrow Street, and Like Thunder: Poets Respond to Violence in America (University of Iowa).

Admission to the event is \$5.00. Light refreshments are served. Ravenswood is located at 2657 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

First Presbyterian Church Offering 12-Week Course on the Bible

First Presbyterian Church of Livermore (FPCL) is offering a twelve week introductory course on the Bible. Sessions begin Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The course is open to the public.

The course will be led by Rev. Donald Griggs, who is the author of two books entitled "The Bible From Scratch: the Old Testament for Beginners" and "The Bible From Scratch: the New Testament for Beginners.". In addition to being associated with FPCL for more than forty years Don has served as an editor and author of church education resources, as a professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary, and as a trainer/consultant in Christian education throughout the United States.

Objectives of the course include; becoming comfortable finding one's way through the Bible, using Bible study tools effectively, gaining a sense of the general "sweep" of the biblical narrative, enjoying studying the Bible with others, developing the habit of Bible reading and study as a spiritual discipline, and making connections between the biblical narrative and one's own faith and life journey.

The twelve-week reading and discussion series will be presented on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, Sep. 4 – Nov. 20, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church,

2020 Fifth Street. Enter through the courtyard on K Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Registration is required. More information and online signup is available from the church by calling 925-447-2078 or online at www.fpcl.us/index. php/ministries/adults/86get-connected/spiritual/149the-bible-from-scratch. The books are available through the church office by registering online. Call for prices and availability.

Final First Wednesday Party Set for Sept. 4

Pleasanton Downtown Street Parties are coming to an end. The final 1st Wednesday Street Party will be held on Wed., Sept. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m..

September's featured band Public Eye will be performing in the beer and wine garden.

Attractions include the Market on Main, the Wednesday night Farmers' Market at the 800 block and ArtBlock, a live art and music experience on Angela Street.

Main Street will be closed from Del Valle Parkway to Bernal Avenue from 4:30 to 10 p.m. The event is presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. There is no admissoin charge.

Green Scene Fair Part of Party

The City of Pleasanton and Hacienda Business Park partner with the Pleasanton Downtown Association on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 to host the fourth annual Green Scene Fair as part of the First Wednesday street fair. This free event, which runs from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., will be held along Division Street and Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton, and promises to be a fun and informative experience for the entire family.

The Green Scene Fair will feature exhibitors specializing in green practices, products and services. Exhibitors will provide demonstrations and information on health and wellness produces and services, solar power and energy efficient products and rebates, waste reduction and recycling, water efficiency and conservation, commute and transportation options, and more. The event will also include an alternative fuel vehicle display and demonstration.

There will be free craft stations and interactive storytelling with a recycling theme for children set up at the Firehouse Arts Center at 4444 Railroad Avenue, adjacent to the Green Scene Fair.

ArtBlock Has Grown in Size

The final edition of 2013 ArtBlock, a featured event at the summer series of Pleasanton's Downtown "1st Wednesday Street Parties, happens Wednesday night, September 4th on Angela Street at Main Street beginning at 6pm.

September's ArtBlock will be the final edition for Summer 2013. It features more new and inspired handmade works of art, music right on the street. The featured artist will be Debbie Wardrope, who specializes in landscape pastel paintings featuring iconic local scenes of downtown Pleasanton, Sunol, Danville, Livermore and Walnut Creek.

Wardrope's art is the local favorite of Pleasanton, depicting famous restaurants, local vineyards, and town landmarks like Sunol's Little Brown Church. In addition to Wardrope, multiple skilled artisans and craftsmen will display their work, from oil paintings, to glass, hand-made jewelry and other decorative works.

Additionally, Pink Spots will be a featured sponsor for September's ArtBlock. Pink Spots is a business directory for the LGBT community.

"We are excited to be a part of Pleasanton's ArtBlock and look forward to all the fabulous folks we will meet," said Kevin Babeaux of Pink Spots and Rhineaux Media.

More than 100 pieces of art have sold while thousands of residents of Tri-Valley and the greater Bay Area have enjoyed art, food, games and music. Visit ArtBlock on Facebook

Panel to Discuss Staging of Classics for a Contemporary Audience As Part of Eugene O'Neill Festival

As part of the 14th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival from September 6-29 in Danville, a panel of Bay Area theatre professionals will debate the match-up between "classics" of the theatre and contemporary audiences. How are classics best staged? What challenges do they present for directors and playwrights attempting to write a "modern" classic?

On Sunday, September 22, beginning at 2:00 p.m., the Eugene O'Neill Foundation will sponsor "Modern Audiences/Classic Plays" at the Old Barn at Tao House, part of the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in the Danville hills. It was at Tao House from 1937-1944 that playwright O'Neill wrote, many believe, his most notable plays including The Iceman Cometh, A Long Day's Journey into Night, and Moon for the Misbegotten, among others.

The afternoon panel discussion will be moderated by KQED's Michael Krasny, celebrating twenty years as host of the popular public affairs radio program "Forum" on San Francisco Public Radio, which concentrates on the arts, culture, health, business and technology. Dr. Krasny, a Bay Area icon, has interviewed countless political, religious, literary and community figures, as well as playwrights Tony Kushner, Anna Devere Smith and Edward Albee, among others. He is the author of Off Mike: A Memoir of Talk Radio and Literary Life, and Spiritual Envy: An Agnostic's Quest. Krasny is also Professor of English at San Francisco State, focusing on American Literature.

Krasny will be joined on



Michael Krasny (above) will moderate a panel that includes Eileen Hermann (center, top), Joy Carlin, and Jasson Minadakis.

the panel by Jasson Minadakis (Artistic Director of the Marin Theatre Company), long-time Bay Area director and actress Joy Carlin, Rob Melrose (Co-founder and Artistic Director of San Francisco's Cutting Ball), and Trevor Allen (Artistic Director of San Francisco's Black Box Theatre).

Jasson Minadakis has been directing at the Marin Theatre Company for seven years. His impressive career includes both classical and modern theatre, as well as numerous productions of Shakespeare. Mr. Minadakis won the 2010 Bay Area Critics Circle Award for Best Director, and garnered several "Production of the Year" awards. This season he will direct the world premiere of Carson Kreitzer's Lasso of Truth and the West Coast premiere of Philip Dawkins' Failure: A Love Story at MTC.

Joy Carlin, a legendary Bay Area director, stage and screen actress, has directed nearly a dozen productions at Berkeley's Aurora Theatre, including *The Norman Conquests: Table Manners*, and Body *Awareness*. Her production of Amy Herzog's family drama *After*





the Revolution opens at Aurora Theatre on August 30. She is seen currently in Woody Allen's new film Blue Jasmine. Carlin was Associate Artistic Director of San Francisco's American Conservatory Theatre (ACT) from 1987-1992.

Rob Melrose is Artistic Director and Co-Founder (with Paige Rogers) of San Francisco's Cutting Ball Theater. Their theater's mission is to develop productions of experimental plays and re-envision the classics. Past productions have included The Strindberg Cycle: The Chamber Plays in Rep, The Bald Soprano, The Chairs and Risk Is This. The Company begins its fifteenth season with Sidewinder by Basil Kreimendahl – a kind of Waiting for Godot set in the Wild West. Mr. Melrose is also a free-lance director, working with Minneapolis' Guthrie Theatre, Magic Theatre and the Oregon and California Shakespeare Theatres.

Trevor Allen is founder and resident playwright for San Francisco's Black Box Theatre Co. He describes the "Black Box" as a "digital theatre company dedicated



to new live performance." His Working for the Mouse was voted the "Best of the San Francisco Fringe Festival." Mr. Allen has won a Critics Circle Award for his play The Creature. The San Jose Rep has currently commissioned his new play, Valley of Sand.

Eileen Herrman, coordinator of the event, and member of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation Board of Directors, says "The ongoing interest by contemporary audiences in classical plays, and in theatre of the last century, is often due to the remarkable creativity of directors who shape productions to meet the contemporary stage. How do they do it? How much shaping is necessary and productive?"

Reservations for "Modern Audiences/Classic Plays" are available at www. eugeneoneill.org. Due to limited seating, reservations are recommended. Tickets are \$10 donation. Access to Tao House is by National Park Service shuttle from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville.

"Modern Audiences/ Classic Plays" is presented in con junction with the 14th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival during the month of September. The theme of the Festival is "O'Neill versus O'Neill," and features the production of two of O'Neill's early plays. The Eugene O'Neill Foundation presents *Chris Christophersen* (1920) September 26-29 in the Old Barn at Tao House, part of the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in the Danville hills operated by the National Park Service.

The O'Neill Foundation will also present the Role Players Ensemble production of the playwright's *Anna Christie* (1921) from September 6-21 at the Village Theatre in downtown Danville. The same com-

pany of actors will appear in the two plays, which are closely connected in story and character, but very different in style and worldview.

"It's one story, two plays one company of actors and two starkly different worlds," says Foundation program director Eric Fraisher Hayes, who is directing *Chris Christophersen*.

Tickets for all Festival events are available through the O'Neill Foundation website, www.eugeneoneill.org.

A special All-Inclusive admission ticket for all Festival events is also available on the website.



Shown is a painting from the show by Rebecca Chou titled "Mythical Beasts"

Absolutely Abstract Runs Sept. 1-30 at the Library

The annual Absolutely Abstract Show will be exhibited at Livermore Library Gallery Hall from September 1 through September 30.

This show is unique since it is the only show dedicated to abstract art in the Tri-Valley area and features local abstract artists. Thirty works will be on view ranging from small to large, and are for sale.

The Livermore Library is located at 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. The library is open Monday through Thursday: 10am to 9pm, Friday: 10am-6pm, Saturday: 10am-5pm, and Sunday: 12-6pm.

Vin win situation: Page Mill Winery Charity Thursdays

by Harry Stoll

On the first and third Thursdays of each month, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m., Page Mill Winery donates the \$5 tasting fee and 10% of sales to a charity. Light snacks are on the counter. It's a nice break for tasters who can't get away on a weekday and a chance to do some good at no extra cost to you.

The tasters pay the regular price for wine, the winery increases its exposure and sales (at a lesser perbottle net, of course) and a worthwhile charity receives some cash. This idea is the brain baby of tasting room manager Debbie Cristiano. She says the number of tasters has varied from four to fifty. The charities tend to be smaller and lesser known.

On August 15, as the sun prepared to exit, the Mickaboo Bird Rescue en-

tered and set up their exhibit. "Mickaboo" combines Mick and Aboo, the names of cockatiel companions of the two founders.

The rescue is run strictly by volunteers and operates in the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento Area. It will soon be in the Delta area. Volunteers Martha Kudlack and Pamela Lee were present to tell some of the Mickaboo's story. It has foster homes for the birds that have been neglected, abused, injured, abandoned, or surrendered to it. Mickaboo has over 300 birds available for adoption, including African Greys, Amazons, Budgies, Canaries, Cockatiels, Conures, Macaws and many more.

"We find homes for the birds," said Kudlack. "The first requirement for adoption is to take a bird care class.'

By e-mail, Lee reported that the winery staff was great at supporting them.
"... we got over \$200 in funds from the winery and from bird toy sales. That will help pay for two vet exams (with basic tests)!" For more information, visit their web site: www.mickaboo.org

The wine being poured that night, especially for the event was:

2012 Page Mill Winery Vintner's Select Chardonnay Livermore Valley (\$28). The grapes come from a vineyard located in the sloping, rolling hills of the Kalthoff Commons area at the west end of the Livermore Valley where it enjoys cool Bay breezes and excellent drainage. Winemaker Dane Stark aged it in 100% new American oak barrels. If you think you don't liked

oaked Chardonnay, you must try this one that has a deep straw color, a creamy texture, and honey, almonds, and vanilla from the oak. Cristiano points out that it's available for sale only to Underground Wine Club Members, but it's easy to go underground.

She said the bookings for September 5 and 19 are Livermore Mystics and Our Savior Lutheran School. If a charity wants to participate or if someone knows of a worthy charity, contact Debbie Cristiano (see below.) She also said, "When we don't have a group reserved, we donate to our Page Mill Scholarship fund." Winery owner and winemaker Dane Stark "... set that up years ago. It is to benefit kids who study in any country other than their birth country.

(See CHARITY, page 7)



Rescued cockatoo

Big Weekend Features Scottish Gathering and Games

The 148th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games will be held Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

This event is produced entirely by volunteers from the Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

Gates open at 8 a.m. Athletic events begin at 8:30 a.m., other activities at 10 a.m.

An opening ceremony is held each day at 12:30 p.m. in front of the main grandstands. A grandstand show featuring massed pipe bands in concert, Western States Drum Major finals and more are held in from of the main grandstand starting at 3:45 p.m. each day.

Twenty-nine Pipe Bands from the U.S. and Canada will be featured in competition. Individual Piper and Drummer competition for grades 1-5 is part of the event. There will be a special appearance by the L.A. Scots Grade I Pipe Band with special arrangements.

Highlights are as follows:

HEAVY EVENTS (ATHLETICS): 39th U.S. Invitational Heavy Event Championships. World's top professional heavy event athletes including World Champion Matt Vincent. Pros from Scotland, England, New Zealand, Canada and the U.S. Top selected amateur men's and women's divisions and men's and women's Masters Classes. All athletes compete in all eight disciplines, including Caber, Weightfor-Height, Weight-for-Distance, Hammer, and Stone Putt.

HIGHLAND DANCING: Western U.S. Highland Dancing Championships.

IRISH PAVILION: Back by popular demand! - Irish Step Dancing demonstrations and more.

ENTERTAINMENT: Four stages of traditional and Celtic Rock bands, groups and individuals. Tempest, Albannach (Scotland), Celtica (Austria), Browne Sisters, Molly's Revenge, Golden Bough, Peter Daldry & Neil O'Neill.

CELTIC HERITAGE: Two stages of continuous Fiddling, Harping, Singing and Scottish Country Dancing featuring the Scottish Fiddlers Rally with Alasdair Fraser & Celtic Harpers with Varlene Schermer.

LIVING HISTORY: Reenactment guilds with Mary Queen of Scots and her entourage; Highland Warriors, Roman Legions and invading Vikings. Period artisans and craftsmen.

GATHERING OF THE CLANS: Do you have a bit of Scottish blood in your veins. This is the place to research your heritage. Nearly 100 clan tents.

FOR THE YOUNGSTERS: Children's Glen with games and prizes. (One of many attractions the kids love)

BIRDS OF PREY: A crowd favorite - more than 20 exotic birds, including hawks, falcons, owls and more, with professional handlers and informative information.

SHEEP DOG TRIALS: Demonstrations in the precise herding of sheep by highly trained dogs and their handlers. Provided by the Northern California Working Sheepdog Association.

CLYDESDALE HORSE TEAM: Always a popular feature for the children.

HIGHLAND CATTLE: With long coats of hair, these magnificent "coos" are prepared for the cold Scottish winter!

SOCCER AND MORE: The quick game of Five-A-

Side soccer with eight Semi-Pro teams from California and Nevada.

RUGBY & SHINTY: Local Rugby teams. See the ancient Scottish game of Shinty, played by local teams.

VENDORS: Five buildings with more than 100 vendors with wares and services from the British Isles - Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales.

FOOD & BEVERAGE: Enjoy a steak pie, fish & chips, British banger or Scotch Egg! - Ales or beer....and of course regular fairgrounds American style food.

BRITISH MOTOR CAR CAVALCADE and MOTOR-CYCLES TOO: A number of British marque clubs display their cherished automobiles....how about a three-wheeled Morgan! BSA and Triumph as other two-wheelers from Britain.

KILTED MILE: Competition for all ages, running the one-mile track for prizes and glory. Kilt required!

WHISKY TASTING: Sample premium single malt whiskies. Attend a Master Class seminar with a Whisky Master. (Additional cost).

FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT: Held at the host hotel, Marriott San Ramon. The L.A. Scots Pipe Band and famous U.S. military band. (Extra cost)

SATURDAY NIGHT FREE "Ceilidh" (PARTY): Following the Grandstand Show Held at the Red Lion Pub at the fairgrounds. Celtic music. - Open microphone plus special guests performing - Nominal cost for Tri-Tip & Chicken BBO - Pub drinks.

For tickets and information go to www.TheScottish-Games.com or call 1-888-769-2345.

Wineries to Host Annual Harvest Celebration



The 2013 Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration marks the 32nd year that people have gathered over Labor Day Weekend to enjoy the fruit of the vines in one of California's oldest wine regions.

Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2

between noon and 5 p.m., more than 40 area wineries will offer Livermore Valley's best wine, food, art and music to ticket holders. Bus transportation between wineries will be available on Sunday only. This year's celebration will include Livermore Valley's newest wineries: Dante Robere Vineyards, Ehrenberg Cellars and Darcie Kent Vineyards, as well as the new winery and tasting room of Cuda Ridge Wines.

Sunday, September 1:

Thirty-one wineries will host festivities at their tasting rooms across Livermore Valley. Ten more wineries will be pouring at either Concannon Vineyard or Wente Vineyards on Tesla Road. All locations will offer wine tasting, fresh food vendors, local artisans and festive music. Celebration guests are invited to ride complimentary shuttle buses between the wineries. The buses will travel on two different routes, each serving at least 14 winery locations. Free parking will be available at Robertson Park in Livermore, where guests can board buses and transfer between routes during the day. Bus stops may be as far as 300 feet from winery locations, so guests riding buses must be prepared to walk up driveways. Wineries are open only to ticket holders with event wristbands and no outside food is allowed.

Monday, September 2:

Thirty-five Livermore Valley wineries will continue the celebration with wine tasting, vendors and music at their tasting rooms. There will be no bus service. Five wineries will pour at Wente Vineyards on Tesla and one will pour at Concannon Vineyard.

Admission price includes a commemorative Livermore Valley wine glass, tastings of at least two wine varietals from each participating winery, official event program and exclusive discounts on wine purchases.

Tickets for the 2013 Harvest Wine Celebration are good for admission both days and priced at \$55 each when purchased in advance, \$65 at the event. Designated driver tickets are \$10 and are also valid both days. Tickets are available online at www.LVwine.org and at participating Livermore Valley wineries, the Wine Steward in Pleasanton, First Street Wine Company and the Winemaker's Pour House in Livermore and at Bay Area Safeway stores. Ticket "will call" arrangements vary by purchase method. Please visit www.LVwine.org for details.

Wine Country: September Song Rosé, Rosé, I love you

By Harry Stoll

Rosés are made from nearly every variety of red grapes. Winemakers limit the time the juice is in contact with the skins, with 24 hours probably being the longest. Fermentation methods vary. Occasio Winery uses a combination of stainless steel and once-used French oak barrels, En Garde Winery uses neutral Hungarian barrels, and Las Positas stainless steel.

Much of the color of red wine comes from the skins, as do nearly all the tannins. Beautiful colors result, such as coral and American Beauty roses. And, since most of the tannins are gone, it's gentle. McGrail Winery calls it blush wine, but nobody calls it pink, which it ain't.

I have enjoyed Rosés with chicken tandoori (going easy on the spices), crab salad in endive, grilled eggplant with pesto, and tomato-pesto Round Table artisan flatbread, and other light fare.

Probably some oh so au courant expert is recommending Rosés be served warm, but I'm not a trend setter or follower. Serve Rosés chilled. Some fussy folks want to know the exact temperature. If you're one, surely you have a wine thermometer. Bob Ryan, sort of a do-itall wine guy at Occasio Winery, says 48 degrees Fahrenheit is right. Without taking its temperature, he has a seat of the pants rule: "When the mist on the outside begins to run down the side, it's ready,' says Bob.

Americans are slow to take up Rosés. However, they have always been part of the European eno scene.

En Garde winemaker Csaba Szakal savs dry Rosé was the only wine Grandfather Béla in Hungary made. Customers brought their own containers. "They would sit down in the 'Tasting Room' (our kitchen) and enjoy a glass while my grandfather went to the cellar to fill the containers directly from the barrels. I make it every year in his honor. I use the same method." He bleeds off the juice 12-24 hours after crushing, then ferments the juice in neutral Hungarian barrels until the spring. He uses malolactic fermentation. "In Hungary, we always drank this wine as a spritzer and I still do," says Csaba.

Due to legalities, En Garde is not allowed to post signs directing you to its tasting room. Go into the Tenuta tasting room and they'll direct you to it (beyond the barrel room, to a bar as welcoming as a kitchen).

Here are three Rosé featuring Pinot Noir:

2012 En Garde Dry Rosé California (\$24). Csaba Szakál's dark gem uses Pinot Noir (probably from the Russian River Valley), Tempranillo, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The pale strawberry color is a tad darker than Rosés made solely from Pinot Noir. The fresh floral aroma is perfume in her tresses, followed by liveliness in the mouth. Csaba suggests enjoying it with club soda. I recommend this spritzer style.

2009 Tenuta Vineyards Pinot Noir Rosé Livermore Valley (\$12). This is owner/winemaker Nancy Tenuta's first estate Pinot Noir Rosé. Her winery was the first in the Livermore Valley to grow Pinot Noir. The vineyard is on a northfacing slope so avoids the afternoon sun. The color is pale copper. The wine emits aromas of berries with some minerality, and on the palate sings of the flower of Malaya.

2012 Occasio Rosé of Pinot Noir Livermore Valley Del Arroyo Vineyard (\$24). Winemaker John Kinney made this heart tugger in the dry style, so it's crisp and concentrated with berry notes and a bit of citrus. This elegant wine is good soulfully by itself or with watermelon salad. The finish is for the finish-toasting somebody standing on the jetty as your steamer pulls away.

Here are three from other than Pinot Noir:

2012 Las Positas Rosé Livermore Valley (\$24). It's made from estate grown grapes: 49% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Petite Sirah, 16% Barbera, 8% Tempranillo, and 4% Petit Verdot and Syrah. The typical romantic color leads to aromas of strawberry and melon. Its medium body has a bit of a quick sweet flirty kiss and a cranberry finish. Perfect for a poolside brunch of cheese and fancy crackers.

2012 McGrail Vineyards Kylie Ryan Rosé (\$22). Kylie Ryan is the 3-year old daughter of winery president, Heather McGrail. Winemaker Mark Clarin made this salmon colored beauty that is perfect with wild, fresh king salmon. It's made from estate Cabernet Sauvignon. The aroma picks fresh strawberries and a bit of rose petal, with flavors to match. The finish is a lingering minerality that waltzes with a strawberry

2012 Dante Robere Syrah Rosé Livermore Valley (\$15). The color is the deepest of the six rosés with a nose of strawberry, pomegranate, and rhubarb. The grapes are from this newcomer winery's vineyard opposite Sycamore Park. This one went on my patio and went for the grilled chicken breast and rhubarb pie. If you sing, "I cannot stay," the finish will stay with you.

CHARITY (continued from page 6)

As you may know, Dane studied in France for a year. I think his goal is for other kids to have that type of opportunity."

Livermore Valley wineries generously support charities. Neighboring Retzlaff Winery spokeswoman Salomè Taylor e-mailed: "We donate our space to a number of charitable organizations for their fundraising functions. Organizations include, The Open Heart Kitchen, Livemore Valley Opera/Opera in the Vineyard, Canine Companions and others. A portion of the proceeds from wine sales is also made."

Page Mill Winery has set a template for smart marketing while benefiting worthy causes. It warrants copying and deserves the support of wine tasters.

Page Mill Winery is located at 1960 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore; 456-7676.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

Livermore Art Association Gallery,

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

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

Encuentros: Bankhead Theater hosts three Latin-American artists in summer exhibition. The exhibit features oil paintings, acrylics, and monotypes from Edmee Keele, Jordi Camps and Alfredo Mordss. The art will remain on exhibition until September 8th. Proceeds from sales benefit the Bothwell Arts Center, a project of Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, a notfor-profit corporation.

Where a Painter Meets Poets, A new exhibit featuring poetic responses to the work of Livermore artist Lily Xu will be on display at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal, through Sept. 30. The show, Where a Painter Meets Poets, features Xu's watercolor paintings, as well as poems by Ronnie Holland, poet laureate emeritus of Dublin; Cher Wollard, outgoing poet laureate of Livermore; Susan Wilson; Jim Curcuro; and Kay Speaks.

California Society of Printmakers,

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

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

Livermore Art Association Gallery "Fall Into Art" exhibit opens September 7. An open house celebratoin will be held on Sat., Sept. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Twenty-five artisits will be displaying and selling new paintings, photographs, jewelry, textiles, pottery, glasswork, origami and much more. Artists will have special offers for the public that day. Refreshments will be served. The Gallery is in the Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd Street, Livermore.

ArtWalk, October 12, 11 to 5 pm:

displays are set-up throughout the downtown in and around parks, sidewalks, galleries, wine bars, restaurants and shops, allowing visitors and the local community to experience all that this wine country downtown has to offer with art as the theme for the day. The Art Banner Auction displays up close the hand-painted banners that will have hung as public street art during the month of September, and enjoy free all-day concerts from fine Bay Area musicians and a glass of fine local wine from our wine, beer and beverage bar at the Livermore Valley Plaza. ArtWalk artist and business booth registration closes on August 31, 2013, see www.bothwellartscenter. org for info

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

Tri-Valley Woodcarver's 41st Annual

Show, Sept. 21-22, Veteran's Memorial Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanotn. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Free admission to public. For information contact Joel Ellioff (Show Chairman) at joelwen@sbcglobal.net or (510) 537-9463 or go to tri-valleycarvers.com

Pleasanton Art League 2013 Fall Members Show, Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center. 4444 Railroa

Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Sept. 21 to Oct. 19. Reception and awards, 1 to 3 p.m. Sat., Sept. 21. www.firehousearts.org.

Call for Artists at 15th Annual Art in the

Park —San Ramon, Oct. 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Park. Looking for artists from around the Bay Area to sell and showcase their fine art and wares (paintings, sculpture, textiles, ceramics & glass, fine jewelry, photography, etc.) 10'x10' booth spaces are available for \$105 for non-members of ADAS or SRAF or \$90 for members plus a 10% commission on all sales goes to Art in the Schools Fund and Art Programs in the City of San Ramon. No crafts please. For an application, email normawebb@comcast.net or call 925 828-9170.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

Pleasanton Art League, Livermore

Art Association, potluck and social Mon., Sept. 9, 5 to 7 p.m. Charles R Vineyards, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd., Livermore. Bring a main dish or dessert. RSVP to Karen Fleschler by Sept. 5 at karen@kb-art.com.

Show and Tell, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St, Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired, receive a critique from the group. This is a friendly and fun event for artists and can be useful in helping them improve their work and learn from others. Refreshments are brought by the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Miller at danne miller@att.net, or Linda Ryan at LRyan@Livermoreperformingarts.org

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

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

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/

Art Classes, For children, teens and adults. Beginner to advanced. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and ceramics taught by highly experienced artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst. Weekday and weekend classes, Homeschool classes, Special classes during school breaks offered. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

Piano and keyboard lessons, For children to adult. Beginner to early intermediate level. Half-hour private classes or small group classes offered. Twice-yearly recitals. Please phone (925) 216-7231 or email thomasin_d@hotmail.com for further info.

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

Ukulele Circle, August 31. Meetings are held the 2nd and last Saturday of each month from 12noon-1pm at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www. GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.

Colored Pencil Classes "Basics and Beyond". Instructor Maryann Kot. Starting at 9:30AM on Mon., Sept 9 for five weeks and also 6:30 PM on Tues., Sept 10 for five weeks. Classes will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Livermore. 925-443-3388. View Maryann's artwork at www.maryannkot.com.

WINERY EVENTS

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

The Winemaker's Pour House, Live music: Aug. 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Music Lore; Aug. 30, 8-11 p.m., Brian and Mike of Northern Static; Aug. 31, 7-10 p.m., Papa's Garage. 2241 First St., Livermore. www.winemakerspourhouse.com or 215-2656.

RM Celebrates Pinot Grigio, For the month of August, come out & visit Rodrigue Molyneaux and taste the very first vintage of the 2012 Pinot Grigio. Free tasting for the entire month and the upgraded tasting half off. Tour every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 PM. 5th Weekend (Saturday only): Crushpad & Equipment tour. Italian music and tasting small bites will pair with the all Italian flight. 3053 Marina Ave, Livermore, CA www. rmwinery.com, info@rmwinery.com, 925-443-1998

The Steven Kent Winery, Thurs., Aug. 29, 12-4:30, #CabernetDay in the Barrel Room. Taste the new Single Vineyard Series Releases - 2010 Home Ranch, 2010 Folkendt Vineyard and 2010

Smith Ranch Cabernet. Due to limited quantity, this will be your only chance to taste the Smith Ranch Cabernet. Tasting 12-4:30, In the Barrel Room, \$10, Reservations not required. Interested in a vertical? 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 Steven Kent Livermore Valley Cabernet is our featured Reserve Tasting. Call 925-243-6440 to reserve your space. \$15 Club Members . \$30 General Public. www.stevenkent. com, 5443 Tesla Rd Livermore, (925) 243-6440.

Las Positas Vineyards, Thursday, August 29th from 6-9pm celebrate International Cabernet and International Bacon Day together. Enjoy a flight of Cabernet's along with a barrel tasting of future 2011 Reserve Cabernet paired up with our Bacon Brownies. Our classic tasting flight will also be offered as well. Friday, September 6, Evening in the Vineyards, free concert at Las Positas Vineyards from 6-9pm featuring live Jazz music by Joey T & Friends. Wine, beer, and Artisan pizzas crafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) Space is limited, please contact 925-449-9463 or info@laspositasvineyards.com to make a reservation. Reservations are held until 7pm. To make reservations please call 925-449-9463 or contact info@laspositasvinevards.com

McGrail Vineyards and Winery events: Sat., Aug. 31, 6 to 9 p.m. Sunset SAGE concert, This group has played together for the past 40 years. \$15 per person, \$5 club member. www.mcgrailvineyards.com or (925) 215-0717; 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore.

Concannon Vineyard, all things Cabernet Sauvignon at the winery on National Cabernet Day, Thursday, August 29, 2013, commemorating 130 years of growing and producing this highlyesteemed varietal. Concannon will be offering guests special tastings of Concannon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon and will host a "Cabernet is King" Barbeque Dinner with wine pairings. Five Year Vertical Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm. (\$20 for visitors, \$10 for Concannon Gatekeeper members) includes 5 year vertical of Concannon Cabernet Sauvignon tasting and a 2012 Barrel Sample; Cabernet is King Barbeque Dinner, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. \$75 per person, 4590 Tesla Road. Livermore. Information and reservations at www.concannonvinevard.com or (800) 258-9866. La Luna Fridays are Back at Murrieta's

Well tasting room. 6 to 9 p.m. Wines served on the terrace under the light of the full moon, accompanied by live music performed by Silent Partner. Aug. 16, East Coast Clam Bake; Sept. 20, Southwestern Cuisine; Oct. 18, Hawaiian fare. \$45 Silver Spur members, \$55 non-members. Price includes live music, family style dinner and wine.

Discounts available on selected wines Reservations at 925-456-2395. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.

32nd Harvest Wine Celebration, Labor Day Weekend, September 1 & 2, 2013. Noon – 5pm. Over 40 wineries celebrate the exciting crush season in Livermore Valley with wine tasting, arts and crafts, activities and music. Wine lovers come from all over to enjoy this unique event in Livermore Valley Wine Country that offers complimentary shuttle buses on Sunday. Monday is an intimate day of winemaker discussions. Tickets and details at Livwine.org

2013 "splatter . . . not your ordinary food, art and wine festival"

Saturday, September 21, at Dublin's Emerald Glen Park. Event hours are noon to 8:00 p.m., with a finale concert beginning at 6:30 p.m., and an aerial fireworks display at 8:00 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Food and Wine Tasting Pavilion will include dozens of the finest wineries, micro-breweries and restaurants in the Tri-Valley area. Tasting Pavilion hours are 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Passports must be purchased to enter and to participate in the Tasting Pavilion. A limited number of passports can now be purchased at the special pre-event rate of \$25.00. Each Passport is good for one limited-edition event wine glass and 20 samples or tastes of your choice of food or beverage. Passports may also be purchased on the day of the event for \$30.00. For more information, please contact the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 556-4508.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

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

Karen Marguth & Espacio, Fri., Aug. 30, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Livermore native Karen Marguth brings her jazz ensemble to Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800

The Dukes of R&B, All-4-One, Thurs., Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Roger Glenn Latin Jazz Ensemble, headlines Livermore Rotary Club fundraiser. Fri., Sept. 6, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

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with a no host bar and appetizers. The show begins at 8 p.m. Hoof Prints of the Heart and Rotary Interact (a Rotary Club for high-school students), will be also selling tickets and will receive \$5 from the proceeds of every ticket they sell. Tickets are \$30. The theater seats 227. Call Debbie Peck, Travel Bug (925) 447-4300 or Alex Watson, ARW Realty Investment at (925) 437-4204 for tickets.

Annual Piano Recital, Saturday, September 7, 2013, 7:30 PM at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. Annual piano recital co-sponsored by the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California and Asbury. Pleasanton resident Connie Chen, MTAC Young Artist Guild member and Livermore-Amador Symphony Association award recipient will perform timeless music masterpieces by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Prokofiev. The community is invited. No charge for admission; refreshments served. Further information: 925 443-2514 accoll@comcast.net

Hard Rock Guitar Hero - Rick Derringer, Guitar Fest live! Sat., Sept. 7, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Mike Amaral's California Beach Boys,

The Firehouse Arts Center onens its 4th Season with the number one Beach Boys Tribute Band on Saturday, September 7, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25, with child, senior, and group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

REO Speedwagon, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Thurs., Sept. 12. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevineyards.com

Paul Thorn: Muscular brand of Southerninfluenced, rootsy rock and blues music. Bill Hinds, guitar; Michael Graham, keyboard; Ralph Friedrichsen, bass; Jeffrey Perkins, drums. One show only. Friday, September 13, at

8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$35 with group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

David Lanz, Cristofori's Dream pianist, Sept. 14. 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center. 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

David Lanz, Grammy nominee, contemporary piano legend, performs 8 p.m. Sat., Sept. 14, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

The Bronx Wanderers, Lightning Bolt of Pure Rock n' Roll. Wed., Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Maria Muldaur, First Lady of Bluesiana. Fri., Sept. 20, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Gregg Rolie Band, Journey and Santana co-founder, Sept. 21, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

ON THE STAGE

Firehouse Arts Center Season 4:

Tickets now on sale both online and at the box office. The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton has announced their 2013-2014 season line-up. Three theater companies and various concert series anchor the offerings, with rock. country, bluegrass, jazz, blues, classical, folk, cabaret, holiday, and retro concerts included. Highlights: Paula Cole, Gregg Rolie Band, Faith Prince, Bo Bice, Special Consensus, December People and Starship (yes, that Starship). Group discounts for 10 or more are available for all shows, and many performances offer \$12 youth tickets. Subscription packages are available for the Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre's season, the venue's professional musical theater company in residence. View show info and purchase tickets now at www.firehousearts.org. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Firehouse Box Office: 4444 Railroad

Avenue, Pleasanton, or 925-931-4848. Hours: Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.

The Woman in Black - A Ghost Play

adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from the book by Susan Hill. Sept. 5, 8 p.m. preview. Sept. 6, opening reception. Show Sept. 5-29. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m., Sat., Sept. 21, 2 and 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. Preview \$10; shows \$29. discounts available. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

Sleepy Hollow, the Musical, opens Sept. 27 and runs for three weekends. Front Row Theater at the Dougherty Station Community Center, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd, San Ramon. Performance Days: September 27th, 28th, 29th. October 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, and 13th www.sanramoncommunitytheater.org or 925-389-7529. San Ramon Community Theater is a volunteer theater group and is part of the San Ramon Arts Foundation.

SCHEDULE OF EUGENE O'NEILL FESTIVAL EVENTS:

Sept. 6-21: O'Neill's Anna Christie presented by Role Players Ensemble. Eight performance of the O'Neill play directed by George Maguire. Evenings at 8:00 p.m., Sunday Matinees at 2:00 p.m. Village Theatre, Danville. Tickets: www. RolePlayerEensemble.com or Village Theatre ticket office, 223 Front Street, Danville. (925) 314-3466.

Sept. 12: Classic 1930 MGM film of Anna Christie with Greta Garbo and Marie Dressler. Village Theatre, Danville, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$5.00 donation at the door or www.RolePlayersEnsemble com

Sept. 22: "Modern Audiences/Classic Plays" — a special playwright/director's panel discussion centering on the two Festival plays, moderated by KQED's Michael Krasny in the Old Barn at Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, Danville, 2:00 p.m. Panelists include Jasson Minadakis (Marin Theatre Co.), Joy Carlin (Aurora Theatre), Trevor Allen (Black Box Theatre) and Rob Melrose

(Cutting Ball Theatre). \$10 donation; NPS shuttles from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Sept. 26-29: O'Neill's Chris Christophersen presented by Eugene O'Neill Foundation. Four performances of this 1920 drama in the Old Barn at Tao House, Danville. Directed by Eric Fraisher Hayes. Evenings at 8:00 p.m., Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. NPS shuttles from Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Tickets: www.eugeneoneill. org. or (925) 820-1818

Sept. 27-28: Gala Champagne/Dessert reception celebrating O'Neill's 125th Birthday. In the Courtyard at Tan House Danville Reservation required with ticket purchase at www. eugeneoneill.org. NPS shuttles from Museum of the San Ramon Valley begin at 6:30 p.m.

COMEDY

Comedy Uncorked 2013, 7:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 28, Retzlaff Vineyards, Livermore. An evening of great wine, great laughs and a great cause on the lawn at beautiful Retzlaff Vineyards, Livermore Benefits Open Heart Kitchen, feeding the hungry of the Tri-Valley. Advance purchase tickets save \$5 off the price at the door. 1-888-412-5055.

DANCE

Livermore School of Dance will present an evening of food, music, fellowship and dance. The community is invited to attend the 2nd annual Sunset Soiree on Saturday, August 31, 2013 from 5:30 -8:00pm in front of the Bankhead Theater at Shea Homes Park. Admission is free. Bring a picnic dinner or order a pre-packaged dinner from Uncle Yu's for \$6 each. Visit the Livermore Dance website at www.livermoredance.com to pre-order an Uncle Yu's meal. Or, order a pizza from Patxi's (walk-in orders only please). Shaved ice, face painting and henna will be available.

Alonzo King LINES Ballet, Diverse and Visionary Contemporary Dance, Sat., Sept. 14, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Hungarian State Folk Dancers, Gypsy Romance. Thurs., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800

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 is now scheduling appointments for auditions for singers who would like to be a part of the Chorale's 50th Anniversary season of 2013-2014. Auditions will be held on the following dates: Mondays, September 9 and 16th. Auditions and rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at 2020 Fifth Street. 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. More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org/ or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003.

Cantabella Registration, Fall registration for Cantabella Children's Chorus is now open to new students. Classes begin the week of September 2nd in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. This international award-winning chorus has been providing a quality music education for children ages 5-18 for over 20 years. To register for the training choirs or to schedule an audition for the performing choirs, or for more information, visit Cantabella.org/ register or call 925-292-2663.

Auditions: The Drowsy Chaperone, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production Directed and Choreographed by Christina Lazo and Misty Megia. Auditions

Sept. 7, 11 a.m., 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, Pleasanton. Actors should bring a current headshot and resume to the audition and prepare 32 bars of an up-tempo song or ballad. . Actors should be ready to dance as well. The dance audition may include a tap combination. Accompanist provided. No tapes, no a capella. Please download audition form and fill out conflicts completely before auditions www.trivalleyrep.com

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 41st annual Competition for Young Musicians, open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside in or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. Completed applications must be accompanied by an \$8 application fee and a CD or cassette tape fro preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained from www.livamsymph.org or by contacting the competition chairperson at 447-1947. The application deadline is Oct. 6, 2013.

Carmen by Georges Bizet, Livermore Valley Opera production, Sept. 28 and 29 and Oct. 5 and 6. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. wwwbankheadtheater.org or 474-6800.

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Political Issues Book Club meets the

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

We're Talkin' Books! Club is a 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.

A Celebration of the Arts, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Livermore Cultural Arts Council, showcase of local art groups in the area. Display Aug. 2-30.

A Starry Night in the Caribbean,

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

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

148th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanotn. Presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. 30 pipe bands. World Championship Heavy Events + Amateur, Women's & Masters Invitational. Western Highland Dancing Championships. Living History - Mary Queen of Scots, Highland Warriors, Roman Legion & Invading Vikings. Gathering of Clans. Celtic Heritage - Fiddling, Harping & Singing. Horse Team. Five-A-Side Soccer, Rugby & Shinty Tournament. Whisky tasting. British food & drink. 5 buildings with 100 + Vendors. www.TheScottish-Games.com

Harvest Wine Celebration, Sept. 1 and 2, area wineries offer wine tasting.

food, art and entertainment. Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. www. lvwine.org.

1st Wednesday Street Party, Celebrate Green, Sept. 4, 6 to 9 p.m., downtown Pleasanton, Pleasanton Downtown Association, (925) 484-2199, www. pleasantondowntown.net

An Evening with P. T. Barnum, Tues., Sept. 10, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series, Barnum is portrayed by Doug Mishler author of A History of the Ringling Brothers Circus. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts. org.

Children's Faire, Sat., Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Entertainment, information booths, kids make it and take it booths, displays and more. No admission charge. 373-5700 or www.larpd.dst.ca.us

1st Annual LVPAC Lobster Clambake, Sat., Sept. 14, 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

A Wild West Evening Brothels, Bar Rooms & Bandits, Sept. 14, 6 to 10 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Gaming tables, live and silent auctions. Benefit for the Museum on Main. For tickets phone the museum at 925.462.2766 or mosey on down to 603 Main Street.

Tri-Valley Woodcarvers are hosting their annual woodcarving show on September 21st and 22nd at the Veteran Hall in Pleasanton. The show is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Admission is free. Live demonstrations, handcrafted works of art. For information contact Joel Ellioff (Show Chairman) at joelwen@sbcglobal.net or (510) 537-9463 or go to tri-valleycarvers.com

Pleasanton Harvest Festival, September 20-22 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Largest indoor arts and crafts show on the West Coast, offering over 24,000 handmade gifts. Items include original art, jewelry, blown glass, textiles, specialty foods, home decor and much more. Throughout the weekend there is live entertainment, strolling performers, artist demonstrations and a hands-on KidZone offering arts and crafts activities. Partnered with the Alameda County Community Food Bank to offer \$2 off admission to anyone who brings a non-perishable food donation. Call or visit www harvestfestival com or 800-346-1212

2013 Wine Country Summer Luncheon Series, Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Speaker to be announced. Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce. Reservations, 447-1606.

Splatter, Sat., Sept. 21, noon to 8 p.m. Emerald Glen Park, corner of Tassajara Road and Central Parkway, Dublin. An unconventional celebration of the outstanding wine, the diverse cuisine and the unique creative culture of the Tri-Valley region. General Admission to the festival is free. Entry into the Tasting Pavilion is by Passport only. Both free and pay-to-play activities are available at the event. www.ci.dublin. ca.us

24th Annual "Nostalgia Day Car Show" sponsored by the Altamont Cruisers, Downtown Livermore. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 29. Over classic 700 cars, continues music, prizes, parade of award winning vehicles down First St. Benefit for Tri-Valley Youth Programs. 925-461-2020, or www.altamontcruisers org

Garin Apple Festival, noon to 4 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 7, Garin Regional Park, 1320
Garin Avenue, Hayward. Celebrate
our farming and pioneer past! Garin
is home to an antique apple orchard

with varieties of apples you won't find anywhere else! Try hand-cranking ice cream or pressing apple cider, then taste the fruit of your labor. Enjoy music, dancing, crafts, old-fashioned games and family fun. No registration required. Free entry. 1 888 327-2757 or www.ebparks.org

Harvest Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun., Oct. 12 and 13, Ardenwood Historic Farm, 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont. Harvest Indian corn and popcorn and help fill our corncribs. Take home a share of our colorful corn for your holiday table. Enjoy magic shows, cider pressing, old-time music and crafts. Visit the blacksmith, ride the train and tour the beautifully restored Patterson House. Bring bags for your harvest. Fee: \$10/adults, \$8/ seniors (62 + yrs.), \$6/children (4-17)vrs.), children 3 years and under are free. Purchase advance tickets online at www.ebparksonline.org, or call 1-888-327-2757, option 2







Appearing will be, from left, Kevin Young, Huck Flyn, and Dave Salisbury.

Sunol Golf Club to Host Stand Up Comedy Night

Headliner Huck Flyn will be performing at the Sunol Valley Golf Club on Sat. Aug. 31 for a night of stand up comedy.

Flyn, who was born in Los Angeles, began comedy one night at an East Bay comedy club when he brought his guitar on stage. He quickly became known as the "Rock N' Roll Comedian." Flyn's brand of humor parodies many popular songs from past and present. Flyn has opened for Saturday Night Live alumni Dana Carvey and Rob Schneider, as well as comedy legend Paula Poundstone.

Featured in the show is Kevin Young. Young, a 15-year comedy veteran, has worked with Mark Curry ("Hanging with Mr. Cooper), Dat Phan (Last Comic Standing original winner) and Robin Williams. He took part in the prestigious San Francisco International Stand Up Comedy Competition twice and performed in front of a sold-out crowd of 1,600 at the MountBleu Resort in Lake Tahoe.

Hosting the show is Dave Salisbury. Salisbury, who began as a DJ at a radio station in San Luis Obispo, relocated to Santa Cruz and performs regularly at the San Jose Improv.

The comedy show at Sunol Valley Golf Club begins at 8:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the comedy show are \$25. Dinner and the show tickets are \$50.

Sunol Valley Golf Club 6900 Mission Rd. Sunol, CA 94586 Call (925) 862-2408 for tickets.

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Tri-Valley Woodcarver's 41st Annual Show, Sept. 21-22, Veteran's Memorial Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanotn. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Free admission to public. For information contact Joel Ellioff (Show Chairman) at joelwen@sboglobal.net or (510) 537-9463 or go to tri-valleycarvers.com

Ohlone Audubon will meet on September 3, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Eden Church, 21455 burch St., Hayward 94541. Harry Fuller will present a program on Freeway Birding, He will cover a dozen interesting spots between the Bay Area and Seattle all within 20 minutes of the Interstate 5 corridor. They range from National Wildlive Refuges, local parks to dirt roads running through birdrich rural landscapes. No admission charge. Refreshment serve. For more information call 925-447-8843 or go to web site www.ohloneaudubon.org.

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Aug. 31, 42 miles from San Ramon up to the Mt. Diablo Junction, meet 9 a.m. at Central Park, Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Sun., Sept. 1, 38 miles from San Ramon's Central Park to Blackhawk and Livermore, meet 9:30 a.m. Peter Rathmann, 336-0973. Wed., Sept. 4, club meeting, 7 p.m. Round Table Pizza in Dublin, www. valleyspokesmen.org. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Amador Valley High School Class of '68, 45 Year Reunion. Sat., Sept. 28, DoubleTree by Hilton, Livermore. Dinner, no-host cocktails, DJ. Tickets purchased prior to Sept. 1 \$75 each, after that date, \$85; at the door (if available) \$90. Make checks payable to. Amador High '68 Reunion; Send to: 1435 Heidelberg Drive, Livermore, CA 94550 Please include email address, email address of other classmates, and friend us on Facebook

Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek American Association of University Women (AAUW) membership brunch will be on Saturday, September 21 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at Crow Canyon Country Club 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville, Walnut Creek Mayor Cindy Silva who is also a member will talk about "Women at the Local (Elected) Level: Making a Difference." Details are at http:// daw-ca.aauw.net. As a second term mayor of Walnut Creek, Silva brings an informed but no nonsense approach to the business of running one of the county's most flourishing cities. Prospective members are welcome and may contact Liz at 648-5163 for details or with any further questions.

Dress a Girl Around the World, meetings once a month, next Sew-Fest is Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Augustine Hall, Livermore. Help is needed sewing, ironing, cutting. (Those planning to stay all day should bring a bag lunch.) There is a lot of fabric and pillowcases, so there are many kits ready to sew. Those who can't make the Sew-Fest but would like to sew, please arrange for kits that can be sews at home. Questions? Suzanne Beck, 925-352-8447 or suzbeck@yahoo.com

Amador Valley High School Class of 1983 reunion, Sat., Sept. 28, 5:30 to 1 p.m. at Barone's Restaurant, 475 St. John's St., Pleasanton. \$70. email Kim (Horan) Revel at kimrevel@gmail.com for information. Other events include Friday night Casual gathering for classmates at The HopYard Ale House at 7:30 p.m. (3015 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton); Saturday afternoon a round

of golf. For more information, email or call Dan Maslana:925-577-4282 danmaz65@ yahoo.com. Sunday afternoon family picnic in Pleasanton. For more information, email Donna Covello McCowan: Donnamc1@ yahoo.com. Mega Health Fair. The Hindu Com-

munity and Cultural Center (HCCC) of Livermore (Shiva Vishnu Temple) will be conducting a Mega Health Fair. This health fair is open to all. HCCC Human Services believes that service to mankind is service to God. The event will be held, Saturday, September 14th. 2013 from 10:00 to 4 P.M. Shiva-Vishnu Temple Assembly Hall 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore. Free Medical Advice on Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Women's Health, Nutrition & Diet, Dental, Chiropractic Services, Physical Therapy and Alternate Medicine Various Informational tables from non-profit organizations. Free Evaluation - Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, and Cholesterol. Free Flu Shots and Free Bone Density Screening For more information contact Suman Jain at suman1218@yahoo com or Anand Gundu at anand_gundu@yahoo.com or Karunakar Gulukota karuna95135@yahoo.com or call the temple 925-449-6255

YMCA Youth & Government Model Legislature & Court, program in which high school delegates from all over California learn the values of democracy. They experience government first hand and learn how to solve community problems through the democratic process. Delegates attend two training conferences and then, participate in a five day conference where they take over the actual state legislature and judicial chambers in Sacramento Meetings are Wednesdays August-March, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Tri-Valley YMCA. All high school students are welcome. For more information please call the Tri-Valley YMCA at 925 263 4444 or email cdulka@vmcaeastbav.org

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, September 12, 7:00pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. Bethallyn Black will speak on "Late Season Fruits for Fall Gardens." Visitors are welcome and refreshments will be served. For more information call Bev at 485-7812.

2nd annual Horse Faire, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. hosted by Tri-Valley Trailblazers and Reins in Motion Foundation. Free admission and free parking. Fundraiser to benefit Reins in Motion, an adaptive riding center that serves special needs children as well as Veterans through horse therapy and riding. Special 6 hour sensory clinic with Susan Docktor (proactivehorsemanship@ gmail.com). Free horse demonstrations in therapeutic riding, saddle fitting, etc. Food, artists, gifts, pony rides, music. petting zoo and more. Vendors and sponsors still needed. Sponsor Contact: Diane Wishart 925-895-8445 diwishcpa@gmail.com. Vendor Contact: Barbara Hoffman 510-589 2572 or hirdhouseshyharh@aol.com For more information & registration forms visitwww.ReinsInMotion.com or www.TriValleyTrailBlazers.com

Tri-Valley Grassroots Projects to stop Climate Change, Wed., Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. private residence, 7065 Inclined Pl., Dublin. Organizing for Action climate teams will report and plan. New teams and new team members welcome. We currently have small teams to advocate for Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville to go 100% renewable. Further discussion on the programs which can make this happen. Contact Eloise at hamanne@comcast.net

Paws in the Park, Valley Humane Society's charity dog walk and animal festival. Scheduled for Sunday, September 22, 2013, the 3rd annual Paws in the Park offers animal lovers a fun, dynamic,

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easy way to support the rescue, care, and adoption of Tri-Valley dogs and cats. The walk begins at 10 am at Amador Valley Community Park in Pleasanton, followed by a free, family-friendly community celebration until 4 pm. Walkers are encouraged to register early at valleyhumane.org and get a good start on collecting donations to help the animals. Registration fees include a t-shirt and goody bag, and cost \$25 for individuals, \$40 for couples, and \$10 for youth age 12 and under, ARF alumni dogs with guardian and "virtual" walkers. Children age 12 and under who do not wish to receive a t-shirt may also register for free Afternoon animal festival, featuring pet-friendly vendors, canine demonstrations like rally/obedience and Frisbee, performing dogs, pet contests, children's activities, music, and fabulous gourmet food truck fare, vallevhumane.org

Free Diabetes Self-Management Classes. This 7 week series will teach how to manage diabetes through exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer all questions about living with diabetes. Thursdays Sept 5 through Oct., 17, 1:00 -12:00 Pleasanton 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.

New After School Program, Dublin High School Mon-Fri 3-6pm daily schedulehomework club, leadership training, tutoring, academic enrichment class. The courses include Math, Computer, Sciences, English, Chinese. visit www.royalacademyusa.org or call 925-265-8591

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will meet on Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 pm at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. Lisa Gorrell will present the topic: Using City Directories. City Directories give information about a resident's address and occupation, but many have lots of other information. She currently is the President of the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, Recording Secretary for the California Genealogical Society, volunteer with the Contra Costa Historical Society's archives at the History Center in Martinez. She enjoys giving genealogy presentation and writing about her family on two blogs: "Mam-ma's Southern Family and "My Trails into the Past." Visitors are always welcome. For addition information contact Program Chairperson at program@ I-AGS org

Arthritis/Chronic Pain Support Group, Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore, Information, contact Barbara 503-449-3861, or email bltrev@gmail.com, Free will donations accepted toward room rent

ClutterLess (CL) is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help, support group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meeting 7 p.m. Mondays at the St. Mary & St. John Contic Orthodox Church Room 7 4300 Mirador Drive Pleasanton Just come or call a volunteer at 925-525-3992 or 925-200-1943 or visit www.Clutter-Less.org. No meetings on holidays. Meeting free, optional \$2 to \$5 appreciated.

Creek Cleanup Day, The City of Dublin's Environmental Services Division invites participation in its Annual Creek Cleanup Day, on Saturday, September 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This year, four creeks will be cleaned up - Tassajara Creek (At Emerald Glen Park). Alamo Canal (by the Civic Center). Alamo Creek (by Alamo Creek Park) and South San Ramon Creek (behind Dublin High School). Meet at Emerald Glen Park at the group picnic area at 9:00 a.m. A continental breakfast and light pizza lunch will be provided. Please email ES@dublin ca.gov to sign up, or call (925) 833-6650.

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

Castlemont Reunion Picnic, All classes no host picnic 10 a m to 6 p m Sat., Sept. 7 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Country Plaza, Pleasanton Enter through gate 12. BBQ pits and tables will be provided. Bring own charcoal, food and drinks (no glass, please), \$5 entrance fee on site includes parking. Free to current members of the Castlemont Alumni Assoc. Details, contact Greg Hickey (56) at 461-1381 or whizman@prodigy.net.

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

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

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

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

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

cril-online org. All services are free

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

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

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-VallevBibleChurch com

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries. 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, 9 a.m. worship (semiformal): 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246

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

Cálvary Chapel Livermore, Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. 545 No. 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

Granada Baptist Church, 945 Concannon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school -9:45 a.m.; worship service -11a.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 ASI translation will be provided every Sunday at 10:30 a m. The church is located on the corner of 4th and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat, an informal gathering to discuss ideas. Café Rumi, 4799 Heyer Ave., Castro Valley. Philosophers' Café/Culture Chat is an activity of the Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, a Secular Humanistic lewish community but is open to the entire community. (Non-members are asked to donate \$5 per session.) For information, please contact (925) 240-5612.

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

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

Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton, Summer Sunday worship at 9.30 am with childcare and Sunday school Rev Heather Leslie Hammer minister. All are welcome. www.lynnewood. org, 925 846-0221.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Bible Study (CBS) Women's class of Pleasanton will study the book of Romans this fall. The CBS program is a non-denominational Christian ministry consisting of individual Bible study, small group discussions, a talk given by a trained Teaching Director, and monthly fellowship activities Children between birth and 10

are invited to attend with their mother or grandmother. Class starts on Sept. 12 and continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 15. 2014. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sherri. cbs@gmail.com for more information or to register to attend.

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, please call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm and Thursday 4.00nm - 6.30nm Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11:00am to 12:30pm, 2333 Nissen Drive. Livermore

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Tri-Valley Cultural Jews (TVCJ) will hold Secular observances on Saturday, September 14 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Bothwell Center 2466 8th St. between Land Hinear downtown Livermore. The program consists of non-religious readings in English and music, followed by participatory workshops and a non-religious memorial ceremony. Suggested donation is \$10 per adult for those who are not members of TVCL (No charge for children.) We will be collecting canned and boxed goods for the food bank. Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

Jewish Culture School, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews is holding an informational meeting and bagel brunch on Sunday. September 8 at 10:30 a m. where those interested can learn about the history and practices of Secular Jews, hear about Jewish Culture School for children and meet members of the organization. There will be activities for children while the parents meet. Please let us know you're coming, so we can make sure we have plenty of food! Call us at 925 485 1049 or email reservations@Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

Women's Conference, CrossWinds Church (6444 Sierra Court, Dublin) is hosting Kelly Minter for a one-day Women's Conference, "Living Beyond Your Walls," Saturday, October 5, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Kelly Minter's message is based on the book of Nehemiah. Special Guest Artist Staci Frenes will be singing songs from her new album "Everything You Love Comes Alive." Women's conference fee just \$40 (includes lunch). Group rates are available by contacting the church office at 925-560-3800. For more information, contact Leslie Will, lwill@crosswindschurch.org. Visit www. crosswindschurch.org to register or for more information

Divorce Care, offered Mon., Sept. 23 through Dec. 16, on 13 Mondays. Each Monday night a video will be shown featuring experts on the topic at hand. A workbook is used to facilitate discussion. There is a charge of \$25 for the workbook and other materials. The group is sponsored by Valley Bible Church, but will meet at the home of Mark Porter, 3449 Byron Court, Pleasanton 7-9 pm each Monday night. Preregistration is required. Call or E-mail Mark Porter (925-846-9693) (mcporter@hotmail.com)

Grief workshop, eight-week series of workshops covering all aspects of the grieving process. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Eight Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. September 12th, through October 31st, Pre-registration is requested. Space is limited. A one-time. fee of \$15 00 donation is requested. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call May Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information

Milestones Community

Education

The following local residents graduated from California Lutheran University in May: Kelly Jensen of Livermore graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science; Tyler Rankin of Dublin graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer information systems.

The American College of History and Legal Studies (ACHLS), the nation's first college dedicated exclusively to the study of history, announced the graduates from its 2013 class. Catherine H. Guthrie of Livermore is among the nine graduates.

All nine graduates were participants in the Early Admissions To Law School Program and just completed their first year at Massachusetts School of Law (MSLAW). The Early Admission program is a unique educational approach that allows students who earn 30 credits at ACHLS and achieve a GPA of 2.7 or higher in their junior year to apply to MSLAW after their junior year. As a result, they not only receive their B.A. after the first year of law school, they already have one year of law school under their belts.

The graduates will be honored in a ceremony on September 21, 2013, 10:00 a.m., at the Black Water Grill in Salem, NH.

Hope Hospice CEO Chosen to Serve on State Committee

Victoria Emmons, Hope neral Bureau advocates for Hospice CEO, has been selected to serve a two-year the California Department of and Funeral Bureau's Advisory Committee.

"Consumer oversight of the industry is critical to asbest possible counsel as they plan for end-of-life needs," pleased to be representing consumers on this important advisory group."

The Cemetery and Fu-

consumer protection and licensee compliance through term, from 2013 to 2015, on proactive education and enforcement of laws and Consumer Affairs' Cemetery regulations of the death care industry. The focus of the Advisory Committee is to advise the Bureau as a whole, based on each memsuring families receive the ber's diverse experience and education, concerning the Bureau's administration, says Ms. Emmons. "I am regulation, licensing and enforcement functions. Advisory Committee members provide important professional and technical assis-



tance to the Bureau on issues related to the regulation of licensed funeral establishments, cemeteries and crematories in California.

Military

Army Cadet Kurt J. Cofer has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The four-week course is a leadership internship for cadets that can lead to the ultimate goal of becoming an Army officer. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the Advanced ROTC Course at their college.

Cadets are observed and evaluated during classroom and field training exercises to determine their officer potential in leadership abilities and skills. The cadets are trained to have a sound understanding of traditional leadership values during the challenging, motivating "hands-on" training. The training develops well-disciplined, highly motivated, physically conditioned students, and helps improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative, leadership potential, decision making, and collective team cohesion. The cadets receive training in fundamental military skills, Army values, ethics, Warrior ethos, basic rifle marksmanship, small arms tactics, weapons training, drill and ceremony, communications, combat water survival training, rappelling, land navigation, and squad-level operations field training.

Cofer is a student at Chapman University, Orange. He is the son of Al and Suzanne Cofer of Livermore. Cofer graduated in 2011 from Livermore High School.



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