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

Livermore Chosen As Site of New World Series Tournament

By Patricia Koning

Last week, the Little League International Board of Directors announced Livermore as the site of the newest World Series baseball tournament. Several cities were considered over the past few months, including Vancouver, Wash., and Chicago.

"It was a difficult choice, since all the cities are so close in terms of what they have to offer," says Stephen D. Keener, President and

Chief Executive Officer of Little League Baseball and Softball. "Any of them, we are confident, would do a terrific job of hosting such a high-profile event. Ultimately, the Board of Directors settled on Northern California, the greater San Francisco area, Livermore, and Granada Little League, as its top choice."

California District 57 Administrator Dave Wetmore, who will also serve as the World Series Tournament

Director, describes the decision as "beyond exciting." Max Baer Park will serve as the event venue.

"This shows that as with the Amgen Tour of California, this city can step up and host remarkable events," says Livermore Mayor John Marchand. "This is an opportunity for the city of Livermore and LARPD to be in the spotlight on a national stage."

The new division, nicknamed "50/70" for the pitch-

ing and base path distances, will be named later this year.

The 50/70 program is intended to ease the transition from the standard Little League field size of a 46-foot pitching distance and 60-foot base paths to the Junior/Senior/Big League field of a 60.5-foot pitching distance and 90-foot base paths. The program is for players ages 11-13. It uses Junior League Baseball Rules and Regulations.

Since 2010, local teams have chartered teams in the 50/70 Pilot Program. After each season since, Little League International has gathered information from local leagues and districts on best practices, allowing it to refine the guidelines in preparation for establishing the new division of play, and the ninth World Series tournament of Little League.

"The 50/70 Pilot Program has been welcomed (See WORLD SERIES, page 5)

Town Hall Meeting In Livermore

Residents are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting at the Livermore Civic Center Library Community Room at 6:45pm on Thursday, August 30.

Mayor John Marchand will present the first Community State of the City Address.

The Mayor and City staff will be available to answer questions immediately following the presentation.

For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (925)-960-4040 or visit the website www.cityoflivermore.net.



City Unveils New Website

The City of Pleasanton has unveiled a new website specifically designed around the needs and interests of youth and families. Ptownlife.org serves teens and families with children of all ages, providing a bridge between the community and an array of activities, services and resources, and youth job/volunteer opportunities.

The youth-centric site's web team is comprised of Pleasanton teens who guide its design and content. Students promote the site, report on new and interesting things happening in the community, take photos, and write articles to post on the site.

Ptownlife.org is a direct outcome of the Pleasanton Youth Master Plan which was developed to guide the health, safety, and well-being of Pleasanton's children and youth today and into the future. It presents a long-term vision, goals and strategies for meeting their needs and provides elected officials, commission members, City and School District staff, community leaders, and youth serving organizations guidance on how these needs can be met.

Community youth organizations interested in participating in the website must become a registered member. Ptownlife.org partners are featured with a profile page with contacts, a website link, program details, services and products offered. Organization special events can also be added to the Calendar, and youth job opportunities can also be posted.

For more information, please visit www.Ptownlife.org, or call Nicole Thomas at (925) 931-3474.

Health Care Act Slowing Cost of Premiums, Election May Change Things

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is already having the effect of lowering health care insurance premiums and extending care to more people.

However, depending on the results of the November election, the acts benefits will either slow down, or

almost entirely disappear.

That was the appraisal at a Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Concannon Vineyard on Aug. 23. Kitty Guptill, senior vice president of strategic market planning for Kaiser-Permanente, was the guest speaker.

Guptill provided the audience with an overall view of the act, and how it would impact users and providers in all segments of the health care industry.

Benefits are already in place from some features of the ACA. Parents with offspring in the 19-to-26 age

range can put them back on their health plan. Since the first day of eligibility on Jan. 1, 2011, millions have done that, said Guptill.

The cost ceiling on preventive services, with annual and lifetime limits, has been eliminated. "That's impor-

(See HEALTH CARE, page 4)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Toasting the harvest are (from left) Chris Chandler, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association executive director; Senior Pastor Steve Wilde, First Presbyterian Church; Rabbi David Katz, Congregation Beth Emek; and Carolyn Wente, CEO of Wente Vineyards.

Upcoming Grape Harvest Looks to Be 'Spectacular'

The upcoming harvest looks "spectacular."

That was the consensus of those attending the annual Blessing of the Grapes in Livermore. The blessing

kicks off the 31st annual Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration to be held this weekend.

A vineyard of Chardonnay grapes on the Wente

Family Estates was chosen as the setting.

Carolyn Wente, CEO, declared, "This is really a fun year to have the honor of hosting the blessing of

the grapes. Wente is celebrating the 100th anniversary of growing Chardonnay grapes."

She then told the story (See HARVEST, page 10)

Rural Fire Fee May Go Away

A special fee of \$150 on property owners who live in rural "state responsibility areas" for fire suppression has brought complaints from those who are beginning to receive the bill.

The Legislature approved the fee last year as AB 29X, with the X denoting the fact that it was passed in an extra

session. The fee was instituted as the result of a \$90 million funding shortage for the California Department of Forestry, which responds to rural fires.

The bills for the service began going out Aug. 1 this year. Rural residents and landowners in Alameda County have been calling

Supervisor Scott Haggerty's office to complain about them.

The whole board is on vacation in August. However, Haggerty's aide, Shawn Wilson, explained that a blogger's web site mistakenly was funneling complaints to county supervisors.

(See FEE, page 4)

Gala Weekend Planned for Opening of Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley

Local officials and the press were given a sneak peek at the Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley last week. The event included information on plans for the grand opening and on new stores that have signed leases.

The 543,000 square foot shopping center is located at the intersection of I-580 and El Charro Road in Livermore. It is set to open with a weekend of festivities start-

ing on November 8.

Principal Robert Brevnik stated in his opening remarks, "It's quite beautiful isn't it. We anticipate that the opening weekend will break the record for sales set just last week at the opening of a center in Texas. The Livermore Valley center will be a huge tourist attraction for the greater Bay Area. We expect that there will be a lot of international visitors."

Featured at the outlet center will be more than 120 name brand stores including anchors such as Bloomingdale's The Outlet Store, Nieman Marcus Last Call, and Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH. Newly signed up are Armani Outlet and Prada. The Prada outlet will be one of just a few in the United States. Among the other stores are Banana (See PARAGON, page 5)



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Levi cruises the Goodguys Car Show in his replica 1932 Ford Coupe.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Kuma is an energetic, well-behaved, kind hearted 5 year old Shepard mix ready for a family of his own. He has basic obedience skills and loves people and to play with toys outside. For more information, call 925-426-8656 or go online to www.valleyhumane.org or www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Photo by Trina Cort

Traveling Trunk Offers Hands-On History

The City of Pleasanton has awarded Museum on Main a Community Grant of \$4000 for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the museum's portable education program, Traveling Trunk: Local History. The portable trunk of materials and activities designed to educate local children about the history of their community will be available for complimentary check out by youth groups in Pleasanton through the end of June 2013.

Known for history tours and family programs, the museum is branching into the classroom. "It's like a traveling mini-museum," says Director of Education Jennifer Amiel. "Education research over the years indicates that supplemental, hands-on experiences are invaluable for people of all ages. Some youth learn better by doing, acting, hearing, and experiencing history."

The Traveling Trunk allows youth to examine original and replica artifacts, dress up like people from the past, and listen to music from old California. Amiel says, "One of my favorite activities, Picturing History, guides youth through an analysis of historical photographs found in the Museum



Traveling Trunk: Local History received grant from the City of Pleasanton.

on Main collection, such as a parade on Main Street around 1900 or pickers in the hops fields in the 1880s."

With funding from the city, the museum will make the trunk available at no charge to the youth organizations and local classrooms instead of the listed \$25 per week for rental. "By using the Traveling Trunk: Local

History, youth will gain a better sense of place, a better understanding of the cultural history of the people who came before them," Amiel hopes.

School teachers, scout troops, and other youth groups contact education@museumonmain.org or phone 925-462-2766 to reserve the trunk.

Planning Commission Turns Down Plans for Winery

The Livermore Planning Commission turned down an application by Mitchell Katz to build a winery and tasting room on a lot at the corner of Arroyo Road and Hansen Road.

The application was for a winery and tasting room comprising 9,680 square feet.

The vote was 5 to 0. The commission determined that the application did not meet the requirements listed in the South Livermore Valley Area Plan for the site. A winery is not a permitted use and would have required a conditional use permit (CUP).

In addition, the size of

the winery exceeded the allowed maximum single tenant space of 5,000 square feet.

Katz's proposal was opposed by neighbors. Their concerns were with noise, parking and property values. The residents said they did not want another winery and/or event center in close proximity to the residences. "If the permit is issued, it is highly likely that the property values of Los Olivos (housing development) will be negatively impacted."

Katz could appeal the decision to the city council. However, he said that he would come back with a plan for a tasting room only.

He would seek a warehouse in which to make and store his wine.

Mitchell Katz Winery is currently operating in Pleasanton at the Ruby Hill site. The lease in Pleasanton runs out in January 2013.

Katz said that in the future, he would be adding an additional 10,000 square feet of retail space on the lot at the corner of Arroyo and Hansen. The space could be used to house a cafe or restaurant and other small retail businesses.

The parcel is zoned "wine country retail" with the ability to construct up to 25,000 square feet of retail space, including a tasting room.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Poll Workers Needed

Bilingual Poll Workers are needed for the November 6, 2012 General Election to work at the polls in Alameda County. Poll workers earn between \$110 and \$180.

Bilingual Poll Workers must be fluent in English & Chinese, English & Spanish, English & Filipino/Tagalog or English & Vietnamese. They must also be registered voters and attend a mandatory training prior to Election Day.

Bilingual poll workers will be paid an extra amount for their Election Day service, including a bilingual poll worker training and fluency assessment.

Alameda County also needs regular poll workers to help with the November 6, 2012 General Election.

Poll workers earn between \$110 and \$180. They must be a registered voter and attend a mandatory training class prior to Election Day.

High school students (16 years of age or older) are also eligible to work as poll workers through Alameda County's Student Poll Worker Program. Students must be in good academic standing, receive faculty permission and attend a mandatory training prior to Election Day.

Visit website at <http://www.acgov.org/rov/workers.htm> for more information and to fill out an application or contact the Registrar of Voters office at (510) 272-6971.

Election November 2012

Jerry Pentin will host a fundraising event at Marlene & Bill Rebello's "Bella Rosa" Estate to welcome donors and interested residents. Pentine is running for a seat on the Pleasanton City Council.

The event will be held on Thursday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm at

the Rebello's home, 10579 Foothill Road, Sunol

In addition to food and beverages, attendees will enjoy a performance by Col. Fred Rutledge as Col. Theodore Roosevelt. Fred is well known for his portrayal as the 26th president, a role he's been playing for more than a decade. A donation of \$100 is suggested for attendees. There will also be a live auction.

"This election is very important to the future of Pleasanton, as it will bring significant change to the Pleasanton City Council," said Pentin. "We need strong leadership to help sustain the healthy, safe and vibrant community that we all enjoy. I believe that I have the experience and qualifications that we will need on the council to make some tough decisions and continue to make Pleasanton the best place to live in the Bay Area."

For more information and to RSVP visit www.Pentin.com.

The Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated Candidates' Night will be held Thurs., Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m. at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore.

Members of the public are invited to meet and listen to guest candidates: Elizabeth Emken, State Senate; Ricky Gill, Congressional District 9; Mark Meuser, State Senate District 7; Al Phillips, Assembly District 16; Jerry Thorne, Pleasanton Mayor; David Haubert, Dublin City Council; and Steve Cho, Fremont Mayor.

Reservations and information are due by Monday, September 10. Cost is \$30 guests, \$26 members. To make reservations, or for information, contact Phyllis Couper, 925-462-4931 or coupclan1962@pacbell.net

Lab Helps with Filing of Documentary

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has a starring role in an upcoming National Geographic documentary about the sinking of the British passenger ship Lusitania during the early part of World War I.

On May 7, 1915, prior to the U.S. entry into the war, a single, well-placed German torpedo struck the RMS Lusitania passenger liner with 1,959 passengers on board, en route from New York to Southampton, England. The ship sank in less than 20 minutes and 1,198 people drowned.

The mystery, to this day not fully explained,

arises from accounts from survivors, as well as the commander of the German U-boat, of a second, more powerful blast about 15 seconds after the initial torpedo explosion.

Furthermore, questions remain about why the ship went under so quickly, compared to Titanic, which took more than two hours to sink after colliding with an iceberg.

A leading theory holds that the ship may have been carrying illicit American war materials meant for the British military. Could they have caused that secondary explosion? Or perhaps the

torpedo ignited dust stored in Lusitania's massive coal bunkers.

The filmmakers took these questions to a team of experts at LLNL's High Explosives Applications Facility (HEAF). The answers came in the form of computer simulations and actual explosives testing performed in HEAF's 10-kilogram spherical tank, and filmed with extremely high frame-rate cameras. The production crew spent five days filming at LLNL.

The program airs on the National Geographic channel on Friday, Aug. 31, at 9 p.m. Pacific time.

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EDITORIAL

30 Successful Years

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Since 1982, it has grown from 35 seniors to 1600 each year who receive direct services. The programs provided have the intent of fostering independence, promoting safety and well being, preserving dignity, and improving quality of life. Much of the work is accomplished by volunteers.

Friendly visitors was the first program offered. It is still in use. Community volunteers are trained and matched with seniors to provide assistance with shopping and personnel correspondence. They also provide companionship for seniors through regular telephone contacts and home visits.

Today, offerings include family caregiver support, exercise and nutrition programs, alcohol and drug information, health screening, and transportation.

Funding is provided through grants from the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin, as well as a variety of other sources such as Measure A Alameda County Health Care Services, Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority, Kaiser Permanente, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and other individual donations.

With the expected increase in the number of seniors as Baby Boomers grow older, the Senior Support Program takes on greater importance. We would like to wish the program a happy 30th birthday and encourage volunteers and others to make sure there are many more birthdays to come for the Senior Support Program.

PLEASANTON

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trustees and Ahmad.

Statistics show that the more time that a student spends outside of general education, the worse the performance, said director of special education Ken Wyatt.

Miller said that in her talks with teachers and parents while researching her report, she found them to be highly enthusiastic and strongly motivated to make the program even better than it is.

In her report, Miller recommends increased staff training, which will enable the district to complete more of the work in-house, and not have to use special services outside the district. That would lead to cost savings, said Miller.

Miller said she found teachers who said they have many ideas they would like to see implemented.

BOARD MULLS TWO MEASURES

During the board's regular meeting, trustees talked about whether to endorse one or both educational revenue propositions on the ballot in November.

Proposition 30, placed on the ballot by the Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown, would send \$5 billion to schools and \$1 billion to other needs in the state.

Prop. 30 would raise the sales tax by a quarter-cent for four years. It creates three new high-income tax brackets for taxpayers with taxable incomes exceeding \$250,000, \$300,000, and \$500,000. This increased tax will be in effect for 7 years.

The Pleasanton district has built its budget around the success of Prop. 30. If the money were not available, there would be staff layoffs.

Proposition 38, placed on the ballot by Southern California attorney Molly Munger, would devote its revenue to schools. The money would come directly to districts, and not pass through the state budget process.

Prop. 38 would raise the income tax on a graduated scale, starting at 0.4 percent on \$17,000 single filers, and \$34,000 on joint filers.

Prop. 38 would give 30 percent of its money for the first four years to the state debt, and 60 percent to schools. Some 10 percent would fund Early Childhood Education (ECE). After 2017-18, ECE would receive 15 percent, and the schools 85 percent. The tax would sunset in 2024.

DIRECT CONTROL

APPEALS TO BOARD

During the board discussion, trustees said that they liked the idea of Prop. 38 with money going directly to districts, because it allows districts to control the funds themselves.

Trustee Jamie Hintzke said that in her computation of the Prop. 38 effect on the Pleasanton district, the district would receive \$12 million in the first year (2013-14). By sunset in 2023-24, the district would be receiving more than \$33 million.

Hintzke, a delegate to a state California School Boards Association (CSBA) convention in May, said that an estimated 300 people there were split over whether to endorse both propositions, only one, or neither.

The convention wound up supporting both "really out of fear. They were so afraid that if they didn't support both, schools would end up with nothing."

Trustee Valerie Arkin, who was at the same convention, agreed about the mood of fear. "So many districts felt they would be dismantled if neither measure passes."

Arkin said that she didn't feel right about supporting both, because in a way they were competing. "I'd like to be behind one of them, but I wasn't sure which one at that point," she said. But after hearing the vote on Prop. 38, she said she understands "the philosophy behind it."

Trustee Chris Grant said that he assumed, "We will wind up supporting both of them." Board president Joan Laursen said, "This is one of the hardest analyses we ever had to undertake on an initiative."

Laursen said that if Prop. 38 were to pass, and received more votes than Prop. 30, cuts would be triggered, because Pleasanton has based its budget for 2012-13 on the \$5 billion that Brown would distribute from Prop. 30 revenue.

If Prop. 38 were the one to go into effect, the district would lose \$400,000 in the first year. However, after that, Prop. 38 rises higher annually, into potentially positive numbers, though Ahmad did not offer an estimate.

Ahmad brought a resolution to the meeting for supporting both initiatives. After board discussion, there was a successful motion to split them into two resolutions, for the next board meeting on Sept. 11.

Tauscher Added to Boards of National Labs

Former 10th Congressional District representative Ellen O. Tauscher has been named as an independent governor on the boards of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Tauscher represented the 10th Congressional District for 13 years. She was the only member of Congress to have two national security laboratories, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories/California, in her district. The district included Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin. She left Congress in 2009 to become Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Affairs.

The boards are Lawrence Livermore National Security LLC and Los Alamos National Security LLC. They manage Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM, respectively, for the U.S. Department of Energy. The appointments take effect September 17.

Tauscher also has been

appointed as a member of the LANS/LLNS Boards' Mission Committee. The Mission Committee serves in an advisory role to review current and future national security issues and Laboratory initiatives, capabilities and strategic plans to address these issues.

Norman J. Pattiz, chairman of the board, stated, "We are very pleased to welcome Ellen Tauscher to the Boards of Governors of LANS and LLNS. She is respected by the national and international arms control communities, by members of Congress, and by the business community. She will add greatly to our Boards and the national laboratories."

Tauscher said, "I am honored to serve on the LLNS and LANS Boards of Governors and use the expertise gained over 35 years serving in the Congress, the State Department and the private sector to support the national security mission and critical science initiatives at both laboratories."

In August 2012, Tauscher joined Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell &

Berkowitz, PC, as Strategic Adviser and is a member of the firm's Federal Public Policy Group. She also currently serves as Vice Chair-designate of the Atlantic Council's Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security.

Tauscher served as a Special Envoy for Strategic Stability and Missile Defense with the State Department from February through August 2012 and as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security from June 2009 to February 2012. As Under Secretary of State, Tauscher played a lead role in the New START Treaty negotiations with the Russian Federation. Additionally, she managed the State Department Bureaus of Arms Control and Verification, International Security and Non-Proliferation, and Political Military Affairs, representing 600 State Department Foreign Service officers and civil servants with expertise in nonproliferation, arms control, export control, foreign arms sales and civil nuclear agreements.

From January 2007 until her appointment as Under Secretary, Tauscher chaired the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces. She also was a senior member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Tauscher serves on the Invacare Corporation (NYSE: IVC) Board of Directors; The Aerospace Corporation Board of Trustees; eHealth Corporation Board of Directors; and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Foundation Board of Directors. She also is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the Trilateral Commission.

Before being elected to Congress, Tauscher spent 14 years working on Wall Street. She was one of the first and youngest women to hold a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and later served as an officer of the American Stock Exchange. Tauscher graduated from Seton Hall University and has an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from California State University East Bay.

FEE

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Wilson said that Haggerty's office has received about a half-dozen calls expressing concern. He would like the public to know that the responsibility falls strictly on the State Legislature.

The Legislature has heard the complaints, too. It is now working on bills that would raise new revenue, and distribute it to cover the shortfall in the Forestry fire service. The revenue would also establish a grant program for middle class students in the UC and Cal State systems. The thinking is that wealthier students can pay their own way. Low-income students already have

other grant opportunities.

There are two measures under consideration to provide the funding.

One, AB 1500, would eliminate an option for out-of-state companies that conduct business in California. Currently, businesses can choose the lower of two taxation methods. Eliminating the choice, would raise more revenue for the state.

The second, AB 1501, would take the resulting revenue and fund the college grants. Originally that was the only intent. Combined with other public money, would result in a 66 percent subsidy for such students be

created.

Now legislators want to use \$90 million for the forestry fund, which would drop the subsidy to 60 percent for college students.

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, who represents the 15th District, said that she supports erasing the fire fee, and instead including it in AB 1501. Although that would result in slightly less tuition relief, we need to understand that compromise often is needed to obtain the votes required for legislation to pass. "This is a small and reasonable compromise."

"If AB 1500 and AB 1501 do not pass, (students) will

see no reduction in tuition and will incur more debt. Student debt currently exceeds credit card debt. It's not fair; it's not reasonable, and it's not consistent with the need to educate our students to be the future workers, leaders and innovators," said Buchanan.

Buchanan voted for AB 29X, which established the fire fees. The vote, for and against, was almost unanimously along party lines.

Buchanan stated, "29X was part of a budget package. I didn't like the fee, but I also didn't want to reduce Cal Fire services."

HEALTH CARE

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tant for people with chronic conditions," said Guptill.

Refusing to insure someone with a pre-existing condition has been eliminated for children under 19.

Medicare reimbursements have changed. Insurers of small businesses and individuals must spend 80 percent of the premium's dollars on health care, leaving the remainder for overhead and other expenses.

If insurers don't raise their expenditures to the 80 percent level, they have to rebate the difference between the obligation and the actual amount spent, by sending the money to those individuals and small businesses that pay the premiums.

"Health plans don't want to send checks in the mail to members. In June, the rebate deadline, some insurers did not meet the criterion of 80 percent. Some people received checks in the mail," said Guptill. More often, health plans are starting to reduce prices to prevent having to send rebates, she said.

The big shift set out by the ACA concerns how people think about health care delivery, said Guptill. Traditionally, especially in the eastern United States, fee for each service has been the model. Undergo a test, pay a fee. Have an exam, pay a fee. The theme is quantity when it comes to reimbursement for Medicare, for example.

Instead, the focus now is on quality care. Quality counts, not quantity. What result was obtained for the patient? The dollars should be focused on preventive care, and on good results, said Guptill.

To accomplish this, insurers, physicians and hospitals are joining together to form Accountable Care Organizations (ACO). They are willing to be held accountable for the comprehensive health services for a population.

"They contract to take care of a group for a certain amount. If they can do so more efficiently, they share in the savings among themselves. Integrated ACOs are popping up all over the country. They are working," said Guptill.

One questioner in the audience said that she was worried that with the new model of managed care in

the ACA, she might not be able to find an "A level" doctor for her family.

Guptill said that Kaiser has the managed care model, and screens its physician candidates. Kaiser rejects 11 of every 12 candidates to find the best physicians.

Looking ahead to 2014, Guptill said that the remainder of the ACA is due for implementation. That includes the government health care exchanges, and the obligation for everyone to have health insurance, so that the system works. Otherwise, only the medically neediest would be covered, and the system could not afford that.

The nation has had 50 million people without health care insurance. The intention by backers of the ACA was to reduce that figure to 32 million.

However, the 32 million does not look achievable now, because of the likely results of November's election, said Guptill.

THREE SCENARIOS

FOR ELECTION

Guptill mentioned three election outcome scenarios.

One was the status quo, with a Republican House, Democratic Senate and Democratic White House. The effect would be the same as today's situation. President Obama must negotiate with a Republican House on every agenda item, which makes implementation of the ACA slow.

"The ACA will be implemented, but in a much muted way. Instead of the 32 million lives we believe would be covered under ACA, we think it would be reduced to 20 million lives," said Guptill.

"There would be a smaller expansion of Medicaid, (which is slated to have mostly federal dollars in it). The insurance exchanges would be delayed a bit," said Guptill.

In scenario 2, the Republicans sweep Congress and the White House, and overturn the ACA. "The Republicans have been pro-

moting (the overturning) so much, they would have no choice," said Guptill.

"The irony is that most of the ideas in the ACA are Republican ideas. The backbone of it was health care reform implemented in Massachusetts under then Gov. Romney," said Guptill.

"The government exchanges are all about the free market. That came from Republicans. Instead of 32 million being covered, I see only 3 million covered," said Guptill.

"Republicans would repeal states' expansion of Medicaid (because most of the expansion would be financed by federal dollars). There won't be many exchanges happening. A state could put up an exchange. California, Oregon and Washington have the political will to do it. In California, the budget crisis might prevent it," said Guptill.

Scenario 3 is a Democratic sweep. Guptill said she doesn't see this happening.

MAILBOX

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Candidates Nights Howard Neely Pleasanton

There is no lacking of National Politics news this year, but there maybe little news with respect to our local scene here in the Tri-Valley. In Pleasanton we are big on lawn signs and small coffee meetings with individual candidates, but when it comes to town hall meetings we have not been strong supporters.

The majority of our community does not know that

there are a good number of Candidates Nights throughout Pleasanton, which are not adequately publicized.

With the above in mind we might suggest that the Independent list all the open Candidates Nights in a simple "Political Column" for all three Communities.

In Pleasanton, dates are Aug. 30th at Pleasanton Gardens, Sept. 17 at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, and Sept. 19 at Ridgeview Commons.

The dates of others, such as the Pleasanton Chamber, and other clubs are not known to this writer.

2012 is a tipping point here in America, so the public needs to meet as many candidates as possible. Remember, we are very fortunate to have our voting freedoms.

Big Appointment Paul L. Anderson Pleasanton

It has been said that what goes around comes around:

That would be demonstrated anew should Romney become President. He has made his first appointment by choosing Paul Ryan as his running mate. George Bush chose Dick Cheney as his running mate. It turned out that this was a case of a weak President being guided moment by moment by a stronger Vice President. The major, and many of the minor, decisions were spoon fed to Bush by Cheney.

Now "the goes around and comes around" part. Romney has no core values; he is what today he believes will win the most votes. Never mind what he was yesterday. He has a driving need to be President, not really to be visionary leader. With this shallow core he is teaming up with a strong political-religious ideologue vice president who, in the image of Cheney, will spoon-feed Romney the party line and due to lack of his strength, it will be followed.

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Attacker Impersonated Police Officer

The Pleasanton Police Department and allied agencies are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect in a sexual assault and impersonation of a police officer. This incident was reported to police several weeks after it occurred.

On August 5, 2012 at approximately 3:00 a.m. a female was driving on Valley Avenue at Bernal Avenue when she heard what sounded like the chirp of a siren. After seeing a flash of light coming from the vehicle behind her, the driver believed she was being stopped by a law enforcement officer. She pulled over in a secluded area to the side of the road on Valley Ave south of Bernal Ave.

The male approached the driver's side door and showed the victim a star shaped badge in his hand. He ordered the victim out of her vehicle and handcuffed her. She was then placed in the back seat of the suspect's vehicle and driven a short distance away, to an unknown secluded dirt or gravel road, where she was sexually assaulted. The suspect left the victim at the scene of the crime and drove away. The victim walked back to her vehicle and drove home.

The victim did not sustain any life threatening injuries.

The victim describes the suspect vehicle as a dark four door sedan unknown make/model. The suspect is described as a white male, 5'10" to 6' tall, 185 pounds with a medium muscular build. His hair was dark brown or black.

The Pleasanton Police Department would like to offer the following safety tips:

1) Law enforcement officers are required to have a solid, steady, front-facing, red light when they are conducting a traffic stop. You are not required by law to stop if you do not see a solid red light.

2) If you are being pulled over, slow down, put on your blinker and drive to a well lit and populated area before you stop.

3) Call 911 if you are concerned about the legitimacy of the traffic stop. The 911 dispatcher can confirm whether the traffic stop is legitimate or will send officers to investigate.

Anyone with information about this incident, is urged to contact the Pleasanton Police at (925) 931-5100.

District Selects Interim Chancellor

The Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District announced the appointment of Judy E. Walters, Ph. D. as Interim Chancellor at their regular meeting on August 21.

She takes over for Susan Cota, who had been serving as interim chancellor, replacing Joel Kinnamon who resigned to take the job as Superintendent/President of College of the Desert. Cota's appointment was effective through August 2012.

The Trustees approved a one year contract for Walters who is a retired seasoned California Community College administrator. She served as President of Diablo Valley College (2007-2010), President of Berkeley City College (2004-2007), Sr. vice Chancellor of Educational Services at Peralta Community College District (1999-2004) and Vice Chancellor / Board of Governors Liaison (1989-1999).

Chabot-Las Positas Community College Trustees President, Isobel Dvorsky, said, "Dr. Walters brings to our two-college district a breadth of experience and expertise that will be invaluable as the Board conducts a nation-wide search for a permanent Chancellor."

"Particularly in these times of reduced state funding for higher education and increased pressure to accommodate more students at Chabot and Las Positas Colleges, Judy's impressive background will be invaluable," Dvorsky said, adding, "Her knowledge will be an inspiration to our faculty and staff while her enthusiasm will help us achieve our central goal of educating our next generation of leaders."

Walters' appointment will begin September 1. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.cpcd.ca.us>.

PARAGON

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Republic Factory Store, Brooks Brothers Factory Store, Columbia Sportswear, Gap Outlet, J.Crew, Michael Kors, Tommy Hilfiger and True Religion Brand Jeans.

The center will bring 2000 jobs to the Tri-Valley. "During these economic times, a project of this size with this many new jobs is remarkable," Brevnik stated.

The doors will open at 10 a.m. on November 8. Nicholas King, also a principal partner, said that the opening weekend will run Nov. 8 to 11. It will include a sweepstakes program during which thousands of dollars of prizes will be given away. Stores will be offering special sale prices. There will be live entertainment.

A VIP party is planned, as well.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand said of the center, "It is absolutely stunning. They have taken great pains with the architectural elements, stonework and color palette. It is one of the most beautiful centers in the country. It will be one of the premiere outlets in the nation." He added, "It will be a tremendous regional draw."

The architecture integrates low-pitched roofs with wide overhangs, decorative beam extensions, tapered columns and a combination of materials such as stucco, stone, shingles and clapboard painted in a muted palette of Arts and Crafts-style colors.

A pedestrian concourse links open-air and sheltered shopping environments with outdoor gathering areas, plazas and courtyards, all

accentuated by decorative pavers, specialty lighting, bench seating, landscaping, signage and fountains. The pedestrian walkway is built in an oval shape, which allows shoppers to circumvent the entire center. A grand food court, which can be entered from two sides, will be flanked on each side by an adjoining plaza furnished with outdoor umbrella tables and chairs.

Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, called the center the missing piece. "Tourists want a package that includes wine tasting and shopping. Right now they go to Napa for the experience. Now the complete package is available here."

For additional information, visit www.paragonoutlets.com.

HIRING FAIRS

Hiring fairs for the new Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley will be held on Tuesday, September 11 and Tuesday, October 23, 2012 from 10 am - 2 pm at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. No registration is required.

Fifty employers out of the 120 are expected to participate in the job fairs which are a collaboration between the City of Livermore, the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board (ACWIB), the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, and Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley LLC.

For more information about the upcoming job fairs, call (925) 960-4143.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Livermore Mayor John Marchand, in the foreground, takes a photo of the entrance to the new outlet center in Livermore.

WORLD SERIES

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with open arms here," says Wetmore. "People see it as a great way to make the transition from the Little League field to the standard baseball diamond. For us, it has kept more players in our programs into their teenage years."

Little League International's Operations Division is now finalizing the rules for the new division of play. Patrick W. Wilson, Senior Vice President of Operations and Program Development, says those rules should be available by the end of September.

The "50/70" World Series will take place in August

2013 and last about a week. The winner of District 57 will play in the tournament, along with the winners of the four U.S. regions and several international teams. Details about the tournament format and exact dates are still being determined.

As the event host, Granada Little League will lead a fundraising effort on behalf of Little League International to raise \$100,000 that will be used for publicity, local transportation, food, and other costs associated with putting on the tournament. "We will look toward our business community," says Wetmore. "It's very

likely the World Series will be televised, so there are some great sponsorship opportunities."

He hopes to get other community organizations, such as Rotary and Lions Clubs, involved in the tournament. "I'd love to have a parade and street fair in Livermore the week of the tournament, just as they do in Williamsport, Connecticut every year," says Wetmore. "This will really be a community-wide event."

District 57 will continue to update its website as more information on the event becomes available. Visit <http://www.eteamz.com/CA57/>.



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SPORTS NOTES



JJ Kukahiko (GHS '97) receives a handoff from Jay Frost (LHS '85) as both teams prepare for September 14th alumni game. See story in Sports Notes.



Livermore Fusion SC 96B Black came in 2nd place in their age group (U16) at the Reno-Tahoe Soccer Festival on Aug 18,19 2012. Team members are pictured.



West Coast Soccer Karma under 16 girls team won the Soccer by the Bay Tournament. Pictured are Eliana Mendoza, Shayla Bannert, Daesha Brown, Ariana Mancieri, Amanda Valentine, Michelle Hagelston, Alessandra Rodriguez, Ashley McDaniel Hunter, Wells Rachel Esser, Gabriele Enzman, Molly Stolz, Breanna Maitia-McIlhargie, Amanda Valentine.



The West Coast Wildfire U13 wrapped up a jammed packed summer tournament season with numerous successes. The girls kicked off the season with a strong showing in May at the Tracy Orange Bowl. The girls then hit the beach for sun, fun, and a lot of sand soccer at the Santa Cruz Beach Pro-Am. In mid-June the Wildfire made their second showing at the National Cup tournament in Ripon. This year the girls dominated their bracket with unrelenting offense and an impenetrable defense. With three tournaments already under their belt, the girls hit the road to go head to head against highly competitive teams from Southern California in the Albion Cup College Showcase. The girls brought their Norcal strength to San Diego and crushed the competition in their bracket beating out top ranked teams from Albion FC, Strikers FC, and Encintas FC. The roadtrip ended with a semifinal game against a premier team from Oceanside. The Wildfire continued their strong play and winning ways at the Juventus Tournament of Champions in Redwood City. Again, the girls dominated their bracket with most points scored. The girls made it to the semifinals but couldn't get the edge on a premier team from the south bay. In mid-August the Wildfire played in the prestigious Mustang Stampede tournament. Teams from all over the West participated in this event. The Wildfire had a strong showing but came up a point short to advance. The summer season wrapped up with a third place finish at the 12th annual Magic Cup. Pictured are the 2013 West Coast Soccer Club U13G Wildfire (front row) Kira Karter, Kaitlynn Funsch, Isabella Barbero, Madeline Stewart, Amanda Zeck, Tori Diehl, Keili Prenton, Paola Samaniego, Sydney Schultz; (back row) Coach Marlon Fernandez, Claire Abele, Jennifer Gibson, Kylie Martinez, Lauren Souza, Mimi Freeman, Chloe Brickwedel, Meghan Giamona, and Sierra Martin.

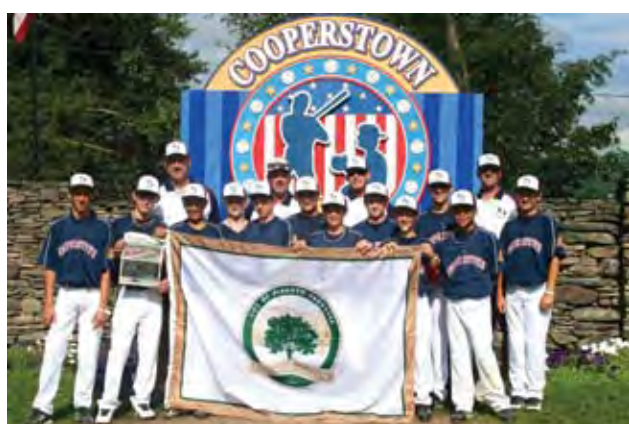
Tri-Valley 3rd in Babe Ruth World Series

The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 13 Year Old All-Star team came in third place in the Babe Ruth World Series tournament held in Kitsap, Washington on August 13-22. The Tri-Valley team was one of ten teams in the Babe Ruth World Series tournament representing the 50 United States and two provinces in Canada. Tri-Valley won the Northern California Championship in Woodland, California on July 19, and then the Pacific Southwest tournament in Surprise, Arizona on August 4 to qualify for the World Series tournament in Kitsap. Tri-Valley defeated New Jersey 5-0 in the opening game of the World Series on August 16, and then they defeated Indiana 6-1 on August 17, North Carolina 11-3 on August 18 and Washington 9-1 on August 19. In

the semifinals, North Carolina turned around and defeated Tri-Valley 4-1 on August 21 to end Tri-Valley's excellent run for the World Series title. Overall, Tri-Valley was 14-2 for the Summer World Series tournament. Darroch Koel pitched a no hitter in the World Series against Indiana. It was only the 6th no hitter in the history of the 13 year old Babe Ruth World Series. James Cowick pitched and defeated New Jersey, Joshua Ott defeated North Carolina, and Ryan Bowman defeated Washington. Jack Maloon and Clark Eder also pitched for Tri-Valley. Dante Albanese had the highest batting average for any left fielder in the World Series tournament, as well as the highest overall batting average for any player in the tournament at .571. Albanese was named to the All-Tournament team and won the batting title for the tournament. Jack Fryer had the highest batting average for all shortstops at .417 and Darroch



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



Pictured (left to right) are members of the Pleasanton Piranhas 12U baseball team Mitch Benson, AJ Warford, Coach Kevin Lawrence, Justin Lavell, Joseph Murphy, Mitchell Lawrence, Coach Joel Warford, Justin Clark, Max Heverly, Coach Bob Kaufman, Jimmy Kaufman, Nick Orecchia, Anthony Steller Harter, Jeremy Lea, Coach Ken Harter, Carson Quintana



Pictured are the U12 Rage Orange: Abby Fried, Addyson Mapes, Delaney Soble, Eknor Kaur, Haley Roundtree, Holly Judson, Isabella Adamos, Isabella Huyler, Karin McCarty, Casey Cring, Adera Hegarty, Leila Shafi, Lilly Fehrmann, Maggie McPeck, Natalia Margaris, Sarah Mirr, Yasmine Springer and coach Trisha Gonzales.



The Livermore Fusion 00G Gold took home second place at the Stanford Summer Classic tournament over the weekend of August 25-26. The girls played strong through the group stage by beating three good opponents and scoring 10 goals. This earned the team a spot in the final against Ajax United Premier. After regulation time, the game ended in a 0-0 tie leading to two nail-biting five minute overtime periods. Although Fusion had the better scoring chances, they couldn't capitalize on them, which brought the final to penalty kicks. After still being tied after 9 penalty kicks, Livermore Fusion lost, but their strong play throughout the tournament and the final game reinforced their growth over the last few months as individual soccer players and as a team. Pictured from left to right are (back row) Professional Coach Ben Graham, Alaina Sekany, Emily March, Sophia Mylius, Cassidy Bates, Kayla Jones, Lauren Meeker, Grace Groeniger, Katherine Lewis, Josie Berg, Lindsay Harnish; (front row) Janessa Sanchez, Georgia Bates, Jennifer Wise, Allyssa George, Abby Harnish, and Samantha Kwan.

Koel earned a gold glove at first base for his outstanding defense. Kitsap put on a wonderful Babe Ruth World Series tournament. There was a parade of the baseball teams in historic downtown Poulsbo, and banquet dinner at the Kiama Lodge on the banks of the Puget Sound water way on the Squamish Indian tribe's land. The master of ceremonies for the banquet was Jim Lefebvre, 1965 National League Rookie of the year and former manager of the Milwaukee Brewers, Chicago Cubs and Seattle Mariners. For the opening ceremony at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds baseball field, the US flag and the baseballs used for the ceremonial first pitch were delivered by sky divers. Each team was led onto the field by US Navy personnel carrying the team's state flag. Local Little League players were assigned to each team as bat boys, and each team had two young ladies assigned to them who served as the team ambassadors. The players stayed with local host

families which provided for additional connection with the community. Kitsap Babe Ruth and the citizens of the surrounding cities really showed off their community spirit and warm and friendly hospitality throughout the

tournament. Some of the other events and activities during the two week tournament were - a hitting clinic put on by Jim Lefebvre, some of the Tri-Valley team went salmon fishing, crabbing and clamming, the team and their parents attended a Seattle Mariners game, some people visited the Space Needle, rode the monorail, visited Pike's Fish Market and the first Starbucks, while others visited the Naval Undersea Museum to learn about the history of submarines, and a few witnessed a nuclear powered sub returning home from a 6 month tour on the open seas. The team rode the Bremerton and Bainbridge ferries to and from Seattle several times, and the coaches and families stayed at the historic Silverdale Hotel and Poulsbo Inn.

Pleasanton Phantom

The Pleasanton Phantom U12 team traveled to Salem, Oregon for the Western Nationals. This was the team's final tournament for the 2012 summer. Under the coaching of Mike Williams, Jenny Williams and Kristen Ho Tseung, Phantom made it all the way into Sunday and finish 4th out of 49 teams. This was the highest finish for a Phantom team of any age at the Western Nationals in 10 years.

Game one on Tuesday was against the Portland Rip City, with Phantom winning. The pitching duo of Danielle Williams and Jessica O'Neal led the way to a 5-1 win. Mary Rockwood doubled in two runs, along with other RBI's from Jessica O'Neal and Shelby Cabral. Nicole Riordan also executed some key defensive plays at 2nd base. The second pool play game was on Wednesday against the Corona Gold, who had finished 3rd in the Southern CA State Championships. Phantom shut them down for a 6-0 victory, earning a #1 seed entering bracket play. Danielle Williams dominated in the circle, allowing only two hits, and had the strong support of her catcher Sofia Molina. Overall, Phantom was strong on both defense and offense. There was a great double play off a bunt that ended in a run down between 2nd and 3rd bases to shut down an early Corona rally. Mary Rockwood's bat was on fire as she hit a double and single. Other key hits came from Courtney Dinelli and Jenna O'Neal. Now in bracket play, the next game was on Thursday at 6:00pm against the Orcutt Xplosion. Danielle Williams led the win, 5-1, in this game. Big hits from Sofia Molina (two doubles), and a 2 RBI double off a bunt by Shelby Cabral were instrumental in the win. On Friday, Phantom really had to battle for a 5-2 win against the PICO Fastpitch AllStars, who had finished 2nd in the Southern CA State Championships. All three pitchers, Danielle Williams, Jessica O'Neal and Jenna O'Neal, contributed to keep Pico off balance throughout the game. Big hits came from the bats of Mary Rockwood, Sofia Molina and Jessica O'Neal. Nicole Riordan again completed some key defensive plays at 2nd base in this game.

Going into Saturday with four wins was very invigorating. Saturday began with another game with Corona Gold. Corona was ahead 3-1 going into the 5th inning. The Phantom bats finally fired up for a 4-3 win. Danielle Williams and Sofia Molina led the effort with great pitching and catching. Mary Rockwood, Courtney Dinelli and Jenna O'Neal all hit doubles. Lauren Ho Tseung had a key bunt that helped Phantom to come back to win the game. The next game started right away at 2:00pm. In the 100 degree heat, Phantom ended up in a close battle against the eventual champions, Simi Valley, and came up on the losing end of a 0-1 well fought contest. The Simi Valley pitcher threw a no hitter. Jessica O'Neal was strong in the circle and Emily Trinidad and Nicole Riordan teamed up on two double plays at 1st and 2nd as the Phantom defense continued to be tough.

On Sunday, with only six teams remaining in the tournament, Phantom started at 8:00am against East County of San Diego. At the end of the first inning the score was 2-1 with Phantom ahead. The bunting and stealing duo of Danielle Williams and Shelby Cabral produced the first two runs. Courtney Dinelli followed with a huge hit into the outfield and a single up the middle. Sofia Molina singled and Jenna O'Neal's 2 RBI double were important in putting Phantom ahead for good. Defensively, once again, Danielle Williams proved to be a tough pitcher with 6 strikeouts. Behind the plate, Sofia Molina made a great play at 3rd base for a double play on a first to third play. The game ended with a Phantom 4-1 win. Phantom immediately played its next game against the Alameda Blaze. The Blaze came to play and scored 4 runs in the first two innings. In the 3rd inning the Phantom bats came alive. Four singles from Nicole Riordan, Danielle Williams, Shelby Cabral and Courtney Dinelli put Phantom on the board to cut the Blaze lead to two. The Blaze held strong and scored one more run in the bottom of the 3rd. In the 4th inning, big hits from Mary Rockwood, Emily Trinidad, and Nicole Riordan were not enough to produce a run, but Phantom was able to hold off the Blaze. In the 5th inning, Phantom continued the hitting streak with a double from Shelby Cabral followed by a single



Adolfo Trujillo, a member of the Ballistic United U14 Premier team, was selected for the 1999 US National Pool Training Camp at the Home Depot Center last week. The training camp, held in Carson, marked the beginning of a new cycle of U-14 BNT players born in the year 1999. This is the first camp bringing together this group of players at the U-14 level. Adolfo has been a Ballistic United player since he was in the U9 Academy. He lives in Livermore. He was also a member of the 2011-12 U12 Premier team that won the NorCal State Cup in January earlier this year. "Adolfo is a rare mix of physical, technical, tactical and mental strengths that a coach rarely sees in their lifetime. He is a tireless worker, never complains, and has a game awareness that far exceeds his age. He is the epitome of the Ballistic Player Philosophy, and the player any coach is happy to have on his squad." Adolfo will be called back into the US National Team Camp in December.

from Courtney Dinelli. Sofia Molina then hit a sacrifice fly to score a run. Phantom was able to hold the Blaze to 5 runs, however Phantom was held to 3 runs and a 3-5 score with the Alameda Blaze winning. Blaze went on to defeat El Rio (Oxnard) and ultimately lost in the championship game to the still undefeated Simi Valley team.

Pleasanton Phantom 12B played great throughout the tournament, which was a continuation of a very successful softball season for the team. Overall, the girls wrapped up the season with a record of 38-7-1. Playing in 8 tournaments during the summer, they won three titles, finished second twice and culminated their season with this fourth place in Western Nationals.

Pleasanton Rage


The U12 Pleasanton Rage Orange team took its high-powered offense down south to take 2 out of 3 games in the West Coast Futbol Classic in Orange County during the weekend of August 18-19. The Rage Orange dropped its first game 3-2 to the FRAM U12 White in Laguna Niguel. The Rage Orange had goals from Maggie McPeck and Yasmine Springer.

Facing a tough afternoon game that same day, the Rage Orange rebounded and defeated the Los Angeles Premier Futbol Club 4-2. The Rage Orange goals were scored by Abby Fried, Maggie McPeck, Holly Judson and Delaney Soble. The next day the Rage Orange defeated the West Coast United 5-0 down by the beach in San Clemente. The Rage Orange were at their best moving the ball around the field and controlling the game. The Rage Orange goals were netted by Sarah Mirr, Holly Judson, Maggie McPeck, Karin McCarty and Yasmine Springer. Goalie Haley Roundtree recorded her 2nd shutout of the season. After its 2nd tournament the Rage Orange moved its record to 5-1-1.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Wild U15 girls came into the 2012 Mustang Girls Stampede Tournament presented by Nike riding high from wins at the Pleasanton Rage College Showcase tournament. West Coast Wild girls faced the highly ranked De Anza Force ECNL U15 girls in the opening game. The powerful West Coast defense led by Autumn Smithers, Jacey Luzzi, Hanna Beauchamp, Emilie Allum, Megan Amick and Miciah Madison shut down the highly ranked De Anza Force ECNL U15 allowing only 5 shots on goal. The West coast offense came out shooting, the first goal came from an assist from Megan Amick to Sydney Lunt for a brilliant flying header into the net. The second goal came from an assist by Kasidee Wiley to Demi Gonis who shot a rocket to the corner of the net. Tori Nicolo, Alyssa DelCastillo and Rachel Tungol helped lead the powerful West Coast offense in the second half. Sydney Lunt and Miciah Madison each scored a goal as they dismantle one of the top teams in Northern California, De Anza Force ECNL, 4-1.


In the second game, West Coast had some problems shutting down a very precise Surf Soccer GU15 Premier team. West Coast had several chances to put the ball into the net but it would not be their day with a loss to Surf Soccer 0-2.



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SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore Fusion U11 Boys Select team brought home a second place finish from the San Ramon Copper Select Tournament on August 25-26. It was an outstanding effort by the entire team, despite having 2 injured players.

Game three, the Wild showed no mercy on the Mustang Outlaws another great team from Northern California, beating them 1-0. Wild's defense controlled the Mustangs attack while the West Coast offense went to work taking 8 shots on goal. The defensive attack was none less than perfect with a strong attack from players such as Autumn Smithers, Jacey Luzzi, Hanna Beauchamp, Emilie Allum, Megan Amick and Miciah Madison. In the end Team West Coast offense would find the net and send Mustangs home with a loss. The goal came with 10 minutes left in the game with an assist from Adi Ruiz to Miciah Madison, who had a blazing shot to the corner of the net for a goal and the win.

Team West Coast then found themselves in the quarter final match and would face the powerful LA American FC U15 girls team from Southern California. The winner would advance to play in the semifinals. Both teams had great offense and defense but it would be Team West Coast in the end to shut the door on LA American FC

with a nice assist coming from Demi Gonis to Miciah Madison for the goal and the win.

Team West Coast was now the only Northern Californian team left in the semifinals. They took aim at the highly ranked Vancouver Timbers G97 Red from Washington. Both teams played some great soccer, but Team West Coast came out in the second half and dominated the Vancouver Timbers for a 1-0 victory.

In the championship game, Team West Coast Wild faced the LA Strikers. The West Coast Offense had several opportunities with blazing shots to the net but the ball would not find its mark. Both teams played great defense to take the game into overtime. Team West Coast Wild, with 30 seconds left in overtime, had a chance to win. A pass was sent from Autumn Smithers to Demi Gonis, who beat the goalie and just missed a chip shot. The game would now be decided with PK's. This would indeed be the battle of the goalkeepers. Demi Gonis went first shooting a rocket to the corner



West Coast Fury U10 pictured are (front row) Laura Gonzales, Kate Zeck, Alissa Garza, Alina Garcia, Gracie Alfonso; (back row) Kalena Brongiel, Trinity Sandridge, Madeline Allum, Jamie Conklin, Allison Rickman, and Haiden Arruda. With Coach Sara Giroto.

of the net. The Strikers sent up their first player to shoot and she scored. Autumn Smithers made the next PK for West Coast. Strikers came back to make their PK. As the Strikers sent their fourth play to take a shot West Coast goalie Amanda Valentine. She stopped the Strikers fourth shot from going onto the net. Kamie Lipman would sink her pk as did LA's third kicker. West Coast missed its fourth shot and it was tied 4-4. Next was Sydney Lunt, who made her goal. The Strikers sent up the fifth player who would be denied a goal from team West Coast GK when she flew to her right grabbing the soccer ball. The final shot to win the championship would come down to team Captain Megan Amick who placed the ball perfectly, securing the victory.

West Coast Soccer Karma

U16 girls team won the Soccer by the Bay Tournament a premier level tournament held in Burlingame. West Coast Soccer Karma was coming off a finalist finish in the Cypress Cup. The team was led by coach Vanessa Alfonso Miskella, also a player on the West Coast soccer Wildkatz a WPSL team.

Karma started the weekend with a 1-0 victory over Mustang Fury. Eliana Mendoza scored the only goal off of a beautiful pass by Shayla Bannert. Tenacious defense allowed the Fury offense just 3 shots on goal the entire game. The second game was a 7-0 victory over San Mateo Select. Goals were scored by Daesha Brown (2), Eliana Mendoza (2), Shayla Bannert, Ariana Mancieri and Amanda Valentine. Goals were assisted by Michelle



The U10 Tigers Fusion Select Copper Team from Livermore captured the age group title at the San Ramon Copper Girls Select Tournament held August 25 to 26. Pictured are team members.



Pictured are Pleasanton Girls Softball League Phantom U12B team (top row, from left) Coach Jenny Williams, Shelby Cabral, Sofia Molina, Coach Mike Williams, Michaela Cabral, Coach Kristen Ho Tseung; (middle) Courtney Dinelli, Emily Trinidad, Jenna O'Neal, Nicole Riordan, Mary Rockwood, Jessica O'Neal; (front) Danielle Williams and Lauren Ho Tseung.

CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE 10th ANNUAL Report to the Public



Measure B Sales Tax Activities

In November 2000, Alameda County voters approved Measure B, which extended the county's half-cent transportation sales tax to 2022 and set forth a 20-year Expenditure Plan. Measure B also established a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to review all Measure B expenditures on projects, programs and administration for compliance with the Expenditure Plan, and timely project delivery.

The CWC reports its findings annually to the public. This 10th annual report covers expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 (FY10-11), and CWC activities since July 1, 2010. The CWC report states that audited income and expenditures were in compliance with specific caps, and the auditors did not identify any accounting concerns.

Citizens Watchdog Committee Activities

CWC members performed a number of activities to ensure appropriate use of transportation sales tax funds, improve reporting processes and update funding agreements between Alameda CTC and fund recipients.

- Ongoing Programs and Capital Projects Watch (On-going):** The CWC continued to watch specific programs and capital projects and to review any issues of concern.
- Quarterly Financials (On-going):** The CWC received and reviewed quarterly financial statements.
- Independent Audits (November 2010, January 2012):** The CWC met with and received presentations from independent auditors. The independent auditors did not identify any Measure B accounting concerns. In addition, the CWC reviewed audit reports on the 4.5 percent ceiling on administrative costs and the 1 percent ceiling on administrative staff costs mandated by Measure B.
- Review of City of Fremont and City of Oakland Funds (November 2010):** The CWC formed a subcommittee to gather more information about the Alameda County Public Works Agency fund balance. The agency met with members and provided an explanation for the fund balance as well as a plan for spending it down, which the CWC accepted and will continue to monitor.
- Audit and Compliance Report Review (January 2011):** CWC members reviewed the FY09-10 audits and compliance reports and requested more information from agencies and jurisdictions to help clarify expenditures. Based on responses from agencies/jurisdictions, the CWC found no indication that funds were spent improperly.
- Compliance Report Process Improvements (May 2011):** The CWC formed a compliance report subcommittee to review the annual compliance report forms and evaluation processes. The subcommittee provided recommendations to staff regarding integrating more specific questions into the forms to ensure transparency and greater consistency. Another goal was to gather additional information about fund recipients' Measure B fund balances. Alameda CTC established a process that incorporated CWC comments.
- Annual Report to the Public (July 2011):** In March 2011, CWC members formed a subcommittee to develop its annual report to the public. At its July meeting, the CWC held a public hearing to receive comments on the report. Public outreach included online and print ads, e-mail and print mailings, and translation of the advertisements into Chinese and Spanish, along with outreach to Asian and Hispanic community organizations.

- Master Programs Funding Agreement Review (November 2011):** A subcommittee reviewed and provided input on the Alameda CTC's new Master Programs Funding Agreement for Alameda County, local jurisdictions and transit agencies, which receive Measure B and Vehicle Registration Fee funds. CWC member comments informed the process and resulted in agreement modifications that specify reporting requirements and expedite fund balance expenditures.
- Audit and Compliance Report Review (January 2012):** CWC members reviewed the FY10-11 audits and compliance reports and requested information from agencies and jurisdictions to help clarify expenditures. Based on the responses, the CWC found no indication that funds were spent improperly.
- Review of County Public Works Funds (March 2012):** The CWC formed a subcommittee to gather more information about the Alameda County Public Works Agency fund balance. The agency met with members and provided an explanation for the fund balance as well as a plan for spending it down, which the CWC accepted and will continue to monitor.
- Information Received by CWC (On-going):** The CWC received updates on the progress of the development of a new \$7.8 billion Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) that will augment and extend the county's existing half-cent transportation sales tax, if approved by voters in November 2012. The TEP requires an Independent Watchdog Committee, similar to the CWC.

The CWC also received updates on the Local Business Contract Equity Program goals, 70 percent for local and 30 percent for small, local businesses, which the Alameda CTC exceeded in FY10-11.

MEASURE B (MB) PASS-THROUGH FUND TOTALS FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Agency/Jurisdiction	10-11 MB Distributions	10-11 MB Expended	Ending MB Fund Balance*
ACE	\$2,132,587	\$2,001,797	\$2,424,620
ACPWA	\$2,553,569	\$1,676,708	\$10,779,347
AC Transit	\$21,566,717	\$21,566,717	\$0
BART	\$1,499,702	\$1,499,702	\$0
Alameda	\$2,211,551	\$3,527,020	\$3,538,906
Albany	\$376,663	\$487,744	\$19,506
Berkeley	\$2,658,351	\$2,097,126	\$2,918,127
Dublin	\$443,313	\$475,476	\$1,165,478
Emeryville	\$250,982	\$79,621	\$648,885
Fremont	\$2,974,061	\$2,551,442	\$5,591,881
Hayward	\$2,794,708	\$4,232,252	\$1,871,929
Livermore	\$1,003,128	\$853,054	\$1,783,621
Newark	\$618,027	\$450,779	\$986,693
Oakland	\$10,394,863	\$11,833,171	\$10,910,118
Piedmont	\$364,058	\$154,374	\$678,570
Pleasanton	\$866,674	\$630,237	\$2,128,315
San Leandro	\$1,518,431	\$620,860	\$3,028,500
Union City	\$1,366,974	\$934,739	\$3,847,656
LAVTA	\$824,364	\$824,364	\$0
WETA	\$275,215	\$175,867	\$1,825,246
Total	\$56,693,937	\$56,673,050	\$54,147,399

* For a description of projects and programs funded by these balances, see the corresponding agency compliance report at: http://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/4135. The reported expenditures include reserves from prior years, which is why some jurisdictions report expenditures higher than receipts.

Summary of Expenditures

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is responsible for administering the Measure B half-cent transportation sales tax measure as well as congestion management agency functions. In fiscal year 2010-2011 (FY10-11), Measure B revenues totaled \$105.4 million. The Alameda CTC audited expenditures of \$140.8 million in FY10-11 include \$54.4 million for public transit, \$52.4 million for highways and streets, \$28.7 million for local transportation, \$3.6 million for general administration, and \$1.7 million for direct program and project management and oversight.

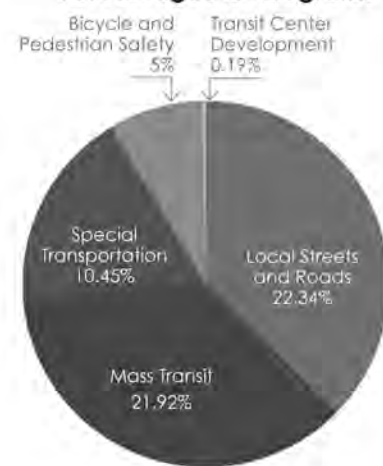
Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Audited Expenditures



Alameda CTC Programs

Alameda CTC allocates 60 percent of Measure B funds, minus general administrative costs, primarily on a monthly, formula basis ("pass-through" funding) and through competitive grants to Alameda County, cities and transit agencies for programs. In FY10-11, Alameda CTC expended \$61.1 million in Measure B funds on programs.

Net Sales Tax Allocation Percentages for Programs



Measure B programs protect local streets and roads and mass transit services, improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and provide better transit access for seniors and people with disabilities.



Funded in part by Measure B, the BART Warm Springs Extension is the beginning of a new connection to Silicon Valley and has employed hundreds of local workers.

Alameda CTC Projects

Alameda CTC allocates 40 percent of Measure B funds, minus general administrative costs, to capital projects. In FY10-11, Alameda CTC expended \$74.4 million on capital projects for transportation infrastructure improvements, such as BART rail extensions, highway and transit improvements, local street and road enhancements, intermodal projects and other local projects.

How to Get Involved

The Alameda CTC and the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) invite your participation to help plan, fund and deliver transportation projects and programs that enhance mobility throughout Alameda County. In addition to the CWC, the public serves on the **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, the **Citizens Advisory Committee** and the **Paratransit Advisory and Planning Committee**. Join one of Alameda CTC's four community advisory committees or feel free to participate in public

meetings. Visit www.AlamedaCTC.org to learn more about ways to get involved and for detailed information on Alameda CTC programs and projects. Follow us on:

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OBITUARIES

Dorothea Mathilda (Hilke) Mello

Livermore lost one of its natives on August 18, 2012. Dorothea Mello would have been 99 years old soon. She was the daughter of Katherine (Lembek) Hilke and Ferdinand Hilke.

Dorothea met her husband, William Mello, at the old Livermore Brickyard (where Livermore's old K-Mart was located). Together, they worked there making bricks. She controlled the water to the mixture. Dorothea married William on August 30, 1948. They had a son (William K.) and a daughter (Dorothea Katherine).

Dorothea lived in what is known as the Old Southside area of Livermore. She was able to watch "her Livermore" grow to what is now a beautiful, booming little town. She was the first Teacher's Aide in the Livermore School system. She also worked for a time at the Livermore Veterans' Hospital. She belonged to several lodges, such as the Native Daughters, etc.

For many years, each and every day, Dorothea's son would take her for long drives because she loved being "on the go." They loved eating at Tracy's Hometown Buffet and also at our many fast food restaurants. Many evenings were spent at the local Concerts in the Park and at the Alameda County Fair performances. Wherever she was taken, she was always recognized for her advanced age and upbeat personality. Dorothea was an expert at crocheting and knitting. She was an expert at working crossword puzzles. She also loved her pets. Would you believe that this old lady loved rock and roll music and attended car shows? Dorothea and her son, Bill, attended almost all garage sales, too. She was a very smart lady. Bill devoted his entire life to his mom's comfort and she loved him for his extreme devotion. Dorothea's music favorites were Magic Moments and the Hot Rods Band and the Johnny Cash Tribute Band with James Garner. Dorothea was a remarkable lady right to the end. She will be missed by her many friends and relatives.

At her request, no services will be held.

Doris Eleanor Eastburn

Doris Eleanor Eastburn was born November 8, 1913 and lived all of her life in the Bay Area-Berkeley, Danville and Livermore. She graduated from Berkeley High School in 1931, when of course jobs were quite difficult to come by. She worked as a live-in Mother's Helper, a file clerk in San Francisco's Woolworth Company, and as a key-punch operator in Emeryville's PG&E office.

She met Cedric Eastburn at a business woman's sorority ball in San Francisco and married him October 24, 1942. They moved to Danville, had two sons, Robert and Paul. Cedric worked at LLNL until he died in 1965. Doris was a widow for 47 years after that, and moved to Livermore and went to work at LLNL very soon after Cedric's death, working in the Security Department from 1965-1982. At the Lab she made a lot of new friends and brought much cheer to all her co-workers.

After retirement, she remained busy working in the Hospital Auxiliary, visiting people in hospitals and rest homes, at the Veteran's Hospital and remaining very active in her church, First Presbyterian, working in the office, and joining in Bible Study Circles and the Women's Association. With retirement came more time to enjoy gardening and traveling, baking and entertaining, and playing her piano and bridge "with the girls."

Up until her recent hospital visit she was still taking daily walks "around the block" and loved having lunch out

with friends. Peacefully taking her last breathe on August 20 of 2012, Doris's smile and optimistic outlook will be missed by her family and many friends.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was held on Wednesday, August 29 at First Presbyterian church in Livermore.

Doris is survived by her 2 sons, her daughter-in-law, Kathi, two grandchildren, Danny Eastburn and Cindi Mackanic, and 6 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, in honor of Doris, trim and enjoy your roses, take a friend out to lunch, call an old friend, bake some cookies or enjoy a long walk.

Linda L. Ansell

Jan. 20, 1941-Aug. 22, 2012

Linda Louise Ansell passed peacefully on August 22, 2012 at her home in Pleasanton, California. Linda (née Massey) was born on January 20, 1941 in Cannelton, West Virginia. She was the 6th of

13 children and the 3rd of four girls.

Her father, James Morris Massey, known as Maurice, was orphaned at a young

age and worked in the coal mines of Kanawha County, West Virginia from the age of 11. Linda loved living in the countryside and said as a child she never considered herself poor. They had fresh vegetables from a huge garden the family kept and collected wild berries with her sisters. They canned everything and never went hungry. After graduating from Parkersburg High School, Linda worked for the government processing punch cards before she decided to move to California when she was 21 to live with her oldest brother, Jim, his wife Joan, and their young children. She was looking for a new life and found it in Santa Maria, CA. She loved working with numbers and soon found a job working as a teller at the Bank of America in Santa Maria. There she met Kathleen Silva who was soon to be Kathy Jones and her best friend. The two of them were still known for giggling and long talks even after 50 years of friendship.

One day a young man, recently home from serving in the US Army in Germany, came to her window at the bank and asked her out. Despite having a balance of just over \$4 in the bank, Linda agreed. The young man, Gary Ansell, took her to Los Angeles to see a Cinemascope showing of "It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World." They married three months later in November 1964. In 1969, they gave birth to their first son, Michael Albert Ansell. In 1971, they had a second son, Christopher Lee Ansell. Linda was completely focused on raising her two boys. She read to them constantly and took them to the park or to the swimming pool whenever she could. Gary worked for the post office and in 1974 he was transferred with the family to San Luis Obispo and then in 1977 to Carpinteria. She loved books and spent hours every day reading. She took her sons to the Carpinteria Library so often that between them they read practically every book in the tiny library and the librarians became like family.

When both boys started school she volunteered in their classrooms, with PTO activities and worked as a yard duty at Canalino School in Carpinteria, making close friends along the way. She was greatly loved by all the kids who followed her around the playground. After a few years, she became teacher's aide for a second grade classroom. She was like a second mom for many who was greatly loved for her warmth, support, sense of humor, and love for all.

In the 1980's and 1990's she worked as an office manager in two different real estate offices and enjoyed book-keeping and working with people, especially those new in town who wanted to know what Carpinteria was like. In

the late 1980's, she met with a series of tragedies including the loss of her younger son, her husband, and emergency brain surgery that she barely survived. She showed her amazing strength during this time and dedicated herself to making sure her older son, Mike, graduated from college. College was a dream of hers and she made it possible for her son with her strength, hard work, and endless support. Mike graduated with a degree in chemistry from CSU, Chico and later a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon thanks to her. Linda had always been close with her sister, Julie, as a girl in West Virginia. Despite moving to California, they remained very close. As time passed, they talked almost every day. Linda was also close with many friends including her sister, Ginger. All of the sisters were great conversationalists.

In 2004, Linda moved to Pleasanton, California to be closer to her grandchildren, two beautiful little girls. She dedicated herself to reading to them and to spoiling them in every way she could. Linda was happy to make friends at her gym in Pleasanton, the senior center, and among her neighbors.

Linda is survived by her son, Mike, her daughter in law, Sonia, and her granddaughters, Sarah and Lucie, her sisters Julie and Ginger, and her brothers Eddie, David, Johnny and Robert. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ansell Family Scholarship c/o Las Positas College Foundation, 3000 Campus Hill Road, Livermore CA 94551.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, August 31 at 11am at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave, Livermore, CA.

Richard Arthur Becker

Devoted father, husband, son and brother, Richard was born Sept. 1, 1957 in Livermore, Calif. and died suddenly on August 18, 2012 in St. Helena. He was 54.

Richard's early years growing up in

Livermore were evocative of his family life to come, filled with sporting events, playing baseball, skiing with family, lively street ball games before dinner, swimming and long afternoons playing in the fields behind his house with his siblings. He was an athlete his entire life; a fair and competitive player.

After graduating from Livermore High School in 1975, Richard went on to California Polytechnic University, where he graduated in 1980 with a Bachelor's of Science degree. In 1997, he received his Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Highly capable and a committed, loyal employee, Richard was a successful engineer for General Electric, based in Saudi Arabia, an adventure that he greatly enjoyed; he also worked for Calpine and at the time of his death he was employed by MMR Power Solutions as their director of cogeneration facilities in California.

An utterly devoted father and husband, Richard loved his family life. His parents, brothers and sisters were proud of his many accomplishments and loved him dearly. He loved his wife, Jennifer, and was a true partner in life to her. Proud beyond measure of his only child, Nathan, age 11, the two of them adored each other and had many great adventures together. He spent time with Jennifer and Nathan traveling, cooking at home, playing ball, entertaining friends, coaching Little League, watching the San Francisco Giants with Nathan at AT&T Park and basically being the most ingenious home handyman anyone has ever seen. It must have been the Boy Scout in him,

because Richard could build, fix, create, grow, assemble and design almost anything - and he did. He was fun to be around and his sensitivity and wit, combined with his intelligence, were hallmarks of his personality.

Richard was active in the St. Helena community, and he believed in and practiced individual civic responsibility. He was active and constructively outspoken in school district policy discussions as vice chairman of the Citizen's Oversight Committee in 2011-12 and the representative of the St. Helena Taxpayer's Association. Following politics was a hobby. He was a proud American.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, son Nathan, parents Robert and Ginger Becker of Livermore, Calif., siblings Carl Becker, Mary Becker of Lafayette, Calif. and Robert Jr. of Occidental, Calif., and a host of extended family members who will all miss him.

A private family service was held Friday, August 24. There will be a celebration of Richard's life in the near future, date and time to be announced, with all friends and family welcome to gather and enjoy the fellowship of sharing memories of Richard's full and happy life. The family would like to thank the many friends who have expressed their condolences and love. Richard would be grateful to all of you for your support of his wife and son. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Napa Valley Vine Trail at www.vinetrail.org

Mary Ysleta McCarty

Nov. 20, 1925 - Aug. 24, 2012

Mary "Ysleta" (Campbell) McCarty passed away peacefully at her home in Livermore on Friday, August 24, 2012 at the age of 86. Ysleta was born in Ranger, Texas, the 5th of 5 children, to Elizabeth

(Dempsey) Campbell and John Harrison Campbell. She lived in Texas as a young girl, moving with her mother to Chicago at age 4, and then at age 12 to Oroville, California, where she graduated from Oroville Union High School in 1944.

It was in Oroville where she met and married her beloved husband of 65 years, James "Jim" McCarty. Together, they attended San Jose State to pursue a higher education; Ysleta graduated with a teaching credential in 1948. Her first job was as a 2nd grade teacher with the Campbell School District. Two years later she and Jim were both hired by the Livermore School District, and moved to Livermore where she taught for 18 more years finally retiring in 1985. She battled breast cancer in 1972 and was a 40-year cancer survivor.

Ysleta was blessed with the birth of 3 daughters, taking time off from teaching to devote to her family. She served as an occasional substitute teacher during those years, and also volunteered in the schools and as a Girl Scout leader. She was active in the Asbury United Methodist Church, serving on many committees and as President of the Women's Society. Together with her husband Jim, she enjoyed square dancing and was a member of the Eagle Squares and the Trailer Twirlers. After retiring she joined the retired teachers' group from Jackson Avenue School, as well as the local SIRETTES club. She teamed up with husband, Jim, who was the SIRS (Sons in Retirement) Travel Chair, to provide over 90 trips around the globe to places like New Zealand, China, Russia, the Galapagos Islands, Alaska, and many more.

Whether photographing family gatherings or travel trips, she enjoyed preserving

those special moments in video and photos. A naturalist at heart, she could always pause a moment to appreciate the wildflowers along the way. She enjoyed sewing for her girls and in turn, teaching each of them to sew. Her biggest enjoyment came from her family, proudly watching and supporting her 4 grandchildren in their many sports and activities. She approached life with a sense of adventure and appreciation and used her sense of humor throughout her life, even as she neared the end of life.

Ysleta is survived by her husband of 65 years, Jim McCarty; her older sister Georgia Lilja of Arizona; her daughters, Colleen McCarty, Kathy (McCarty) Lake, and Sheryl (McCarty) Goodman; her grandchildren, Jamie and Lonnie Lake; and Stephanie and Joelle Goodman. Many nieces and nephews also survive her, including her nephew Kenny Campbell, whom she and Jim (as newlyweds) raised as their own for over a year when he was young. Ysleta's older brothers Earl and Kenneth Campbell preceded her in death.

A Memorial Service celebrating Ysleta's life will be held this Friday, August 31, 2012 at 1:30 PM at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. A reception hosted by the church will be held immediately following the service. Internment at Memory Gardens will be private, prior to the memorial service.

Ysleta's family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made either to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin, CA 94568, or Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore, CA 94550.

Arrangements are by Callaghan Mortuary.

Arline Mills

Arline Mills, a long-time Pleasanton resident, died at her daughter's home in Tracy on August 17, 2012. She was 90.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15 at Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton. A memorial service also will be celebrated in Tracy at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9 at Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 South Central Avenue.

Mrs. Mills moved to Pleasanton in 1952 with her husband, Frederick "Ed" Mills, and they lived in the same home on East Angela Street for more than 55 years until Ed died in July 2008.

The only child of Charles and Alice Clifford, she was born June 8, 1922 in Dunmore, PA. She graduated from Dunmore High. She was the valedictorian of both her 8th grade class and her high school class of 1942.

She was active in Girl Scouts and achieved the organization's highest honor, the Golden Eaglet Award. After moving to California, she was a leader and a trainer for 30 years with the Girl Scouts.

While raising her children, she volunteered with the Amador Valley High School Parent-Teacher Association and was named an honorary life member in 1967. She was active with the PTA throughout her girls' education. She also was honored by Rainbow for her service and led a variety of charitable activities in Pleasanton.

After graduating from high school, she attended and graduated from the Palmer School of Business in Scranton. She worked as a secretary in Scranton and, after relocating to Pleasanton, worked for 24 years as a church secretary at what is now Centerpointe Presbyterian Church.

During her childhood, Ed lived a few houses down the

street. He was six years her senior. They married on July 4, 1942 while he was on leave from the U.S. Army during World War II.

After the war, they moved to California in 1950 because Ed's profession as a surveyor was no fun during the harsh Pennsylvania winters. A couple of years later, Ed went to work for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and worked for nearly 30 years before retiring.

They enjoyed a long life together in retirement, taking many cruises and vacations. Arline's favorite cruises were in the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska.

One of their favorite hobbies was square dancing. Their square dancing club refurbished the second floor of the barn on the Golden Eagle Ranch when it was owned by Walter S. Johnson. It's now the gated Golden Eagle community. They also volunteered as docents at the Museum on Main.

She was a long-time member of the Presbyterian Women. After moving to Tracy, she enjoyed lunch on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Charline Whitaker (David) of Stockton and Jerry Lynn Rocha (Danny) of Tracy, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family prefers contributions to Presbyterian Women Memorial Fund at Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton, 94566.

Burial will be next to her husband at the San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine.

Lily Ann Dowdall Joberg

Jan. 17, 1923-Aug. 23, 2012

Lily Ann Dowdall Joberg died August 23, 2012 at the home of her daughter, June

Kowallis of Providence, Utah. She was 89.

She was born in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, the only child of William and Pauline Reynolds Dowdall.

She spent her childhood in Morrison, Illinois, and much of her adulthood in the Bay Area of California. She met Elgin A. Joberg and was married on February 14, 1945 in San Francisco. They were blessed with three children, June Joberg Kowallis (Rodney) of Providence, Utah; Jeanne Joberg Brown (Doyle) of Moses Lake, Washington; and David Joberg of Walnut Creek, California.

She lived in Pleasanton, CA for 49 years, where she raised her children and attended the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elgin, a granddaughter, Ann Marie Kowallis and a grandson, Kelsey G. Brown. She leaves behind her twelve grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. on August 31, 2012 at the Grove Hill Cemetery in Morrison, Illinois. Prior to the graveside service, a viewing will take place at the Bosma-Renkes Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until noon, for all those who wish to pay their respects.

Donations in memory of Lily Ann can be made to the Las Trampas School, Inc. for the Handicapped, 3460 Lana Lane, Lafayette, CA 94649.

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Harvest Wine Celebration: A Chance To Impress

by Laura Ness

Labor Day weekend in the Bay Area brings two things with great regularity: plenty of heat and Livermore Valley's Harvest Wine Celebration. This year, the Livermore Valley is celebrating the 31st year of this tradition, with a few new twists.

This year, the main event will be Sunday September 2, the only day the buses will run. Monday, September 3, will be reserved for more intimate celebrations at each of the participating wineries. There are no single-day tickets this year: each ticket is good for one or both days, and tickets are required for admission. Harvest Wine Celebration goes from noon til 5 p.m. both days.

Harvest Wine Celebration is an opportunity for wineries to hone their elevator pitches and get their messaging in shape. For consumers, it's an opportunity to be escorted to places they might not have visited since last year at this time. They're certainly going to want to enjoy the latest and greatest wines, not stuff that's over the hill. Please, people, for goodness sakes, do not use this as an occasion to pour the plonk you're trying to get rid of: such an event is meant to showcase the best the region has to offer. There's nothing that reinforces negative impressions more effectively than a couple of stinker wines in a row, and believe me, I've experienced this too many times at this festival. There's just no excuse for it any longer. This is absolutely not the time to be offering bargain basement prices on wines, especially if you're pouring at Wente or Concannon: it only exacerbates that deadly association of Livermore with cheap, inferior wine. Hold those blowout sales in the privacy of your own winery if you must.

Finally, Livermore has risen to a new level of recognition. It behooves all wineries that want to be taken seriously to up their game. The future of the region very much depends on sustaining and building upon the hard-won reputation for dramatic improvement in quality: now is not the time to give people an ounce of inferiority with which to douse the flames now brightly burning in Livermore's torch. We must get past the lame apologies and damning with faint praise that has become the hallmark of the wine press in writing even the most tenuously positive pieces about the region's truly impressive wine offerings.

Until everybody puts their best foot forward, the reputation of the entire region remains tenuous. Remember, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

Remember that this festival brings many who only come out to Livermore for

events like this one. Although many are just coming to drink, others are looking for those new experiences and great new wines that will bring them back, perhaps with their friends, to enjoy your unique brand of wine country hospitality at their leisure.

Monday is a great time to be creative and show off what makes your winery particularly special. Some of the Monday-only events include:

- Bottle your own wine at Cedar Mountain Winery, el Sol Winery and Eckert Estate Winery. Be responsible recyclers, and bring your own bottles.

- Big White House & John Evan Cellars: Aroma bar and sensory education—discover the aromas of different wine varietals. Stick your nose into something really interesting and you may learn something new.

- el Sol Winery: Beekeeping demonstrations. See what the buzz is all about behind one of America's fastest-growing backyard hobbies.

- Mitchell Katz Winery: Barrel tasting for a nominal fee. Peer into the future of adolescent wine and see what those teens are going to taste like when they grow up.

- Steven Kent/La Rochelle: Flights from both Steven Kent and La Rochelle will be available. Complimentary for SK/LR club members and 2012 Harvest Wine Celebration participants with a wristband and glass. \$10 General Public. Both the Reserve Room and the Patio will be closed due to Harvest Wine Celebration.

Wineries hosting Harvest Wine Celebration festivities at their tasting room locations on Sunday:

Bent Creek Winery, Big White House, Cedar Mountain Winery, Charles R Vineyards, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine Winery, Cuda Ridge Wines, Darcie Kent Vineyards, Eagle Ridge

Vineyard (available by car only—not on shuttle route), Eckert Estate Winery, Fenestra Winery, Garre' Vineyard & Winery, John Evan Cellars, La Rochelle Winery, Las Positas Vineyards, Longevity Wines, McGrail Vineyards and Winery (available by car only—not on shuttle route), Mitchell Katz Winery, Nottingham Cellars, Occasio Winery, Retzlaff Estate Winery, Rios-Lovell, The Singing Winemaker, The Steven Kent Winery, Stony Ridge Winery, Tamas Estates, Wente Vineyards Estate Winery, White Crane Winery and Wood Family Vineyards.

Wineries pouring at Concannon Vineyard on Sunday ONLY:

Auburn James (closed Monday), Bodegas Aguirre Winery, Darcie Kent Vineyards, En Garde, Page Mill Winery, Rodrigue Molyneux and Thomas Coyne Winery (closed Monday).

Wineries pouring at Wente Vineyards on Tesla Road on Sunday ONLY are:

el Sol Winery, Elliston Vineyards, Les Chênes Estate Vineyards, Little Valley Winery,

Murrieta's Well, Tamas Estates and Westover Vineyards & Winery.

For the region, the Harvest Wine Festival an opportunity to showcase the steady and fantastic progress the wines have made, especially over the last five years. It's the time to collectively recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of the winemakers who have gone the extra mile to show what can be done here in this Valley. And, it's another opportunity for everyone to make the very best wine they can: Mother Nature seems to be in a cooperative mood this year, so make the most of her fickle generosity.

The event is hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. For ticket and event information, go to www.LVwine.org.

Pleasanton Accepting Applications for Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee

Applications are currently being accepted for Pleasanton's Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is intended to be a significant planning tool to help the city plan for the changing scope of recreational activities. As such it will summarize themes, trends and community priorities, assess available resources, review existing and anticipated demographic conditions and provide strategies for parks, recreation programs and open space needs.

To serve on the Steering Committee and assist with the master planning process, the City Council is seeking

two (2) Parents-At-Large representatives from the community who currently have a child or children attending pre-school, elementary school, middle school and/or high school. All applicants shall be residents of the city of Pleasanton and willing to attend at least one or two meetings per month for a period of six to nine months. The City seeks committee members who are able to do background reading and research, work collaboratively, and strive for clear communication, a balanced perspective and inclusion of a wide range of viewpoints.

Interested parties should submit completed applica-



Dr. Ricardo Aguirre, winemaker and owner of Bodegas Aguirre Winery, takes his granddaughter, Victoria, for a ride through the vineyards. The winery will be taking part in the annual Harvest Wine Celebration this weekend.

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of how the grapes arrived in Livermore. She said that her great grandfather was a member of the first graduating class at UC Davis. One of the professors came from France. The professor noted that the 'great white grape of Burgundy' was not grown in California. He offered to provide cuttings, pointing out that Livermore has the perfect climate and soil for the grapes to thrive. The cuttings were provided and planted. Now, 100 years later, Wente Vineyards continues to grow Chardonnay. Carolyn Wente noted that there are over 100,000 acres planted in Chardonnay in California. Eighty percent of them are from the Wente Clone.

In discussing the upcoming harvest, Wente said, "The weather has been idyllic. This should be a great harvest. We hope to finish the harvest before Mother Nature lets loose with rain."

The harvest of the Chardonnay vineyard is expected to start in three to four weeks.

The grapes at McGrail Vineyards will be harvested sooner. Winemaker Mark

Clarín said that the plan is to start picking Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay next week. He stated, "It will be a spectacular harvest of both red and white grapes. The weather has been perfect, warm in the spring and warm in the summer. Grapes like what people like, 85 degrees during the day and 55 degrees at night."

According to the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association, in 2010 and 2011, a wet spring and cool summer pushed the harvest back about a month and with picking well into November. This year has been a more typical growing season. The harvest begins in late August and should finish before Halloween.

Two members of the clergy were on hand to officiate at the blessing. The blessing is a centuries-old ceremony practiced by many religions to honor the vineyards, the grapes and the people who make the annual harvest a reality.

First Presbyterian Senior Pastor Steve Wilde talked about the rain entering into the roots and changing into wine. "Much goes into grapes that is outside our control. We plant. We labor. Ultimately it is God who makes it work."

Wilde and Rabbi David Katz of Congregation Beth Emek both quoted Ben Franklin as saying, "Wine is sure proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

Katz noted that all Jews know and recite the prayer, "Thank you God, who creates the fruit of the vine."

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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/06/2012.
Signature of Registrants: s/ Bradley A. Hertz - President/COO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 26, 2012. Expires July 26, 2017.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 467250

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This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: s/ Robert Brandes
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Signature of Registrants: s/ Dayna Ochse
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The Independent Legal No. 3292. Published August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 468236

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Signature of Registrants: s/ Robert Brandes
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3293. Published August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2012.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 467428
The following person(s) doing business as: www.MOMSPHONEBOOK.COM, 5693 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): MOMSPHONEBOOK, INC, 5693 Arlene Way, Livermore, CA 94550
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 29, 2012.
Signature of Registrants: s/ Joseph A. Barton, President
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 467453

The following person(s) doing business as: Harrys Auto Repair, 183 Wyoming Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Harrys Automotive, Inc, 183 Wyoming Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed

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above on July 1, 2011.
Signature of Registrants: Harry Napier, President
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: August 13, 2012
To Whom It May Concern: The Names(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: **WINGMAN AND ASSOCIATES INC**
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 468269
The following person(s) doing business as: Details, 1145 Hillcrest Court, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christa Robbins, 1145 Hillcrest Court, Livermore, CA 94550
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: Christa Robbins, Wedding and Event Planner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 7, 2012. Expires August 7, 2017.
The Independent Legal No. 3302. Published August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2012.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
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The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
Signature of Registrants: Gregory J. Lynch
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 22, 2012. Expires August 22, 2017.
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Update on Tri-Valley Real Estate Market

By Cher Wollard
Last summer, when Jim was looking for a townhouse to purchase, his agent showed him several units each week until he finally settled on a 2-bedroom, 2-bath tri-level in Dublin. The asking price was \$325,000, but he got it for \$317,000.
This year, two units of the same model, listed for \$350,000 and \$359,950, each went pending after less than a week on the MLS.
David Stark, public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtor, spoke recently to the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore, outlining the state of the current market compared to last summer. The Twitter summary: Prices trending up; inventory way down; multiple offers abound.
Let's look at some specific facts and figures:
There are far fewer single family homes on the market now than a year ago. In July 2011, there were 226 Livermore houses listed on the Multiple Listing Service. (The MLS includes most resale properties listed by Realtors, as well as some new homes that are move-in ready.)
This July there were 92 houses on the MLS in Livermore, a number that has held fairly steady all summer, representing a drop of 59 percent.
In Pleasanton, there were 200 single family resales in July 2011, compared with 74 a year later—a whopping 63 percent decline.
Dublin, which has fewer houses to begin with, has seen a 13 percent drop, from 52 last year to 45 this year.
Despite the lower inventory, sales have held fairly steady:
• Livermore, 84 to 87, a 4 percent increase
• Pleasanton, 61 to 69, a 13 percent increase
• Dublin, 32 to 30, a 6 percent decline
The market for condominiums and townhouses tells an even more dramatic story.
In July 2011, Livermore had 28 active and 10 sold properties in this category. This July, there were 17 sold and 13 active. Far more condos and townhouses have been built in Pleasanton and, especially, Dublin, so the numbers are higher there, but tell a similar story.
Lower inventory with continued demand means more competition among buyers to purchase the homes that are available.
This is why prices have been increasing, most notably in Livermore, where the median sales price for single family homes has climbed from \$412,500 to \$480,000, an increase of 13 percent year-to-year. Prices in Dublin have fallen slightly, \$642,500 to \$638,900 – a change of -1 percent; Pleasanton has inched up 5 percent, from \$745,000 to \$785,000.
The market for condos is more erratic. Because there are fewer units, each sale impacts the statistics more heavily. Still, the overall picture is similar – prices increasing strongly in Livermore; a little less in Dublin and Pleasanton, where prices were already fairly high.
Troubled Properties
Foreclosures are down throughout California, but distressed properties – bank owned and short sales – continue to be a strong segment of the resale market.
In Livermore, distressed sales account for 43 percent of sales of single family homes from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. In Dublin, it's 41 percent of the total and in Pleasanton, 20 percent.
Such sales create a drag on prices overall.
Distressed properties generally sell for less than homes sold as regular sales. There are several reasons for this:
• Short sale and bank-owned properties are often not in good condition. Homeowners who can't afford to pay the mortgage probably cannot afford to spend money on home maintenance either.
• Many buyers don't want the hassle of dealing with short sales, which can take much longer to close than traditional sales. Even with bank-owned properties, the houses are sometimes difficult to get in to see. The listing agent may be out-of-area. They are less likely to hold open houses.
• A larger percentage of distressed properties are in the lower price ranges. Owners of lower priced homes are more likely to have purchased with little or no money down, perhaps stretching to get into their first home, and so have less cushion when times get tough. This lower base price point also brings down the median price.
Over the past year, Livermore's median price for "normal" (i.e. not distressed) single family home sales has been \$465,000. For short sales it's \$370,000; for bank-owned, \$330,000.
Dublin's median price for "normal" is \$665,000; for short sales, it's \$543k; for bank-owned, \$428,250.
In Pleasanton, the median price for non-distressed single family homes is \$747,500; short sales and bank-owned properties have median prices of \$615,000 and \$530,000, respectively.
For condos and townhouses, the differences are even starker.
In Livermore, 63 percent of the condos and townhouses sold during the past year have been distressed sales. While the median sales price for all such properties was \$290,000, the median sales price for short sales was \$237,250 and for bank-owned it was \$187,500.
In Dublin, 67 percent of resales of condos and townhouses in Dublin during this time period were either short sales or bank owned. Median prices ranged from \$350,000 for regular sales; to \$310,000 for short sales and \$320,000 for bank-owned properties.
In Pleasanton, where 53 percent of condo and townhome resales were distressed sales, the difference in prices is dramatic: \$370,000 median price for regular sales, \$243,000 for short sales and \$240,000 for bank-owned properties.
This segment has struggled.
In addition to the same problems buyers and sellers of single family residences experienced last year, consumers trying to buy or sell condos faced other obstacles.
Financing is generally harder to obtain for condos and townhouses. Not only must the buyer qualify for the mortgage, but the unit itself and even the development must qualify for most types of financing.
Factors such as too many non-owner occupied units or too many units in which the HOA fees are in arrears make lenders uneasy, and so can nix the deal.
In Livermore, several developments also had to contend with litigation. This has since been resolved, but while it was ongoing, only all-cash buyers could purchase these units.
So during the last year, much of the condo and townhouse market has been in the hands of buyers who can bring a large amount of cash to the transaction.
Where's the Money Coming From?
The use of conventional financing has increased significantly — by 31 percent. At the same time, FHA financing — popular over the past few years with first-time homebuyers — has fallen 8 percent. This may be in part because FHA financing has become more expensive, so buyers who have the funds and the good credit scores necessary to purchase with a conventional mortgage are more likely to do so.
Cash is king. A hefty 9 percent more buyers purchased with all cash.
But the biggest surprise is VA financing, which jumped 36 percent in the year.
If you are interested in learning more about the local real estate market, contact your local Realtor today.
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After Kenya, Michaela Leonard Has a New Outlook on Life

By Patricia Koning

Since returning home from a volunteer service trip to Kenya this summer, Michaela Leonard can't walk past a faucet, drinking fountain, or any other water source without remembering the "water walk" she took four days into that trip.

"We joined several mothers from the village on their daily walk to get water—about four miles round trip, carrying a 50-gallon container," she recalls. "It was so heavy, and the water wasn't even clean. That's when the impact of life in Kenya really struck me."

Michaela, a senior at Livermore High School, traveled to Kenya in August with a Me to We Volunteer Adventure. Me to We is social enterprise that provides people with better choices for a better world, including socially conscious and environmentally friendly clothes and accessories, as well as life-changing international volunteer trips, leadership training, a speakers bureau, and books.

Me to We supports the development work of Free the Children, a charity and educational partner that empowers youth to remove barriers that prevent them from being active local and global citizens. The organization's primary goals are to free children from poverty and exploitation and free young people from the notion that they are powerless to affect positive change in the world.

In the village of Sikirar, the main task for Michaela and 18 other volunteers was laying the foundation for a school kitchen. First they dug four feet into the ground for the structural support, made cement by hand, and



Michaela Leonard is pictured with her volunteer team in the ditch they dug. She is 5th from the right.

poured the cement for the foundation. The group also finished building a classroom and helped a construction crew assemble a roof.

The most fun, says Michaela, came when they threw cement onto the interior walls of the classroom. "We accomplished a lot," she says. "We were an all-female group. I think we surprised everyone, including ourselves, with how hard we pushed."

The group also spent time experiencing village life, taking part in daily activities like the water walk. While each mother carried her own container, the volunteers took turns carrying a single container. "I carried it for eight minutes, the longest of any of us," says Michaela. "Water is life in the village. Their daily life is driven by

the need to obtain water."

The volunteers also visited other projects by Free the Children, including the Baraka Health Centre. They met with women's and men's groups that are earning income from artisan projects. Another highlight of Michaela's trip was meeting Craig Kielburger, founder of Free the Children and Me to We.

Michaela's journey to Kenya began many years ago, the summer after she finished eighth grade. After learning about Free the Children on the Oprah Winfrey show, her mother sent her to the program's Take Action Leadership Academy in Palo Alto.

"After attending camp, I felt guilty for not appreciating everything I have," she

says. "I've been given the right to an education while children in other countries have to struggle just to survive."

It was then that Michaela decided she wanted to go to Africa, a wish that was reaffirmed when she attended another Take Action Leadership Academy the following summer. Then she entered high school and as she puts it, became distracted from her goals of helping needy children overseas.

"I became fixated on social things happening at school. I had some family problems too and really lost myself," she says. "I became depressed."

At the start of her junior year of high school, Michaela's mom decided to send her on a Me to We trip to Kenya that summer. Michaela was no longer interested. "I fought her every step of the way," she says. "I didn't want to leave, I was afraid of being away from my friends, I was afraid I'd lose them. But of course my mom was right. She's my idol."

Michaela left Africa feeling deeply satisfied with the work she accomplished in the village, but hungering for more. She's already planning to go on a Me to We Volunteer Adventure in Ecuador next summer. She'd like to study health education in college and work for Free the Children after she graduates.

To learn more about Free the Children, visit www.savethechildren.org. To learn more about Me to We, visit www.metowe.com.

SHORT NOTES

Volunteer for Cleanup

Volunteers are needed to join in the East Bay Regional Park District's share of the state's largest volunteer event, the 28th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2012.

Participants will help to rid the shoreline of trash and debris, as well as recyclable materials. Of particular concern is the plastic refuse that collects along the shore because of its detrimental effect on the wildlife. In 2011, 4,121 volunteers collected 52,288 lbs. (23.15 tons) of garbage at 16 sites.

Volunteers may choose among nine staging areas in the two counties where cleanup crews may assemble. These are:

- Alameda County
 - Del Valle Regional Park at the end of Del Valle Park Road in Livermore
 - Hayward Regional Shoreline Park at the end of West Winton Avenue in Hayward
 - Damon Marsh off Oakport Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Park in Oakland
 - Crown Memorial State Beach off intersection of Park Street and Shoreline Drive in Alameda

New this year, participants in the statewide event will be on the lookout for debris that may wash up as a result of the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. A data card will be available at selected beaches to collect information about items that could potentially indicate tsunami debris.

The workday will last from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Volunteers should wear work clothes, gloves, and sturdy shoes and should bring snacks. Please bring a bucket to collect debris and reduce our dependence on plastic bags. While beverages will be provided, volunteers are encouraged to bring their own refillable bottles for water.

Organizations working with the Park District to stage the event include the California Department of Fish and Game, Fish and Wildlife Services, Civicorps, Friends of the Franklin Hills, Friends of Alhambra Creek, Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed, Hayward Area Recreation District, the Watershed Project, and Save the Bay.

To volunteer or to obtain more information, call 1-888-327-2757, option 2, or go to www.ebparks.org. Ages 6+ may participate.

Relaxed Focus

Jane Malmgren, from Upward Path Hypnosis, will offer a free seminar on Relaxed Focus at the Pleasanton Public Library at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Aug. 30. Relaxed Focus is both a physical concept and a mental one—a relaxed mind can maximize productivity. A relaxed muscle outperforms a tense muscle, and a relaxed mind outperforms a tense mind.

Jane Malmgren M.A. has taught Public Speaking at California State University, East Bay, facilitated job search workshops at ProNet, the Fremont Chapter of Experience Unlimited, and given numerous talks to community groups on communication issues. She is the founder of Upward Path Hypnosis, an organization that provides motivational coaching to help people discover ways to perform at their best. For more information, please contact Jane at 510-828-0442.

This free program will be held

in the Pleasanton Library's meeting room. No registration is required. Come early to find parking and ensure a seat.

For more info regarding the program call Jane Malmgren at 510-828-0442.

Prostate Cancer

San Ramon Regional Medical Center invites the community to a free community seminar, "Prostate Cancer in 2012—Advanced Diagnosis and Treatment Options," on Thursday, September 13, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The seminar will be held in the South Conference Room in the South Building located on the hospital campus at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

The speakers will be K. Kenneth Chao, M.D., radiation oncologist; C. Charles Wen, M.D., urologist; Lisa Berman, MSPT, CLT, certified lymphedema therapist.

The physicians will discuss advanced research on the risks, diagnosis, and treatments for prostate cancer. Learn about PSA tests, biopsies, watchful waiting (active surveillance), and advanced treatment options, including robotic and minimally invasive surgery, radiation treatment, and brachytherapy (radioactive seed implantation) now available at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. The physical therapist will discuss treatment for lymphedema.

Space is limited. Reservations are required. Please call 800.284.2878 or visit "Urology Disorders" on Find an Event on www.OurSanRamonHospital.com.

Adult Education

Livermore Adult Community Education is registering students for the following programs:

English as a Second Language, starts 9/4/12; Adult High School Diploma, call for information; GED Orientation Seminar, last Wed. of each month 6:00 pm; Body Elements YOGA, starts 9/10 & 9/12; MS Excel 2010, starts 9/17; Windows 7, starts 9/18; Beg. Workplace

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Energize for the Prize

StopWaste.Org has announced new incentives for its school fundraiser, Energize for the Prize, during the 2012-2013 school year. Alameda County schools and school organizations can earn up to \$50,000 through a new reward structure that gives schools and homeowners more ways to participate and raise money.

Each participating Alameda County school receives \$250 for every home that performs an energy upgrade, and a new "upgrade three, get one free" bonus provides \$1,000 for every three energy upgrades.

The contest is open to all K-12 public and private schools in Alameda County, as well as school-related 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations such as PTAs and education foundations.

Schools and school organizations can learn more about how to participate in Energize for the Prize by contacting an Energize for the Prize Outreach Coordinator at (510) 891-6528 or visiting EnergizeForThePrize.org.

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Larry Carlton

Grammy Award Winning Guitarist Performance to Anchor Guitar Fest

An evening performance by four-time Grammy Award-winning guitarist Larry Carlton at the Bankhead Theater will anchor the weekend event, Guitar Fest LIVE! this September.

Considered one of the most accomplished, admired and imitated guitarists in the world, Carlton's name may not be universally known but his sleek and sophisticated sound has been heard by virtually everyone. In addition to 20 solo albums, Carlton's distinctive guitar has been heard on more than 100 gold records with everyone from Barbara Streisand and Joni Mitchell, to Dolly Parton and Michael Jackson. His legendary contribution to

Steely Dan's "Kid Charlemagne" has been called one of the most influential guitar solos of all time.

Tickets to see the Larry Carlton Trio on Saturday evening, September 15th at 8:00 p.m. range from \$35 to \$52 for adults and \$14 for students.

From his first guitar lessons at the age of six, Carlton was taught not only how to play the instrument but how to read music as well. He developed a well-rounded musical background, trying the trumpet in high school, playing French horn in college, and singing in the choir, but his first love was always guitar. His par-

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Blues Harmonica Blowout Back by Popular Demand

The Firehouse Arts Center will host Lee Oskar Harmonicas presents Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout featuring Lee Oskar, James Harman, Kenny Neal & Little Charlie on Sunday, September 16, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Inspired by the Chicago school of blues, Mark Hummel and his band, Blues Survivors, have been instrumental in shaping a new musical genre, adding elements of jump blues and rock and roll to create their own brand of West Coast blues music. Hummel returns to the Firehouse Arts Center to deliver

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Mark Hummel

Howie Day Brings His Pop Rock Show to the Firehouse

Pop-Rock artist Howie Day will bring his one-man show to the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton. The Wed., Sept. 19 performance will highlight songs from his third album, "Sound the Alarm."

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Known for his one-man shows, Day connects with humor, charm, talented songwriting and a warm tenor voice that "soars into fluttering, high registers, but also grates with real, pleading grit."

Born and raised in Brewer, Maine, Day began to play music at age five when his mother bought a piano at an auction. When she noticed



Howie Day

that her son was able to play television advertising jingles by ear, she enrolled him in piano lessons. Approximately a dozen years later, in the late 1990s, Day began his career as a solo artist in lieu of attending college. He became known for his extensive touring and in-concert use of samplers and effects pedals in order to accompany himself. He self-financed and self-released his first album, "Australia," in 2000.

"Sound the Alarm" is Day's third full-length album. To gain his desired range of sounds and moods, he recorded in a variety of locations, including Los Angeles, New York City, London, Minneapolis, and

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Program Focuses on Women Artists

Artist and educator Marlene Aron will present the program *Five Fabulous Women Artists of the 1800s* at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event.

View over eighty slides of the art of five women artists of Paris in the 1800's: Mary Cassatt, Berthe Morisot, Marie Bracquemond, Eva Gonzales, and Camille Claudel.

These women, with their paintings, prints, drawings and sculpture, were among the leading avant-garde artists of their day, creating work that was strong, beautiful, delicate and personal. They exhibited in the Paris Salon and the World Exposition in Paris — three of them alongside Pissarro, Monet, Degas, Renoir, Cezanne and Sisley in the first Impressionist exhibitions in the mid-1870's. The work of sculptor Camille Claudel was of such strength and imagination, it was unrivaled by anyone during her time. Rodin said of Claudel: "Her work is as good as mine!"

Aron is an artist, educator and published poet. She was educated in The Netherlands at the Vrije Academie voor Beeldende Kunsten and in the United States, receiving her Master of Fine Arts degree from California College of the Arts. Her work is in the permanent collection of the Butler Institute of American Art and has been featured in *Sculpture* magazine. Ms. Aron taught art and art history and has given lectures, workshops and courses on Van Gogh for fifteen years in universities, museums, libraries, art centers, retirement homes and private schools.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, go to www.livermorelibrary.net.

Season Opens with Cirque Chinois

The sixth season of LVPAC Presents will open with a performance of "Cirque Chinois" by the National Circus of the People's Republic of China on September 14, 2012.

The show includes feats of balance, juggling, contortion, and a gravity-defying ability to fly across the stage. "Cirque Chinois" arrives on the Bankhead stage for one performance only on Friday evening, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. Student tickets for this family-friendly show are \$14 with adult tickets ranging from \$39 to \$62.

Founded nearly six decades ago, the National Circus of the People's Republic of China is one of the longest running and most distinguished circus troupes in China. They have earned worldwide acclaim with over twenty gold and silver awards. Considered innovators in the world of circus companies, they have perfected such acts as the grand flying trapeze, giant teeterboard, group contortions, as well as a variety of balancing acts incorporating bowls, chairs, poles and bicycles. The National Circus of the People's Republic of China's contribution to the world circus society is extensive.

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his trademark harmonica sound accompanied by Lee Oskar, James Harman, Kenny Neal and Little Charlie.

Mark Hummel calls himself a road warrior, a true Blues Survivor. During his evolution as a musician, he has crafted his own signature harmonica sound, which fea-



Their early focus on shifting emphasis away from animal acts to dramatic human physical performance, influenced the pioneers of the now well-known "Cirque du Soleil" who sought coaching from them in these special skills during the 1980s. The company has toured eighty countries around the world and, although they have

performed in the U.S. in the past, the "Cirque Chinois" tour is their first full coast-to-coast tour of the country.

Chinese circus is a culturally-treasured art form with roots that date back many centuries to early Chinese folk entertainment. As circus feats grew in popularity, they were adopted for Imperial performances where

they became increasingly intricate and complex. The ancient Chinese called the circus "the show of a hundred tricks." As it was then, the circus is still largely a family tradition with skills and expertise passed from generation to generation. Training may begin as early as four, with most students learning basic skills by the time they are eight years old. Public performance does not typically begin until the mid-teens.

The many circus and acrobatic troupes of China are regarded with respect and admiration for their tremendous skills.

LVPAC Presents features performers in music, dance and other performing arts across a wide range of musical styles and genres throughout the year. Now in its sixth season, the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center remains dedicated to making the performing arts accessible for young people, encouraging family attendance by offering \$14 student tickets for most performances.

Other family-focused events in the coming season include the physical comedy of Avner the Eccentric and a special Saturday morning

show featuring the children's music and lively stage antics of former alternative rocker Dan Zanes and Friends.

Following "Cirque Chinois," the Bankhead Theater and downtown Livermore will come alive with the fourth annual Guitar Fest LIVE! a celebration of all things guitar. New this year will be an acoustic guitar competition to be held at Artistic Edge on Sunday, September 16. Four time Grammy Award-winning guitarist Larry Carlton will appear in the Bankhead Theater on Saturday evening, September 15 at 8:00 p.m. The two-day festival will include free guitar clinics, displays of new guitar gear, and live music both in the outdoor amphitheater on the Bankhead plaza and at Blacksmith Square across the street from the theater.

Tickets for "Cirque Chinois" on September 14th, The Larry Carlton Trio on September 15, as well as all performances in the 2012-2013 LVPAC Presents season are available now at the Bankhead Theater box office or online at www.bankhead-theater.org

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

tures a subtle combination of tone, phrasing and attack combined with a strong sense of swing. Since 1991, he has produced the Blues Harmonica Blowout™ series, which continues to draw sellout crowds nationwide. The list of band members is called a "Who's Who of

Blues Harp History" and includes James Cotton, Charlie Musselwhite, Magic Dick, Jerry Portnoy, Rick Estrin, Lee Oskar, Curtis Salgado, Billy Boy Arnold, Johnny Dyer, Watermelon Slim, Kenny Neal, and James Harman.

Tickets are adult \$20, \$25 and \$30; child: \$12. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.firehouse-arts.org up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse

Arts Center Box Office. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12 noon-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and for two hours prior to the performance. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.



Jill Denton created the cover for this year's Harvest Wine Celebration program.

She is an artist, interior designer, Realtor and in her own words, "dabbles in wine."

Denton stated she always wanted to paint but "couldn't draw a stick figure." Then two years ago, a friend presented her with an easel, canvases, some paint and told her, "Go paint." That made her wonder, "what could I possibly paint?". She decided on a tree. When it was finished she noticed, "My tree has curves. It's a girl." She added a pearl necklace and named her "Esine Eira." "Many fell in love with my art and encouraged me to continue painting."

Now 35 paintings later, Denton has created an entire forest of curvy trees, each with its own feminine charm. "Typically, I don't know their name until I'm finished." Sometimes

Art a Mixture of Surrealism and Figurative with a Dash of Whimsy and Mysticism

the name may not occur to her at all. In that case, she consults friends, family and posts the picture on Facebook. "People make name recommendations based upon who they see in my art. Some of the names are meaningful to me, some to others." "Like" her on Facebook (JillDenton-Artist) and maybe you can help her name one in the future.

"Sarafina" is the name of the grape tree that graces the cover of the Harvest Wine Celebration Magazine. Denton believes many of her paintings would also look great on wine bottles. Steven Kent Winery agrees and plans to use one of Denton's "girls" on a 2013 Artist Series Label. She said, "Scarlet would look good on a merlot and Bella Luna would be fantastic on late harvest riesling."

One tree, "Della," inspired one Facebook friend to compose a song. She said, "Della is a weeping willow. Her leaves are tears. She weeps yet she stands tall, is strong, nurturing, beautiful . . . she's a mother."

None of her paintings are based on actual trees. They are products of her imagination. "The idea just happened and I ran with it. They are unique colorful female trees and people are drawn to them. Some people see they're feminine by nature right away, others take time." Her favorite moment is when they get



it and say to her "they're female trees."

Denton has had no formal art training. She says she is learning how to create depth, light, dark and shading on her own. Her palette ranges from vivid, hot reds and yellows, to cooling, calm greens and blues. She uses acrylics to work in pointillism, a technique of painting in which small, distinct dots of pure color are applied in patterns to form an image. She says her style has been

described as a mixture of surrealism and figurative with a dash of whimsy and mysticism.

Denton said, "I have fun. Painting makes me happy. I hope when you view my art you'll fall in love with my paintings. They'll free your mind, open your heart and take root in your soul."

For more information about Jill Denton and how to purchase her artwork, visit her website www.jilldenton.com

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Diane Lang (at right) is the author of 'Vulture Verses.' She will be at the Pleasanton Library on Sept. 8.



Meet the Author of 'Vulture Verses' at the Pleasanton Library

Local children's author and naturalist Diane Lang visits the Pleasanton Library on Saturday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m. Lang is a familiar presence as a wildlife educator at Walnut Creek's Lindsay Wildlife Museum and the Sulphur Creek Nature Center in Hayward.

Inspired by her work with all sorts of creatures – especially the often overlooked ugly, creepy, crawly sorts -- she has recently released her first book, *Vulture Verses: Love Poems for the Unloved*, a beautifully illustrated picture book that sings the praises of all those yucky but important animals that play such key roles in the natural world.

She will introduce her book and share her experiences both as a wildlife docent and a first-time children's author. Meet her pet tarantula as well as a few other special wild animal friends. No registration is required for this free event, which is recommended for ages 5 and older. Event co-sponsor Towne Center Books will have *Vulture Verses* on hand for purchase and autographing.

For more information on this and other library events, please visit the library's website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library, or call (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

The fifth season of Livermore's Rae Dorrough Speakers Series will begin with television and screen actress, Markie Post.

Talks are presented at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. They begin at 7:30 p.m. All talks are followed by a question period and a reception in the Bankhead Theater lobby for speaker and audience.

Series season subscriptions offer several advantages: discounted tickets and the opportunity to attend a special evening with LLNL's resident Astronauts "Destination: Space Station and Beyond" available only to 2012-13 series subscribers.

Series of four lectures plus the special astronauts' event is \$100; individual lectures \$30, students 21 and under \$14.

Markie Post will be featured on Wed., Sept. 19. Her theme will be Fact or Fiction? My Life in Hollywood. She is best known for her roles as bail bonds-woman Terri Michaels in *The Fall Guy* on ABC from

1982 to 1985, as public defender Christine Sullivan on the NBC sitcom *Night Court* from 1985 to 1992, and as Georgie Anne Lahti Hartman on the CBS sitcom *Hearts Afire* from 1992 to 1995. She offers intriguing insights into a career in Hollywood. She is the daughter of Livermore scientist, Richard Post. Youtube

Ed Larson is next up on Oct. 25. His topic will be Scott, Amundsen, and Science: The Unequal Race for the South Pole. In a sensational "race" that captured the world's attention 100 years ago, teams led by Roald Amundsen and Robert Scott became the first to reach the South Pole. Amundsen won this "race" in part because Scott's expedition was burdened with an extensive scientific program. Pulitzer Prize winning historian Edward Larson retells this story in light of Scott's science and Amundsen's focus. Larson's recent book on science in the heroic age of Antarctic exploration, "An Empire of Ice," was a finalist for Britain's

prestigious Hessel-Tiltman Prize in 2012. Youtube

On Nov. 28, Francis Slakey will talk on *To The Last Breath: A Personal Quest*. Scientist, author, adventurer, Francis Slakey set out to summit the highest mountain on every continent and to surf every ocean. He found this not only tested his physical limits, but also challenged his long-held intellectual beliefs and inspired a new understanding of human interdependence. Slakey is the Upjohn Lecturer on Physics and Public Policy at Georgetown University and an Associate Director of Public Affairs at the American Physical Society, where his focus is the intersection of science and society.

Elizabeth Blackburn will discuss *Aging, Cancer & Stress* at a Feb. 11 lecture. Nobel Laureate Elizabeth Blackburn investigates the roles of telomeres, the specialized ends of chromosomes, and of telomerase, the enzyme that repairs telomeres. Her awards include

being named as one of Time magazine's 100 "Most Influential People in the World" in 2007, and the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 2009. She served on the Presidential Bioethics Committee and is Past President of the American Society for Cancer Research.

Local astronauts Tammy Jernigan and Jeff Wisoff will discuss *Destination: Space Station and Beyond* at the March 27 lecture. Two former NASA astronauts, now at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, share their spaceflight experiences: building the International Space Station, conducting spacewalks, and living in space. With video and photographs, they will take you through a mission from Shuttle launch to docking with the International Space Station to returning home again.

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

LARRY CARLTON

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ents were supportive of his music; still a middle school student when he got his first gig with a local band, his mother drove him to the club and sat through all his sets. He played in bands throughout school, after which his various gigs led to session work, allowing him to make the leap to professional guitarist without ever holding another job.

Carlton's passion for the guitar has proved indomitable. In 1988 he was the victim of a random street shooting at his studio in Los Angeles, suffering the loss of his left vocal cord and significant nerve damage in his neck, leaving him temporarily unable to use his left arm. After nearly a year of rehabilitation, he began to

be able to finger the guitar strings and his determination to recover his abilities led him forward.

Carlton participated in more than 3000 sessions both before and while establishing his equally successful solo career. Carlton has been nominated for numerous Grammy Awards, winning his first of four for the "Hill Street Blues" theme song in 1981. In addition to working with Steely Dan, he contributed to Joni Mitchell's classic album *Court and Spark* and numerous others with such artists as Quincy Jones, Herb Alpert, Linda Ronstadt, and Michael McDonald with whom he won his second Grammy for the song "Minute by Minute." Carlton brought

his unmistakable style to The Crusaders in the 1970s and to contemporary jazz band Fourplay in the 1990s. *Guitar Player* magazine honored Carlton with their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. Carlton is now helping to cultivate a new generation of guitarists, offering interactive lessons on his website that demonstrate his techniques. Throughout his career, Carlton's dedication to his music has always been a clear reflection of the philosophy he once articulated in an interview with *Premier Guitar*: "Play what you love."

The fourth annual LVPAC Guitar Fest LIVE! in downtown Livermore begins Friday evening September 14th with a free outdoor

concert by the Volker Striffler Band on the Shea Homes stage outside the Bankhead Theater. The festival continues Saturday with performances both on the Shea stage and across the street at Blacksmith Square, free clinics at ABC Music Store, and a showcase of guitar equipment in the Bankhead lobby culminating in the evening performance by the Larry Carlton Trio. The event closes on Sunday following the final round of the new LVPAC Acoustic Guitar Competition beginning at noon in Blacksmith Square.

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

Wide Range of Music at the Scottish Games

The musical scale at the Scottish Gathering and Games runs the full slate from the individual troubadour with guitar singing Celtic folk songs to the driving, pulsating rhythm of Celtic rock bands, and everything in between.

This abundance of musical stylizing takes place at the 147th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games over the Labor day weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Both Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2, the entertainment begins at 10:00 a.m. and continues through the final sets that begin at 4:00 p.m.

The Celtic rock "regulars" are back including the local and internationally known Tempest, Australia's Brother, the tribal sounds of Scotland's Albannach and the popular sounds of Molly's Revenge with guest Peter Daldry. Returning will be harmony of the Browne Sisters with George Cavanaugh. The Celtic ensemble of Golden Bough will share the stage with one of the world's premier rock bagpipe instrumentalists, John MacLean Allan. These groups and soloists will perform on four of the stages in 45-minute sets each, beginning on the hour.

The "new voice in town" is that of Steve McDonald, making his first appearance at the annual Scottish Highland Gathering & Games in Pleasanton. The New Zealander is that country's top selling recording artist. He joins a full lineup of traditional and Celtic Rock soloists and groups over the Labor Day weekend for the Games 147th run.

McDonald brings a different tone and brand of music to the games. To quote his



Among the performers will be Tempest (top photo) and the Browne Sisters with George Cavanaugh (lower photo).



website, "Over the course of his career, Steve McDonald has entrenched himself into the hearts of Celtic music fans worldwide. His four albums tell the story of Clan Donald amid the rich history of Scotland, and feature a mixture of Steve's original compositions and some well-loved favorites. The music is dramatic and beautiful, and is some of the most powerful and moving contemporary Celtic music you are likely to hear. His music has something for everyone."

Two stages will host the Celtic Heritage performances of the Scottish Fiddlers Rally with world famous Alasdair Fraser leading a highly charged group of fiddlers. Verlene Schermer, noted Bay Area harper and singer headlines the Celtic Harpers with harp students joining in. The Celtic Heritage includes varied groups

performing Scottish Country Dancing. Singer and balladeer John Kelly performs and Kirsty Fitch entertains with Gaelic singing.

Stage seven is hosted by Scottish balladeer Neil O'Neill throughout both days.

Saturday evening, immediately following the daily closing ceremonies at the main grandstand, the Caledonian Club of San Francisco hosts a Ceilidh, which is a Scottish party, at the Red Lion Pub on the fairgrounds. Steve McDonald will be the host, assisted by Neil O'Neill with special guest appearances by the U.S. Marine Band San Diego and the L.A. Scots Pipe Band. This evening of music is free. A tri-tip or chicken BBQ dinner is available for \$18.00 adults, \$8.00 children.

For a schedule and ticket information, go to www.caledonian.org/

Marine Band to Perform Prior to Friday Night Concert in Downtown Pleasanton

The United States Marines will invade the weekly Friday evening "Concert in the Park" on August 31 with a rousing presentation of musical fare from their Brass Party Band. The concert is presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and held at Lion Wayside Park on the corner of First and Neal Streets.

The 11 member brass band is part of the full

marching band that will take part in the 147th Scottish Highland Gathering & Games at the fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday. The musical interludes replaces the March Under the Arch that had been presented prior to the Scottish Games in past years.

The Marines will play from 6:30 to 6:55 p.m. as a prelude to the regular "Concert in the Park." Led by

Gunnery Sergeant Jonathan Bley, the band will be attired in Marine Dress Blue uniforms. Upon the completion of their stint in downtown Pleasanton they will return to the Marriott San Ramon where they will take part in the Friday Night Concert along with the L.A. Scots Grade I Pipe Band and New Zealand's top solo performer Steve McDonald.

Final First Wednesday Part Set for Sept. 5

Pleasanton First Wednesday Street Parties are coming to an end with the final event set for Wed., Sept. 5.

The 6 to 9 p.m. event is a celebration of Pleasanton and its downtown. September's featured band is Blind

Burse, performing in the beer and wine garden.

The Beer and Wine Garden where offer beer and wines from the Livermore Valley Wine Country.

Main Street will be closed from Del Valle Park-

way to Bernal Avenue from 4:30 to 10 p.m.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association sponsors First Wednesday. For information, contact the PDA at events@pleasantondowntown.net or 925.484.2199

Interfaith Program Provides 800 Backpacks and School Supplies

On the weekend of August 18, nearly 180 people prepared and delivered near-

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Bloomington, Indiana. Two songs from the album, "Be There" and "Longest Night," were used in Seasons 1 and 2 of the CW show "The Vampire Diaries."

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

ly 800 backpacks, school supplies, and shoe gift certificates to less advantaged children in Livermore. This was the 20th year the Community Interfaith Student Program, CISSP, has distributed backpacks.

At its start, CISSP was a much more modest effort – just three congregations and approximately 300 backpacks. Now it has eight congregations participating: Asbury Methodist, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Congregation Beth Emek, First Presbyterian, Holy Cross Lutheran, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic, and St. Michael's. Over these twenty years, it has distributed more than 14,000 backpacks.

A unique feature of CISSP is that it obtains nominations for children directly from the Livermore school system and from their con-

gregations. Moreover, the deliveries are made directly to the children's homes to prevent revealing their identities and embarrassing them in front of their fellow classmates. The lists of supplies for each of three grade categories, kindergarten, elementary, and middle/high school are obtained from the school system so that each child will begin school with a carefully selected, age-appropriate set of supplies.



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By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian

Hillcrest Gardens: 41 Years

At the corner of Hillcrest Avenue and California Way in a quiet residential neighborhood, a large sign to the east says “Hillcrest Gardens.” Rose bushes decorate the walks. The senior housing complex here begins with a parking lot; the buildings are hidden from the road. The largest is the community building, which houses a main lounge, kitchen, and two laundry rooms, as well as the offices of the managers and the managers’ apartment. Recent additions of double-paned windows at one side of the lounge and sliding doors at the entry bring in natural light. To the east of the main building is a grass courtyard with shade trees. The senior apartments are in one-story fourplexes that zig-zag about the area, with high fences providing privacy. Lucille Bruskin wrote in 1983, “Each apartment has its own patio, but there is a sense of community at this complex and residents often gather in the laundry room or the lounge to pick up mail, play cards, enjoy potluck suppers, and attend programs by speakers and entertainers.”

Hillcrest Gardens is the oldest of three senior housing complexes in Livermore. The second was Vineyard Village, and the third Arbor Vista. They are all run by Interfaith Housing, which incorporated in 1968 to develop and

administer its first project. The 54-unit Hillcrest Gardens opened in May 1971, when the first tenant moved into his apartment. Today, the Interfaith Housing board meets monthly and is composed of sixteen members, two from each of eight organizations—St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Congregation Beth Emek, Asbury Methodist Church, St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, St. Charles Borromeo Church, and Unitarian Universalist Church. Interfaith Housing, a non-profit agency, continues to work with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop affordable housing for people on fixed incomes.

Hillcrest Gardens will celebrate its 41st birthday this year. Paul Weiss remembered the early days of organizing the project. He insisted that he was not on the original board but joined soon after its inception. The members were looking for a site and looking for funding. The Hillcrest Avenue location appealed to them, but the owners wanted to sell immediately, and the board did not have any money for the sale. Paul, determined to make the project successful, paid for the property with his own money, but he was eventually repaid. HUD did come through with its support for

the construction, and Paul talked Wells Fargo into giving a mortgage to Interfaith Housing. The board’s next project was to look for an architect. Paul characterized the board as “a wonderful group of people who worked together.” He described the initial signing of papers with HUD as taking several hours. The original mortgage was paid off this year, but the board is seeking another mortgage to finance renovations to the 41-year-old complex.

Judy and George Monostory are the current property managers; they have been with Hillcrest Gardens for 12 years. Their jobs are to make sure everything works, hire the right vendors, keep track of expenses, and care about the residents. On a yearly basis, they must keep track of their clients’ incomes and medical care. The average renter is about 80 years old. Each must be at least 62 and able to live independently. Judy sees senior housing as a good idea. She said, “A lot of people work hard all their lives, but the cost of living has gone up. Many seniors are forced to live on their social security income and must often choose between buying food or medication.”

Such subsidized housing is definitely needed—there is a two to three year waiting list for a place at Hillcrest Gardens. HUD sends people to make an



Old entrance to Hillcrest Gardens (1983).

inspection of the complex every three to four years, and Judy was proud to say that they have always gotten good reviews. In each resident’s apartment there is an emergency cord, and the Monostories have a board in their apartment that corresponds with a light and buzzer so that they can respond immediately to any emergency.

Last year, the Interfaith Housing board was in a difficult position as it tried to keep track of the intricate medical coverage for many employees—the managers, the maintenance workers, clerical help, and others. The board finally decided in January to hire a non-profit, nonsectarian management organization based in Pleasanton to handle the situation. All three senior housing projects in Livermore are now managed by American Baptist Homes of the West (AB-HOW). I attended a board meeting last week and met

the members of Interfaith Housing and also several representatives from AB-HOW. One of their current concerns is about hiring two service coordinators who will visit with the seniors in the three housing complexes, working with them to assess their health, psychological, and social needs. Sometimes residents can no longer live independently. A service coordinator will try to connect them with resources that can help them “age in place.”

On Sunday, September 9, Hillcrest Gardens

will have a reception for its board and residents to celebrate 41 years of operation. Anna Bartle, one of the earliest residents, wrote in a scrapbook of photos, “Time goes on and residents change with its passing and may all that come after those who first walked and left part of their heritage here know that grateful appreciation is ever due to dreamers who give time and labor to achieve good for others.”

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



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I Always Go downtown: Wine, Food, and a Movie

By Harry Stoll

The evening breeze riffled leaves and cooled diners sitting at white tablecloth sidewalk tables laden with wine, food, flirting, and stories retold with fresh meaning. In front of the Winemaker's Pour House, I leaned over the black iron balustrade of a tête-à-tête table where young love flickered between handsome blonde Paul and dark luscious Rachelle. I spread my arms wide, to hold all the known world, and said, "To life!" We three talked easily about topics from the glory of Zorba the Greek to the splendor of downtown Livermore.

Inside, I tried food from the Pour House paired with wine from En Garde Winery. Co-owner Julie Racine smiled, poured a glass of Albariño, and pointed to the medley of warm ripe and green grapes on my plate. I sipped the Portuguese varietal, and popped grapes perfect with the wine's jasmine, mango, and a host of other flavors.

Now Julie again—pointing at the truffle tremor cheese by Cypress Grove on a crostini—pouring Pinot Noir from the Russian River. I closed my eyes, breathed in the wine, tasted, and gave the pairing three rousing "Yowzahs."

Elegant Hungarian En Garde winemaker Csaba Szakal said the Pinot is from a cool foggy vineyard. He made wine with his grandfather in Hungary

and made this one with skillful love and little interference.

Again Julie—pointing to the duck paté on toasted baguette slices—pouring the En Garde Reserve Pinot Noir—a matchless match, rich and fulfilling, not overbearing—with pomegranate, fresh ripe strawberries, and many yeses. I left a satisfied taster of food and wine.

Meanwhile, right across First Street, at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, on another cool, cool, cool of the evening, I sat under an arbor at a white tablecloth table for a winemaker's dinner with wines from Occasio.

A leitmotif of lads and sylphs in the brightest white shirts glided in swift silence, presenting the food and pouring the wine.

Winemaker John Kinney rang a chopstick against a wine glass for silence. He said this was the 100th anniversary of wine making in the Livermore Valley, and more importantly, today, July 14, is the 100th birthday of Woody Guthrie, who wrote, "This Land Is Your Land."

Here came the parade of vino and victuals:

The just out Occasio 2011 Pinot Gris—a pale beauty with aromas of pineapple and ripe peach, and an appealing lemon peel and melon flavor—married happily ever after Alsatian style onion cakes, salmon spring rolls, and barbecued pork puffs.

Now the Occasio 2010 Del Arroyo Vineyard Char-

donnay—rich color, ripe pear and citrus flavor, cast a spell with a smoky nuance. A heavy hitting white wanting wantons of sharp Gruyere and goat cheese.

Next, the Occasio 2011 Rosé of Pinot Noir from Del Arroyo Vineyard—a lively dry wit of raspberry and strawberry, with a wisp of honey to fly away with tea smoked duck.

Now John talked about the Occasio 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon from Livermore Valley. It wrote a floral note, walked the line between studly and gentlemanly, lingered like a haunting refrain—and sang, tonight, tonight—nice rack of lamb roasted with rosemary, Szechwan pepper corns and sautéed vegetables.

With dessert, Occasio Angelica seduced with bursts of fruit and spice, in the style of the California original, circa 1700, and danced with the Bomba, a mounded ecstatic delight of gelato, slivered almonds, white chocolate, mango, tango, passionate fruits, and a thousand and one nights.

Sommelier Nick Liang managed this magnificent mélange.

I finished on another night when there is a movie show downtown. The Vine Cinema's large lobby hosted a capacity crowd on its wall-to-wall Oriental carpet that couldn't muffle the noise of talking and tasting of food and wine.

The Sandra Oh film noir "Sideways" was to show.

Three Livermore Valley (LV) winemakers would discuss the movie's impact on the wine industry. This movie holds up as funny, and insightful. Among all the fancy wine talk, the character Jack, says, "Tastes pretty good to me."

Before the movie, the winemakers poured wine. Chris Graves poured a Ruby Hill 2009 Arroyo Seco Pinot Noir and Steven Mirrasou a La Rochelle 2008 Pinot Noir from the Santa Lucia Highlands. Both were excellent. Larry Dino poured an excellent Cuda Ridge Merlot. The movie sanctifies Pinot Noir and denigrates Merlot.

In the discussion, Steve Mirassou said, since the movie, the acreage of Pinot Noir plantings increased 150%. He also said Livermore Valley has done less than a stellar job of promoting itself. They discussed what grape variety LV should promote. Chris Graves favored Petite Sirah, while Larry Dino wanted maybe Malbec.

Over 10 years ago there was an aborted attempt to establish a "signature" or "dedicated" LV wine. The executive secretary of the winery association, George Vierra, aggressively pushed Sauvignon Blanc. Jim Concannon, whose family led the way for Petite Sirah in LV, told me, "He chose the wrong wine."

I get a lot of boosterism about LV wines. As Jack said, they taste pretty good to me.



Gaming table at Museum on Main's annual fundraiser Brothels, Bar Rooms & Bandits (lower photo) and Extended Roots performs at Museum on Main's annual fundraiser Brothels, Bar Rooms & Bandits. (Photos Chuck Deckert)



Annual Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits to Raise Funds for Museum on Main

Step back in time to the wild west at Museum on Main's 4th annual fundraiser Brothels, Bar Rooms & Bandits on Saturday, September 15 from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The event features a return to Pleasanton of the 1890s when it was one of the most desperate towns in the west.

Guests will rub shoulders with characters from yesteryear such as Senator George Hearst, Phoebe Hearst, Wyatt Earp, and Leland Stanford. A BBQ dinner, live entertainment, and beverage sipping are part of the festivities. Gaming tables (sponsored by the Pleasanton Lion's Club), live and silent auctions are also on tap. Western attire encouraged, but not the law.

Tickets are \$45, which includes BBQ dinner, gambling chips, and the best entertainment in the west. Over 21 only, or we'll call the sheriff. Buy a table of 8 tickets and receive \$400 additional gambling dollars. For tickets phone the museum at 925.462.2766 or mosey on down to 603 Main Street. Cash, credit cards, checks and gold nuggets are accepted.

Chouinard Vineyards Plans a Celebration of the Harvest

Chouinard Vineyards will be celebrating the annual harvest with friends, family and winery visitors. The festivities are planned for Sat., Sun., and Mon., Sept. 1, 2 and 3. Samples of both red and white wines will be available. There will be a small fee to taste sweet

wine and port with funds put towards a community fund-raiser.

Entertainment will be provided by Roger Kardinal and the Coburns, Dawn or Steve. There will be a variety of crafts, art and pottery. This year there will be artisans providing tastes of

locally produced olive oils and honeys. Plenty of good eats including Amish cheese and smoked salami, sour-dough bread and homemade cookies, will be available for purchase.

Caroline Chouinard notes, "This year we have many things to celebrate--

Two Best of Shows one for red wine and one for dessert wine and multiple gold medals and best of all a crush season that looks like the best in many years."

The winery is located at 33853 Palomares Rd., Castro Valley. For information, call 510-582-9900.

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Sierra Aspen



Chaotic Meeting



Poppies

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

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

Bankhead Theater exhibit, 2012 "Tri-Valley Treasures" Plein Air competition and top 25 Freeze Frame photographs from Tri-Valley Conservancy 2011 competition. The exhibit will run through September 10. For more information about Tri-Valley Conservancy, the art exhibit at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, or the upcoming 2012 Freeze Frame competition beginning August 27, please visit www.trivalleyconservancy.org.

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

Figures & Faces Exhibit at the Figurehead Gallery, exhibit of paintings, drawings, and photographs celebrating the human form. This show introduces the work of six Bay Area artists new to the Gallery in addition to new oil studies and drawings by local artist

Livermore Art Association Group Art Show will be open for viewing at the Livermore Library from September 1 through September 30. About 35 works of art will be displayed featuring local Valley artists and offering a variety of subjects from realistic to abstract. The Livermore Art Association serves nearly 300 members. LAA Group Art Show is at the Livermore Civic Center Library, Artist Gallery at 1188 S. Livermore Ave. The gallery is open during normal library hours. Pictured are some of the works of art.



D+AFB Copper

Carolyn Lord. The exhibit is from August until the end of September. The Figurehead Gallery, 2222 2nd St. Livermore. Gallery hours: Wed., 12-6pm, Thurs., 12-8:30pm, Fri., 12-6pm, Sat., 12-5pm, and by appointment. Call for information 925-353-0419.

Artwork of Alan Ryall, a Livermore artist who specializes in marine paintings, is on display at Prudential California Realty, 1780 First Street, Livermore, through Sept. 30. The public is invited to attend. The Prudential show is open for viewing during business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., or by appointment. For information, contact Cher Wollard at 925-824-4824 or cherw@cherw.com.

13th Annual Eugene O'Neill Festival, Tao House - Through Artists' Eyes, Alamo-Danville Artists' Society Exhibit, The Village Theatre Gallery, Aug. 24-Sept. 22. 420 Front St., Danville, www.eugeneoneill.org.

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library hours.
Art in the Plaza, Sept. 8, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. No admission charge.
Arts Encounter at the Farmer's Market, Delucchi Park, next to the Farmer's Market in downtown Pleasanton, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 8. Hosted by the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council. Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and the Livermore Art Association - stop by to make your own 3D "upcycled" art.
Pleasanton Art League, fall members exhibit at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Sept. 15-Oct. 20. Reception and awards, Sat., Sept. 15, 1 to 3 p.m. www.firehousearts.org.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

Preparation for Drawing & Painting the Figure Model, instructor Carolyn Lord, The series of classes 10 Mondays Sept. 10 - Nov. 19; morning series 9 to 11 a.m.; evening series, 7 to 9 p.m. Fee of \$250 includes all materials and professional model's fee. Call to sign up 925-353-0419 or stop by the Figurehead Gallery, 2222 2nd St., Livermore.

Introduction to Paper Folding: Pleating and Simple Fold, instructor Goran Konjevod. Taking signups for September and October series of 4 classes Friday evenings 7 to 9 p.m. \$80 fee includes materials. Call to sign up 925-353-0419 or stop by the Figurehead Gallery, 2222 2nd St., Livermore

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

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

Art Critique & Coffee Hangs at Coffee Ali, Friday at 10 a.m. sharing latest

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

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

Livermore Art Classes. Artist and art instructor, Thomasin Dewhurst offers art instruction to children and adults. Classes cover painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, collage, animation and construction. For further information please call (925) 216-7231 email thomasin_d@hotmail.com or visit http://childrensartclassesprojects.blogspot.com

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

WINERY EVENTS

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

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

Cabernet Day with Steven Kent, Thurs., Aug. 30, in the barrel room noon to 4:30 p.m. taste four cabs for \$10, complimentary for SK and LR Club members. 2009 Home Ranch Vineyard, 2009 Folkendy Vineyard and 2009 Smith Ranch. 2009 Livermore Valley Blend will round out the list. The Steven Kent Winery, 5443 Tesla Road, Livermore. 925.243.6440. www.StevenKent.com

McGrail Vineyards, Acoustic Evening with Ryan Sims and Ethan from Easton

Ashe Friday, August 31, 5 to 9 p.m. - tapas, wine, and live music by Arizona musicians Ryan Sims and Ethan from Easton Ashe. Ryan Sims was recently featured on The Voice. Food will be available for purchase from Posada Catering, so please no outside food or beverages. \$10/entry fee. www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Road Livermore, (925) 215-0717

Tenuta Vineyards, celebrate Nancy Tenuta's 9th anniversary August 31-September 3, Friday - Sunday 12-7pm. Monday, 12-5pm. Tasting is \$5 per person. Four new wines will be released. There will be raffle prizes. Patty & Abigail perform Sept. 1; Andy Joe Stewart Sept. 2 and 3. Pack a picnic lunch and head to Tenuta. Butter's, the winery cat, is celebrating his 9th birthday as well. 633 Kalthoff Common Livermore. (925) 960-1006.

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

Winemaker's Pour House, live music for your enjoyment during the 31st annual Livermore Valley Harvest Wine Celebration, Greg Chambers, Sept. 2, 4 to 7 p.m.; Joey T, Sept. 3, 2 to 5 p.m. For more information (925) 215-2656 www.winemakerspourhouse.com

Tenuta Vineyards, Sun., Sept. 16, Vegan/Vegetarian interactive Cooking Class. 1 to 4 p.m. \$65 per person, all inclusive, tax, gratuity & wine. Menu items include Gazpacho, organic arugula/beet & blueberry salad, mushroom risotto with vegetable curry, lentil, squash & apple stew and Apple & pear crisp. 633 Kalthoff Common Livermore. (925) 960-1006.

Murrieta's Well, vineyard tour and tasting with co-founder Sergio Traverso. Sept. 22, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Space is limited. Reservations at www.murrietaswell.com, 3005 Mines Road Livermore, (925) 456-2390.

Tenuta Vineyards, Movie night at the Vine Cinema (downtown Livermore). Thursday, September 27. 6:30pm. Come wine taste and watch "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." \$10 per person, includes movie and wine tasting. Purchase tickets in advance at www.vinecinema.com. More info contact us at (925) 960-1006.

Charles R Vineyards Mardi Gras Friday Night Uncorked - Friday, September 28 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. evening with wine, fun, food and music on the patio at Charles R. This Mardi Gras Friday features specialty appetizers paired to

our award-winning wines. Featuring the sounds of James Nagel, one of Livermore's most popular artists. \$10 (\$5 for members). Cost includes appetizers and a glass of wine. Wine for purchase available by the glass and bottle. 8195 Crane Ridge Road Livermore, (925) 337-3315.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

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

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

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

Wente Vineyards and The Front Porch, music festival on Sat., Sept. 1 from 3 to 9 p.m. Strits in the Americana/Bluegrass genre from around the country: The Mountain Goats, The Dodos, Jerry Hannan Band, The Front Porch Drifters, Crawdad Republic, Garage Band Academy, Left of Right, and Stiletto Bandit. Wines from Wente Vineyards, Double Decker and Tamás Estates will be available for tasting. Food from various vendors will be available for purchase. Pre-sale tickets at ticketweb.com are \$20 per person, or \$10 for Club Wente members. Tickets available at the door for \$30, or \$20 for Club Wente members. Wente Vineyards Estate Winery Tasting Room, 5565 Tesla Road, Livermore. Information available at www.wentevineyards.com.

Winemaker's Pour House live music: Steve Kritzer, Aug. 30, 7-9:30 p.m.; Steve Fread, Aug. 31, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Georgi and the Rough Week, BBQ party, Sept. 1, 4-7 p.m. For more information (925) 215-2656 www.winemakerspourhouse.com

Ruckatan Latin-Reggae-World-Rock Group, Sept. 1, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

The Tubes, Sept. 7 and 8, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Crooked Jades will perform in concert at 2 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 9 at the Pleasanton Library. The San Francisco

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bluegrass quintet is known for keeping true to their old-time string band heart. In subtle, weird ways, they exaggerate the slightly-crazed aura of the rural pre-radio era music. It makes for a haunting, sophisticated trip to Appalachia. Mixing originals and traditional songs flawlessly, this might be the finest band to come out of the string-band resurgence.

Carl Tilchen will perform at First Street Wine Co., Tues., Sept. 11, 5:30 to 8 p.m. 2211 First St., Livermore. Please visit wineco.com for venue info. The Singer/Songwriter has performed Blues, & Jazz at Yoshi's Jazz Club, San Francisco, The San Jose Jazz Summerfest, and The Village Gate, Rock at The Bootlegger Bistro in Las Vegas, Original Songs at The Woody (Guthrie) At 100 Festival, Folksongs at Freight & Salvage, & The Newport Folk Music Festival, and romantic love songs on a Singing Tour of Italy.

Guitar Fest Live!, Sept. 15, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Roslyn Kind, Sept. 15, 8 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Howie Day 'Sound the Alarm!', Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Lee Oskar Harmonicas Presents Mark Hummel's Blues Harp Blowout with Lee Oskar, Kenny Neal, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Annual Piano Recital, Saturday, September 22, 2012, 7:30 P.M. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. The community is Recital co-sponsored by the Alameda County East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) and Asbury. Award-winning Irvine resident and MTAC Young Artist Guild member Jessie Wang will perform. There is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be served. For further information: 925 443-2514; accoll@comcast.net

Dave Mason Duo, Sept. 22, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Mary Chapin Carpenter, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

Mindy Smith Celebrating 'Giant Leap', Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue,

Harmony Fusion Chorus of Sweet Adelines, Return to Vaudeville, Sat., Sept. 29, 2 p.m. matinee, 7:30 p.m. show. Danville Village Theater, 233 Front St., Danville. Information harmonyfusion.org. Tickets www.villageoftheatreshows.com, 314-3400.

Jasper Wood, violin, David Riley, piano, Del Valle Fine Arts concert, Sept. 29, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.,

Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

ON THE STAGE

Douglas Morrisson Theatre continues its 2012 "Family Portraits" season with *Grey Gardens*, the humorous and heartbreaking Broadway hit musical about Big Edie and Little Edie Bouvier Beale, the eccentric aunt and cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Nominated for 10 Tony Awards and winner of three, *Grey Gardens* features book by Doug Wright (*Quills, I am My Own Wife*), music by Scott Frankel, and lyrics by Michael Korie. *Grey Gardens* previews on September 6, 2012, opens September 7, and runs weekends through September 30, 2012, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third Street, in Hayward. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre is a program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

Role Players Ensemble, Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness," weekends Sept. 7 to 22 at the Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville. 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$20-\$28. www.villageoftheatreshows.com, or 925-314-3400; or the Community Center, 420 Front St. More information: www.danvilletheatre.com.

National Circus of the People's Republic of China, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

A Moon for the Misbegotten, by Eugene O'Neill, 13th annual Eugene O'Neill Festival presentation. The Old Barn, Tao House, Danville. Sept. 27-29, 9 p.m., Sept. 30, 3 p.m., Sept. 28-29, 8 p.m. Tickets to show only, \$35. 820-1818. www.eugeneoneill.org. Presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service. On Sept. 28-29, pre-show fund-raiser in the courtyard: \$75 includes deli-boxed dinner, wine, beer, desserts, music, a presentation about the play and priority seating at performance. Transportation provided by shuttle service from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley by National Park Service.

Pleasanton Senior Players Present You Can't Get There From Here, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.; Sept. 29 and 30, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

COMEDY

Comedy @ Firehouse Arts, Mark Pitta, headliner; Liz Grant, opener, Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. For tickets, call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org

Comedy Uncorked, Retzlaff Vineyards in Livermore. Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Johnny Stehle, Larry Bubbles Brown, and Lynn Ruth Miller. Funds raised benefit Open Heart

Kitchen. Advance tickets are \$30, tickets are \$35 at the door. For tickets and information, go to www.comedyuncorked.com. Retzlaff is located at 1356 So. Livermore Ave., Livermore.

DANCE

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

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

Auditions, The Full Monty, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production. Auditions 10/21 at 7pm & 10/22 at 7pm. Call-backs (by invitation only) 10/28 (5:30pm dance call, 7pm vocal and read). 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, Pleasanton. All roles open, no pay, no AEA. Bring resume, headshot and conflict calendar. Be prepared for and dressed to dance. For more information www.trivalleyrep.org/auditions

Auditions, Valley Concert Chorale, will hold auditions by appointment for their upcoming 2012-2013 concert season on the following dates: Monday, August 27 and Mondays, September 10 and 17. Auditions and rehearsals will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at the corner of 4th and L Streets. Rehearsals will begin September 10, at 7pm. 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.

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

OPERA

Livermore Valley Opera presents La Boheme preview, Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore

Ave. Sept. 23, 2 to 3 p.m. Part of the Friends of the Livermore Library Authors and Arts series. Professional singers will perform highlights from the upcoming production of La Boheme in October, as well as arias and duets from other famous operas. Information at 925-373-5505.

Livermore Valley Opera, free concert 2 p.m. Sun., Sept. 30 at the Pleasanton Library. Highlights from Rossini's La Cenerentola and a variety of opera arias. La Cenerentola, ossia La bontà in trionfo (Cinderella, or Goodness Triumphant), was composed in 1817 when Gioachino Rossini was just 25 years old, and is considered one of his finest vocal compositions. Come see Cinderella in a whole new light.

MISCELLANEOUS

Museum on Main's latest visiting exhibit, "Wherever There's a Fight: The History of Civil Liberties in California," spotlights the unsung heroes whose struggles for fairness and equality helped cement the civil rights that all Californians enjoy today. Events range from the fight against slavery in the mid-19th century to the campaign for marriage equality in the 21st. Open through September 9. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton. Its galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1-4 on Sundays. More information can be found at the Museum on Main website: www.museumonmain.org or by phoning the Museum at 925/462-2766.

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

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

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

Sunset at the Ridge, Friday Aug. 31,

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

147th Scottish Highland Games and Gathering, Sept. 1 and 2, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Gates open at 8 a.m. Presented by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco. www.caledonian.org

30th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration - Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 2 and 3, noon to 5 p.m. at Livermore Valley wineries hosted by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. Tickets and information at www.lvwine.org.

1st Wednesday Street Party in downtown Pleasanton, 6 to 9 p.m., Sept. 5, Celebrate Pleasanton. Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Grandparent's Day, Museum on Main, Sunday, September 9 from 1pm - 3pm - bring grandparents. Create a family tree with the help of a Grandparent. Learn about what life was like when they were children and make a special gift to present to your Grandparent. Museum on Main family day. 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Free. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museumonmain.org or phone (925) 462-2766.

Ed Kinney Lecture Series, 7 p.m. An Evening with author John Boessenecker, Tues., Sept. 11. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. \$10 General Admission, \$5 Members & Seniors, \$3 Students/Teachers with ID. All tickets are paid at the door. All tickets are open seating. Information www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

Go Back In Time, fund-raiser for Museum on Main, Brothels, bar rooms

& bandits. Event includes ambling with friends and eating great food. Western attire encouraged. Cost includes BBQ dinner, gambling chips and the best entertainment in the west. Sat., Sept. 15, 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. Tickets available at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton, or call (925) 462-2766. Cost: \$45/per person admission charge. www.eugeneoneill.org. Part of 13th annual Eugene O'Neill festival presented by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation.

Livermore Valley Coin Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary during its 2nd annual fall coin show. The event will be held on Sun., Sept. 16 at the Livermore-Pleasanton Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. A commemorative medal has been struck. It will be available for purchase at the show. This year's show will feature about 25 coin dealers who will provide free appraisals and purchase coins. There will be a youth collectors table and an information booth. Admission is free. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Splatter, not your ordinary food, wine and art festival. Sept. 22, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., concert 6:30 to 8 p.m., fireworks at 8 p.m. Includes tasting pavilion, artful festival experience, culinary stage and more. Emerald Glen Park, Dublin. \$25 in advance. www.dublinsplatter.com.

Quilting in the Garden, Sept. 22 and 23, Alden Lane Nursery. Hosted by Alden Lane and In Between Stitches. Guests artists, quilt display, garden tour featuring the quilts, workshops, etc. 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. www.aldenlane.com or www.inbetweenstitches.com.

Livermore Valley Wine Country Wedding Faire, September 23, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. See the trendsetters of the season, taste the local wines and wedding cakes, be pampered with a facial, take a horse and carriage ride, compare prices and quality and start to create your own wedding memories. More information at www.livermore-downtown.com or 373-1795.



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Congressman Jerry and Mary McNerney of Pleasanton, CA announced the engagement of their son, Michael Christopher (pictured at left) to Jillian Marie Broadway (at right), the daughter of Noah III and Pam Broadway of Oregon, OH. Michael and Jillian, both US Air Force veterans, met while they were stationed together on active duty. Michael graduated from U.C. Davis and American University, Washington School of Law. He is currently a cyber policy advisor in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Jillian is a graduate of Bowling Green University in Ohio and conducts research and development for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Michael and Jillian will be married in Port Clinton, Ohio on September 7.

New Vice Principal Appointed for East Avenue Middle School

The Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Mistee Hightower-Guzman as a new vice principal at East Avenue Middle School.

Mistee began her educational career in the New Haven Unified School District eleven years ago. She taught both sixth and seventh grades for seven years. She taught English and social studies at middle school and

served as a teacher leader. While at Logan, Mistee served as the administrator for 1,100 sophomores. Mistee also has experience as an administrator at the elementary school level, working in schools with more than 800 students. There she was responsible for the English Learner Program, student interventions, and worked collaboratively with faculty in professional learning communities.

Mistee earned her bach-

elor's degree in International Relations and Spanish from the University of California, Davis and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from University of California, Berkeley. Although Mistee chose to go into education rather than to work in the field of international relations, she continues to take annual trips all over the world, the last one being to Fiji during a cyclone. She is a strong proponent of the Visual and Performing

Arts having taught dance at James Logan High School for two years and has been a teacher and choreographer at a private dance studio for the past eleven years.

Mistee stated, "I am excited to become a part of a community with a strong history and an even more vibrant future. To become a part of a team of educators that is committed to the success of all students is a tremendous honor."

Community

Rangeland Trust Adds Bay Area Manager

California Rangeland Trust announced that Nancy Schaefer has joined its team as the organization's Bay Area Program Manager.

In this role Schaefer will use her 24 years of conservation real estate, program development and project management experience to facilitate conservation easements and related projects on working ranches in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

"Nancy brings a unique appreciation of the Bay

Area's privately owned and managed rangeland to the Rangeland Trust," said Darrel Sweet, a member of the Rangeland Trust board of directors and Livermore rancher. "She has been a leader of the Bay Area conservationists that recognize conserving our privately owned rangelands is vital. These rangelands are lands with existing vegetation suitable to grazing livestock and make up about 25% of the Bay Area's 4.3 million acres. The ongoing steward-

ship of Bay Area ranchers is vital to preserving clean water, fresh air, working landscapes, wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors in the Bay Area. Nancy's long successful involvement in Bay Area conservation will elevate Rangeland Trust's efforts to conserve the region's private rangelands for the benefit of everyone."

Prior to joining the Rangeland Trust, Schaefer served as a land conservation consultant to numerous agencies including the Bay Area Open Space Council, California Coastal Conservancy, and Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. She has also worked for The Conservation Fund, The Trust for Public Land, and established the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture. It is no secret that she is extremely qualified and a great fit at the Rangeland Trust. Her passion for helping land owners Protect What Matters is evidenced by the more than 50,000 acres of California land she has helped protect

in her career.

Schaefer received her MBA from California State University Sacramento and her Bachelor of Science degree in forest science from the University of New Hampshire. In this new role, she plans to pour her passion and years of experience into aiding the Rangeland Trust's mission.

"I have long admired California Rangeland Trust's effectiveness at conserving ranches that keep families on the land. It became obvious just how vital rangeland is for maintaining the region's biological diversity while managing the Bay Area Open Space Council's Conservation Lands Network, a plan for biodiversity conservation in the region."

In past years she served her community as the vice chair of the John Muir Association, an appointee on the Park Advisory Committee in the East Bay Regional Park District, and a founding member of the Muir Heritage Land Trust.

Community

Local Boy Scout Reaching Out to the Community

Levi Matsushima is currently working on planning the project to achieve his Eagle Scout rank. He has consulted with the local Hoofprints on the Heart foundation; this foundation helps special individuals break through barriers with innovative therapeutic ses-

sions where they combine horse with rider. "The horse mirrors the person it is with. By riding horses, caring for them and learning more about these divine creatures the attendees grow in understanding."

At their request Levi has

set out to build this organization a chicken coop. These chickens will be helpful in introducing animals to the younger children. Levi has undertaken this project to benefit the community, and in partial fulfillment of attaining the rank of Eagle

Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. He is looking for any sort of donations or help, he says that every little bit counts. His cell phone is (925)-858-5344, or he can be reached at his e-mail address levi.matsushima@gmail.com

BULLETIN BOARD

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Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated Candidates' Night will be held Thurs., Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m. at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore. Meet and listen to guest candidates: Elizabeth Emken-Senate, Ricky Gill-Congressional District 9, Mark Meuser-State Senate District 7; Al Phillips-Assembly District 16; Jerry Thorne-Pleasanton Mayor, David Haubert-Dublin City Council; Steve Cho-Fremont Mayor. Reservations and information by Monday, September 10. \$30 guests, \$26 members. Contact Phyllis Couper, 925-462-4931 or coupclan1962@pacbell.net

Street Eats, Livermore High School fundraiser benefits all education and athletic programs. Thurs., Sept. 6, 5 to 8 p.m. lot on Church Street (Cowboy Alley). Curbside cuisine with gourmet food trucks (cash only). Street Eats returns weekly starting Wed., Sept. 19.

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

Flea Market, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sat., Sept. 15, set-up 6 a.m., close 4 p.m. parking lot, 527 North Livermore Ave., Livermore. Cost for a 15' x 5' space is \$20; \$5 for a table rental. Sign up for a space at the Eagles Social Room or call 449-6281 or 449-5807. Vendors welcome.

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, September 13, 7 pm at Alisal School's multipurpose room, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton. The speaker will be Trish Hildinger, a leader in gardening workshops in Santa Cruz. She will discuss Winter gardening and other gardening topics. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Bev at 925-485-7812 or visit www.lavgc.org.

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meeting, Mon., Sept. 17, 7 p.m. IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Discussion of three initiatives: 30 Millionaire's Tax, 32 Silencing Unions, and 38 Tax for Education and Early Childhood Programs. Speakers with ballot measure positions will address issues and concerns. www.trivalleydems.com

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Sept. 1, 53 miles Lafayette BART through Hercules and Rodeo to Cummings Skyway and Franklin Canyon and back, meet 8:30 a.m. Michelle McBee, 200-0078. Sun., Sept. 2, 34 miles Sycamore Park & Ride in Danville to Walnut Creek, meet 9 a.m. Dick Ward, 389-6738. Wed., Sept. 5, 40 miles Paradise loop, meet 10 a.m. at SF Ferry Bldg., Bob Hislop, 890-6300. Club meeting Wed., Sept. 5, 7 p.m. Round Table Pizza in Dublin. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Armchair Travelers, a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., Sept. 13, from 2:30 to 2:30 p.m. Avid hiker Bob Coomber will share photographs of his adventures in the White Mountains of California, especially the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Labor Day house party, San Ramon, Sept. 3, 2 p.m. RSVP by Aug. 31 to Roman, 828-2439. General meeting, birthday lunch, Livermore, Sept. 8, 1 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 5 to Janet, 443-3317. Lunch in Fremont, Sept. 12, 1 p.m., RSVP by Sept. 9 to Vickie, 510-656-1166. Brunch in Pleasanton, Sept. 16, 12:30 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 14 to Ruby, 462-9636. Lunch in Danville, Sept. 19, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by Sept. 16. Happy hour in Pleasanton, Sept. 20, 5 p.m. RSVP to Marge by Sept. 18, 828-5124. Friendly bridge, Sept. 11, 1 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 15 to Marsha, 830-8483. Early bird dinner, Pleasanton, Sept. 26, 4:30 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 24 to Hilda, 398-8808. Mexican brunch in Pleasanton, Sept. 30, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by Sept. 27 to Hilda, 398-8808. Annual picnic, Pleasanton, Oct. 6, 2:30 p.m. RSVP to Ruby, 462-9636; checks to Ruby by Oct. 2.

Free computer training classes during September 2012, Livermore Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Internet for Beginners class on Monday, September 10th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Follow up with Searching the Internet on Monday, September 17th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Introduction to Microsoft Word class is on Monday, September 24th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Classes are hands on, first come, first served, and take place in Community Meeting Room B. Stop by the Civic Center Library Adult Information Services Desk or call 373-5505 for further information.

Finding Wellness, interactive series of five free classes that incorporates fitness, nutrition, medication awareness, stress management and other healthy living tips for seniors in the area. Pleasanton: Tuesdays 10/16-11/13 from 1-2:30pm; Livermore: Mondays 9/24-10/22 from 9:30-11am; Dublin: Mondays 9/17-10/8 from 1-2:30pm and Mondays 10/15-11/19, no class 11/12 from 1-2:30pm. Information, Lindsey Passmore, 918-1512.

2nd annual Paws in the Park charity dog walk and animal festival is Sunday, September 23 from 11 am - 3 pm, and registration for the walk is underway. Benefit for Valley Humane Society. The goal this year is to raise \$20,000 to support Valley Humane Society's pet rescue and community programs. Register yourself or form a "dog pack" and begin collecting pledges. www.valleyhumane.org

Ohlone Audubon will meet on September 4 at 7:30 pm at the Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Avenue, Pleasanton, 94566. Dennis Keen will present a program on Kyrgyzstan's tradition of capturing, training and hunting with golden eagles. No admission charge. Refreshment served. For more information call 925-447-8843 or go to web site www.ohloneaudubon.org

Military Banners, yellow military banners on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Streets from "L" to "P" Street have taken quite a beating. All the banners from that designated area will be taken down and evaluated regarding condition to prepare them to be relocated. Each family will be contacted and will have the option to have damaged banners replaced and relocated at the cost of \$12.00 each or the option not to replace the banner. Those

who wish to save a damaged banner, please contact Kristin at kekvall@gmail.com or 925 443 7841 by September 15, 2012. If a banner is currently within the above specified area and is in good condition, it will be relocated to the area between "L" Street and Livermore Avenue. Banners currently located between "L" and Livermore Avenue will also be evaluated for their condition and only damaged banners will have the above option to replace or retain. Those who do not hear from Kristin by Sept. 15, 2012, please call or email with instructions. All banners not relocated or replaced will be retained until January 1, 2013 and then honorably retired.

College Prep Classes in Livermore - LARPD is offering classes in Navigating the College Application Maze (9/11/12 - 6:30 - 9 pm), Strategic SAT Prep (Saturdays 9/8 - 9/29/12 - 9 am - noon on Mondays 9/10/12 - 10/1/12 - 6 - 9 pm), Last Minute SAT Prep (9/18/12 - 5:30 - 9 pm or 9/29/12 - 1:30 - 5 pm), and Writing Essays that Shine (9/8/12 - 2 - 4:30 pm or 10/8/12 6 - 8:30 pm.) Classes will be held at Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Register at 925 373-5700, or go to susanprep.com for additional information.

Harvest Arts and Crafts Fair, Our Savior Lutheran Ministries will be hosting its second annual Harvest Arts and Crafts Fair on Monday, September 3 from 1-4pm. The community is offered a stop on the wine trail to shop for arts and crafts. The event will take place in the south parking lot at Our Savior, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue in Livermore. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact the office if you have any questions, 925-447-1246.

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, sponsoring a candlelight Vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main Street, downtown Pleasanton, 7 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 12. Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September 26, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions?? Call Cathie Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowning@pacbell.net. www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org

Constitutional Speech Contest, The joint committee of American Legion Posts from Livermore and Pleasanton (47 and 237 respectively) invite high school students, grades 9 through 12, to compete in a Constitutional Speech Contest. The local contest will be held Tues., Jan. 8, 2013 at the Pleasanton Veterans Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton at 7:30 p.m. There are five levels of competition: post, district, area, state and national. Cash awards at each level. Contest is two parts: one a minimum 8 to 10 minute prepared oration on some aspects of the U.S. Constitution; part 2 is an assigned topic drawn from a list of four possible topics. Contestants must be citizens of, or legal, lawful permanent residents of the United States. For more information, contact either Norman Houghton, norm4064@yahoo.com, 846-8725, or William Bergmann, bergmannAB@gmail.com, 443-2330. Deadline is Dec. 30, 2012. Additional information at www.legion.org/oratorical.

Property taxes. Upcoming Real Estate Event. Real estate professionals are volunteering their time to help you determine if you may be eligible for a lower property tax assessment. Forms and information will be available so you may apply to the Alameda County Assessor's Office for relief. A Tax Assessment Reduction Workshop will be held: Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 South Livermore Avenue, Fireside Room (Room

106) on September 5, 6:00-8:00pm. There is no cost for this service, but if a property does warrant a reduction when you submit the request to the Alameda County Assessor's Office, they charge a \$50 application fee per parcel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organiza-

tions (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. (new time) contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers. www.centerpointechurch.org 925-846-4436

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

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

For more information call the church office 925-462-4802.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grief Workshops, there are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey. They will be explored in an eight-week series of workshops. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Eight Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM. Sept. 6 through Oct. 25. Pre-registration is requested. Space is limited. A one-time \$15 donation is requested. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Mary Hagerty at 925-846-5377.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will host the first day of Jewish Culture School on September 9, 2012 from 10:30-12:30 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. Classes are held in Castro Valley. There are classes Kindergarten through Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The first day of class includes an informational meeting for interested parents and activities for children. All families welcome.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will be hosting a Rosh Hashana celebration on September 16, 2012 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. It will begin with a walk to a Creek for Tashlikh for those who would like from 4:00PM to 5:00PM, followed by a potluck dinner at 5:00. A secular humanistic ceremony will begin at 6:00 followed by a reception with apples, honey, and honey-cake. Please bring canned food for a local foodbank and a dish to share for the potluck. Children are welcome, although this is not a child centered event. Bothwell Arts Center is located at 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Free to members, \$15 donation for non-members, which can be applied to a membership. 925-485-1049, culturaljews@aol.com, or tri-valleyculturaljews.org.

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 pmjrmueler@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 offered free to all starting September 2, 2012 1 class time 9:00 a.m. to 10:00a.m.. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Milestones Community

City Council Proclaims Pleasanton North Rotary Week

The Pleasanton City Council has proclaimed the week of Sept. 24-30 as Pleasanton North Rotary Week in recognition of the chapter's 25 years of service to the community.

The council approved the proclamation Aug. 21 at its regular monthly meeting. Councilmembers Cheryl Cook Kallio, Cindy McGovern, and Matt Sullivan, and Jerry Throne supported the proposal.

PNR president Tina Case accepted the proclamation on behalf of the 57-member chapter. It consists of Tri-Valley business people, professionals, and educators. The club volunteers for hands-on projects and provides financial support to charitable projects throughout the Tri-Valley and selected sites around the world.

Founded on March 9, 1987 through the efforts of Pleasanton businessman Chris Miller, PNR was the

largest Rotary club ever chartered west of the Mississippi River. Chuck Pickens, owner of JobMart Agency, a private employment agency, was its first president.

PNR has raised nearly \$1 million for such efforts, the proclamation noted. In 2011 alone, it was involved in 23 projects including local programs helping veterans, needy families, students, and seniors. It backed ongoing efforts by Rotary International to eradicate polio and to deliver safe drinking water to remote communities in Southeast Asia.

Through its own initiatives, PNR has distributed more than 5600 wheelchairs in 11 Latin American countries since 2002. It has installed modern medical equipment at a hospital in Afghanistan, and it has maintained on-going support to the El Oasis Orphanage in Mexico. The proclamation noted such efforts show that PNR has lived up

to its motto as "the little club that can."

Case told the council the Pleasanton North Rotary Week designation will boost promotional efforts for A Starry Night, Sept. 29, at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery. The annual charity dinner, dance, and auction raises funds covering the cost of more than 90% of the club's philanthropic activities.

The event this year focuses on local youth sports and educational programs, Case said. Donations will help build an all-weather field for the Pleasanton RAGE girl's soccer club and other soccer teams. It will support First Tee, a golf instruction program, and scholarships for the School of Imagination and Happy Talkers, a school for children with autism and learning disabilities.

Details on individual tickets and donations can be found at the event's website www.astarrynight.org



Pictured are Rotary members with city council members Aug. 21 after a proclamation was approved recognizing the club's 25th anniversary and designated of Sept. 24-30 as Pleasanton North Rotary Week. They are (from left) Richard Flanders, Jerry Prettyman; councilmember Jerry Thorne, Maurice Turner, councilmember Matt Sullivan, Debra Doble, Ronda Henstorf, Jim Brice, Tina Case (PNR president), councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Ron Sutton, councilmember Cindy McGovern, and Ron Hyde. (Photo by Jerry Pentin)

Alain Pinel Realtors Combines Livermore Valley and Pleasanton Offices

Alain Pinel Realtors (APR) has announced changes to its regional offices, with the Livermore Valley office joining the Pleasanton office to help better utilize the premium 10,000+/- square foot, recently expanded Pleasanton office space, which the firm purchased in 2000. With the newly improved space and extra room available, the consolidation will provide a more effective working space for the APR Liver-

more sales professionals. APR currently holds #1 market share based on sales volume in Livermore, in both dollar volume and unit sales.

Don Faught, Vice President and Managing Broker is very excited and said, "This strategic move is a great benefit to our clients and our agents. While other companies have been paralyzed by decreased sales, suffered through budget

reductions and forced to downsize, I'm proud to say that APR has continued to grow. Consolidating the two market share office leaders in the Tri-Valley, APR Livermore and APR Pleasanton, under one large roof in our downtown Pleasanton office at 900 Main Street just makes sense."

Faught added, "By being more efficient in a centralized location, we can leverage our resources to further

increase and enhance our marketing, technology and customer service efforts for our clients, our top-rated agents and the communities we serve. This decision positions the APR brand for even greater future success."

The firm sold a record \$1.1 billion of real estate in April 2012, an increase of 53% over April 2011. APR was ranked the fifth largest real estate firm in the United States based on its sales

volume in 2011, moving up one position from their 2010 ranking, according to the Real Trends 500. APR had a successful 2011 with a sales volume of \$7.2 billion, equaling the firm's closed sales volume of \$7.2 in 2007, before the market downturn. APR was the only brokerage in the top 5 on the REAL Trends 500 that increased its sales, which was up 5.6% over 2010.

Additionally in April,

four APR offices wrote more than \$100 million in sales, led by the APR Investment Group with \$167 million. In total, 90% of all APR offices were up over last April on written sales dollars. On the national level, existing-home sales rose in April and remain above a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors. Total existing-home sales increased 3.4% in April from March, and are 10% higher than April 2011.