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Priority List for Community College Classes

By Ron McNicoll

With the declining state financial support for community colleges, a decision by the state system's governing board may preserve a shrinking number of classes for degree-pursuing students, but send those who are not seeking a degree to the back of the line in their attempts to sign up for a class.

The state board met Sept. 10 in San Diego. It approved a policy that was under study earlier this year to enact a priority system that would determine which students receive first call on available classes.

It is a major change to the long-held understanding in California that community colleges are for everyone who can benefit from the education, said Judy Walters, interim chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

To meet the new requirements, students must have completed college orientation, developed an education plan, and must not have accumulated more than 100 college units.

The intent of the 100-unit ceiling is to move students along toward a degree without piling up classes in various academic subjects. The

requirement to prepare an education plan should help that goal, said Walters.

There is an exception to the 100-unit ceiling for classes in basic math, basic English or in English as a second language (ESL), so that students can complete the necessary work to enable success in college.

The intent of the new policy is for students to map their way to a two-year degree, a certificate, or a transfer to a four-year college, and do it more efficiently than community colleges and students have done in the past.

In this way, students who

are really working toward a goal are more likely to find class offerings than those who are not as ambitious or focused.

With the lack of money for more class sections driving this change, it's likely that community residents who take a class simply for their own satisfaction or self-improvement won't be seeing such classes offered, said Walters.

The people who will fall to the bottom of the priority list are students who don't meet the new criteria, including those not obtaining a GED or high school diploma, said Walters. Very

often such students are from a lower socio-economic group, she said.

In Walters' opinion, the new rules are changing the direction of California colleges. "We were always an open door. Anyone who could benefit could come here. This is changing the face of education in California."

"It will play out, years down the road. If you exclude the lowest socio-economic group that may not have a high school diploma or GED, you limit the ability to obtain even an entry level job. People may become a

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Four Vie for Two School Board Seats

Four candidates are running for two seats on the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees.

They are incumbents Chuck Rogge and Belia Martinez, and challengers Tom McLaughlin and David Jonas.

Martinez was appointed to the school board last year to replace Stewart Gary, who was elected to serve on the city council. McLaughlin is a former board member.

Issues discussed with the candidates include educational opportunities offered by the district, use of technology, Propositions 30 and 38, and involvement of the public. The candidates' interviews are presented in alphabetical order.

Prop. 30 and 38 both provide funding for schools. Prop. 38 would increase the state income tax with much of the money earmarked for public school districts and early childhood development programs. Prop. 30 is sponsored by the governor. It would raise the state sales tax, with funds going to schools.

DAVID JONAS

David Jonas said he is running for the school board as a way to give back to the community.

He describes the role of the board as one that establishes goals, set priorities and works with the superintendent to identify the top level objectives. Then creates a plan to achieve them.

Jonas has been a teacher, worked in the information technology area for many years and now owns a business of his own. He said that each endeavor has provided him with different skills that he believes would make him an asset to the board. They include knowledge of how to use technology efficiently, as well as team leadership.

"I am able to look at a situation, to take in the big picture," he stated. "That allows me to ask questions regarding potential changes. Why the change, what are the alternatives and benefits and what is the fall back if the change does not work."

He would use his marketing and customer care skills to dispel misconceptions about the district, to create a positive image.

Jonas explains that he supports educational choices. He states, "Competition is important among service providers. Schools provide a service. Competition makes schools better."

Jonas visited the charter school recently, noting, "It's doing a great job. The parents love it. That tells me that at some level the district didn't meet the needs of those parents."

Jonas said that the most upsetting aspect of the charter school is the divide that it has created in the community when it comes to education. "I would look for opportunities to collaborate with the charter schools. It may be possible to incorporate it into the district."

He said there are misconceptions about the district schools. They offer a variety of options. The superintendent encourages each school to have its own personality. Joe Michell is an example with its move to become a

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Volunteers cleaned up several areas in local arroyos last Saturday.

Volunteers Remove Trash from Local Waterways

By Carol Graham

Lynna Allen has a message for the 191 volunteers who came out to help remove garbage from Livermore's arroyos and creeks on Coastal Cleanup Day. "I hope they know they're not only making a difference

here; they're making a difference in the Bay and in the ocean," said Allen, Water Resources Coordinator with the City of Livermore. "About 80% of the trash found on beaches comes from inland areas."

In conjunction with the

international cleanup day held on September 15, Allen headed the "Tri-Valley Creeks to Bay Day" at six local trash hot spots, including the Arroyo Mocho near the Stanley Bridge, Holmes Street and Robertson Park, the Arroyo Seco near

Walmart and Target, and the Arroyo Las Positas near the Northfront Trailhead Park.

"Whatever trash goes into our waterways goes into the Bay and out to the ocean," said cleanup site captain Jonathan Browning. "It

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Pleasanton School Board Backs Props. 30, 38

By Ron McNicoll

Pleasanton school trustees have voted to back both Propositions 30 and 38 on the November ballot, the two statewide tax measures that would raise revenue for schools.

Both require a two-thirds vote for approval. If both measures pass, the one with the higher number of votes would go into effect.

The vote at the board's meeting Sept. 11 was unanimous on Prop. 38. However, Prop. 30 received the endorsement on a 4-1 vote, with trustee Jamie Hintzke

opposed. Hintzke said that she really was not against Prop. 30. However, with only one going into effect if they both pass, she thought Prop. 38 was better.

Prop. 38 would provide revenue until its sunset in 2024. It would contribute more money to the district, after the first four years of its existence, than Prop. 30 would.

Also, the money would be sent directly to the district, with no sidetracking permitted by the Legislature for other purposes, as

happens with state funding every year, said Hintzke.

However, the district predicated this fiscal year's budget on passage of Prop. 30. It must cut \$7.1 million from its budget in January 2013 if Prop. 30 were to fail.

The Prop. 38 money would not start flowing until the next fiscal year, starting July 1, 2013, so it would not save the district from having to make cuts in January.

Supporters of both measures emphasized that as many votes as possible are needed for both, in case only

one passes.

"If half (of education's supporters) vote for one or the other, neither passes, so the California School Boards Association (CSBA) endorsed both," said Pleasanton board president Joan Laursen.

Then, too, voters might be so confused about which one to approve, that they will vote for neither one, said trustee Chris Grant.

"If either one passes, California education wins. That's why CSBA and Molly Munger (who created and funded Prop. 38 from her

personal fortune) urges the public to vote for both," said Grant.

Board vice president Jeff Bowser said, "It boils down to 'Are you pro-education'?"

GOOD START FOR P.P.I.E. CAMPAIGN

Other ways for the district to raise money are through volunteer fund-raising organizations and a parcel tax. Trustees heard about both.

Debi Covello of Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) told the board that the group's fund drive so

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Two Democrats in Race for 15th District

The new 15th Congressional District will see two Democrats square off in November. Incumbent Pete Stark is facing a challenge from Dublin City Councilmember Eric Swalwell.

The 15th Congressional District includes Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

Two candidates from the same party are the result of the state's "top two" primary system, in which the two leading vote-getters in the primary advance to the November ballot regardless of party affiliation.

Interviews with the candidates included such issues

as the economy and jobs, health care, education, and taxes.

They are in alphabetical order.

PETE STARK

Pete Stark was first elected to Congress 40 years ago. At that time, the Tri-Valley was in the district he was elected to serve. The Tri-Valley was removed from his district, but with the redrawing of district lines last year, local cities are back in the district that Stark represents.

The economy is one of

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Ballistic United Soccer Club under-7 Forty Niners were among the teams that marched in the annual soccer parade in downtown Pleasanton.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Hello all! My name is Ruby and I am so ready for my forever home. I'm so ready that I even have "Home" spelled out in my fur. I'm just about 1 year old and have so much love to give. People, toys, and other cats are all great. I'd be a wonderful fit for your household- don't you think? Come on down and meet me, I'm looking forward to it! For more information, call 925-426-8656 or go on-line to www.valleyhumane.org or www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada Street in Pleasanton.

Two Candidates Campaigning for Seat on Park District Board

Two candidates are running for a two year term on the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARP) Board.

The person elected would complete the two years left on the term of Laureen Turner, who was elected to the city council last November.

Bob Coomber was appointed to fill the role until the November 2012 election. He is on the ballot. His opponent is Mark Thraikill.

Interviews of the two included questions about what they would bring to the board, any programs they would like to see implemented or deleted, and how to deal with continuing budget hits. The interviews are in alphabetical order.

BOB COOMBER

Bob Coomber said that with so much work to be done, projects to be completed, he decided to run.

Coomber said he brings a different set of skills to the board. He works for a bank. His skills in the financial world provide him with the background to ask questions about the budget and funding.

As a person who uses a wheelchair, he also brings that perspective to board decisions. He would like to change the idea that everyone in a wheelchair is limited. "I believe I do more things of a physical nature than able bodied people. I would make the parks more accessible to those with handicaps." He would also like to create programs that are more interesting for the disabled by asking them what they would like.

He has been on virtually every hiking trail in the Bay Area, and was the first wheelchair hiker to reach the summit of 14,246-foot White Mountain in the eastern Sierra, the third-tallest peak in California.

He is hoping at some point to make an ascent of 19,000-foot Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa or 22,841-foot Cerro Aconcagua in South America.

As a board member, his main goal would be to pro-

vide programs that encourage families to get out and do things. Trails provide one place where he would begin.

He would add to the trail system to make it possible to travel around the city safely and comfortably. Trail connections would provide an alternative to driving, as well as recreational opportunities, he said. In North Livermore, he'd like to add additional trails. However, it's difficult to acquire land for facilities, because most of the land there is private ranchland.

In particular, he said he would like to see more kids out and about. "It's sad to see the problem of obesity." Not every child wants to play soccer or baseball. Perhaps, it is time to look at some nontraditional activities. He suggests that might include starting a hiking club. "I would love to lead people who don't normally hike. It could combine fitness with nature," he said.

He believes the district has done a good job in retaining programs despite the state taking about half of its budget each year. "District staff has juggled things to keep programs afloat. However, we received a huge blow when the state took the ESS (extended student services) money. It hurt the people who are least able to afford child care. We are looking at options to fund the program."

When it comes to a sports park, Coomber points out that the district provides sports fields. The new artificial turf fields at Robertson Park will be amazing, he commented. "We still need more fields and facilities. The soccer fields are incredibly booked. The swimming pool is booked almost to capacity. There is a long list of projects the district would like to complete. We have to set priorities." Coomber said priorities are based on what will serve the most number of people. "Swimming, soccer and baseball facilities are all huge priorities. As the town grows we will need more facilities," he added.

It will take long range planning to provide the funds. The district does a good job in working with businesses and in obtaining grants to fund some projects. Coomber suggested that one idea might be to sell naming rights on trail segments to help provide the money to construct the segment.

He would like to see additional programs for seniors that allow them to use their minds and also to stay in shape. "Everybody deserves programs they can connect with. There needs to be options that get them out of the house and adds something positive to their day."

Coomber said he would like to conduct hikes for seniors similar to those he leads for the VA Hospital. They are slow, short hikes. There is a great deal to see in a short walk at Sycamore Grove, for example, he said.

One thing Coomber would like to see changed is the public perception that the district is part of the city. He doesn't support a merger. "The numbers don't add up. Our funding as a special district would be jeopardized. In addition, some of our facilities are outside the city limits."

He believes that involving people in activities makes it possible for them to live longer and to do more as they grow old. "I want people having fun, getting in shape and staying in shape, to get them out their walking."

MARK THRAIKILL

Mark Thraikill is employed by the City of Livermore as a Senior Engineering Technician. He has lived in Livermore 24 years with his wife. They have three children.

He ran for the board in 2008 and says, "I still think I have something to give. I do believe in the electoral process. Win or lose, just going out there demonstrates to my children that if you want to accomplish something, you've got to go out there and try."

If elected, he would like to expand programs, bring

in those that are sustainable and viable.

His experience with the district includes coaching, visiting every single park in town and hiking in them all.

He states that he would bring a different perspective to the board. He has experience with budgeting, construction and project management. As a city employee, he points out that he has developed the ability to work with other agencies.

Asked whether his job could result in a conflict of interest at times, Thraikill said he would refer to legal counsel depending on the issue. The city provides planning services for the district. Thraikill said he would avoid working on those projects to avoid conflict.

Thraikill believes the district has done a good job in providing youth sports programs. He sees the need for a sports complex. "I don't know how it would be funded. There is a need out there." He said teams, such as the one that came close to a World Series trip this past summer, generate excitement. It is a positive experience for the players.

He is pleased that the new Little League World Series is coming to Livermore next year. He sees it as an economic generator, one that will fill hotels and restaurants. Parents will find many things in Livermore, such as wine tasting and shopping opportunities at the new outlet center and in the downtown.

Thraikill has been eyeing the BART property in northeast Livermore as a site for a temporary sports facility. The district could lease it. It would provide some play areas, sports fields, and picnic areas.

North Livermore parks, such as Garaventa Wetlands Preserve and the birdsbeak area, could provide opportunities for nature programs. He would like to see interpretive signs posted in the areas to educate members of the public concerning the value of the habitat. He said that he is aware that the

birdsbeak area is harmed by bicyclists and motorcyclist.

It is an enforcement issue.

The district recently lost its funding for the extended student services (ESS) program. "Funding losses are always really hard. You cut and cut. We need to be creative in looking for funding wherever it can be found."

He would explore the idea of a parcel tax, similar to the one that resulted in a new community center, library, and school renovations as a way possibly to fund a sports field. First, it would be necessary to identify the land, then to address the infrastructure needs such as sewer, water, power, storm water drainage, etc.

Programs for seniors could be expanded. The city has a large, retired population, which will continue to grow. He suggested organizing day hikes, perhaps led by a ranger. The goal would be to get people out and enable them to meet others. Senior art classes could be offered along the trails. "Art keeps the mind stimulated," he commented.

Programs for other adults

could take advantage of the trail system. The district could offer runs or bike rides that would be competitive.

He agreed that there is a need to connect trails. There is a plan in place to do so. He believes that connecting trail segments should take priority over building the Iron Horse Trail in the downtown. Connecting Livermore and Pleasanton is important. The trail along Stanley Blvd. will provide a safe way for families to ride or walk to Shadow Cliffs.

The public is a big part of making the district successful. He likes to go out and talk to people to discuss what they would like to see happen in the district. He says he isn't a big fan of social media.

When it comes to a potential merger of the district into the city, he would like to review the studies to see if it makes sense. "The district seems to be working well. It is opposed to the merger." He wouldn't push for a merger as long as the district were effective and provided services the public desires.

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VALLEY ROUNDUP

Water Play at Shannon

Dublin has hired Callander Associates Landscape Architecture to design a new water play area for Shannon Park. The existing water play structures will be replaced or reconfigured to provide a water play experience that is interactive, safe, and compliant with recently updated codes. Design alternatives will be presented at a meeting to be held Thurs., Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be at the Shannon Center, 11600 Shannon Avenue. For information related to this meeting, please contact Douglas Rooney, Parks and Facilities Development Public Service Employee, at (925) 556-4546.

New Development Director

Following a nationwide recruitment, Dublin City Manager Joni Pattillo has appointed Luke Sims, Community Development Director for the City of San Leandro, to the position of Community Development Director. Sims fills the vacant position created when Jeri Ram retired as Community Development Director in September 2012.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Luke Sims as Community Development Director. We are fortunate that the City's extensive search resulted in the appointment of an individual with a long and distinguished career in local government who is familiar with the Bay Area," said Pattillo.

Sims began his public service career in 1981 and has worked in various positions with the cities of Pasadena, Temple City, San Pablo, Scottsdale, and San Leandro. He has served as the City of San Leandro's Community Development Director since 2007.

Sims will begin as Dublin's Community Development Director on October 8, 2012.

Supervisors Endorse Cook-Kallio

Alameda County Supervisors Scott Haggerty, Nate Miley and Richard Valle have endorsed Cheryl-Cook Kallio for Pleasanton Mayor.

In citing her leadership, Haggerty stated, "Cheryl Cook-Kallio has shown courage and leadership since the day she was elected to the Pleasanton City Council. As mayor, she will continue that tradition." He credited Cook-Kallio with leadership in traffic and transportation in pushing to extend Stoneridge Drive and her support of the county's expenditure plan on the November ballot. "Cheryl understands that plan provides the critical funding needed to complete State Route 84 and ease traffic problems in Pleasanton."

Suspects Identified in Bike Thefts

In August, the Livermore Police Department issued a Press Release concerning a new trend in bicycle thefts in the city. Since that time, the Livermore Police Department's Special Operations Unit (SOU) has been formed and began aggressively investigating narcotic, gang, burglary, and other serious crimes. The LPD SOU ultimately identified two suspects involved in bicycle theft and conducted a search warrant on a location believed to be a "bicycle chop shop." The investigation continues. No further information will be released at this time as it may endanger the prosecution of the case.

Although the police are aggressively

pursuing investigative leads, residential burglaries and bicycle thefts are still occurring. The last three burglaries have all targeted residential garages. Two involved the theft of a mountain bicycle.

A way to help increase neighborhood security is through a neighborhood watch program. The program is established with the assistance of police department personnel. Contact the Livermore Police Department Crime Prevention Office at (925) 371-4978 with further questions about the neighborhood watch program.

Kohnen Scholarship Created

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Board of Directors unanimously voted to create the DSRSD James B. Kohnen Scholarship, an annual award of up to \$2,000 that will be given to a graduating high school senior planning to attend college to study a water resources related field.

Kohnen was elected to DSRSD's Board in 1992. During his tenure he was instrumental in developing water service for the Dougherty Valley; bringing recycled water to the Tri-Valley; expanding water, wastewater, and recycled water services to east Dublin; expanding the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility; and expanding the Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency pipeline that transports treated wastewater to the San Francisco Bay.

Kohnen served two terms on DSRSD's Board. Kohnen also served on the boards of the Zone 7 Water Agency, the Alameda County Special Districts Association, the American Society for Quality, the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District, and the California Special Districts Association.

The first scholarship will be presented in June 2013 to a senior graduating from a school in the District's service area. Details on how to apply and criteria for the award will be posted on the DSRSD website by January 1, 2013.

Electric Vehicle Ready Website

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District launched the new Bay Area Plug-In Electric Vehicle Ready website to provide information for current and prospective electric vehicle drivers across the region.

The Air District's Plug-In Electric Vehicle Ready program offers grants to support early PEV use. The related bayareapevready.org website acts as an information clearinghouse for drivers, local governments and infrastructure providers seeking information about funding opportunities, as well as resources such as links to maps of charging stations in the region. The site also provides links to current events and opportunities, such as National Plug-In Day, which will be held on September 23, 2012.

The Air District has allocated more than \$6.3 million in funding to develop the charging infrastructure in the Bay Area to support widespread PEV use. That funding will pay for installation of more than 50 DC fast chargers and 250 Level 2 charging stations in public locations throughout the region, and will provide rebates for installation of 3,000 Level 2 home charging stations. The Air District anticipates that the majority of chargers will be installed by summer of 2013.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

LARPD Offers First Look at Plans to Manage Sycamore Grove Expansion

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District Board took input on the proposed Sycamore Grove Park expansion.

The proposal is for LARPD to acquire the 73-acre "Bobba Property" adjacent to the open space park. A Resource Management Plan has been prepared.

It will guide the management, operation and future development of the property.

The proposed expansion contains California annual grassland, eucalyptus woodland, scrub, riparian oak woodland and pond communities that will be managed to provide ecosystem services, safe public access an educational opportunities. LARPD is acquiring the property from the Tri-Valley Conservancy, who purchased it with grant funds in order to preserve it and turn it over to the District as

parkland. Two speakers raised questions about the management plan.

Robert Cantu, a neighbor of the property, talked to the Board about his concerns for the location of the trail and its proximity to a road. He pointed out that he believes the trail would be unsafe near the road, which he uses to reach his property that includes a winery and vineyard. He suggested that what appears to be a pond is an excavated hole used to water cattle. Water came from the VA hospital. That program has stopped.

Cantu also suggested that the abundance of wildlife, including breeding bobcats, would be disturbed if there were greater public access.

Former Board Member David Furst spoke to the Board about being consistent with identification of natural habitats and protec-

tion, including eucalyptus trees, which can be a habitat for raptors. In some cases, the district would retain non-native species to support a species. In the case of raptors, the proposal is to remove the eucalyptus trees. Furst also noted that olive trees are among the non-native species in the park.

The public review period for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the plan runs through Oct. 5. The District will accept written comments until noon that day. Documents may be accessed from the Sycamore Grove Page on the LARPD website at www.larpd.dst.ca.us.

During the regular public forum, the team president of the Blue Dolphins Swim Team, Joshua Senecal, addressed the Board about working with staff to get more rental time for the pool.

David Jonas proposed honoring the late Don Miller by naming a site for him in the upper Sycamore Grove that overlooks the valley. He suggested the "Don Miller Point of View."

The Journey, a Followup To Series on Prisons

The Journey, will be presented on Sun., Sept. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore. Three ex-convicts will be sharing their stories of personal challenge.

It is a follow-up to the series last spring that focused on prisons and the criminal justice system. At that time, many people expressed an interest in hearing in more details the stories from the speakers who had spent years in prison.

The speakers are Anthony Forrest, who was on the second panel; Kenneth Johnson, scheduled for the panel three; and Lisa Adams. They will talk about their inner struggles to recover damaged family relationships, parenting their children from prison and contending with the personal rationalizations of their criminal behavior. Two had juvenile records, one recidivated often, one

served both state and federal time. One was forty before committing a criminal act. One was a clinical psychologist.

A community group "Redemptive Prison Ministries" active in prison ministries and social change is the sponsoring group.

The public is invited to attend the event. Please enter by the patio gates on 'K' St. between 4th and 5th. For more information, call Sally, 925-449-8555.

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EDITORIALS

Measure B1 - Yes

Measure B1 on the November 6 ballot asks Alameda County voters to approve a one cent sales tax that would provide funding for transit and transportation projects in perpetuity.

No one likes taxes. However, everyone likes to be able to travel to and from destinations with ease and for goods and services to arrive in a timely manner. If two-thirds of voters approve B1, the measure would raise \$7.7 billion to accomplish those goals.

A spending plan is part of the package. \$400 million for the Livermore BART extension from the Dublin/Pleasanton station to Airway Boulevard has been placed on the list. In addition, funds would go toward Highway 84 construction from Pigeon Pass to Interstate 680 and to upgrade the I-680 intersection with Highway 84. Pleasanton would see a boost in its Measure B funding for senior and handicapped paratransit of 156 percent, and support for the same program in Livermore through Wheels would be increased by 164 percent.

Other benefits would be more money for operating Wheels, Bernal bridge improvements in Pleasanton, and improvements to major commute corridors such as El Charro Road, Dublin Boulevard and Dougherty Road. Gaps on the Iron Horse Trail for pedestrians and cyclists would be closed.

The spending plan will undergo comprehensive updates at least once before the general election of November 2042, and at least once every 20 years thereafter. A watchdog committee will provide oversight.

Neither the state nor the federal government can be counted on to provide funds. The state cannot seize the money.

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) would administer funds raised by Measure B1. All of the money will be spent in Alameda County, as determined by county voters. The measure is not connected to One Bay Area development plan.

ACTC has a solid track record of using previous sales tax funds to bring in projects ahead of schedule and under budget. That should give voters confidence that the money will be spent as proposed. The fact that the tax is in perpetuity allows for advance planning, with the knowledge that a needed project won't die on the shelf due to lack of funding.

A bill passed by the State Legislature granted the County this one time opportunity to approve the measure at the higher rate.

Given all of the benefits, a yes vote is an easy decision. The Independent urges voters to support Measure B1.

Pleasanton City Council: Karla Brown and Erlene DeMarcus

The Independent supports the election of Karla Brown and Erlene DeMarcus to the Pleasanton City Council.

They would fill the seats vacated by Matt Sullivan and Cindy McGovern, who are termed out of office.

Two other candidates are on the ballot, Mike Harris and Jerry Pentin.

Harris is new to politics. During candidate forums, it was apparent that he lacks the necessary knowledge to deal with local issues.

Pentin is knowledgeable concerning local issues. We do not support him because of his opposition to Measure B1 and his support of the Oak Grove development. He is straightforward in saying he still supports it.

While we have some differences with Brown and DeMarcus, on the whole we believe they would provide two voices on the council that need to be heard.

Brown describes herself as the only slow, smart growth candidate. Brown supports the urban growth boundary. She was co-author of Measure PP, a ridgeline protection measure. She was a leader in the Oak Grove referendum.

While her focus is on slow, smart growth, Brown is not a one issue candidate. She also wants to deal with the city's growing debt when it comes to paying employee pensions. She wants to protect and safeguard historic buildings in the downtown.

Where we find fault with her is in her opposition to Measure B1. We hope she comes to realize the benefits of a transportation system that works for everyone.

Our other choice for council has a different view. DeMarcus strongly supports Measure B1. Her knowledge regarding transportation issues would be a benefit to the council. She served on the BART board and is a consultant on transportation issues.

As a councilmember, DeMarcus expects to focus on the issues of transportation, jobs, and housing. She said that she would like to see transit based housing and a street network that actually works. Future development should include a transit option. DeMarcus states that trails are important both as an alternative way to get to work and school, and for recreation.

DeMarcus supported both the Oak Grove development and the council's Measure QQ. She favored Oak Grove. In this, we disagree with her. However, he does support environmental issues such as the urban growth boundary. She states that development should be infill. "We don't need to spread out."

We urge Pleasanton voters to vote for Karla Brown and Erlene DeMarcus for city council.

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baccalaureate school.

Community involvement is critically important. Parent involvement varies from school to school depending on the demographics. He suggested starting parental workshops to provide information to parents as to how they could become involved.

Unions play a role in schools. As a teacher, Jonas served as the union representative. He stated that unions stand up for teachers' rights. They help determine the right working conditions and compensation.

Teachers perceived as poor performers should be mentored to help boost their skills, to make sure they are the best they can be. He would evaluate teachers in the same way employees of corporations are evaluated. If performance doesn't improve, a teacher should be guided out of the profession. Evaluation would be based on observation, as well as feedback from students, parents, co-workers and administration.

The focus in teaching is on test scores, he said. "They are a necessary evil. For one, funding is dependent on good scores. The second is the perception parents have in choosing schools with high APs. I wish it weren't so. I know it has to be," said Jonas.

There are options in education for those who may not do well in a regular classroom, Jonas continued. The district offers alternative high schools. Vocational opportunities are available through the regional occupation program (ROP), such as auto mechanics. A new program is TEC (Tri-Valley Educational Collaboration). Jonas said it was created in response to the fact that kids are opting for careers rather than college. TEC establishes career pathways that students can jump off at any point. Kids are able to see the full range of opportunities within an area, such as biotech. They can opt to stop at a point that provides a career as a bio technician or move forward to become a bio engineer.

Jonas said that at a recent innovation forum, CEOs discussed how the U.S. could compete globally. One point was clear - an educated and competent workforce is required. "Companies are eager to help make schools better. There are opportunities to partner with corporations for funding and/or donations of technology. That is something I'd really like to explore," he declared.

Funding is an issue when it comes to providing more opportunities.

According to Jonas, two propositions, 30 and 38, are both deeply flawed in different ways. With 30, the revenue stream is variable. No one knows what the revenue will be or how much will go to schools; 38 has the advantage of a thick firewall between the state and the revenue for schools. "I like the fact that it is not a soak the rich tax. However it is polling poorly. Therefore, I'm advocating for 30 at this time, because I think it has the best chance to be approved."

Jonas pointed out that the parcel tax that funds a variety of programs in Livermore schools will be up for renewal in 2015. He is a member of the oversight board. "I will advocate

strongly to have the tax renewed."

There are also alternative funding sources that can be tapped. The Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF) is one source. The district needs to provide all the support it can to ramp up fund-raising.

The district has done a pretty good job in using technology. On his wish list would be more technology. A digital librarian could help teach kids how to retrieve information from the internet in a responsible and effective manner, to sift through the misinformation. That is difficult to accomplish without guidance, because of the amount of information.

When it comes to bullying and gangs, Jonas said that in general the district should monitor kids and reach out to them whether a bully or the subject of bullying. There are partnerships in place with Axis, the police and Horizons. They provide intervention programs.

BELIA MARTINEZ

Belia Martinez was appointed to the school board to fill out the term of Stewart Gary when he was elected to the city council last November. She says she is running to be able to continue to provide a voice for families in the community.

Martinez has lived in Livermore for seven years. She is married with two children in Livermore schools. Her career includes a tour of duty in the U.S. Army. She also worked as an Account Manager for Consolidated Freight Way, Project Manager for Verizon and Information Technology Recruiter for Source EDP.

She sees the role of the board as one of oversight regarding district policies to ensure they are implemented.

Prior to her appointment to the board, she served as a Parent Center liaison at Junction K-8. While there, she worked with families to determine how best to meet the educational needs of their children. After school programs were seen as a way to keep kids interested. She helped to start the Futsal program, as well as the Mariachi Club. Both clubs are open to students from other schools.

"I have a history of involvement with the community. I am bilingual. I am a veteran," she stated.

If elected, she would take a closer look at bullying. "It is important that students feel safe at school."

When it comes to gangs, Martinez said that it is a question of educating children to make them understand what they are getting into and help them to make good choices. She explained that gangs are seen as a way for a student to feel the need to belong. "We need to have them look elsewhere for that feeling." She again mentioned the Futsal and mariachi clubs. These provide options for them to attend after school.

Language arts, math and science are the core education. Everything else is built around those subjects. Sports, art and music are important to a well rounded education. Each engages students in a different way. There are different ways art, sports and music can be incorporated into education. For example, she noted that music can be tied in with math.

Funding is needed to provide a variety of options. The Futsal was made possible by rallying the community. "They were willing to step up when they saw what it would mean for the kids. They take pride in the accomplishment, in becoming a part of it," she stated.

The district offers open enrollment that allows parents to select a school. It is based on space.

Martinez has no objections to the charter schools. Overtime, she believes that a good working relationship can be developed between the district and the charter organization.

She continued, students learn life skills they will need when they graduate. "Not everyone will go to college. Vocational training is important. ROP is an option."

Technology provides hands-on learning. At the same time, it is good for students to be able to sit down and write something by hand, not just type. There is a different dynamic involved, she stated.

Testing is needed to provide some kind of measure to determine what students need to learn, not just what they have learned, Martinez said. To help fill gaps, it is important to involve parents as much as possible. "As a parent, I am active in my children's education. When they read, I ask them what they learned, what the book was about," she stated.

Martinez added that involving businesses is also important. Businesses are able to partner with the district to provide internships, apprenticeships to help better prepare youth for the workplace. Some businesses are able to donate funds to assist in the creation of after school programs or to provide technology.

Unions are important, she continued. The district and its unions have a good working relationship. "We are all working toward the same mission, providing the best education possible." The district has a process it can use to remove teachers who may not be doing the job. It includes evaluation and coaching. "We want successful teachers so students can thrive."

The propositions on the ballot, 30 and 38, would provide funding for schools. Thirty is set up to help education now. Martinez is still in the process of looking at 38.

Asked what she is interested in, she talks about her job as a program coordinator for the youth and family initiative. "It provides employment opportunities for at risk students. We strive to match them with a career. One of the requirements is that they stay in school. I believe that it is important to be there for kids."

She says her family background made her a hard worker, pushing her to finish high school and college to improve her situation. "I know and value the importance of education."

TOM McLAUGHLIN

Tom McLaughlin previously served on the Board from 2000 to 2008. He ran for the board again, but was not elected.

McLaughlin taught school for 35 years at different grade levels, including special education.

He is running this No-

ember because he believes he still has something to offer. McLaughlin said that as a board member, "I worked with parents, citizens and community organizations to accommodate cultural and educational diversity. I continue to believe in exit exams at each grade level to measure the successes and failures of the educational process. I strongly believe in accountability of staff and student alike."

He sees the role of the board as making sure the district is aware of what is going on throughout all of the schools in the district. "People need to trust us, that we know what is happening."

One of his areas of focus would be education options. He said that the current board tends to overlook things that are available.

ROP is one option. "Kids can participate with hands-on work, as well as with their brains. It can turn out a plumber who will be able to make a living for life," he said, adding that ROP has suffered due to how it was managed. "I suggested a baccalaureate school when I was on the board. Now Joe Michell is opting for the program."

He voted in favor of establishing the charter school to provide an education option. He suggested that there could be a charter district with the consent of the union. As a charter district, Livermore would automatically receive more money, according to McLaughlin.

Home schooling is yet another option.

Additional programs can be expensive. The district needs more money. "When it receives it, I would make sure that it goes to the classroom, not to administration." He didn't have a specific example of where the money would come from. However, he did say that the current superintendent has raised funds in the past. "Perhaps we aren't using her energies as a grant writer. There is a need for more fund-raising," McLaughlin said.

Technology could be used to better meet the needs of a child. He was speaking generally about special needs children. "If a child is just being tolerated in a class, we aren't doing the child any good."

McLaughlin believes that discipline is a key to good education. If a teacher is unable to manage a class, he or she is unable to teach properly. "One of the biggest problems in delivering education is classroom behavior."

Bullies and gang members have no right to be in a classroom. If a student doesn't meet the standards of behavior, he or she shouldn't be there, McLaughlin stated. He would call the police to deal with gang issues. He didn't provide any options on how to prevent gangs or bullying.

When hiring teachers, he would like to see a probationary period to determine if a teacher were competent. He would be willing to work with teachers to improve their skills. "If they can't pass local standards, they don't need to be teaching."

There is a place for unions. However, they need to know when to back off. When there were no unions, salaries were miserable. He pointed out that he organized

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MAILBOX

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Hoofprints on the Heart

Michael A. Rountree
Livermore
The Directors of Hoofprints on the Heart (Hoofprints), at Hagemann Ranch in Livermore, delegated me to respond to the letter Karen Hogan wrote about our organization ("Hagemann Ranch", 27-Aug. 2012). She made a number of completely unfounded charges which must be refuted.

1) The Board has never discussed "that Hoofprints on the Heart needed to be a profit making entity." Our articles of incorporation remain as written in 2006 "This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person." Ms. Hogan also is patently wrong that we have "created

an organization that excluded community members." The founding Directors made no provision for Hoofprints to be a membership organization.

2) Our recently revised bylaws put our purpose front and center: "The purpose of Hoofprints is to found and manage an adaptive riding center for people with physical, mental, emotional, or social disabilities to learn the joy of riding and caring for horses. We offer a program for people of all ages at Hagemann Ranch. Hoofprints program cultivates the wellbeing of the Tri-Valley Area."

3) In 2012, I reached out to a friend with a strong background in non-profit boards and administration. Since joining the Board, Roberta Kingston, MSW JD, has served as our Chair. She has guided Hoofprints in the direction of positive changes. As one of her first initiatives, we invited ten prominent residents to an event to explore joining the Board. She also was instrumental in raising the largest single source of funding Hoofprints has ever received.

4) Hoofprints has not experienced a "hostile takeover." I was the first independent Director the founding Directors asked to join the Board, and I live in Contra Costa County with a

rural Livermore address. Since February 2011, in addition to Ms. Kingston, Hoofprints has voted in 3 new directors from the Bay Area with very strong skills and experience serving on the Boards of public service agencies. They have been instrumental in turning around the organization.

5) In April of 2011 we were absolutely blessed when Donette Philips agreed to become our Executive Director. With a degree in therapeutic recreation and years of work with the disabled and youth, Ms. Philips is an expert in non-profit governance, volunteer management, and program management. Under her exemplary leadership, we cleared a backlog of several years of woefully inadequate accounting, developed systems to safely maintain confidential student records, improved staff and volunteer supervision, and prepared and filed compliance reports, which the City of Livermore requires for a our Hagemann Ranch lease. Ms. Philips, who lives in Livermore, was voted into the Board recently. She resigned as Executive Director. We did not fire her, as Ms. Hogan said. Like the other Directors, she continues to volunteer to provide administrative support for the

program staff.

6) The Board tried to improve the administration before making these changes. In January 2011, the Board concluded reluctantly that the remaining founding Director lacked necessary skills needed to administer Hoofprints effectively. Given this history, an absolute priority was to rebuild the administration with people who would have backgrounds in non-profit governance and administration.

7) The Board recently reorganized Hoofprints and asked the Program Manager to move into the historic house at Hagemann Ranch recently. We had to temporarily close the community garden because the arrangements that had been made to maintain it were not tenable. We hope to reopen the garden when we can implement a more responsible arrangement. These decisions were hard to make but were best for Hoofprints. Today, for the first time ever, the therapeutic riding program is self-supporting.

8) We now have a therapeutic program for children with speech disabilities under a licensed speech therapist. The Board has also been working for some time to develop a financially viable program

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the teachers union when he taught in San Leandro. Today, he is concerned about being able to pay pensions in the future as teachers retire.

He hadn't studied the provisions for school funding in Propositions 30 and 38.

However, when it comes to funding, he doesn't like the fact that some schools in the state receive more money per student than others. He would like to see that changed.

CHUCK ROGGE

Chuck Rogge was first elected to the school board four years ago. He is a stay-at-home dad. Prior to that, he worked in the software industry.

He says he is running again because there are things he would like to see through, such as the budget. Depending on the election, the budget could change.

Rogge says that he is someone who looks at other industries to see how they solve problems, then determines if they would work for schools. Education is still a business, he said.

He describes the role of the board as one of making policy only. He would like to see the role expanded. "My belief is that the current role has to change to allow board members not only to deal with policy, but use the talents they have to help the district."

As a board member, he believes that the board has worked as a team in making some pretty sound decisions. They include refinancing bonds, which resulted in savings to taxpayers. The obligations for pension and health benefits have been kept in check and are funded.

Technology has played a role in helping to cut costs. Rogge was a member of an energy conservation committee that brought in free consultants. It was found that not all of the meters were working the same, something that was costing the district money. The defective meters were replaced. In another area, grants were found to pay for new lighting in the gyms, resulting in a savings of \$50,000 a month throughout the district. More savings

were realized when old PCs were removed. A grant paid for 850 new computers that use 80 percent less power.

Rogge said he also helped with the Junction K-8 integration. "That has worked out well. The right principal was hired."

He would like to see teachers use technology differently, to train them to make better use of it. An example is sharepoint, where teachers post programs that are successful on-line. Other teachers can access the site and utilize the successful programs in their own classrooms.

When it comes to education, he said he was taught to learn rather than to take a test. That is a skill that will become even more important, he says. He explains that with the changes in the world, retraining may be necessary. "Learning doesn't end with graduation from college. I don't know when we started testing. I am aware of people who don't know anything, but they can take a test. It's an art."

Although aware of the significant limitations of testing, he does believe that it is still necessary as a benchmark to justify funding.

Educational options are important. ROP is one that helps provide students with skills to find a job. Not everyone will go to college. However, at some point they will have to attend school to learn a trade, Rogge contends.

He says he has nothing against charter schools. Poorly run ones do not do anyone any good.

Education has boiled down to core subjects. He said that math and science drive the economy. However, sports, art and music have an economic impact. He stated that sports are a big deal. He notes that for every pro athlete, there are jobs for 40 to 55 people created. However, music surpasses sports in economic value.

He suggested education could incorporate math and science into art, music and sports. For example, as a volunteer track coach he uses physics to teach athletes

how to better throw a discus or put the shot.

A student may like art. That doesn't stop the student from becoming a nurse, he declared.

In developing curriculum, Rogge believes it is important to stay on top of what businesses need in future employees. Change needs to be accelerated. Educators like to study things to death.

He admitted that the district schools don't provide equal opportunities, because some schools are better able to fund programs through parent involvement. He said that the Livermore Valley Education Foundation and the community have helped fill some of the gap.

There have been complaints that unions make it impossible to remove incompetent teachers who do not have tenure. Rogge believes there is a good working relationship with the local union. A procedure has been put in place to deal with teachers who may not be doing the job for which they were hired. It involves counseling and observation. If a teacher doesn't change, then he or she can be let go. Tenured teachers can be removed "for cause."

The district also has policies to deal with bullying. It focuses mainly on intervention, working with both bullies and those who are being bullied.

The gang situation fluctuates, said Rogge. The district has a dress code. Students are not allowed to wear gang colors to school.

Test scores are going up in the district. However, there may be students who aren't learning, simply because people learn at different rates. A student may be moved to the next grade without actually being competent in a subject. "We have to figure out how to make sure all students learn, not necessarily on a specific time frame."

Propositions 30 and 38 on the November ballot each provide funding for schools. Rogge said they are both defective. He doesn't see Prop. 30 as being good for schools in the long term. "I lean towards supporting 38."

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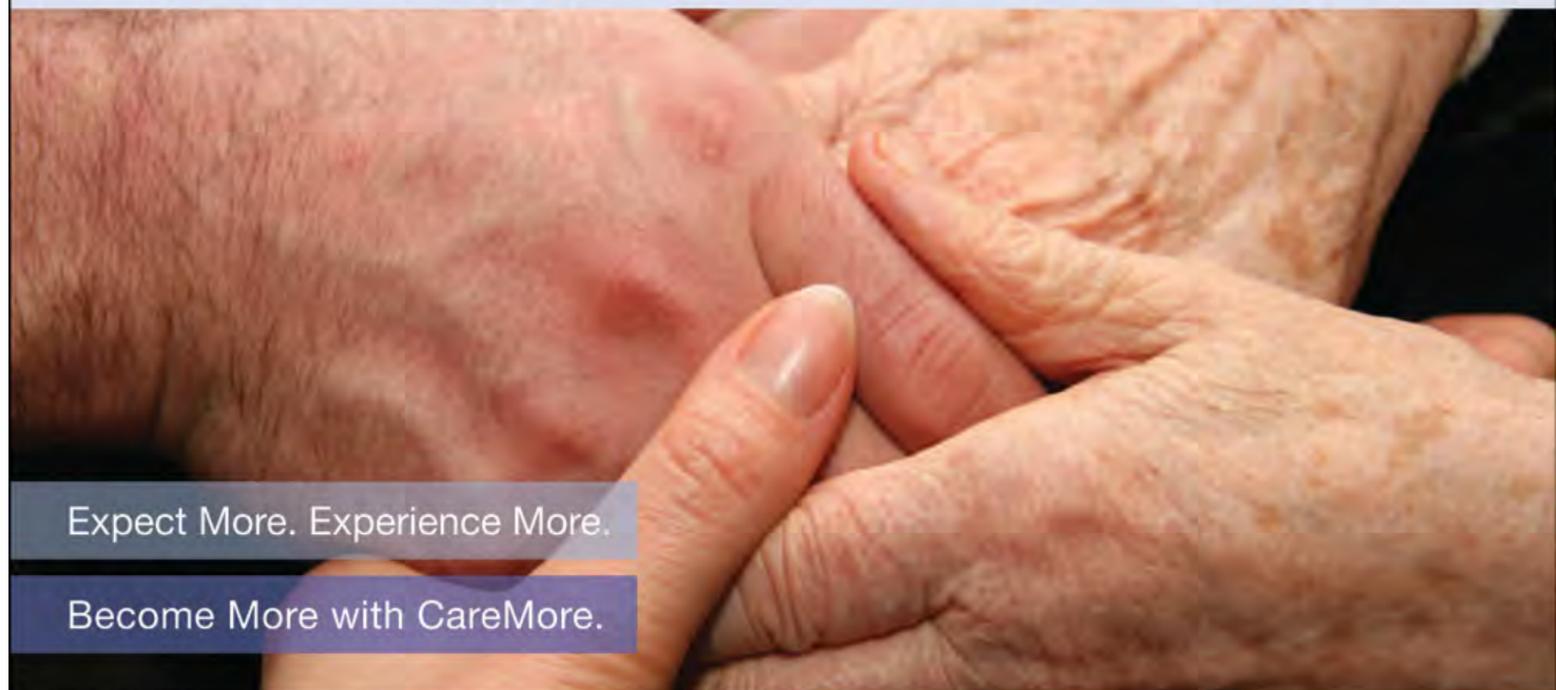
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SPORTS NOTES



The Fusion U-16B won the NHB (North Huntington Beach) soccer tournament over Labor Day. Livermore Fusion FC 96B Maroon recorded 5 wins, one tie and no losses over three days. Saturday began with a 2-0 win over Alianza Cobras from Arizona, followed by a 1-1 tie vs. Canyon FC of Southern CA. Sunday saw a 4-1 win over Fullerton Ranger of Southern CA. That clinched 1st in pool play Livermore. In the afternoon the Fusion beat Pleasanton BUSC 4-2 to move on to Monday's semi-finals where they beat Vegas United Gold of Nevada 1-0. A tough Orange County team, United FC Black, was the opponent in the final that ended in a 1 to 1 tie and remained that way through two 10 minute overtime periods. Livermore Fusion then took down United 4-3 in penalty kicks for the championship. Pictured are (back row, from left) Matthew Wells, Angel Salazar, Michael Brooks, Daniel Garcia, Joe Roberts, Brian Codington, Anthony Aguilar, Matthew Dremalas, Nolan Parker, Donald Buchanan, Jake Foscilina; (front) Coach Rob Hansen, Tony Jimenez, Mauricio Diaz, Salvador Morales, Osiris Chavez, Jake Foscilina, and Dominic Foscilina.



The Colts and Patriots faced off in a Pleasanton Junior Football League game.



From left to right, Claire Abele, Bella LaRosa, Danielle Groth and Sydney Keshmiry (Keeper) prepare to successfully defend a free kick against Los Gatos United. Livermore Fusion 01 Maroon girls won 3-0 and moved to 2-0 in league play.

WCOGA Gymnastics

The West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy hosted the Beach Blast Invitational September 8, 2012. The level 4 team won 2nd place. Younger: Deanna Chang-3rd place beam and 5th place All-Around; Naomi Evans-1st place beam, 2nd place floor and 2nd place All-around; Mackenzie Meyn-1st place bars, 1st place vault, 1st place floor and 1st place all-around. Middle: Mia Reeve-4th place beam, 5th place vault and 7th all-around. The combined level 5/6 team won 2nd place. Younger: Allison Reilly-4th place floor, 7th place vault; Megan Brennan-3rd place bars, 3rd place floor and 5th all-around; Amelia Liao-2nd place vault, 6th place bars and 3rd place all-around; Lauren Swenson-Lennox-1st place bars, 1st place beam and 2nd all-around. Middle: Kamryn O'Reilly-1st place floor, 3rd place beam, 5th place all-around; Lydia Muentz-1st place beam, 3rd place bars, 3rd place vault, and 1st place all-around. Older: Abigail McKeag-2nd place beam, 7th place bars and 7th all-around.

West Coast Soccer

West Coast Soccer highlights: U13 Wildfire opened with a 1 to 0 win over Castro Valley. The Wildfire, after a successful summer of tournament play, continued their winning ways as they opened their Norcal Premier season with a win over a tough Castro Valley team. The match was a battle of defenses. Both teams did a great job of stopping the offensive attack. Wildfire forward, Sydney Schultz netted the only goal in the game off a corner kick. Wildfire goalie, Claire Abele, had a number of great saves for a shutout. U13 West Coast Whiplash kicked off the fall season with a 5 - 0 win against Piedmont Highlanders. Kierra Stanek scored two goals and Alize Perez three for her first hat trick in an impressive win against Piedmont Highlanders. Impressive midfield passing by the team and strong defense by Melinda Miller and Jenna Radwan helped to keep Piedmont at bay throughout the game. Wave U11 team came away with a 2-0 win over Alameda SC Islanders in Saturday's opening game for Nor-Cal Fall league season. Wave offense dominated both halves with Kara Kolte, Lindsay Plant, and Caitlyn Garrison fighting to keep control of the ball. Forward Savannah Seals netted both goals on assists from Midfielder Monique Reil, while Keepers Jillian Collom and Allison Jamison both had some fantastic saves. Their defense was on fire with Kaila Vasconez, Jessica Keaney, Jackie Parker, and Jessa Lyons all making some great tackles. Wrath U12 went on the road to do battle with DFC in Concord to kick off their second Norcal sanctioned season, coming away with a 2 to 2 tie. With the first goal of the game coming from a lovely corner from Kate Wallace Kylie Karter fought for position to one touch the ball into the back of the net. The second goal from Hailey Thompson was scored from distance and was a quick strike finding its way

past the goal keeper. DFC players fought hard to even the score late in the 69th minute. U16 West Coast Katz take down local rival, Pleasanton Rage 2 to 1, with a dramatic last second goal. West Coast Katz handed Rage Premier their first loss of the season. Katz enjoyed most of the possession in a highly contested match, out shooting their opponent 11-4. Abby Dyer would notch both goals with assists coming from Sharan Singh in the first half and in the dying seconds of the game Kylie Long streaked past the Rage defense and went 1v1 with the GK, Ky's shot was blocked as both players collided in the box and the ball popped to Abby Dyer who was in position to smash home the game winner. Katz defense held strong the entire game allowing minimal shots. Kraze fell 0-2 to Mustang. Kraze out-shot their opponent 15-4, but could not score. Great effort by the girls controlled the game just could not capitalize. Mustang scored on a defensive mistake and a deflection. Karna win 1-0 over El Dorado was led by a Daesha Brown goal assisted by Hunter Wells. Karna possessed the ball and controlled the entire game. Kaos U-11 girls earned a hard fought 2-0 win in their first Norcal league game over Newark Fusion. With only one sub the girls played strong offense and defense keeping ball down in scoring position for more than half the game. Eliana Ema and Leela Amid played a strong defense in goal. Taylor Sprout and Brooke Treveithen each scored a goal in the first half to secure a lead at half. Brooke Schaible and Jordan Goodwin held a strong center mid and back field to secure a 2-0 win. U17 Girls Kryptonite started off this year's NPL season with a victory. Team Kryptonite took down a formidable opponent in Placer United 1-0. Adaurie Dayak did the pleasure of putting the Kryptonite at the top of the NPL table as she took a pass from youngest Emilie Allum and twisted the Placer defender around before firing a shot to provide the only goal of the game. Kryptonite continues their dominant defense with yet another shutout to add to the records. Wonder U14 girls started of West Coast Soccer's 2nd year opening day with a bang. Wonder put on an offensive showcase as they beat Diablo FC 8-2 early Saturday morning. Laura Duterte led the Wonder offense with 4 goals as the Wonder defense was solid as can be. The U14 Wonder set the tone for the rest of the Club as they easily scooped their first opposition on their quest to win the Norcal Premier Gold League title. Wild Katz U9 girls team played their first league game of the season against the Castro Valley United in Hayward. Their tough defense was on display as they allowed no goals. The Wild Katz maintained control of the ball most of the first half. Both teams were tied 0-0 going into halftime but the second half started with a bang. The Wild Katz fast and furious offense scored 2 quick goals and added a 3rd later in the game ending with a 3-0 win. What a great start for this young new team. The West Coast Wolves (U11



Shane Waechtler of the 49ers running against the Vikings in Livermore Junior Football action.



The West Coast Wave fought to a 2-0 over Alameda SC Islanders in NorCal Fall league season. Wave offense dominated both halves with Kara Kolte, Lindsay Plant, and Caitlyn Garrison fighting to keep control of the ball. Forward Savannah Seals netted both goals on assists from midfielder Monique Reil, while keepers Jillian Collom and Allison Jamison both made some solid saves. Their defense was on fire with Kaila Vasconez, Jessica Keaney, Jackie Parker, and Jessa Lyons all making some great tackles. Pictured Wave players hold a tight shape as they charge up the pitch on the attack.



The West Coast Wolves (U11 boys) played a strong game Saturday to beat Pleasanton's Ballistic 3-2 in their season opening game. Amazing goal tending by both Zach Hollingshaus and Ricardino Alvarez, along with strong defense by James Renouf, Logan Hartrum, Cesar Cardoza and Bradley Rittmann, kept Ballistic on the defensive. Douglas Wynne, Jackson Brown, Zach Rittmann and Jordan Moore kept the pressure on with their determination and speed. With teamwork, passing and goals by Eddie Topete, Matteo Crivello and Nate Miskella, the Wolves won the game. Pictured is Goalie Zach Hollingshaus.

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Katie Muzzall prepares to pass to Katrina Makarewicz (14) in Saturday's victory for the Livermore Lynx U11G Fusion Select. This was the second straight win for the Lynx with goals by Kayla Hebebrand and Carlie Spruiell. Jenna Swartz was an unstoppable goalie for the entire game. Other team members Sarah Davisson, Kaleigh Garcia, Madeline Koning, Hailey Lopez, Abbie O'Dwyer, Arianna Racanelli, and Sami Schley contributed to the win with excellent ball control, passing, and defensive pressure.



The U-13 West Coast Whiplash kicked off the Fall season with a 5 - 0 win against Piedmont Highlanders. Kierra Stanek scored two goals and Alize Perez three in an impressive win against Piedmont Highlanders, 5 to 0 to kick off the Fall Season. Impressive mid field passing by the team and strong defense by Melinda Miller and Jenna Radwan helped to keep Piedmont at bay throughout the game. The team is comprised of Tara Collier, Rachel Foley, Melinda Miller, Devyn Montesinos, Alize Perez, Taylor Peterson, Celia Portugal, Jenna Radwan, Kierra Stanek, Jenna Tidwell, Page Sutter, Maggie Sneed, Amanda Plant, Irland Johnson, Mayzin Kung, Taylor Sullivan, Courtney Haubert, and Destiny Sandridge. Pictured is Alize Perez, charging the goal while fighting to maintain possession, Alize broke free to score her third goal for a hat trick.



The West Coast Wild Katz marched into the Walnut Creek Jamboree held August 11th, 12th, and left undefeated. Saturday, Wild Katz faced DFC. With precision passing and good communication, the girls came away with a 4-1 win. Second game had the Wild Katz against the relentless Heritage Wolfpack. Both teams played strong, but West Coast proved too strong defensively and secured a 2-0 win in the 100 plus heat, Sunday, Wild Katz faced the home team Walnut Creek Hotspurs. The game started off with unbelievable passing and footwork, making it hard for Walnut Creek to gain possession. West Coast Wild Katz continued on and managed a 6-1 win. Last game of the day, a tired Wild Katz team, playing the weekend with only 1 sub in the brutal heat, faced Benicia Arsenal. Things started out rough as Benicia was very physical. Wild Katz were down 0-1 in the first 5 minutes of the game before they gained their composure. By halftime, West Coast was up 2-1. Wild Katz unleashed an offensive fury, closing out the game with an 8-1 win.

Packers drove hard, completing two first downs and ended up at the Steelers 16 yard line. Running back Tai Phan read the offense of the Packers and intercepted a pass and ran the ball 5 yards stopping the Packers drive. With just a few minutes remaining in the first half, the Packers drove 50 yards down to the Steelers 1 yard line and punched it in to take a 6-0 lead. In the second half, the potent Steeler offense was continuously thwarted by a relentless Packer defense. For their part the Steeler defense was equally stout in keeping an explosive Packer offense out of the end zone. With the game winding down and the Packers knocking on the door the Steelers caused a Packer fumble and recovered at their own 1 yard line. The Packer defense then locked down the Steelers and Parker Hall also were involved in numerous plays for the defense. Hall made his presence known on the offensive side of the ball reeling in a 65 yard touchdown pass from Daniel Crisp. On the defensive line, Logan Koch, Nick Volponi and Joshua Harlan were involved in big stops throughout the afternoon. Ruzzel Yee pressured the Saints quarterback and batted down a pass attempt to stop one Saints drive while Christian Lopez broke through the line to block an extra point try. Late in the game, running back Lucas Montenegro took a lateral from Crisp and found Benny Sanchez deep downfield for a 37 yard touchdown pass to add a third touchdown for the team. Intermediate Division: Broncos 26, Falcons 0: The Broncos showed big improvement by the team over week 1. Still, the Giants found themselves on the wrong side of a 34-22 score against the Saints. Despite being shorthanded due to injuries suffered in week 1, a number of Giants players stepped up their performance to lead the overall improvement. Daniel Crisp was pressed into duty at quarterback and showed a good deal of poise in his first start going 7-16 for 123 yards and throwing a touchdown pass. He also picked up 53 yards on the ground adding another touchdown on a keeper play. The Achilles heel for the Giants again was the inability to control a dominating running back and the Saints Bryce Disbrow had an exceptional day rushing for 5 touchdowns. The Giant defense eventually settled in and began to play a more active, team oriented defense. Garrett West had a big day from his linebacker position accounting for 7 tackles while also contributing on special teams with a long second half punt return as the Giants battled to get back into the game. Magnum Miller, Harold Geer and Parker Hall also were involved in numerous plays for the defense. Hall made his presence known on the offensive side of the ball reeling in a 65 yard touchdown pass from Daniel Crisp. On the defensive line, Logan Koch, Nick Volponi and Joshua Harlan were involved in big stops throughout the afternoon. Ruzzel Yee pressured the Saints quarterback and batted down a pass attempt to stop one Saints drive while Christian Lopez broke through the line to block an extra point try. Late in the game, running back Lucas Montenegro took a lateral from Crisp and found Benny Sanchez deep downfield for a 37 yard touchdown pass to add a third touchdown for the team. Intermediate Division: Broncos 26, Falcons 0: The Broncos showed big improvement by the team over week 1. Still, the Giants found themselves on the wrong side of a 34-22 score against the Saints. Despite being shorthanded due to injuries suffered in week 1, a number of Giants players stepped up their performance to lead the overall improvement. Daniel Crisp was pressed into duty at quarterback and showed a good deal of poise in his first start going 7-16 for 123 yards and throwing a touchdown pass. He also picked up 53 yards on the ground

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Pictured (above) is the West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy Level 4 team; in the lower photo, is the Level 5 team. See Sports Notes for the story.



in the second half. The Bronco offensive line held their ground. They were successful in creating holes and opportunities for Pelican to complete several passes. Several Broncos rushed for a combined total of more than 100 yards (Pelican; Peebles; Tavares; and Carlson). Touchdowns were scored by: Peebles, Tavares and Carlson.

Ravens 18, Colts 6. In a tough defensive game, the Ravens beat a much improved Colts 18-6. The Ravens started the game with a beautiful 7 yard pass from Kaine Montez to Kyle Betz. Tommy Reeves scored the first touchdown for the Ravens with a 34 yard run. He ran for approximately 79 yards in the game. Other offensive highlights in the first quarter were an awesome reverse 19 yard run by Dominic Giuliano. The Colts scored in the 2nd quarter and the game was tied 6-6. The defense started taking over in the game for the Ravens with many great tackles from various Ravens players. Bryan Torres had a great game leading the defense with 10 tackles. Zac MacDonald, Seth Davis, and Drew Braudrick also had key tackles and sacks in the game. The offensive highlights in the 2nd quarter for the Ravens were a perfect 29 yard pass from Montez to Giuliano. Montez also had a great running game with a few runs to get the first down for the team. The Ravens scored before the half with a 4 yard pass from Montez to Betz for the touchdown. Hunter Mufson was on fire in the 2nd half on defense for the Ravens with 7 tackles (3 solo tackles) and an interception with an amazing 22 yard run! Malini Tia had another awesome running game that included an amazing 23 yard touchdown run. The Ravens defense shut down the Colts offense in the 2nd half, and the Ravens held on to win 18-6.

Junior Division: Vikings 24, 49ers 19: The 49ers started off their first regular season game against the Vikings a little slow as they fell behind 12-0. For the second week in a row they showed tremendous heart by fighting back to make the game very close. The 49ers kicked the score to 12-6 after a great kickoff return by Andrew Waller. The defense helped to keep the game close by causing several key turnovers. The first was a fumble caused by Gabriel Rangel and recovered by Jacob Hager in the second quarter. Another fumble recovery by Todd Beatty early in the third quarter was quickly cashed in by Nick Hill and the offense tied the game at 12-12. The offense consistently found ways to run the ball both inside and outside against a very good Viking defense. The offensive line did a great job of blocking throughout the game to help set up the touchdown run by Nick Hill and the two touchdown runs by Shane Waechter. Dylan Clinton, Joe Montano, and Noah Thompson, had key blocks during the game. The 49ers ended up falling just short, 24-19, in this very exciting and well played game.

The Vikings continued their winning ways in the 2nd week of the season with a 24-19 win over the hard hitting 49ers. The offense was on fire with John Joiner leading the way. Joiner scored three touchdowns. Two of his scores were for over forty yards each and his third over thirty yards. Dyan Krauss joined in the scoring with a touchdown run of over 45 yards. They would not have been able to score with the file blocking of the offensive line, which includes Joey Joseph, Riley Cornelius, Ethan Musgrave, and Alex Echeverria. The defense also played a huge role in the Viking victory. Peter Storjohann was one of the leaders on defense with several tackles and a sack. Dylan Cole had a huge interception to stop a 49er drive. All of Viking defense had a strong game. Max Higgins, Zachary Kramer, Nicolas Lydon, Dominic Zayas, Jon Wolfson, Davis Carr, Dennis Nolan, Cole Arnold, and Donovan Humes all contributed to the Vikings win.

Texans 20, Raiders 13: The Texans played a well-rounded game in their victory over the Raiders, in week 2 of the regular season. In the first quarter, Zach Gooby lit up special teams, and gave the Texans an edge with his opening kickoff return for a touchdown. Following the scoring kickoff by the Texans, the Raiders answered back with a touchdown, but the Texans defense was able to stand them up and stop the extra point. Matthew Polansky and Jason Sanders were in on the tackle to make the stop. On the following Raiders drive, Texans defense made a stand, and got the

offense the ball back, via turnover on downs. Brandon Norton and Mason Newbold were key in disrupting the Raiders offense. Second quarter led off with a methodical offensive drive by the Texans, including a fourth down conversion to keep the drive alive. Miles Rasmussen shouldered the bulk of the carries, and capped the drive off with a 4-yard touchdown run; behind the key blocks of Jake Herweg, Mitchell Mau, Tyler Blue, and Yash Hammond. Joseph Bartoni converted the point-after-touchdown with the run-in. On the following drive, the Raiders answered back with a touchdown and point after conversion. The Texans defense was on-point in the 3rd quarter with Antonio Rivalie, Dennis Derham, making big hits for stops. Anthony Shepherd and Justin Torres made key plays, stopping Raiders ball carriers in the backfield. The following drive featured some great runs by Dylan Silva, as well as Miles Rasmussen and Zach Gooby. The Texans entered the 4th quarter with a 1 point lead. The defense was solid in the second half, and did not give up a first down. Myles Anderson and Deegan Rabino kept the offensive line busy, Dennis Derham made a great tackle, and Jason Sanders made a huge open field tackle to stop the Raiders a yard short on 4th down. The Texans offense led a drive featuring Miles Rasmussen, Dylan Silva, and Zach Gooby effectively moving the ball down the field, which led to Zach Gooby's touchdown run to seal the victory for the Texans. At the Raiders last effort to score, the Texans defense stood firm.

Pleasanton Rage

It was all about the defense as Pleasanton Rage White '00 first battled the Piedmont Highlanders in league play on Saturday, and then took on the Stockton Pacific Strikers in State Cup Seeding on Sunday.

During the first 35-minute half in Saturday's home game at Val Vista field, all the action took place in Rage territory. Outstanding blocking efforts by Rage defenders Regan Mah and Julianna Pereira prevented Piedmont from converting set plays—including six corners—into goals. Emma Mousa's strong throw-ins, and Zoe Moura's all-around strong blocking and tackling translated into an impenetrable backline, supported by Cierra Lofthouse-Wolf's goal-keeping. At the half-time whistle, the score was 0-0. After the half-time break, Piedmont scored in the 36th minute. Rage girls refused to allow Piedmont to have the last word, however, beginning with Ashley Lopez's shot in the 44th minute. This was quickly followed by a shot by Hannah Gossett. In a true team effort, four Rage girls assisted in the team's tying goal in the 51st minute, when Isabella Clark, Hunter Faria and Katie Murphy each passed the ball in the box before Lofthouse-Wolf found the net. With two minutes left in the game, Rage defender Moura, finding herself open, crossed the ball to Lofthouse-Wolf, whose shot just went wide. Not to be outdone, Piedmont took a final shot with one minute left, but second-half Rage goalie Steffanie Angelo confidently stopped the ball. The final score: 1-1.

On Sunday, Rage White traveled to Stockton to play its second NorCal Premier State Cup Seeding Round game. Again, Rage defenders disrupted continual attacks by a physically powerful Striker team for the first 25 minutes of the game, until Rage's Katie Murphy was able to answer with the team's first shot on goal. A few minutes later, Lopez passed the ball through several Strikers to Emily Esparza, whose shot was stopped by the Strikers' goalkeeper. Devyn Baldus, Esparza and defender Mousen each fired shots on goal during the second half. Jessica Stubbs and Jasmine Erickson battled bravely in the midfield. Final score: 0-0. Rage White U-12 will travel to Sacramento on Sept. 23 for the final of three Seeding Round games.

The Rage U9 Orange had a successful weekend with wins in Norcal League play and State Cup play. The Rage Orange beat Walnut Creek Barcelona 2-1 in a Norcal League game at Val Vista Park on Saturday, September 15. The first half was very competitive



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Granada High School and San Ramon Valley met in an EBAL women's water polo match last week. In the photo is some of the action. San Ramon came away with a 27 to 3 victory.

as both teams had a number of close chances. The Rage Orange was finally able to break through with a goal late in the half when Leila Lyons scored with her left foot by shooting to the far post. The second half was all Rage Orange as the team peppered the Walnut Creek goalie with shot after shot. The Rage Orange got a goal from Caitlin Currie to up their lead to 2-0. The Rage Orange controlled play for most of the half. Walnut Creek scored a late goal but the Rage Orange held on for a 2-1 win. Goalies Hayden Jolley and Olivia Martin were solid in goal by stopping the few chances that Walnut Creek had. After two games of league play the Rage Orange remain undefeated.

On Sunday, September 16, the Rage Orange Team played the Sunnyvale Soccer Club Red at Val Vista Park. The game opened with the Rage Orange making the first goal after Ashley Belshe scored a direct kick shot on goal. Then Caitlin Currie was very aggressive in taking the ball down the field and scored Rage Orange's second goal. There was great passing and great shots taken by Hayden Jolley, Olivia Soble, Maddie Benson, Avery Clark, and Leila Lyons throughout the game. Maggie Nostrand made some great saves as goalie and the first half ended with a score of 2-0. The second half opened and Ashley Belshe made a great pass to Leila Lyons, who scored the third goal for the Rage Orange Team. For the final goal, Olivia Martin dribbled it down the field and Ashley Belshe got an own goal, which completed the shut out by the Rage Orange. The final score was 4-0.

U9 Pleasanton Rage Orange opened Norcal league play and State Cup play in fine fashion. On Saturday, September 8, the Rage Orange took on the Mustang Pride at Diablo Vista middle school in Danville. The game was a battle. After a scoreless first half, the Mustang Pride scored from a long way out to take a 1-0 lead. The Rage Orange battled back but was unable to score. Just when it looked like the Rage Orange was going to go down in defeat, they made one last attack. Ashley Belshe took the goal kick and sent it to Maddie Benson. Benson took it down the sideline before crossing to Caitlin Currie. Currie's shot on goal was deflected by the goalie but Leila Lyons was there to knock it in the net just seconds before the final whistle to give the Rage Orange a 1-1 tie. The Rage goalies Hayden Jolley and Maggie Nostrand kept the Rage Orange in the game by stopping shot after shot.

The Rage Orange was back at it on Sunday, September 9. They took on the Bay Oak Blues at Val Vista. The Rage Orange offense was unstoppable. The Rage Orange got 2 goals each from Isabella Guerrero, Olivia Martin, Maddie Benson and Olivia Soble. Hayden Jolley got in the scoring by scoring from 15 yards out. Avery Clark was a constant threat all game and had many up the field rushes. Goalies Ashley Belshe and Caitlin Currie kept Bay Oaks out of the net to give the Rage Orange a shutout.

PLEASANTON RAGE DIVISION 4:

U-9: Peacocks vs. Puppies: The Peacocks faced the Puppies in a fast paced game. The Puppies displayed their deep offensive talent pool with five different players contributing to the score. Taylor displayed some fancy footwork while driving the ball down past several defenders to the goal for a score. Teamwork of Mariah and Kimberly supported the other players. The Puppies strong goal keeping skills help the opponents score down. Top Offensive Players: Shay, Sammy, Mariah - Puppies; Top Defensive Players: Ella, Payton, Kimberly - Puppies

U-12: Blasters 4, Bend-Its 6; Orange Crush 3, P-Town United 2: Blasters hosted the Bend-Its for a fast paced exciting match on a hot sunny day. Lulu demonstrated superb offensive teamwork in driving the ball to goal and crossing it to teammates in scoring position. Hershey's standout play contributed to the team's success. EMS skilled footwork and ball control allowed her to repeatedly maneuver past defenders on her way to the goal. Top Offensive Players: Lulu C., Katie S., Emily S. - Blasters; Marissa Fredricks, Allison DeFazio, Emilie Clark - Orange Crush; Top Defensive Players: Jazzy S., Robin H. - Blasters; Elisabeth Balicanta, Emma Tsztoo, Alyssa Wu - Orange Crush

U-16: Impact 3, Shockers 1: The Shockers center forward Haley Isaacs took several fantastic long shots on goal in the first half then finally Kyra Kolak made a great shot on goal with a follow through by Haley Isaacs creating the first goal of the game. Shockers Goalie Maddie Hobbs and defensive back Raven MaierBell did a great job stopping several shots. Forward Aubrey Quinton from the Impact made a tight angle shot, tying the game 1-1

before the end of the first half. In the second half Lucy Proudfoot of the Impact scored a penalty kick and Impact's Cheyenne Harper crossed a shot in front of the goal, with follow through by Megan Ferguson for the third goal. Impact Goalie Tori (Victoria) Johnson kept a clean sheet for the second half with help from Maddie Lawer and Kelly Duncan.

Pleasanton Ballistic

Pleasanton Ballistic United Soccer Club (BUSC) U19 Select split a pair this weekend. Saturday's match against the Oakland Leopards was scoreless until late in the first half. Alex Codik took a corner in the 33rd and placed it far post. Center back Wes Rager, up in the attack, drove it home for the 1-0 lead. Oakland had a free kick late in the half, but as they tried a bit of trickery, Dustin Lacy stepped into the lane to clear it away. The best attempt for Oakland in the second half came on a zigzag run through the middle, but BK Bailey Roberts came up big in the 76th minute. A corner kick in the 83rd was blocked by Drake Foote to keep the clean sheet. Foote and Rager led a determined defensive effort, along with backs Grant Petrie and Kevin Faggiano.

On Sunday, the Select ran into a first half buzzsaw and trailed 4-0 at halftime. Resolved to get back into the game, the Select got on the board in the first 34 seconds when striker Chris Ford laid off a pass to an onrushing Garrett Leone, who finished for the icebreaker. The Select applied relentless pressure and it paid off again in the 58th. Petrie made a strong throw-in down the right, Ford took it in stride and drilled a low strike far post, and it's 4-2. In the 66th, Codik took a ball in space down the right and cross to the box, where Ford redirected it to the third goal. The Select continued to pursue the elusive tying goal, with GK Roberts making two big saves. One was on a corner in the 75th, which he punched out but left in the box. Faggiano cleared it away to keep the deficit at one. The Earthquakes were able to manage the game late, and the Select fell 4-3.

Ballistic United U14 Premier 99 defeated Mustang 1-0 in NorCal Premier League (NPL) action in Danville Saturday. It was all Ballistic early in the game but the Pleasanton side's possession did not result in any goals. Mustang Lokomotiv fought their way back into the game and found opportunity to fire 12 shots in the first half at Ballistic. In the 25th minute Pleasanton keeper Blake Staniford put on a shot stopping clinic when he saved 4 back to back point blank shots in a matter of seconds. Mustang started the crazy sequence by chipping behind the Ballistic defense for their striker who got in one vs one with Staniford. Staniford saved his 1st shot from 12 yards and then saved 3 more shots in quick succession as he was unable to hold the ball at close range. The Pleasanton net minder was injured on the play and did not return to action in the second half.

The second half saw both sides pushing hard to get a goal. Jared Wilson was given the assignment to take Staniford spot in goal and was immediately put to the test when he was faced with a one vs one again with Mustangs striker. Wilson came off his line and made an incredible save from point blank range that he remarkably held on to. Both sides continued to trade shots as they tried to earn the 3 points that were at stake. In the 60th minute center back Jimmy Thompson sent a ball over the Mustang defense that Ballistic's Blake Tucker raced on to and dribbled into the Lokomotiv box. Tucker then beat the keeper with a precise shot for the 1-0 lead. The goal energized the visitors and they were able to hold Mustang off for an important 1-0 win. The result puts Ballistic (2-0) at the top of the NPL table. Top Offensive Players: Blake Tucker, Youki Chiba. Next Saturday Ballistic hosts Monterey County Futbol United.

Ballistic United U-16 demonstrated confidence and determination in its first league game when it overcame a 2 goal deficit to beat the Santa Cruz County Breakers in a resounding win of 5-2. Alex Krause scored the first goal on an assist by Stephen Dougherty. Yousef Diyab scored the 2nd and 5th goal with assists by Pierre Marie and Cameron Casby, respectively. Pierre Marie and Cameron Casby scored the 3rd and 4th goals, respectively, and assisted each other's goals. Goalkeeper Sam Hanson played a great game with seven saves.

Livermore Fusion

Fusion U-14 Rec Boys, Revelation vs. Fireballs: Fireballs won 7 to 5. This was a nerve wracking game with the Fireballs coming out strong in the first half and Revelation battling back



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Las Positas College men's soccer team took on the Shasta Knights last week in Coast Conference North Division action. The Las Positas Hawks won, 4 to 1.

hard in the second half. There were some very good plays and amazing footwork on both sides. Revelation offense was led by Shane Clifton and Trevor Chapman, defense by Josh Ison and Cole Meyers. Fireball offense was led by Robbie Hoff and Noah Sage Blanchard, defense by Hayden Brackett and Nikhil Kumar.

U9 Rec Boys, Lightning 3, Fire Bullets 0: The Lightning came out to play Saturday. Josh Henninger with an assist to Matthew Thompson scored the first goal. Mason Franchi got the second and also an assist to give Matt another goal. The Fire Bullets had many close shots but were unable to penetrate a strong lightning defense led by Ethan Poe. Top Players for Fire Bullets were Danny Knight, August Mascari and strong goalie work by Ethan Santiago.

U7 Girls: Rock Stars vs. Sparkly Poodles: Rock Stars: Audrey Belmesseri, Katy Canaan, Isabella Draghi, Olivia Draghi, Kiara Franklin, Kara Gee, Terra Kubiak, Ariana Reyes, Marina Rivera. Sparkly Poodles: Shreya Abhijit, Allanie Alatorre, Aine Ragan, Elise Goulart, Lauren Stoneberger, Danielle Hanley, Phoebe Kmetz, Alexa Lascon.

U6 Boys: Ninjas vs. The Bombers. Exceptional throw-ins were the highlight of this game. Hayden Hobbs and Eli Wigginton made key offensive plays for the Ninjas, while Austin Dankwardt and Drayden Curtis were defensive standouts.

Ninjas vs Supersonics: The Ninjas had impressive offensive performances by Michael Boyd and Isaac Cortes. Many outstanding defensive plays were made by Tyler Franchi and Preston.

U6 Girls: Sparklettes vs. Rocket Rainbows: Sparklettes Kylee Scroggs scored the game with an amazing pass to teammate Mea Neubauer to score their first goal. But the Rocket Rainbows gave them some competition when Bri Channing scored with a great pass from Makenna Smith.

Tennessee Walking Horse Championship

Sheryl Volkman of Livermore, CA won a 1st Place Blue Ribbon in the Owner/Amateur Western Trail Pleasure Championship class at the 74th Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration. The event was held on Fri., Aug. 31. Sheryl was riding The Wicked Master, owned by John and Sheryl Volkman.

"Sheryl Volkman should be commended for a fine performance at the Celebration. Her exceptional skill coupled with The Wicked Master's athleticism made this a memorable win," said Doyle Meadows, CEO of the Celebration.

The event is an 11-day and night annual festival in Shelbyville, TN, taking place from August 22 - September 1, during which 660 entries and 1,500 horses compete in 171 classes and more than \$650,000 in prizes are awarded.

Fusion Frenzy

Avid golfers, and those who love a good time, take note. On Friday, August 17, Livermore Fusion Soccer Club held its first annual Fusion Frenzy Golf Tournament. What started as an idea for a fundraiser turned into such a successful and enjoyable event as the tournament welcomed 84 golfers on what turned out to be a beautiful day for golf.

The golfers were greeted in the morning with a sangria provided by Housleys Century Oak Winery and a goody bag filled with items from the many sponsors: Jamba Juice, Fremont Bank, Sports Clips, Safeway, and Guide Point Systems, just to name a few. Then with a shotgun start, the 21 foursomes began their scramble, and their quest to win the big prizes along the way. While there was not a hole-in-one winner of the Chevy Camaro, there were many winners. Michael Demaree won a putter for closest to the pin and Tim Baxter won a new driver for longest drive. The two winning groups for Net and Gross scores each won \$100 in cash per player and some great bottles of wine. The day was capped off with a catered dinner, complete with a raffle, live auction, and silent auction.

Non-golfers attended the dinner. The prizes ranged from pizza and wine to golf clubs, sports event tickets, and signed jerseys to cabin getaways and relaxation packages. The event brought in just under \$10,000 for the club and brought together an awesome group of volunteers and attendees who are sure to make this an annual event the community will look forward to for years to come.

The event was put on by the Livermore Fusion Golf Committee

which consists of Ben Graham, Manny Moncada, Lora Silva, Julie Krakoski, Kimberly and John O'Conner

Phantom Lacrosse

New Player Clinic: Learn why lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in North America! Livermore Phantom Lacrosse is hosting a new player clinic on Sunday, September 23rd at Mendenhall Middle School (El Padre Park) from 10:00 - noon, check in begins at 9:30. Lacrosse is a dynamic, fast paced sport combining team strategy and individual athleticism.

This 2 hour clinic will teach the fundamentals of throwing and catching with the lacrosse stick, the basics of the sport and the roles of the various player positions. The registration fee of \$40 includes a lacrosse stick and ball (or \$20 if you already have a stick or just want to borrow one for the day). All participants receive a cool Livermore Phantom t-shirt. Boys and girls age 7 through 15 are invited to attend. Advanced registration is recommended. Register on-line at www.phantomlacrosse.org.

Spring Registration Now Open: Registration for the Livermore Phantom Lacrosse Spring 2013 season is now open. U9 co-ed, U11 girls, and U11-U15 boys teams are forming for players born between September 1, 1997 and August 31, 2005. The seasons run mid-January through May. Discounted early registration closes Oct 31st. Register on-line at www.phantomlacrosse.org.

Race to the Flagpole

The Livermore-Granada Boosters will host the 3rd Annual "Race to the Flagpole" on Veterans Day weekend, Saturday, November 10, 2012. This year's event offers several new runs. In addition to the one-mile fun run there will be a 5K run/walk, 10K run and a half marathon.

All runs 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 5K, 10K and half marathon races start at 9:00 a.m. The one-mile fun run begins at 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K and 10K are \$30 per runner and \$25 for each runner in a family of four. Half marathon entry fees are \$40 per runner and \$35 for each runner in a 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 and is provided with post-race refreshments. 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.

Track and Field

Athenian Athletics is now taking sign ups for the upcoming seasons. Cross country and Track and field. The age group level is 8 to 18 years of age boys and girls. For more questions about training session times, and sites, contact Coach Rick Richardson at 925-518-9356. E-mail at atheniantrack@hotmail.com or atheniantrack.comcast.net.

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Informational Meeting on Draft Climate Action Plan

The City of Livermore is holding a meeting to provide information and answer questions about the draft **Climate Action Plan (CAP)** released in early August. The draft CAP outlines proposed measures the City and Community can take to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emission levels produced within the City.

Some emission-reduction activities included in the draft CAP are related to recycling and reusing, increasing water conservation efforts, making transportation choices that result in fewer emissions, and using clean, renewable energy.

DATE: Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 7 to 9 P.M.
LOCATION: The Robert Livermore Community Center
(south Ballroom),
4444 East Avenue in Livermore.

The draft CAP can be reviewed on the City's website at:
www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd/planning

The Draft CAP will be considered by the Planning Commission on October 16 and by the City Council on November 26, 2012.

CONGRESS

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the issues facing the nation. He favors government investment in partnership with the private sector. Stark supported the 2009 stimulus bill, which he says brought over \$2.7 Billion to Alameda County.

Stark stated, "The government has to get over the idea that everything can be changed by cutting taxes." He says that the President's move to rebuild infrastructure would be a spark in rebuilding the economy. "Every community has a plan on the shelf. We could get people working tomorrow. The jobs would be in one of the largest areas of unemployment, construction." Another way he sees to boost construction jobs is to keep the lending rate low for home purchases.

He also suggested providing incentives for businesses to hire, for example, tax breaks.

Education is another area in which the country needs to focus. "If we don't educate our kids, we won't be able to compete with other countries. The world is becoming more technical." He added that it is important that the federal government does not become involved in running schools. However, it is critical to provide whatever financial assistance possible. The goal would be to provide equal funding for districts.

Teachers are a key. He suggested that teachers are in employment where they are not paid one extra nickel for doing a good job. He would like to work with unions and teachers to come up with a way to quantify the work and have teachers select their peers who deserve extra pay.

He favors allowing the tax cuts to expire for those who make above \$250,000. He says the current tax rate for those making less than \$250,000 saves the average family a couple of thousand a year. That money could help send kids to college.

Stark said that he worked with Steve Jobs at Apple Computer to place a computer in every classroom. A special tax break was arranged to make it happen.

Programs that help families are important, such as medicare, food stamps and day care. "They are essential to those down on their luck, whether it be because of a lost job or lower income. Food stamps help the economy, because that money is spent," commented Stark. He says most adults prefer to work, rather than take welfare. Going to work each day is part of the social structure of a community.

One area he would cut spending is defense. It could be cut by at least a third, maybe a half, he stated. "The U.S. spends more on defense than sixteen other industrialized nations combined," he stated.

Cutting defense some say represents a view that is soft on terrorism. Stark believes the money spent on homeland security would produce better results in stopping terrorism if it were used to improve living conditions around the world. He explained, "Take a young man who is 18 with no hope of an education or improving his situation. Someone says take a bomb and you will have a good life in heaven. When there are no other options, such people can be conned into becoming terrorists."

The current and recent wars have created veterans who need a support system. Stark says that veterans administration offices are jammed. There is a backlog of those seeking assistance. The VA needs more bodies to deal with cases in a timely manner. One issue that has been brought to his attention is what happens during summer break from college. Veterans receive a stipend while they are attending school. During summer break, they receive no payment. "I am trying to get that policy changed."

He doesn't support closing the local VA Hospital. "The least we can do for veterans is to provide a decent place where they can live in dignity."

In the past, Stark has not

supported the national laboratories because the focus was on nuclear weapons. Now he sees them as an asset, a source of technology that can be used to create jobs. In addition, he is a strong supporter of the nonproliferation work they conduct. "There are enough bombs to blow the world apart." He agrees that there is a need to maintain the nuclear stockpile. Supercomputers can be used for that purpose.

Stark recently toured the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He referred to the National Ignition Facility (NIF) as "breathtaking." "It is amazing to think you could take a barrel of water, then using fusion technology generate enough electricity for San Francisco. The labs and the technology they are working on are one of the most important resources the country has available."

He would oppose offshore drilling in California. He would be supportive of finding a way to drill for natural gas in an environmentally sound manner in areas where it is available. The Alaska pipeline should be environmentally sound and safe before it moves forward.

He doesn't believe cap and trade is a good idea. In Europe it has turned out to be a mess. A simple carbon tax everyone pays would work better. There would be a lower tax on natural gas than on oil. The tax would be highest on coal, he said.

When it comes to the environment, Stark said he is, "a guaranteed tree hugger." He is supportive of local efforts to maintain open space and build trails. "It falls to local communities to determine the direction they want to take. I don't want to engage in local planning issues. Once a decision has been made on where and what, I will try to obtain federal funds."

Immigration reform is of interest to California. Stark supports a guest worker program. Skilled workers can be brought in on temporary visas. Once the work is completed or if unemployment of American citizens goes up, the guest workers would go home.

Voting is becoming more difficult in some states where photo identification is now required to cast a ballot. The idea is to eliminate voter fraud. Stark said, "I don't think voter fraud is a major problem. There is not enough evidence to suggest there has been an impact on an election. We should be encouraging people to register, to make it easier for them to vote."

Health care reform has been a major focus of Stark's career in Congress. Stark voted for the Affordable Care Act that was signed into law in 2010. It is legislation that will finally guarantee affordable, quality health care to all Americans. It will extend coverage to 32 million uninsured Americans. Provisions include allowing parents to keep children on their health care program up to the age of 26; preventing providers from turning down patients with a preexisting condition; permission for states to review premium increases (something he says California is already doing); and elimination of the donut hole, or coverage gap for medicines, for seniors.

Stark authored the COBRA health continuation law in 1985 that has enabled millions of workers to temporarily maintain health coverage on their former employer's health plan while between jobs.

"I want to see universal health care become part of the country's fabric. A lot of fine tuning is needed to make it happen."

When it comes to Social Security, he would make some changes to prevent the system from going broke. One idea that has been put forth is to increase social security contributions by 3 percent. The problem, says Stark, is that that would impact the lower and middle income people. "I would like to find a way to have those with a higher income pay a

higher amount by including dividends and interest income as taxable."

Stark would also like to see some flexibility in the retirement age. Someone in a physically demanding job should be allowed to retire at an earlier age.

He said he worked with Republicans to pass Cobra and a law that allows foster children to be adopted across state lines and by members of the gay community. He worked with Republican Tom Delay on the measure.

Those are examples of what can be accomplished through cooperation, he said. He pointed out that the problem today is that Republicans won't allow any legislation to move forward for which the President could take credit. Other issues are the rigid stands of those who represent the Tea Party and evangelicals. They have brought religion into politics. The focus on issues, such as a woman's right to choose, takes away from being able to debate on major political issues such as the economy.

At age 80, Stark has been criticized for being too old to continue to serve. He said that the experience needed to serve isn't acquired in a year or so. It takes time to learn a job. "As long as I feel physically and mentally capable, I will continue. I don't intend to stay on in a wheelchair with the need of attendants to perform my job."

He said he would like continue until he finishes his work on health care. "I haven't found age to be a factor, other than I walk more slowly."

ERIC SWALWELL

Eric Swalwell is a two year Dublin City Councilmember. He previously served on the planning commission. His job is that of deputy district attorney in Alameda County.

Swalwell said he is challenging Stark because he believes this area needs a champion in Congress in order to add jobs and upgrade education. Swalwell said that high tech and advanced manufacturing jobs will lead to an increase in exports, to the benefit of all.

He would attempt to bring the government and business together to create jobs. He pointed out that Dublin has seen job growth by being flexible and offering creative enticements that have attracted large employers. An example is Greybar Electric, which brought 400 jobs to the city. The enticement was sales tax reimbursement.

He pointed out that the world is changing rapidly. He said he understands there is a need for education to change to meet job needs of the 21st century. "The U.S. needs an educated workforce. It needs to invest in education."

Swalwell would work to repeal "No Child Left Behind," if he were elected. He pointed out that although there are requirements for schools to meet federal standards, there is no funding to help them do so. He would shift funding to meet local needs to empower local teachers, administrators, parents and students to make the decisions for their schools.

The nation also needs to invest in innovation, he continued. "Other countries invest in research and development. The federal government should not be the sole investor at the table. Business and industry need to be there as well." The Livermore Valley Open Campus and i-GATE are examples of programs where investment by the government could lead to greater economic opportunities. "Congressman Garamendi understood the importance of fueling both. Now we need to get off the ground, to fill the available space."

Swalwell added, "I am a big supporter of the national laboratories. I would make sure they are fully funded. Research can produce outcomes that may not have been intended in the beginning, yet can contribute to the economy when fully developed. The attacks on science are short-sighted. He said that Alameda

County is currently considering establishing a pilot program that could help contain medical costs. Fire stations would serve as medical clinics. There are trained paramedics on site. It would take the pressure off emergency rooms.

Asked about open space preservation, Swalwell said decisions should remain under local control. If the federal government can assist in stewardship through a purchasing partnership, he would be willing to look into it.

Swalwell said he would like to lead when it comes to immigration reform. He would take a three pronged approach: enable economic opportunity, promote community and strengthen the family. A road map to citizenship would be created. "Right now we are sweeping the program under the rug. There are people who want to be in this country, to work and pay taxes. We don't allow that to happen. I would be welcoming to those who want to play by the rules."

"On the other hand, the small percentage who create serious and violent crimes aren't being dealt with either. We need a real policy that removes them from our country. We don't do that now," stated Swalwell. Voting rights are an issue because of laws passed by some states requiring photo ID. "It appears to be an effort that disenfranchises some. There are measures in place to deal with any fraud that may occur. I'd like to see the voter list grow, not be reduced."

He is supportive of a woman's right to choose. He would also like to strive to make sure equal pay for equal work becomes a reality.

When it comes to energy, there is no national green

energy policy, said Swalwell. "This area could lead the way. There is research at the laboratories and there are companies investing in green energy. The goal would be to reduce our dependence on foreign oil." He would make the research and development tax credit permanent.

"There are 1.1 million buildings owned by the federal government. Just making the lighting more efficient by replacing lights with LEDs would result in a one-third reduction in the cost of energy. It would create thousands of jobs." He would like to see a federal initiative to deal with energy use and policies, similar to the highway initiative launched by Eisenhower.

"We struggle to think big when trying to achieve anything. We have an incremental government, thinking in 60, 90-day bills," he said. Swalwell said he is ready to work with anyone willing to work with him. "There will be some obstructionists, who signed pledges who will hold the government hostage. Government has done many good things. Air is cleaner; water is safer to drink; there is a retirement program for seniors. I'm a proud Democrat. But the party doesn't have a monopoly on wisdom and good ideas. People are frustrated. I think the open primary system in California will help to weed out some of the fringe elements," he stated.

One idea he would like to implement is what he calls mobile Congress. It would connect representatives with constituents through regular videoconferencing and teleconferencing. "The current system is not serving us well. Representatives live in Washington and are surrounded by lobbyists and special interests groups."

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for disabled veterans and others with post-traumatic stress disorder.

9) Our efforts to preserve, restore, and maintain the historic Hagemann Ranch continue as funds are available. Many projects have already been finished with volunteers from Rotary and other organizations in the Tri-Valley.

The work the Board of Directors has done has been possible because of their competent, forward thinking and with the competency of the new program staff. We hope the community will be patient and supportive as we continue to strive to realize the wonderful dream that Hoofprints owns. We still face many challenges. Funds to manage and maintain the property cannot come from

the therapeutic program, which barely covers its own costs. Scholarships to allow more low income children to participate are greatly needed. We cannot grow new programs or restore the property without a stable financial base. We will always need volunteers. Included in the need for volunteers, we are looking to the community for people with strong back grounds in non-profit governance to join the board of directors.

We are optimistic that the period of internal strife is over. The organization is sound and our gait is steady. The continued harping of Ms. Hogan and others has hurt our dedicated corps of 150 volunteers, our staff, and the Board. It created needless uncertainty and stress among our student families. Enough, please.

Luncheon Talk to Focus on Economic Development

California Community College Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan will be the guest speaker for the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, September 26th Wine Country Luncheon.

It will be held at at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road.

Ton-Quinlivan's focus is on economic development. She believes that the opportunity exists to become the essential catalyst in California's economic recovery and job creation at the local, region and state levels. She will explain how her new initiative "Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy" can benefit the Tri-Valley community.

Ton-Quinlivan was recently cited for her work by Thomas Friedman in the New York Times. She was the architect of PowerPathway, a nationally recognized best practice model in workforce development.

The luncheon, which starts at 11:30 am, also features the first annual "Leading the Way for Education Awards," which go to a small and large business for their dedication to area education. This year's award-

ees are Lam Research and the American Swimming Academy.

When Lam located its manufacturing facility in Livermore they immediately reached out to community and education leaders to establish an annual scholarship program for both Livermore high schools.

The American Swim Academy will be saluted for its annual American Swim Academy Walk for Education - an effort that totals more than 500 volunteer hours each year. The money raised goes to schools.

Another addition to this luncheon, the last in the Chamber's series of Summer Wine Country luncheons, is a small expo prior to the luncheon program in Wente's visitor's center. The expo will show the work of the winner of the Livermore School Rocks video contest. Area schools will be given the opportunity to showcase their innovative programs at booths set up in the visitor's center.

To register for this luncheon, please call Livermore Valley Chamber at 925 447-1606 or go to www.livermorechamber.org

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far for the next school year has raised \$243,000.

"This is extremely exciting. We never launched a year as successful as this," said Covello.

The \$243,000 already meets the goal for the first level of funding for the elementary schools. Just \$138,000 there will add hours for reading specialists and tech specialists. Reaching a plateau of \$270,000 would add more hours to both of the job categories.

If \$601,000 were raised, the district could add class size reduction for first grade, cutting each class from 30 students to 25.

Class size reduction could occur in middle schools and high schools through the addition of class sections. No money goals were established for middle school or high school in terms of adding back personnel or programs.

To support students, PPIE recommends donating \$350 for the school year for elementary students, and \$200 for students at the other two levels. Although parents have been the biggest supporters, the invitation for support is extended to all community residents.

The donor year would end March 31, 2013, in time for PPIE to tell the board how the final sum could help the budget in the next school year.

Covello said that among 12 comparison districts that

have nonprofit fund-raising arms like PPIE, Pleasanton and Moraga are the only two that have no parcel tax. Moraga collects an average of \$750 from its supporters.

Participation rates in these Bay Area foundations range from 50 to 80 percent. Pleasanton has received only 15 percent support. PPIE wants to raise the level to 50 percent participation by parents and community members.

PARCEL TAX IS BACKED

Several audience members spoke to the board about a parcel tax. Janelle Sloan said that when John Casey was superintendent, class size reduction was part of the parcel tax proposal. She would like to see the issue as an item for board discussion. The goal would be to try to pass a parcel tax for the 2013/14 school year.

Sloan and another speaker talked about the impact of the district's new scheduling for first-graders. With staggered reading periods, some children have the early period, some the late period. That takes more time out of the day's schedule for other subjects, adding up to three hours per week. They wanted to know what is not being taught as a result.

Later Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi responded that for the past two years, the district has enrolled one-third more students in grades

1 through 3. With the new schedule, Pleasanton is still meeting the state requirements for annual instruction time, she said.

Ahmadi has said in the past that nothing will fall out of the curriculum. Teachers adjust their teaching of other subjects to enable the schedule change.

Ahmadi also referred to a PPIE survey that showed some 74 percent of elementary school parents say that class sizes are the most important issue for them. The new schedule brings about smaller classes for reading, with an average of 15 in a class.

UNION CONCERNED ABOUT HOURS CUT

Another issue linked to staggered reading has been the reduction of hours for classified employees who help special education students.

They may be employed anywhere from two hours to eight hours per day, though few are serving eight hours, said Alex Sutton, president of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) local.

Sutton told the board that employee morale is lower, because people are losing 45 minutes per day from their schedules. That results in a loss in pay, since they are paid by the hour.

Employees already had agreed to concessions for next January if Prop. 30 fails. They might not have

agreed, if they had known they were going to have hours reduced, said Sutton.

Further, trustees spent \$10,000 from the general fund on a big-screen TV for the board room, better microphones, and i-pads, so they can have an electronic packet and clearer televising of meetings. The board said it is in line with the district's goal of good communication with the public.

However, the expenditure, at a time when the board said it would cut far away from the classroom, came as a surprise to the CSEA, said Sutton.

Sutton told The Independent that some members "are working for (medical) benefits only. We have to pay our benefits," said Sutton. Benefits for a family cost \$1500 per month. The district pays only \$400 of it, he said.

The \$400 is for full-time workers. If someone works two to four hours, they receive 25 percent of the benefits, and on up the scale at 50 and 75 percent, depending on how many hours a day an employee works.

"My four-hour (per day) people are mostly here for the benefits. It's all they receive," said Sutton. Otherwise they are relying on working spouses, if they are employed in these tough economic times, said Sutton.

Sutton said he will bring up the hours for staggered reading when he meets with

human relations assistant superintendent Bill Faraghan. "We'll let them know that morale is really bad in that area. We want to see if they are ready to remedy the issue," said Sutton.

On another item, Ahmadi said that the National Char-

ity League donated 250 packs full of school supplies for elementary school students. Only two packs were left by the middle of last week.

"It reminds us that in Pleasanton, we have people with a need for supplies," said Ahmadi.

Applications Being Accepted for County Boards

Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty is currently accepting applications from residents in the First Supervisorial District who are interested in serving on a countywide board or commission. The First District includes the cities of Dublin, Fremont, Livermore and unincorporated Areas of East County.

• Alameda County Commission on Aging: 1 Vacancy: The commission provides guidance to policymakers on senior issues and programming and advises in the allocation of funds for the Area Agency on Aging. Meetings: 9:30 a.m., 2nd Monday of each month, 6955 Foothill Blvd, Suite 300, Oakland

• Assessment Appeals Board: 1 Vacancy: Sit as County Board of Equalization. Applicants must have 5 years experience in CA as a CPA, public accountant, licensed real estate broker, an attorney, a property appraiser accredited by a nationally recognized professional organization, or a property appraiser Certified by the Office of Real Estate Meetings: As needed, usually Monday and Wednesday, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1221 Oak St., 5th Floor, Oakland.

• Mental Health Advisory Board: 2 Vacancies: Performs advisory functions on matters relating to mental health in Alameda County. Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month, Every Child Counts Conference Room, 1100 San Leandro Blvd., Suite 130, San Leandro.

• Public Health Commission: 1 Vacancy: Serves as advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and Health Care Services Agency in the areas of public health, primary care, criminal justice medical services. Meetings: 6:00p.m. 2nd Thursday of each month at 5400 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro

• Park, Recreation and Historical Commission: 1 vacancy: Advises the Board of Supervisors relating to beaches, parks, recreation and historical activities. Meetings: 1st Thursday of each month, 3:30pm. Dunsmuir Hellman Historical Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland.

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John Clark Burns

Feb 20, 1950-Sept 9, 2012

John has left us after battling cancer for twelve years and eleven years in dialysis. He grew up in Venice, CA, one of three children. He has two sisters, Jackie and Cookie. He was a beloved husband to his wife Maria for forty years. Their relationship was very special and unique. Everyone could see just by being with the two of them how much they loved each other. John is survived by three children Angela, David, and Suzy. He also has six grandchildren and six nieces and nephews that he loves so much.

All the people he met at dialysis grew to be family to him. No matter what, he touched everyone in a special way.

He was a fighter and was the bravest and strongest person we all knew. You could have long talks with him about any topic in the world and never lose interest. He could make a joke about anything and you could not help but laugh.

We all looked up to him as a person and a role model. No matter what the circumstances were he would do anything for us. He has helped us all many times in his own perfect way. We will all miss him each and every day. He will always be a special light in our heart.

My Uncle John is and will always be mine and I'm sure everyone else's true meaning of a man, father, and support giver to his family and friends. I love you Uncle John, now and for eternity, Kaitlyn Bulhoes.

We will forever miss you and love you and will always be in our hearts. With love Angela, David and Suzy.

Memorial service and a Chapel Blessing were held Friday, September 14, 2012, at Callaghan Mortuary, Livermore. Inurnment was private.

Ralph Gil

Ralph Gil passed suddenly on September 12, 2012. Longtime resident of Castro Valley, Ralph enjoyed life to the fullest. He enjoyed family, golf, traveling, woodwork, and restoring classic Chevy's. Ralph was devoted to his family and is survived by his wife of 53 years, Pauline; his sons, Daniel (Kathy) and Jeffrey (Denise); his grandchildren Anthony, Steven, Stephanie, Troy and Andrea; his great-grandchildren Steven and Gabby; sister Isabel Suoja; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were

Tuesday, September 18th at Holy Angels Funeral & Cremation Center, Hayward.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Heart Association.

Ellen Louise Creech

Resident of Livermore

Ellen Louise Creech, 73, passed in to the eternal hands of the Father on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 6:15 p.m.

Ellen was the sole surviving child of Donald and Ruth Bader, born in Mahtomedi MN. She is survived by her son Mark Hartley, daughter-in-law Amy Hartley, and two grandsons Joshua and Cory, as well as her son David Hartley and son-in-law Stephen Brainerd. Ellen's family was with her as she passed over into the Father's hands with great courage and strength. She will be remembered for her constant will to fight all adversity which she was confronted with.

In honoring her wishes a private graveside service was held at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Livermore, Ca.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Dorothy G. Inderbitzen

Resident of Pleasanton, Ca

Dorothy Inderbitzen, passed away on September 1, 2012 because of heart failure. She was laid to rest in a private burial at sea according to her wishes.

Dorothy was born in San Diego California on November 9, 1923 to Alexander W. and Germaine Forbes while her father served in the Navy. She grew up in Dublin, California, attending a one room school with many other heritage families in the area and later attended Amador Valley High School. She was married to Charles Inderbitzen on September 9, 1941.

She is survived by her four sons, Charles (and wife Sandy) of Livermore Ca, Edward of Brentwood California, Martin (and Barbara) of Pleasanton California and Benjamin (and Prudence) of Linden North Carolina. Dorothy is also survived by several loving grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as her brothers Emile Oxsen and George Oxsen of Pleasanton California and Peter Oxsen of Smith Valley Nevada. She will be dearly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles who passed in 1978, broth-

ers Edward Forbes, Ernest Oxsen and sister Margaret Inderbitzen.

The family wishes to thank ValleyCare Health System, along with the many doctors, nurses and care givers that treated her with care and dignity in her final hours.

Sandy Maestas Norwood

Our beloved Sandy Maestas Norwood passed away suddenly on September 7, 2012. She was 45 years old. Born in Livermore on

July 25, 1967, to her mom Vera Maestas Treadway and dad Ray Maestas Jr. whom she loved very much. Vera passed in 2001 survived by husband TR Treadway. Ray resides currently in Prescott Az., with his wife Patty.

Sandy left behind the two loves of her life, her sons Joseph Norwood 26 and Ryan Norwood 23 both from Livermore. She loved them with all her heart, and was so proud of them. She left behind a husband Joe Norwood, mother-in-law Lupe Prince and Joe's siblings Tim, and iarbi. She is survived by her sister Lisa Andrews, brother-in-law Howard and their sons Josh and Garrett; brother Don Maestas, sister-in-law Lori and their daughters Michelle, Kelley and Nicole; brother Tony Maestas and his daughter Courtney. She is also survived by very special friends, loved ones and family w howill miss her dearly.

Sandy lived with a spirit of faith and hope for a simple and happy life. She will be an angel among us and remembered forever as a loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt, friend and special someone. She is now at peace as God has called her home.

Services were held at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Josephine Tompkins, born August 14, 1921, passed away peacefully September 11, 2012 surrounded by her loving family. Josephine "Tomi" Tompkins lived an extraordinary life rich with blessings, love and laughter. She lost her wonderful husband Russell more than 43 years ago and singlehandedly continued to raise their five beautiful children alone with courage, tenacity and perseverance. A

Rhonda Mary Conlon

Nov. 30, 1952-Sept. 6, 2012

Rhonda Conlon passed

away on Thursday, September 6, 2012, after a long illness and hard fought battle. She was a resident of Pleasanton for 19 years and very active in the community. Rhonda participated and sponsored numerous charities and fundraisers for schools, local causes, and national organizations.

Rhonda is survived by her husband Bill, her four sons, Mike, Chris, Rob, and Billy. She also leaves behind her mother Clara, her sisters, Andrea, Wendy, Laurie, and five grandchildren, Paul, Brayden, Justin, Landon, and Luci.

In a final tribute to their mother, her sons have written:

Everyone knows life is unpredictable and you never know what might happen from one day to the next. Our mother Rhonda raised four boys through good times and some challenging times. We loved her as she stood behind us and supported us no matter the circumstances. She had a big heart when it came to all of the wonderful charities she supported, her friends, and loving family. Throughout her life, our mother instilled many important lessons and values in us. She will forever be in our hearts and we will love her always....

Donations in remembrance can be made to either: ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, 1111 East Stanley Blvd, Livermore, CA 94550 or Taylor Family Foundation, 5555 Arroyo Rd., Livermore, CA 94550.

Josephine P. Tompkins



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Josephine "Tomi" Tompkins lived an extraordinary life rich with blessings, love and laughter. She lost her wonderful husband Russell more than 43 years ago and singlehandedly continued to raise their five beautiful children alone with courage, tenacity and perseverance. A

first generation American, born of Luxembourg heritage, WWII Second Lieutenant Army nurse and cowgirl at heart, she knew how to work hard and play harder. She was a tireless volunteer for both the Veteran's Hall (VFW) and Kaiser, earning Volunteer of the Year, and an Outstanding Senior Award.

If life had the perfect guide book, Tomi would have been the author. She knew instinctively all that is right and good to do and say in one's life. She tackled every challenge as an opportunity, using smiles and laughter as her tools. Her number one priority was always her family, but she never failed to welcome and nurture those with whom she came into contact with every day. She lived enormously in the present, grateful for all grace and blessings no matter how big or small. She not only loved with a passion, she spoke her heart so that all who knew her felt cherished and adored.

She wore her faith proudly about her, touching us all with the peace and hope that the Lord offers. Most of all, she showed us how to live. To live out loud, joyfully... forever young at heart and big in spirit. No one who ever met her would forget her, least of all her extensive family. Tomi, you will forever be a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, daughter, wife, sister, aunt, and friend. God speed you to the heart of Heaven and let the angels rejoice at your arrival.

She is survived by her children Gary (Teri) Tompkins, Carol Tompkins Stevenson, Daniel (Toni) Tompkins, Anita (Bill) Kiraly, Marti (Rod) McGrew, 15 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial service to be held on Friday, September 28, 10 am, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Vacaville, 1791 Marshall Road, Vacaville CA 95687. Following that will be a "Celebration of Life" reception at noon at the Vacaville

Veterans Hall, 549 Merchant St., Vacaville CA 95688. In lieu of flowers, donations to Veterans of Foreign Wars post 7244 or Yolo Hospice, 1909 Galileo Court, Ste. A, Davis CA 95618 would be appreciated.

Clinton Theron McFaddin

Resident of Livermore, CA July 26, 1941 - August 26, 2012

Clinton Theron McFaddin passed away on Sunday (8/26/2012) of Pneumonia. He touched many lives with his gentle and fun loving spirit. Clint (as he liked to be called) was born in San Francisco and graduated from South City High School in South San Francisco. He worked as a Dairyman for Lucky Stores for 34 years. He then worked for Monument and World Pac Car Parts for 12 years and retired in 2010.

Clint is survived by his loving wife Jackie; devoted children Traci McFaddin of San Jose, Tim McFaddin of Ahwahnee, and four grandchildren, Stephanie and Kallie McFaddin of Huntington Beach, Jordan Prescott and Auleena Scurry of San Jose. He is also survived by two sisters Patricia Guaraldi of Pacifica and Cam McFaddin of San Francisco. His loving spirit will be missed by all who knew him.

Amongst his many loves were bowling, playing cards with his friends and going to the casinos. He was a member of Granada Bowl Match Club for many years.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life at Granada Bowl in Livermore on October 13 at 6:00 p.m. Donations can be made in his name to the American Lung Society Association.

Please see Tribute at www.tributes.com/clintonmcfaddin

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Miniature beaded baskets, Pomo, c.1900 (Mendocino and Napa counties) will be on display in the American Masterpieces exhibition at Museum on Main.

Basketry Topic of Museum Event

California Indian basketry is one of the greatest textile traditions of the world, extending some 5,000 years into the past. The Museum on Main is proud to host a free, special public event on Saturday, September 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. where attendees will learn about regional traditions, the uses of various basket types, and the ceremony surrounding basket making and their use.

This event is offered in conjunction with the temporary exhibition *American Masterpieces: The Legacy of California Indian Basketry*, originally developed for the California Museum in Sacramento.

Dixie Rogers, of Karuk descent, will kick off the event at 11 a.m. in a presentation on the collection and traditional preparation of basket weaving materials and she will demonstrate weaving techniques from 1 to 2 p.m. Guest curator of the exhibition and author of the exhibit catalogue *Essential Art: Native Basketry from the California Indian Heritage Center*, Brian Bibby is scheduled to speak at 12 p.m.

American Masterpieces: The Legacy of California Indian Basketry is presented in conjunction with California State Parks, the CA Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The exhibit is on display through October 14, 2012.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main Street in historic downtown Pleasanton. For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's web site at www.museummain.org or phone 925.462.2776.

Wine Country Report: Crush Underway

by Laura Ness

It's fitting that September is California Wine Month, as the harvest heat has been slowly turning up the wick. Many have already harvested Sauv Blanc, including the 3 Steves, who obtained some fruit from Ghielmetti, and are pondering different approaches in the cellar. They've never made a Sauv Blanc before. They might want to give Mark Clarin of McGrail a buzz: he knows a thing or two about awesome SB. He's been making killer SB under the Picazzo label, and has some 2012, also

from Ghielmetti, fermenting in the McGrail cellar.

The tallest of the 3 Steves, Steve Ziganti, told me that they were urgently wanting more Cab Sauv and Chardonnay, as the gig at Swirl is going far better than ever anticipated. "We don't have enough wine, and we don't have enough grapes," he offered, noting that he had contracted for all the Cab at the Folkend Vineyard, but did not know whether he would actually get any or not, due to the continuing legal wrangling over what can only be called the "White

Crane Tornado" debacle. This whirling dervish of discontent and financial funderol has been spinning at a frenzied pace, towards what the Steves had hoped would be a proper resolution.

Meanwhile, life goes on at the crushpads around the valley. Chris Graves picked some gorgeous Chardonnay for the reserve program on Tuesday, Sept 11, and although it wasn't quite at the sugar level he wanted, he was happy with the flavors and is planning to do two more picks to give himself all the layers he needs to make what might be his best Chardonnay yet. His white wine press allows him to only process 2 tons at a time. It takes 4 hours to complete a cycle, including loading and cleaning between lots. This means he can realistically crush only 6 tons per day in 3 cycles, before the crew is spent and sleep becomes the only logical conclusion. He's still waiting for the Pinot Blanc from Buttner and the Pinot Grigio and Pinot Noir from Arroyo Seco (Wente fruit). With some new stainless tanks at his disposal, he's probably going to give a stainless Pinot Grigio a go this year: he typically does neutral barrel ferments with some new oak thrown in for a bit of richness, but he wants to explore the crisper style. Looking forward to that, too. The reds are weeks away. He anticipates utter pandemonium in October at the rate we're going.

Fenestra Winery is celebrating California Wine Month by hosting its annual Harvest Wine Tasting event on Saturday, September 22nd and Sunday, September 23rd from noon to 5 pm both days. Fenestra's 36th harvest is already in full swing, with Verdelho, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay already crushed. Winemaker Meredith Miles says they're doing custom crush for a couple of local clients as well, meaning they're hopping busy.

Speaking of Wine Month, America's rail line, AM-TRAK, will highlight two wines from America's oldest, continuously operated family-owned winery, Wente Vineyards, on the Coast Starlight train. Both the ever-present "Morning Fog" Chardonnay and popular "Southern Hills" Cabernet Sauvignon, will be featured through September. 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of Wente Vineyards bring-

ing Chardonnay cuttings from France to California, which has become the most widely planted Chardonnay clone in the state. Wente wines are served aboard top international airlines and cruise lines, including American Airlines, Delta, Virgin, United, Regent Seven Seas, Oceania Cruises, Princess Cruises and Celebrity Cruise Lines. On a recent flight to the east coast on Virgin America, I can vouch for the presence of Wente wines on the menu. A train ride sounds fun, though. At least you can bring your own corkscrew aboard.

TVC's "Jeans & Jewels" Goes Great Gatsby

Get your tickets now for what looks to be a very fun evening at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery as the Tri Valley Conservancy throws its annual Jeans & Jewels fundraiser on Thursday, October

4. The Great Gatsby theme means there will definitely be stronger juice offered during the cocktail hour. Rumor has it that attendees will be treated to some of that lovely Concannon Irish Whiskey that's partially aged in used Petite Sirah barrels. This stuff is pretty nifty, and goes down with some smooth, sweet heat. Now there's a way to celebrate the end of Prohibition!

What a fun collection of auction items these folks have for your bidding pleasure this year. We'll reveal some of them next week, but suffice it to say, there will be something for everyone, from exotic ski cabins to a rafter of golf packages to jewelry. Call the Tri Valley Conservancy at 449-8706 to purchase tickets or go to their website, trivalleyconservancy.org. Tickets are \$95 per person until Sept 23rd, \$105 thereafter.

Urban Farmer Authors At the Dublin Library

Authors Novella Carpenter and Willow Rosenthal, discuss their new book, *The Essential Urban Farmer* at the Dublin Library, Saturday, Sept. 22 starting at 3:30 pm.

The Essential Urban Farmer is an indispensable nuts-and-bolts guide to farming in the city, complete with sample garden designs and detailed illustrations.

Novella Carpenter is an urban farmer and journalist based in Oakland, California. She is the author of the best-selling book *Farm*

City: The Education of an Urban Farmer. Her work has appeared on Salon.com, in Mother Jones, Food & Wine, and elsewhere.

Willow Rosenthal is the founder of City Slicker Farm in Oakland, California. She serves on the City Slicker Farms Board, teaches adults and children about urban gardening, and consults with various groups to implement urban farming strategies.

Copies of their book will be available for purchase and signing.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The Volker Striffler Band was among those performing last weekend during the Guitar Fest Live event in downtown Livermore. The event was an opportunity to get up-close and personal with legendary guitarists as they shared their tips, techniques and talents. Larry Carlton performed at the Bankhead Theater. The free clinics at ABC Music were well attended.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 468269

The following person(s) doing business as: Details, 1145 Hillcrest Court, Livermore, CA 94550, is

hereby registered by the following owner(s): Christa Robbins, 1145 Hillcrest Court, Livermore, CA 94550

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

Signature of Registrants: Christa Robbins, Wedding and Event Planner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 7, 2012. Expires August 7, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3302. Published August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 2012.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Livermore Brewing Company, 10013 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA 94550, is

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Signature of Registrants: Gregory J. Lynch

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 468972

The following person(s) doing business as: EQUUBE Inc, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is

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This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/13/2001.

Signature of Registrants: Yuchen Jessica Liao

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 468975

The following person(s) doing business as: Gratia Property Management, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is

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This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/31/2012.

Signature of Registrants: Yuchen Jessica Liao, Broker/Owner & CEO

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The Independent Legal No. 3307. Published September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 469090

The following person(s) doing business as: UDS, 5885 La Ribera St, Livermore, CA 94550, is

hereby registered by the following owner(s): John Scheall, 5610 Starboard Dr, Discovery Bay, CA 94505

This business is conducted by an individual

The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/29/2012.

Signature of Registrants: John Scheall

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on August 29, 2012. Expires August 29, 2017.

The Independent Legal No. 3308. Published September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2012.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ORDER DECLARING STATUS OF NEWSPAPER AS ONE OF GENERAL CIRCULATION (Gov. C §6021)

No. HG12646076 Superior Court of California,

County of Alameda.

In the Matter of the Petition of EMBARCADERO MEDIA To Have the Standing of the Pleasanton Weekly as a Newspaper of General Circulation Ascertained and Established.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 11, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Dept. 31, Law and Motion Department of the above-entitled court, located at 201 13th Street, Oakland, California, Petitioner intends to apply for an Order declaring the Pleasanton Weekly to be a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Pleasanton, County of Alameda, State of California.

Dated: August 30, 2012 WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, Petitioner

VERIFIED PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AND ESTABLISH STANDING AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION (Gov. C §6008, §6020)

No. HG12646076 Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

In the Matter of the Petition of EMBARCADERO MEDIA To Have the Standing of the Pleasanton Weekly as a Newspaper of General Circulation Ascertained and Established.

Petitioner WILLIAM JOHNSON alleges:

1. Petitioner is the President and Chief Executive Officer of EMBARCADERO MEDIA.

2. EMBARCADERO MEDIA is a California corporation and owner of the newspaper known as the Pleasanton Weekly.

3. Said newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the City of Pleasanton, having a circulation of approximately 14,000.

4. Said newspaper has within said city for which it seeks adjudication as a newspaper of general circulation, a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers which constitutes a substantial distribution to paid subscribers in Pleasanton, California.

5. The Pleasanton Weekly has been established, in existence under the specified name, Pleasanton Weekly, and published, issued from the place where the news-

paper is sold to or circulated among the people and its subscribers, at regular intervals of not less than weekly in Pleasanton, California, for more than 12 years prior to the date of the petition.

6. The Pleasanton Weekly has maintained a minimum coverage of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character of not less than 25 percent of its total inches during each year of the three-year period prior to the date of this petition.

7. The Pleasanton Weekly has only one principal office of publication and that office is 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, California 94566, which is in the city for which it is seeking adjudication.

WHEREFORE, PETITIONER PRAYS for judgment ascertaining and establishing Pleasanton Weekly as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in §6008 of the Government Code, for the City of Pleasanton, County of Alameda, State of California.

DATED: August 29, 2012 at Palo Alto, California.

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, Petitioner

VERIFICATION

I, WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, declare:

I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of EMBARCADERO MEDIA, the publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly, and I am duly authorized to make this declaration.

I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof are true and correct.

If called upon to testify, I could competently attest to all of the facts stated in the petition.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Declaration was executed on August 29, 2012 at Palo Alto, California.

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, Petitioner

The Independent Legal No. 3310. Published September 13, 20, 2012.

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NO. RG12635901

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Why This Is a Good Time to Buy Real Estate

By Cher Wollard

You're a first-time homebuyer, or you'd like to be. You have been waiting for just the right time to purchase. After all, you don't want to pay too much.

Or your family needs a larger home. Maybe you received a windfall — an inheritance, an IPO, a big tax refund — and you want to invest in your family's future. Maybe you've been advised that owning rental property would be good for your portfolio.

Or you ran into some difficulty — a short sale or foreclosure, bankruptcy or loan modifications. It's been a few years. Can you buy again?

The answer for many folks is yes, yes, yes and yes. According to the East Bay Development Alliance, in its 2012 report: "Economic indicators point to a better year for the East Bay as the region continues down the path of recovery..."

"The cost of residential real estate in the East Bay remains at historic lows, while the cost of commercial real estate in the East Bay remains the most affordable in the Bay Area, which will likely attract the attention of the new and growing businesses that benefit from the continuing economic growth of the region."

In other words: Prices are good; the economy is improving. **Homes are affordable**

In most parts of the Bay Area prices for residential real estate are down about 35 percent from the peak in 2007. But they are headed back up.

In Livermore, for example, we've seen median sales prices climb from \$410,000 in August 2011 to \$451,000 last month, an increase of about 8 percent.

The median price paid for all new and resale houses and condos sold in the Bay Area last month was \$410,000 — up 10.8 percent from \$370,000 a year ago, according to DataQuick, the well-regarded real estate information service. Homes on the market in many Bay Area communities — including the Tri-Valley — are generating multiple offers, pushing prices even higher.

Most analysts predict prices will continue to rise, although possibly not quite as fast. So waiting is likely to mean you'll pay more for a similar home six months or a year from now.

At least as importantly, interest rates are at historic lows.

Low prices plus low interest rates equals high affordability in terms of monthly mortgage payments.

The Bay Area has long held a reputation as an expensive place to live. But the affordability index for this region was 35 percent for the second quarter of this year. That means about one-third of Bay Area households can afford to purchase a median-priced, existing single-family home here.

That's down from 45 percent in the first quarter, but considerably better than in years past when it hovered around the 25 percent mark.

Suzanne Yost, president of the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors, said affordability is still at "reasonable levels." In second-quarter 2006, only 12 percent of California homebuyers could afford to purchase a median-priced home. Prices were higher then, of course, and so were interest rates.

"At that time, the interest rate was at 6.39 percent," Yost said.

With interest rates on mortgages hovering in the 4 percent range, buyers can purchase a lot more home with their monthly payments — at least for now.

In fact, those monthly payments may even be lower than they are currently spending on rent.

Rents are rising

It's not just home prices that are rising — rents are up too. That's good news for would-be investors and added incentive for those considering making the plunge into homeownership.

And for first-time homebuyers who don't quite have enough cash for a downpayment plus closing costs, there are programs designed to help. Federal programs such as the HUD American Dream Grant and the California Housing Agency's CHDAP program provide downpayment assistance.

Some municipalities, including Livermore and Dublin, currently have below-market priced homes available for sale to qualified buyers.

Other buyers also have incentives to move quickly. Investors have been buying up properties at robust rates for the past several years — and they are still in the game.

That makes the lower end of the market especially competitive. For move-up buyers, this is a winning combination. You can expect a quick sale at a good price on your current home, and less competition for the higher-priced home you want to purchase.

Those who lost homes can buy again

What if you have been out of the real estate market for a few years? Perhaps your family went through difficult financial times and had to sell your home short or even walk away from it.

If you have a short sale, foreclosure, loan modification or bankruptcy on your record, and it's been a few years, you may be eligible to own your own home again.

Folks with short sales on their records whose credit is otherwise good may qualify for conventional financing after four years and for FHA financing after three years, according to Karen Long, mortgage specialist with Wells Fargo in Livermore.

"And if there's a compensating factor — you had a medical crisis or job relocation — you may be able to get a mortgage even sooner," she said.

Karen Bartholomew of Summit Funding said different mortgage programs have different guidelines.

"The guidelines say a three to seven year wait after foreclosures, short sales or loan modifications. Although it all depends on loan amounts and loan products," she said. "For bankruptcies, it's two to four years."

"They all have different time lines. On a loan modification, if you did not have a principal reduction and you have no late payments, you could get a loan right away."

Long noted that guidelines are constantly shifting. "With what's going on in the environment, maybe we'll see some changes," she said. "But on a case-by-case basis."

If you are in this situation, you may even qualify for first-time homebuyer programs. Those programs generally define "first-time homebuyers" as anyone who has not owned a home or taken a homeowner's tax deduction for the past three years.

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Cruisers Gear Up for Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show

By Carol Graham

During the quietest hour of the night, 4 a.m., long after Saturday night revelers have gone home and the streets are deserted and cool, the first cars will start coming.

In the dark, only brief flashes of metal suggest the fanfare the new day will bring: thousands of visitors, a parade, music, food, and cars, hundreds of them, gleaming and opened up to allow visitors an up-close glimpse into yesterday.

On Sunday, September 30, the Altamont Cruisers will host its 23rd Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show in downtown Livermore. The show kicks off at 9 a.m. following a Color Guard presentation and the National Anthem. The fundraising event is free to all, with monies earned - from raffles, donations, entrance fees and sponsorships - going to Tri-Valley youth groups.

"Our motto is 'Cruisers Against Drugs.' One of our main goals is to support organizations and charities that help keep our kids off drugs and alcohol," said member Mario Seropian.

More than 600 classic cars, muscle cars, street rods and custom cars are expected, including last year's grand prize winner: a blue and white '58 Oldsmobile that appears on this year's T-shirts.

"It's a sweet car," said Cruisers President Ken Reichmuth. "It was in the San Francisco Giants World Series parade."

With the event's primary focus on raising funds and providing fun, awards are not based on the strict guidelines of many car shows.

"Some participants have asked us how we pick our award winners," states the club's web site. "Several years ago, we did away with trying to have 'classes.' Today, we try to keep it simple. Judges select their favorite vehicle on the basis of, 'I would like to take this one home.'"

Some of the 40 awards presented will include the Mayor's Award, Judge's Choice, Chairman's Award, Best Nostalgia Day Car and the Memorial Award. Sponsors, including Caratti Jewelers, Davey Tree Service, Livermore Auto Group, CTR Motors, Specialty Sales Classics and Dublin Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, GMC, also get to honor their favorite cars. "We are very grateful to our sponsors and donors to make this a successful event," said Seropian.

The parade of winners will glide down First Street around 2:30. "This is the culmination of a lot of hard work for everyone involved with the show," said member Sally Haag. "It always makes me proud to see the cars roll down the street."

"We've had people schedule their weddings and even surgery around this car show just so they wouldn't miss it," said member Bernie Koegler. "We get a lot of comments like, 'This is the best show all year; when can I sign up for next for next year?'" For the Altamont Cruisers, the show starts in January. We work hard for nine months just so we can make this community a little bit better.

Or a lot better. The club has donated more than \$300,000 to local programs

over its 22-year history, earning nearly \$30,000 last year for 15 local charities, including Pleasanton's DARE program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), Livermore's Every 15 Minutes (a two-day enactment of a drunk driving accident and its fallout), Open Heart Kitchen, Valley Health Care Library, the Assistance League of Amador Valley, Axis Community Health, Good News Bears and Livermore and Granada High School Grad Nights.

"These organizations help to keep youth out of harm's way and out of trouble," said member Judy Guidry. "As club members, we're on the same page about helping the youth of the Tri-Valley get involved with activities where they can be safe and have a good time."

Deejays will play music from the 50s and 60s. Prizes will be raffled hourly. In the Bankhead Theater, a 32-foot track will host the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby. Downtown restaurants offer outside or window-side seating to watch the festivities while enjoying cool drinks and a warm meal.

The biggest draws remain the cars and the people who own them. "My best memories are just how beautiful the cars are," said Guidry. "Those who are showing their cars are so amazing to talk to - to just hear their stories about why they have these cars and some of their wonderful memories."

For member Dick Jones, his classic car story dates back more than four decades when his wife Dodie sent him downtown to buy an economical, air-conditioned, family sedan.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen
Kevin Shannon is rebuilding a 1968 American Motors AMX. He is a member of the Altamont Cruisers.

Jones returned home with a gold, two-year-old 1967 Pontiac GTO convertible. Perhaps the 10-miles per gallon wasn't so bad when gas only cost 34 cents a gallon, but the "air-conditioning" consisted of lowering the top and letting the wind rush around. It was clearly not what Dodie had had in mind. Jones remembers that the climate in the household was chilly for some time after the purchase. However, today Jones said that his wife claims the GTO as her car.

"There are always more and different cars at each show," said Jones. "The venue remains unchanged: bring your family, friends, and cars, and have a great time while supporting local charities."

PRIORITY

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operation.

However, the supervisors said that staff needs to undertake more work on the current draft, including trying to encourage development of solar facilities in urban areas, to help balance out the need for facilities on rural lands.

The county includes about 3900 acres of prime agricultural land, which is defined as relatively flat land, available for irrigation, with good soil conditions for growing crops.

The county's agricultural advisory commission has

recommended that prime agricultural land not be used for solar installations. Its chairman, Altamont rancher Darrell Sweet, suggested that ranch lands have important agricultural value, too, although they don't yield as much money per acre for their owners as do irrigated crops.

The comments by Haggerty and Miley focused on prime agricultural land. The solar arrays need some water available for cooling. It helps if the land is flat, so that the arrays can catch the sunlight for a long period each day. Further, the east Altamont is near facilities that can upload the electricity to the power grid.

An application to cover as much as 2700 acres of prime agricultural land in the Altamont was withdrawn a few months ago by Pegasus Energy Partners. Recent and current projects involve a 12 acre solar development, which is already completed, and a facility on 140 acres under construction in the Altamont.

As far as trying to shift some of the future solar load to urban areas, the county can accomplish only so much, according to supervisors. Castro Valley and nearby Cherryland and other committees are the only unincorporated urban areas in the county.

However, environmentalist Dick Schneider said that the county could be a leading example to cities in the county by streamlining the permit process, and looking at policies implemented by other cities, such as Davis.

On another point, Haggerty, whose district includes Livermore, said that he does not want to see any solar facilities in the South Livermore Plan outside of

the developable 2-acre envelope on properties there. The staff report discusses the possibility of going outside the envelope, for example, for larger wineries to generate more power for their own operations.

The staff report also talks about tying a host impact fee to the solar operators. Schneider told The Independent that he has a problem with that, unless the supervisors tie it to a clear connection to solar power's purpose, for example, helping to build solar in the urban core, or providing funds to help energy efficiency.

Schneider said that otherwise, supervisors might use the revenue for a pet project.

CLASSES

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burden on the health care system, or be less successful in taking care of themselves. It will affect the state of California," said Walters.

Walters has not had a chance to learn how many students at Las Positas or Chabot Colleges would be affected by the new policy.

Las Positas College president Kevin Walthers said that to some extent the colleges already have been prioritizing.

"Data show that courses considered personal enrichment are almost gone. We see the results of it in the median age of the student body, which is down to 21. We look more like a traditional college than what people think a community college should look like, with a lot of (somewhat older) adults," said Walthers.

The good news about the policy is that it does give priority to disabled students and students in Extended Opportunity and Services programs, programs that are intended to help students stay in school. Giving these groups priority will "help with the low-income and disadvantaged population," said Walthers.

Veterans and active military service people are at the top of the priority list, said Walthers, who has been a big promoter of building a community of veterans at the college.

"We have about 320 veterans on campus. We have provided them with their own center, where they come together to help each other with things such as the GI Bill and VA funding," said Walthers.

Walthers said that with fall 2014 as the goal for implementation, there will be enough time for the college to adjust to the policy.

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Senior Players Explore 'Shadow Falls' Mysteries

By Ron McNicoll

There is a pothole so big on a street in Shadow Falls that it brings a lot of business to a certain bed and breakfast in town, because people can't leave right away.

Is the pothole being retained by local officials as part of a nefarious plot to bring in more revenue to merchants and fines to the town? What about that elusive Pulitzer Prize winning writer who may have chosen the town as the perfect hiding place?

Will the out-of-town journalist break a big story about the writer's seclusion? Or will the reporter, and the editor who arrives later, also disappear into the black (pot)hole, and never be seen again by the outside world?

The answers will become clear on the weekend of Sept. 28 when the Pleasanton Senior Players present "You Can't Get There From Here."

This will be the second production for the group in their promotion from the senior center's multipurpose room to the Firehouse Arts Center where national luminaries sometimes grace the stage.

The actors love having professional stage lighting and dressing rooms, instead of the makeshift facilities at the senior center, said Joanne Dietrich, chair of the Senior Players.



The Pleasanton Senior Players rehearse the play "You Can't Get There From Here." Shown here (left to right) Jo, Cassidy and Lucinda, played by Jo Hunter, Jacki Hawk and Anne Pearson respectively, the town "Buttinksis" solve a puzzle while taking the chill out of the morning with their flask.

Just as with movie stars, the spotlight shines on them in public, too. "People recognize us at the Senior Center and the grocery store," said Dietrich.

Dietrich plays a role in the new play "as the bad guy," said director Barbara David. She expects the three performances will

come close to selling out, as they did last year, when she directed "The Hallelujah Girls."

Most of the audience are family and friends, since there is not a big publicity budget. Advertising is mostly word of mouth.

Senior Players performs one play each year. How-

ever, they present readings monthly from October to June for senior audiences at convalescent homes and apartment complexes.

There they are reading from books. The big challenge in the annual play is memorizing the lines, said David.

"Last year, they said,

'No way, we always need a prompter,' but they performed without a prompter," said David.

The results were good. There were a few fluffed lines and missed cues, but no more than in a play performed by any other company. "You have to cover for it, and remember

what your character is going to do," said David.

Memorizing is "exercise for you brain. It's a challenge for people at any age," said David.

The one deficiency in the senior company is the lack of men taking part, said Dietrich. They were lucky to have two men act out some Abbott and Costello routines in the Readers theater. In some productions, they have had to borrow men from the Asbury company.

Like the other Senior Players, Dietrich did not have any acting experience. "I'm convinced that you can do whatever you want to do. A neighbor used to take part in plays at the Senior Center and asked me if I was interested. I said 'no,' but then decided to go try it for the play 'Golden Girls'."

All the parts in "Golden Girls" were taken, but three weeks before performance one actor underwent surgery. "It was nerve wracking, but I've been there ever since," she said.

Opening night for "You Can't Get There From Here" is 7 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 28. There will be two more performances on Sept. 29 and 30 at 2 p.m.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets are available at the box office, at www.firehousearts.org or by calling 931-4848.

Livermore Valley Opera to Stage Puccini's Love Story

The Tri-Valley's regional opera company, the Livermore Valley Opera, presents Puccini's dramatic love story *La bohème*.

Performances are Oct. 6 and 13 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. The opening night gala celebration dinner will be held at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard at 4:30 p.m.

Making his LVO directorial debut with *La bohème*, is returning LVO favorite, baritone Eugene Brancoveanu, who will also sing the role of Marcello, a role for which he received a Tony Award in 2003.

"Eugene's Tony award-winning performance in the Broadway version of *La bohème* was a key factor in our choosing him to direct LVO's production," explains Elizabeth Wells, LVO's Executive Director. "He is also a favorite of LVO audiences since his thrilling and dramatic performance in the title role of Don Giovanni

(October, 2010)."

For Brancoveanu, *La bohème* has been a part of his life for the past 20 years. This production may be his first as director for LVO, but he has directed this opera before, and is his fourth time singing it.

"This is truly an amazing and a tremendous privilege for me," says Brancoveanu, of his directorial debut with LVO. "I have spent the last six months preparing for this opera. I've imagined the design of the set, lighting, costumes, staging entire acts in my head and casting the roles to finalize our stellar cast. Sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night and think 'Wow, rehearsals are just 15 days away. What did you get yourself into this time?'," he says jokingly. "Singing and staging one of, if not the most, beloved opera of all time, it's just amazing."

Brancoveanu's vision for *La bohème* is to bring



David Gustafson

the characters in Puccini's drama to an emotional level for the audience.

"I want to display for the audience the unbridled passion and intimacy between the characters," he explains. "I want the audience to feel the same heat that I as Marcello feel when Musetta kisses me violently at the end of Act Two. They must cry with Rodolfo's tears in Act Four and think with Colline's philosophic mind. While maintaining a sense of fundamental truth to the opera, I want the audience to feel as I do as director and performer, that every second of the characters' Bohemian existence is filled with the timeless struggle of keeping their dreams alive, even at the cost of their own lives. I want the audience to feel the characters' struggles, triumphs, joys, lust, and tragedies. This opera speaks



Marie Plette

to all and is why *La bohème* has endured for over 120 years and is going stronger than ever.

Also returning to LVO for this performance, singing the role of Mimi, is soprano and Metropolitan Opera artist Marie Plette, who sang the title role in LVO's production of *Tosca* earlier this year. LVO favorites also include tenor David Gustafson as Rodolfo, (*Tosca's* Cavaradossi) and bass-baritone Phillip Skinner, who convincingly portrayed the evil Scarpia alongside Plette in *Tosca*. Soprano Kristin Clayton will portray Musetta.

Though some opera companies shy from traditional productions of the most often performed operas like *La bohème*, LVO does not.

"Grand opera, the tried and true favorites, produced



Eugene Brancoveanu

in a traditional sense as the composers intended is what LVO does best," explains Wells. "This opera was built for the ages, it's timeless. With opulent sets, elaborate costumes and outstanding talent, LVO's productions are no longer a hidden treasure, but recognized as quality, professional experiences."

Opening Night Gala at Uncle's Yu's at the Vineyards: Gala ticket includes wine donated by Cuda Ridge Wines, and dinner at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, followed by a dessert reception in the Bankhead Theater. The welcome reception begins at 4:30 pm and seating at 5:30 pm at Uncle Yu's. Gala Tickets are \$75, and are available through Bankhead Theater box office.

Ice Cream & Opera: Sunday matinees of Livermore Valley Opera productions

offer a treat with ice cream for all at intermission.

Pre-opera talk: Included in the ticket price are pre-opera talks held one hour prior to curtain. LVO's traditional artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

Performances are at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are adults \$39-\$74; students 18 and younger \$10 off on all days, all seating sections (student ID required). Tickets may be purchased at the theater box office, www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Livermore Valley Opera continues its community outreach series of OperaLIVE! events when Brancoveanu, Platt and Gustafson will perform excerpts from *La bohème* as well as excerpts from other operas. These free one-hour events will take place on the following dates:

Sun., Sept. 23, 2:00 p.m. at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave.; Sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Library.

Sun., Sept. 30, 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Pleasanton; Sponsored by Friends of Pleasanton Library.



Flamenco Dance Company Performs at Bankhead

Caminos Flamencos Dance Company comes to Livermore's Bankhead Theater with *Flamenco Passion* for one performance only, September 28, 2012.

Featuring a lineup of artists from Spain and the U.S., *Flamenco Passion* offers a fusion of the grace, excitement, and passion that epitomizes the spirit of flamenco. Emmy Award-winning choreographer Yaelisa presents an evening of dance and music that includes Ravel's *Bolero* and other fiery dances, performed by a cast

of 16 artists utilizing piano, cello, tenor vocals, and virtuosic flamenco guitar. F

Flamenco Passion explores stylized concepts in flamenco using alternative music such as Iron and Wine's *Boy with a Coin*, featuring two of Spain's most highly regarded dancers, Antonio Arrebola and Oscar Valero. Caminos Flamencos Dance Company has established an international reputation, combining traditional and contemporary flamenco and celebrating the exhilarating spirit that

arises from flamenco's fierce fusion of dance, voice, percussion, and guitar, all under the expert musical direction of famed guitarist Jason McGuire "El Rubio."

The mission of Caminos Flamencos Dance Company is to create and present contemporary, traditional and theatrical dance programs showcasing artists from Spain and the U.S., which reflect the changing face of flamenco in the 21st century. Their programs seek to preserve the legacy of Spain's rich artistic heritage, and

bring them to people of all backgrounds.

For information about Caminos Flamencos Dance Company, please visit www.caminosflamencos.com. *Flamenco Passion* is brought to Livermore in part through generous sponsorship by Elaine and Tony LaRussa.

The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First Street in downtown Livermore. Tickets may be purchased at the box office, online at www.bankheadtheater.org or by calling 373-6800.

Two Featured Poets Will Read at Ravenswood

The City of Livermore and poet laureate Cher Wollard invite the public to attend a special literary event at Ravenswood Historic Site on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. Featured will be poets Camille Dungy and Maria Rosales.

Camille T. Dungy is the author of *Smith Blue*, *Suck on the Marrow*, and *What to Eat, What to Drink, What to Leave for Poison*. She edited *Black Nature: Four Centuries of African American Nature Poetry* and co-edited the *From the Fishhouse* (cq)

anthology.

Her honors include an American Book Award, two Northern California Book Awards, a California Book Award silver medal, a fellowship from the NEA, and two NAACP Image Award nominations.

Dungy is a professor in the Creative Writing department at San Francisco State University.

Maria Rosales was born in London, and has lived in Europe, North Africa, Canada, and Hawaii before settling in California.

Her poems have appeared in *Byline*, *Poetry Depth Quarterly*, *Poetalk*, *Meridian*, *Contra Costa Times*, *Nashville Newsletter*, and *The Dirty Napkin* as well as several anthologies.

She has won awards from the Ina Coolbrith Circle, Artists Embassy International, and Benicia Historical Museum's Annual Competition.

Rosales hosted the Primo Poets series in the East Bay for several years. She has produced several Ekphrastic works combining poetry

and art, and several dance/poetry pieces with Moving Arts Dance, and serves on the board of directors for the Ina Coolbrith Circle.

Rosales is a contributing editor for ARTBEAT. During the day, she "bluffs her way through a left-brained job as an I.T. professional."

Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore.

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

Mixed Media Show Opens at the Bankhead Theater



Walter Davies: "Triple Arch"



Nicole Wakeman: "Oceana Azul"

Davies explores media on several levels.

Wakeman explores the impact of texture colliding with color. Fenton delves into the complexity of the female form expressed as collage, and Davies captures the detail of our natural world through large format camera work and emulsions.

The Lobby and Founder's Room exhibits are open during theater performances. They will also be open during ArtWalk on Saturday October 13th from 11-5:00pm.

Proceeds benefit the Bothwell Arts Center. Further information about the exhibition program is available at www.bankheadtheater.org.

"Mixing Media," a mixed media and photography exhibition is on display at the Bankhead Theater through November 12, 2012. An artists' reception is set for Friday, September 21st from 6-7:30 pm at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First Street, Livermore.

Light refreshments and Livermore Valley wines will be served during the reception.

The exhibition featuring mixed media paintings from Nicole Wakeman and Trish Kearney Fenton, and the photography of Walter



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PAL Show at the Firehouse Open for Viewing

Pleasanton Art League Members Fall Show will be on display through October 20 at the Firehouse Arts Center. The show was judged by nationally acclaimed artist Patricia Allen.

Awards were presented at a reception on Saturday, September 15. Merit Awards went to Judy Rice, Ron Rigge, Nancy Storch, Norma Webb and Antonia Wennink. Honorable Mentions were Christine Bourg, Linda Garbarino, Carolyn Lord, Carol Maddox, Lisa Rigge, Gail Ruvalcaba and Charlotte Severin

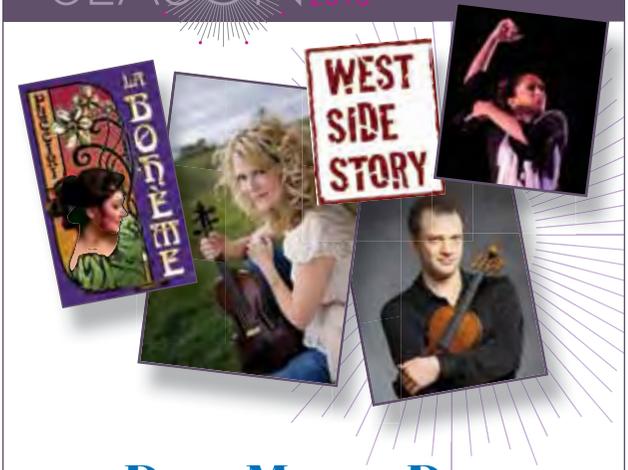
Hours of exhibit are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through

Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, and one hour prior to Firehouse Arts Center theater performances and during intermission. Also on exhibit will be "Alphabet Soup," the Pleasanton community drawing made out of initials of children who attended the Farmers Market on July 14. Opportunity tickets for the framed drawing are available from Linda Sailors, PAL President, 925-449-7274. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be benefit PAL's youth scholarship fund.

Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave, Pleasanton.

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First Presbyterian Church Livermore to Host Gospel Music Workshop



Don Lewis

The First Presbyterian Church Livermore will be presenting a workshop, "Gospel Music: A Passionate Heritage" on Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. It will be taught by Pleasanton resident Don Lewis.

Participants in the workshop will learn about the African and spiritual roots of gospel music, the pioneering composers, musicians and vocalists, early opposition to gospel music, and how gospel music style influenced secular music. Using lecture, demonstrations, multimedia, and class participation, the instructor, Don Lewis, weaves a moving and spiritual path through the history and meaning of gospel

music. Gospel songs will be learned in the traditional manner, by rote.

Lewis is considered to be a visionary who believes that music can and does make a difference in the world. Actively involved in church music, Lewis has taught classes and performed at a multitude of church music conventions and seminars such as the Gospel Music Workshop of America, National Pastoral Musicians, Bobby Jones Gospel Explosion, Saddleback Church, Christian Musician's Summit, and the Northwest Minister's Conference.

Lewis teaches a course, "Gospel Music: A Passionate Heritage," in various settings. It was originally

developed and taught at UC Berkeley. He also leads choral workshops and music worship services at churches around the world.

As a recording artist, Lewis has worked in the studio with the likes of Quincy Jones, Sergio Mendez, Michael Jackson, the Brothers Johnson, and Marvin Hamlisch. He also has scored and produced music for television, film, and commercials. He has recorded several solo albums that are available on cdbaby.com.

In 1987, his commitment to youth resulted in the Say "Yes" to Music! program, bringing the importance of dreams, education, and community to children through music. He has co-produced the annual "Young Expressions" concerts in Pleasanton featuring talented high school students while mentoring them in the process.

Registration for the workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please bring a light lunch or snack. No singing experience is required. Participants of all ages are welcome. Please send an RSVP to cmusbach1@gmail.com or call 925 998-3985. Last minute drop-ins will also be welcomed.

First Presbyterian Church Livermore's Fellowship Hall is located on K Street between 4th and 5th Street in Livermore. All participants in the workshop are invited to sing on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 7, 2012, at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.



Rafael Manríquez and Ingrid Rubis

Fiesta of the Americas to Benefit Severely Burned Children

An evening of Latin music, dance and food will be held at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton to raise funds to help with the rehabilitation and treatment of severely burned children throughout Latin America.

The Fiesta of the Americas will be held Sat., Oct. 13 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Appearing will be singers from Chile, Rafael and Ingrid; Bolivian Children dancers; Dr. Jorge Rojas, classical guitarist; and Peruvian Marinera Dancer Nestor Ruiz.

The evening will also include a live auction.

Rafael Manríquez and Ingrid Rubis specialize in Latin American music from the past and the present.

They sing and play guitar, charango, quena and zampoñas (from Bolivia), cuatro (from Venezuela), cajón (from Peru) and bombo (from Argentina) as well as many other folk instruments.

The event is sponsored by the Coaniquem Burned Children Foundation. Located in Chile, Coaniquem provides medical, physical and psychological rehabilitation for severely burned children from throughout South and Central America.

Rotary Clubs in the East Bay - Alameda, Livermore Pleasanton and Dublin - have raised over \$700,000 in the last 20 years for Coaniquem. The Fiesta of the Americas raises at least \$25,000 per year, enough

to treat and rehabilitate 25 burned children for up to a year. Rehabilitation includes schooling and shelter for the patient and one parent.

Coaniquem includes an educational program to show families how to avoid accidents that burn the children. Coaniquem also trains doctors from elsewhere in Latin America on how to treat and rehabilitate the children.

Tickets are \$60 per person. To order tickets, please register on-line at www.burnedchildren.org then click on events or phone Carolyn Schuetz at 510-769-9661 before Oct. 6.

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

Amador Valley High School to Start a New Book Discussion Club

Amador Valley High School is launching a Challenge Success Book Club.

It involves Challenge Success Parents' group, the Pleasanton Public Library,

Towne Center Books, and other members of the Pleasanton community interested in discussing books that generate ideas to support students while they are de-

fining their own success.

The first Book Club meeting will on Tuesday October 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Plans are to meet throughout the 2012-12 school year.

The book to be discussed at the first session is, "The Price of Privilege" by Dr. Madeline Levine.

The book is available

for check out at the library and for purchase at Towne Center Books.

Meetings will be at Pleasanton Public Library in the

large meeting room.

To sign up please contact: avhs.ChallengeSuccessParents@gmail.com, in the subject line enter, Book Club.

Mark Anderson Concert First in Asbury Live Series

Asbury Live Concert series will open with a performance by Mark Anderson.

It will be held on Sun., Sept. 30 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore.

Mark Anderson grew up in Pleasanton. He began studying the piano at the age of 5.

Anderson has performed world-wide as recitalist, soloist and chamber musician. He has also appeared as soloist with conductors such as Sir Simon Rattle, Nicholas McCegan, William Boughton, George Cleve,

Adam Fischer, and many others. In recital, Mark has appeared at New York's Alice Tully Hall and Weill Hall, the Kennedy Center and the Phillips Gallery in Washington D.C., London's Wigmore Hall and Zurich's Tonhalle and elsewhere throughout Europe and the United States to great critical acclaim. In addition, his performances have been featured on BBC Radio 3, the CBC in Canada, and on radio and television in Spain, Italy, Ireland, Japan and the United States.

Anderson has released

recordings of works by Liszt, Schumann, Brahms and Dohnanyi, Copland and Gershwin that have all met with significant critical acclaim. He is currently recording many of the solo piano works of Hans von Bülow with Nimbus.

Anderson holds a bachelor's degree in piano performance from San Jose State University as well as post-graduate degrees from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, and the Royal Academy of Music in London where he continued his studies on a

Fulbright Scholarship.

He is the founder and executive director of New World Music Academy in Pleasanton.

Most recently, Anderson has been appointed to the faculty at University of British Columbia in Vancouver as an Assistant Professor of Piano and will begin teaching there in September.

The concert is Sun., Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door; asburylivepresents.com, brownpapertickets.org, at the church office or call 447-1950.



Mark Anderson

'splatter' Offers Something for All Ages

The City of Dublin's newest event "splatter, not your ordinary food, wine and art festival" will be serving up a heaping serving of fun on Saturday, September 22 at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin.

In addition to the Tasting Pavilion featuring over 24 local purveyors of food and wine, and a Culinary Stage offering demonstrations by the Bay Area's most exciting culinary stars, "splatter" will also feature "big" art installations for audiences to enjoy and in some cases participate in. Both conventional and non-conventional mediums will be used to cre-

ate works of chalk, fruits and vegetables, bubbles, paint . . . and even canned foods.

Several of the featured attractions that allow opportunities to participate in art-making include: Brian Asman of Balloons Equal Fun, who will be creating a grand balloon masterpiece; Bubblesmith Sterling Johnson who creates bubbles using only his hands; Chalk Artist Mark Wagner; and SPLAT-demonium, the craziest darn T-shirt makin' paint obstacle course "experience." Audiences can also watch a monumental sculpture being built entirely of canned goods by Canstruction®, or

Food Sculptor Chef Ray L. Duey transforming fruits and vegetables into a tropical paradise.

General admission to "splatter" is free. There are both free and pay-to-play activities. Pay-to-play tickets can be purchased at the event. Tickets or "passports" for the Tasting Pavilion are available online at www.dublinsplatter.com. A limited number of passports will be sold at the pre-event rate of \$25.00, or may also be purchased on-site at the event for \$30.00. Each passport includes an event wine glass and allows 20 tastes of any combination of food and

wine. The deadline to pre-purchase passports is Friday, September 21 at 12:00 noon, or until sold out. All pre-purchased passports will be available at Will Call at the entry to the Tasting Pavilion.

The festival begins at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude with an evening concert, featuring the high-energy sounds of Double Funk Crunch at 6:30 p.m. followed by an aerial fireworks show at 8:00 p.m. to commemorate the City of Dublin's 30th Anniversary.

"splatter" is a program of the City of Dublin's Parks and Community Services Department; info 556-4500.

Moon Festival Celebration Planned at Library

Celebrate the Moon Festival by exploring the *Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture* with the Asian Art Foundation at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event.

Nan Su, well-known TV talk-show host, will explain the story behind the Moon Festival—the second most important festival in Chinese history—and show two

documentary films about Shen Yun, a classical Chinese dance and music performance that showcases traditional Chinese culture.

Nan Su grew up in China, came to the US in 1989, and has been serving as a news commentator for SOH international Chinese Radio Network and NTD International TV network since 2003. Nan Su has also been an activist for China's human rights and was one of the coordinators of the Human

Rights Torch Relay prior to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He also has a master degree in Engineering and has been a professional engineer for over 20 years.

Asian Art Foundation(AAF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the revival of traditional Asian arts and culture. It educates the public and relates these ancient ways of life to contemporary society by hosting performing arts shows, art exhibits and

other presentation forms. In addition to promoting the arts, AAF fosters the East-West cultural exchange by providing cultural services, offering educational workshops and doing volunteer work in the community.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

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SHORT NOTES

Evening Walk

An Equinox Evening Walk will be offered Sat., Sept. 22 by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff. Meet Ranger Glen Florey at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Rd.

Watch the deer browse after a long day hiding away from the busy trails and the raptors out hunting in the fields. As it gets darker, stop along the way to observe the autumn constellations. This walk will be about two-and-a-half miles round-trip.

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.

DAR Contests

Each year the José Maria Amador Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), NSDAR, sponsors national contests. Area students are invited to participate in the American History Essay Contest and the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest. Chapter winners are acknowledged with a \$100 monetary prize, a certificate and a medal at the chapter's Annual Awards Ceremony in February 2013.

Both essay contests are judged for historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of materials, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness. The deadline for each contest is Nov. 15, 2012.

The American History Essay Contest is open to students in grades five through eight. The 2012-2013 topic is "Forgotten Patriots Who Supported the American Struggle for Independence." Contestants should write a 300-600 word essay (5th grade), and a 600-1,000 word essay (6th-8th grades) focusing on the often unrecognized people and groups who provided military, patriotic and public service in support of the American Revolution. Explain why it is especially important to honor the unsung heroes and often forgotten patriots.

The chapter will send one winning essay from each of the four grades for judging at the district level, and those winners will proceed to state level competition. The state winners are sent to the DAR Southwest Division Chairman who forwards those winners to the National Chairman. National winners will receive a certificate, gold pin and monetary award presented at DAR 122nd Continental Congress, June 2013.

Contact DAR chairpersons Phyllis Houghton at phoughton@sbcglobal.net or Arlene Farley at aerospacetchr@sbcglobal.net for an information packet and further guidelines.

The Christopher Columbus Essay Contest is open to students in grades 9-12. The 2012-2013 topic is "To the Memory of Christopher

Columbus, Whose High Faith and Indomitable Courage Gave to Mankind a New World." Contestants should write a 800-1,200 word essay focusing on how high levels of faith and belief, and determined courage was demonstrated in the life and actions of Columbus, and explain how this gave to mankind a new world.

The chapter will select one winning essay for judging at the district level, and that winner will proceed to state level competition. The state winner is sent to the DAR Southwest Division Chairman who forwards the winner to the National Chairman. The national winner will receive \$1,200 and paid lodging and transportation to Washington, D.C. to read the prize-winning essay at the Columbus Memorial on Columbus Day Oct. 14, 2013. The second place national winner will receive \$500 and the third place national winner will receive \$300.

Contact DAR chairperson Carole Vercellino at caroleverc_@hotmail.com for an information packet and further guidelines.

Memory Care Programs

Less than a year under new ownership and management, Rosewood Gardens took home top honors and a \$10,000 prize recently during a company-wide summit hosted by management company, Watermark Retirement Communities. Rosewood Gardens earned the distinction for transforming a small neighborhood within the assisted living community into memory care programs.

The program has filled to capacity in a few short months, according to Nancy Harrison, Executive Director, who said "It's been pure joy to watch this program come to life and see our residents truly thriving."

Called The Gardens, the memory care neighborhood began with extensive staff training by Harrison, a certified dementia practitioner. The care model employs Montessori-based programming incorporating individual interests of each resident. Rather than focusing on what residents can no longer do, caregivers work to bring out retained abilities, interests and joys.

One of many successful new programs is Reading Roundtable. According to Harrison, residents who barely speak are reading out loud in the group.

To discover retained abilities, Harrison says associates spend time with family members and residents to develop a full understanding of their whole lives, called the Life Story process. Through the Life Story process, important keys to each person's successful memory care are revealed. For example, Phillip cannot speak clearly but through this process, Rosewood Gardens associates discovered that he can clearly sing every word to World War II songs and his favorite hymns.

Rosewood Gardens plans to use the prize money to create an outdoor

area in collaboration with residents. This new area will contain sensory elements of touch, sound, sight, smell and taste. The area will feature herb gardens, birdhouses built and painted by residents and more.

In recognition of World Alzheimer's Day on September 21, families and individuals are invited to learn strategies for success, discuss ideas and better understand the support that is available for caregivers. The public is invited to attend Memory Care: Everyday Living on Sept. 19, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This conversation about someone diagnosed with Alzheimer's or related memory loss will be led by Nancy Harrison, Executive Director of Rosewood Gardens.

For more information, call The Watermark at Rosewood Gardens, 35 Fenton Street, Livermore, at (925) 442-7200.

Library Craft Programs

The Livermore Public Library presents the following free children's craft programs for the Fall 2012 season:

- Rincon Library: 725 Rincon Avenue, Livermore:

- September 21, 2012, Drop in from 3:30pm-4:30pm, back to school craft.

- October 19, 2012, Drop in from 3:30pm- 4:30pm, fall craft.

- November 21, 2012, Drop in from 3:30pm-4:30 pm, Thanksgiving craft.

- December 21, 2012, Drop in from 3:30pm-4:30pm, winter craft.
- January 18, 2013, Drop in from 3:30pm-4:30pm, winter craft.

The Rincon Library has regular

craft days the third Friday of every month from October through December 2012 from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

- Civic Center Library: 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore:

- October 30, 2012, Drop in from 12:00-5:00pm, fall craft.

- November 21, 2012, Drop in from 12:00-5:00pm, Thanksgiving craft.

- December 19, 2012, Drop in from 12:00-5:00pm, winter craft.

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.

Wine Tasting

Fenestra Winery is celebrating California Wine Month by hosting its annual Harvest Wine Tasting event on Saturday, September 22nd and Sunday, September 23rd from noon to 5 pm both days.

The wine tasting will include all of Fenestra's newest releases, which include the 2011 Verdelho from Lodi. The red wine releases include a 2008 Alvalrelhao from Lodi, a 2009 Grenache from Livermore Valley, and a 2007 Tourvanillo (a predominantly Iberian blend) from Lodi. Fenestra will also be pouring tastes of all previous releases. All wines will be available for purchase by the bottle and by the glass. In addition, there will be a specially selected menu of food items for purchase to pair with these newly

released wines.

Stay and enjoy your wine and food while listening to the music of Hit 'N Run Band, playing each day from 12:30 - 4:30 pm.

The charge for this Harvest Wine Tasting event is \$7.50 for Fanatics and \$15.00 for non-Fanatics.

The winery is open for sales and tasting every Friday through Sunday from noon to 5 pm. For more information, visit the website at www.fenestrawinery.com or email info@fenestrawinery.com.

Wounded Warriors

Sport Clips Haircuts in California's Bay Area will be raising funds through their "Haircuts for Heroes" campaign to support Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors. On September 22-23, \$1 from every haircut service given at various locations below will be donated to the organization. For every client who purchases an MVP, Sport Clips' signature haircut service, and presents the "Haircuts for Heroes" flyer at check-out, \$5 will be donated to H4WW.

"Haircuts for Heroes" flyer can be found at <http://www.sportclips.com/Homes4WW.html>

Local businesses include Dublin, 7012 Amador Plaza Rd.; Livermore, 4338 Las Positas Rd., Suite 4338; and Pleasanton, 4001 Santa Rita Rd., Suite 3 and 6754 Bernal Ave., Ste. 750.

Habitat for Humanity

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Community Foundation has announced the launch of its

14th annual Habitat for Humanity fundraising campaign.

The major event of this year's fundraising campaign, dubbed "Homes and Hope," will once again be a five-week-long raffle, which runs today through October 12 in all 62 Northern California Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices. Organizers have set a goal of raising \$363,000 and all donations collected will go to local Habitat for Humanity chapters for homes to be built in 2013. Money will also be raised by fundraisers held by individual Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices throughout Northern California.

In addition to the fundraiser, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage agents, staff and volunteers will participate in Habitat for Humanity construction projects over the next several weeks in Daly City, Menlo Park, Oakland, Cupertino, Walnut Creek and Scotts Valley.

Over the past 13 years, the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Community Foundation has raised more than \$2.2 million for Habitat for Humanity chapters in Northern California. The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage team has also volunteered more 46,000 hours and participated in the construction of 169 Habitat for Humanity homes.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each and the public is invited to participate. Prizes include \$5,000 donated by Princeton Capital, gift certificates, hotel stays and much more. For a full list of raffle prizes or to donate, please visit coldwellbankerhabitat.com or call 925.275.3085.

Friends of the Pleasanton Library Holding Book Sale

Book lovers can stock up on their winter reading at the Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library Fall Book Sale 2012. This much anticipated event takes place on Friday, September 21, Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23 at the library's Large Meeting Room. The Friday night sale will run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for members only of the Friends of the Library, (memberships will be available at the door). The sale is open to everyone on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A popular feature of the Sunday sale is the \$7 price for

a bag of books. The library will supply the bags.

More than 40,000 donated books of all types from bestsellers to biographies to children's picture books will be for sale at bargain prices: paperbacks are \$1, hardbacks are \$2, and 50-cents for Golden and Scholastic books. The books are in good to perfect condition. There will be other media on sale as well: DVDs and music CDs are included in the sale at \$1 per disc. Cash, check and charge will be accepted for the convenience of patrons.

No electrical devices or strollers (due to limited



aisle space) are allowed at the event.

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is a 501c3 non-profit organization of volunteers created to support the Library. All revenues support new library

materials, programs and equipment. The Friends are seeking adult volunteers to help with setup and during the sale hours. For book sale or volunteer information, please call Nancy Bering, (925) 462-4368.

Yesterday into Today

Sounds of the 60s: The Doors

By Sarah Bobson



Cats and Kittens to Show Off at Annual Show

Over 150 kittens and cats will be groomed to perfection and ready to show off before 6 judges for Best Cat and Best Kitten honors at the annual Golden Gate Cat Club fall cat show on Sept. 29, "Colors of Autumn."

The cat show is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Parking is free in the large parking lot off Loyola Way. Admission donation is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children under 12, \$25 family rate. Tickets are available at the gate.

Visitors will be able to meet the cats up close, ask the owners questions, and hear the judges explain the characteristics of the cats they are handling. Many breeds will be there, including pampered Persians, massive Maine Coons, sleek Siamese, enthralling Exotics, and bewitching Birmans, to name just a few.

The judging is continuous all day. An "Ambassador" cat or two will be in attendance for petting and purring. Cat face painting is offered. There is a deli at the show hall for snacking and refreshment convenience.

The Golden Gate Cat Club has been a member of the Cat Fanciers Association [CFA] for over 60 years. CFA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the well being of all cats. CFA was founded in 1906 and is the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats. Its membership is international.

As part of Golden Gate Cat Club's commitment to cats, proceeds are donated to a variety of feline rescue and health organizations including Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and the Winn Feline Foundation. Tri-Valley Animal Rescue will have kitties at the show for adoption. Their volunteers are performing the essential steward duties for the judging rings.

The 60s were a time that brought together a schizophrenic juxtaposition of people. I first heard the Doors, an iconic 60s rock group that sang about such heady issues as alienation, death and transcendence, in a tiny office that sold a weird combination of buttons and romance.

In 1968, Bruce, a writer friend of mine, offered me a part-time job working for Little Black Book (LBB), a dating magazine he and his partner Otto started. LBB, a classier version of the personals found in the back pages of magazines and alternative newspapers, ran about 200 ads in each monthly issue of its glossy pamphlet-style magazine studded with psychedelic graphics. Bruce and Otto created the magazine because they said they wanted to meet girls, not that Bruce needed any help in that department. He was 6 feet tall, and he had a slim, athletic body and the chiseled, Romanesque looks of a male model, which he had once been. He had a date with a different girl every night. Otto, on the other hand, wasn't particularly good looking, but his 6'2" stature and his loud, gruff voice did command immediate attention. The division of labor at LBB went something like this: Otto produced the magazine, Bruce edited it, and I filled the secretarial, female-takes-orders role.

LBB's "suite" of offices consisted of two small rooms in a high-rise building nestled in the bosom of Times Square. Across the street, garish neon signs announced the Shubert Theater, the Follies Burlesk over the Howard Johnson restaurant, single

room occupancy (SRO) hotels, and Bond men's clothing store. The outer room of LBB served as the reception area. The inner room was used for production of the magazine and for Otto's second business selling buttons. The "button room," as we called the inner sanctum, had piles of boxes everywhere. It also had a bed hidden behind a screen. Otto lived in the suite. Every few days, he would go to his girlfriend's to take a shower.

In the 60s, buttons could be a lucrative business, which is why Otto jumped on that bandwagon. Just as people today wear T-shirts advertising fashion designers and places they've visited, back then people wore the buttons on their hats, shirts, blouses, and the lapels on their jackets and overcoats. The buttons made political statements, such as *Stop the War, Vietnam Veterans against the War, Stop the Spread of Nixon's Vice, Peace Now, Bring the Troops Home Now, Free Angela*. Sometimes the buttons called attention to turning points in America's history, like the massacre by U.S. troops at *My Lai*. Sometimes the buttons simply announced to the world that young people were a force to be reckoned with: *Student Power. Far Out*.

While we worked on issues of LBB, Otto would play the Doors' first album, called simply *The Doors*. It was the only album, in fact, that he played, repeating the songs he liked the most. "Light My Fire," "Break On Through," and "The End" played continuously, hour after hour, providing an endless loop of hypnotic aura in the dimly lit, dusty room. Otto would

sing bits and pieces of the lyrics in his basso profundo voice as he stalked in and out of the button room to sift through the treasure trove of plastic in order to fill orders.

To be frank, I didn't like the Doors when I first heard them. I found their music a far cry from the opera arias I was studying at the time. The psychedelic quality of the words and the music unsettled me. Then, too, the band was fairly new, formed only three years earlier in 1965 by Jim Morrison and Ray Manzarek, two film majors at UCLA. They took the group's name from Aldous Huxley's book, *The Doors of Perception*. They released their first album, "The Doors," in 1967.

But the Doors grew on me as I began to think about their lyrics and melodies and arrangements. Morrison, the lead singer and sexual idol of the group, wrote most of the songs. Manzarek, who played keyboards and provided backup vocals, created the arrangements. Robbie Krieger played guitar, and John Densmore played drums. The malevolent swirl of obsessively repetitive, funky, dark sounds made by Manzarek's keyboards provided the surreal, hurdy-gurdy backdrop to Morrison's obsessively repetitive nihilistic, poetic lyrics.

Some songs, such as "Riders on the Storm," present the harshness of life. Other songs, like "Light My Fire," are slightly more upbeat, with their sexual and drug references. But the most haunting and disturbing Doors' songs, I think, are "Break on Through" and "The End." Both hint at a death

wish, while "The End" also suggests fratricide.

Otto loved the Doors. Later, I concluded, rightly or wrongly, that he must have felt a kinship with the nihilistic lyrics and the thumping beat that had a militaristic feel to it, and to the fact that both he and Morrison had military fathers. Morrison's was a career Navy officer. Otto's had been a member of the Third Reich.

I'll never forget the night Otto, in a drunken stupor, his lips loosened by alcohol, announced clear out of the blue, in that intimidating, cannon-boom of a voice of his, "You know, my father was a Nazi." I couldn't quite tell how he meant the comment/confession, or even why he uttered it in the first place. I didn't know whether his expression was a half smirk or a nervous twitch. In 1968, 23 years after the end of WWII, Otto's German smirk, wittingly or unwittingly, could have been taunting me, the Jew. Or his nervous twitch could have been apologizing retroactively for those horrendous crimes committed against humanity.

Both Morrison and Otto will always remain for me tragic figures who seemed to be haunted by demons, both personal and societal. Morrison died in Paris under suspicious circumstances at the age of 27, at the height of his career. Some have speculated that he committed suicide with an overdose. Otto, I heard from Bruce, committed suicide sometime in the 80s. Each found a friend in the darkness that cancelled the glaring light of reality that spotlighted their demons.

In the end, the dark end was their friend.

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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.

Figures & Faces Exhibit at the Figurehead Gallery, exhibit of paintings, drawings, and photographs celebrating the human form. This show introduces the work of six Bay Area artists new to the Gallery in addition to new oil studies and drawings by local artist Carolyn Lord. The exhibit runs through the end of September. The Figurehead Gallery, 2222 2nd St. Livermore. Gallery hours: Wed., 12-6pm, Thurs., 12-8:30pm, Fri., 12-6pm, Sat., 12-5pm, and by appointment. Call for information 925-353-0419.

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

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

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

Pleasanton Art League, fall members exhibit at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Sept. 15-Oct. 20. www.firehousearts.org.

Call for Artists: Art in the Park is calling for Artists for its Inside Art Show October 6 and 7. Artists of the Bay Area are invited to enter three pieces. Fees and sizes can be found on the application which can be downloaded from www.ADAS4ART.org. Preregistration required by September 24. The Inside Art Show is not juried. There are no separate categories. Awards will be chosen by Gerald Boyd, instructor and award winning artist. Art in the Park Arts Festival, will take place Saturday & Sunday, October 6 & 7 at a new location for the event, Central Park (Alcosta at Bollinger Canyon Road) in San Ramon. The Inside Art Show will be in the Fountain Room of the Community Center. Proceeds from the event will

go to fund Art in the Schools of the San Ramon Valley School District and other art activities in the community. Sponsored by Alamo Danville Artists' Society, San Ramon Arts Foundation and the City of San Ramon. More information is on www.ADAS4ART.org or email normawebb@comcast.net or phone 925 828-9170.

Coming Off the Wall, Oct. 3-27, new works by Bill Paskewitz, exhibit at Figurehead Gallery, 2222 Second St., Suite 21, Livermore. Artist's reception Oct. 4, 6 to 9 p.m. 337-1799.

Livermore ArtWalk, Oct. 13, artists exhibit in pocket parks and plazas in downtown Livermore. www.bothwellartscenter.org.

Pleasanton Art Walks, meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot next to City Hall, 200 Old Bernal Avenue (adjacent to the public library). Guest leaders Nancy and Gary Harrington, will lead the walk. Tour repeated Nov. 10; other walks planned for Oct. 13 and Dec. 8, as well as Oct. 20. Allow at least 90 minutes for each Art Walk. These walks will be on paved, level sidewalks, mostly in a loop along Main Street, with some side excursions. There will be restrooms and drinking fountains along the way. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and dress in layers for the changing temperature. World Walk to Wellness hosts Saturday morning walks for all who are interested. Contact walks@worldwalk-towellness.org to receive (free) weekly e-mails of walk locations.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

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

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

Watercolor class, led by Dennis Collins, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24, Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Fee \$100. Collins is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and has twenty years experience teaching art. Sessions are from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. To signup, contact Way Up Art & Frame, 443-3388 or email frameit@wayupartandframe.com.

Art Critique & Coffee Hangs at Coffee Ali, Friday at 10 a.m. sharing latest work and a gentle critique to fine tune work. Original paintings from a group of Local Professional and Emerging

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

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

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

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

Young Artists' Studio has openings in its school year art classes for youngsters in grades 2 through high school and beyond. Classes will begin in October. All kinds of drawing and painting as well as printmaking and sculpture are offered in our large and well equipped home studio. Peggy Frank has been providing art experiences for valley youth for over 30 years. Contact her by email at frank.a@comcast.net or by phone at (925) 443-8755.

WINERY EVENTS

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

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

An Evening of Port, Cigars, and Music, Cedar Mountain Winery, Sept. 22, 7 to 9 p.m. in partnership with First Street Wine Company. Entertainment will

be by the Dolines. Includes a flight of Cedar Mountain Port and 2-Premium cigars, hand picked by First Street Wine Company from Downtown Livermore. Hors d'oeuvres, and music will be provided. Tickets are \$35/p/person purchased before September 15. Tickets purchased September 16-22nd will be \$40. Non-Smokers Port Flight only option \$20 p/person. Tickets: Cedar Mountain Winery Tasting Room at (925) 373-6636 or First Street Wine Company at (925) 294-5825. Advance paid reservations required.

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

McGrail Vineyards, Sunset wine concert with Sage, Sept. 22, 5 to 8 p.m. evening of wine and food. Soleil Pizza will be selling wood-fired pizzas, so please no outside food or beverages. Tickets available online or at the door. \$15/entry fee. Double Barrel Wine Bar Taste of Terror Winners Pair up for Award Winning Winemaker Dinner m Tuesday, September 25, 6-9 p.m. To make reservations, please call Double Barrel (925) 243-9463. Grape Stomp at McGrail, Sept. 29, noon to 4 p.m. Full-est bottle in 30 seconds wins a prize. Soleil Pizza will be selling gourmet wood-fired pizzas. There will be live music. \$15/person to stomp (includes t-shirt). www.mcgrailvineyards.com, 5600 Greenville Road Livermore, (925) 215-0717.

Steven Kent Winery, single vineyard series Cabernet pairing featuring cuisine of Chef Jimmy Conors and winemaking insights of Steven Kent Mirassou. Wed., Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m. at the winery in Livermore. \$75 Per person, Reservations Required, 925-243-6442

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

Charles R Vineyards Mardi Gras Friday Night Uncorked - Friday, September 28 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. evening with wine, fun, food and music on the patio at Charles R. This Mardi Gras Friday features specialty appetizers paired to our award-winning wines. Featuring the sounds of James Nagel, one of Livermore's most popular artists. \$10 (\$5 for members). Cost includes appetizers and a glass of wine. Wine for purchase available by the glass and bottle. 8195 Crane Ridge Road Livermore, (925) 337-3315.

Tenuta Vineyards, Saturday, October 6. "Dances with Wild Game" Fall Festival BBQ. 6-9:30pm \$65 per person. Venison, Salmon, Duck & Turkey. Come enjoy a night of great food, dancing and wine. 633 Kalthoff Common Livermore (925) 960-1006

MUSIC/CONCERTS

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

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

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

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

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

Todd Hallawell, guitar, performs a benefit concert at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton on Fri., Sept. 21. Funds for the concert will benefit the Livermore Rotary programs. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by the 7:30 p.m. concert. Admission includes complimentary beverage and appetizers at the pre-concert reception, and special guest access to the Harrington Art Gallery. 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Tickets are \$40. They can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, at the Travel Bug, 2269 Third Street, Livermore or Baughman's Western Outfitters, 2029 First Street, Livermore.

Jazz Night with Gaucho, Sat., Sept. 22, 6 to 9 p.m. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. The music of Gaucho, a gypsy jazz sextet, will entertain following a barbecue dinner. Tickets are \$40/ adult, \$25/child under 12. Everyone is welcome to purchase tickets - you don't need to be a member of St. Clare's. To purchase tickets, please call Church office: 925-462-4802. www.stclarespleasanton.org

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

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

or 373-6800.

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

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

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

Jasper Wood, violin, David Riley, piano, Del Valle Fine Arts concert, Sept. 29, 8 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Mark Anderson, Classical Pianist, Sunday September 30, 2012, Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. www.asburylivepresents.com, 925-447-1950.

Hot Buttered Rum Very Tasty!, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

John Payne with ASIA, Oct. 6, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Perla Batalla, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Jake Shimabukuro, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Pacific Chamber Symphony, Fri., Oct. 12, 8 p.m. Mozart: Symphony #40 in G minor Haydn: Sinfonia Concertante for solo quartet and orchestra. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Peppino D'Agostino & Carlos Reyes World Music, Oct. 12, 8 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Close to You: A Live Tribute to the Carpenters, Oct. 14, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org

Natalie MacMaster, fiddle virtuoso, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

Kathy Kallick Band, Friday, October 26, 2012, Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. www.asburylivepresents.com, 925-447-1950.

San Ramon Symphonic Band - Let's Dance, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m. Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, Albion Rd., San Ramon; sanramonperformingarts.com. 973-3343.

ON THE STAGE

Douglas Morrisson Theatre continues its 2012 "Family Portraits" season with *Grey Gardens*, the humorous and heartbreaking Broadway hit musical about Big Edie and Little Edie Bouvier

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Beale, the eccentric aunt and cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Nominated for 10 Tony Awards and winner of three, *Grey Gardens* features book by Doug Wright (*Quills, I am My Own Wife*), music by Scott Frankel, and lyrics by Michael Korie. *Grey Gardens* weekends through September 30, 2012, at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third Street, in Hayward. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre is a program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. (510) 881-6777; www.dmtonline.org

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

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

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

Incident at Vichy, Friday, Saturday 8pm; Sunday 2pm; Oct. 19 - Nov. 10, 2012, Role Players Ensemble presents *Incident at Vichy* by Arthur Miller. The Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville. Tickets \$20 - \$28 - call (925) 314-3400 or buy tickets online at www.village theatreshow.com or at the Community Center, 420 Front St.

Deathtrap, Chanticleers Theatre's 2012 season closer, is the longest running comedy-thriller on Broadway and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play. Director Gary Wright has put together an outstanding cast to make this mystery an audience delight. Appearing are Chanticleer veteran actors C. Conrad Cady, Lindi Press, Svetlana Coutre, Kai Brothers and John Sellen. Opens October 19th and runs Friday and Saturday through November 10th at 8:00 pm with matinees on Sunday October 28th and November 4th at 2:00 pm. Tickets at \$18 general admission and \$15 seniors 60+ and students are at chanticleers.org or 510-SEE-LIVE. Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue, Castro Valley.

Asbury Follies, Saturday October 20, 2012, Asbury United Methodist Church,

4743 East Avenue, Livermore. www.asburylivepresents.com. 925-447-1950.

West Side Story, Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre mainstage musical, weekends, Oct. 20-Nov. 4, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

California Theatre Center, The Sleeping Beauty, 9:30 and 11 .m., Oct. 31, Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Includes lesson guide. www.ctcinc.org, 800-606-0424.

COMEDY

Comedy@ Firehouse Arts, Greg Hahn, headliner, Marianne Sierk, opener, Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. For tickets, call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org

DANCE

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

VOLUNTEER

Livermore-Amador Symphony needs string players starting this fall—especially viola and cello players. Please contact: Manager@LivAmSymph.org or call the manager and leave a message at 925-447-8789. Rehearsals are on Tuesday night at East Ave. Middle School in Livermore. Concert season starts with Pops at the Livermore Comm. Center in Oct./Nov. followed by 4 concerts: Dec., Feb., March and May at the Bankhead in Livermore. See website for more info: LivAmSymph.org

AUDITIONS/COMPETITIONS

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

Livermore-Amador Symphony Association applications for the 40th annual Competition for Young Musicians deadline is Sun., Oct. 7, 2012. Open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in Livermore, Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, or San Ramon. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered. Two winners will perform as soloists with the symphony on Feb. 23, 2013. Each winner/soloist will be awarded

\$300. Completed applications must be accompanied by an \$8 application fee and a CD or cassette tape for preliminary screening. Additional information may be obtained from www.livamsymph.org or by contacting the competition chairperson at 447-1947.

Journey to Livermore Bethlehem, Auditions for major speaking and singing parts for Journey to Living Bethlehem in Livermore will be held Saturday, Sept. 29 at St. Charles Borromeo Hall/Pope Room 8am-2pm. Performers must commit to weekly evening rehearsals beginning mid-Oct, 3 full dress rehearsals in Nov/Dec and 5 nightly performances, Dec. 13-17. Please go to www.facebook.com/livingbethlehem to complete audition form. Drop off form prior to 4pm Thurs., Sept. 27th to: Crystal Meyer c/o St. Charles Borromeo 1315 Lomitas Ave (drop off box just in church office/rectory); or e-mail form to journeytolivingbethlehem@gmail.com

MOVIES

The Invisible War, The Vine Cinema in Downtown Livermore on Wednesday, September 26, at 6:30 pm. State Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett will introduce this film from Oscar and Emmy nominated filmmaker Kirby Dick. Tickets \$10 Vine Cinema, 1722 1st Street Livermore, CA 94550 or online at: www.vinecinema.com. All proceeds go to Tri-Valley Haven to help survivors of sexual and domestic violence. For additional information contact Christine at Tri-Valley Haven at (925) 667-2707 or Christine@trivalleyhaven.org.

Classic Film Series, "Make 'em Laugh," hosted by Candy Klaschus, film historian and coordinator of the Humanities Program at Las Positas College; presented by Las Positas College and the Pleasanton Library, Thurs., Oct. 4, 7 p.m. Mr. Deeds Goes to Town. Free admission. www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library.

Firehouse Fright Night Movie Festival, the Firehouse is showing two movies for the older crowd that will offer some Halloween chills, thrills and late night "camp." Oct. 29, 9:30 .m., Oct. 27, 10 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

CHORAL

Valley Concert Chorale, Songs of Laughter - An Afternoon with Gilbert and

Sullivan, including The Mikado, Pirates of Penzance and H.M.S. Pinafore, and more. Raffle prize drawings. Sunday, October 21, 3 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave, Livermore; tickets \$40 each. www.valleyconcertchorale.org or (925) 866-4003.

OPERA

Livermore Valley Opera presents La Boheme preview, Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. Sept. 23, 2 to 3 p.m. Part of the Friends of the Livermore Library Authors and Arts series. Professional singers will perform highlights from the upcoming production of La Boheme in October, as well as arias and duets from other famous operas. Information at 925-373-5505.

Livermore Valley Opera, free concert 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 30 at the Pleasanton Library. Highlights from Puccini's La Boheme and a variety of opera arias. Tony Award winner, Eugene Brancoveanu, Stage Director for La Boheme will speak about this upcoming production in Livermore. As a highly-acclaimed baritone, he will also sing excerpts from his role in the opera as Marcello. Other principal singers from Livermore Valley Opera's production of La Boheme will also perform. Information at (925) 931-3400.

Livermore Valley Opera, Puccini's La Boheme October 6, 7, 13, and 14. Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. www.bankheadtheater.org or 373-6800.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

Livermore Valley Wine Country Wedding Faire, September 23, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. See the trendsetters of the season, taste the local wines and

wedding cakes, be pampered with a facial, take a horse and carriage ride, compare prices and quality and start to create your own wedding memories. More information at www.livermore-downtown.com or 373-1795.

Jeans & Jewels Goes Gatsby, Thurs., Oct. 4, 6 to 10 p.m. Tri-Valley Conservancy annual gala fund-raising event. Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Hosted bar, dinner, dancing, cocktail, live auction. 449-8706. www.trivalleyconservancy.org.

Livermore Airport Open House, Sat., Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. www.cityoflivermore.net

Ed Kinney Lecture Series, 7 p.m. An Evening with TV Horror Host John Stanley, Tues., Oct. 9. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. \$10 general admission, \$5 members & seniors, \$3 students/teachers with ID. All tickets are paid at the door. All tickets are open seating. Information www.museumonmain.org or (925) 462-2766.

Fall antiques and collectibles street fair, Oct. 14, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Halloween Brew Crawl, Downtown merchants, restaurants and local breweries will come together on Saturday, October 20 for the Halloween Brew Crawl, 5 to 8 p.m. Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Harvest Fair, Sat., Oct. 20, noon to 6 p.m. Heritage Park and Museum, corner of Donlon Way and Dublin Blvd., Dublin; tractor pulled hay wagon rides, food, arts and crafts, Bluegrass Band music, historic schoolhouse and Kolb House Museum open for tours. \$5 admission. 556-4500.

Harvest Moon Barn Dance, Sat., Oct. 20, 6 to 8 p.m. Heritage Park and Museums, corner of Donlon Way and Dublin Blvd., Dublin. \$5 admission. 556-4500.

Livermore Downtown Halloween Carnival, Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 1 to 5 p.m. Activities for families with children in the 5th grade and younger. \$5 Fun Passes are available at the booths, day of, at Livermore Valley Plaza and J Street and at K Street. Livermore Downtown Association (925) 373-1795.

Pleasanton Fall Scavenger Hunt, Little boys and ghouls will line Main Street for a Halloween scavenger hunt, Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton. Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to noon. Hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Revising Towards a Vision Workshop with Jose Faus, Oct. 20, noon. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

Earth Tones/Heart Sounds a Special Poetry Event, Oct. 21, 2 p.m. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. www.firehousearts.org.

La Boheme Preview at Library

Principal singers of the Livermore Valley Opera perform at the Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 23, 2012.

There is no charge for this event.

Professional singers will perform highlights from Livermore Valley Opera's upcoming production of Puccini's *La boheme*, as well as arias and duets from other famous operas.

The Friends of the Livermore Library have underwritten this program as part of the Friends Authors and Arts Series. For additional events, check the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.



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Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan
Livermore City Historian



Treasure Hunting and the Foscalina Family

Earlier this year, when cleaning out their grandfather's attic, an Ohio family discovered rare old baseball cards that are worth thousands of dollars. I can't promise you rich rewards, but I do encourage you to look carefully through boxes of old family records and photographs. John Foscalina did this recently, and he discovered a Vasco drawing.

When Dick Finn and I were putting together our book, *Vasco's Livermore, 1910*, the Foscalinas showed us a Xerox copy of a caricature that resembled those in the Berry collection, but it did not have Vasco's signature. We considered including it in the book but finally decided against it. Recently, after the death of his mother, John was going through some of her papers. He found the original caricature of Simon Foscalina, his great-grandfather, and it did have Vasco's familiar signature near the bottom. Unfortunately, something dark rubbed against the bottom half of the drawing and the little yellow bird tugging at Simon's pants leg is no longer yellow.

Simon Foscalina was born in 1847 in Piedmont, a mountainous region in the northwest of Italy. His father, George, brought the family to the U.S. and opened a trading post in 1866 near Sunol, at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Vallecitos Road. One day George Foscalina bought, in all innocence, a steer that had been stolen. When the owner saw a steer hide marked with his brand

draped over Foscalina's corral fence, he accused the storekeeper of rustling. Sheriff Morse eventually caught the thieves and cleared him of any involvement. In *Lawman*, his biography of Sheriff Morse, John Boessenecker quoted from Morse's diary, "I found [George Foscalina] to be fair and upright in his affairs. If some well-known disreputable character showed up in his vicinity he was prompt in his notification of the fact to me." About 1870 George sold his business and moved to El Dorado County, where he and some of his ten sons worked as gold miners. Simon, however, moved to Livermore.

In 1867 Simon Foscalina attended a fandango at the rancho of Joseph Livermore. Probably because Simon was a small person, "El Macho" Feliciano began to bully him, threatening him with a knife. Finally, Simon tried to escape on horseback, but Feliciano followed him, still slashing at him. Simon shot and killed him. Justice Marks of Pleasanton cleared Foscalina of any charges. Vasco's caricature of Simon shows him as a small man, but at age 63, he was still in good shape—no pot belly. He was a farmer, stock raiser, horsebreaker, raiser of hogs and chickens. On 29 December 1883, he and Ellen Ladd, daughter of the founder of Laddsville, a small settlement that was a precursor to Livermore, married in Oakland. They had three sons and one daughter and lived in a house at the southeast corner of Third and O Street.



One of their sons was John Foscalina's grandfather, George Louis Foscalina.

George married Katherine Minoggio and they had two children, Charlotte and Charles. Sadly, Katherine died when she was 23 years old in the influenza epidemic of 1918. Charlotte was only five and Charlie three. For a while their grandmother Ellen Foscalina minded the children, but she died in December 1921. The Minoggio family took Charlotte under their wing, and Charlie was farmed out to a family named Alviso. He was not very happy with them. In high school, he took Spanish, which he had learned from the Alvisos. He soon discovered that his teacher was not enchanted with his version of Spanish, and he failed the course. He quit high school. One day Charlie was hanging around downtown when his uncle, Phil Minoggio, happened to see him. He grabbed Charlie by the neck of his shirt and told him, "You're not going to be a bum—you're

going to be a plumber!" He took Charlie to Oakland and introduced him to the plumbing business. Charlie, however, was not too thrilled with this and returned to Livermore. His uncle caught him again and once more took him off to be a plumber. This time he stayed the course. The country was in the depths of the Depression, however, and starting a new business would be a risky affair. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked at logging and other jobs in the forests. When he quit, he decided that he would take the next train that came along. It was headed south, so Charlie took what fate had allotted him and came south to Livermore. In 1932 he started Charlie's Plumbing Company.

Eventually, Charlie's plumbing business was successful, and he married Maxine Clelland in 1938. They had three sons, Charles (called Butch), John, and Jim. John, the middle of the boys, was born in 1941. After graduation from Livermore High he had thought of heading into the army, but then his father said, "We need a plumbing apprentice," and John chose to learn the trade. John never ran his own firm but worked as a plumber for other companies. Retired in 1990, he enjoys his property at the northeast corner of South Livermore and Concannon. He showed me the result of his hobby—a beautifully carved leather purse. Now, one of his sons runs the Foscalina Plumbing Company here in Livermore.

John is proud of the caricature of his great-grandfather, Simon Foscalina. Perhaps, if you look at the old records stored in your attic or your basement, you, too, will discover a hidden treasure! The caricatures were drawn on 8 1/2 by 10 inch paper.

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

Shop for a Cause Set for Oct. 6

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Tri-Valley Chapter, presents the 3rd Annual Shop for the Cause Vendor Faire fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 522 South L Street, Livermore.

Funds are being raised to help sustain programs, which include providing advocacy, mental health resources, family, consumer and parent support groups, educational classes and presentations.

In recognition of Mental Illness Awareness Week, October 7 – 13, 2012, NAMI Tri-Valley will provide information about mental health resources, as well as the sale of t-shirts and silver ribbon pins. There will be over 30 booths with a wide variety of unique items including everything from fine art, home décor, jewelry, antiques, purses and much more. To top the day, NAMI Tri-Valley will hold a raffle with exciting prizes featuring the grand prize of a 5-night stay at a vacation home on the Oregon Coast. Franco Finn, the Golden State Warrior's "Hype Man" will serve as MC of the event.

Proceeds from the Shop for the Cause Vendor Faire fundraiser fund operations of the organization by helping with expenses such as office supplies, room rentals, insurance and educational handouts. Because of your generosity at last year's fundraiser, we were able to launch a NAMI signature program, NAMI Connections Recovery Group, which is a weekly support group for people living with mental illness.

This year the focus is on programs that benefit children. The goal is to bring NAMI's signature programs *Parents and Teachers as Allies* and *Ending The Silence* to the community. *Parents and Teachers as Allies* is a two-hour in-service program that helps school professionals to identify early warning signs of early-onset mental illnesses in children and adolescents in schools. *Ending the Silence* is a program especially designed for high school audiences that provides information to inform them about the basic signs and symptoms of mental illnesses and reduce the stigma through personal stories.

NAMI is a national organization with over 1,100 affiliates. NAMI Tri-Valley is an all-volunteer 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that, in collaboration with other community agencies and organizations, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for those whose lives are affected by mental illness, by providing support, resource information, education programs, and advocacy.

For more information, see NAMI Tri-Valley's website at www.nami-trivalley.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

(Organizations wishing to run notices in Bulletin Board, send information to PO Box 1198, Livermore, CA 94551, in care of Bulletin Board or email information to 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. Friday.)

Tri-Valley Equine Affaire. Oct. 27 at Robertson Park in Livermore from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking and admission are free. Fund-raiser to benefit Reins in Motion, an adaptive riding center. The day will include horse trailer safety, horse chiropractic and massage clinics, food trucks, live music, drill teams, kids' petting zoo, vendors, demonstrations. Clinic will be led by Susan Dockter, limited space \$175 for 6 hours of proactive horsemanship. Vendors & sponsors are still needed. Sponsors contact Pat Murray 925-846-2673 or samzmpam@sbcglobal.net. Vendors contact Barbara Hoffman 510-589-2572 or birdhousesbybarb@aol.com. For more information and registration forms visit: www.ReinsInMotion.com or www.TriValleyTrailBlazers.com

Livermore Lioness Club is hosting a tea to residents interested in learning more about our great Service Organization that focuses on Women and Children's issues. The tea will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 2PM. Please call Joan at 925-980-2628 for more information.

Garden Tour Featuring Quilts of Linda Schmidt. Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club is offering a garden and quilt tour of 10 beautiful and unique gardens on Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 from 11:00 to 5:00 each day. The quilts are made by Linda Schmidt, master quilter. The \$25.00 ticket will provide access for both days. Proceeds go the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club to support various community service projects. Tickets may be purchased in advance and on the tour weekend at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Maps may be picked up at the Nursery on the weekend of the quilt show.

Dress a Girl Around the World Sew Fest. Sat., Oct. 20 and Sat., Nov. 17, 2012, 9am - 3pm, St. Michael Hall, 300 block of Maple Street, Livermore. Please bring sewing machine and creative imagination to help sew over 200 dresses in a single day for girls in developing countries. Also people needed to setup, clean up, iron, snip, sort, fetch and carry. Donations of colorful pillowcases and cotton fabrics appreciated. For more information, please contact Suzanne Slupesky: suzbeck@yahoo.com, 925-352-8447.

After-school Chinese club and class program in Livermore public school offered by Royal Chinese Cultural Academy (RCCA) weekdays, one day per week at Altamont Creek, Arroyo Seco, and Smith Elementary schools in Livermore. 3-4pm or Wed. 1:40pm-2:40pm. Goal is learning a foreign language in elementary school. (925) 265-8591, info@royalchineseacademy.org or www.royalchineseacademy.org/

Harvest Park Middle School Cheer Holiday Boutique on October 19. Vendors are being sought. The proceeds from this event will benefit the cheer program, helping to send the athletes to competitions this school year. Event, 6 to 9 p.m. Harvest Park Middle School Multipurpose Room - 4900 Valley Ave., Pleasanton. There will be a raffle as well. For more information on securing your table and/or service, please contact Barrie Shaffer at barrieshaffer@gmail.com

Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club, Sat., Sept. 22, 35 miles from Shannon Center through assorted neighborhoods, meet 9 a.m., Dam Carhart, 828-8964. Sun., Sept. 23, 30 miles, meet 10 a.m. at Sycamore Park & Ride, Julie Hampton, 510-685-7103. Wed., Sept. 26, 30 miles loop

ride to Sunol, meet 9:30 a.m. at Shannon Center in Dublin, Alaine Nadeau, 216-0801. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

Peru: Hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu: 7 pm-8:30 pm, Thursday, October 18. REI's Ron and Joan Breuch will provide a digital presentation of their recent journey with REI Adventures. Register at www.rei.com/dublin. REI Dublin October event, free and open to the public, 7099 Amador Plaza Road, in Dublin. The public may contact REI Dublin's Customer Service Department for more information, (925) 828-9826.

Livermore Lions Club Annual Christmas Boutique is looking for new vendors. Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables rent for \$55 one table and \$80 for two (same vendor). No outside tables allowed. All proceeds from table rentals go to help the Lions club projects. The Bothwell Center for the Arts, 2466 8th Street, Livermore. Lunch and snacks are available and sold by the Livermore Lions Club. Joan @925-980-2628 email: jeason@comcast.net

Akashic Therapy Workshop with Author Amanda Romania Sunday, September 23 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Author of Akashic Therapy: Unlock the Secrets of Your Soul \$30/person. Advance reservation required as space is limited. Workshop will be held at Downtown Yoga, 220-B Division St, Ste B, Pleasanton. For more information, please visit <http://www.amandaromania.com> or email amanda@amandaromania.com

Home Energy Efficiency Workshop. Learn how to get up to \$4,000 in rebates on a home energy efficiency upgrade on Saturday, September 29, 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Dublin Library Community Room, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. RSVP at Dublin Energy Workshop or call (510) 891-6528. This event is free and open to all Alameda County homeowners. Refreshments will be provided.

Alameda Creek Alliance, annual membership dinner, Fri., Sept. 28, 6 p.m. Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum, Fremont. Presentation, Natural History of the Alameda Creek Watershed," by Robin Grossinger of the San Francisco Estuary Institute. Dinner from Our Cuban Kitchen, wine for sale by the glass or bottle. 37417 Niles Blvd., Fremont. 5:30 p.m. Tickets \$55 per person. To order go to PayPal and click on the donate button to access www.alamedacreek.org.

Las Positas College Community Education. Beginning Conversational German, Thurs. 9/27 to 11/15 7:15-9:15 PM. For information or to register contact(925) 424-1467 or register online at www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed (course not for college credit)

German Classes at Livermore Adult Education: Intermediate, Tue. 9/25 to 12/4 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Advanced, Wed. 9/26 to 12/5 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For information or to register contact (925) 606-4722 or register online at www.livermoreadulted.org

Soroptimist Pleasanton Dublin is accepting applications for Soroptimist Awards. Applications are due by Dec. 2, 2012. Violet Richardson Award: Available to young woman between the ages of 14 & 17 who volunteer in the community or School. Women's Opportunity Award: Since 1972, Soroptimist has been helping women reclaim their dreams through the Women's Opportunity Awards program. This program provides cash grants to women who are working to better their lives through additional skills training and education. For more information or to complete an application visit: www.si-pleasantondublin.org. Please mail applications to: Soroptimist International Pleasanton Dublin; P.O. Box 51, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Registration open for Community Education at Las Positas College. Register online. Classes include Spanish, Fencing, German, or Zumba. Attend the new Politics in the Movies Lecture/Film Series. Prices start at \$10. View the catalog online. www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed Call the office for more information: (925)-424-1467.

Annual Holiday Boutique. Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association Unit 287 will present the event on Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veterans Building, 522 South "L" St., Livermore. Proceeds go to help service men and women who are overseas, along with veterans at home who are always in need of help.

Lawyers in the Library, obtain free legal information and referral. The program is co-sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association. The third Tuesday of each month at the Pleasanton Library This program is free and open to all. Each person will have a 15 to 20 minute free consultation with a member of the Alameda County Bar Association. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30 to 5:45 pm. Names will be selected at 5:50 pm. You must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. For more information, call Merry Luskin, 931-3400, extension 7.

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

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter, meets 9:30 a.m. first Saturday of the month from September to May at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. DAR is a women's service organization. Members are descended from a patriot of the American Revolution and are dedicated to patriotism, preservation of American history, and securing America's future through education. Contact Pat at 447-8254 for more information.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group is a twice-a-month parent support group for parents with children to age 18 diagnosed with or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets First and third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite #1114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA., Early bird dinner, Pleasanton, Sept. 26, 4:30 p.m. RSVP by Sept. 24 to Hilda, 398-8808. Mexican brunch in Pleasanton, Sept. 30, 11:30 a.m., RSVP by Sept. 27 to Hilda, 398-8808. Annual picnic, Pleasanton, Oct. 6, 2:30 p.m. RSVP to Ruby, 462-9636; checks to Ruby by Oct. 2.

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

Pleasantonians 4 Peace. Peaceful War Protest on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September 26, between 5 - 6 at the corners of First and Neal Streets. Questions?? Call Catherine Norman at (925) 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or orkdowing@pacbell.net. www.valleyhumane.org

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Pleasantonians4Peace.org

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

Pleasanton Newcomers Club, open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include a coffee the first Wednesday of the month, a luncheon on the second Wednesday of the month, Bunco, Mah Jongg, walking/hiking groups, family activities, and monthly adult socials. Information, call 925-215-8405 or visit www.PleasantonNewcomers.com

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

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

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 an office in Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayo@cril-online.org. All services are free.

The Bingo Ranch, 3070 Pacific Ave. in Livermore and is open Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch has been running Bingo for 16 years and is now working with schools and teams. Call 925-606-7777 for more information.

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.fcpl.us or 925-447-2078.

Tri-Valley Bible Church, 2346 Walnut

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

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

Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Information 931-1055.
Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (csjo.org). Information, Rabbi Judith Seid, Tri-Valley Cultural Jews, 485-1049 or EastBaySecularJews.org.

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

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, 1385 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. 8:30 a.m. worship (semiformal); 9:45 a.m. adult Bible study/Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship (informal). For information, call 925-447-1246.
Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore. 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Information 447-1950.

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

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

United Christian Church, celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley. 1886 College Ave. at M St., Livermore; workshops 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. 449-6820
Granada Baptist Church, 945 Cannonon Boulevard, Livermore. Services: Sunday school - 9:45 a.m.; worship service - 11 a.m. All are welcome. 1-888-805-7151.

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 La Scuola at 447-9800.

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

St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 1040 Florence Rd., Livermore. Sunday service at 10 a.m. For details please see our website

at www.stinnocent.net or call Fr. Leo Arrowsmith at 456-0845.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pathway Community Church, 6533 Sierra Lane, Dublin. Contemporary Worship Service, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Children, youth, adult programs. Biblically based practical messages, nondenominational. All are welcomed. www.pathwaycommunitychurch.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 pmjrmueler@gmail.com for more info.

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

Bible and Brew. Members of the community are invited to join in a heartfelt fellowship, Bible Study, and a good cup of coffee every Wednesday. St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Begins Wed., Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Membership in St. Clare's is not required to attend. Contact, Lucky Elliott - 925-361-8858

Christian vocalist Lara Marriott, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 at Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court. The concert will feature Marriott's own compositions as well as songs that the "Not Just on Sunday Band" leads in worship on Sunday mornings. Night of worship and music. The admission is a can of food or dry goods to be donated to the Alameda County Food Bank. For more information, please see www.centerpointechurch.org or call 925-846-4436.

Community HU Chant is the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity Saturday, September 22 at 10:00 AM. The Community HU Chant is held once a month each 4th Saturday at The Heritage Estates, 2nd Floor Activity Room at 900 East Stanley Blvd, Livermore. For More Information contact <http://eck-ca.org/> by computer.
Lynnwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am with childcare and Sunday school at 10:30 am. Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, minister. All are welcome. www.lynnwood.org 925 846-0221.

Milestones

Community

McGrail Celebrates California Wine Month

McGrail Vineyards and Winery is celebrating California Wine Month along with the Wine Institute. Governor Jerry Brown, proclaimed California Wine Month, for the eighth consecutive year to celebrate the state's rich wine history, abundant agricultural efforts, and lifestyle and economic impact of wine country. Wine regions across California are popping corks this month to celebrate all that our great state has to offer.

McGrail Vineyards and Winery is participating in two winemaker dinners in the month of September. One was held September 18, 2012, when Livermore Valley Winemakers will team together to showcase the Valley's terroir with creations from Blackhawk Grill. This 5 course meal will include wines from Wente Vineyards, Darcie Kent, Steven Kent Winery, McGrail Vineyards, and Wood Family Vineyards.

On September 25, 2012, McGrail and Double Barrel Wine Bar, in Livermore, will pair for the second time, for an eclectic Winemaker Dinner. McGrail Vineyards 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve and Double Barrels cocoa rubbed pork belly pairing took home the top honors at the Livermore Valley Taste of Terroir event in July, 2012. The "Judges Best" winners were thrilled and excited to expand on their pairing for an entire evening of food and wine

indulgences.

Executive chef, Tony Murray and Sous Chef Ashley Ullrich, put together a menu that includes Tasmanian salmon, oysters & pearls, pork belly, duck and white bean cassoulet, and dessert. McGrail Vineyards winemaker, Mark Clarin, explained that a special, not released, small lot Cabernet from McGrail will be paired with one of the courses. This special bottle is the James Vincent Cabernet which is aged for 30 months in new French oak and runs \$65/bottle.

For reservations and tickets, please contact Double Barrel Wine Bar at (925) 243-7463 or Kristin@doublebarrelwinebar.com.



Residents pose with their projects and ribbons.

Seniors Honored for First Place Blue Ribbons at Alameda County Fair

The residents of Quail Garden in Livermore were honored by the "Celebration" to recognized accomplishments at the 2012 Alameda County Fair this summer.

Twenty-four First Place Blue Ribbons were awarded to residents. The vintage handkerchief craft that was entered was a labor of love for many.

Honorary guest Don and Fances Hewitt of Livermore and Vicki Salinas from Enhancing Your Home Photography were on hand for the celebration.

Frances and Don brought

their fully restored 1917 Model T" to gave residents a ride in the car. The celebration was followed by an Old Fashioned Ice cream social. Vikki Salinas took photographs of the ladies in the car and then presented them each with a framed memento.

For many of the residents this was a first time experience of entering the not only the Alameda County Fair but any fair.

Two residents celebrated along with the festivities of the 100th celebration, as they themselves are 100 Years Old.

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David and Miriam Cariveau are celebrating their 20th anniversary. They were wed on Sept. 12, 1992. The years have included seven children, family and many friends. The celebration will consist of a big, but informal open house on Sat., Sept. 22 from 2 to 6 p.m. at 1857 Corte Cava in Livermore. For information about this open house, please call Terry Sandie 925-785-9197 and/or Kelly Blanco 510-599-7705 who planning the celebration.