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Find Out What's Happening

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

State Parks Off-Road Unit Objects To Regional Parks Interest in Tesla

By Jeff Garberson

The division of the state parks department that promotes off-road vehicle recreation has written a letter of complaint to East Bay Regional Park District demanding that it remove the undeveloped Tesla property from its master plan.

The division, formally called the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division, charged in the strongly worded letter that it is "inappropriate" and

"purposely misleading" for East Bay Regional Park District to label Tesla "potential parkland" in its planning documents.

Inclusion in the master plan threatens "continued constructive partnership' between the state parks department and the East Bay Regional Park District, the letter goes on to say.

The Off-Highway Division owns Tesla, which is not for sale. It intends to develop Tesla for off-road purposes based at least in part on divided public input as it refines its own master plans.

At East Bay Regional Park District, the letter of complaint was received with a sense of bewilderment. The Off-Highway Division has made similar claims before, but the District has never claimed to own Tesla, said assistant general manager Mike Anderson. The

District is simply expressing an interest in a region that is suitable for recreation and that lies within its geographic boundaries, he said.

If the Off-Highway Division would look at EBRPD's master plan, he said, it would see that other areas of potential interest are also labeled as potential parklands; for example, Alvarado Wetlands on San Francisco Bay and Bethany Reservoir in eastern Alameda County. Several

of these are clearly marked as state property, as is Tesla.

Underlying what might appear to be a petty, bureaucratic turf squabble is a serious question, the future of a hilly 3,400-acre site that is now the quiet home of a wide range of wildlife, including species that are protected under state and federal law. There are also native American relics, and some indication that native

Study Points

Way to

Steelhead

Restoration

A 382-page historical study of the Alameda Creek

watershed shows how much

fish populations have de-

clined in the creek and its

tributaries. The study points to what water and flood

control agencies can do to

try to improve the future for

such fish species as steel-

tershed Historical Ecology

Study was prepared by the

San Francisco Estuary In-

stitute (SFEI). The authors

pored over old maps and

records, some dating back

200 years, to determine the

condition of streams, ar-

royos and Bay marshes over the years to determine the

impact of changes from de-

velopment that have reduced

fish populations throughout

the watershed.

The Alameda Creek Wa-

head trout.

In Arroyos

(See TESLA, page 4)

Proclamation **Recognizes** Newspaper's 50th Year

The Livermore City Council issued a proclamation in recognition of The Independent's 50th anniversary.

Mayor John Marchand presented the proclamation Monday to Independent publisher Joan Seppala and associate publisher David Lowell.

Marchand stated, "The Independent is an icon in our community. It has provided local information and advocacy the community needed to make good decisions." He lauded the newspaper for its commitment to the city and the community, open space

and the quality of life. Marchand also mentioned that the newspaper had preserved history by restoring the old Bank of Italy building, where The Independent offices are located.

Seppala thanked the council and city staff for the proclamation. "We chose to start a newspaper in Livermore, as well as Pleasanton, because of the remarkable communities here. Over the years, three themes in particular have emerged.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Captain jumps from a boat to rescue owner/handler Patti Sondgroth by pulling her to shore. For more photos and the story, go to page 8.

Facilities May Need Updating For Economic Growth

As Pleasanton continues to mature, redevelopment

petitiveness that were identi- perform well with the city that could impact economic

fied in a background study commanding more taxable development were infraand infill development will that will be used to prepare retail sales than any other structure needs, increased be needed to accommodate an economic development city in the Tri-Valley. It was competition for retail, and noted that the retail sales information predated the opening of the premium outlets in Livermore. In addition to aging buildings and dwindling locations to build, other disadvantages identified

By looking at the past, and the impact of human intervention in the natural environment, it is possible to design projects in the future that won't have such farreaching negative impacts on fish populations, says the study. Further, there are measures that could be taken that could restore some fish

"Fifty years ago, residents back then cared about low cost housing and other social issues. Early on, arts groups sprang up, giving the Tri-Valley a unique cultural focus out of proportion to its size at that time. Livermore and Pleasanton residents have led the drive to protect our surrounding vineyards and open space. Establishing urban growth boundaries has led to infill development with a focus on our downtowns.

She added, "Although we still have much to do, particularly in the social areas, already Livermore and the Tri-Valley have become models that others wish to emulate.

We have been pleased to work with you, our partners, over the years on social, cultural and environmental issues.

Lowell said, "Fifty years may sound like a long time but it seems like only yesterday that Joan, Gale Marshall, Bob Several, Dana McGaugh and I started The Independent. Janet Armantrout joined us a year later. He mentioned that the founders of the newspaper and much of the staff have been "with us most of those years. . . . The Independent has always put the good of the local citizens above profits, a rare policy even for a newspaper. We at The Independent respect the integrity and mission of our newspaper and have been willing to work hard to fulfill that mission.

"In 50 years, we have seen a lot of change for good here in the Tri-Valley. We want to think that The Independent was a significant partner with local citizens in bringing this change. The change, then, is part of The Independent's legacy, something all of us at the newspaper are proud of. Thank you, Livermore City Council for recognizing our 50 years of work on behalf of the local (See 50TH, page 4) economic growth as greenfield locations dwindle. The aging employment centers are inconsistent with evolving worker preferences.

Those were two of the challenges in continuing Pleasanton's economic comstrategic plan for the city.

Key advantages found in the study included strong employment growth, an innovation economy, easy accessibility, and high-value commercial spaces. In addition, the city's retail centers

signs TDCs to properties in

North Livermore sending

areas that may be purchased

from willing landowners to

allow for increased residen-

tial development in TDC

receiving areas within the

Urban Growth Boundary.

TDC receiving areas are

identified in the General

what is perceived as a slow and difficult permitting and approval process.

City staff and the Economic Vitality Committee began working on the plan in April. Pamela Ott, the (See ECONOMIC, page 4)

populations to Alameda Creek and its tributaries.

The streams and arroyos that run through the Valley feed into the main channel of Alameda Creek near Sunol. The creek runs through Niles (See STUDY, page 4)

Despite Fee Reduction, Still Enough Money to Purchase TDC Credits

Livermore's transfer of development credit (TDC) program, in conjunction with other funding programs, is anticipated to provide enough funds to purchase all of the identified credits in North Livermore despite lowering the TDC fee.

The TDC Program as-

Las Positas College Offering **Tours of New Developments**

The students, faculty and staff of Las Positas College invite Tri-Valley community members to attend a ribbon cutting and tour of three new campus developments on Tuesday, September 17. Tours of the Student Services and Administration Building ("SSA"), the College's second Science Building and Campus Boulevard will be conducted on the half hour from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

The ribbon cutting will take place from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

The new facility tours will begin at the SSA Terrace located on the north side of building 1600. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

also will be held on the SSA Terrace. Light refreshments will be served.

The three projects were made possible by a funding measure passed by the voters in 2004.

The 68,000 square foot Student Services and Administration Building (# 1600) allows for the the consolidation of all student support services. These range from admission and records and counseling to financial aid and disabled students programs. For the first time, such administrative functions as the Office of the President and Academic, Student and Business Affairs

(See TOURS, page 4)

Plan, or are designated on cultural preservation, and/or a site when any subsequent General Plan amendment allows for new residential land use designations or increases in residential density.

Approximately 1,400 acres representing 473 TDCs have already been acquired in-fee for open space, agridevelopment project mitigation since 2006.

When the program was established, North Livermore included approximately 13,300 acres with a total potential of 5.567 TDCs.

On Monday, the city council revised the program to more accurately reflect current market conditions.

Senior planner Steve Stewart told the council that based on the other comparable lands, and costs for easement preparation and long-term management costs, the current cost for a (See TDC PROGRAM, page 4)



Sunday night, the blaze on Mt. Diablo lit up the sky above the town of Clayton. For a story about Mt. Diablo, go to page 5. Photo - Justin Ta.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Get back to your roots with Banjo! At 3 months old, the Australian Cattle Dog mix is just waiting to be plucked out of the Valley Humane Society (VHS) and rolled into a forever home. Unfortunately for our younger enthusiasts, Banjo prefers audiences age 12 and older. Go backstage with Banjo at VHS, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm and Sundays from 12 noon - 4 pm. VHS is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton. Call 426-8656, or visit www. valleyhumane.org for more information and to see other adoptable cats and dogs. Photo - Valley Humane Society/D. Hank



John Flotten with Miles.

Swing for Charity to **Benefit Tri-Valley NAMI**

Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley will hold a golf fundraiser, "Swing for Charity," at the Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore on Friday, September 27, 2013.

Entry fee is \$125 per Golfer, which includes the driving range, green fees, carts, awards and dinner at Beeb's. For those only attending the dinner, the cost is \$30 per person.

On-line registration is available at www.namitrivalley.org.

The event includes a golf tournament, dinner and raffle. The event will take place at 917 Club House Drive, Livermore. Registration for the tournament begins at 11:30 a.m., shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m., followed by a dinner and raffle at 5:30 p.m

The Hole-in-One prize is a new Toyota Prius, courtesy of Dublin Toyota. The grand prizes in the raffle include a 3-day stay at the beautiful Capella Pedregal Hotel and Spa in Cabo San

National Alliance on Lucas, México, a 5-night stay at a vacation home on the Oregon coast, a 3-month membership at the Liver-more Tennis Club, and many other items.

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

This year, education classes for families will be increased. The local group will also be looking into future NAMI signature programs such as Ending the Si*lence*, a presentation at high schools addressing students about mental health.

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



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Pleasantonians 4 Peace, the Coalition for Peace and Democracy, and other residents of the Tri Valley held a vigil at Rep. Swalwell's District Office, 5075 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton on Monday evening to urge Representative Eric Swalwell to vote against bombing Syria.



VHS Volunteer to Be Honored as 'Community Service Hero' by the American Red Cross

(VHS) volunteer John Flotten will be honored by the and out of the county shelter Bay Area chapter of the American Red Cross as a Community Service Hero. John's work on behalf of VHS community programs relationships with new farecommends him as "one cilities, schedules therapy whose actions exemplify the spirit of heroism through courage, dedication, and character.'

Giving thousands of hours of his time each year, libraries, allowing thousands John coordinates VHS's An- of school-age children to iMeals and Canine Comfort improve their reading skills Pet Therapy programs. Under his leadership, AniMeals, which distributes dog and cat Miles also visit the Veteran's food and animal supplies to Affairs Health Care Center eligible low-income families, has grown from distributing a few thousand pounds unconditional love unique to of food each year to more dogs with individuals facing than 30,000 pounds annually. His efforts have allowed

Valley Humane Society loving companions remain at home with their families system.

> John oversees recertification for Canine Comfort dogs and handlers and forges visitations, and mentors new teams. An active handler with his dog Miles, John has helped start visitations in local school districts and city through the gentle companionship of dogs. John and in Livermore and works with Hope Hospice to share the death.

John has been a lifelong VHS to help hundreds of volunteer, jumping at the

chance to educate school children about the business world, teaching computer skills at the local Senior Center, sitting on education boards, and coaching sports.

The award ceremony will take place during the 13th Annual Heroes Recognition Breakfast on Friday, September 27 from 8-10 am at the Hilton Oakland Airport, One Hegenberger Road, Oakland. Community members are invited to attend the award ceremony in support of John and other honorees; tickets may be purchased at www.redcross. org/ACHeroes.

VHS rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champions responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing affections with people in need of comfort, and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

County Website Top Ranked

Alameda County has been named a first-place winner in the annual rankings of the best state and local government websites.

Alameda County topped the County Portal category in the nationwide Best of the Web awards contest judged by the Center for Digital Government, which cited the County's Web offerings as "a good example of how a significant amount of information can be presented cleanly and intuitively within a main website, mobile website and mobile apps."

The award was announced last week in the Government Technology magazine. The announcement cited the effective way that Alameda County's website, ACGOV. ORG, leverages social media – with buttons for the County's Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Pinterest accounts displayed prominently across its homepage. The website also offers podcasts, RSS feeds and a sign-up button for email notifications.

Navigation of the website, according to Government Technology, "is clean, logical and simplified," while the County's mobile website "boils down the content into just seven categories, which streamlines the experience even further."

Tim Dupuis, Interim Director of Information Technology for Alameda County, lauded his staff for creating a website that provides users access to a vast trove of information, while remaining simple, uncluttered and easy to use.

The website includes a "forms center" that allows users to easily search and filter forms, as well as organization charts for every department in the County. One of the website's tabs also features the top 10 documents, Web search terms and most popular Web pages.

Vigil for Peace

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The event in Pleasanton was part of a national day of action being organized by the progressive organizations MoveOn.org Civic Action, CREDO Action, Progressive Change Campaign Committee (PCCC), and Win Without War. Similar vigils took place in nearly one hundred cities across the country on Monday.

One of the organizers for the event, former Pleasanton City Councilmember Matt Sullivan, said, "I am opposed to unilateral U.S. military intervention in Syria. The evidence that the Assad government was responsible for the recent, reprehensible chemical weapons attacks has not been presented to the American people. Will we ever learn the lessons of the Gulf of Tonkin and WMD's in Iraq? We should work with the UN for an appropriate response to this incident after they issue their investigative report."

Increased Opportunities

For the third straight year, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has increased opportunities for small businesses by awarding them more contracts. As of July 31, in the current fiscal year, 62.6 percent of the \$350 million spent for services and supplies in support of LLNL's mission to conduct science in the national interest was spent with small businesses, which are defined by employee count or revenue. Norma Jean Hinds offers input as to why the Lab consistently increase partnerships with small businesses.

"The Lab gives mom and pop businesses more opportunities," said Hinds, who is the general manager of Akima Infrastructure Services, LLC, a small business that provides staffing for the Lab.

So far, this year's numbers far exceed the Department of Energy's (DOE) goal of having LLNL award 52 percent of contracts to small businesses.

Procurement goals for awarding small business contracts also were exceeded in the last two fiscal years. In FY2011, DOE's goal for awarding LLNL contracts to small businesses was 45 percent, while the Lab achieved 62.2 percent. In FY2012, DOE's goal was 50 percent, while the Lab achieved 52.7 percent.

Last year, the Lab received the FY11 M&O Small Business Achievement of the Year Award from DOE. It recognized LLNL's commitment to being a strong small business advocate.

Of the \$350 million procurements to date, LLNL awarded \$219 million to small businesses. Of the \$219 million, 22.6 percent was awarded to small disadvantaged businesses (a small business that's at least 51 percent owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged); 15.9 percent was awarded to veteran-owned businesses; 4.4 percent was awarded to women-owned businesses; and the remaining amount went to small businesses in general.

Car Fires

The Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department (LPFD) responded on Saturday with one Fire Engine to the report of a vehicle fire at the Livermore Premium Outlets. While en route, the responding Captain was able to see from the freeway that the fire appeared to be extending to adjacent vehicles. Based on this, he requested an additional Fire Engine, Fire Truck and Battalion Chief. On arrival, the first Engine found four cars burning and two suffering related heat damage. The crew was able to prevent the fire from spreading to other vehicles.

A total of 6 vehicles were damaged in this incident, with four sustaining major damage, one moderate and one minor. No civilian or firefighter injuries were reported. The fire did produce a large column of smoke and was visible for many miles.

The fire started in a Toyota Camry. Also damaged were two Honda Accords, a Nissan Altima, a Toyota Prius and Volkswagen Beetle. The specific cause was not determined due to the extent of fire damage, but did not appear to be of suspicious origin. Prior to LPFD arrival, a security guard attempted to put the fire out with a fire extinguisher, but was unable to do so due to the size and location of fire. Estimated damage to all six vehicles and their contents is \$34,000.

Corrections

A story about Marylin Avenue School and former principal Jeff Keller was incorrect in several details. There have been three books published about the school's achievements, including a chapter in one book. A fourth book is on the way.

Keller's son did not choose Marylin over a school in Pleasanton. Keller himself made that decision because of the quality of teaching at Marylin. Kim Farrand is Keller's replacement at Marylin Avenue.

Dublin City Manager to Retire

Dublin City Manager Joni Pattillo has announced her plans to leave her post at the end of the calendar year, after a 25-year career in local government.

Pattillo has spent the last five and a half years as Dublin's City Manager, successfully leading the organization through one of the worst economic recessions on record; stabilizing the organization and positioning the City for future growth and prosperity. During her tenure as City Manager, Pattillo worked with the City Council to enhance and improve community engagement and outreach, including the development of a new website and tools to better connect citizens and businesses with the City, a new Annual Report on the City's fiscal condition, as well as a 10-year Strategic Plan and current capital improvement projects.

The creation of Community Strategy Forums that helped to inform the City Council and staff about the financial priorities of the Dublin community were part of Pattillo's leadership vision, as was her development of the City's first two-year budget process to provide fiscal stabilization during a turbulent economic time. Pattillo has also been instrumental in the development of several new park projects, including Fallon Sports Park, Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, four neighborhood parks, and continued the development of Emerald Glen Park, with the design phase of the Aquatic Center.

"It has been my pleasure to work with Joni over the last several years, and I know that we are a better community because of her service to our residents and businesses," said Mayor Tim Sbranti. "She guided us through some very difficult budget conversations, but I believe that our actions to appoint her in 2008 have led to the successes we have achieved today. Joni has been a visionary leader who has put Dublin on the right path, and I think all Dublin



residents should be thankful for her service to our great community."

Pattillo's ingenuity and leadership led to the enhancement of the City's Community Benefit Program, netting several million dollars in new revenues for one-time projects, as well as assisting local non-profit organizations with establishing a stronger presence in Dublin, including the School of Imagination, which works with developmentally-disabled children in an inclusive setting, the YMCA, and Hope Hospice. One of her most notable recent negotiations was the creation of a Veteran's housing project in Downtown Dublin to assist returning Veterans and their families with affordable housing and resources in the Tri-Vallev.

Pattillo was also a key player in the redevelopment of the former Arroyo Vista site, a Federal public housing project. Pattillo spent more than seven years on a new plan and funding stream to build the region's first mixed income community, Emerald Vista. Pattillo also led the City to its first ever designation in 2011 as an "All-America City" by the National Civic League for its efforts relating to affordable housing, preserving the City's history, and the School of Imagination.

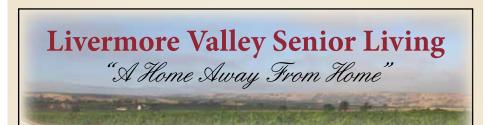
Dublin City Council for their continued support and leadership," said Pattillo. "I am honored to work for a City Council that makes the tough decisions when needed, embraces creative and innovative ideas, and provides its continued support for City staff."

Pattillo joined the City of Dublin in 2002 as the Assistant City Manager. In that role, she established the City's first leadership academy for residents, now called Inside Dublin. The program has graduated more than 150 community members, many of which have gone on to serve the community in a variety of roles, including City Commissions and the City Council.

Throughout her career, Pattillo has been active in the Tri-Valley Region and municipal government profession. She has served on numerous boards and committees throughout Alameda County, and has invested her time in promoting public service to the next generation of leaders, including work with the International City Management Association (ICMA) and the Municipal Management Association of Northern California.

Pattillo stated, "I have a deep appreciation for all of those who continue to serve the public with integrity. I am honored and humbled to stand with all of them."

"I want to thank the



In a story about U.S. policy on Syria, Bashar al-Assad is the name of the Syrian president.

CONCUSSIONS IN SPORTS A Free Education Seminar

Speakers: Christine Boyd, MD Shelby McGinnis, PT

Date: September 17, 2013

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm

Location:

ValleyCare Medical Plaza 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd. Pleasanton 2nd Floor Conference Room

Sports related concussions are common — and serious. Without proper care, concussions can have serious long term consequences such as dementia, depression and suicide.

Please join us for an evening seminar led by Christine Boyd, MD, pediatric sports medicine physician with ValleyCare. Dr. Boyd will review the symptoms of concussions as well as safe return to sport and prevention strategies. Shelby McGinnis, ValleyCare physical therapist, will address vestibular rehabilitation for dizziness and imbalance and training of visual reflexes to help with return to sport.

We invite you to register by calling our Health Information Line at **1-800-719-9111** or visit www.valleycare.com/educationseminars.



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EDITORIALS

Play to Learn Program

We are pleased to see Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) is offering a new, free program for preschool children of families facing financial hardship.

The Play to Learn pilot program is designed for children ages 2.5 to 4. Parents or caregivers will attend with the child and take part in a variety of activities, such as music, art, cooking and storytelling. All of the activities will focus on play as a tool for learning school skills. The aim of the program is to decrease the academic gap seen in low-income areas.

There will be a maximum of 15 families in the pilot program, with priority given to Livermore families. Funding comes from First 5 Alameda County. LARPD plans to offer additional Play to Learn classes throughout the year.

The better educated children become, the better it is for everyone. We hope families will take advantage of the program.

Good Luck

Bob Coomber of Livermore, known as 4wheel bob, is taking off on another of his adventures. Starting September 24, he will attempt to be the first person in a wheelchair to cross the Sierra Nevada Mountains on a wilderness trail.

The trail he has chosen reaches altitues of 11,800 feet. Such efforts aren't new to Bob, he was the first individual to push his wheelchair to the summit of White Mountain, a climb of 14,250 feet.

We wish him a safe and successful journey.

TESLA

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area sacred.

The area is named for the historic town of Tesla. A century ago, 1,500 residents lived there and mined what was one of California's richest coal seams

The site is located immediately west of an offroad recreational park called Carnegie. The Off Highway Division purchased the Carnegie land in 1979 and intends to expand off-road recreational activities into Tesla

Conservation groups such as Livermore-based Friends of Tesla Park are horrified at the thought. They oppose the expansion vehemently, fearing that spinning tires will turn Tesla's pristine hills into the kind of barren moonscape that is visible at Carnegie next door.

Friends of Tesla Park is an alliance of organizations or CEQA, to evaluate low both local and national, from Livermore's Friends of the Vinevards to the Sierra Club. In addition to the physical damage caused by tires, motor vehicle traffic across the hills of Carnegie has left chemical contamination from gasoline and oil leaks. leading two activist groups to file a lawsuit that forced the state to begin cleanup and abatement procedures. The suit was brought by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance. A battle of words has accompanied the controversy. Off-road enthusiasts, led by the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a national organization, see only limited areas where they can pursue their preferred form of recreation, which in many cases is a family tradition being passed on from parents to children. They view conservation groups as environmental extremists whose goal is to seize Tesla for their own narrow purposes.

Americans considered the about the Off-Highway Division's letter.

The letter was necessary because East Bay Regional Park District "continues to assert ownership" of Tesla, she said repeatedly, even when told that they do not claim to own the site. The ownership claim will "disrupt our ability to have a constructive partnership with them," she said, echoing text from the Division's letter.

To Friends of Tesla Park, the letter is part of the Division's effort to expand motor sports into Tesla without performing anything close to a legally required environmental review.

They believe that the Division knows that before undertaking such a dramatic alteration of an almost untouched parcel of land, it is required by the California Environmental Quality Act,

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city's Director of Economic Development, stated that the background report will be used to prepare specific strategies to move forward. She anticipated bringing them to the council in late October or early November.

The report, prepared by Strategic Economics, was presented to the Pleasanton City Council at its September 3 meeting by Sujata Srivastava, a principal at the firm.

Srivastava told the council that Pleasanton offers a diverse economic base and has been successful in attracting and retaining businesses of all sizes. She noted that between 2006-2012, Pleasanton captured 28 percent of venture capital investments made in the region.

Quality of life that includes good schools, inviting downtown, a variety of cultural events and other amenities, as well as the Alameda County Fairgrounds, are all positives for Pleasanton, commented Srivastava.

Accessibility, with the city's location at 580/680, is another plus. Pleasanton is also the only city in the Tri-Valley that provides BART

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Canyon, into Fremont and down to the Bay.

Jeff Miller, director of the Alameda Creek Alliance, said the study is a "useful tool for us trying to restore streams or other habitat. We can see what it once looked like. Obviously, we cannot go straight back to what was there, but we can see how the creek functioned, how it was connected to wetlands, what cold-water fish needed in order to survive yearround, and where there are opportunities to restore that kind of habitat.'

The study was funded primarily by the Alameda County Public Works Department and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). County public works has jurisdiction

TDC PROGRAM (continued from page one)

TDC has been recalculated and updated to \$16,352, down from \$21,592.

In addition to establishing a price per TDC, the TDC Program also set the number of TDCs required to be provided for various types of residential development. On Monday, the previous 2 credits per single family dwelling was reduced to 1.25 credits.

and ACE service. That helps to bring in workers from all

over the region. However, the fact that many of the workers commute in is a negative. In addition, the city has a shortage of workforce housing. This may pose a challenge for future competitiveness if traffic congestion increases and job growth continues to outpace housing growth. High cost housing poses a long term threat to attracting workers and employees, she added.

To solve the issue, a more diverse housing stock is needed. About two-thirds of the present housing is comprised of single family detached homes, with households of one to two people. There is a need to develop areas to accommodate today's generation, that prefers working in walkable, mixed use districts and are more likely to use transit.

Srivastava said the city should look at evolving the current employment centers so that they provide interactive spaces that maximize collaboration among workers. Many buildings are obsolete when it comes to accommodating how people

over the decades have im-

SFPUC controls thou-

sands of watershed acres at

the mainstream headwaters

of the creek. The SFPUC

also built Calaveras Dam,

which has been a major

impediment to steelhead

spawning since its construc-

contributed staff time and

knowledge, and some fund-

ing to the study, as did sev-

eral other participating agen-

Robin Grossinger, who

worked on the study, said

that normally such a study

might cost \$1 million. How-

ever, because of the data

SFEI senior scientist

Zone 7 Water Agency

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feeding, says the report.

work today, she explained.

Councilmember Cheryl Cook-Kallio wanted to see redevelopment addressed in some areas of Hacienda Business Park. She wondered how many people work at home or at a computer in a coffee shop. She asked about the availability incubator space that could accommodate small companies

In commenting on the report, Councilmember Jerry Pentin stated that he was surprised at the amount of venture capital spent in Pleasanton. He wanted more data on the use of transit. He pointed out that the report mentioned the positives of transit; it also found there was not enough transit provided.

Councilmember Karla Brown called it a great report. However, she suggested the economy and how people work changes rapidly. Perhaps there should be a vision of what may happen in the future included as part of the strategies.

Councilmember Kathy Narum pointed out that the council recently approved two mixed use developthat the city had already the proposed strategies.

streamlined the approval process. Narum asked that the city monitor the approval process and determine how long it takes from application to approval.

Mayor Jerry Thorne stated that the most compelling information provided for him is that high speed internet connections, which exist in the street, but are not available in the buildings in Hacienda. Making those connections available will be important.

He added that he spends a lot of time working with i-GATE in Livermore, which deals with the issue of incubator space. "I want to make sure that some of the results benefit Pleasanton, not just Livermore. With the tech transfer taking place, Pleasanton may be able to benefit."

Another surprise to Thorne was the fact that renter occupied housing is the highest in Pleasanton among Tri-Valley cities.

All of the councilmembers commented that they hoped the plan that comes to the council does not sit on a shelf and gather dust. They wanted a plan that would ments in Hacienda. She felt lead to implementation of

contributed by participating over the flood control chanagencies and the SFEI staff nels. Its changes to arroyos of 50 employees, the price tag came to about \$450,000. peded fish migration and

Having reliable data will save all of the participating agencies a great deal of money in the future, according to Grossinger. They will be able to be more accurate in planning flood control and water supply projects.

Zone 7 integrated planning manager Carol Mahoney confirmed that the new document will be a money-saver. Zone 7 needs to look at long-term management of a flood-control arroyo, and crafting a good plan is paramount. "It's very expensive, if you choose the wrong plan or configuration," said Mahoney.

Besides the financial aspect in planning, Zone 7

chase all of the TDCs. The There is currently approxi-\$20 million in TDC fees plus mately \$2.9 million in the TDC fund at present. money generated by other

Altamont Landfill settleopen space fee programs ment agreement includes a is expected to produce the requirement for the operator Developer representato collect a \$0.75 per ton tives said they had reviewed fee plus CPI (consumer the staff recommendations price index) for open space acquisition. Eighty percent of the Open Space Fee is for open space expenditures in the eastern area of East Alameda County and 20 percent is for expenditures in the western area of East Alameda County. There is currently, approximately \$6.6 million in the Open Space Fund designated for expenditures in the eastern acquisition area. There is approximately \$1.5 million in the Vasco Road Landfill Open Space Fund designated for expenditures in Eastern Alameda County. Currently, there is approximately \$4.46 million in the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement Fund that is bearing interest. Stewart noted that over \$4.4 million has been spent to purchase almost 1000 acres, including 775 acres in Doolan Canyon.

must also look at the ecological aspects. In its Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP), the agency is committed to recreation as one of the uses of its channel areas. Designing nature into the project, instead of using the old-style concrete channels, improves this aspect.

The study cites a 1998 report that mentions the presence of Steelhead in Niles Canyon and "several small intermittent and perennial tributaries in the Fremont-Livermore hills." Zone 7 already uses fish ladders in two of its arroyos, in order to enable any future upstream steelhead migrations, if they occur.

One thing that has discouraged steelhead migration has been the lack of shade trees near the creeks. Zone 7 is restoring part of the Arroyo Mocho near Stanley Boulevard. The pilot project will plant trees and shrubs in an effort to make the waters more fishfriendly.

Mahoney said that Zone 7 has contracted with SFEI for a further study of the Livermore Valley.

'We thought it would be great to go in-depth for information on the Livermore Valley. It could provide our Steam Management Master Plan with new data. By looking at the historical ecology, we can see how to operate the streams of the future,' said Mahoney.

They say they have outgrown Carnegie and should be able to expand into the Tesla property that the Division bought 15 years ago for that purpose.

Like the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division, they allege that East Bay Regional Park District claims that it owns Tesla. This is an argument repeated this week by the deputy public affairs manager at the Parks Department, Vicky Waters, when asked for a comment

impact and no impact alternatives. These include alternatives like leaving the land untouched or operating it as a low impact park for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians.

Instead, they say, the Division has made clear that the only question is what kind of vehicular recreation will be allowed.

With that conviction in mind, they see the Division's aggressive criticism of East Bay Regional Park District's master plan as an intentional diversion.

In a letter sent this week to EBRPD, Nancy Rodrigue, a member of the steering group of Friends of Tesla Park, urged the district to reject the demand that Tesla be removed from its master plan

She charged that the Off-Highway Division is "pressuring EBRPD to join its attempts to circumvent CEQA and legitimate thorough environmental review of the impacts of (off-road vehicle) use and viable alternatives for Tesla."

'Because future use of the Tesla land is not determined, the legitimacy of the CEQA review is critically important," Rodrigue went on to say.

There is no authority or law supporting the (Division's) position that because Tesla was purchased with (Division) funds that it will or must be used for (offroad) use . . . Such a predetermination of the outcome of the CEQA process is contrary to law.

Stewart said that the remaining sites appropriate for residential development tend to be smaller scale infill sites near commercial or industrial uses that are appropriate for higher densities. Products available on the market have changed. Today, there are small lot single family detached residential products that have higher densities in the range of 10-12 units per acre. The current TDC acquisition rate of two TDCs for each detached unit discourages this type of product and lowers the profit margins below acceptable thresholds necessary to attract developers. Lowering the fee would make this type of product more attractive to developers.

He added, the proposed TDC acquisition rate is the same for large lot and small lot single family detached residential projects. However, the rates may vary in the future as the market continues to evolve. The plan is to conduct a biannual review.

Councilmember Bob Woerner asked Stewart how much money the program would generate over time and how long would it take?

Stewart estimated that over the long term, \$28 to \$30 million would be acquired.

Woerner pointed out that the increased funding would be contingent on general plan changes. Given the interest in the community in not seeing changes, he wondered how that might impact funding.

City Manager Marc Roberts explained that income beyond \$20 million is speculative. If the council wishes to discourage development, it could consider increasing the TDC fee.

An estimated \$50 million would be required to pur-

and agree with them. "They accurately reflect the current market conditions," said Bob Hencken from Summerhill Homes. The developer is working on plans for the Brisa neighborhood on the east side of Livermore.

needed revenue

Stewart commented that combined with the landfill fees and Dougherty Valley settlement money, the TDC program will generate enough funds to acquire all of the TDCs in North Livermore.

Altogether, there is approximately \$15.4 million available from the TDC Fund, Altamont and Vasco Road Landfill Open Space Accounts, and Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement Open Space Account for open space acquisitions in North Livermore. Upon sale of all the TDCs, the program is anticipated to generate over \$50 million for open space acquisition.

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are in one location.

The second Science Building (# 1850) on campus adds nearly 21,000 square feet to house some of the most popular subject majors at the college. Four biology laboratories and a cadaver facility are located on the first floor of Building 1850, with classrooms on the second. The new building brings to five the number of labs for biology, three for chemistry plus other discipline-specific teaching areas in the two science buildings at Las Positas College.

The Campus Boulevard project forms the backbone of the newest portion of the LPC campus. It is comprised of scenic pedestrian walk-ways, student study and visiting areas, a central fountain and areas for student activities surrounded by broad lawns and draughttolerant landscaping.

Commenting on the ribbon cutting and tour event,

Guy F. Lease, Interim President of the College said, The entire Las Positas College campus community is looking forward to welcoming Tri-Valley residents to tour the newest additions to our community's college. This latest construction on campus will enhance our ability to best serve students as LPC has for almost 40 years. The new facilities were made possible by the community and are of value to all of our students ... whether the individuals are interested in transfer to a four year institution, pursuing a vocational certificate or just learning to expand their horizons.

Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore. Ás a community service, campus parking is free for this event. RSVPs for new facility tours and the ribbon cutting are requested, but not required. Please call (925) 424-1002.

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(continued from page one) citizens, and for recognizing our legacy.

He then invited the council, city staff and the public to attend a 50th anniversary celebration on September 21 from 1 to 6 p.m. Call 243-8000 for the location.

The proclamation reads as follows:

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Mt. Diablo Has Played a Large Part in the Area's History

By Carol Graham

For a California mountain rising a mere 3,850 feet above sea level, Mount Diablo nonetheless stands as a giant among giants.

It looms, broad-hipped and implacable, like a guardian over its rambunctious brood of encircling towns - Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Walnut Creek, Concord, Clayton, Brentwood and Byron.

Its double-peaked outline is recognizable from points across Northern California and beyond, indeed its summit is visible from the Farallon Islands 30 miles outside the Golden Gate to the bordering states of Nevada and Oregon, yet its mass seems to shape shift almost imperceptibly when viewed from different directions, at different angles, in different lights.

It is a mountain perhaps more felt than observed.

On September 8th, a sweltering, sleepy Sunday following Labor Day weekend, all eyes were on Mount Diablo as a wildfire took off up its eastern slope, doubling and soon doubling again, as people gazed onto the blaze, helpless to do more than watch, and wait, and hope.

By nightfall the fire, glowing coppery-orange in its own mushrooming smoke, leapt over the ridge - an electric blaze searing the moonless night. Mount Diablo looked like the mouth of hell.

That Mount Diablo was named "Devil Mountain" came about from a series of misunderstandings. During the spring of 1806, a platoon of Spanish soldiers were sent out from their small adobe fortress, the Presidio, to the northern side of the mountain. They were tasked with finding a group of Miwok natives to welcome them into the civilizing embrace of Madrid.

The Miwok were having

ing the soldiers for some days, stood their ground in a thicket of willow and eucalyptus trees. To frighten or intimidate the Spaniards, the Miwoks sent out a medicine man so weirdly dressed and painted as to persuade the Europeans that the natives were under the spell of the very devil himself.

'An unknown personage decorated with the most extraordinary plumage and making diverse movements suddenly appeared," recalled one terrified soldier, after the Spaniards had taken flight allowing the Miwok to escape across the narrows of the Sacramento River.

Returning to the Presidio, the soldiers reported to their commander that they'd lost the natives in what they called Monte del Diablo, the thicket of the devil. Later, cartographers assumed monte meant "mountain," (a less ambiguous term the Spaniards likely would have used to designate a mountain would have been montaña) and the mapmakers adopted the name to describe the peak itself.

From its colorful beginnings, Mount Diablo's lore and significance endured. Its visual prominence made it not just an observable touchstone but an important landmark for surveying, mapping and navigating.

"It had once been the most important landmark in the entire American West," wrote author Simon Winchester in his novel chronicling the San Francisco 1906 earthquake, The Crack at the Edge of the World. "It was the summit from which all California distances and directions were once formally triangulated and measured."

Winchester added that much of what fascinated him about California - "Its extraordinary history, its phenomenal wealth, its lyrically complex topography and geology, its transcendent

trated in the few square miles of that rugged, remarkable mountain.

Perhaps that is exactly what defines the spell Mount Diablo casts - it has its own personality, a powerful presence, a pull it exerts over its surrounding populace whereupon travelers returning home from any direction can aim toward its solitary hulk and soon find they have arrived.

Yet such a treasure cannot go unprotected from pillaging. In the decades following World War II, as the population exploded and created vast suburbs, East Bay residents grew increasingly alarmed as subdivisions started creeping up the mountain. In response, land use development revisions took place in the '60s, helping lead to the formation of the organization Save Mount Diablo in 1971. Its mission is to preserve, defend and restore Diablo's natural lands for people and wildlife to enjoy.

Public perception at that time was that the State Park included the entire mountain; in fact, the park stood alone at the summit, a mere 6,788 acres. Today, largely through Save Mount Diablo's efforts, more than 100,000 acres on the mountain have been preserved and protected. Still, that's only half of Mount Diablo's wilderness; the other half is at risk of being lost to development.

With so many people invested in restoring and protecting the East Bay's magnificent centerpiece, there is hope Mount Diablo will retain its heavenly beauty, even in the midst of Mother Nature's volatile whims as the wildfire feeds itself on summer-parched Manzanita, Knobcone pine, chaparral bellflower, buckwheat, Coulter pine, fairy lantern and sunflowers.

This fire is just one of

that have occurred on Diablo since record keeping began in 1891. The worst occurred over a five-day stretch in 1931, burning 25,000 acres. The most recent major fire took place in August of 1977 when, after two years of drought, two lightning strikes caused a fire that charred 6,000 acres on the mountain's north side.

For this, our most recent fire, high temperatures, low humidity, and offshore winds hamper crews in containing the fire. The area is in steep inaccessible terrain that has not burned in recent history.

Two units of Livermore-Pleasanton firefighters were on hand to help control the Morgan Fire on the east side of Mount Diablo, near Morgan Territory Road. That fire had burned more than 3,243 acres and was 45 percent contained on Tuesday before The Independent's deadline. The fire had not grown in size since Monday.

Residents along Curry Canyon Road, Oak Hill

none of this and, after elud- loveliness" - were concen- more than a hundred fires Lane, Trail Ride Road, Rus- tected, the population holds selmann Park Road, East Trail Road, Upper Trail Road and Lower Trail Road were evacuated Sunday.

> The Morgan Fire drew about 700 firefighters, 85 engines, three helicopters, 11 bulldozers and six water trucks to supply the fire engines.

Until the firefighters and residents are safe, and animals and structures are pro-

its breath. There may come a day next spring, or the next, when an abundance of golden eardrops and wild poppies remind us that this is the way of all life: gains and losses, highs and lows, give and take. But that time is not yet here. This is the time to rally around our fellowman, to do what we can, and to appreciate the mountain anew.





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The 16U Mavericks Girls' fastpitch softball team went 5-0 and earned a first place trophy in the "Carnival" tournament. The event was held in Modesto, CA on September 7-8, 2013. The Mavericks battled the heat and swarming bees to take the championship. The stingy pitchers threw three shut outs and allowed only four runs all weekend. The offense pounded out 34 runs to trample the opponents while the defense displayed their athletic prowess turning in some extraordinary defensive plays. The Mavericks are (first row from left) Coach Pete Rocereto, Jamie Wittmer, Robyn Dobson, and Natalie Waters; (back row from left): Manager Greg Dobson, Yasmeen Sekander, Kaitlyn Bauke, Jenna Reitsma, Shelby Rocereto, Kaliyah Tavis, Cameo Schubert, and Coach Tim Waters. Not pictured are Maggie Kilday, Katie Lucas and Megan Sanchez.



The West Coast Wave U12G win 2-1 over Martinez Pleasant Hill FC Riot in their first Norcal fall league game this past Saturday. The girls started the game with two quick goals. Pictured is Jessa Lyons as she boots the ball up the field, ensuring that Riot's offense doesn't net the ball in the first half.

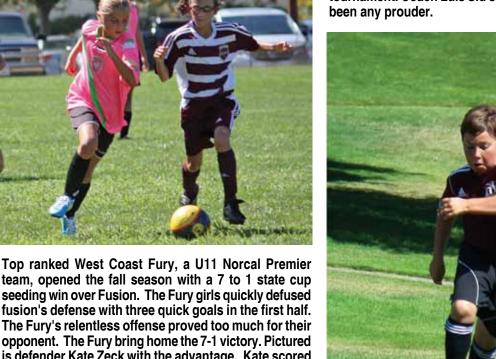




Julian Quigley of Livermore Junior Football League (LJFL) Raiders drags several Lions into the end zone.



The Pleasanton Rage U15 Orange capped off their summer tournament run with a championship win at the Soccer City Warm-up. The girls allowed only one goal scored against them during the 4 games of the tournament. Coach Luis Siu said that he couldn't have



team, opened the fall season with a 7 to 1 state cup seeding win over Fusion. The Fury girls quickly defused fusion's defense with three quick goals in the first half. The Fury's relentless offense proved too much for their opponent. The Fury bring home the 7-1 victory. Pictured is defender Kate Zeck with the advantage. Kate scored one of the seven goals for the Fury.

and Eliana Eme, both played well, not allowing one goal past them. The game ended in a 0-0 tie.

West Coast U9G Krew - In the opening day of league play and State Cup play West Coast Soccer Club U9 girls, the Krew, battled two fierce competitors and the hot weather. On Saturday, the Krew played San Ramon Azuri in San Ramon on the opening day of league play. With a goal by Taryn Richey, the Krew pulled ahead in the first half of play. During the second half, despite a fierce defense, Azuri tied the score with a goal of their own. The game ended in a tie The game ended in a tie.

On Sunday, the Krew faced the Danville Mustangs Wildfire. The Krew started strong with a goal by Leslie Mangskau and followed shortly by a sola from Taryn Richey. The Krew scored another goal in the second half off the play by Mia Hess. The Krew's defense shutout the Wildfire and claimed their first win of the State

openings in the back line, capitalizing on it to score three goals to take the lead 3-2. Sandra Aguilar tied it up just before halftime. Second half would see a very intense but beautiful game of soccer unfold and team Kryptonite started working some magic. Valentina Camacho took the ball down the right side and served a great cross that was cleared wide but not out of reach of her teammate Camila Fonseca who crossed it back in for Jessica Hopkins to volley home. Fernanda Fonseca would secure the 5th and final goal with a gorgeous left footed blast past the goalkeeper. Kryptonite coming off a championship at Magic cup started off the fall NPL season on good note and look forward to a highly visible college showcase year.

Livermore Jr. Football

Livermore Junior Football kicked off its season with 8 games last Sat-Granada High School. With over 400 boys and girls playing and cheering, LJFL provides a fun and safe environment for Livermore youth to enjoy football. Scores and highlights from the opening games: Junior Division: Lions 28, Raiders 7: The Raiders began in the first quarter by moving the ball with their run game, picking up a first down, but ultimately punting. The Lions then had their chance on offense, going right to work with Dominic Zayas biting off chunks of yardage on the ground, and Zach Sandoval picking up a big 30 yard gain, all behind key blocks from Jonathan Lankenau, Adan Tellez, and Erik Anderson. End of the first quarter - Lions 0, Raiders 0. After a turnover on downs by the Lions, the Raiders' offense was unable to convert a first down, thanks to the defensive efforts of Jon Wolfson, Garret Riddiough, Troy Rodriguez, Donovan Humes, Myles Anderson and Josh Rodriguez. The Lions got the ball back, and in one play scored a touchdown when Zach Sandoval carried the ball 35 yards from scrimmage to pay dirt. Paving the way for him were his teammates Jack Prusso, Vanden Caudillo, Aiden Noonan, Anthony Diaz, and Nolan Dennis. The Lions followed up the score with a 3 and out defensive stand. The Lions scored just 2 plays into the series; Dylan Prusso chewed up over half the field in a single run, giving the Lions their second touchdown. Upon the Raider's next possession, the Lions' ball carrier fumbled the ball. Myles Anderson quickly dove on it, giving the ball back to the Lions. On the ensuing 1st play of the series, the Lions made the turnover count when Zach Sandoval hit a wide-open Dylan Prusso in stride for a third touchdown. just before the half. End of the second quarter - Lions 20, Raiders 0. The Lions received the 2nd half opening kickoff, and backed up their first-half success by scoring on the first drive - after some tough yardage won up the middle by Dominic Zayas. Zach Sandoval once again came up big, by busting out with another long touchdown run. End of third quarter - Lions 28, Raiders 0. The Raiders turned up the heat in the 4th quarter, with a methodical march down the field, resulting in a touchdown. The Lions responded with their own drive, with runs by Zach Sandoval, Dominic Zayas, Jack Prusso, and Anthony Diaz each carrying the ball and running out the clock on their lead.

exciting was the pass interception by Zak in the second half. Touchdowns were scored by Knight, Stephenson and Tudor.

San Ramon Azuri.

Ravens 22, Vikings 14: Vikings' Nolan Martin returned the kick-off for 30 yards. The offense, led by Miles Rasmussen and Cole Arnold set up Rasmussen to score the first touchdown. Cole Arnold followed up with the 2pt conversion The Vikings defense did a great job holding the Ravens offense to no touchdowns in the first quarter. Outstanding defensive players were Joe Hagar, Jacob Hagar, Colby Scherer and Matt Polaski. In the second quarter, the Ravens answered with a touchdown and 2pt conversion. The Vikings' defense never gave up, holding the Ravens just one touchdown in the second quarter. The Vikings Morgan Labrucherie kicked off to start the third quarter. The Ravens scored another touchdown and a 2pt conversion. The Vikings answered back with a kickoff return by Nolan Martin for a touchdown. The 2pt conversion was not successful. Other offensive standouts for the Vikings were Mason Newbould, Garret Gomes, and Alex Echeverria. The Ravens scored a touchdown and 2pt conversion late in the fourth quarter to win the game. Advanced Division: Bears 14, Broncos 0; Colts 20, Jets 14 Senior Division: Chiefs 6, Steelers 0; Giants 28, Packers 6

(35.450); Kacie Donaldson placed third on Floor (8.975); Carli Collopy placed second on Bars (8.800).

Livermore Fusion U10 Boys Select's Andrew Hofmann

worked the ball upfield this weekend in the match against

Session 8A -- Younger Division: Maile Dougherty placed first on Floor (9.125) and third All-Around (34.350); Zoey Contos placed second on Bars (8.825), and third on Beam (8.950)

and Floor (9.000). Session 8A -- Older Division:

Livermore Fusion U11 Boys protect their goal against a penalty kick in the first round state cup game this weekend against Lamorinda United. Fusion played a great game highlighted by tough defense from defenders Aiden Bartlett and Patrick Curulla, penetrating offense from forwards Aidan Edwards and Austin de Vries and opportunity making passes from mid-fielders Ethan Voelker and Ryan Hoopes. Fusion finished with a 7-0 shut out to start the season off with a bang. Pictured (left to right) are Patrick Curulla, Aiden Bartlett, Aidan DeMello, Aidan Edwards, Michael Grant, Teha Diah and Austin de Vries.

Pleasanton Rage

In its first fall season game on Saturday, Pleasanton Rage White U-13 overcame a two-point deficit to tie the EBU-Bay Oaks Bears Blue at Lincoln Middle School in Alameda.

First half scoring began with a Bears Blue goal in the eleventh minute. Rage's mid-fielders Jessica Stubbs and Hunter Faria responded by moving the ball into Bears Blue territory, where Faria, Isabella Clark, Gabriella Smith, Allison DeFazio and Lucia Castaneda took shots on goal. Castaneda came up with the point off an assist by Smith, bringing the score to 1-1 at half-time.

After earning a second goal in the 44th minute, Bears Blue confidently scored a third goal three minutes later. Rage defenders - Sarah McKeever, Emma Monsen, Ariyana Walling, and birthday girl Brooke Delaney (goalie) - ultimately shut down the Bears Blue offensive players, and the action shifted in the 48th minute. The Bears Blue goalie now faced multiple one-on-ones with Rage players' Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf. Clark and Smith. Lofthouse-Wolf and Smith each scored goals to tie the game, 3-3.

Returning to Alameda on Sunday for the first of three preliminary Nor-Cal state cup qualifying games, Rage U-13 faced EBU-Bay Oaks Sting Yellow at Hornet Field. EBU-Bay Oaks found its target first with a goal in the sixth minute. However, Rage's Lauren Londono quickly intercepted a goal kick to answer back with a Rage goal. Rage defender Julianna Pereira fired off a free kick in the 52nd minute that found a waiting Lofthouse-Wolf, whose shot went just wide of the goal. Rage mid-fielder Ashley Lopez aggressively moved the ball down the field throughout the game, but no other shots from either competitor found their targets. The final score: 1-1.

Livermore Fusion

Livermore Fusion Soccer Club results

U9 Boys: The SC Boys Select Outlaws hit the turf ready to dominate the Raging Bulls in Union City. In the first half, Quinn Boyd scored two goals and Tanner Griffith's goal pushed the Outlaws ahead of the game. Jacob Woods. Justin Johnson and Thomas Schnapp kept up the offensive pressure, while Cameron Angotti helped stellar goalie Andrew McKeever defend the goal. In the second half, Shane Pollard scored a goal. The Outlaws continued to work together offensively to put pressure on the Raging Bulls' goal. Tanner Griffith made some excellent saves in goal and the boys pulled out another win of 4-1.

Pleasanton Ballistic

A depleted but game Pleasanton Ballistic Soccer Club (BUSC) U19 Select opened NorCal league play with a 2-1 loss on the road to Dublin. The Select were on their heels early. A penalty kick put them down 1-0 in the 5th minute. They managed to get to the half with the same score thanks to 3 diving stops by GK Jeremy Schuler.

The Select came out hard in the second half and took the game back. A quick restart on a throw-in by Drake Foote found Max Gershman on the left side of the eighteen. Gershman slipped inside his mark and left footed one far corner in the 55th and the score was knotted at 1-1. In the 60th, the Select almost broke the tie. Zac Pinard sent a bomb from his right back position that banged off the crossbar. Foote was planted in front and had an opportunity on the rebound, but put it over the net. A Dublin free kick was not cleared in the 64th and a low hard shot found the corner for the 2-1 final. Schuler had several outstanding saves in the second half. Gershman and Jack Simmons led the midfield.

The Select (5-4-0, 0-1-0 NorCal) next open their home season vs the Madera Brickwall.

West Coast Soccer West Coast Soccer Wave U12G

played an incredible first Norcal State Cup Seeding game early Sunday morning in Concord against Diablo FC. The aggressive play from offensive players Monique Reil, Leila Ganz, and Jillian Collom allowed Wave to dominate in ball possession while defenders Jordan Goodwin, Jackie Parker, and Kaila Vasconez all played a strong game. Goalkeepers, Kelsey Hoopes

up series

West Coast Wicked U16G kicked off the 2013 Fall league season with a match against Lamorinda United 97 White. As the Wicked girls took to the field there was no question they meant business. Kalvn Ganz, Kavla Lindsav and Misha Brewster worked together to control the midfield as Emma Halsch and Isabel del Castillo pressured Lamorinda's keeper. Despite the strong defensive team of Claire Soule and Shannon Holt, Lamorinda was able to place one shot over keeper Samantha Gruczelak's reach for the first goal of the game. At halftime Lamorinda was ahead by 1. Samantha Gruczelak did an amazing job warding off all future shots. Wicked came back second half with speed, agility and power. Isabel del Castillo, Sophia Shokoor, Emma Halsch and Misha Brewster continually threatened Lamorinda's lead. Mackenzie Paulo rocketed a throw-in for an assist to a beautiful volley by Sophia Shokoor. Final score: 1-1

West Coast Wrath U13 girls The West Coast Wrath started the fall season with a local derby against Fusion, and came away with a 4-2 win in their opening State Cup game. In the first half, the Wrath quickly defused Fusion's defense and took a 1-0 lead. The Wrath moved the ball past their opponent to forward Savannah Seals who scored the first goal of the game. The Wrath defense of Kylie, Arvanna. Fran and Reagan saw a lot of action but were on their game. Kate and Tyler worked hard in midfield and put a lot of pressure on the Fusion defense. Early in the second half, Savannah scored a second goal. Fusion continued to pressure and their tenacity paid off when they took the corner well and brought the score back to 2-1. Brianne Radliff, the Wrath's towering goalie, made an amazing fingertip save to keep the score at 2-1. Fusion brought the score back to 2-2 with a fine individual goal. But the Wrath continued to apply pressure with Allyssa George and Abby Hoobing working hard on the wings, and Janessa Sanchez, Lindsey Philips and Kayley Lawson supporting the team in midfield and up-front. The Wrath's continuous pressure, good passing, and hard work was rewarded when Abby executed a perfect corner kick to Steffanie Angelo who slotted home a fine shot for Wrath to take a 3-2 lead. The fourth and final goal for the Wrath came on a penalty kick by Tyler Enderlein. The score at the final whistle was 4-2 Wrath. The Wrath are playing in the gold division of the Norcal Premier League.

West Coast Soccer U18 Kryptonite pulled off a stunning perfor-mance in the NPL home opener, defeating Juventus La Fenice 5-3. Kryptonite have 4 returning veterans from the 3 time State Cup Championship roster Mireya Magana, Madison Souza, Jessica Hopkins & Kelly Smith along with 13 new players that have been steadily improving. The first goal came off a nicely placed pass from Mireya Magana to Karla Ruiz who slotted the ball home to give Kryptonite the lead. Next Karla would return the favor to Magana as Mireva got the team a 2-0 lead. The game would open up a bit after team captain Madison Souza went out with a head injury and Juventus found some

Texans 38, Falcons 32

Intermediate Division: 49ers 19, Eagles 7: The 49ers showed up ready to play in week one. With one touchdown each, the 49ers were down (6-7) in the first half. The 49er players gave it their all. A touchdown in the third changed the game and put the 49ers in the lead. The 49ers clinched the win in the fourth with a third touchdown. The entire 49er defense contributed to the win. However, there were several defensive stand outs: Gooby; Morano; and Nuddleman - all with great tackles against the Eagles' offense. Especially

'Gator Bowl' Tourney

The Livermore Baseball and Basketball Programs are hosting their 3rd Annual LHS "Gator Bowl" Tourney Fundraiser at Granada Bowl on Saturday, November 16th from 7:30-9:30pm.

The baseball program is in need of new mower attachment for the John Deere Gator and the basketball program is in need of new back boards and equipment. The goal is to raise \$6,000 for these expenses. The cost to take part in the fundraiser is \$15 per bowler. There can be 6 bowlers in a lane. Please contact David Perotti at 925-586-2811 or dperotti@lvjusd.k12. ca.us for more info.

Edge Gymnastics

The Edge Gymnastics Level 4 team competed on Sunday, September 8th at the Judges' Cup Invitational in Rancho Cordova, CA. This was the first meet of the 2013 competitive season. The team was off to a great start, taking first place in Session 7A and second place in Session 8A.

Results:

Session 7A -- Younger Division: Lauren Bashant placed third on Vault (8.700) and Floor (8.750), first on Bars (9.300), and second All-Around (35,125); Emma Wright placed second on Bars (9.150) and third All-Around (34.225); Emily Walsh placed second on Beam (8.850).

Session 7A -- Middle Division: Katelyn Lewis placed second on Vault (8.750), Bars (9.325), and Beam (8.775), and first All-Around (35.700); Lily Madrigal placed first on Floor (9.225) and second All-Around (34.875); Katie Corbett placed first on Bars (9.475), and tied for second on Floor (8.900); Mariah Murphy placed third on Bars (9.275).

Session 7A -- Older Division: Isabella Romano placed second on Bars (9.250), and first on Beam (9.225), Floor (9.050), and All-Around (36.175); Kathy Haidinyak placed first on Bars (9.375) and third All-Around

Arianna Standish placed second on Bars (9.350) and Beam (8.775), and first on Floor (9.150) and All-Around (35.225); Tracy Zhao placed first on Beam (9.150), second on Floor (8.875), and third All-Around (33.775).

Full results for all Edge Level 4 gymnasts at this meet can be found at http://goo.gl/ztWcOJ.

Alumni Football Game

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

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

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

Bocce Kits for Rent

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

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

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

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

Veterans Victory Velo

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

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

Registration is at www.veterans-victoryvelo.com. All V3 rides will

SPORTS NOTES



The Livermore Fusion U5 soccer teams, Team Turbo vs Team Fast Cheetahs, played. Turbo team is under head coach Greg Kubiak and asst. coach Lance Hooker. Benjamin Warner, Christian Jose and Shamus McGrail scored goals with great defense from Logan Kubiak. Myles Rosales, Knox Hooker and Colton Salamida made great assists on offense and defense throughout the game. Team Fast Cheetahs's Brandon Hahn, Caden Romero and Joaquin Trigueros scored goals, Joseph Tenca, Cole McGinnis and Jax Agosta played tough defense. Viggo Jensen and Khalif Ford put some solid effort in all around.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen



The West Coast Wildfire U14, a Norcal National Premier League team, opened the 2013 fall season with a 2-0 shutout over Castro Valley. The Wildfire came out firing with a solid shot to the left corner from center Midfielder, Sierra Martin. The second goal came from Forward Meghan Giamona who bent a left foot shot from the right into the corner of the far post. The Wildfire defense was a steel wall and gets the credit for the shutout. Pictured is outside defender Lauryn Souza making a move on her opponent.



Golf Course in Livermore on Friday, September 27, 2013.

The event includes a golf tournament, dinner and raffle. Las Positas Golf Course is located at 917 Club House Drive, Livermore. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start at 12:30 p.m., dinner and raffle at 5:30 p.m.

The Hole-in-One prize is a new Toyota Prius, courtesy of Dublin Toyota. Raffle grand prizes include a 3-day stay at the Capella Pedregal Hotel and Spa in Cabo San Lucas, México, a 5-night stay at a vacation home on the Oregon coast, a 3-month membership at the Livermore Tennis Club and much more.

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

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

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

Fall Water Polo

LARPD sponsors a USA Water Polo team (USWP), the LAZERS, which encourages high standards of play and good sportsmanship. As a USWP club team, all practices and competitions will be sanctioned, requiring all participants to be registered with USWP. All experience levels are welcome, however athletes must be able to swim two laps (50 yards) without stopping. Register for the LAZERS team and play the world's most exciting aquatic game! To register, call LARPD at 925-373-5700, or visit www.larpd. dst.ca.us. For more information about the LARPD LAZERS, visit http:// lazerswaterpolo.weebly.com or e-mail

lazerswp@gmail.com The 14 & Under Level I & II Co-Ed LAZERS Water Polo Team practices begin Sept 9, and run through

The Dublin High School Gaels football team won Friday's home non-conference game against Woodside by a score of 22-14.

Tri for Real

On Sunday, September 15, a field of more than 800 few-timer and manytimer triathletes will be on hand for On Your Mark Events' capstone event of their 26th annual Tri For Fun Triathlon Series (four triathlon events), with their Tri For Real. This annual season closer will be held at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park in Pleasanton, Calif.

What separates the Tri For Real and the three Tri For Fun triathlons are distance and timing. The distances increase from a 400-yard swim to 700

yards, 11-mile bike ride to 19 miles, and a 3-mile trail run to 4 miles. Utilizing the lake and rolling hills of Shadow Cliff Park and the flat paved roads running through Pleasanton and Livermore. In addition, the "Real" is a timed event with ribbons and trophies for the top finishers in their sex and age groups.

Entry fee for the Tri For Real is (\$75.00 advance, and \$85.00 raceday). Preregistered entry for relay teams is \$210, \$10 will be added to race-day registrants. Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, snacks and beverages, awards ceremony, and a huge raffle. For each race, check-in and regis-

tration will begin at 5:00 a.m., with the first wave hitting the water at 7:00 a.m.

To register or to receive more information about the Tri For Fun Triathlon Series, contact On Your Mark Events at 209-795-7832 or visit their website. Online registration is also available on Active.com.

Gymnasts to Flip for Taylor Foundation

West Coast Training Center (WestCoast) in Livermore is hosting its second annual charity event, Cartwheels & Carnival for a Cause. Once again, West-Coast has chosen Livermore's own Taylor Family Foundation to be the event's beneficiary.

The event will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22.

Owner and Head Coach Marie Annonson remarks, "We are so proud to put on a charity event that promotes gymnastics and fitness while serving our community. We hope in our second year to raise \$5,000 for The Taylor Family Foundation!"

All are invited to participate by cartwheeling for pledges or for a flat registration fee. Coaches and ath-

letes will be on hand to help first-time cartwheelers. All are welcomed to cheer on the sidelines or play the carnival games that will round out the festivities. The carnival will also feature a free showcase of acrobatic gymnastics demonstrations by homegrown national champion athletes.

The event will be held at West Coast Training Center, 50 Wright Brothers Avenue, off the Isabel Avenue exit of Hwy 580. The goal is to have at least 100 participants register and for the event to grow each year. The more participation, the more the Taylor Family Foundation benefits. The participants will take pledges in order to raise money, and along with corporate sponsorship, all of the proceeds will go directly to the Taylor Family Foundation.

For more information on West Coast Training Center, visit: http://www. westcoasttc.com/.

For more information on The Taylor Family Foundation, including its recent coverage by ABC7 KGO-TV, visit: http://ttff.org/.



The West Coast Wrath U13 opened the 2013 fall season with two state cup seeding games this past weekend. In their first game on Saturday, the Wrath battled local opponent, Fusion, to bring home a 4-2 win. The Wrath also played local power house and top seed, Mustang. Pictured is West Coast Goalie, Brianne Radliff, using her reach to save shot.

begin and end in the parking lot of the Foundation offices located at 2678 Bishop Drive in San Ramon. Riders from the novice to the experienced are welcome

100-mile Devil Mountain Century Ride begins at 7 a.m.; 60-mile ride begins at 9 a.m.; 30-mile ride begins at 10 a.m. The 30 mile ride is an out-and-back

along San Ramon and Foothill Blvds to the picturesque and historic town of Sunol. The 60 mile ride loops through the Tri-Valley area, extending east from Danville to the lush vineyards of Livermore and the rolling hills of Pleasanton before returning through Dublin and San Ramon. The 100-mile Devil Mountain Century Ride takes cyclists to the ranger station on Mt. Diablo, down through Clayton and up and over Morgan Territory lands before descending into the Livermore/ Pleasanton/Sunol region on the return. Following the V3 bike rides, there will be a family-friendly celebration

including a barbecue lunch, as well as live music provided by AKA of Ken Cooper Music, additional food tents, wine and beer tastings, free massages for riders, static displays from local military organizations, and other fun events. The festival is scheduled for 1 - 5 p.m. and is open to the public. Radio sponsor 101.7 KKIQ (www. kkiq.com) will be broadcasting live at various times throughout the day from the Bishop Ranch start and finish line.

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

CYO Basketball

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

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

invited to register as a coach. Please visit http://smsccyo.org/ for more information

Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 4th Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Veterans Day weekend,

Saturday, November 9, 2013. The event offers several distances that include a 5K run/walk, 10K run, half marathon and one-mile fun run. All events start at Independence Park and go through Livermore's scenic Sycamore Grove Park. The half marathon goes through Holdener Park in the rolling wine country and continues through Sycamore Grove. These events are open to all ages and abilities.

All race proceeds support the Livermore-Granada Boosters' scholarship program.

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

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

Youth Basketball

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

The program is open to Pleasanton residents only.

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

Swing for Charity National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley is host-ing a Golf Fundraiser, "Swing for Charity," to be held at the Las Positas

November 15, 2013 on Mondays Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4:00 to 5:30pm. No practice will be held on Nov. 11



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Captain tows a boat to shore. The line is held by water test steward Elisa Morozumi



Joey, being tested in the junior division, approaches a flailing swimmer pretending to need help -- owner and handler Donna Masters of San Leandro.

Newfoundlands tested for water skills

Sometimes they waded into the water. Sometimes they jumped off boats. Sometimes they turned to watch a bird fly by instead of doing what their handlers wanted. One by one, nearly 20 Newfoundland dogs were tested for obedience, instinct and water skills last Saturday and Sunday at Del Valle Regional Park.

In the tests, they retrieved floating paddles, carried ropes out to drifting boats, jumped off boats into the water to tow flailing swimmers to shore and towed the boats to shore.

To pass their tests, the dogs had to perform within strict time limits, so failures were not uncommon. But the failures were treated as learning experiences. Handlers made sure the dogs completed the test, on time or not.

The Newfoundlands are working dogs. One goal of the tests was to develop skills that form the basis for the breed's famous rescue

the way their distant ancestors did off the coasts of eastern Canada. But the training builds a lasting bond between the dog and its owner, according to Gilroy's

Pam Rubio, who serves on the Board of Directors of the Newfoundland Club of America and who helped organize and administer the water tests.



Owner/handler Lori Littleford of San Jose instructs Rose to swim to a boat carrying a rescue line.



Pleasanton Lions Club to Host Annual Restaurant and Shop Walk

By Carol Graham

The Pleasanton Lions Club invites all to participate in its 2nd Annual Fall Restaurant and Shop Walk on Tuesday, September 24th from 6 to 9 p.m.

This fundraiser is really a win-win for all of us as the merchants support our event and we bring 500 guests downtown on a Tuesday evening," says Event Co-Organizer Lion Pam Grimes. "It gives the downtown a little boost on an evening that is generally rather quiet, and hopefully brings in new future business for all the supporting shops and restaurants. It's their night to shine and to make a difference in the community at the same time.

Billed as the "Best Progressive Dinner in the Tri-Valley," the event takes place in Pleasanton's downtown as participating 'pass-port holders' visit 23 restaurants and shops offering a variety of delicious foods, beverages and desserts.

"Guests can start at any location they like," says Grimes. "The passports are sold for \$25 each, and come with a map showing the location of each participating store or restaurant, along with what items they are serving. Guests can plan out their route however they choose, which makes it fun for them.'

Participating restaurants include Oasis Grille (hummus and cucumber appetizers), Strizzi's (rigatoni Bolognese), Baci Bistro and Bar (beef skewers and tomato-eggplant bruschetta), Cocina Mexico (chicken quesadillas), Fontina Ristorante (spinach and cheese ravioli), Nonni's Bistro (smoked

salmon and chef's choice soup), and Pastas Trattoria (penne Bolognese).

"We held our first Restaurant and Shop Walk last year and it was quite successful, so we decided to make it an annual event," says Grimes. "(Co-organizer) Donna Devincenzi and I spent time going downtown to talk to the business owners to see if they would be interested in helping us with the event, and we were well received. We'd like to say to them, 'Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!' Without them we would not have an event.'

Grimes notes that over the past year the Pleasanton Lions were able to assist nearly 50 individuals and organizations, from helping a family whose home was destroyed by fire to supporting local organizations such as Open Heart Kitchen, Shepherd's Gate, Pleasanton Military Families, and Mothers with a Purpose.

"This is a small part of what we do all year," she adds. "We are involved in at least one event each month, working behind the scenes to make positive changes within the community."

Other businesses participating in the Restaurant and Shop Walk include Handles Gastropub (Alisal Pale Ale and Bouquet Blond Beer), Clover Creek Gifts and Home Accents (dessert), Meadowlark Dairy (frosty cones), Murphy's Paw (doggie goodie bags), Salon Esencia (specialty cupcakes), Comerica Bank (Bent Creek wine and red smoke grill), Gourmet Works (Chocolate Truffles), and Cher's Unique Boutique (chocolate-covered apricots and Xoçai healthy chocolate).

"The reason Donna and I started the event was to raise more funds for our club to assist the increasing requests from those in need of help in our community," says Grimes. "Pleasanton Lions have been serving this community for over 85 years."

Lions Clubs International, a secular service organization of more than 1,350,000 members worldwide, was founded in 1917 by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. Its mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding.

'We would love to have people interested in learning more about us to stop by for a visit during one of our (twice-monthly) meetings," says Grimes. "Come and see what we are about, and make new friends, too! It's a very rewarding feeling to be part of a group of people that give so much of themselves to make others smile."

The Restaurant and Shop Walk is one of three fundraisers the Pleasanton Lions hosts each year; the other two are a January Crab Feed and a March Ťexas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament.

Passport cards must be purchased in advance of the event. Visit www.pleasantonlionsclub.org, or contact Pam Grimes at (925)872-7552

"Participants will be making a big difference in their community by supporting this event, and they get to have a great time doing it," says Grimes. "It's a really fun evening, and a great excuse not to cook for the night.'

Cities Approve Funding to Purchase Equipment for TV30

TV30 will be adding \$86,000 to its capital budget to replace key equipment with user fees channeled to it from the Valley's three cities.

Although the cities will send the money to TV 30, none of it will come from their general funds. The money comes to the cities from the local television providers, which are required to pay a PEG fee to TV 30. The money can be used only for capital improvements.

rata share for the equipment. Livermore's City Council on Sept. 10 approved \$32,680 for its share of the cost.

Pleasanton will look at a request for \$31,820 in January, during its mid-year budget period, said city manager Nelson Fialho. He said that TV 30 has enough reserves to cover the cost before Pleasanton acts.

The cities act as the board of directors for TV 30. Formerly, the PEG payment could also be spent on station operations, but legislation ended that. The cities are working on trying to change the rule to allow support for operations again.

Livermore assistant city manager Troy Brown told the council Monday, "Many cities have been working to change the legislation. There has not been much significant progress at this time. We are still working on it."

abilities. The tests are standardized nationwide, with local and national judges to ensure consistency and quality. (For last weekend's tests at Del Valle, one judge flew in from Pennsylvania.)

Owners and handlers readily admit that the dogs will probably never face a real-life emergency like saving a fisherman cast overboard in a stormy sea,

In the senior division, Captain fetches a drifting paddle while owner and handler Patti Sondgroth of Chico cheers him on.

Ice Rink Will Open Soon in Livermore

The Valley will have its second indoor ice rink when Tri-Valley Ice Management Livermore won't be full opens its facility in Livermore.

the principals in the new business, said he hopes to open Tri-Valley that teams have for the public in a couple of to go to cities in other areas weeks, after going through the final city inspections.

The rink will be located at Pullman and Preston streets, about three blocks from Interstate 580 and South Vasco rink urges people to "rent Avenue. The facility will be open from 5 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

The hours will be long because the demand is so high, said McDougall. The facility will satisfy the need for ice time to accommodate hockey practice, figure skating and open skating. Dublin Iceland, the only existing rink in the Valley, doesn't have enough rink time and space to accommodate the demand,

said McDougall.

The hockey rinks in regulation size, but they will be big enough for youth Bryan McDougall, one of hockey practices. Youth hockey is so popular in the to practice, said McDougall. The hockey area will have space for adult games of 3 on 3 and 4 on 4

A web page for the new one of our frozen ponds for a private party.'

Refreshments will be available, including coffee, hot chocolate, beer and wine, and there will be WiFi access

McDougall personally became interested in hockey when he was 8 years old, while growing up in Walnut Creek. He played hockey at Dublin Iceland and Sun Valley Mall, and later on various men's teams after graduating from college.

McDougall likes the sport because it can be played year-round, and well up in years. An annual international tournament at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena, famous for its financial backer, "Peanuts" creator Charles Shulz, offers age brackets for players up to 65 years old.

PEG is an acronymn for Public, Education and Government, which are the topics that TV 30 covers.

TV 30 needs to be prepared, in case a hardware/ software device called a media director quits functioning. The piece of equipment is central to keep TV 30 broadcasting. If the station had to wait to obtain service under a contract with the equipment seller, TV 30 might be interrupted for several days.

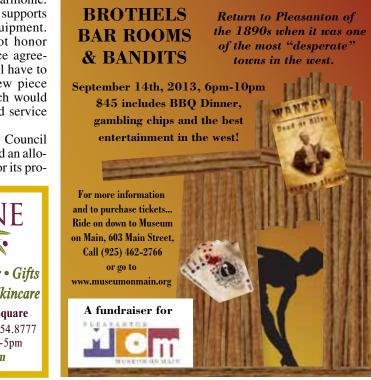
The station's current model was manfacutred by a firm called Omneon, which was acquired by Harmonic. Omneon no longer supports service for the equipment. Harmonic does not honor the Omneon service agreement, so TV 30 will have to buy an entirely new piece of equipment, which would come with a related service contract.

The Dublin City Council on Aug. 20 approved an allocation of \$21,500 for its pro-

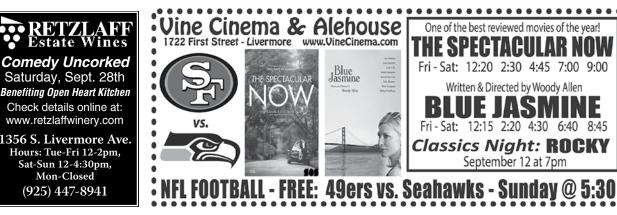


LIVERMORE CINEMAS 2490 FIRST STREET 443-SHOW

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RIDDICK (R) DLP D-BOX		12:50	3:50	6:50	9:50
RIDDICK (R) DLP				5:50	8:50
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WE'RE THE MILLERS (R) DLP	12:00	2:25	4:50	7:20	9:55
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PERCY JACKSON: SEA OF MONSTERS (PG) DLP		1:30	4:25	7:00	9:35
PLANES (PG) DLP	12:05	2:30	4:45	7:10	9:30
ELYSIUM (R) DLP	12:10	2:35	5:00	7:25	10:00
THE WORLDS END (R) DLP		1:15	4:15	7:00	9:35







SHORT NOTES

Livermore Storytimes

The Livermore Public Library has scheduled Fall storytimes now through the week of December 20, 2013. A variety of storytimes will be held at the Civic Center, Rincon, and Springtown branches:

Civic Center Library-1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

• Baby Only (Pre-Walkers): Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. "Stay and Play" until 11:30 a.m.

•Toddler Time (new walkers to age 36 months): Choose one Monday session. Session 1 -10:30 a.m.-10:50 a.m. with Stay and Play from 10:50 a.m. -11:20 a.m. or Session 2- 11:30 a.m.-11:50 a.m. with Stay and Play from 11:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

• Pajamatime Family Storytimes: (all ages welcome): Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

• 3 and Up Club (ages 3 to Kindergarten): Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Rincon Branch Library – 725 Rincon Avenue, Livermore

• Toddler Time (new walkers to age 36 months): Fridays at

10:30 a.m.3 and Up Club (ages 3 to Kindergarten): Fridays at

11:00 a.m. Springtown Branch Li-

brary- 998 Bluebell Drive, Livermore

Children's Storytime (ages

36 months to Kindergarten): Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with Stay and Play from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Please contact Youth Services at (925) 373-5504 for more information, pick up a storytime schedule at any one of the Livermore public libraries, or consult the website: www. livermorelibrary.net

Fairground Events

The following events will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Toy Havoc and Comic Chaos Show, September 14. 9am - 4pm. Toy Havoc and Comic Chaos Show brings Pop-culture to the Tri-Valley. Enjoy books, art, toys and a wide variety of cartoon, comics and movie related items.

Harvest Festival Original Art & Craft Show, Sept 20 - 22, Fri. 10am - 6pm, Sat. 10am - 6pm, Sun. 10am - 5pm. Shop 24,000 handmade American arts & crafts in hundreds of booths over three days.

Pleasanton Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival, Sept 26 - 28, Thurs 10am - 5pm, Fri 10am -5pm, Sat 10am - 5pm. Creative supply show for quilting, sewing, needle art & crafting needs.

Northern California Doll & Teddy Bear Show, Sept 28, 10am - 3:30pm. The show and sale features over 120 tables

of dolls and teddy bears in all sizes. There will be a variety of antique to modern dolls, including Barbies, as well as hand-crafted and manufactured teddies and supplies, books and magazines.

The Great Native American Artifact & Art Show, Sept 28 -29, Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 10am -4pm. Native American Baskets, Totem Poles from Pacific North West, Hopi Kachinas, Pueblo Pots, Native Art and much much more.

Tomato Battle, Sept. 28, noon to 6 p.m. Tomato Battle is a full day of bands, beer and a huge tomato fight.

Pirates of Emerson, Sept. 28-Nov. 2. Bumpkin Patch, Carnevil, Bone Ball, Fields Family Corn Maze, Misfortune Teller and more. Featured on the Discovery Channel as one of the 7 scariest haunted housed in the country, The Pirates of Emerson is a very intense atmosphere, with extensive use of smoke, strobe lights, animatronics and scores of freaky costumed characters. Not recommended for children under 13.

For more information, go to www.AlamedaCountyFair.com

Nature Programs

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff plans two programs this weekend.

Tri-Valley Creeks to Bay Day is set for Sat., Sept. 14. Meet Ranger Patti Cole at 7:30 a.m. at Robertson Park, 3200 Robertson Park Road.

This is the second annual Creeks to Bay Day, held in conjunction with Coastal Cleanup Day and the local Adopt ACreek Spot Program. Volunteers are still needed at the Robertson Park cleanup site. Preregistration is required, so please contact Ranger Patti Cole (pcole@larpd. dst.ca.us or 925-960-2400) for details and to sign up.

Bears will be the topic of Sun., Sept. 15. Meet Ranger Dawn Soles at 2 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 5049 Arroyo Rd.

Bears come in many sizes and colors. They live all over the world. They are revered in some areas and feared in others. Join this nature program to talk about bears around the world today and from pre-historic times.

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

Children's Book Clubs The Livermore Public Li-

brary invites readers in grades 2 through 5 to join Mr. Jonathan Hamilton for an afternoon of reading, book discussion and fun at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore.

The Adventure Book Club, for children in grades 2 through 3 will meet every first and third Friday, October 4 through March 21, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. The Mystery Book Club, for children in grades 4 through 5 will meet every first and third Friday, October 4 through March 21, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

These free book clubs will meet in the Storytime Room.

Registration is not required. For more information about this program, please contact the Youth Services Desk at (925) 373-5504, or visit the Library's website: www.livermorelibrary. net.

Stories for Pre-Walkers

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

Baby Storytime runs as follows: Tuesdays now through December, 17, 2013, from 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m with "Stay and Play' until 11:30 a.m.

This program will take place in the Children's Craft Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, and is free of charge. For further information, please contact Youth Services at (925)373-5504, or consult the website: www.livermorelibrary.net.

Crafts at the Library

The Livermore Public Library presents the following children's craft programs for the Fall Session:

• Rincon Library : 725 Rincon Avenue, Livermore: Drop in from 3:30p.m. to 4:30pm on the 3rd Monday of every month for crafts at the Rincon Branch Library.

• Civic Center Library: 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore: Drop in Craft from 10:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. October 26, December 7, and January 18, 2014.

Crafts are designed for children in grades Pre K - 5. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Youth Services Desk at (925) 373-5504, or the Rincon Library at (925) 373-5540, or visit the Library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net.

OBITUARIES

Richard Irving (Joseph) Pelletier

Richard Irving (Joseph) Pelletier, 65, of Livermore, passed away at his home in Livermore on Saturday, August 24, 2013, following a battle with cancer. He was



Byrne.

Raised in Massachusetts by a single mom, he graduated from Arlington High School in 1966 where he excelled in Latin and insisted that he be known to his friends by his acronym, "Rip.) He attended Northeastern University for two years, working to pay his way, then applied to CalTech and was one of only fourteen transfer students admitted that year. He received his BS in mathematics from CalTech in 1971 then pursued graduate studies in Pittsburg, receiving masters degrees in mathematics at Carnegie Mellon University and in economics from the University of Pittsburgh. He was active in Delta Tau Delta fraternity during his years in graduate school. After completing his education, Rip taught mathematics at Carnegie Mellon and worked at the computer science department of the University of Pittsburgh until 1987 when he moved to the Bay Area and began work at Energy as an applied mathematician. He worked there and at its successor companies until his death. He lived initially in San Leandro and then bought his dream house, with rooms to house his library and his trains, in Livermore. Rip continued to study advanced mathematics for his entire professional life, working half time for his company so he could devote more time to his first love, mathematics. He wrote a popular math blog for many years and built a very fine technical library. He also pursued his interest in languages from ancient Greek to Chinese to

Navaho. He traveled, starting with the ruins of ancient Greece, which fascinated him.

Rip is survived by his two cats and his many good friends from as far back as his high school and college years, and also, during the past nearly 28 years, by mutual friends of Bill W.

A memorial service for Rip will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the Asbury United Methodist Church, 5743 East Ave., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in Rip's memory to the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) in Pasadena, California, or to Hope Hospice in Dublin, California.

Patricia Ann Learner Crocker Williams

Our loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Patricia Ann Learner Crocker Williams passed



California Retired Teachers Association and Vineyard Vixens.

Preceded in death by her parents, brother Donald Learner, granddaughter Rachel Crocker, and grandson Jacob Cooper.

Survived by her beloved husband Ralph Williams, sister-in-law Joan Learner, children Michael Crocker, Cathleen Boterenbrood (Jack), Randall Crocker (Carolyn), Stephen Cooper (Connie), Kim Toledo, Ronna Piazza (Jon).

The family thanks those that provided care for their tender care and support. We express gratitude to Cathy and Jack Boterenbrood for opening their home to our Mother and making sure she always knew she was adored. We will miss her easy smile and never ending love.

Private family interment at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, California on Friday, September 13, 2013.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013, 10:30 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94588. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Pat's name to Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc., 2672 Bayshore Parkway, Suite 520, Mountain View, CA 94043.

rs great grandchildren. A visitation will be held

> on Monday, September 16 at 10 a.m., Funeral Service at 11 a.m. at Callaghan's Chapel, 3833 East Ave., Livermore, CA. Burial will follow service at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore.

Kathryn Florence Fullerton

Nov. 4, 1916 – Sept. 7, 2013

Kathryn passed away peacefully at the age of 96. She was born in Sugarland, Texas and moved to California in 1937. She had three children by a previous marriage.

She is preceded in death by her son William James. She is survived by daughters Gloria DeVall of Fremont, CA and Lanora Behrens of Livermore, CA. She married the love of her life for 53 years, Bertram Fullerton Jr. in 1960. Also survived by her grandchildren Deborah, Tony, Kathryn, Shirley, Allen, Russell, Julie and Chris, 17 great grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

staff of the Intensive Care Unit, at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton, for their care.

David will be buried with his son at Tracy Public Cemetery, Tracy, CA. Services are private.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Jane Susan Halliday Levie

Jane Susan Halliday Levie of Livermore died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013 after a five-year battle with breast cancer. She was 70 years old.

Born on October 4, 1942



raised in the small coastal town of Point Arena, CA until second grade when

were

as medical librarian for the Veterans' Administration hospitals in Livermore and later Palo Alto, which lasted until her retirement in 1995.

During retirement, she was an integral part of her children's schools and activities. Later, she returned to her lifelong passions of travel, socializing with friends and family, and discovering connections between people and places. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore where she participated in the hand bell choir and new members committee.

Jane is survived by her husband of 32 years, Harold Levie of Livermore; her daughter, Julie Bower (David) of Gualala, CA; son Edward Levie (Jennifer Whitney) of Mountain View, CA; grandson Edward "Eddie" Bower of Gualala, CA; brother William "Bill" Halliday (Bev) of Fair Oaks, CA; nephew Michael Halliday (Delonna); several nieces and nephews and her beloved tabby cat, Tekah. In lieu of flowers. Jane requested that donations be made to the Coast Community Library in Point Arena, CÁ (PO Box 808, Point Arena, CA, 95468). Libraries and reading have always held an important place in her heart and this particular library was extra special to her: it is located in a building that was once a general store owned by her relatives and is now where her grandson checks out books to read at home.

CA, after a valiant fight with cancer. Born on February 11, 1929 in Oakland, CA to Jack Elton Learner and Doris Lucille Calhoun Learner.

A resident of Pleasanton, CA, Pat graduated from Oakland High in 1946, later attending UC Berkeley, San Jose State and Stanford University. She married Richard Lyle Crocker in 1947, having 3 children and 1 adopted son. She later married Ralph Luther Williams on August 19, 1988. Life began anew with Ralph as they loved and traveled the world together. Ralph made her feel young again.

Pat's passions in life included family, reading, painting, playing bridge, and going to the theater. Collecting good friends was one of her best qualities.

Pat taught in the Castro Valley School District for 30+ years. She was active in Red Hatters, California Reading Association, American University Women,

Virginia Louise Puddicombe

Resident of Livermore

Former resident of Bishop, CA and Salt Lake City, UT, Virginia was born on December 18, 1926 and passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 1, 2013 at the age of 86.

She enjoyed drawing, painting, sewing, gardening and attending church. She is survived by her children; Richard Puddicombe of Redwood City, CA, Michael Puddicombe of Powell Butte, OR and Linda Hahn of Livermore, CA, sister, Gloria "Maxine" Babel of Auburn, CA and brother, Victor Uhlik of Dixon, CA., five grandchildren and five She loved to travel in the motor home, and also to attend family gatherings on the holidays. Her favorite games to play were Uno and dominos. She loved to crochet afghans and pillow covers. She enjoyed making quilts and gardening.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, September 13 at 9 a.m. at Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Ave in Livermore. Graveside Service will follow at 10 a.m. at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 3873 East Ave., Livermore, CA.

David Paul Garrity

Resident of Livermore David passed away suddenly on September 8, 2013 in Pleasanton, CA.

He leaves behind his mother, Jean Newman, daughter, Hannah Garrity and his grandson, William Conner Garrity. He is preceded in death by his father, Colin Garrity and his son, Andrew James Garrity. A special thank you to all the they moved to Roseville, CA. Jane received her diploma from Roseville Union High School in 1960, her Associate in Arts from Sierra College in 1962, and her Bachelor of Arts from Chico State College in 1964. After college she taught elementary school children on U.S. Air Force bases in Alaska, Germany, and Turkey, and took full advantage of living overseas to travel to many other countries. Once she returned to California she attended University of California, Berkeley for her Master of Library Science, graduating in 1970. After that, she began her career

A celebration of life reception is being planned and will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore in a few weeks.

THE NEPTUNE SOCIETY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 2177 Las Positas Ct, Ste. K, Livermore CA 94551 (925) 454-1974 www.neptune-society.com Angie Apolinar, Branch Director FD#1823

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Mitchell Katz Winery Wins Approval **Permit Has 'Reasonable' Conditions**

by Harry Stoll

Both embattled Mitchell Katz—owner of Mitchell Katz Winery on Buena Vista Avenue—and neighbors protesting the issuance of a state permit to operate a winery and tasting room in their neighborhood—had their day in court. Katz won; conditions were placed on the permit and the judge placed Katz on notice that violations would be sternly dealt with, according to state Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Public Information Officer John Carr.

Because several protests were filed, the ABC placed the matter before Administrative Law Judge Sonny Lo, who ruled on July 15 Mitchell Katz Winery could operate a winery, with wine tasting, at 2481 Buena Vista Avenue, not far from Concannon Vineyard and Crooked Vine Winery.

Judge Lo followed the ABC staff recommendation of approving the permit with two conditions: Any sound from events is not to be audible beyond the boundaries of the property; and, tasting room hours are to be limited to no earlier than 9 a.m. and no later than 7 p.m. Winery owner Katz said he has no problems with the conditions

A group of neighbors attended the hearing. Tim Johnson pointed out the application stated the site was in an industrial area and that the drawing showed the bonded area (where production and tasting would be allowed) included property to the south of the site. Those two errors were corrected.

John Howard lives immediately north of the winery site. By phone, he said one effect of neighbors attending was "... galvanizing the neighborhood so they could take future action as needed." Howard said in the past he has had no quarrel with a legitimate winery being located at the location. He reported no problems at the site and said the judgment was fair, although he, and other neighbors, would prefer tasting not be allowed seven days a week and the allowed hours be shortened.

Mitchell Katz Winery tasting room is now open from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (within the allowed hours). Typical hours for Livermore Valley tasting rooms are about 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., with a few open until 6 p.m. (although later hours are often allowed).

Neighbor Valerie Curcro also attended the hearing. She e-mailed, "...This was very disappointing to say the least but we will continue our vigilance and will continue to report all infractions we see, such as patrons drinking outside of the wine tasting room. ..."

The ABC staff said the permit allows outside tasting on the concrete patio next to the building and on the grassy area adjoining the patio, according to Carr. Nearly every Livermore Valley winery includes an outdoor tasting area. Carr said the ABC staff told him the patio and the grassy area are fenced. It is not, but is well defined.

In the early afternoon of Saturday, August 10 the tasting room was busy and everything was orderly. Some patrons tasted wine seated at outdoor umbrella-shaded tables on the patio, next to the small lawn.

Although the ABC is satisfied, Katz faces some difficulties with Alameda County. He obtained a temporary permit to convert a barn into a winery with a tasting room. Allen Lang, a building official with the Alameda County Public Works Agency said by e-mail Katz needs "... to provide sufficient permanent restroom facilities for the public." "And . . . to complete the permanent trash enclosure cover." Lang said Katz must renew the temporary building permit, which has expired. "We already sent a Permit Expiration notice to the property owner (which is the usual procedure)."

In June, Katz said he wanted proper bathrooms for his patrons.

The County Planning Department's Jana Weldon e-mailed, "Under County Ordinance, wineries can conduct 'marketing activities' that are necessary for the success of a winery. For instance, if a new vintage is released, a winery may have a small wine release party for wine club members."

She said more elaborate events would require a conditional use permit. The Mitchell Katz Winery web site does not list any upcoming events. It does state it has a capacity of 50 to 80, is available from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and shows some photos, but all that obviously refers to the previous

site on Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton.

Katz would not discuss the comments from the county.

Katz is no stranger to struggles. Mitchell Katz Winery for several years was located on Vinevard Avenue in Pleasanton, now home of Rubino Winery. Katz was forced twice to change the winery's name. It was originally named Jackson Cellars, after one of his sons, but giant Kendall-Jackson Cellars pressured him to change it, so it became Mitchell Katz Winery at Ruby Hill. Property owner Michael Callahan held the rights to the name Ruby Hill and Katz was forced to eliminate "at Ruby Hill" from the name. Callahan opened a winery and tasting room called Ruby Hill Winery at Isabel and Vineyard avenues.

Callahan told Katz he wouldn't renew the lease, which expired in January 2013.

Katz then sought a permit to operate a winery, tasting room, and event center on Hansen and Arroyo roads. However, neighbors opposed it en force. The Livemore City Council rejected the proposal. He dropped the idea and moved his operation to Buena Vista Avenue where he has a one-year lease and is negotiating for a 10-year lease. He recently bought a triangularshaped property bordered by Concannon Boulevard and Wente Street. He plans to operate a winery and tasting room there. There are no nearby residences.

4wheelbob Off on **Another Adventure**

On September 24, 2013, Bob Coomber of Livermore will attempt to be the first person in a wheelchair to cross the Sierra Nevada Mountains on a wilderness trail.

Bob will begin this never – before attempted trek at Onion Valley, 16 miles west of US 395 and the town of Independence. His journey will take him over over 11,800' Kearsarge Pass, onto the John Muir Trail, then west on the Bubbs Creek trail, where he and two friends will finish at Road's End in Kings Canyon National Park. The 22 mile route was chosen for its beauty and challenge.

4wheelbob was the first individual to push his wheelchair to the summit of 14,250' White Mountain, on August 24, 2007. Bob is internationally known as an inspirational and motivating hiker, writer and speaker, and has been featured on the CBS "Early Show," ABC "World News With Charles Gibson" and in dozens of newspaper features, as well as Backpacker magazine.

Although the 4wheelbob story has been widely chronicled, according to observers, this attempt will be dangerous, time consuming and require both strength and the kind of determination Bob has exhibited in his many successful hikes and summits.

To get in touch with Bob, use either his cell number: 925 209 – 4433, or email bob@4wheelbob.com.

Autism Fundraiser Saturday

Creative Autism Solutions Team, or CAST, will hold a fundraiser this Saturday, Sept. 14, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at White Crane Winery, 5405 Greenville Road, Livermore.

The event is intended to generate support for CAST efforts to provide a safe, nurturing environment for children who experience autism as well as for the families of the children.

Cost is \$25 for an evening that includes a barbecue dinner, music and a family friendly movie. Dinner includes a non-alcoholic drink, with beer, wine, homemade desserts and raffle tickets for sale.

Tickets can be purchased at www.whitecranewinery.com, at www.castcal.org, or at the door.

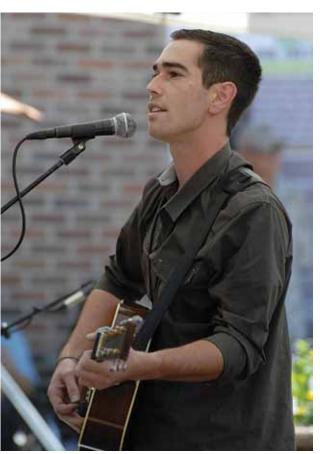


Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The 5th Annual Guitar Fest LIVE! was held in Livermore last weekend. Pictured is Chris LaBel of Livermore,

Paws to Read Program Underway at Livermore Libraries

The Paws to Read pro- successful across the coungram, sponsored by the Livermore Public Library and the Valley Humane Society, might be the solution to helping a child learn to read. Paws to Read at the Civic

The Paws to Read program matches elementaryaged beginner readers with trained and certified dogs in a non-judgmental environment. For 25 minutes, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. a child will read to a furry friend with the dog's owner

try, and testimonials from Livermore parents have been extremely positive.

The Fall program for Center Library is as follows: September 11 through November 13, 2013.

Drop-In session: There will be a drop-in session every Wednesday.

Pre-registered sessions: quietly looking on to help There are two sessions every Wednesday evening. The Library is as follows: Sepwith any tricky words. Programs of this type have been

first session is from 7:00 tember 13 through Novemp.m.-7:25 p.m. The second session is from 7:35 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Children may register for the Fall Program, as space cepted on a first-come, firstallows. Pre-registration is underway. Please call the library to register for a *Paws* to Read session at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, 925-373-5504.

Paws to Read at the Rincon Children's Desk at 925-373-

tion 106 of the National His-

toric Preservation Act. Please

submit comments within 30

days to Holly Moore, Diablo

Green Consulting Inc., 231

Market Place #186, San

Ramon, CA 94583 (email

com). Any interested party

may review the application for

asr/applications by entering

Antenna Structure Registra-

tion (Form 854) File No.

on the quality of the human

environment. Requests for

Environmental Review must

be filed within 30 days of the

date that notice of the project

is published on the FCC's

website and may only raise

environmental concerns. The

FCC strongly encourages

interested parties to file Re-

quests for Environmental Re-

view online at www.fcc.gov/

asr/environmentalrequest,

but they may be filed with

ber 15, 2013

Drop- in sessions on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Drop-ins may be acserved basis. Participating children should not be fearful of dogs or have allergies to pets.

For more information about the Paws to Read program, please call the The Fall program for Livermore Public Library's 5504 or the Rincon Branch Library at 925-373-5541.

winner of the singer-songwriter competition. Rory Glenn of Saugus was chosen as acoustic guitar winner.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481597

The following person(s) doing business as: Carniceria Consuelito Market, 1565 Olivina Ave, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Jose L. Munoz (2) Lilia Munoz, 16236 Redondo Dr, Tracy, CA 95304 This business is conducted by Married Couple The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/10/97 Signature of Registrants :s/: Jose L. Munoz This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2013. Expires August 13, 2018. The Independent Legal No 3509. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481596

The following person(s) doing business as: Taqueria Consuelito, 229 South Vasco Rd, Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Jose L. Munoz (2)Lilia Munoz, 16236 Redondo Dr, Tracy, CA 95304 This business is conducted by Married Couple The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/25/04. Signature of Registrants :s/: Jose L. Munoz This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 13, 2013. Expires August 13, 2018. The Independent Legal No 3510. Published August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2013. **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 481855 The following person(s) doing business as: Carnegie Park Salon, 2052 4th St., Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1)Gary Clinton Burdge (2) Jamie Lee Burdge, 102 Medinah Pl., San Ramon, CA 94583 This business is conducted by Married Couple The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/1/2010. Signature of Registrants :s/: Gary C. Burdge This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 20, 2013. Expires August 20, 2018. The Independent Legal No.

3513. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2013. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 481260

The following person(s) doing business as: RT & Associates, 849 E. Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paul Randi, 546 Tyler Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/1/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/: Paul Randi This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 2, 2013. Expires August 2, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3514. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2013. NOTICE OF APPLICATION TΟ SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES Date of Filing Application: August 16, 2013 To Whom It May Concern: The Names(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: DANA ANN KLEBES The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at 56 S. LIVERMORE AVE LIVERMORE, CA 94550-3127

Eating Place Beverage Control 1515 Clav St. Ste 2208 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 622-4970

> 3515. Published August 29, September 5, 12, 2013. **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

FILE NO. 481539 The following person(s) doing business as: Nelson's Pressure Washing, 7327 Glenoaks Way, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

94568 This business is conducted by an Individual

listed above on 7/11/13. Signature of Registrants :s/: Nelson M. Howard This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 12, 2013. Expires August 12, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2013.

AT&T Mobility LLC plans to construct a new 40-foot tall slimline monopole at 330 Wright Brothers Avenue (latitude 37p-41'-25.80"N / longitude 121p-47'-55.59"W) in Livermore, California (CCU2511). The overall height of the tower will be 40 feet above ground level and the site is located at a Ground Elevation of 420.4 feet (128.14 meters) above mean sea level. The tower is anticipated to have no lighting. Interested parties may submit comments on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture, that are located within a 0.50mile radius of the proposed tower site, and are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of

Type of license(s) Applied for: Historic Places under Sec-

41 - On-Sale Beer and Wine Department of Alcoholic The Independent Legal No. holly.moore@diablogreen. this project at www.fcc.gov/ NAME STATEMENT

A0858099. Interested parties may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commis-Nelson M. Howard, 7327 sion, 47 CFR §1.1307, by Glenoaks Way, Dublin, CA notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) 3517. Published September

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12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of the Request should be sent to Diablo Green Consulting, Inc. at 231 Market Place #186. San Ramon, CA 94583 The Independent Legal No. 3522. Published September 12, 2013. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 482117 The following person(s) doing business as: Skin Bliss by Stacey, 411 S. L Street, Suite G, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stacey Kerby, 418 Coleen Street, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant began to transact business under the ficti-

tious business name(s) listed above on 9/1/2013. Signature of Registrants :s/: Stacey Kerby This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 28, 2013. Expires August 28, 2018. The Independent Legal No. 3518 Published September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2013. STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO 422550 The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Cali Auto Body, 240 North "l' Street, Livermore, CA 94551. The Fictitious business Name Statement for the Partnership was filed on 03/23/2009 in the County of Alameda. The full name of Registrant: Jose N. Murillo, 2013 Galloway Common, Livermore CA, 94551 Signature of Registrant:

/s/: Jose N. Murillo This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 6, 2013 Expires September 6, 2018, The Independent Legal No. 3519. Published September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 482289

The following person(s) doing business as: Encompass Fine Foods, 1465 Darwin Ave, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Timm Wulff (2) Kristina Jernigan, 1465 Darwin Ave, Livermore, CA 94550 This business is conducted by a General partnership The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/22/13. Signature of Registrants :s/: Timm Wulff / Partner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 30, 2013. Expires August 30, 2018. The Independent Legal No

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

FILE NO. 482120

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Signature of Registrants

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2.BID SUBMISSION. District will receive sealed Bids no later than 2:00 p.m. on September 30, 2013. District's representative will call out the designated time in the Zone 7 office lobby, stating that the period for accepting Bids is closed. The Bid opening will be in accordance with procedures set forth in Document 00200 (Instructions to Bidders)

3.CONTACT INFORMA-TION.

Mailing address: Zone 7 Water Agency 100 North Canyons Parkway Livermore, CA 94551 Project Engineer: Jack Fong Telephone: (925) 454-5035 or (925) 454-5000 Fax: (925) 484-5724 E-mail: jfong@Zone7water. com

business as: ALL TOGETH-ER BICYCLE RENTALS, **4.DESCRIPTION OF THE** 1969 South R Street, Liver-WORK. Work consists at Del more, CA 94550, is hereby Valle Water Treatment Plant registered by the following (DVWTP) to install a new fiberglass reinforced plastic Robert Gomez, 1673 Sunset (FRP) corrosion barrier for two existing, indoor, hori-This business is conducted zontal, 8,000 gallon capacity FRP chemical storage tanks. The registrant began to The FRP liner for the original transact business under the aluminum sulfate (alum) tank fictitious business name(s) shall also be strengthened with structurally enhanced fiberglass reinforcement to store caustic soda at fifty (50) percent concentration. The current caustic soda tank shall be relined with a new FRP corrosion bar-The Independent Legal No. rier layer only. However, 3523. Published September District may also elect to 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2013. install a structurally enhanced liner prior to the installation of proposed corrosion barrier for the current caustic soda tank. Both tank relining shall be compatible to the original resin and corrosion barrier design to store caustic soda and shall use NSF-61 certified resin and catalyst. See Specifications for the original FRP tank design and proposed corrosion barrier or liner. Additional Work for Tank No. 661 only includes a destruct testing and analysis of two (2) inch core section for identification of the original fiberglass wounding and reinforcement and for presence of stress cracks. Work for each tank also consists of adherence to confined space entry requirements to clean and pressure wash chemical residual, dispose of waste water discharge on-site, conduct chemical and structural inspection and prepare inspection report, repair localized or spot structural and corrosion barrier damage as necessary, surface preparation for new liner, and tent cover for each tank with positive ventilation to outdoor during the relining process, and hydrostatic testing. Work for each tank shall also include removal and disposal of an existing 24-inch diameter FRP tank hatch assembly with cover plate and replaced with a FRP flange manway connection with a side-entry 3-inch FRP tank nozzle. Work for the existing chemical containment structure shall include a Novalac epoxy interior coating. Contractor shall be responsible for surface preparation, proper dust, odor and ventilation control and protection of existing facilities and plant ersonnel from coating work in the project area. The tanks are located in the first level of a two story Control Building, in an existing reinforced concrete chemical secondary containment structure Plant site is located at 601 E. Vallecitos Road. Livermore. California. Bidding Documents contain

the full description of the Work. The Engineer's estimate for this Contract ranges from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

5.CONTRACT TIME. Work shall consist of three Substantial Completion dates for this Project, as described in Section 0800, Paragraph 3.2. Work shall be finally completed within 155 calendar days from the date when Contract

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Time commences to run.

6.REQUIRED CONTRAC-TOR'S LICENSE(S). Each bidder is required to have a current California license with classification of C61 and D12 license to do specialty fiberglass projects and work with synthetic products and C33 license for protective coating for concrete structures. Joint ventures must secure a joint venture license prior to award of this Contract. Removal, handling, and/or disposal of hazardous materials may by law require hazardous substance removal certification by the Contractor's State License Board.

7.PREVAILING WAGE LAWS. The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents.

8.VOLUNTARY PRE-BID SITE VISIT. District will conduct a Voluntary Pre-Bid Site Visit at 10:00 am on September 23, 2013 at the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant, 601 E. Vallecitos Road, Livermore, CA. in accordance with Document 00200 (In-structions to Bidders). District will have both chemical storage tank hatches open for visual inspection of the tank interior from a tank platform, and will allow confined space entry access to the original aluminum sulfate tank. Note that the caustic soda tank will be in operations.

9.SUBSTITUTION OF SE-CURITIES. District will permit successful Bidder to substitute securities for retention monies withheld to ensure performance of Contract, as set forth in Document 00680 (Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention), in accordance with California Public Contract Code, Section 22300. By this reference, Document 00680 (Escrow Agreement for Security Deposits in Lieu of Retention) is incorporated in full in this Document 00100.

10.PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS. Bidders may examine Bidding Documents at the District's offices. Bidders may obtain copies of Bidding Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$20.00 per set. Bidders may contact the District's main phone number at (925) 454-5000 to order Bidding Documents. District will accept cash (exact amount only), checks, or money orders payable to the "Zone 7 Water Agency." Bidding Documents need not be returned to District.

11.BID PREPARATION COST. Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their Bids.

12.RESERVATION OF RIGHTS. District specifically reserves the right, in any or all Bids, or rebid, or to waive inconsequential deviations from Bid requirements not involving time, price, or quality of the Work.





Local guide to the Valley's Leading **Real Estate Professionals & Services**





What Is "Fair Market Value" for a Home?

By Cher Wollard

Look in the mail or e-mail you received today and it's likely you will find at least one offer for a "Free Market Analysis of Your Home.

The type of analysis offered is likely a Comparative Market Analysis, or CMA, which is a tool real estate agents use to help determine what a property is likely to sell for.

Is a CMA even necessary?

The house down the street sold two months ago for \$675,000, so that must be the value of your property - right?

Maybe not.

A number of factors go into determining market value.

In preparing a CMA, your agent will begin by gathering data about real estate activity in your neighborhood.

This activity falls into four categories:

• Properties currently on the market or "Active."

• Properties in contract or "Pending."

• Properties that have sold within a certain time frame. In a fast-moving market, that generally means no more than three months back.

• Properties that were on the market, but have been withdrawn during that same period.

The goal is to find properties in each category as similar to yours as possible that have recently sold or gone into contract.

When your neighbor's house sold last spring, your house may well have garnered the same price. Several months later, the market could have shifted.

Your agent will begin by setting criteria, then narrowing the search as much as possible. The more market activity, the more focused the search can be, and the more accurate the analysis.

The best comparable properties - or "comps" - are those in the same neighborhood built by the same builder within a few years of each other. But often there is not enough activity among such properties to provide a clear picture.

So agents expand their searches, looking at other properties within a certain distance from your home, typically 1 mile for suburban communities. They may even look at homes in neighborhoods that are similar to yours.

Similarity of neighborhoods is based on such factors as age of the development, proximity to downtown, amenities such as parks, trails and libraries, school test scores, crime rates, and how well-maintained the neighbors' homes are.

Your agent might then narrow the search to focus on homes most like yours. He or she uses criteria such as:

• The size of the home in square footage. The best comps are sized within 200 sq.ft. of the house they are being compared to. Only finished, permitted living space is considered. Garages and screened-in porches are not included.

• The number of bedrooms and bathrooms. Homes with guest cottages or granny units can count those bedrooms and bathrooms, as long as they were built with permits. The square footage in those units, however, may be valued less than square footage in the main house.

• The age of the home. In general, new houses sell for more than older houses. Exceptions may include beautifully maintained and/or refurbished vintage homes in desirable locations.

• Lot size. Buyers pay premiums for especially large lots, especially if the space is well landscaped, perhaps with a nice deck or patio, a pool or a sports court.

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Adopt a new best friend: TVAR, the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, offers animals for adoption every Saturday and Sunday, excluding most holidays. On Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, dogs are available at the Pleasanton Farmers Market at W. Angela and First Streets. Two locations will showcase cats only: Petsmart in Dublin from 12:00 to 4:00 and the Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. On Sundays, cats are available at Petsmart in Dublin from 1:00 to 4:00, and Pet Extreme in Livermore from 12:00 to 4:00. For more information, call Terry at (925)487-7279 or visit our website at www.tvar.org

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and delays associated with these sales.

Once your agent has a list of homes similar to yours in neighborhoods close to or similar to yours, he or she will figure the prices those properties were listed at and what they sold for.

Then it's time to refine the value by looking at criteria that cannot be programmed in to a CMA calculator. This is where the knowledge and expertise of your agent comes into play.

• Location of the lot. For example, houses on busy streets or close to railroad tracks tend to sell for less than those on quiet cul-de-sacs.

• Condition of the property. Was the home move-in ready or did it require major repairs?

• Floor plan. While square footage is important, how that square footage is used can impact price. A house with lots of bedrooms but a small kitchen is probably not as desirable as one with a more functional floorplan.

Some floorplans are more popular than others. Is it a singlestory home or are there several levels of stairs? Is this the original floor plan or was the home added on to, perhaps disturbing the original "flow" of foot traffic in the house? Were the add ons done with permits? How well integrated is it with the rest of the house?

• Upgrades. Things like tasteful kitchen and bath remodels, inground pools, upgraded flooring, beautiful landscaping and hardscaping, newer or well-maintained decks and patios, and solar panels add value to a home.

• Is it a custom house? Does it "fit" the neighborhood? Houses that are much larger and more lavishly appointed than their neighbors' are valued less than similar-sized homes built in neighborhoods with other large houses. The same goes for houses that are of vastly different design styles.

Your agent likely prepared a CMA when you first started discussing selling your home. If you've delayed offering your home for sale, however, or if it has been on the market for a while, the analysis will need to be updated.

The last thing you want is to price your property based on outdated statistics and watch the market pass you by.

CMAs are designed primarily for home sellers. But a professional market analysis is also a useful tool for buyers wondering what the perfect home in the perfect neighborhood will really cost – not just what it's listed for in the Multiple Listing Service or what Zillow estimates as its value.

The List Price is just the asking price. It may or may not represent a realistic value for the property.

Some sellers price their homes for more than it is worth because they want to "test the market," to see if anyone will pay their asking price.

Some sellers price their homes low, either because they are willing to sacrifice full price for a quick sale or because they believe listing it low will generate multiple offers and thus a higher selling price.

If you see a home listed for a price that is "too good to be true," it probably is.

A Realtor can help a smart buyer calculate the fair market value of a property, which is what the house will likely sell for.

For a free Market Analysis of your property – or a home you are considering making an offer on – call your local Realtor today.

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



Madison Gerton and her dad, Ron Gerton.

Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Student Raising Funds to Gift Returning Rim Fire Fighters

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department firefighters will get some tangible appreciation for their efforts in working on mountain forest fires.

Madison Gerton, a junior at Granada High School, is collecting donations to purchase gifts for eight firefighters. Some of them battled the Rim Fire that burned into Yosemite National Park, and others also fought a much smaller fire in Plumas National Forest, east of Chico, until they were sent to the Rim Fire.

The firefighers are battalion chief Mike Miller, Dan Dague, Eric Roach, Steve Lund, Ryan Capes, Dennis Burns, Matt Thau, and Greg Kurts.

Madison wants to raise \$50 per firefighter and likely will buy candy bars ("All guys like candy bars") and gift cards to local restaurants, so they can celebrate their return with their families. People interested in donating can reach Madison

by e-mail at madison331@ hotmail.com.

Madison's father, Ron Gerton, was a member of the fire department for approximately 30 years, so she has a special appreciation of the kind of sacrifice that firefighters make being away from home fighting the distant wildfires.

Battalion chief Miller, who was a strike team leader in the Rim Fire, described to a reporter what his typical day was like.

"I worked the night shift, which started at 6 p.m. A briefing took place until 7 p.m. I went out on the line, worked my assignment, was relieved by the day shift at 8 a.m., and went back to camp," said Miller.

No rest yet for Miller, though. There were resupply duties, a meal, a shower, and finally, at 1 p.m., bedtime, only to get up again at 5 p.m., and do it all over again. Miller slept in a big, dark air-conditioned semi-truck trailer containing 42 bunks.

Compared to the typical Valley grassfire that Miller has fought, with its grass and brush, the Rim Fire "had a lot of erratic and active fire behavior," said Miller. The crews managed to protect some important structures in Yosemite.

As of Monday, the fire was 80 percent contained, and had burned 253,000 acres. There were 3100 people assigned to fight it.

Unusually dry grass and brush have been a big contributor to the state's major fires this summer. Normally plants in the wild areas have at least 20 percent moisture content, but now they are as low as 6 percent, so there is much more fuel for fires, said Miller.

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department owns a special vehicle to fight wildfires. It was paid for by the state's Office of Emergency Services, and is housed at Fire Station No. 4. on Bernal Avenue near Valley Avenue in Pleasanton.

Las Positas College to Be Site for Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair

The Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair will be held Friday, September 27. 2013 at the Las Positas College PE Complex located at 3000 Campus Drive, Livermore.

The committee planning the upcoming State Employment Development Department's fair expects to exceed their goal of having 60 employers at the job fair as more employers sign up to participate in the event. Employers that have confirmed their participation include Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, VA Palo Alto Healthcare, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), Livermore Toyota, Akima Infrastructure Services, Top Grade Construction, AMTRAK, Fluor Corporation, Livermore Police Department, and San Francisco Police Department, among many others.

The fair, which runs from 9am-12:30pm, is sponsored by the California Employment Development Department. Local supporting organizations include the City of Livermore. Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), Las Positas College Veterans First Program, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Wheels.

Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet job fairs bring together veterans seeking jobs and employers with job openings. The fair is free and open to the public. The event assists military personnel, including National Guard members and reservists returning from active duty, with finding a job. Government agencies and community organizations also will be on hand to provide information on employment, benefits, training, education and apprenticeships as well as other veteran services.

requested to carpool, dress

appropriately, wear comfortable shoes, bring multiple copies of their resumes, be ready for interviews, and have a positive attitude. No registration is required for applicants to attend this job fair. For more information, contact Patrick Keenan at (510) 259-3511 or for a copy of the flyer, visit the City of Livermore's website at Interested applicants are www.cityoflivermore.net.

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Saturday, September 14th, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Shepherd's Gate NEW Outlet Center 1635 Chestnut Street, Livermore, CA 94550





Citizenship Workshop Set for Saturday

A free citizenship workshop for residents of Alameda and Contra Costa counties will be held this Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Laborers Local 304 Alameda County, 2063 Research Drive, Livermore.

Those eligible for citizenship include the following: at least 18 years old:

\$680 check or money order, payable to "Department of Homeland Security" (if 75 years or older, only \$595). Those who qualify for a fee waiver do not have to pay. Bring proof of low income: pay stubs, taxes, public benefits (e.g. unemployment, Medi-Cal, food stamps,

WIC, CalWorks, etc.). lso bring the follow A

dress; Date of marriage, date marriage ended, & how it ended for all prior spouses (yours and your spouse's); Name, date of birth, immigration #, & address for all children; All arrest & court documents, even if charges were dropped

This is a project of the East Bay Naturalization Collaborative: API Legal

have had a green card for 5 years (3 years if married to a citizen); have been in the U.S. for half of the last 5 years (3 years if married to a citizen), can pass an English and civics test (or be exempted due to age or disability), and can pay the application fee (or qualify for a fee waiver due to low income).

2 copies of your green card (both sides); 2 photos (passport style); List of all trips you made out of the United States, including departure & return dates; List of all addresses & employment/ school for past five years. Current spouse's name, date of birth, Social Security #, immigration #, citizenship information, & current ad-

Bring to the workshop:

Outreach, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, Centro Legal de la Raza, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, International Institute of the Bay Area, and International Rescue Committee.

Those planning to attend must pre-register by calling 510-437-1554, ext. 112.

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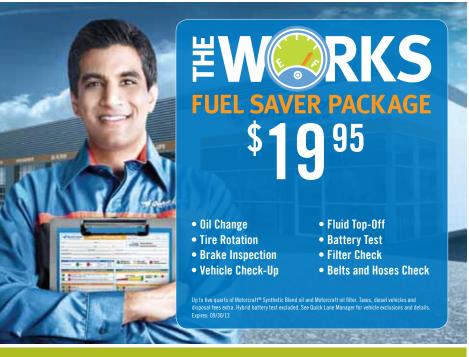
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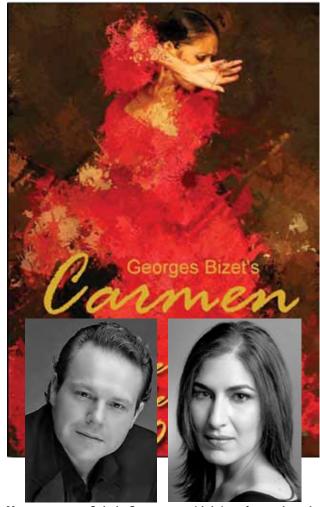
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Mezzo-soprano Cybele Gouvernuer (right) performs the role of Carmen and tenor Chris Bengochea is Don José.

Livermore Valley Opera Opens Season with Bizet's 'Carmen'

The Livermore Valley Opera presents Bizet's Carmen, a dramatic story of passion and its consequences,to launch its 2013-14 season.

Performances are opening night, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m.; Sept. 29 at 2 p.m.; Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. An opening night gala celebration will be held at

Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard starting at 4:30 p.m. Set in sultry Spain, Bizet's Carmen tells the story of a

beguiling gypsy who sets her sights on a naïve but passionate young corporal, tracing a tale of seduction, obsession and deadly betrayal. Carmen is full of sizzling opera hits including the famous "Habanera" and the irresistible Toreador song.

"Carmen is a beautiful free spirit, a rebel who refuses to be tamed by any man, even if it means her life," explains Alexander Katsman, LVO's Artistic Director and Music Conductor. "With dazzling costumes, LVO's largest set and a full orchestra playing Bizet's famous melodies, Carmen will fill your senses with powerful drama and music."

Returning to direct his second LVO production is Tony Award winner Eugene Brancoveanu who will also sing the part of Escamillo. Brancoveanu's direction of Carmen is anticipated to be as successful as his direction of La bohème last fall, which was critically acclaimed as a "strong production" and "a hit with the audience." And that is because Brancoveanu puts his whole self into understanding the characters, the story and the emotion of the opera.

"Reinventing a beloved classic like Carmen is a responsibility that I cannot take lightly," says Brancoveanu. "Carmen as an opera is so beloved because of the variety of its characters. As a director, I immerse myself into the opera, its characters, to discover what motivates them to do what they do. We all have a little bit of Carmen and a little bit of Don Jose in us, and so the audience will ask questions for which I must create an answer in the performance. Why do the characters do what they do? How do they overcome their obstacles? What stops them from getting what they want? What if I were in their shoes? Finding and depicting those answers is a director's greatest challenge."

The liveliness of familiar melodies such as "Habanera" and the Torreador Song will appeal to life-long opera lovers and those wishing to discover opera for the first time.

"The musical genius in Bizet's masterpiece is always present," explains Brancoveanu. "Almost every single aria is a show stopper. The fact that each act moves along so quickly makes it perfect for opera newcomers."

Brancoveanu says that the cast is uniformly strong. Mezzo-soprano Cybele Gouvernuer is Carmen and tenor Chris Bengochea is Don José. "I feel very privileged to be among them and to direct them. Chris Bengochea will be a wonderful Jose and Cybele Gouvernuer will be a

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Pleasanton Art League 4th Annual Members' Exhibition and Events at the Firehouse Arts Center

The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center will present the Pleasanton Art League (PAL) 4th Annual Members' Exhibition, held each fall since the opening of the venue. PAL is celebrating many years of supporting visual arts and artists. Special guest judge for this show is internationally renowned artist, educator. juror and author Gerald Brommer. A wide variety of styles and materials will be on view. The exhibition opens

Saturday, September 21, and runs through Saturday, October 19.

The Artists' Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to come explore the exhibit and ask questions and chat with the artists, including Mr. Brommer, who will be in attendance.

Brommer is famous in the visual arts community

not only for his soughtafter art pieces, but also for his wonderful teaching style and workshops, his in-demand work as a juror, and his astute writings on all aspects of art and art creation. A recent example of his popularity is the new feature series he authors for the respected publication International Artist. in which he examines what stimulates creative expression and production. His biography is included in Who's Who in American Art and several other



Larry Gipson, Mines Road Rustic

notable publications. Mr. Brommer is Past President and life member of the National Watercolor Association and member of the West Coast Watercolor Society and the National Arts Club. With work represented in collections worldwide, he has exhibited in more than 300 solo and group shows in the United States and abroad.

Three additional special events coincide with this year's celebratory exhibit:

Fair Trade Market, Food Truck Mafia & the Mixed Nuts Band Anchor Fall Festival At St. Charles Borromeo Church in Livermore

Catholic Church in Livermore invites the public to attend its annual Fall Festival of Sharing. This free and unique event expands to two days, Saturday, September 21 from 5pm-10pm and Sunday, September 22 from 1pm-8pm, at 1315 Lomitas Ave, Livermore.

Fair Trade Designs, a Livermore-based online boutique, will be selling its full line of fashion-forward jewelry, apparel, and bags. All the products are handcrafted by marginalized artisans around the globe who are paid fairly, work in nonsweatshop conditions, and trained to be economically independent.

will highlight Saturday evening's festivities. The "Mixed Nuts" Band will perform "music to make you move" from the 40s to contemporary hits.

St. Charles Borromeo appetite. "This was my first experience, and it most definitely won't be my last!!" says a Food Truck Mafia customer. "They have a terrific variety of gourmet food trucks."

On Sunday, kick back, eat and drink while watching NFL action on the big screen. First up are the 49ers taking on the Indianapolis Colts at 1 pm, followed by the Chicago Bears and the Pittsburg Steelers at 5 pm.

Both days include a handcrafted vendor marketplace, a beer and wine garden, silent auction, arm's length raffle, cash raffle, and games for kids and adults.

The arm's-length raffle and silent auction offer a Two special attractions variety of packages. Vacation rentals, brunch for 6, Poppy Ridge golf, tickets to the Sharks, symphony and Bankhead theatre, along with shopping and dining gift card packages are just The Food Truck Mafia some of the many items will be there to satisfy every available to win or up for

bid.

Cash raffle prizes are awarded on Sunday evening. A \$10 ticket has the chance of winning the first prize of \$1000, 2 second prizes of \$500 each, or one of 10 3rd prizes of \$100 each.

A Sunday BBQ will be served starting at 5:30 pm. tri-tip, hot dog, chicken breast or vegetarian burger meals, ranging in price from \$5-\$12.

"The fair trade market has been a staple at the festival for a number of years now," says Stephanie King, owner of Fair Trade Designs. "We have visitors from the Tri-Valley and beyond who come to shop but also end up staying for the great food, entertainment and fantastic raffle and auction items."

To learn more about the Festival, call (925) 447-4549 or email festival@stcharlesborromeo.org.

To purchase Sunday BBQ dinner tickets in advance



Choose from Santa Maria Mixed Nuts, pictured above, and Food Truck Mafia, below left, will be at the festival.





Fair trade necklace is among items available for purchase.

business office (925-447-4549) or email stcharlesdoor), contact the St. Charles 13festival@gmail.com.

For more information about the Fair Trade Market, call 800-985-1330 or email info@fairtradedesigns.com.

ABC Music Hosts Festival Supports Music Education for At-Risk Livermore Youth

Livermore will present ABC Music Live on Saturday, September 21. This is a fundraising extravaganza featuring live music from eight performers, delicious food and drink, and over 70 raffle prizes. The event takes place from 1 to 9 PM at 2156 First Street in downtown Livermore, and all proceeds benefit Music Pathways.

Music Pathways is a new program that provides a complete music experience to at-risk and disadvantaged Livermore youth, at no cost. Participants receive professional instruction and use of an instrument for six months, culminating in a live concert performance. Music

ABC Music Store of Pathways' eight stars -- six boys and two girls aged 14 to 18 -- started lessons in April and eagerly look forward to showcasing their talents on stage this fall.

> "We created Music Pathways to reach kids who love music but are not in a position, without assistance, to get an opportunity like the one we're offering," according to Chris Fleckner, manager of ABC Music and one of the program's founders. "Music is a great way to for these kids to find themselves and channel their energies in a positive, constructive way.'

The entertainment lineup for ABC Music Live features the following: Front Porch Jazz Trio, Bacchus Brothers, Vita Voci, Radio Blue, Troubador, Some Special Moves, Garage Band Academy, and Kat Bagby.

Guests will be served complimentary hors d'oeuvres of organic sausages from Aidells Sasuage Company, and organic cupcakes and muffins from Van's Health Foods.

Dave Chapman Catering will serve up a yummy feast of chicken in marsala mushroom sauce or pasta primavera: honey glazed carrots: and mashed potatoes. Dinner includes one glass of wine, Livermore, or at the door. and additional wine will be available for purchase.

More than 90 raffle prizes will be given away, includ-

ing the grand prize \$499 Voyage-Air folding guitar. Other prizes include sports memorabilia, gift certificates, movie passes, jewelry, and much more. You do not need to be present to win.

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Admission is \$10 without dinner and \$20 with dinner. Raffle tickets cost \$10 for 4 tickets. Tickets for the Voyage-Air guitar raffle cost \$20 for 5 tickets.

Admission and raffle tickets can be purchased on-line at www.music-pathways.org, at ABC Music, 2156 1st Street in downtown For more information visit www.music-pathways.org call ABC Music at (925) 443-1244.



Ryan Tapley of ABC Music mentors Music Pathways guitarist Tony Jimenez Photograph by Chris Fleckner.

Those who are not planning to attend, are asked to please support Music Pathways by making a donation

or buying raffle tickets (you do not need to be present to participate in the raffle).



John Trimingham, Waterfront.

the Gerald Brommer Special Exhibition will be on display in the Grand Lobby and Upper Mezzanine installation areas of the Firehouse Arts Center; a longanticipated 5-day workshop presented by Brommer precedes the opening of the gallery exhibit; and a free-to-the-public unique opportunity to watch a live demonstration by Brommer on Monday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Firehouse classroom.

Founded in 1969, PAL is a group of local artists dedicated to making the visual arts an integral part of the fabric of life in the Tri-Valley Area, according to its website. This active organization was established to encourage the progress and development of the creative talent of its members, which includes artists of all skill levels, from the beginner to the hobbyist, to the professional artists. But the

membership is not limited to practicing artists, rather also welcomes art lovers and patrons as well. In addition to the camaraderie, PAL offers discussions and workshops, and secures venues for exhibiting and selling artwork.

Visitors to the Pleasanton Art League Fourth Annual Members' Exhibition at the Harrington Gallery will likely see new ideas by familiar names, familiar ideas by new names, and everything in between. It promises to be an interesting show.

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

Guest Judge Involved in Three Special Events

Special guest judge Gerald Brommer will be featured in three additional events.

The Gerald Brommer Special Exhibition will be on display in the Grand Lobby and Upper Mezzanine installation areas of the Firehouse Arts Center. He will lead a 5-day workshop. And, there will be the opportunity to watch a live demonstration by Brommer on Monday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Firehouse classroom.

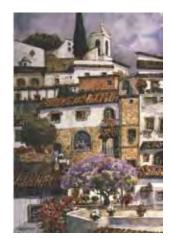
The intensive 5-day workshop will focus on Watermedia & Collage. It will be held both at the Firehouse Arts Center and on location, and will run September 16-20 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$450. Information is available at www. pal-art.com, or contact Rebecca at 510-209-5348 to see if there is space for additional students.

Since the 1950s, Brommer has produced watercolors on a regular basis. Many of his early works were very carefully planned and executed watercolors. On occasion, he added paper collage to give added textures. Recently he has been painting on location and works more spontaneously, responding directly to the subject he is viewing.

The subjects he has chosen to paint vary widely from California coast views, to desert landscapes and European city scenes. Throughout his life he has been interested in geology and rock formations that are often included in his work. He finds their varied textures and unique shapes particularly interesting as subject matter. He is quoted as saying, "My goal is not replication of scenes and sites, but is concerned with interpretation and visual communication that expresses my sensitivity and response to God's wonder-filled natural creation ... "



Gerald Brommer



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BANKHEAD

An Evening of Fun Benefits TVC's Conservation Efforts

An evening of fun planned by the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) will benefit those living in the Tri-Valley today and future generations.

The annual Jeans and Jewels fund-raiser is set for Thurs., Oct. 3 at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton.

Theme for this year's festivities is "Jeans & Jewels in Margaritaville." Everyone is invited to slip on a pair of flip flops and join the fun from 6:30 to 11 p.m.

The evening includes a hosted bar, dancing to the beat of the tropics, and silent and live auctions.

Those attending will be able to participate in a cocktail auction, specialty tastings, a gourmet dinner featuring Livermore Valley Uncorked winners, dancing and a live auction offering one-of-a-kind experiences. There will be an opportunity cast a vote for the People's Choice in the Freeze Frame! 2013, a photographic contest held by TVC.

The Tri-Valley Conservancy's mission is "to permanently protect the fertile soils, rangelands, open space and biological resources, and to support a viable agricultural economy, in the Tri Valley area." It accomplishes this mission by providing landowners with a flexible, voluntary alternative to subdividing or developing their property.

One facet of the Conservancy's work is acquisition. Working with willing landowners, the Conservancy acquires property development rights through the legal arrangement of a conservation easement. In doing so, the Conservancy ensures that a property will be protected from future development.

Another facet of the Conservancy's work is the ongoing stewardship associated with each easement, including annual property visits and consultation with property owners about the terms of their easement.

Funds raised during Jeans & Jewels will help to achieve the goals of the TVC.

One of TVC's volunteers, Carolyn Newton, has written a commentary noting, "We can all thank the Tri-Valley Conservancy.

"Those of us who live



The Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) works to preserve vineyards, such as those pictured. The annual fund-raising, Jeans & Jewels helps finance the TVC's goals.

and work in the Tri-Valley area are so fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful land. Thankfully, we have an organization that works to preserve it for us, as well as for future generations. For the past ten years, I have been a volunteer for the Tri-Valley Conservancy and witnessed their efforts to fulfill their mission. Through the work of a dedicated staff and local volunteers the TVC has accomplished a lot toward protecting the local landscape, recreational areas, open space, watersheds and agricultural land; connecting trails and preserving wildlife habitat and corridors; helping protect our water quality; partnering with area organizations to limit overbuilding and industrialization; hosting events to promote local vineyards and the community, plus much more.

"The Tri-Valley Conservancy has been financially able to support its mission through donations and a unique, entertaining annual fundraising event called "Jeans and Jewels." This year, everyone is invited to join the fun in "Margaritaville" on Oct. 3rd at Casa Real, Pleasanton."

She adds, "If you would like to join a great group of people and support TVC's efforts to preserve our beautiful area and help create a strong local economy with increasing property values, they have a wide variety of volunteer jobs with a lot of flexibility. I've stuffed envelopes at home watching TV, poured wine at events, checked on conservation easements, and helped plan the big party Jeans and Jewels. There are lots more opportunities. If you might be interested, give them a call: 925-449-8706."

Newton declares, "Supporting Tri-Valley Conservancy is a great way to 'pay it forward."

Casa Real is located at 410 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$105 per person if purchased by Sept, 22 and \$125 by Oct. 1. Sponsorship packages are available.

For information or tickets, go to www.trivalleyconservancy.org or call 925-449-8706.

Writers Club Meeting Offers Information on Self-Publishing

Patricia Marshall will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch on Saturday, September 21, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard, Pleasanton.

Writer and editor Patricia Marshall, who has helped more than a dozen authors self-publish, will walk you through the steps to take, from formatting book pages to selecting a cover designer to obtaining metadata and getting a book on the market. Along the way, she'll offer guidelines for each task to help determine whether to tackle a task alone or with the help of others.

Patricia Marshall lives in Eugene, Oregon. She is the owner of Luminare Press, and the editor of Forest Magazine, published by a national conservation group located in Eugene. She has extensive experience producing marketing and promotional materials, and in 2010, introduced an online edition of the magazine. She is currently writing a nonfiction book about Burley Design Cooperative. For more information about Ms. Marshall go to http://www. luminarepress.com.

The CWC Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres and experience levels to learn about their craft at its monthly meetings. The meeting will be Saturday, September 21, 2013, 2:00-4:00 pm (registration at 1:30).The cost for CWC Members is \$10,

nonmembers, \$15. Anyone interested in the program or the organization may attend with no obligation to join. Reservations requested by contacting Deborah Bernal at reservations@trivalleywriters.org no later than Wednesday, September 18, 2013. For more information

about California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch contact Paula Chinick at president@trivalleywriters. org or visit www.trivalleywriters.org.

Woodcarvers to Present Annual Show in Pleasanton

The Tri-Valley Woodcarvers are hosting their annual woodcarving show on September 21st and 22nd at the Veteran Hall in Pleasanton.

The show is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Admission is free.

There are over 90 pieces of handcrafted works of art in the competition exhibit and hundreds more on the exhibition floor. There will be live demonstrations on carving, pyrography (wood burning), wood turning, painting, whittling and more. Children (and adults too) are welcome to try their hand at carving at the soap carving station. Many of the carvers will be on hand to answer questions about the pieces. Browse the floor and find treasures to take home at the country store, silent auction and raffle.

For information contact Joel Ellioff (Show Chairman) at joelwen@sbcglobal.net or (510) 537-9463 or go to trivalleycarvers.com

Pleasanton Public Art Walks Return

Beginning September 13, join Nancy and Gary Harrington on their first of four monthly public Art Walks. Each walk will take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month, September - December. Walks begin from the parking lot near the Pleasanton City Council Chamber, off Old Bernal Avenue. Frequent stops are provided to view and hear stories of the many sculptures and murals. Over 15 public and private arts will be viewed on each art walk. The walks are free.

Two different art walks are provided: North and South Art Walks. Each walk is scheduled twice.

• North Art Walk: September (8:30am) and November (9:00am): Neal Street North, Main Street,



Gary and Nancy Harrington

Museum, Main Street Green Park, and the Firehouse Art Center

• South Art Walk: October (8:30am) and December (9:00am): Neal Street South, Library, City Hall, Civic Park, Centennial Community Park (Senior Center),

Veteran's Memorial Hall and Main Street

Thirteen sculptures have been donated through Another H.A.P.P.Y. (Another Harrington Art Partnership Piece for You). Two more, a sculpture and mural, may be installed in late 2013 or



Nancy Harrington discusses sculpture, "Monet's Bench."

early 2014. Since December 2010, there have been 18 art supporters join the Harrington Art Partnership bringing public art to Pleasanton; five Very Important Partners, 4 Special Partners, and 9 Partners. Join Pleasanton's 2nd Saturday Public Art Walks and learn more about the Harrington Art Partnership or call Gary and Nancy at 925-846-9757 for more information. Brochures, with art locations

and map, will be distributed at time of walk.

The Pleasanton Public Art Walk brochure and map also can be downloaded from www.publicartarchive. org/Pleasanton.

Sound of Music Sing-A-Long Presented by Livermore Cultural Arts Council

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound Of Music, a Sing-A-Long, on October 17th at 7pm at the Vine Theatre, 1722 1st St, Livermore. The public is invited to a fun and family friendly evening where everyone can sing along to each musical number in this iconic movie

filmed in Saltzburg, Austria. Words to the songs will appear on the screen. Funds from ticket sales go towards supporting cultural arts in Livermore.

Tickets at \$10 can be purchased online at www. brownpapertickets.com/ event/456410 or cash at the door.

The Sound of Music

opened on the big screen in trian convent to become 1965 starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. The movie is based on the very successful Broadway musical The Sound of Music, which was based on the book The Story of the Trapp Family Singers by Maria von Trapp.

The film is about a young woman who leaves an Ausa governess to the seven children of a widowed naval officer. The Sound of Music contains several popular songs, including, Edelweiss, My Favorite Things, Climb Ev'ry Mountain, Do-Re-Mi, Sixteen Going on Seventeen, The Lonely Goatherd, and the title song, The Sound of Music. For more information about the show, please contact Nancy Mulligan at n.mulligan@comcast.net

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) is an association of educational and cultural organizations. The purpose of the organizations and of the LCAC is to promote educational and cultural activities within the Livermore community

and surrounding areas. The LCAC assists Livermore groups in presenting cultural and educational programs, studies the educational and cultural needs of Livermore, and strives to heighten community awareness and appreciation of the arts. For more information about LCAC, please visit our website at http://www.lcac.org/

CARMEN (continued from front page)

smoldering Carmen. She has performed this role before which is a tremendous advantage for me." Brancoveanu will sing the role of Escamillo whose baritone voice was hailed as "a force of nature" in his La bohème performance last fall.

Opera week special events are as follows:

Opening Night Galas at Uncle's Yu's at the Vineyards: Gala ticket includes wine, appetizers and dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, followed by a dessert reception in the

Bankhead Theater lobby. The welcome reception of wine and appetizers begins at 4:30 pm and seating at 5:00 pm at Uncle Yu's, conveniently located onehalf block from the theater. Guests will have a chance to meet the Stage Director Eugene Brancoveanu and Alexander Katsman. LVO's Artistic Director and Music Conductor. The opening night gala is underwritten by Charlene McKenney, Managing Director of Northwestern Mutual. Gala Tickets are \$85, and are available

through Bankhead Theater box office. Proceeds allow for LVO to continue its mission of bringing quality opera to the Tri-Valley and bevond.

Ice Cream & Opera: Sunday matinees of Livermore Valley Opera productions offer an extra tasty treat with ice cream for all at intermission. Ice cream for this event is donated by Safeway.

Pre-opera talk; artists reception: Included in the ticket price are pre-opera talks providing insights to the featured opera, held one hour prior to curtain.

LVO's traditional artists reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets are adults \$39-\$74, students 18 and younger \$10 off on all days, all seating sections (student ID required). **Opening night Gala tickets** are a separate ticket purchase of \$85.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.



Assistance League Sponsors Special Book Drive

Assistance League® of Amador Valley is holding a children's book drive in support of Make a Difference Day, a national day of community service scheduled for October 26. Last vear. Assistance League was named one of ten National Honorees by USA Weekend, Newman's Own and Points of Light for its successful participation in this event.

New books for children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade are being collected now through October at Towne Center Books and Heritage Bank on Main Street in Pleasanton. They will be presented on Saturday, October 26 at Kohl's in Livermore on the hour from 10-3 in conjunction with its signature program, Operation School Bell® whereby children in need are provided school clothing and shoes.

This national endeavor is an extension of each of the 120 chapters' daily work to help the less fortunate with nearly 250,000 students receiving support towards improved literacy just last year.

"While this one day in October is Make a Difference Day, the real story is that Assistance League makes a difference every

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Members pictured are (from left) Sandra Warren, Dolores Griffith, Anita Sanchez and Ann Hill.

tional organization.

day in communities across the country," said Anne Neish, President of the na-

go to www.amadorvalley. assistanceleague.org., www. assistanceleague.org. and www.handsonnetwork.org/ For more information, MakeADifferenceDay.



Books on a multitude of subjects can be found at the Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library Fall Book Sale, which runs September 20-22 at the library.

Pleasanton Friends of Library Fall Book Sale Set

of recent popular novels in Friends of the Pleasanton like-new condition. Public Library will hold its More than 40,000 dofall book sale the weekend of Sept. 20-22 at the Pleasnated books of all types will anton Public Library at 400

Old Bernal Avenue.

Book lovers can shop for

mysteries, home and garden,

cookbooks, sports, non-

fiction and romance books.

The sale includes videos,

CDs, and other miscella-

neous items, plus a selection

be available at affordable prices. Large paperbacks and hardbacks are \$1.00, paperbacks are 50 cents, DVDs and CDs are \$1 per disc. All materials are in good condition. To minimize congestion, no strollers, scanners, or other electronic devices are permitted in the sale room.

The Friday evening sale is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for Friends of the Library members only (new memberships are available for \$10 at the door); on Saturday the sale is open to all from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A popular feature of the Sunday sale is the discounted \$7.00 price for an entire grocery bag full of books.

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is a 501c3 non-profit organization created to support the Library. All revenues from the Book Sale support new materials. programs, and equipment at the library.

The Friends are seeking adult volunteers to help set up the sale and during the sale hours. For book sale or volunteer information, please call Nancy Bering, (925) 462-4362.

"Rotary Clubs Participate in Donating Underwear to the Homeless"



Rotary Club members present items collected.

Rotary District 5170, The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley, as well as the Dublin Rotary, Tri Valley Rotary,

and the Livermore Rotary teamed up to donate over 300 units of underwear at the Asbury Church in Livermore. At the Asbury United Methodist Church of Liver-

more, many of the homeless are able to get shower privileges and food from Open Heart Kitchen. With these donations, they are also receiving clean clothing as well as hygiene necessities.

This is one of the many community causes that local Rotary clubs contribute to through fund raising and grants. Rotary also contributes to international projects. An example is The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley will be traveling to Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico to assist in the manufacturing of clean stove factories.

Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary and how the organization helps the local community and community projects, can visit www.LivermoreValleyRotary.org or Info@RotaryClubOfLivermoreValley.com.



One of works from Abstract Photography/Poetry Exhibition by Julie Hayward-Trout.

Art Happens Offers Variety of Activities and Events

Art Happens on the second Thursday each month in downtown Livermore. From 6 - 9pm, drop in on exhibitions, demonstrations, open studios, or meet the artists. Join in on art critiques, "make it and take it" sessions, and more. Enjoy live music, wine tasting, coffee or microbrews while enjoying art in galleries, tasting bars, studios, shops and restaurants.

Julie Hayward-Trout's Featured Artist Exhibition and Second Thursday Open Studios will be presented at the Downtown Art Studios, 62 So. L Street, from 6:30-8:00.

Hayward-Trout's "Water Series," is an assemblage of abstract photography and poetry. In this series, she has captured the varied textures and colors highlighted by sun, and windswept surfaces. Julie's poetry invites the visitor in on an emotional one day journey, from dawn to dusk, sharing her story as she sees it in the reflective waters.

LAA Art Gallery is open late for Farmer's Market shoppers. See www.bothwellartscenter.org for addresses, or pick up a map brochure.

Storied Nights Part of Art Happens

The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center and Peet's Coffee and Tea sponsor Storied Nights: An Evening of Spoken Word. The fun and eclectic literary series is co-produced by Livermore residents Cynthia Patton and Marilyn Kamelgarn as part of Art Happens.

This month Storied Nights explores the joys, sorrows, and angst of childhood. Marilyn Kamelgarn, Susan Mayall, Ethel Mays, Cynthia Patton, and Gary Turchin will read from their own work as well as other literary delights.

The event will take place on Thursday, September 12, 2013, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 152 South Livermore Ave, in downtown Livermore. The original work of three writers—Susan Mayall, Ethel Mays, and Gary Turchin will be featured.

Susan Mayall grew up during World War II in England. She and her husband emigrated to Canada after graduating from Cambridge University, and in 1972, they arrived in Livermore with their four children. Susan taught for awhile, then opened Goodenough Books on Railroad Avenue. It stocked over 50,000 titles and hosted many literary events over its twenty-three vears.

Ethel Mays is a visual and literary artist from California's central Sierra Nevada foothills. A Seattle

University graduate, her writing has been published in Canada, the U. S. and throughout her home state. Gary Turchin is a writer,

by Susan Steinberg

Danville's celebrated

Eugene O'Neill festival is

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O'Neill's first Pulitzer

Prize-winning play, it

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poet, performer, and visual artist whose creativity crosses genres and mediums. He's the author/illustrator of the wondrous *If I Were You* as well as *Ditty-Ditty Doggerel; A Life From Bad To Verse*. His new collection of poetry, *Falling Home*, was just released by Sugartown Publications.

Storied Nights will continue on the second Thursday of each month and features local authors reading their work. For more information go to http://facebook.com/ StoriedNights

It is a startling moment for everyone in the theater even today, and must have been completely shocking to a 1922 audience. At that time, the vast difference between "good girls" and "bad girls" cast the latter into the fires of Hell, with no consideration of extenuating circumstances. O'Neill, as a young seaman and self-described "waterfront bum," had certainly experienced the usual parade of shady dockside ladies in his life. How amazing that he was able to discern the heartbreaking misery behind such a "fallen woman," and express it so memorably

that it still resonates with

modern listeners. With his sailing days still fresh in his heart, O'Neill wrote a notable series of "Sea Plays," including RPE's recent "The Hairy Ape." In this drama, he still evokes the irresistible lure of "going to sea," and the audience is soon immersed in the sights and sounds of life on the water, thanks to a compelling combination of scenic and sound design by Robert Bo Golden, and lighting by David Lam. From the drifting fog and the mournful sounds of foghorns, ship's bells, and splashing water, theater-goers feel the sense of isolation, drifting, and psychological ambivalence that underlies the story.

Chris Christopherson, a crusty old Swedish sailor, has hated the sea all his life, yet never escaped it. He calls it "the old devil," blaming it for his loneliness and misfortunes: his father, brothers, and sons drowning, his wife's death alone while he was away, and the 15-year separation from his daughter Anna, whom he left "inland" on his brother's farm in Minnesota. Believing that "land life" would be best for her, (but also not willing to care for her himself), he cannot understand her anger.

<u>Review</u>

"Anna Christie": Classic O'Neill

Basically a simple decent man under his gruff demeanor and coarse habits, he is inhabited so instinctively by veteran actor John Hale that he evokes sympathy even in his most blustery alcoholic rants. The naked wonderment on his face when he first sees his grown daughter is a marvel of silent acting, carried over enough time to let the audience appreciate his unspoken emotions. His clumsy attempts to establish an affectionate relationship, and his bewildered astonishment at her bitter invective are heart-rending, as is his complete despair and fury when he learns of her sordid past. Demolished in spirit, he seems to sink into a small huddle of misery at the news, trying to absorb the impact of his neglect on her life.

His polar opposite is the smooth-talking young Irish sailor Matt Burke, so full of blarney that it spills out of him even as he's rescued, half drowned, from a terrible shipwreck. Almost too weak to stand, he is still able to sound romantic with his blithering comeons to Anna, whom he supposes to be an available tart. Learning that she's a "decent woman," he apologizes abjectly for his rude comments, but still continues his sweettalking with such earnestness that his outrageousness seems believable and even charming. RPE newcomer Josh Schell is an amazing actor, verbally and physically, as he morphs into a serious suitor for Anna's hand, a hair-trigger brawler facing her angry father, and a broken crazyman at Anna's revelations.

With both men screaming curses at her for shattering their illusions, Anna, a fiery Eden Neuendorf, revolts against their traditional macho scorn, and explodes in righteous anger, pointing out that loose behavior they excoriate in her is exactly what both men themselves have been indulging in during their years as sailors. Never before had the infuriating "double standard" been so clearly denounced in the American theater. Anna's accusation that all men are alike and she "hates 'em" is a revolutionary call to arms as she rebels against being judged and controlled by either her father or the man she loves.

A desperate Matt must make a wrenching decision about Anna and gives a bravura performance as an out-ofcontrol conflicted Irish drunk. Unbelievably, this intense scene also contains some of the funniest bits of humor, as Director George Maguire, himself an Irishman, deftly stages both the naive wounded innocence and the ludicrous religious supersti-

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

- Livermore Art Association Gallery, located in the Carnegie Building, offers art classes, unusual gifts, painting rentals, art exhibits and information pertaining to the art field. 2155 Third St., Livermore. The gallery has been open since 1974 and is run as a co-op by local artists. Hours are Wed -Sun 11:30-4 p.m. For information call 449-9927
- Art Happens, 2nd Thursday of each month, 6 to 9 p.m. Downtown Livermore. Art displays, poetry, entertainment special events. For the brochure go to www.bothwellartscenter.org.
- Where a Painter Meets Poets, A new exhibit featuring poetic responses to the work of Livermore artist Lily Xu will be on display at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal, through Sept. 30. The show, Where a Painter Meets Poets, features Xu's watercolor paintings, as well as poems by Ronnie Holland, poet laureate emeritus of Dublin; Cher Wollard, outgoing poet laureate of Livermore; Susan Wilson; Jim Curcuro; and Kay Speaks.
- Livermore Art Association Gallery "Fall Into Art," open house celebration Sat., Sept. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Twenty-five artists will be displaying and selling new paintings, photographs, jewelry, textiles, pottery, glasswork, origami and much more. Artists will have special offers for the public that day. Refreshments will be served. The Gallery is in the Carnegie Building at 2155 3rd Street, Livermore.
- ArtWalk, October 12, 11 to 5 pm: displays are set-up throughout the downtown in and around parks side walks, galleries, wine bars, restaurants and shops, allowing visitors and the local community to experience all that this wine country downtown has to offer with art as the theme for the day. The Art Banner Auction displays up close the hand-painted banners that will have hung as public street art during the month of September, and enjoy free all-day concerts from fine Bay Area musicians and a glass of fine local wine from our wine, beer and beverage bar at the Livermore Valley Plaza. ArtWalk artist and business booth registration closes on August 31, 2013, see www.bothwellartscenter. org for info
- Tri-Valley Woodcarver's 41st Annual Show, Sept. 21-22, Veteran's Memorial
- Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Free admission to public. For information contact Joel Ellioff (Show Chairman) at joelwen@ sbcglobal.net or (510) 537-9463 or go to tri-valleycarvers.com
- Pleasanton Art League Fourth Annual Members' Exhibition at the Harrington Gallery: PAL celebrates 55 years of creating and supporting the visual arts with their annual fall juried exhibition at the four-year-old Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton The exhibit will run September 21 through October 19 Art media of all types will be represented. Special guest judge for the exhibit is internationally renowned artist, educator, juror, and author Gerald Brommer, who will also be conducting a 5-day Watermedia and

Collage Workshop September 16-20. Information on participating in the workshop is at www.pal-art.com. Free public reception with artists and Mr. Brommer will be held on Saturday, September 21. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.: Saturday 11.00 a m -3.00 p m Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated. Call for Artists at 15th Annual Art in the Park – San Ramon, Oct. 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Park. Looking for artists from around the Bay Area to sell and showcase their fine art and wares (paintings, sculpture, textiles, ceramics & glass, fine jewelry, photography, etc.) 10'x10' booth spaces are available for \$105 for non-members of ADAS or SRAF or \$90 for members plus a 10% commission on all sales goes to Art in the Schools Fund and Art Programs in the City of San Ramon. No crafts please. For an application, email normawebb@comcast.net or call 925

- 828-9170. 15th Annual Art in the Park, Oct. 5 and 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Park, San Ramon, corner of Bollinger Canyon & Alcosta Boulevards. Fine artists, multicultural performances and live music, sidewalk chalk artists, handson art activities for kids of all ages. judged inside art show, food truck mafia. Admission is free. The event is co-sponsored by Alamo Danville Artists Society (www.ADAS4ART.org). the San Ramon Arts Foundation (www. sanramonarts.org) and the City of San Ramon For more information contact Shelley Barry: shelley@artfulsolutions.net or 925 683-4804 or Norma Webb: normawebb@comcast.net 925 828-9170
- 12th Annual ArtWalk Livermore, Sat., Oct. 12. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. downtown l ivermore.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

- Sip and Sculpt Workshop series, \$50 for 3 sessions featuring hands-on sculpting lessons at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays Sept. 14, 21 & 28, Oct. 12, 19 & 26 and Nov. 9, 16 & 23, 2013. Clay, tools, and pastries included. Bring your coffee or tea. If you have tools bring them also — don't worry if you don't!) Space is limited to 12 students. Registration, email info@ BeverlyTurnerSculptures.com or call (562) 822-5247.
- Show and Tell, Artists are invited to a monthly function at the Bothwell Arts Center, called "Show & Tell. 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. Artists bring finished or unfinished work to show and if desired. receive a critique from the group. This is a friendly and fun event for artists and can be useful in helping them improve their work and learn from others Refreshments are brought by the artists, and a donation of \$5.00 is desired although not mandatory. Contact for this event is D'Anne Mille at danne miller@att net or Linda Ryan at LRyan@Livermoreperform-

ingarts.org

- Fine Art on Friday, 10 a.m. with Art Critique & Coffee at the Corner Bakery Cafe, Pleasanton Gateway Plaza. Professional, Local and Emerging Artists of the San Francisco Bay Area. Contact Claudette for more information 510 543-4776.
- Figure Drawing Workshop, every Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artists bring their own materials and easels. Open to all artists. Professional artist models (nude) No instructor Students under 18 need written parental permission to attend. Cost \$20 per session. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Coffee, tea and refreshments are available. Call or e-mail Barbara Stanton for more info about the workshop, 925-373-9638 - microangelo@ earthlink net
- PPL/Pleasanton Poetry League, now meeting the 1st Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00 at The Corner Bakery Cafe in Pleasanton. Join us as we challenge ourselves to poetically relay our thoughts, emotions and experiences through poetry. Become a member & share your work - Contact PoetryOnCanvas@Mac.Com for more info on Theme Challenges, Membership & Opportunities.
- Ukulele Circle, Meetings held the 2nd and last Saturday, September 14 and September 28, from 12noon-1pm at Galina's Music Studio located at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please confirm participation by calling (925) 960-1194 or via the website at www. GalinasMusicStudio.com. Beginners are welcome. Bring some music to share with the group. Ukuleles are available for purchase. Small \$5 fee to cover meeting costs.
- **Colored Pencil Classes "Basics and** Bevond". Instructor Marvann Kot. Starting at 9:30AM on Mon., Sept. 9 for five weeks and also 6.30 PM on Tues Sept. 10 for five weeks. Classes will be held at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Sign up at Way Up Art and Frame, Livermore. 925-443-3388. View Maryann's artwork at www.maryannkot.com.

WINERY EVENTS

- Wine Wednesdays, Livermore Valley wineries will be hosting "Wine Wednesdays" each Wednesday through October. One featured winery will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. to help guests "wine-down" from the work week or just grab a taste of wine before going out to dinner in the Tri-Valley. Check for the winery listings at www.lvwine.
- The Winemaker's Pour House, Live music: Sept. 15, 4:30-7:30 p.m., 21st Century; Sept. 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Paul Tolle; Sept. 18, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Chris Ahlman; Sept. 21, 7-10 p.m. Georgi and the Rough Week: Sept. 22. 4-7 p.m., Tumble Down House; Sept. 26. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Jimmy Ashley; Sept. 27, 7-10 p.m., Frankie Bones and the Fire Hazard; Sept. 29, 4-7 p.m., Joev T: Oct. 1, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Steve Kritzer and Friends. 2241 First St., Livermore, www.winemakerspourhouse.com or 215-2656 Las Positas Vineyards, Friday September 20th, " Evening in the Vineyards"

free concert from 6-9pm featuring live Latin Jazz by David Correa & Cascada. Wine, beer, and Artisan pizzas crafted by On the Vine Catering available for purchase (sorry no outside food or beverages permitted) Space is limited. please contact 925-449-9463 or info@laspositasvinevards.com to make a reservation. Reservations are held until 7pm.

- La Luna Fridays are Back at Murrieta's Well tasting room. 6 to 9 p.m. Wines served on the terrace under the light of the full moon, accompanied by live music Fast Coast Clam Bake Sept 20. Southwestern Cuisine: Oct. 18. Hawaiian fare. \$45 Silver Spur members, \$55 non-members. Price includes live music, family style dinner and wine. Discounts available on selected wines Reservations at 925-456-2395. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore
- McGrail Vineyards and Winery events: Tapas, Tasting, and Tunes. Fri., Sept. 20, 6 to 9 p.m. Posada Catering will be selling gourmet tapas, Chris Lebel will be playing, and a special wine flight will be available. Entry includes logo wine glass: \$5/wine club member; \$10/person. Grape Stompin' and Wine Sippin', Sat., Sept. 28, noon to 4:30 p.m. Partake in some "I love Lucy" action by Stomping grapes. Grab a friend and race to fill the bottle first. Fullest bottle in 30 seconds wins the prize. Soleil Pizza will be selling gourmet wood-fired pizzas and live music will keep you entertained. \$25/person for stomping and it includes a glass of wine. Tickets available at www. mcgrailivneyards.com. 5600 Greenville Rd., Livermore, (925) 215-0717 Murrieta's Well, Muestra de Arte,
- October 26, 2013, View works of fine art by local artists and sample artisan cheese and wine tastings in the historic barrel room at Murrieta's Well. Admission is free. Wine tasting \$10 per person, complimentary for Silver Spur members. 925-456-2395. 3005 Mines Road, Livermore.
- 2013 "splatter . . . not your ordinary food, art and wine festival" Saturday, September 21, at Dublin's Emerald Glen Park. Event hours are noon to 8:00 p.m., with a finale concert beginning at 6:30 p.m., and an aerial fireworks display at 8:00 p.m. Admission to the event is free Food and Wine Tasting Pavilion will include dozens of the finest wineries, micro-breweries and restaurants in the Tri-Valley area. Tasting Pavilion hours are 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Passports must be purchased to enter and to participate in the Tasting Pavilion. A limited number of passports can now be purchased at the special pre-event rate of \$25.00. Each Passport is good for one limited-edition event wine glass and 20 samples or tastes of your choice of food or beverage. Passports may also be purchased on the day of the event for \$30.00. For more information please contact the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 556-4508.

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

Chris Bradley's Jazz Band appears

- regularly at: The Castle Rock Restaurant in Livermore/on Portola Avenue-the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. from 7:30-9:30--Dance floor, full bar, small cover
- REO Speedwagon, 27th season of The Concerts at Wente Vineyards, Thurs., Sept. 12. Wente Vinevards, 5050 Arrovo Road, Livermore. For ticket information, go to www.wentevinevards.com
- Paul Thorn: Muscular brand of Southerninfluenced, rootsy rock and blues music. Bill Hinds, guitar; Michael Graham, keyboard; Ralph Friedrichsen, bass; Jeffrey Perkins, drums. One show only. Friday, September 13, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$35 with group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue Pleasanton.
- Grammy-Nominated Virtuoso David Lanz: Beloved "Cristofori's Dream" pianist in concert at the Firehouse Arts Center on Saturday, September 14, 8:00 p.m. An evening of transcendent music with the Maestro. Tickets are \$18-\$27, with youth, senior and group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.
- The Bronx Wanderers, Lightning Bolt of Pure Rock n' Roll. Wed., Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.
- Maria Muldaur, First Lady of Bluesiana. Fri., Sept. 20, 8 p.m. Bankhead The-ater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www. bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800. Gregg Rolie Band, Journey and Santana
- co-founder, Sept. 21, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Pleasanton, www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848
- Big Bad VooDoo Daddy, Wed., Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.bankhead theater.org or 373-6800.
- Dar Williams, contemporary folk. Thurs., Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800
- Lauren Fox, cabaret. Fri., Oct. 4, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800
- Gypsy Soul, Independent Music Award Winners, Oct. 4, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848
- Drew Harrison In the Spirit of Lennon, celebrating the life and music of John Lennon, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton, www.firehousearts.org or 931-4848
- An Evening with Flutist Annie Wu, Tues. Oct. 8, 7 p.m. Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture series, evening of solo flute by Foothill High School student, Annie Wu Firehouse Arts Center 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton, www firehousearts.org.
- Livingston Taylor, singer and guitarist. Thurs., Oct. 10., 7:30 p.m. Bankhead

Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800

- School House Rock Live, Jr., Civic Arts Stage Company, Oct. 11-20, Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sat. 2 and 7 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton, www.firehousearts. org or 931-4848
- Del Valle Concert Series, 8 p.m. October 12, pianist Alexander Ghindin, 1st prize Cleveland International Competition. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater. org or 373-6800.
- Orchestra Concerto Concert, Las Positas College, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Tickets www.brownpapertickers.com or 1-800-838-3006.
- **Pleasanton Community Concert Band** Family Concert, Sun., Oct. 20, 2 p.m. Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton.
- Jonathan Batiste and the Stay Human Band, Jazz. Thurs., Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.
- Livermore-Amador Symphony Pops **Concert**, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. Pops Around the Clock theme. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. www.livamsymp.org.
- Rick Springfield, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Álbion Rd., San Ramon. www.sanramonperformingarts.com or 973-3343

ON THE STAGE

- Firehouse Arts Center Season 4: Tickets now on sale both online and at the box office. The Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton has announced their 2013-2014 season line-up. Three theater companies and various concert series anchor the offerings, with rock, country, bluegrass, jazz, blues, classical, folk, cabaret, holiday, and retro concerts included. Highlights: Paula Cole, Gregg Rolie Band, Faith Prince, Bo Bice, Special Consensus, December People and Starship (yes, that Starship). Group discounts for 10 or more are available for all shows, and many performances offer \$12 youth tickets. Subscription packages are available for the Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre's season, the venue's professional musical theater company in residence View show info and purchase tickets now at www.firehousearts.org. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Firehouse Box Office: 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, or 925-931-4848. Hours: Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to nerformances
- The Woman in Black A Ghost Play adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from the book by Susan Hill. Show Sept. 5-29. Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m., Sat., Sept. 21, 2 and 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. Preview \$10; shows \$29. Discounts available. (510) 881-6777; www. dmtonline.org Sleepy Hollow, the Musical, opens Sept
- 27 and runs for three weekends. Front

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

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

SCHEDULE OF EUGENE O'NEILL FESTIVAL EVENTS:

Sept. 6-21: O'Neill's Anna Christie presented by Role Players Ensemble. Eight performance of the O'Neill play directed by George Maguire. Evenings at 8:00 p.m., Sunday Matinees at 2:00 p.m. Village Theatre, Danville. Tickets: www.RolePlayerEensemble.com or Village Theatre ticket office, 223 Front Street, Danville. (925) 314-3466. Sept. 12: Classic 1930 MGM film of Anna Christie with Greta Garbo and Marie Dressler. Village Theatre, Danville, 7:00

- p.m. Tickets: \$5.00 donation at the door or www.RolePlayersEnsemble.com Sept. 22: "Modern Audiences/Classic Plays" — a special playwright/direc-
- tor's panel discussion centering on the two Festival plays, moderated by KQED's Michael Krasny in the Old Barn at Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site. Danville, 2:00 p.m. Panelists include Jasson Minadakis (Marin Theatre Co.), Joy Carlin (Aurora Theatre), Trevor Allen (Black Box Theatre) and Rob Melrose (Cutting Ball Theatre). \$10 donation; NPS shuttles from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 26-29: O'Neill's Chris Christophersen presented by Eugene O'Neill Foundation. Four performances of this 1920 drama in the Old Barn at Tao House, Danville. Directed by Eric Fraisher Hayes. Evenings at 8:00 p.m. Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. NPS shuttles from Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Tickets: www.eugeneoneill. org. or (925) 820-1818
- Sept. 27-28: Gala Champagne/Dessert reception celebrating O'Neill's 125th Birthday. In the Courtyard at Tao House, Danville. Reservation required with ticket purchase at www. eugeneoneill.org. NPS shuttles from Museum of the San Ramon Valley begin at 6:30 p.m.
- Lettice and Lovage, Role Players Ensemble, Oct. 18-Nov. 9. Village Theatre, 233 Front St. Danville, http:// roleplayersensemble.com/
- Monty Python's Spamalot, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Oct. 19, 20 25, 16; Nov. 1, 2, 3. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.
- Jerry's Girls, a musical review directed by Gary Wright. Chanticleers Theater production is a musical review of the work of Jerry Herman, who wrote Mame and Hello Dolly, among others. Oct. 11-12, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27; Nov. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10. Fri. and Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m. General admission \$24; seniors, students, military \$20. Chanticleers Theater, 3683 Quail Ave., Castro Valley. Tickets at the door or at http://chanticleers.org/tickets.html

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Valley Dance Theatre stages a full-length performance of The Nutcracker during the holidays. Auditions are underway. For details, see the listing under Auditions/Competitions below.

troupe presents Nightmare, Oct. 24-26, 7:30 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www. firehousearts.org or 931-4848.

COMEDY

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

MOVIES

The Livermore Cultural Arts Council, Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound Of Music, a Sing-A-Long, on October 17th at 7pm at the Vine Theatre, 1722 1st St, Livermore. Words to the songs will appear on the screen. Funds from ticket sales go towards supporting cultural arts in Livermore. Tickets at \$10 can be purchased online at www.brownpapertickets.com/ event/456410 or cash at the door

DANCE

- Alonzo King LINES Ballet, Diverse and Visionary Contemporary Dance. Sat., Sept. 14, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800. Hungarian State Folk Dancers, Gypsy
- Romance, Thurs., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater. 2400 First St. Livermore, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS Valley Dance Theatre: Nutcracker Audi-

tion Saturday, September 21, 2013. Valley Dance Theatre in Livermore, is offering Performance Scholarships for a wide range of ballet classes to boys and young men who agree to perform in the Nutcracker and Spring shows. This is a great opportunity for any young men who are interested in performing on a stage in front of a live audience. The performances are at the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore with a live orchestra, full sets and beautifully constructed costumes. Girls and young Ladies are also encouraged to audition. 2247 2nd Street Suite B, Livermore. (925) 243-0925, office@valleydancetheatre.com or go to www.valleydancetheatre.com

Valley Concert Chorale is now scheduling appointments for auditions for

singers who would like to be a part of the Chorale's 50th Anniversary season of 2013-2014. Auditions will be held Monday, September 16th, Auditions and rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. The church is located at 2020 Fifth Street. The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The Chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz. To schedule an appointment, call (925) 462-4205. More information about the Valley Concert Chorale is available at http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org/ or by calling the general information line at (925) 866-4003. Livermore-Amador Symphony Association's 41st annual Competi-

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

CHORAL

Valley Concert Chorale. The Best of the Best: The Top Choruses, 7:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 19. Las Positas College Chamber Choir will join VCC. First Presbyterian Church, 4th and L Streets, Livermore. The "top choruses" will include pieces by Handel Bach Brahms Beethoven, Mozart, Bernstein, and more. www.valleyconcertchorale.org

OPERA

Livermore Valley Opera Library performances, showcase singers who will appear in the fall production of Bizet's 'Carmen" in three free OperaLIVE! events in the Tri-Valley. Livermore, Library 2 p.m. Sun., Sept. 15 at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. It is sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Library. Dublin Library 2 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 22, 200 Civic Plaza. OperaLIVE! events are free. The one-hour performances will feature professional opera singers performing arias and

duets from Carmen featuring mezzo soprano Cybele Gouverneur. (Carmen) and tenor Christopher Bengochea (Don Jose). In addition. Stage Director and baritone Eugene Brancoveneau will perform excerpts from his role as Escamillo and share insights to LVO's production of the dramatic opera. A question and answer period follows immediately after the performance. www. livermorevalleyopera.com

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- A Starry Night in the Caribbean, fund-raiser hosted by Pleasanton North Rotary, Sun., Sept. 21, 4:30 to 10 p.m. at Barone's Restaurant, 475 St. John's Place, Pleasanton. Includes no host cocktail reception with appetizers, live steel drum music. silent auction buffet dinner live auction and raffle drawing, music and dancing and Mike Darby's cigar bar. \$100 per person until Sept. 1. Dress is resort formal. Now taking reservations for full tables and Cabanas (for corporate sponsors) at www.astarrynight.org. Contact Event Chair Tina Case 925-519-0669 or Tina@coenow.com for information.
- Children's Faire, Sat., Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore, Entertainment, information booths, kids make it and take it booths, displays and more. No admission charge, 373-5700 or www.larpd.dst.ca.us
- 1st Annual LVPAC Lobster Clambake Sat., Sept. 14, 5 p.m. Wente Vineyards, Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800 Brothels, bar rooms & bandits,
- fund-raiser for Museum on Main, Sat., Sept. 14, 6 to 10 p.m. Return to Pleasanton of 1890's when it was the most desperate time! Come help support Museum on Main while gambling with friends and eating great food. Western attire encouraged! Cost includes BBQ dinner, gambling chips and the best entertainment in the west! Must be 21 or older to attend. Pleasanton Senior Center (5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton) Tickets at \$45 per person are available at Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Pleasanton, call (925) 462-2766 or

visit www.museumonmain.org Tri-Valley Woodcarvers are hosting their annual woodcarving show on Septem-

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

- Pleasanton Harvest Festival. September 20-22 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Largest indoor arts and crafts show on the West Coast, offering over 24,000 handmade gifts. Items include original art, jewelry, blown glass, textiles, specialty foods, home decor and much more. Throughout the weekend there is live entertainment, strolling performers, artist demonstrations and a hands-on KidZone offering arts and crafts activities. Partnered with the Alameda County Community Food Bank to offer \$2 off admission to anyone who brings a non-perishable food donation. Call or visit www.harvestfestival.com or 800-346-1212
- 2013 Wine Country Summer Luncheon Series, Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m. Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore Speaker to be announced. Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce. Reservations, 447-1606.
- Splatter, Sat., Sept. 21, noon to 8 p.m. Emerald Glen Park, corner of Tassajara Road and Central Parkway, Dublin. An unconventional celebration of the outstanding wine, the diverse cuisine and the unique creative culture of the Tri-Vallev region. General Admission to the festival is free. Entry into the Tasting Pavilion is by Passport only. Both free and pay-to-play activities are available at the event. www.ci.dublin. ca us
- 24th Annual "Nostalgia Day Car Show" sponsored by the Altamont Cruisers, Downtown Livermore. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept 29 Over classic 700 cars continues music, prizes, parade of award winning vehicles down First St. Benefit for Tri-Valley Youth Programs. 925-461-2020, or www.altamontcruisers.org
- Harvest Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun., Oct. 12 and 13, Ardenwood Historic Farm, 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont. Harvest Indian corn and popcorn and help fill our corncribs. Take home a share of our colorful corn for your holiday table. Enjoy magic shows, cider pressing, old-time music and crafts. Visit the blacksmith, ride the train and tour the beautifully

restored Patterson House. Bring bags for your harvest. Fee: \$10/adults, \$8/ seniors (62+ yrs.), \$6/children (4-17 yrs.), children 3 years and under are free. Purchase advance tickets online at www.ebparksonline.org, or call 1-888-327-2757, option 2

- Jeans & Jewels in Margaritaville, Tri-Valley Conservancy gala fundraising event. Thurs., Oct. 3 at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, Pleasanton. Information 449-8706
- Livermore Airport Open House, Sat., Oct. 5. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission Aerobatic performances static display of general aviation, military/warbirds, antique/classic, experimental/homebuilt and aerobatic type aircraft, kids crafts, face painting. magic tricks, classic/vintage automobiles. www.cityoflivermore.net.
- Sunol AgPark Harvest Festival, Sunday, October 6 from 10 am - 4 pm, celebrate the harvest season with AgPark farmers, customers, and partners. Farmstand, kids' activities, farm tours, garden demonstrations, food from local restaurants and music by local musicians. Presented by Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE). AgPark is home to seven small scale organic farming enterprises. www.sagecenter. org/sunol-agpark
- Amy Stewart, Rae Dorough Speaker Series, 7:30 p.m. Tues., Oct. 8, The Perils and Pleasures of the Natural World: A New and Entertaining Perspective. She is an award-winning author of six books on the topic, including four New York Times bestsellers, The Drunken Botanist, Wicked Bugs, Wicked Plants and Flowers Confidential. Tickets for 3 lectures in series \$75; individual lectures \$30, \$15 for students 21 and under, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.. Livermore. www.bankheadtheater. org or 373-6800.
- Harvest Faire, Oct. 19. Heritage Park and Museums, corner of Dublin Blvd. and Donlon Way, Dublin. 452-2101.
- Un-Pretty Up a Poem, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m., poetry workshop, large studio. Register at www.pleasantonfun.com. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts. org or 931-4848.
- Halloween Brew Crawl, Pleasanton Downtown merchants, restaurants and local breweries will come together on Saturday, October 26 for a frighteningly good time. October 26, 2013, 5 to 8 p.m. www.pleasantondowntown.net/



Harvest Festival Offers Entertainment and Specialty Items

The Pleasanton Harvest Festival® Original Art and Craft Show will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on September 20-22, 2013, offering over 24,000 unique arts and crafts, delicious foods and exciting entertainment acts.

The Harvest Festival boasts thousands of handmade arts and crafts, including jewelry, glassware and ceramics, woodturnings, art and photography, specialty foods, clothing, and more.

Headlining the outdoor entertainment stage this year is Captain Jack Spareribs, a performer new to the Harvest Festival circuit. A spoof of the notorious Pirates of the Caribbean character, Captain Jack Spareribs puts on a zany pirate show that features magic and illusions, dangerous juggling and ventriloquism with his talking monkey Maynard.

The Pleasanton Harvest



Owner Rick Barnard, owner of Chili Pepper Woodworks in Livermore, uses old oak wine barrels and re-purposes them to create beautiful home decor. He has a strong belief in sustainability and responsible environmental practices and when he needs additional wood for some of his larger pieces, he will look for reclaimed barn wood. Rick makes all types of unique furnishings, including chairs, tables, wine racks, candle holders, lamps, lazy susans and more. "My desire is that each piece of wood I work with is able to tell a story," said Rick. "A history of what it once was and what it has become." His items will be available at the festival.

com or 800-346-1212

Festival supports the Alameda County Community Food Bank by offering \$2 off admission to anyone who brings a monetary donation or non-perishable food items to the show. The Alameda County Community Food Bank serves 1 in 6 residents living throughout Alameda County, including the Tri-Valley.

The event is also partnering with the Oakley Raiders as the official show charity and will offer the non-profit youth sports organization half of the proceeds from every shopping bag sold. The Oakley Raiders will also host the interactive KidZone, which is an area for children to participate in hands-on arts and crafts.

Hours are Friday and Saturday: 10 am - 6pm, Sunday: 10 am - 5pm. Admission is adults \$9, seniors (62+) \$7; youth (13-17) \$4; 12 and under free.

For information, call or visit www.harvestfestival.

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tion of Matt's character.

Chris too must come to terms in his own grudging way with the realities of his daughter's past and her plans for the future. His fumbling attempts at reconciliation seem painfully real to any parent who has experienced such a moment, and John Hale digs deep for the honesty of his portrayal. His constant cleaning and polishing is also a great touch, as if Chris is trying to clean up a life cluttered with mistakes and regrets.

Amazingly, his deeply authentic Swedish accent and its characteristic lilt never falter, a tribute to

immensely hard work under the tutelage of dialect coach Robin Taylor. Schell's incredibly true Irish brogue and mannerisms, such as his reflex crossing himself, also testify to intensive training over many weeks. RPE is immensely fortunate to have the special talents of Robin Taylor available for such magical transformations.

Many familiar RPE faces appear briefly in the first act, from Craig Eychner and James Svatko to Tom Reilly and Joe Fitzgerald. Impressive newcomer Sally Hogarty plays the earthy character of Marthy Owens, Chris'

long-time bedfellow. What a mastery of emotion she betrays beneath her casual reaction to being ousted from his life - BRAVA!

The entire show demonstrates once more the excellence of RPE productions under the sensitive leadership of Eric Fraisher Hayes. In a bold stroke of programming, he will direct the same cast in an earlier version of this play titled "Chris Christopherson", to be performed at O'Neill's own Tao House as the closing event of the 14th O'Neill Festival on September 27, 28, and 29. "Anna Christie" will continue at the Village Theatre through September 21, with performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. Tickets are available at www. Roleplayersensemble.com or weekdays at 925-314-3466.

A panel of distinguished guests, moderated by KQED's Michael Krasny, will discuss both dramas at 2 p.m. on September 22 at Tao House. Reservations for the discussion and "Chris Christopherson" are available at www.Eugeneoneill. org.

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

Flea Market, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sat., Sept. 14, 6 a.m. setup to close at 4 p.m. 527 North Livermore Ave., Livermore Cost \$20 for a 15'x15' space; \$5 for a table rental. Sign up for a space in the Eagles' social room or call Eagles Hall, 449-6281 or Val Olson at 449-5807. Vendors welcome

Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind monthly meeting on Saturday, September 14, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Cafeteria Room 2 at Valley Memorial Hospital in Livermore, 1111 Fast Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or interested person is urged to attend. Call Carl, 449-9362 for more information.

2nd annual Restaurant and Shop Walk, Tues., Sept. 24, 6 to 9 p.m. progressive dinner in downtown Pleasanton. Benefit for Pleasanton Lions Club. \$25 per passport/ ticket. To purchase tickets contact Pam Grimes, 872-7552 or Donna Devincenzi 462-6525. For details on the event, go to www.pleasantonlionsclub

50s Dinner and Classic Car Show. Fri Sept 20 Livermore-Pleasanton Flks #2117, 940 Larkspur Dr., Livermore. 4 p.m. cocktails/car show; 5:30 p.m. steak sandwich dinner; 7 p.m. awards. Dinner tickets \$12 RSVP to 455-8829

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

Tri-Valley Democratic Club meets Mon Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Assembly District 16 candidates will be present: Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti & Orinda City Council Member Steve Glazer Candidates are asked to tell the club why they should be endorsed in the Democratic Party Pre-Primary endorsement process. Public is invited. Refreshments

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Sept. 14, 47 miles Shannon Center to Moraga loop, meet 9 a.m., Peter Rathmann, 336-0973, Sun., Sept. 15, Day trip to Angel Island, BART to San Francisco, host Jane Moorhead 980-9889 Wed., Sept. 18, 39.2 miles, Mill Valley to Mount Tamalpais-Fairfax, meet 10 a.m. Steve Kowalewski, 510-246-2815, Anvone planning to go on a ride is asked to contact the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets the first Saturday of the month through May at 9.30 a m in the chapel of Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore. Members are descendants of patriots of the American Revolution. DAR is dedicated to preserving American history, promoting patriotism and securing America's future through patriotism and better education. For information contact jhlchapter@yahoo.com or 784-1935

Livermore Lions Club 21st Xmas Boutique at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore at 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Craft and commercial participants interested in taking part should contact Lion Ben Barrientos at 925-449-9974 or mail tobbarrientos@earthlink.net for event fees and information. Tables are available. There will be food at the event and a raffle that help to fund the Livermore Lions community

outreach

California Retired Teachers (CalRTA) September luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 24, at 11:30, at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Jim Nash, will share his experiences of many summers working at the Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite through history and slides. To reserve a place, please contact Joanna Larson, 1129 Westmoreland Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 9496-6334 before September 14. The cost is \$20, checks should be made payable to CaIRTA. Div #85. Please indicate choice of chicken or pulled pork for lunch. Questions? Call Cathe Norman at (925) 462-7495

Classic Ford Mustangs Coming, Sat. Sept. 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Quail Garden Assisted Living Facility, 813 South J St., Livermore. Go back to the 60s and 70s at a Ford Mustang Car Show. Also for viewing will be a 1929 Model A and even a 1917 Model T. Bring the family. Information at www.missiontrailmustangs.org Send email to info@ missiontrailmustangs.org or call (925) 487-4748. No admission charge

St. Charles Borromeo Fall Festival, Sat., Sept. 21, 5 to 10 p.m. and Sun., Sept 22, 1 to 8 p.m. Fair Trade Market (www. FairTradeDesigns.com) with chic jewelry, apparel, bags. "Mixed Nuts" band on Saturday night. Food Truck Mafia. Sunday NFL action on big screen TV. Games for all ages. Handcrafted vendor marketplace \$3000 total cash raffle prize Auction & raffle prizes include vacation rentals, Sharks tickets, Poppy Ridge golf, symphony & Bankhead Theater tickets & more. BBQ dinner Sunday at 5:30 pm. Call 925-447-4549 for BBQ tickets. 1315 Lomitas Ave., Livermore.

Wellbeing Team Fair, Saturday, Sep tember 21, 2013 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Come explore this open-house style Fair for free. Meet an array of practitioners & learn more about their techniques. Some will be providing on-site demos. Marriott. 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon Please note \$5.00 parking fee at Marriott. For more information, visit www.WellbeingTeamFair.com, find us on Facebook www.Facebook.com/Wellbeing TeamFair, email info@WellbeingTeamFair. com or call Lauren 925.518.1648

Granada High School Homecoming Alumni BBQ. October 11. 2013 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. All GHS Alumni are invited to gather, reminisce and support GHS's Homecoming Football game. Family and friends invited, too, Meet at Granada High School Alumni Plaza (entrance to the stadium) 400 Wall Street Livermore If planning to attend please bring an appetizer serving 10-12 & sign up on Jooners: http://bit.ly/IfklBaf For more information, visit Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/groups/GranadaHS/ or contact stevepgoodman@gmail.com (925) 323-5712

Family Bicycle Workshop, Dublin, Sept 28, This fun and interactive 2 1/2 hour course builds safe road-cycling skills for the whole family using games, drills, discussion and a neighborhood ride. Adults and kids must bring their own bicycles and helmets to the class and be able to ride in order to participate. Please register through the Dublin Rec Guide Activity #32961. www. dublin.ca.gov

Adult Bike Safety Class, Dublin, Sept. 29, Learn how to ride your bike in traffic. This 3 1/2 hour course, taught by a certified instructor from the League of American Bicyclists, will cover: basics of safe cycling riding in traffic, equipment, crash avoidance and cyclist rights and responsibilities. This class is for adults ages 14 years and older. Please register through the Dublin Rec Guide Activity #32960. www.dublin.ca.gov

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m. lunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Sept. 15 to David, 833-7647. Sept. 19. 5 p.m. happy hour in Pleasanton

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RSVP by Sept. 17 to Marge, 828-5124. Sept. 21, 1 p.m. friendly bridge in San Ramon, RSVP by Sept. 14 to Marsha, 830-8483. Sept. 22, 11 a.m. brunch in Livermore, RSVP by Sept. 19 to Bette, 510-537-7873. Sept.. 25, 12:30 p.m. lunch in Union City, RSVP by Sept. 23 to Vee, 510-782-4169. Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m. lunch in Livermore, RSVP to Harriett by Sept. 23, 447-8229. Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m. family dinner at Colombo Club in Oakland, if interested contact Gino at 243-1282. Sept. 29, noon brunch in Pleasanton, RSVP by Sept. 26 to Ruby, 462-9636.

Dariville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW Membership Brunch, Saturday, September 21st, 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Crow Canyon Country Club 711 Silver Lake Drive, Darville. Cindy Silva, mayor of Walnut Creek, will speak on "Women at the Local Elected Level. Making a Difference." To register, go to http://daw-ca.aauw.net/ AAUW membership is open to all graduates of accredited four year colleges or universities and those holding an Associate Degree or equivalent, which is a recent change. Prospective members are welcome and may contact call Liz at 926-389-0152.

Amador Valley High School Class of 1983 reunion, Sat., Sept. 28, 5:30 to 1 p.m. at Barone's Restaurant, 475 St. John's St., Pleasanton, \$70. email Kim (Horan) Revel at kimrevel@gmail.com for information. Other events include Friday night Casual gathering for classmates at The HopYard Ale House at 7:30 p.m. (3015 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton); Saturday afternoon a round of golf. For more information, email or call Dan Maslana:925-577-4282 danmaz65@ yahoo.com. Sunday afternoon family picnic in Pleasanton. For more information, email Donna Covello McCowan: Donnamc1@ vahoo.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Paws in the Park, Valley Humane Society's charity dog walk and animal festival. Scheduled for Sunday. September 22, 2013, the 3rd annual Paws in the Park offers animal lovers a fun, dynamic, easy way to support the rescue, care, and adoption of Tri-Valley dogs and cats. The walk begins at 10 am at Amador Valley Community Park in Pleasanton followed by a free, family-friendly community celebration until 4 pm. Walkers are encouraged to register early at valleyhumane.org and get a good start on collecting donations to help the animals. Registration fees include a t-shirt and goody bag, and cost \$25 for individuals. \$40 for couples, and \$10 for youth age 12 and under, ARF alumni dogs with guardian, and "virtual" walkers. Children age 12 and under who do not wish to receive a t-shirt may also register for free. Afternoon animal festival, featuring pet-friendly vendors, canine demonstrations like rally/obedience and Frisbee, performing dogs, pet contests, children's activities, music, and fabulous gourmet food truck fare. valleyhumane.org

Free Diabetes Self-Management Classes. This 7 week series will teach how to manage diabetes through exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer all questions about living with diabetes. Thursdays Sept. 5 through Oct., 17, 1:00 -12:00 Pleasanton Senior Center. Class is open to adults of all ages (not just Seniors) with pre diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Please call the Alameda County Diabetes Program at 510-383-5185 to register. Space is limited.

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

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

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

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

Bereaved motners' Network of the Tri-Valley, offering support, understanding and compassion to mothers who have suffered the loss (past or present) of a precious child. Safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment. Monthly meeting held at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month. Livermore Civic Center Library in Community Room "B." Small voluntary donations to help with meeting and outreach costs are appreciated. For further information reach Katie Strube at katiestrube@comcast.net.

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

Alameda County Master Gardeners are on hand on the 2nd Saturday of every month to give advice and guided tours of the Earth-Friendly Demonstration Garden. Talks start at 10:00. Topics are: Sept. 14, autumn blooming perennials/planting for fall color, inviting birds for autumn; Oct. 12, best drought resistant secret - bulbs; and Nov. 9, composting ABCs. Talks begin at 10 a.m.; topics may be subject to change. The Demonstration Garden is located at the Martinelli Event Center, 3575 Greenville Road in Livermore. Information, 930-1130.

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

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.@ccmcast.net or call 925 443-7620.

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 or www.uucil.org Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada

Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Livermore, services 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sunday School for students (ages 3-20) is

held at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The church and reading room are located at Third and N Streets. The Reading Room, which is open to the public, features books, CDs and magazines for sale. For information, call (925) 447-2946.

Sunset Community Church, 2200 Arroyo Rd., Livermore. Sunday worship service at 10.30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. A "Night of Worship" first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Wednesday night program for all ages at 7 p.m. Information, call 447-6282.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Information, 447-8840. Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 9

a.m. worship (semiformal); 10:30 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(831) 278-1916. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, Services on Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School & 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, (925) 447-3289. Sunday Services: Contemplative Eucharist 8:00 A.M. Sunday School 10:20.A.M. Choral Eucharist with choir 10:30 A.M.; Childcare for children under 5 available at 10:30 service.

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

Little Brown Church, United Church of Christ 141 Kilkare Road, Sunol. 10:30 a.m. worship. All are welcome here. www. littlebrownchurchofsunol.org 925-862-2580 Pathway Community Church. 6533

Service, Sunday Community Charlet, 6333 Service, Sunday 10:30 am. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommuntiychurch. org (925) 829-4793.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 486 S. J Street, Livermore. 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bible Study/Sunday School 10:20. Bible Basics Class, which explores the main teachings of the Bible, meets at 7:00 Sunday night. Call 371-6200 or email pmjrmueller@gmail.com for more info.

Tri-Valley Church of Christ, 4481 East Avenue, Livermore; 447-433.3 www.trivalleychurch.org. Update on classes for The Story 9 to 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Unity of Tri-Valley Church - Sunday services are at 10:00 a.m.; all are welcome. Ongoing small groups, weekly activities, choir, classes, and Children's church. 9875 Dublin Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (2 miles west of Stoneridge Mall). (925) 829-2733, www.trivalleyunity.com Rev. Karen Epps.

Bethel Fámilý Christian Center, ⁵01 North P Street, Livermore, Pastors are Don & Debra Qualls. Weekly ministries: Sunday 10 a.m. - Holy Grounds Fellowship; Sunday Worship Service 10:45 a.m. - Elementary aged children go to Kiď's Church following worship, nursery available. 925-449-4848. Lynnewood United Methodist Church,

444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30am with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30am. (First Sun. of month is informal with guitar.) Located across from the aquatic center. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer minister. All welcome. www. lynnewood.org, 925 846-0221.

Centerpointe Church, 3410 Correrstone Court, Pleasanton. Services: 9 a.m. blended with choir and band. Childcare offered for infants through age 6 and children start in the worship service. 10:40 a.m. contemporary worship led by a band. Sunday school for children and middle-schoolers, www. centerpointechurch.org 925-846-4436.

Valley Bible Church, Pleasanton, 7106 Johnson Drive, Services at 9:00 and 11:00. Interpretation for the deaf at 9:00. 925-227-1301. www.thecrossing.org

Valley Bible Church, Livermore, Meeting at Altamont Creek Elementary School, 6500 Garraventa Ranch Road, Livermore. Services at 10:00 a.m.

Cedar Grove Community Church, 2021 College Ave., Livermore. Worship Services 9 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. www.cedargrove.org or call 447-2351.

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church (1928 Book of Common Prayer), 193 Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday

Contractors Avenue, Livermore. Sunday services: 8:45 am (Low Mass) and 10 am

(High Mass with Sunday School). Other Holy Days as announced. For information, call msg. center at 925/906-9561.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 784 Palomino Dr., Pleasanton. 846-0700. www.jewishtrivalley.com. Rabbi Raleigh Resnick Community Bible Study (CBS)

Women's class of Pleasanton will study the book of Romans this fall. The CBS program is a non-denominational Christian ministry consisting of individual Bible study, small group discussions, a talk given by a trained Teaching Director, and monthly fellowship activities. Children between birth and 10 are invited to attend with their mother or grandmother. Class starts on Sept. 12 and continues each week on Thursdays at 9:30-11:30am until May 15, 2014. Contact Sherri at 925-399-5074 or email sherri. cbs@gmail.com for more information or to register to attend.

Well Community Outreach Center ministry provides meats, canned and dry goods, toiletries, and school supplies (only available prior to the start of the school year). Those with an immediate need or who would like to donate nonperishable food items, please call the office at (925) 479-1414 to begin the process. Wednesday and Friday 10:00am -3:00pm, and Thursday 4:00pm - 6:30pm. Pick up by appointment only. The Outreach Center will be open every 4th Saturday to distribute bags from Fresh and Easy Market and Sprouts. This will be on a first come first serve basis between 11:00am to 12:30pm. 2333 Nissen Drive, Livermore.

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), Tri-Valley Cultural Jews (TVCJ) will hold Secular observances on Saturday, September 14 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St. between I and H near downtown Livermore. The program consists of nonreligious readings in English and music, followed by participatory workshops and a non-religious memorial ceremony. Suggested donation is \$10 per adult for those who are not members of TVCJ. (No charge for children.) Collecting canned and boxed goods for the food bank. Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

Women's Conference, CrossWinds Church (6444 Sierra Court, Dublin) is hosting Kelly Minter for a one-day Women's Conference, "Living Beyond Your Walls," Saturday, October 5, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Kelly Minter's message is based on the book of Nehemiah. Special Guest Artist Staci Frenes will be singing songs from her new album "Everything You Love Comes Alive." Women's conference fee just \$40 (includes lunch). Group rates are available by contacting the church office at 925-560-3800. For more information, contact Leslie Will, lwill@crosswindschurch.org. Visit www. crosswindschurch.org to register or for more information

Divorce Care, offered Mon., Sept. 23 through Dec. 16, on 13 Mondays. Each Monday night a video will be shown featuring experts on the topic at hand. A workbook is used to facilitate discussion. There is a charge of \$25 for the workbook and other materials. Sponsored by Valley Bible Church, but will meet at the home of Mark Porter, 3449 Byron Court, Pleasanton , 7-9 pm each Monday night. Preregistration is required. Contact Mark Porter 846-9693 or mcoorter@hotmail.com.

Grief workshop, eight-week series of workshops covering all aspects of the grieving process. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. Eight Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm. September 12th. through October 31st. Pre-registration is requested. Space is limited. A one-time fee of \$15.00 donation is requested. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call May Hagerty at 925-846-5377 for more information

Milestones

Stoneridge Creek Selects Executive Director

Francis X. Rodgers has been named executive director for Stoneridge Creek, the new continuing care retirement community in Pleasanton.

With more than 30 years of experience in the longterm care administrative field, Rodgers will serve as head of staff and have complete oversight of the community, including operations, planning, performance and review of all departments and activities. He will also oversee the financial management of Stoneridge Creek to sustain the community's long-term economic health and viability.

Rodgers has an extensive background in skilled nursing, assisted living and continuing care retirement communities. He was previously director of operations for La Costa Glen retirement community in Carlsbad, Calif., where he supported various departments and customer service for more than 830 residents. Prior



Francis X. Rodgers

to La Costa Glen, Rodgers served in various positions with ARV Assisted Living (now Atria Senior Living), Alterra Healthcare Corp., Senior Lifestyle Corp. and Kindred Healthcare. His responsibilities encompassed regulatory compliance, financial analysis, operating standards, acquisitions, resident relations and management of other professional healthcare professionals.

According to Troy Bourne, vice president of planning for Stoneridge Creek, Rodgers was selected



Pictured is Eugenia W. Zobel, a resident of Livermore for 33 years. For the past 25 years she has dedicated her time to the fine art of porcelain painting. She will be celebrating her 80th birthday on September 15 with her husband and many of her wonderful friends.

based on his solid experience and track record of success in the industry.

"The executive director position is central to the successful operation of a continuing care retirement community, especially for Stoneridge Creek with its emphasis on an active, healthy lifestyle for residents," Bourne said. "Fran is a career professional in this field with great integrity and commitment to the residents he serves. His strong administrative and interpersonal skills will be critical in managing a large, diverse staff and executing our mission of providing first-rate services, amenities and activities."

A licensed nursing home administrator. Rodgers is also a certified Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) administrator. He holds a master's degree in public administration with a certificate in gerontology from the University of Arizona after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the same university. Rodgers is a resident of Livermore, Calif.

Stoneridge Creek, located on 46 acres at 3300 Stoneridge Creek Way off Stoneridge Drive, will celebrate its grand opening later this year. The continuing care retirement community for people 60 years of age and older offers 414 independent living residences in the first phase featuring 20 different floor plans and a comprehensive package of services, amenities, activities, fine dining and transportation.

For additional information on Stoneridge Creek, please visit www.StoneridgeCreek.com.

Jillson Retiring; Chavez Named CEO

Community

Christopher T. Jillson, President/CEO of Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union, has announced his retirement effective March 2014. Jillson joined the Credit Union in 1985 and was appointed President/ CEO in 1990. In addition to his extensive banking and credit union experience. Jillson was an active member of a number of local and national committees and boards, including the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), the Credit Union Association of NM, NAFCU's Region VAdvisory Committee, and CUNA's Renaissance Commission. From 2008-2010 he served on the Thrift Advisory Council to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Albuquerque Academy, an independent college preparatory school.

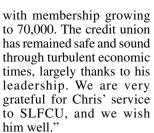
SLFCU's Board of Directors has selected Robert Chavez to succeed Jillson in the leadership role. Chavez has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since 2000. He



Robert Chavez

holds a BBA degree from New Mexico State University and an MBA from the University of New Mexico, and held a variety of positions in financial institutions before joining SLFCU.

In making the announcement, Board Chair Joseph Fink said, "During his tenure at SLFCU - longer than any other CEO – Chris has brought SLFCU to the highest levels of respect in the credit union industry. Under his management, SLFCU has grown from \$200 million to \$2 billion in assets,



Fink added, "Robert Chavez has proven himself to be a capable and intelligent leader, overseeing most areas of the Credit Union for the past 13 years. We're confident that he has the experience and vision to guide SLFCU into the future."

