

THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A



## Find Out What's Happening

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

# More Parking Needed at BART Station

Parking was the main issue raised during a hearing to determine what should be studied in a project level environmental impact report for the BART extension to Livermore.

Other issues were the impacts on Collier Canyon Road and the need to study options other than those proposed by BART.

This is the first EIR to address an actual project for Livermore. Previous studies looked at potential routes and their impacts on the

environment.

The project selected will extend BART service 4.8 miles east from the busy Dublin/Pleasanton Station to a new station in the vicinity of the Isabel Avenue/I-580 Interchange.

The extension would incorporate a bus to BART transfer, express bus services linking inter-regional rail service and priority development areas and offsite parking facilities.

Alternatives to be studied include a no build alterna-

tive, a diesel multiple unit, and an express bus.

Several speakers stated that approving the sales tax called for in Measure B1 on the November ballot is vital to being able to bring BART to Livermore. The measure includes \$400 million for the BART extension to Livermore.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty noted, "For once the Tri-Valley is acknowledged in the measure. There are over \$1 billion in projects that would benefit the Tri-

Valley."

Livermore Mayor John Marchand stated, "I echo the supervisor's remarks about B1. This is the project EIR. The next step is construction. We are getting very close. The more input we receive, the better project we will have."

Manolo González-Estay policy director for TransForm, a Bay Area advocacy group, suggested that the EIR study bus rapid transit. It would provide connections to current BART sta-

tions from throughout the Valley. He urged BART to select the most cost effective option, one that would allow money to be spent on rehabilitating the current system.

Dexter Vizinau, executive vice president by CyberTran, asked that the EIR include innovative technology. He pointed out that CyberTran is part of i-GATE, where a pilot project is being developed. "Using CyberTran, the area could become a model for the world when it comes (See BART, page 10)

## Environmental Groups Host Candidates

Six candidates are vying for two seats on the Dublin City Council. Hear the candidates describe their views on the important environmental issues facing Dublin and the Tri-Valley region next Wednesday, October 3rd - 8:00 pm at the Dublin Heritage Park, Kolb Sunday School Barn, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin.

The session will be moderated by Carolyn Siegfried, Election Forums Moderator for Tri-Valley Community Television. It is sponsored by California Native Plant Society East Bay Chapter, Friends of the Vineyards, Greenbelt Alliance, League of Conservation Voters of the East Bay, Ohlone Audubon Society, Save Mount Diablo, and Sierra Club

This Candidates Forum is a free, non-partisan, educational event open to the public. The majority of the sponsoring organizations do not take positions on candidates. Some of the sponsoring organizations may conduct a candidate endorsement process and will consider the information presented at the forum in their deliberations.

For further information, contact Dick Schneider, Sierra Club, at richs59354@aol.com or by phone at 510-926-0010 (cell).

## Local Police Take Part in Drug Drop-Off

Local police departments will partner with the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to host free prescription drug drop-offs in conjunction with the National Take Back Initiative. All of the drop-offs will take place on Sat., Sept. 29.

The Pleasanton Police Department station lobby will be open from from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for residents to drop off unused and expired prescription drugs. The station is located at 4833 Bernal Avenue (on the back side of the Pleasanton Public Library). For (See DROP-OFF, page 5)



**RABBIT ADOPTION**  
My name is Diego. I'm a bubbly little guy. I love to run and jump. I'm fun to watch zoom around. I'm a good eater and immaculate with my litter box. I'm an easy bunny. To meet Diego stop by this Saturday, Sept. 29, from 12-3 pm at the Adoption Event at the Dublin Petco, 11976 Dublin Blvd. For more info, call 925-519-1723, or email ebrabbit@comcast.net. Visit www.eastbayrabbit.petfinder.com to see more



Families played with bubbles during the first annual "splatter" wine and food festival last Saturday in Dublin. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Livermore School Board Considers New Portola Academy Charter Petition

By Patricia Koning

The Livermore School Board held a hearing on Tues., Sept. 17, on a new petition for the Portola Academy charter school, submitted by the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) last month. In July, the State Board of Education (SBE) denied the original Portola Academy petition, which was also denied by the Alameda County Board of Education (ACBOE) and the Livermore School Board earlier in the year.

The trustees will take action to approve or deny

the petition at the Oct. 16 Board of Education meeting. If denied, TVLC can submit the petition to the ACBOE and SBE. TVLC will also be submitted the LVCS petition for renewal next spring.

"This is a process we are all familiar with," said TVLC chief operating officer Bill Batchelor. "However, that doesn't prescribe the same outcome. We want to take a different approach. We have learned a lot in the last year. Our intention was never to divide the community. I hope there will soon be a time when we celebrate

our mutual successes."

Portola Academy is proposed as a K-8 charter school at the site of the old Portola Elementary School, currently the home of the Livermore Valley Charter Preparatory High School (LVCP). The program will be similar to that of the Livermore Valley Charter School (LVCS), with additional support services including an extended school day, tutors, and a learning lab. TVLC operates both LVCS and LVCP.

According to TVLC, Portola Academy was developed in response to high

demand for LVCS, which has a waiting list of over 500 students, and to meet the specific needs of the underserved population in the geographic proximity of the Portola Elementary School site. Students within a one-mile radius of the site and students currently attending Junction Avenue K-8 would receive a 5:1 preference in the enrollment lottery.

In the new Portola Academy petition, TVLC addressed issues raised by the SBE related to the educational program, financial (See CHARTER, page 10)

## Long-time Independent Journalist Bob Several Dies

Robert Several, who spent nearly his entire journalism career at The Independent, died Sept. 21, 2012 at the VA Hospital in Martinez.

Several had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He was 75.

Born in Mt. Kisco, N.Y., Several moved with his parents, Benjamin and Beatrice, and his younger brother, Michael, to Southern California. He graduated from UCLA with a degree in history.

After service in the Army, Several worked for a few months for a daily newspaper, before he came to The Independent in time to help put out its first issue.

Independent publisher Joan Seppala stated, "In person, Bob was soft spoken. Behind his typewriter and then his computer, he was a warrior, passionately fighting for social justice and the environment. When I think of both his compassion and his bold, courageous stands, I see him as a great leader. In his 49 years with the paper, he helped to transform the Valley into a better place to live."

He worked to rally residents around a variety of innovative initiatives aimed at curbing development. Because they responded in support of such measures, residents today are able to enjoy open ridge tops, hills and valleys.

Among the causes, was the effort in 1972 to pass the Save All Valley Environment Initiative. Bob supported initiatives to preserve (See BOB SEVERAL, page 9)

## Six Dublin Candidates Vie for 2 Council Seats

Dublin will have at least one new councilmember following the November election. Six people are running for two seats on the Dublin City council. Kevin Hart has completed his first term, and is seeking a second. Kasie Hildenbrand is termed out.

In addition to Hart, the candidates are Anita Carr, Shawn Costello, Shehu Hassan, David Haubert and Doreen Wehrenberg.

The candidates were asked to volunteer information about themselves and what they would bring to the job that no one else would bring.

There were questions about whether or not Dublin should have an urban growth boundary on its east side (it has one on the west), and whether he or she supports

development for Dublin in Doolan Canyon.

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) has acquired land in Doolan Canyon, and wants to have a park there, and acquire more acreage. Environmentalists in the region do not want to see development there. Dublin and Livermore have asked LAFCO (local agency formation commission) to award them control of the canyon by granting them sphere of influence designation. Dublin is considering a development proposal from Pacific Union. Livermore proposes keeping the canyon in open space by purchasing the area and giving it to EBRPD. LAFCO has directed Livermore and Dublin to work out an agree- (See DUBLIN, page 8)



Participants in the Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Racing Team cyclocross festival at Robertson Park run up the stadium steps during one of the laps. Photo - Doug Jorgensen

## Pleasanton Planning for Bernal Phase II

Pleasanton will move forward with plans to build Phase II of the Bernal Park.

Last week, the city council directed staff to flesh out a funding proposal. The goal will be to have the second phase open to the public by the fall of 2015.

Phase II is projected to cost \$15.8 million. Fifteen acres of parkland would be developed. It would include the construction of three all-weather lighted synthetic fields that could be used for soccer, football, rugby or lacrosse; three parking areas with 212 total spaces; a food concessions building and restrooms in a central plaza area; group picnic area, and a children's play area. It will also include a portion of a (See BERNAL, page 10)

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### PET OF THE WEEK

Don't be so suspicious! Unfortunately, black kitties have a bad reputation for bringing bad luck into homes. But, that statement is very much so a myth; black cats are not spooky. Often times, they are the best cats out there. Not only are they cuddly and very attractive little kitties, there are also usually always the last to find homes in shelters. For more information, call 925-426-8656 or go online to www.valleyhumane.org or www.facebook.com/ValleyHumaneSociety to see other adoptable dogs and cats. Valley Humane Society will be closed until the beginning of October due to some unforeseen re-construction. Photo by David Smith

# Downtown Livermore, Paragon Team Up to Promote the Area

Livermore Downtown Inc. and Paragon Outlets Livermore Valley don't plan to compete for shoppers. Instead, the two will work in cooperation to promote the outlet and downtown.

They are inviting the East Bay Regional Park District, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and local wineries to become partners in promoting the amenities available in the area.

There will be a kiosk set up at the Paragon site showcasing the area.

Rachel Snedecor, Livermore Downtown Inc. executive director, told the Livermore City Council Monday, "Paragon is not the typical mall trying to take over all of the consumers. The management has offered the opportunity for the downtown to gain exposure at the kiosk."

Snedecor stated, "My only worry is that our businesses and attractions aren't going to be ready to take advantage of this opportunity." She asked the city to help organize the effort.

Paragon is set to open November 8. The VIP party will feature a Taste of Livermore, featuring local restaurants and wineries.

Livermore Mayor John Marchand said that the kiosk

isn't just a display. It will be interactive. Shoppers will be able to print an itinerary. Perhaps they shop in the morning, taste wine in the afternoon and dine in the downtown in the evening.

## DOGS/BICYCLES

The council voted to rescind the ban on non-service animals and bicycles at special events.

After consulting with nearby cities, staff found that there were no notable

problems or concerns associated with bikes or animals at special events.

Although the ban was removed, the city reserved the right to impose restrictions on non-service animals at special events if it proved necessary.

## Pleasanton Seeks to Fill Vacancies

The City of Pleasanton is currently accepting applications to fill vacancies on several city commissions and committees. Commission members must be Pleasanton residents of all ages, with the exception of the Economic Vitality Committee, in which case members must be employed in the city of Pleasanton. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2012.

Interested parties are encouraged to apply for a seat now on the following commissions and committees: Civic Arts Commission-2 Members, 1 Alternate Member; Economic Vitality Committee-1 representative from each of the follow-

ing categories: Commercial Services Firm, Commercial Real Estate Developer, Green Economy/Environmental Industry, Financial Services, Medical Technology, and Professional Services Firm;

Human Services Commission-1 Alternate Member; Library Commission-1 Member, 1 Alternate Member; Youth Commission- Representatives from each of the following categories: Village High School, Freshman/Sophomore-1 Member, and Thomas Hart Middle School, 6th or 7th grade student-1 member; Youth Master Plan Oversight Committee-1 Middle School Parent Representative; and Alameda County Transporta-

tion Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Citizens Advisory Committee-3 Pleasanton representatives.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or on the City's website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/pdf/newcommapp.pdf](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/pdf/newcommapp.pdf). For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

Those interested in serving on a commission or committee that has no current vacancies listed, may register an interest in future vacancies by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027 or by completing an interest card on the website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov).

## Livermore to Take Public Comment On Draft Climate Action Plan

The City of Livermore is holding a public meeting today, Thursday, Sept. 27, to provide information and answer questions about the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) released in early August.

The meeting will be held at the Livermore Area Recreation & Park District, Robert Livermore Community Center in the South Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The facility is located at 4444 East Avenue in Livermore. City staff and consultants will be on hand to answer the public's questions related to

this document.

The draft CAP outlines voluntary measures that will reduce greenhouse gas emission levels produced within the City. The reduction goal of 15 percent below 2008 conditions by 2020 was adopted in the Climate Change Element of the Livermore 2025 General Plan. Implementation of the CAP will support the statewide effort to reduce emissions in California to 1990 levels by 2020 under Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act.

The draft document will

be considered by the Planning Commission in October and by the City Council in November.

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

The draft CAP is now available at <http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd/planning/cap/default.asp>.

VALLEYCARE HEALTH SYSTEM PRESENTS  
**3RD ANNUAL BREAST CANCER SYMPOSIUM**  
 FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

**Thursday, October 4 6-8pm**

**Palm Event Center**  
 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton

Free to the public. Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

RSVP by calling 800-719-9111, or visit [valleycare.com/educationseminars](http://valleycare.com/educationseminars)

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

<b>Nicole Jeffrey-Starr, MD</b> "Importance of Breast Clinical Exams"	<b>Rakesh Patel, MD</b> "Radiation Therapy: Less May Be More"	<b>Angela Byars, OTR</b> "Understanding and Preventing Lymphedema"
<b>Ruby Chang, MD</b> "MRI of the Breast: Is it the Best Test?"	<b>Vanni Manthiram, MD</b> "Should I Have a Mastectomy?"	<b>Mary Prishtina, RN, OCN, CBPN-IC</b> "Facing Cancer Together. Better Outcomes Through Navigation"
<b>Rakhee Shah, MD</b> "New Paradigms in Surgical Management of Breast Cancer"	<b>Kavitha P. Raj, MD</b> "Breast Cancer Genetics. Know Your Genes."	
<b>Rishi Sawhney, MD</b> "Personalized Breast Cancer Therapy and Survivorship: One Size Doesn't Fit All"		



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<p><b>3530 Welch Creek Rd Sunol</b></p>  <p><b>bd 3 ba 3.5 sqft +/- 3,964 \$1,590,000</b></p> <p>Panoramic views from every room, Serenity and nature awaits for you at this fabulous estate home. Bring your horses to this beautiful 22+ acre estate and or great property for the car enthusiast. Great drive and location. Endless possibilities for this estate.</p> <p><b>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</b></p>	<p><b>3030 Picholine Ct Livermore</b></p>  <p><b>bd 5 ba 4.5 sqft +/- 3,776 \$919,000</b></p> <p>Amazing Los Olivos home! Gourmet kit w/SS, granite, island, 2 butler's pantries, lrg breakfast room, formal living &amp; dining w/recessed lights &amp; coffered ceiling. Built-ins! Brazilian cherry flrs upstairs. Big master w/travertine tiled bath. Stamped concrete patio, Xtra parking. Views!</p> <p><b>Diane Sass 925.583.2168</b></p>	<p><b>9895 Foothill Rd Sunol</b></p>  <p><b>bd 3 ba 2 sqft +/- 1,984 Call for Price</b></p> <p>Great Ranchette, Priced Below Market. Private drive to this property w/ 5+ acres of secluded &amp; usable land. Located next to Pleasanton Ridge. Would make a great horse property, has a barn with a tack room &amp; various other out buildings. Kitchen nicely updated</p> <p><b>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</b></p>	<p><b>1883 Vancouver Way Livermore</b></p>  <p><b>bd 4 ba 3 sqft +/- 2,133 \$575,000</b></p> <p>Beautiful tri-level home in Sunset East. Large, updated eat-in kitchen and baths. Formal family room and dining room. Tiled entry, vaulted ceiling, and spacious master bedroom. Guestroom downstairs with full bath. Large lot with landscaped front and back yards.</p> <p><b>Mony Nop 925.575.1602</b></p>	<p><b>3645 Manchester St Pleasanton</b></p>  <p><b>bd 4 ba 2.5 sqft +/- 2,150 \$759,888</b></p> <p>Tastefully updated and upgraded Ditz-Crane 2 story on cul-de-sac. Hickory cabs &amp; floors, granite counters. Spacious yard w/ large deck, lawn and pool, large side yard. Walk to park, cabana &amp; Fairlands Elem. Immaculate, move-in, great floor plan w/ 1 BR downstairs, 3 up!</p> <p><b>Cindy Engel 925.580.5107</b></p>
<p><b>2046 Pinot Court Livermore</b></p>  <p><b>bd 5 ba 4 sqft +/- 4340 \$1,069,000</b></p> <p>Beautiful South Livermore Custom Home that has it all! 4 large beds with spacious bonus rm/5th bed, 1 bed/full bath drstairs. Open floor plan with huge kitchen joins large family room. Entertainer's backyard with built in BBQ and Firepit! Top Schools!</p> <p><b>Corey Green 925.899.6011</b></p>	<p><b>2202 Mornington Ln Danville</b></p>  <p><b>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft +/- 2,597 \$749,000</b></p> <p>Premium Ridge Lot. Amazing Views of Hills/Mt. Diablo. Master on 1st Flr - Loft &amp; Junior Suite Upstairs. LOTS OF UPGRADES. Wrought Iron Stair Case. Wood Floors Thru-Out Lower Level &amp; Loft Area Slab Granite Kitchen Counters w/ Stylish Tile Backsplash, SS Appliances &amp; Pantry.</p> <p><b>Michael Swift 925.251.2588</b></p>	<p><b>1850 El Nido Diablo</b></p>  <p><b>bd 4 ba 3 sqft +/- 2,693 \$1,395,000</b></p> <p>Beautiful 4 Bed, 3 bath on 6th Golf Hole. Gorgeous yards with fabulous pool and spa. Room for large sport's court. Large Oak trees. Perfect price for this winner!</p> <p><b>Del Buz Aragon 925.321.7797</b></p>	<p><b>8012 Golden Eagle Wy Pleasanton</b></p>  <p><b>bd 5 ba 5(3) sqft +/- 8,585 \$3,200,000</b></p> <p>Fabulous private custom Mediterranean in resort-like setting has it all. Porte Cachere, grand entry, gourmet kitchen, awesome theater w/ theater seating, stunning arcade &amp; exercise rms. Vast lawns &amp; wrap-around decks, guest house, pool/spa.</p> <p><b>Peggy Cortez 925.209.3451</b></p>	<p><b>5919 Hansen Dr Pleasanton</b></p>  <p><b>bd 3 ba 2 sqft +/- 1,520 \$659,000</b></p> <p>Del Prado home / extensive upgrades; exterior stone, hardwood floors, slate fireplace, crown molding &amp; dual pane windows. Chefs kitchen, granite slab/tiled back splash &amp; SS appl. Amazing remodeled Baths! Great backyard w/raised beds + side yard. No HOA</p> <p><b>Cathy and Kari 925.200.4130</b></p>
<p><b>38 Castledown Rd Pleasanton</b></p>  <p><b>bd 3 ba 3 sqft +/- 2,850 \$1,375,000</b></p> <p>Completely redesigned and rebuilt in 2002 with a unique Great Room concept, spacious, open living areas, high ceilings, Brazilian cherry floors, and crown moulding. Beautiful lower Castledown golf course on a private .37 acre, gated, oak tree studded lot.</p> <p><b>Weiner McDowell 925.251.2585</b></p>	<p><b>6457 Sunnyslope Castro Valley</b></p>  <p><b>bd 3 ba 2 sqft +/- 2,196 \$799,000</b></p> <p>Great home over 2100 sq.ft., Nice sized 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Freshly painted and very well kept. Over 1.2 acres of Land, Pool, Views, Barn for 8 Horses, Tack Room, Hay Storage and your own Arena, Public water and Location-Location... Call to see this Fabulous Property.</p> <p><b>Kristy Peixoto 925.251.2536</b></p>	<p><b>6882 Crow Canyon Castro Valley</b></p>  <p><b>bd 4 ba 3 sqft +/- 2,565 \$759,000</b></p> <p>New Price! Peace &amp; tranquility await the right buyer for this charismatic single level home. While relaxing among the .97 +/- acres of land filled w/ a variety of mature trees surrounded by ridge-lines, a private in-ground pool.</p> <p><b>Adam Fettes 510.329.1421</b></p>	<p><b>1921 Depot Dr #103 Livermore</b></p>  <p><b>bd 3 ba 3.5 sqft +/- 1,780 \$420,000</b></p> <p>Upgraded townhouse style condo in downtown Livermore. Open floor plan w/ spacious kitchen. Granite counters &amp; stainless steel appliances. Breakfast bar opens to dining room &amp; balcony. Spacious bdrm, 2 walk-in closets, full bd &amp; ba on first floor. Lg tandem garage.</p> <p><b>Mony Nop 925.575.1602</b></p>	<p><b>36210 Palomares Castro Valley</b></p>  <p><b>bd 2 ba 1 sqft +/- 1,265 \$699,000</b></p> <p>Palomares Canyon, Parklike Setting, Meandering Creek, This home sits back away from the road and has a private driveway to your getaway and/or country home. Needs some TLC, Over 1200 sq.ft. and 4.78+ ACRES. Minutes from Fremont or Castro Valley, Castro Valley Schools.</p> <p><b>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</b></p>

<b>Blackhawk East</b>	<b>Blackhawk West</b>	<b>Danville</b>	<b>Lafayette</b>	<b>Livermore</b>	<b>Montclair/Piedmont</b>	<b>Orinda</b>	<b>Pleasanton</b>	<b>Walnut Creek</b>
4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300	3880 Blackhawk Rd. Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000	15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000	3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330	1983 Second St. Livermore, CA 94550 925.667.2100	6116 La Salle Ave., Ste. 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800	89 Davis Rd. Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000	5075 Hopyard Rd Ste. 110 Pleasanton, CA 94588 925.251.2500	1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500

## VALLEY ROUNDUP

### Portola Avenue Closure

Portola Ave will be temporarily closed from Isabel Ave/Campus Hill Dr, to East Airway Blvd for 10 calendar days in order to repair the wildlife roadway crossings. The road will be closed on Tuesday, September 25th and reopened prior to the morning commute of Friday, October 5th. Traffic will be temporarily detoured to Isabel Ave and East Airway Blvd. Please follow directional signage.

For information on the Isabel Ave/I-580 Interchange improvements, call Roberto Escobar at (925) 960+4500 or visit the City of Livermore web page at [www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd/eng/roadwork/default.asp](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd/eng/roadwork/default.asp)

### Debate Asked

15th Congressional District candidate Eric Swalwell issued the following press release:

Earlier this summer, Congressman Pete Stark declared to local reporters that he would not debate because he would be asked "stupid questions."

The only non-partisan organization dedicated to educating citizens on issues and "making democracy work" – the Eden Area League of Women Voters (LWV) – has declined to host a debate in Congressional District 15.

"Voters deserve to hear from Congressman Stark and me on the issues that impact their lives," said Eric Swalwell, candidate for Congress in CD-15 and Dublin City Councilmember. "The voters expect debates. It's time to come out of hiding. As a 40-year incumbent, Congressman Stark should be prepared to face his constituents and explain himself. The League of Women Voters should not give Congressman Stark a free pass from the time-honored tradition of debate and dialogue."

### Nuclear Materials Removed

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has announced that the last of the Security Category I/II special nuclear material items that required the highest level of security at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) have been removed.

The Lab's primary mission will continue ensuring the safety, security and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile. This mission will now be performed with a small quantity of special nuclear material, resulting in annual cost savings for taxpayers of approximately \$40 million.

NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino stated, "Consolidating this nuclear material will help save taxpayer dollars, help improve the safety and security posture at the site, and help align our enterprise for the coming decades. The team at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory deserves a lot of credit for doing this efficiently and safely."

In 2006, NNSA began to develop a plan to transform the nuclear weapons enterprise and to consolidate special nuclear material as much as possible. NNSA issued an environmental analysis in 2008 that allowed for the removal of Category I/II special nuclear material items from LLNL by the end of FY 2012. The removal and consolidation efforts have eliminated high security special nuclear materials from LLNL's Plutonium Facility, which is located in an area known as the "Superblock."

### Bank Robber Suspect

Pleasanton Police arrested 59 year old Royland Rice of Oakland for the robbery of the Bank of America at 6005 Stoneridge Drive. The robbery took place on September 11. During the robbery, the suspect entered the bank and gave the teller a threatening note. After receiving an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect fled in a brown 1970s Ford Ranchero with a white camper shell.

Last Wednesday, an Officer observed a Ford Ranchero matching the description of the suspect vehicle used in the bank robbery. The officer stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver, Royland Rice, who matched the description of the bank robbery suspect. During the investigation, officers discovered evidence connecting Rice with the bank robbery. Rice was arrested for 211PC, robbery and booked at Santa Rita Jail. Rice is currently on Federal Parole for robbery.

### Stockpile Safety

Twenty years ago, on September 23, 1992, the United States conducted its last underground nuclear explosive test. Since then, the United States has developed the capability to ensure the safety, security, and reliability of its stockpile through the use of state-of-the-art technology and research while maintaining a moratorium on nuclear explosive testing.

Scientists and weapons experts at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Sandia National Laboratories (SNL), and the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) have advanced the nation's ability to understand the stockpile without nuclear explosive testing through legacy data, new data from non-nuclear experiments, supercomputer simulations and modeling, laboratory testing, and data analysis.

Ongoing investments in one-of-a-kind facilities at each of the sites have added to tools and techniques available to researchers. For example, the National Ignition Facility at LLNL, Z Machine at SNL, and the Dual-Axis Radiographic Hydrodynamic Test Facility at LANL allow for the re-creation and study of specific phenomena that would be found in a nuclear detonation.

## Pleasanton Unveils On-line Permit Info Site

The City of Pleasanton has unveiled a slate of new services that allow the development community to manage Building Permits online and by phone for better public access to building and permitting activities.

Using the new Citizen Access online portal, citizens and businesses can schedule inspections, check the status of a permit or inspection, or check for property information directly from the Internet, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. A Voice Permits system allows customers to schedule, re-schedule, and listen to inspection results

from any touch-tone phone.

"Increasing citizen access to government services is an important goal for the City of Pleasanton, and this new service delivers an easy and convenient way for us to expand our e-government services," says Brian Dolan, Director of the Community Development Department. "This also increases the efficiency level of city service by better maximizing staff resources to focus on more complex applications," he adds.

The new Citizen Access system is powered by software from Accela, Inc. of

San Ramon, CA. The new Voice Permits telephone system is powered by software from Selectron Technologies of Tigard, OR.

For more information about the new online services, contact Dennis Corbett of the Building and Safety Division at 931-5304, [dcorbett@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:dcorbett@cityofpleasantonca.gov), or visit the City's new e-permitting Citizen Access portal at [www.pleasantonpermits.com](http://www.pleasantonpermits.com). To access the Voice Permits system directly, call (925) 931-5322.

## Transition Information Night for Developmental Disabilities Set

In observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October, the City of Pleasanton will co-sponsor a free Transition Information Night for families of Tri-Valley young adults with developmental disabilities. The event is scheduled on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard.

The event is co-sponsored by R.E.A.C.H., the Pleasanton Unified School District WorkAbility program, and the Alameda County Developmental Disabilities Council.

Participants can attend an optional free workshop entitled "Ready, Set, Transition!" led by Gina Gourley, who recently retired from a 25-year career in special education with the Pleasanton Unified School District, and has personally experienced the challenges of transitioning a young adult with disabilities. The workshop is scheduled twice during the course of the evening, at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.


The event will also feature information tables and representatives from agencies which provide post high school services such as independent and supported living services, social/recreation programs, adult day programs, transportation/

paratransit, self-advocacy support, and information on conservatorship, special needs trusts and benefits counseling.

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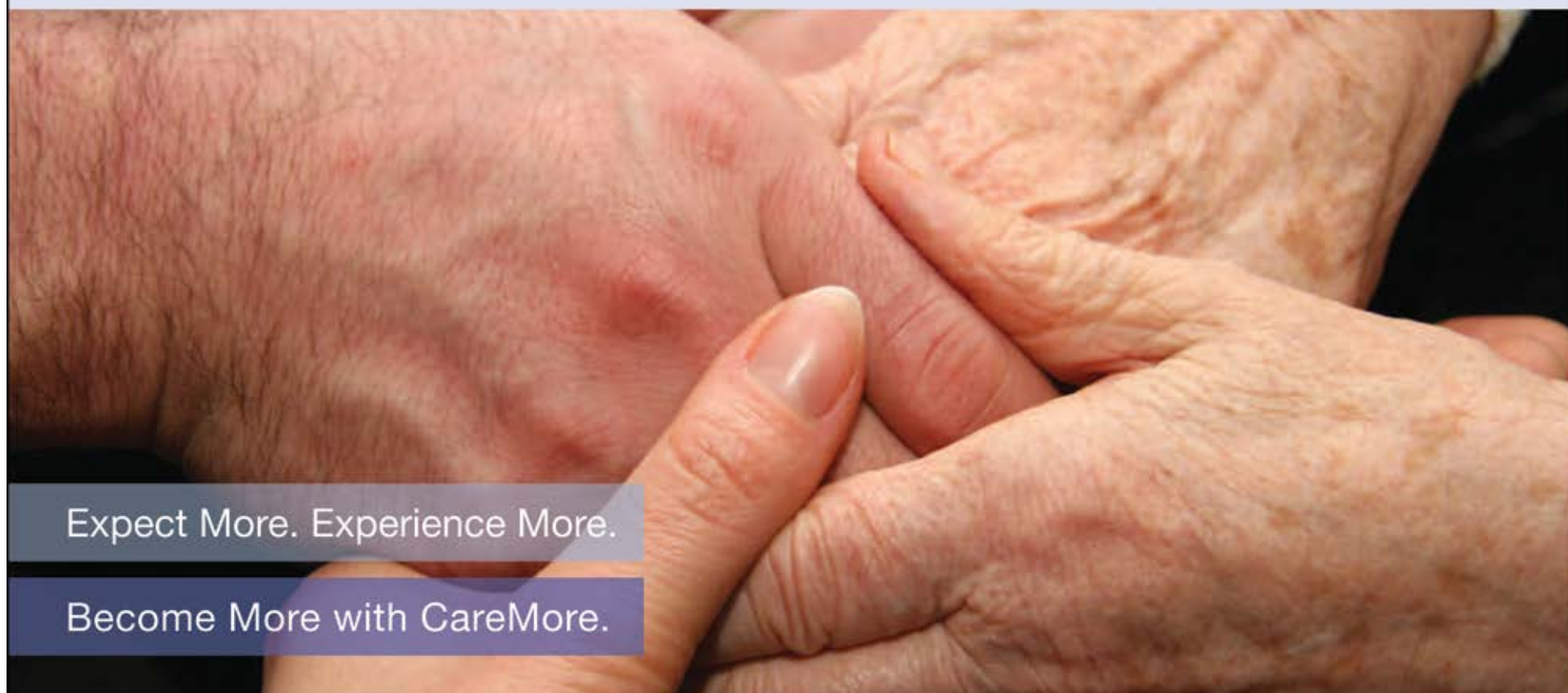


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# EDITORIALS

## LARPD: Bob Coomber

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

Bob Coomber was appointed as an interim board member. City employee Mark Thraikill is the second candidate.

We like Thraikill. We hope he continues to be an active participant in advocating for youth sports groups.

However, of the two, we believe Coomber is the best choice. His appointment by fellow board members is a testament to his abilities.

As a bank employee, Coomber brings solid financial skills that are valuable in dealing with budget issues.

4 Wheel Bob, as he is known as, hasn't let the fact that he is in a wheelchair deter him from enjoying parks and trails. He has traveled every trail in Livermore and gained recognition for his determination to scale mountains.

He greets every challenge with a can-do attitude. He serves as an inspiration to others who may have limited physical abilities, and provides a voice for them on the board.

We urge Livermore voters to keep Coomber on the LARPD Board of Directors.

## Livermore School Board: David Jonas, Belia Martinez

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

Incumbents on the ballot are Church Rogge and Belia Martinez. David Jonas and former board member Thomas McLaughlin are the other two candidates.

We support David Jonas and Belia Martinez.

Jonas has been a teacher, worked in the information technology area for many years and now owns a business of his own. Each endeavor has provided him with different skills that we believe would make him an asset to the board. He understands budgeting, marketing and how to use technology effectively.

He supports providing options for education. He has said that he would reach out to the charter school organization to discover ways the district and the charter school could work together. He was the only candidate who talked about a new program called TEC (Tri-Valley Educational Collaboration). Jonas said it was created in response to the fact that kids are opting for careers rather than college.

Martinez was appointed as an interim board member to replace Stewart Gary when he was elected to the city council.

She has a passion for education that stems from her own struggles to rise out of poverty. She points out that she understands the value and importance of education.

Martinez would represent a segment of the population that is very under-represented, providing a voice for the Spanish speaking community.

Electing Jonas and Martinez will increase the diversity of ideas and backgrounds of those making decisions about the future of education in Livermore. We urge Livermore voters to support them.

## Measure I: Yes

Measure I on the November 6 ballot will ask voters to approve a tax of \$28 annually for six years on parcels in the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. The district needs the money because of budget cuts in state support for community colleges.

Approval is needed from two-thirds of those voting in the election. The tax would raise an estimated \$5.6 million annually. The funds would be used to protect core academic programs in science, math and English, restore funding for increased access to classes and labs offerings, update classroom technology, maintain student support services, and maintain and enhance job training programs to prepare students for jobs in the new economy.

Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin are included in the district. Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore are within its boundaries.

There is no organized opposition to Measure I.

An independent citizens oversight committee will ensure funds are spent as promised. No funds will be used for the salaries of permanent administrators.

A strong educational system is good for everyone. It benefits the economy, increases property values, and provides opportunities for advancement.

We urge a yes vote on Measure I.

# EDITORIAL

## A Long Lasting Legacy

Robert Several, former editor of The Independent, died last Friday, September 21, 2012. On that very day forty-nine years ago, he worked through the night helping to insert sections of the first edition of The Independent as they rolled off the press.

Bob began as a reporter and photographer, and in the early 1970s, became its editor for more than a decade. He later continued as a feature, news and editorial writer, and even a cartoonist. He steered The Independent through a critical period, providing leadership on social justice and environmental themes. He advocated for both with a dagger's wit and an ennobling eloquence that conveyed the passion that he deeply felt.

In 1972, Bob dueled alongside others who were fighting for the pivotal Save All Valley Environment Initiative, which passed with wide margins in Pleasanton and Livermore. Bob conveyed to the public the necessity of limiting run-away growth to preserve the Valley's air quality and natural lands, and to relieve its hard hit schools.

He advocated for protection of the Sunol Ridge in 1983 and the Pleasanton Ridge in 1993. In 1996, he fought for the Pleasanton urban growth boundary. That was followed in 2000 with the championing of Alameda County's urban growth boundary, and subsequently the Livermore Urban Growth Boundary

Initiative in 2002. All of the the initiatives succeeded with overwhelming public support. The eloquence and power of Bob's editorials and news stories helped to establish Livermore and Pleasanton as model communities. Growth was focused inward, revitalizing the downtowns while saving the ridge tops and vineyards that surround us.

In addition to preserving the beauty of the area, Bob wanted to raise the quality of life for all citizens. In the 1960s, he penned telling arguments supporting fair housing legislation for Livermore.

In that era, he wrote stories and editorials about the local War on Poverty campaigns, and drew attention to the efforts of emerging minority spokespersons.

Independent reporter Ron McNicoll worked with Bob at The Independent for over 20 years. He wrote to him before he died, "You truly illustrated the adage that a socially concerned writer should 'give voice to the voiceless.' You did so much to give visibility to minority and low-income people.

"Your writing showed more than a sense of justice. It was true compassion for others. Tying it altogether has been your integrity. You have always been rock-solid in the basic core of your beliefs, and that, too, has helped people, and helped the paper."

We believe that Bob's legacy, the spiritual power of the open lands he protected and the social justice he fostered, will bless our communities for many generations.

# Mayors Comment on Local Issues

Five local mayors commented on local issues during the annual Tri-Valley Mayor's Summit held last Wednesday at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin.

Mayors represented were Livermore John Marchand, Dublin Tim Sbranti, Pleasanton Jennifer Hosterman, Danville Newell Arnerich, and San Ramon Bill Clarkson.

The question and answer session was conducted in manner reminiscent of Jeopardy, with mayors selecting a category and a monetary value. The categories were field of dreams, law and order, show me the money, and I like to move it move it. No actual money was involved.

In general, responses touted the fact that the area

worked together to achieve goals that would have positive impacts on all five cities.

Arnerich commented that the cities had found a way to work together. They had been able to maintain fairly stable budgets.

Marchand said that i-GATE and Innovation Tri-Valley plus zoning for a 1600 acre business park in Livermore would bring recognition to the area as a job center. The idea is to take technology developed at the national laboratories to market to create businesses and jobs.

Hosterman said that i-GATE has reached a point where the area is seeing the benefits. "All of us are excited about the prospects."

Clarkson said the cities

aren't in competition to recruit and retain businesses. The competition is other states and countries. Education is the key. Companies locate here because of the excellent school districts. "We need to help districts with the STEM program (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

The BART was raised. Marchand said that there is \$400 million in Measure B1 and \$150 million in bridge tolls identified to fund the extension. "We are very close to achieving the \$850 million needed to build it."

Hosterman said that Measure B1 is very, very important to the entire county. In the past, the measure has funded many important projects, such as I-580 improvements and the HOT lane on

I-680. "Federal funds are drying up. The state steals transportation dollars. We're on our own (to fund future projects)."

Each was asked to list two top priorities.

Sbranti said economic development and good transportation. Clarkson focused on fiscal responsibility and transparency in government. Hosterman's top two were economic development and maintaining the quality of life. Marchand favored job creation and transportation improvements. Arnerich listed regional cooperation and economic development.

The entire summit is currently airing on Tri-Valley TV 30. It may also be viewed via Video on Demand at the Tri-Valley TV website: www.tri-valleytv.org.

# MAILBOX

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## Good News, Bad News Beverly King Livermore

Good news! As of September 30, there will be no weapons-usable quantities of plutonium at Livermore Lab. Security will be lessened, and the Gatling guns gone.

The bad news is that Los Alamos Lab is creating new plutonium bomb cores and the diagnostic for them is in Livermore. The Department of Energy's hair-brained plan is to truck the bomb cores here, put them through the diagnostic and then ship them back to New Mexico.

Sending plutonium more than 1,100 miles to Livermore on our highways is a hazard. Always, there is the possibility of an accident, or worse.

Further, when the plutonium arrives, Livermore Lab will not have proper security to handle bomb cores. This poses another danger.

Then, the bomb cores will be returned to Los Alamos, over another 1,100 hazardous miles.

The solution? A more reasonable idea is to ship the diagnostic, a relatively small apparatus with three parts, to Los Alamos.

To curtail DOE's dangerous plan, contact Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer to express your opposition.

## Response David Johnson Pleasanton

I read with great inter-

est, the Stark Campaign response to my question regarding their reasoning for not debating their opponent, Eric Swalwell, on the issues that concern all voters in this district. It appears to me that their claim that they are "out talking with voters about the real issues" is simply another way to avoid facing and answering questions from the voters in this district. Is Stark implying that his agenda is markedly different from Eric Swalwell's on issues such as Medicare and Social Security or is this simply his way to avoid the tough questioning that he would be forced to answer in a debate?

In truth, Stark's temper has erupted both in Washington and his district over the years. His temper and lack of civility were major reasons that his own party skipped over Stark, despite his seniority, for the chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Committee in 2010. Stark continues to show his arrogance, dishonesty, and complete disregard for the truth each time he opens his mouth. To see further, his complete disregard for facts and the truth, check out this site.

<http://blog.sfgate.com/nov05election/2012/05/03/dazed-and-confused-rep-pete-starks-confounding-gaffe-on-solyndra-and-other-ed-board-highlights/>

I urge all voters to look at his dismal record over the last 15 years and then decide if this is the type of person one wants to represent us. No major daily newspaper has endorsed Pete Stark, and with good reason.

## Don't Complain Robert S. Allen Livermore

If you are a United States citizen at least age 18 by November 6, you can be the boss! Register to vote if you haven't yet, have moved, have changed your name, or want to change party or vote by mail.

Do it soon, or you may miss getting the pamphlet with your sample ballot, detailing issues, or containing candidate statements of qualifications. It's hard enough knowing how to vote even if you have the pamphlet, but one votes in the blind without it.

Simply fill out and mail in a postage-paid card to the county Registrar of Voters or to the Secretary of State in Sacramento. The cards are pre-addressed and are widely available in public offices.

If you don't register and vote, don't complain about government and political misconduct.

## To Market, To Market Mary McMahon Livermore

There is a new children's book, "To Market, To Market" by Nikki McClure about shopping at a farmers' market. A mother and her young boy have a list of things they plan to buy. After each page of their purchases i.e. apples, honey, cheese and smoked salmon there is a page explaining how the item was grown and prepared for market. It is fascinating for adult readers, also. Since Livermore doesn't have an independent book store it may be bought on Amazon.com (which now adds a sales tax.)

## Money v. Truth Stephanie Ericson Dublin

The surge of money from the rich and corporate into political campaigns after the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision has further eroded the voice of the "little man (and woman)." It also, apparently, emboldened pols with fatter fistfuls of cash to deviate from facts with greater abandon. Why? With greater access to deep pockets (Super PACs), do they think Americans believe their lies if repeated and advertised often enough?

Example: VP candidate Paul Ryan blames Obama

for a Wisconsin GM factory closure that began shutting down under Bush. Example: Mitt Romney campaign ad accuses Obama of "gutting" welfare reform (extra points for racial innuendo) by granting waivers that allow flexibility in work requirements - waivers requested by Republican governors! [e.g., Republican Utah Gov. Gary Herbert: "Some of these (work) participation requirements are difficult and costly to verify, while other participation requirements do not lead to meaningful employment outcomes and are overly prescriptive."]

Conversely the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund, enacted as part of the 2009 Recovery Act, placed 260,000 low-income parents and youth in paid jobs. But Republicans killed it after only a year and a half.

Logic? Facts? Ultimately, I believe, they are victims to the "free speech" of unrestricted, non-transparent flows of money into campaigns. A Constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United would be a good first step to reduce the undemocratic influence of money.

## Pleasanton Trustees Trustees, Pleasanton Unified School District Valerie Arkin, Chris Grant, Jamie Yee Hintzke

On November 6th, there will be no election for the 3 open seats on the Pleasanton school board. Our three seats were not contested and we will be serving another four years.

We, Trustees Arkin, Grant and Hintzke, would like to reaffirm and assure the community that our commitment and passion is as strong as ever. During these uncertain times with the lack of education funding, the continuity of board members with experience and historical knowledge of the district will help to ensure that our

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# National Honor for White

On Tuesday, the White House welcomed 13 Local Innovation Champions of Change who have committed themselves to creating a more open and innovative government through entrepreneurship.

Among them was Rob White, the i-GATE Innovation Hub (iHub) CEO and City of Livermore Director of Economic Development. He was nominated by Mayor John Marchand for his leadership as a co-founder of the i-GATE iHub Initiative, a broad super-regional partnership focused on Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories/CA as economic engines.

White is engaged in researching, assessing, and developing the ecosystem for regional innovation networks.

"Over the last 30-months, the i-GATE efforts have created a proactive, two-way link between national laboratories and entrepreneurs, industry, innovation networks, venture capital firms, universities, business support services, and economic development resources," said White. "These have helped to accelerate the commercialization of innovative energy technologies and grow a cohesive innovation ecosystem".

Todd Park, Assistant to the President and U.S. Chief Technology Government Officer, stated, "I am constantly inspired by the hard work of the women and men who serve their country by working in government. Entrepreneurs at the local and state level are leading the way with so many innovative solutions to some of the most vexing problems facing America today. As I work to make the President's innovation agenda a reality, I look forward to even more projects such as the ones honored today, so we can truly out innovate the rest of the world."

The recognition included an award ceremony, brief presentations by each awardee, and a panel discussion on the future of local innovation.

Mayor Marchand recognized White for his work in aiding to "bring a new focus

on the region as a center of innovation and research and helped to significantly increase awareness of the Livermore Valley Open Campus (LVOC) and two national labs as opportunity drivers in supporting a technology-driven economy across the entire i-GATE region".

White stated, "I am humbled and honored to be selected as a Champion of Change. From this recognition, I hope all local government employees are reminded that the public sector, too, can be entrepreneurial, have a positive impact and contribution to economic and business ecosystems, and can create change that propels our nation's efforts on the forefront of innovation."

The i-GATE iHub Initiative has garnered additional awards over the last year. In September 2011, i-GATE was recognized by the International Economic Development Council with its "Partnership Award for Regionalism and Cross-Border Collaboration." In April 2012, i-GATE received the Alliance for Innovation's top national award, the "Thomas H. Muehlenbeck Award for Excellence in Local Government". i-GATE was also selected to present at the conference. In August 2012, the Federal Laboratory Consortium Far West Region recognized i-GATE with the "Outstanding Partnership" Award.

The i-GATE/iHub Initiative is a public-private re-

gional partnership of eleven local governments, two national laboratories, universities, research institutions, and over thirty additional venture capital, angel investors, economic development, and industry partners. As a State of California designated Innovation Hub, and part of the iHub network that is included in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-BIZ), i-GATE supports the growth of new technology companies and creation of jobs in clean energy, green transportation, and high performance computing.

After its first year of operation, i-GATE has assisted 10 client companies that have created more than 150 direct and indirect jobs in the i-GATE region as a result of these efforts. Clients range from fuel cell and battery companies (Kalp-Tree Energy) to ultra-light commuter rail (Cybertran - automation licensed from Idaho National Laboratories) and solid-state energy harvesters (PowerPrism and Ultracell). i-GATE has facilitated numerous academic technology partnerships, including University of Oklahoma fellows assessing a technology commercialization strategy this summer with the LLNL Industrial Partnerships Office and the University of California-Davis Graduate School of Management student team working on go-to-market plans with one of i-GATE's fuel cell companies.

# DROP-OFF

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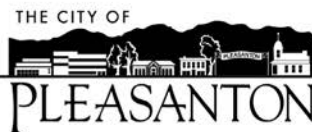
Dublin Police Services will participate from 10 am - 2 pm, in the Civic Center parking lot (100 Civic Plaza). At the free and anonymous event, Dublin Police Officers will collect tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms of prescription medications - no questions asked. Intravenous solutions, injectibles and syringes will

not be accepted.

The Livermore Police Department, 1110 S. Livermore Avenue, will accept drop-offs between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Livermore Police Department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the City of Livermore Water Resources Department. The services are free and anonymous, no questions asked.

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nal container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. If an original container is submitted, the individual should remove any identifying information from the prescription label. All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers may be dropped. Intra-venous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens.



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- Green Economy/Environmental Industry
- Financial Services
- Medical Technology
- Professional Services Firm

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Library Commission - 1 Member, 1 Alternate Member

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- Village High School Freshman/Sophomore
- Thomas Hart Middle School 6th or 7th Grade

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**Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 5, 2012.**

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# SPORTS NOTES



Livermore Fusion Soccer Club Coach Chay Bardales is pictured with his U13 girls team. They are holding banners from winning the 2012 spring league.

## Fusion Coach Bardales Inducted Into LA Galaxy Wall of Legends

By Patricia Koning

Last Saturday, Isaias "Chay" Bardales Jr. was inducted into the LA Galaxy Wall of Legends along with the rest of his teammates on the club's 2002 Major League Soccer (MLS) winning squad. Chay currently coaches the Livermore Fusion Soccer Club (SC) premier U10 boys, U13 girls, and U13 boys teams.

"This is shocking but awesome," he says. On Saturday, Chay also participated in an Alumni Game before Galaxy's regular game against Toronto FC at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. The 2002 team was the first Galaxy squad to win the MLS Cup.

Chay began his soccer career at the age 5, learning from his father who also played the sport. He played for San Jose State and was on the U.S. Men's National

Soccer Team for several years. He was a member of the U.S. U20 National Team that qualified for the 1999 FIFA World Youth Championships. In addition to playing for LA Galaxy, he also played for the Stockton Cougars (Professional Arena Soccer League), San Diego Gauchos (Premier Development League, and internationally in Puerto Rico and Europe.

Chay began coaching youth soccer in the San Jose area a few years ago and joined Fusion SC last year as an assistant coach for the premier U10 boys team. Chay also owns All Star Soccer, which has locations in Sunnyvale and in Livermore (inside Cabernet Indoor Sports).

"I really love coaching. My office is a soccer field. How can you get better than that?" he says. "I want to

give these young players the perspective of how to make it into professional soccer if that is their dream and to help them become better players overall."

Ben Graham, director of coaching for Fusion SC, says that Chay adds depth and quality to the organization's professional coaching staff. "Livermore Fusion Soccer Club has some of the best coaches in the region and Chay is a great example of that. We look for coaches who have played the game at a high level and also understand the audience they are coaching," he explains.

"His experience and knowledge as a professional soccer player is something not many have in youth coaching. For someone to speak firsthand of their path and learning curve to those who want to travel down the same path is invaluable."



The 10UB Livermore Smoke softball team took 2nd place at the Capitol Sports tournament held September 8-9 in Davis, Ca. In the first tournament for this newly formed fall ball team, every player contributed, ending the two-day test winning 5 out of 6 games. Defensive highlights included outstanding pitching by Melanie Laronde, with an offensive spark provided by a 2 run homer off the bat of Tatum Hayes. Pictured are (back row, from left) Kylie Roberts, Coach Doug Roberts, Olivia Kohndrow, Melanie Laronde, Rebekah Peterson, Coach KC Peterson, Tatum Hayes, Coach Steve Pepperdine, (front row) Allison Sprugasci, Allison Scher, Izzy Romero, Jordan Beakey, Brilynn Pickerill, Katlyn Woolley, Hannah Whitelock. Not pictured Coach Eric Scher and Coach Brian Kohndrow.



West Coast U10 Fury continued winning with a 5-1 win over Bay Oaks. Playing at home in Livermore, the Fury jumped out to a quick lead with a nicely played backdoor goal from Madeline Allum assisted by Kourtney Kessler. Two more goals for the Fury quickly followed giving the girls a 3-0 lead going into halftime. Forward Kalena Brongfield netted two additional goals in the second half to claim her first hat trick of the season. The West Coast Fury are 3-0 and in league play. Pictured is West Coast Fury forward Madeline Allum beating the Bay Oaks goal keeper for her second goal of the game.

### West Coast Soccer

West Coast Soccer Wave U11G played an incredible first NorCal State Cup Seeding game recently in Brentwood against Impact. Goalkeeper Eliana Eme played a strong game as did defenders Jordan Goodwin, and Jessa Lyons. Savannah Seals scored the first two goals (one on an assist from Kara Kolte), and then Monique Reil scored the third goal. Aggressive play on offense from Jillian Collom,

Kaila Vasconez, and Caitlyn Garison led to 15 shots on goal. Vasconez, and Seals both found the back of the net in the second half. Defenders Jordan Goodwin, and Allison Jamison fought hard, allowing the Impact to take a total of three shots on goal in the second half.

The West Coast Wave continued its dominance the following Sundays against Piedmont Soccer Club. The game started with midfielder Monique Reil taking the ball down the field,

nited the Rage girls to rally. First, Katie Murphy broke away from the pack and fired a shot that was deflected by Bay Oaks. On the rebound, Devyn Baldus tipped the ball in to the net for Rage's tying goal. The remainder of the half resembled a shooting gallery, as Hannah Gossett, Isabella Clark, Jasmine Erickson and Murphy took shots that tipped the crossbar, hit the side of the net, or were stopped by Bay Oaks' solid defense. The final score: 1-1.

Rage White traveled to a hot and humid Sacramento on Sunday for its final State Cup Seeding Round game. Initially, Capital Athletic Soccer Academy Boca girls claimed home field advantage, scoring the game's first goal in the 20th minute. This was the only Boca goal allowed, however, as Rage's first-half goalkeeper, Angelo, took command of her box. Fired up by a half-time pep talk, Rage's offensive players began to answer back to Boca's press. Murphy ultimately drove in the tying goal in the 41st minute, on an assist by Hunter Faria. Midfielder Ashley Lopez twice headed the ball to move it closer to the Boca box. Rage's Jessica Stubbs outmaneuvered opponents double her size on the right. Final score: 1-1. Rage White '00 leaves the Seeding Round with a strong record of 16 points, including one win and two ties. Seeding Round results determine the team brackets for the second round of State Cup games, to be played in mid-November.

The Pleasanton U12 Rage Orange beat the De Anza Force Blue 2-0 in a Norcal League game at Val Vista on Saturday, September 15. The first half was a battle as both teams had chances to score. Rage Orange forwards Karin McCarty, Abby Fried and Maggie McPeak all had close chances. The second half was all Rage. The ball stayed on the De Anza side of the field as the Rage Orange took turns sending shots to the De Anza goalie. The Rage Orange was finally able to score when Maggie McPeak drilled a shot past the De Anza goalie. A few minutes later Abby Fried would not be denied as she went around the De Anza defense to give the Rage Orange its second goal. The Rage Orange defense controlled their side of the field to limit any threat De Anza had. Holly Judson, Leila Shaif, Casey Cring, Kiera Hegarty, Eknor Kaur and Isabella Huyler all played pivotal roles in helping stifle the De Anza offense. Goalie Haley Roundtree deflected a number of shots wide of the goal as she picked up her 3rd shutout of the season.

**Pleasanton Rage Division 4:**  
U6: Dolphins: The girls did a great job staying with the ball. Top Offensive Players: Emerson Muise - Dolphins Top Defensive Players: Jessica Tsai - Dolphins

U12: XTreme Tigers 0, Orange Crush 4: Gracie Ose of the U12 Orange Crush, wearing gray, displays her tenacity on offense as the Orange Crush continued their winning ways with a 4-0 victory over the XTreme Tigers on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Sports Park. The Crush got balance scoring from Gracie Ose, Mollie McKay, Lindsey Schroeder, and Marissa Fredricks. The defense turned in a strong performance by Emma Tszoo, Allison DeFazio, and Elisabeth Balicanta. Top Offensive Players: Gracie Ose, Lindsey Schroeder, Marissa Fredricks - Orange Crush; Top Defensive Players: Jazzy Emma Tszoo, Allison DeFazio, Elisabeth Balicanta - Orange Crush

### Livermore Fusion

U14B Boys, Fireballs vs. Revolution: Both teams played really well. This was a hard game where the Fireballs won 6 to 0. Top players for Fireball offense were Nick Brown with 5 goals and Spencer Kramm with 5 assists. Leading the defense were Taylor Williamson and Jack Ellsworth. Top players for Revolution offense were Stephan Billowitch and Joshua Peeso, notable for defense were Jared Hubert and Samuel Burbach as goalie.

U10 Select Girls: Livermore Fusion Tigers played Lamorinda United to a 2-2 tie this past weekend. After jumping out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first half Lamorinda battled back to tie the game in the second half. The Tigers goals were scored by Ariel Van Buuren and Nina Fillari. Ariel's goal was unassisted after stealing the ball from the Lamorinda defense. Nina Fillari was assisted by an excellent long distance pass from defense by Caitlyn Foster. The Tigers will next take a break from league play and will venture to the South Bay to compete in the Medina Fall Classic.

U10B Boys Rec, Thunder vs. Strikers: The Strikers won this hard fought game 6 to 4. Both teams made many good blocks and showed great sportsmanship. Notable on the Thunder offense were Rahul Brar and Kengo Suzuki. Top players for Thunder defense were Wesley Chiba and Sam Costello. Leading the Striker offense were Erick Jaramillo, Jesse Haight and Carter Purl. Notable for the Striker defense were Luke Ellsworth, Taha Diah and Vidal Ebrado.

U8 Boys, Destroyers vs. Strikers: The Destroyers and The Strikers played an excellent game Saturday. Jason Krakoski, Cayden Lenning and Carson Mendoza were terrific moving the ball for the Destroyers. For the Strikers, Dylan Ison had an outstanding game on defense and Dylan Kehn continued with great shooting and scored a great goal in the first half.

Fusion U7 Girls, Rock Stars vs. Awesome Stars: Rock Stars standouts: Audrey Belmessieri, Katy Canaan, Isabella Draghi, Olivia Draghi, Kiara Franklin, Kara Gee, Tara Kubiak, Ariana Reyes, Mariana Rivera. Awesome Stars standouts: Melodei Brasart, Veronica Fenner, Brooke Gale, Tessa Jesberg, Sophia Lunsford, Olivia Lunsford, Nikki Ostien. Goals by Awesome Stars players Olivia Lunsford, Brooke Gale and Sophia Lunsford. Goals by Rock Stars players Olivia Draghi and Kara Gee with assists by Kiara Franklin and Isabella Draghi.

Fusion U6 Girls, Tough Cookies vs. Rocket Rainbow: It was a great day for soccer Saturday when the Rocket Rainbows took on the Tough Cookies. Rocket Rainbow Gabi Lujan proved her skills on the field assisting Bri Canning in a goal. The Tough Cookies played a great game proving just how tough they really are.

U6 Boys: Ninjas vs Fire Ninjas: A great team effort by the Ninjas. Tyler Franchi and Preston Timmons were offensive standouts, while Michael Boyd made several key defensive plays.

### Pleasanton Ballistic

Ballistic United under 14 Premier 99 team hosted a National Premier League match against Monterey County Futbol United Salinas FC Saturday afternoon at the Pleasanton Sports Park.

The visitors frustrating but highly effective low pressure compact defensive style completely frustrated Ballistic throughout the opening half.



Fusion U7 featured a match between the Rock Stars and Awesome Stars. Goals were scored by Awesome Stars players Olivia Lunsford, Nikki Ostien, and assists by Brooke Gale and Sophia Lunsford. Goals by Rock Stars were scored by Olivia Draghi and Kara Gee with assists by Kiara Franklin and Isabella Draghi.



Pictured is Kara Kolte of the West Coast Soccer Wave U11G as she battles to keep the ball and move it down field.



Gracie Ose of the Pleasanton U12 Orange Crush, wearing gray, displays her tenacity on offense as the Orange Crush continued their winning ways.



Jordan Mello of Saints breaking tackle of Packer in Livermore Junior Football League action.

Salinas FC was content to allow Ballistic to possess the ball for long stretches of the match, including 12 consecutive passes immediately after the kickoff.

Striker Blake Tucker had the best chance to score in the first half but his shot was deflected off the crossbar by the Salinas FC keeper. In the second half Ballistic improved their effort and tactical execution. Wingers Bryce Taylor, Jason Campbell, Sam

Christensen, and Daniel Ferguson saw more of the ball and combined with long outside wing backs Kyle McClanahan, Ryan Murray, Chris Machi, and Jacob Dremalas to pump dangerous balls early and often into the Salinas penalty area.

The results of the crosses was a plethora of 2nd half chances after only 5 shots in the first half. Finally in the 52nd minute Ballistic broke the 0-0 tie on a play that started with goal keeper



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# SPORTS NOTES

Tommy Kramer. Kramer started a fine buildup after receiving a through ball which he played to center back Jimmy Thompson. Thompson then played a 1 touch ball wide to left wing back Ryan Murray. Murray, Tucker, Jared Wilson, McClanahan, and Jason Campbell all had touches before Tucker finished at near post for the 1-0 lead.

Monterey picked up the pace. Center Backs Imran Matin kept his back line organized as they were called upon to thwart several Salinas FC attacks.

Adolfo Trujillo appeared ready to stretch the lead to two goals when he was dragged down just outside the box (with the opponent being sent off with a red card) but the resulting free kick was sent over the bar. With five minutes left in the match Tucker sealed it when winger Sam Christensen's hard work resulted in an excellent cross hat Tucker was able to finish as he challenged the keeper for the ball and headed home for the 2-0 final.

The win keeps Ballistic (3-0 league play, 6 wins, 3 losses, 1 tie overall) at the top of the National Premier League standings with a 3 point cushion over second place Mustang of Danville. Monterey drops to 1 win, 2 losses.

Premier 99 under 14 soccer team started off the 2012/13 State Cup group competition by beating Watsonville's Real Atletico Black 6-1.

In the first minute winger Sam Christensen set the tone by getting behind the Real defense and knocking crosses into the box.

Striker Blake Tucker fired the hosts into the lead after only 4 minutes taking a deep ball played behind the Salinas back line by Kyle McClanahan. Tucker easily finished from 18 yards.

In the 27th minute midfielder Imran Matin finished a cross from 7 yards pushing the score to 2-0. The goal was setup by an excellent passing sequence with Kyle McClanahan. Shortly after the Matin goal winger Jason Campbell was taken down in the box and then finished his penalty kick with a sharply hit shot.

Ballistic's defense, led by Jimmy Thompson, kept the Watsonville side at bay. Keeper Jared Wilson was not called upon for a save.

In the 39th minute Chiba finished on a nice pass from Adolfo Trujillo. Chiba then assisted on Tucker's 2nd goal of the match. Chiba sent a diagonal ball to Christensen that was intercepted by the left back. Christensen quickly won the ball back and cracked a shot into the goal from 18 yards to close out the scoring for Pleasanton at 6 goals.

Ballistic controlled much of the play but was nicked for a goal when McClanahan's clearance deflected off an attacking Watsonville player who then beat the rest of the defenders to the ball for their only goal.

Ryan Murray and Jacob Dremalas had wonderful games at the wing back spots. Both players were buzzing up and down the flank supporting the attack, knocking crosses into the box, and shutting down opposing attacks.

**BUSC U11 Elite 2** defeated Alliance FC Diablos 3 to 0. Every Ballistic player had a great game. Michael O'Brien, exhibited great hustle in scoring two goals. Sander Head played an awesome match in goal, saving multiple goals from our opponents.

**WCOGA Gymnastics**  
On September 16, the West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy compulsory gymnasts competed in the Pink Meet Invitational at Bay Aerials in Fremont.

Standout performances include: Level 4 Younger- McKenzie Meyn placed first on Beam, 2nd place on floor and 3rd all-around. Middle-Naomi Evans placed 3rd on floor and

3rd all-around. Deanna Chang placed 2nd on beam.

Level 5: Younger- Amelia Liao placed 3rd on bars. Megan Brennan place 2nd on bars and beam and she placed 3rd all-around. Middle A- Allison Reilly place 3rd on beam. Lauren Swenson-Lennox Placed 1st on vault, bars, beam and all-around. Middle B- Audrey Ong placed 1st on bars. Kamryn O'Reilly placed 3rd on beam and 3rd all-around. Lydia Muentz placed 1st on floor, 3rd on bars and 2nd all-around.

Level 6: Abigail McKeag placed 3rd on bars. Nathalie Boyle placed 5th on bars and 5th all-around.

## Livermore Jr. Football

Highlights from the September 22 games for the Livermore Junior Football League:

**Junior Division:** Texans 36, 49ers 13: The Texans took on the hard hitting 49ers, starting with a quick 7-0 lead in the first quarter with a touchdown run by Dylan Silva. He ran for over 60 yards, 2 touchdowns, and an extra point. Also Edward Vilchis had a great day running for 2 touchdowns in the first half. One for 40 yards and one from 18 yards out. Edward also caught a two point conversion thrown by Miles Rasmussen and made some huge tackles for losses on defense.

On the defensive side of the ball the boys played strong, gritty, football. They held the 49ers to 13 points. Dennis Derham was all over the field on defense, laying 2 huge hits, one of them for a loss near the end of the game to assure that the 49ers didn't come back. He also had 2 runs on offense.

The 49ers tried 2 passing plays and they were both broken up by Grant Gomes. Grant was also involved in at least 4 of the teams tackles. All in all this was a huge team win. Everyone had each others backs and it really showed on the field.

The Niners played a great game and fought hard until the very end. After falling behind 14-0 in the first quarter, the Niners got going in the second quarter. Some nice blocking by Logan Tucker, Garrett Riddiough and Dylan Clinton helped set up the Niners first touchdown drive that was capped off with a 35 yard touchdown run by Shane Waechtler. The defense also stiffened led by Elijah Hodgers, Cameron Adams, and Andrew Waller who all made some impressive tackles.

After giving up a quick touchdown to the Texans to start the second half, the Niner offense quickly came back with a scoring drive that was aided by excellent blocks by Joe Montano, Joseph Fields, and Noah Thompson. Nick Hill capped the scoring drive with a 6 yard touchdown run to trim the Texans lead to 28-13. The Niner defense had several impressive defensive stops in the fourth quarter as impressive tackles were made by Julian Quigley and Todd Beatty.

**Intermediate Division:** Ravens 20, Bears 6: In a total team effort, the Ravens beat the Bears 20-6 to improve their record to 3-0. The Ravens defense had a great game. Zac MacDonald had an awesome defensive game with two fumble recoveries in the game and 5 tackles. Nate Wilson held the Bears offense with 3 sacks and 10 tackles. Other top defensive players who had key tackles were Tyler Lewis, Dominic Shepard, and Michael Trafon. The offense was led by Malini Tia who ran for at least 165 yards that included a 55 yard run. In the first half, QB Kaine Montez scored the 1st touchdown with a 2 yard sneak. Zac MacDonald powered through for the 2 point conversion. The Bears then scored a TD but couldn't finish the 2 point conversion. Tia got the momentum back for the Ravens with a 37 yard TD reception.



## Ballistic United 99 Premier's Blake Tucker beats the keeper to the ball and scores.

The Bears blocked the Ravens kick for the extra point, so the score was 14-6. Dominic Giuliano ran a double reverse for a 15 yard run and then Tia got a 30 yard reception from a great pass by Montez. Tommy Reeves ran great for the Ravens including a powerful 12 yard touchdown run.

**Senior Division:** Steelers 22, Giants 0: For the Giants, early mistakes and an offense that struggled to sustain drives resulted in a victory for the Steelers by a score of 22-0 in LJFL Senior Division play. While the Giants fall to 0-3 on the season, a defense which had been overmatched in its first two games turned in their best effort of the season. Pinned back by penalties and an early interception, the Giants found themselves in a hole they could not climb out of. The Giant defense settled in and held the Steelers out of the end zone after the first onslaught.

Ruzzel Yee led the defensive effort with six tackles and a sack while Garrett West added five tackles on the day. Other defensive standouts included Ryan Galletta, Christian Lopez and Joshua Harlan. Logan Koch and Benny Sanchez delivered the biggest hits for the Giant defense. Trent McIntosh applied good pressure on the Steelers quarterback while Harold Geer and Magnum Miller provided good downfield pass coverage.

**Packers 33, Saints 12:** Packers and Saints squared off in what turned out to be a very physical and exhausting football game. Establishing a solid running game the Saints moved from their own 30 down to the Packers 15 and looked to have the momentum.

The Packers defense, led by nose guard Adam Lebish as well as tackles Julian Stroud and Austin Fugate, settled in and began another solid day of hard-nosed defensive play. Unable to score on their first possession the Saints turned the ball over on downs and the Packers offense went right to work. Behind the strong run blocking and the excellent pass protection of center Chris Howard and tackles Conner Nevin, Eric Azevedo and guards Austin Fugate and Sam Guschek the Packers marched down into Saints territory. Quarterback Ben Kerling then delivered a perfect strike to Scott Plantenga for a 40 yard run to pay dirt. Cornerbacks Ryan Nunes and Michael Butterfield, as well as safety Hunter Burke and linebackers Ronnie Hahlbeck and Blake Downey, led another excellent defensive stand.

Scott Plantenga finally tore off a long touchdown run that was followed up shortly thereafter by an even longer touchdown run by fellow packer teammate Russell Stevenson. Not giving in the Saints fought back and took the ensuing kickoff all the way back for a touchdown of their own and the half ended with a score of 20-6 in favor of the Packers.

The Packers received the second half kickoff and Conner Parkerson exploded up field with an exciting return all the way to the Saints 48 yard line. Then on the first play from scrimmage the Packers went back to the air as Ben Kerling hit wide out Jacob Murdoch on a perfectly executed stop and go. The fast Murdoch caught the ball in stride and didn't look back until after he had crossed the goal line. After another Packer score and in spite of being down by a large margin the Saints continued to battle. With the final minutes ticking away the Saints drove the ball down to the Packers 15 yard line where Saints QB Nicholas Grant threw a perfect swing pass to Jordan Mello. Mello caught the ball and then made two quick moves that froze the Packer defenders and allowed him to get into the endzone untouched. That concluded the scoring with the final tally being Packers 33 and the Saints 12.

## Phantom Lacrosse

**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 season runs mid-January through May. Discounted early registration closes Oct 31st. Register on-line at [www.phantomlacrosse.org](http://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 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 am. The one-mile fun run begins at 11:00 am. Pre-registration entry fees for the 5K and 10K are \$30 per runner and \$25 for each runner in a 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. For more information, for sponsorship opportunities, or to register, visit



## Isabella Huyler scores for the Pleasanton Rage U12 Orange.

[www.livermoregranadaboosters.org](http://www.livermoregranadaboosters.org), or contact Mike Nagel, Race Director, at 667-6535 or [flagpollerace@yahoo.com](mailto:flagpollerace@yahoo.com).

Please visit [www.pokesbaseball.com](http://www.pokesbaseball.com) for more info or call Coach Dave Perotti at 925-586-2811

## Rollerhockey Signup

Rollerhockey is open to all ages and experience levels. All new players will get 50% off fees for their 1st session at Valley Inline Hockey in Livermore. Skates are needed. No experience necessary. Ages divisions 6 & under (Mites), 8 and under (Squirrels), 9-12 (PeeWee), 13-16 (Bantam) for boys and girls. Signups at the rink Saturday, October 13th 10am-1pm. The rink is located behind Junction Ave Middle School, in Livermore with parking off Ladd Ave. For more details call 925-443-1500.

## 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 Rik Richardson at 925-518-9356. E-mail at [atheniantrack@comcast.net](mailto:atheniantrack@comcast.net).

## Diablo Challenge

Save Mount Diablo's 31st Mount Diablo Challenge will be held on Oct. 7. The Mount Diablo Challenge is an 11.2 mile timed bike ride, starting at the Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Road 3,249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo benefiting Save Mount Diablo.

In 2009, a new record was set for the strenuous climb up Diablo's slopes by Michael Vetterelli who completed the Challenge in a mere 41 minutes and 25 seconds.

All riders reaching the summit in less than 1 hour receive a special "One Hour" T-Shirt. Awards will be given to top finishers, male and female, in several age categories. Awards for fastest team and individuals, and the team that raises the most funds for Save Mount Diablo will be presented. Incentives will be given based on donations in addition to the registration fee. Proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo.

Riders of all ages are welcome and can compete on any type of non-motorized cycle, including tandems, bicycles and hand powered vehicles. All cyclists should be in position in their assigned wave when the starting gun is fired at 8:30am. Mount Diablo State Park will be closed to all outside traffic for the duration of the event and cyclists will be assisted by State Park escorts during the descent. Cyclists can register at [SaveMountDiablo.org](http://SaveMountDiablo.org).

## Fundraising for Sports

Livermore High School baseball and basketball are hosting a Bowling Tournament to raise money for their programs. The "Gator Bowl" is on November 10th from 6:30-8:30 at Granada Bowl. The cost is \$15 per person. There will be a raffle at the end with a grand prize of a set of tires from Big O Tires.

## Girls Softball

**PGSL Registration:** 2013 Registration is now open for all divisions in the Pleasanton Phantom Girls Softball League. All girls in grades K-12 living in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol are eligible to play. Two ways to register: 1) Online - visit our website at [www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org); 2) By check & postal mail - Download a registration form on the league website and mail to PGSL, P.O. Box 911, Pleasanton, CA 94566. For more information or questions, email Christine Tanis at [christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org](mailto:christine.t@pleasantonsoftball.org).

**PGSL Player Evaluations:** Player Evaluations will be held December 8-9, 2012, for all players in grades 3-8. No prior experience required. Exact times and location are to be determined and will be published on the PGSL website ([www.pleasantonsoftball.org](http://www.pleasantonsoftball.org)). Remember to register by December 1, 2012 to avoid the late fee.

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# DUBLIN

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ment about the sphere of influence. It has not come back to LAFCO.

If Dublin were to plan the area, the question of donations to candidates came up. Pacific Union said it wants to build 1900 units of a senior development in the canyon. The Lin family, with Charter Properties as the developer, owns acreage adjacent to the west.

Candidates were asked whether they have received donations from Pacific Union or Charter Properties, and whether they thought that would be a moral, if not a legal, conflict of interest.

They were asked what they envision for the future of parks and recreation and for the Dublin downtown plan, and also whether they were satisfied with the overall density of the city.

There was a question about whether they support Measure B1, the county transportation tax on the November ballot.

They were also asked about what they believe is needed in Dublin's future.

Candidates were asked to name up to five endorsers, if they wished. They were offered the chance to talk about any topics that were not covered in the questions.

Candidates appear in alphabetical order.

## ANITA CARR

Anita Carr is a retired executive in information technology field with Fortune 500 experience. She also has public sector experience, by virtue of her service on the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission, which she has chaired in the past. She is a fiber artist.

Carr served as an officer in the Dublin San Ramon Women's Club, and is state arts chairman for the organization, which consists of 13,000 volunteers in California.

Carr graduated with a bachelor's degree from University of Nevada Reno. She was studying in graduate school, but was hired away by IBM. She received a special recognition certificate in 2008 from Congressman Jerry McNerney.

Carr said her unique contribution to the council would be the capability to develop relationships with high tech companies, notably those in the Fortune 500 category. "I'm a good negotiator, an idea person, and creative," she said.

Carr said she supports an urban growth boundary (UGB) in east Dublin. However, she said she supports development in Doolan Canyon, "with qualifications. One is to wait and see what the EIR says. There are endangered species over there."

The second qualification would be that "if Dublin annexes the land, and none goes to Livermore, I would expect there to be a 10 percent to 20 percent buffer zone between the two cities." She would like to see a cap of 50 percent development in the area, with the rest open space.

Carr said that she has received no donations from would-be developers in or near Doolan Canyon.

On parks and recreation, Dublin has good requirements in place for public art and other amenities, such as the amount of land developers must set aside for parks.

On the downtown plan, there have been vacant buildings for years. More can be done to stimulate new businesses there. "The council did work on parking restrictions on Village Parkway. We'll see if that's beneficial or not." A tax incentive might prompt merchants to do something.

Carr lives on the city's west side. She has not heard about any problems with density, or heard any complaints on the east side.

However, people on the east side are upset that they were promised a high-end shopping center, which will

be housing instead.

On Measure B1, "in this economic environment, I'd say no. I would like to see BART go to Livermore. I'm not sure I'm interested in developing the Iron Horse Trail right now (B1 would have money in it for that). It could be a future project. It's not a good time to add more taxes."

Dublin's needs right now are jobs, job security and affordable housing, and any assistance we can give to foreclosure victims, a hidden, silent epidemic." People don't realize how many people on their own street are affected by foreclosure.

Carr said she is endorsed by the Republican Party of Alameda County.

## SHAWN COSTELLO

Shawn Costello wants people to know that he is an honest candidate. "I don't go for any mudslinging, I don't put people down for their campaigns. We have a fair shake at everything."

"As a disabled person, I think everyone should have the right to run for office, if they choose to do so." Costello is 52 years old, moved to Dublin when he was 21, and has run for either mayor or city council nine previous times.

Costello said that he brings to the election contest "a knowledge of what the city really needs. I'm hitting the pavement. I know where a lot of the problems are. I'm bringing my years of college knowledge and willingness to fight for a city."

Asked about a UGB on the east side, Costello said, "I think we should leave everything as is, and don't grow anymore, because we are taking away from wildlife, and trying to grow where we don't need to grow. We are adding more traffic on traffic when we grow."

Costello said "absolutely not," when asked whether he supports development for Doolan Canyon. He added that he did not know where it was.

Dublin also needs more recreation areas. That would help create jobs.

As for the future of the downtown plan, Costello would like to see "smaller shops rather than bigger ones. I would like to see more pedestrian-friendly areas, and more wheelchair access everywhere. When it's accessible to me, it's accessible for everyone, including cyclists or strollers."

Commenting on the city's overall density, Costello said it "has always been my feeling we were fine at the current densities."

Costello supports Measure B1. "Absolutely. I am a part of that. I am on the board of the Paratransit Advisor Committee, which meets in Oakland every month."

As to Dublin's future, the city needs more people to take an interest in it, and "fight the good fight."

Costello said that his nomination papers were signed by Mayor Tim Sbranti, and councilmembers Don Biddle and Eric Swalwell.

## KEVIN HART

Incumbent Kevin Hart retired in January as a division commander from the Alameda County Sheriff's Department after 31 years of service. He works as a police consultant.

Hart is the father of seven children and has two grandchildren. He earned a master's in leadership from St. Mary's College, and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Cal State Eastbay.

Hart has lived in Dublin since he was 10 years old. "I know the community. I have watched it age over the years, so I have a good understanding of historical background."

Hart cited his experience in public safety as a unique feature that he brings to the council.

About a UGB for the east side, Hart said it's "not a bad idea to explore. We want to go east. We don't want to go

to Livermore."

Everything that Hart voted on in the past four years already had been allocated by previous councils, said Hart. "It would not hurt my feelings if we stopped cutting into those hillsides. Those hills are beautiful. I wouldn't call my self slow-growth, but managed, smart growth."

On the senior development that Pacific Union wants to build in Doolan Canyon, Hart said, "Conceptually I like the idea of up-scale retirement community. But where do you put it?"

"Doolan is one potential prospect. It needs to be evaluated by Dublin and Livermore. In the Tri-Valley consideration, the only place people can go (for that kind of community) is Rossmoor (in Walnut Creek)."

Told that Pleasanton has a planned senior community, Hart said that it is under construction.

It might be possible to have some kind of retirement community, and connect our parks, link them, and have a boundary in an urban area. He also said that the Dublin senior community, if built, would be a year or two away.

"I am required to listen to all sides. I'm open. I don't say absolutely not. It may be a reduction, or scaled up or down."

Hart said he had not heard that Charter Properties owned land on the west edge of Doolan Canyon.

Hart said he has not taken money from Charter Properties, but "Jim Tong has contributed. I didn't know he was with Charter."

Hart said he had only "peripheral discussions" with the "rest home developer."

"I'm the kind of guy that if you contributed to my campaign, if it smells, I'll tell you it smells. I'll say that," said Hart.

On park and recreation's future, Hart said, "During my tenure alone, we redid the Shannon Center building, opened Fallon sports park and expanded it, opened the history park, and two smaller parks on the east side."

Parks are great to have, but you have to balance it out, because they cost money to maintain. "I think we are doing well overall."

On the downtown plan, Hart said that the city changed parking restrictions to facilitate growth downtown, and attract more restaurants around Amador Parkway and Village Plaza.

Hart said, "I am not a fan of high density. The only high density area I will vote for is the transit area. I want single-family homes, with medium density at most. I want to spread things out."

Hart supports Measure B1. The Alameda County Transportation Commission is spending the dollars wisely, building roads and putting money into infrastructure.

For Dublin's future, Hart wants to see property values go up to produce more revenue, so there will be more revenue for veterans housing, senior housing, and the redevelopment of downtown.

Hart said that his endorsers include supervisors Scott Haggerty and Nate Miley, the county deputy sheriff's association, and the county fire department. He said he doesn't want to owe anyone, and would not seek endorsements. He noted the endorsers listed here are primarily from outside the city.

## SHEHU HASSAN

Shehu Hassan said that it would be important for him to serve. He ran for the Sunnyvale school board in 1995, and lost. He organized a project to install computers in all of the school rooms, which he said showed foresight on his part, though the school board was skeptical about having them then.

He was also on the board of the Holy Family Day Home in San Francisco, which has been providing support for children for more than 100 years.

Hassan has lived in Dublin for nine years.

He said he is running because the "city council is

doing OK, not a bad job, but we can do better."

Hassan said he will bring a fresh voice and new ideas. "I see it from a different perspective. I ran a business, but I'm looking in from the outside. Most in Dublin are a part of its system."

Asked about a UGB, Hassan said we have to look for what we can do now. "We can't have developers running the show. They have to work with us."

On Doolan Canyon development, Hassan said, "I am always suspicious when there is some developer behind it. Controlled growth is important. It may not be the best idea now. I want senior housing. I'll take a look at it."

There may be more need for parks and recreation, with more housing coming in. "We need to be able to meet those needs. We don't have enough bike lanes. It's very important," said Hassan, who counts himself among Dublin's cyclists.

As for paying for more recreation use, "we have a lot of companies here. We can form a private-public partnership."

Important considerations for the downtown plan will be its character, and its linkage of east and west areas of the city.

On density, Dublin needs to grow, in a controlled way.

Hassan supports Measure B1, based on what he knows about it. "But in the general trend, I would look closely at anything to do with spending taxes."

## DAVID HAUBERT

David Haubert is 45, "the father of three children, and married to the same wife for 20 years." He has lived in Dublin for 12 years, is serving on the school board for the 10th year, and works for IBM business and consulting sales. He has an MBA in finance.

Haubert said he has a proven record of success, and cited the school district's improvement annually over the past eight years in test scores. School trustees hold the superintendent responsible for the district's performance.

Haubert asked a reporter whether a UGB has been proposed on the east side. "We have to have a working plan, something defined on paper, to have agreement where possible. It sounds like a UGB fits the bill."

Asked about whether he supports development in Doolan Canyon, Haubert said, "It seems to me to be worth investigating. I don't know enough to be for or against. I am interested to know what would be appropriate."

Haubert said that he sits on LAFCO as the alternative for the appointed public member. He does not vote, unless the regular appointee for the public, Sblen Sblendorio of Livermore, is not present. If elected to the council, "I would have to leave the position."

"I do know a little about the facts (about Doolan Canyon). Development of some kind is planned there. I sat in on a hearing, but didn't vote about whether to even consider that. The cities were asked to come together with a plan." He said he has not seen any plan for the would-be development.

Haubert said he has not taken contributions from Pacific Union or Charter Properties. However, James Tong of Charter Properties "has contributed small amounts of money in school board races. We're not talking more than reasonable limits, \$250."

The limit on school board campaign contributions is much higher than \$250, said Haubert. He also said that as an appointed LAFCO official, he could take contributions up to \$250.

On LAFCO, anyone with business before its board would be prohibited from voting on the item if the applicant were a donor at sometime during the previous 12 months, said Haubert.

But Pacific Union, not Charter Properties, has been

the applicant for annexation, so Tong's donations are not germane in this example, said Haubert.

If Haubert were not elected to the council, there is a \$500 contribution limit for the election from an individual or entity. Voting in such a situation "would still be legal, and not a conflict of interest," said Haubert.

Asked whether it would be a moral conflict of interest, Haubert said, "Absolutely not. I accept a broad base of support for me. No one contributor contributes more than a small percentage of campaign funds. No one donor will make or break my fund."

Haubert said he has raised \$1000 for the campaign in the most recent activity, and transferred \$20,000 from his Assembly campaign committee. He pulled out of that race against Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan. Republican Al Phillips became the nominee in the June primary to face Buchanan.

Haubert would oppose any "wall-to-wall condos between Dublin and Livermore. "We have to have a buffer zone."

On Dublin parks, it's important to have community input in planning them. Dublin has done a good job of bringing in new things, such as movies in the park, a farmers market, and concerts in the park.

In paying for amenities, "fiscal conservativeness and pay-as-you-go is important."

The city's downtown plan is a top 3 priority for Haubert. He likes a market-driven approach. He does not support the move to kill commercial and build residential in the Promenade development, but he favors seeing more data.

High density at the transit center makes sense. "However, I believe we've reached our limit on density. I think Dublin has done more than its fair share of providing high density housing."

Haubert said Dublin has too many condos and needs to look into other housing types. He named mixed use, with its blend of residential and commercial, as an example.

Haubert supports Measure B1. He is concerned that the tax is in perpetuity. "We have to extend BART to Livermore, and have to prepare for infrastructure. We can't do it under the current tax scheme."

Dublin needs to invest continuously in schools and the city. "The strength of the city and schools are linked. Also, bringing business to Dublin is the No. 1 priority." Projects for seniors and day care and pre-schools are needed, too.

Endorsers named by Haubert are former mayors Janet Lockhart, Pete Snyder and Guy Houston. "I'm the only one to have all three." He also is endorsed by supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty.

## DOREEN WEHREMBERG

Doreen Wehrenberg has been married for 33 years,

has two grown children, and attended Dublin public schools. She works for a health care organization in construction management of new medical office buildings and hospitals. She earned a degree in business management from St. Mary's College.

Wehrenberg has served on the planning commission for the past eight years, and will be termed out. As a planning commissioner, she brings experience in making land use decisions.

Wehrenberg said that she has worked on sustainable building, quality design and on preservation of parks land and of parks, and hiking and bike trails.

Asked about favoring a UGB for the east side, Wehrenberg said it's an interesting question. She would have to evaluate the idea. To do so, she would like more information regarding what the process involves.

It's premature to talk about supporting development for Doolan Canyon, until we understand what all the issues are. Discussions are continuing with Livermore. "I'm aware of the senior housing (proposed) there. I want to find out more about the area."

"I'm in support of open space as well. We need to work with EBRPD, to connect our trails."

On parks, the city's budget plan is to finish a swim center in Emerald Glen Park. There was significant development of Shannon Community Center and the historical park.

Wehrenberg has worked on the downtown plan for the past couple of years as a planning commissioner. "We worked on the west side, and West Dublin BART anchors it. More housing can be built there. We want to work on entertainment, maybe a hotel. Development is on the right track there."

The overall density of the city "has been on the right track." The city has a population of 45,000 people. It is planned for 60,000 and commensurate services at schools and library. "I think the city has been done very well. I am pleased with the results in what I've been involved with."

Wehrenberg supports Measure B1. "It's there for transportation improvements. It was passed in 1986 and 2000. Another reason to support it is bicycle and pedestrian trails. I think it will help pay for the connection (on the Iron Horse Trail) under the freeway. As a bike rider, I love that."

In Dublin's future, Wehrenberg would like to see something unique near the West Dublin BART station to attract business. Perhaps a night attraction, even something like Yoshi's (jazz club). It's something we don't have at all. You could hear different genres of music there."

Wehrenberg is endorsed by the entire planning commission, councilmembers Kevin Hart and Don Biddle, and former mayor Janet Lockhart.

## Jeans & Jewels: Getups Optional

Do you wear jeans, rhinestone cowboy boots and a flapper hat? Do finger curls and pin them with jeweled bobby pins? It's a fashion period piece dilemma, but it shouldn't stop you from coming out for a great time, regardless of what you end up donning for the occasion.

Whatever your attire, bring your paddle-waving arm and get ready to bid on some great stuff in support of the TVC fundraiser, including: a week at South Lake Tahoe in a ski slope-accessible cabin (courtesy of Perry's), an African Safari

adventure (from Mitch-Stuart Inc.), two nights for 3 couples in the Climbing Rose cottage with winery passes (from the Triska's), or a Mello Cielo bus tour and gourmet picnic for 12 (courtesy Beets Hospitality), among other items.

Jeans & Jewels Goes Gataby will be held Oct. 4 at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. This is a fund-raising event for the Tri-Valley Conservancy. Tickets may be purchased at www-trivalleyconservancy.org or call 449-8706

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# BOB SEVERAL

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Pleasanton Ridge starting in 1993, as well as projects on Sunol Ridge. All the developments on sensitive lands were blocked.

Today Pleasanton, Livermore and Alameda County have urban growth boundaries. The ongoing pressure to develop North Livermore led to Measure D, which created the county urban growth boundary. Bob fought development in North Livermore, including stopping a proposed new town dubbed "Geldertown." He wrote many editorials against plans by Alameda County to build housing in the same area.

Bob expressed moral indignation about things that were happening in society that he believed were harmful. He argued in support of fair housing legislation in Livermore and affordable housing for all. He advocated for Tri-Valley Haven and its efforts to stop domestic violence. He favored outreach to those who might not be noticed, such as the homeless, farm workers, and those with disabilities.

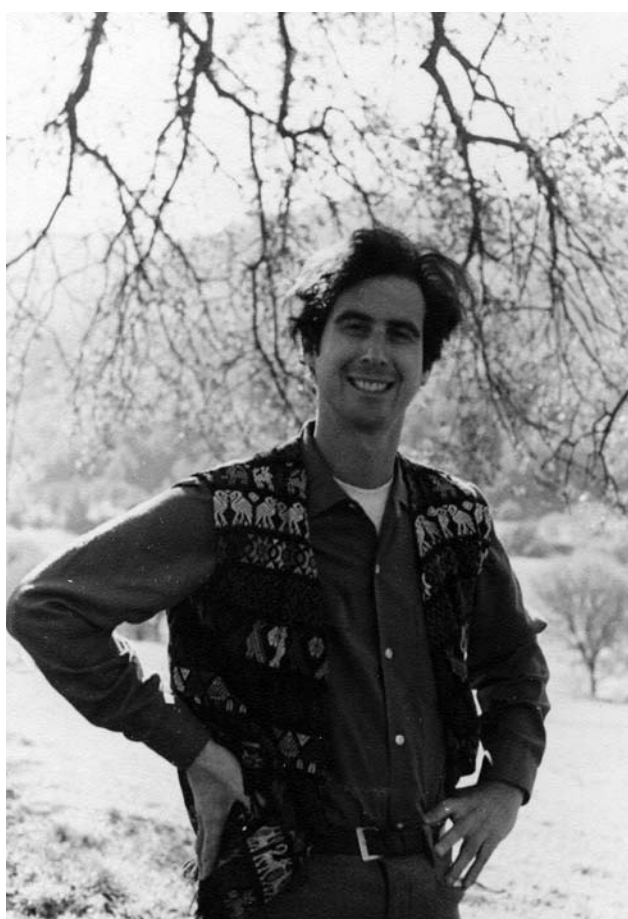
Susan Steinberg noted, "He wrote hopeful and inspirational editorials about what the city and country could become if people would pay attention. He was a thought leader."

Other longtime residents and colleagues who knew Several praised him for his impact on the newspaper and the community.

Bruce Henderson worked as an Independent reporter for a decade, before going on to become the author of 13 books, including a number 1 best-seller.

Henderson recalled, "When Bob hired me in 1970, I was very much a 'cub reporter.' He was not one of those old-school, tyrannical editors out of 'The Front Page.' He was quiet and calm no matter what kind of deadline pressure we were under. At his core, Bob was a true gentleman who treated everyone with dignity and respect."

People in the community were saddened by Several's death. Miriam Miller, whose late husband, Don Miller, was once Livermore mayor, formed the Valley's first



ROBERT SEVERAL

pre-school for low-income families in the 1960s.

"Bob was a wonderful writer," Miller remembered. "He made all the complex issues very clear. He was always interested in what he was hearing. It wasn't just work. He made a big difference in what happened in our communities."

Several's longtime personal friend and companion, Sarah Blakley, said, "He cared for people. He was always for the underdog."

Independent editor Janet Armantrout stated, "Bob was never really comfortable with technology, preferring the more organic world of people, animals and plants. That was reflected in his desire to protect people and animals from harm and to preserve the natural world for future generations to enjoy."

In talking about his brother, Michael Several of Los Angeles, said, "Although Bob didn't identify with the religious aspects of Judaism, he strongly valued it for its ethical values of justice, commitment and engage-

ment. He helped repair the world."

Michael Several said that The Independent provided Bob a platform where he could express his innermost core and harness his own talents as a writer. "The newspaper was Bob. He was very lucky to work for The Independent."

Michael Several said that his brother was an intense Oakland A's fan, and enjoyed painting and photography. One of Several's editorial cartoons about growth won first place in an annual contest sponsored by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Surviving Several are his son Aaron Several and grandson Dylan of San Leandro, and his son Jacob Several and granddaughter, Grace, of Berkeley. He is also survived by his mother, Beatrice Several. He leaves behind his beloved cat, Shalom.

Family services will be private. There will be a public memorial commemoration at The Independent at a later date.

# MAILBOX

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school district continues to move forward.

We truly appreciate the community's continued support and confidence in our leadership. Four years ago, you entrusted us to be stewards of the school district's policies, budget, and what matters most—the future of our children. We pledge to continue to represent the community with integrity and honesty. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

## Peace Commission Paul L. Anderson Pleasanton

This communication is in reaction to Fred Norman's article (Guest Opinion, Pleasanton Weekly, August 31, 2012) proposing a "Peace Commission" developed within our city council for Pleasanton. "Its purpose is to nurture the concepts of peace and non-violence."

In our time of extreme violence, both national and international, what could be a greater credit or gift to our little city? This chain of violence we are currently experiencing must be broken, and a new way of living be found, some way, some how. The start that Mr. Norman is proposing could lead to something infecting.

As Mr. Norman points out Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Jesus Christ reacted, originally, in a small way to what was needed for their times, in a local way and each led to something big in a national and then an international way. In each case it was a chain breaker. We need a new chain breaker.

## Pro-Life Donald King Livermore

The Democrats, at their Charlotte Convention, had quite a number of prominent people giving speeches in support of their views. Most of them said things very predictable. As a liberal Democrat, I enjoyed hearing them. But then I was astounded when Nancy Keenan, president of the National Abor-

tion Rights Action League, appeared. She gave a no-holds barred spirited speech setting forth the extreme pro-choice dogma according no rights whatever, no matter how later term, to the fetus. Obviously, the Party leaders were unconcerned about alienating the pro-life Democrats. One would think that the leaders would try to avoid such a position. Is this sheer stupidity or what?

I consider myself pro-life, but do believe that pregnant women who, for whatever reason, do not want to give birth should have the legally protected right to an abortion within the first month following conception. Admittedly, this may require the mother-to-be to endure months of pregnancy discomfort, plus the pain of giving birth. But that cannot be helped.

## IC Awareness Paulette Kenyon Livermore

This month is IC Awareness month; and, I'm writing to make you aware of this disease. I've had this disease for 30 years of my life. Early on, it started as a terrible pressure in my bladder. Wherever I went, I wanted to know where the bathrooms were and I grew to hate speed bumps. I went to many urologists; but, no one knew what to do. As time went by, my world was reduced to traveling only a few minutes away. Now, doctors know more than they use to. They know now that the nerves inside of the bladder become sensitized to the acids in the urine, creating a feeling as if the urine has turned into battery acid. Both men and women, young and old, can get this disease and we still don't know why.

I've learned over time that staying away from acidic foods helps and urologists have devised various ways of numbing the nerves in the bladder; but, what we all really want is a cure. If you want to know more or think you might have it, it's called Interstitial Cystitis or Painful Bladder Syndrome. You can find out more about this from the Interstitial Cystitis

Association or IC Network.

## Support Brown, Thorne Steve Brozosky Pleasanton

Karla Brown for City Council and Jerry Thorne for Mayor are the two best candidates to represent us.

Both do not support Measure B1, the county-wide transportation sales tax, because it would become a permanent tax, becoming a tax burden we would pass on to our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Measure B1 has no sunset clause unlike other voter-approved tax measures. That eliminates the incentive of the government to wisely spend that money because they know they never have to come back to the voters to extend such a tax. A permanent tax has no accountability.

Neither Thorne or Brown will accept money from unions. While another candidate makes a point that giving money to them gives access, Thorne and Brown will meet with anyone no matter if they donated to their campaign or not. It should bother you when a candidate says campaign donations give you access.

The rationale of not accepting City employee union money and support is legitimate. Employees of the city are represented by unions. In a representative democracy, the residents are meant to be represented by their elected officials. When elected officials accept money and support from a public employee union, they are tipping the scales toward the employees and away from the taxpayers like you and me. That generates a clear conflict of interest when negotiating to find fair solutions for both the hardworking employees and the city's hardworking taxpayers. One only need to look at the State of California to see how problematic it is to address labor cost issues with the public employee unions' influence and money.

Please join me in voting for Karla Brown for City Council and Jerry Thorne for Mayor to represent the residents of Pleasanton.

# OBITUARIES

## Janice Marie Grooms Tinder

Janice Marie Grooms Tinder passed to the hereafter on September 12, 2012 in Livermore, California.



Janice was born on October 26, 1933 in St. Joseph, Missouri to Mary Hazel Williams Grooms and James Emmett Grooms. She was the youngest child of five children. As a young child, she moved to California with her family where they settled in the Bay Area. She graduated from El Cerrito High School in 1952.

Janice married the love of her life, Warren LaRoy Tinder, on August 30, 1952. Warren was deployed to Korea in January 1953 and remained there for almost a year. During his time in Korea, Janice gave birth in July of 1953 to her first child, Sherril Ann. Janice, Warren and Sherril Ann eventually settled in Oakland, California.

In April of 1957, Janice gave birth to her second child, Freddy LaRoy. In 1962, Janice and family moved to Livermore, California. In May of 1964, Janice gave birth to her third child, James William.

Janice loved being a wife, mother and homemaker. She loved to read biographies, watch old and new movies, listen to all types of music,

crochet afghans and other items, sew and garden. She liked to talk with all types of people and hear about their life.

Her beloved Warren passed away in April 1995. After that, Janice went to work at Wal-Mart. She had numerous stocking jobs and also worked as a Wal-Mart greeter. During this last year, Janice was on disability from Wal-Mart, yet she was getting ready and looking forward to returning to work. Her Wal-Mart co-workers were her second family.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Warren and her parents Mary Hazel Williams Grooms and James Emmett Grooms. She was also preceded in death by numerous siblings.

Janice is survived by daughter Sherril Tinder of Riverside; son Freddy Tinder of Pleasant Hill; son James Tinder (Lydia) of Stockton, and grandchildren Claire Burke (Ryan) of Lake Elsinore; Gregory Smith of Riverside; Geoffrey Shireman of Stockton and Timothy Shireman of Los Angeles.

Services for Janice were held September 24, 2012 at Callaghan Mortuary, Livermore. Interment was at San Joaquin National Cemetery on September 24.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society or a charity of choice.

## Robert C. Olla

Robert C. Olla passed away on September 15, 2012.

He was a loving son and a devoted husband.

He will be sorely missed.

## Ira Charles "Chuck" Gragson

A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 29 at Chapel of Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore.



Chuck Gragson passed away in his home in San Jose, California on Sunday, September 16. He was 82. Chuck was a long-time resident of Livermore, California and worked as a physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Lab for many years. He was born on January 29, 1930 in Phoenix, Arizona and adopted by Eugene Hoyt "Happy" Gragson and Naomi Maude Byars.

Chuck and his family moved to Porterville, California in 1947 to open a neon sign shop. He married Nellie Wanda Gregory in 1951, attended Porterville Junior College, and eventually Fresno State College where he received his B.S. in physics. Chuck and Wanda moved to Livermore where they lived for more than 50 years and raised their family. Chuck was an avid fisherman, loved camping with his family and traveling. He is survived by his son, Derek; daughter Kim Earnshaw, and four grandchildren.

## (Jim) James Morgan Keyser

(Jim) James Morgan Keyser passed away Saturday, September 8, 2012, after being ill for several months.



Jim was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. He was born in Hawaii while his father was serving there in the Navy. Following in his father's footsteps, he joined the Navy right after graduating from Hoover High in San Diego, where he was raised and met his wife, Patricia McCarty. They were married in San Diego on October 26, 1956. They had two children, then relocated to Northern California and Livermore where they lived out the rest of their lives.

Jim worked as an auto mechanic all of his life. He was employed by UHaul Company in Fremont for over 25 years.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Pat. He leaves behind their two children Debra Sue Galvan and Timothy Keyser, six grandchildren, Marie Boyd, Garnett Boyd, Patrick Galvan, Amylisa Galvan, Jamie Preze and Blake Keyser, and one and a half great grandchildren, Adreian Preze and

a new baby to be named. He also leaves behind a brother, Ed Keyser, as well as many other family members and close friends.

We will miss him very much. Join us for a celebration of Jim's life on Sat., Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 527 North Livermore Ave., Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary, 447-2942.

## Kurt Paul Rossman

Dec. 7, 1954-Aug. 29, 2012  
Resident of Livermore


Kurt Rossman was born on December 7, 1954 in Norfolk, Virginia to Russell Paul Rossman and Nadine Francis Rossman (McPherson).

Kurt was raised in Livermore, California and lived in Livermore most of his adult life. Kurt served in the Army after graduating from Granada High School. Kurt was a talented man with many special qualities; he enjoyed working on his computer and creating his artwork. His favorite activities were when he was spending time with his children and his grandchildren. His family and friends will miss his kind acts, generosity, sense of humor, and his ability to see the good in everyone.

Kurt was preceded in

death by his father, Russell Rossman. Kurt is survived by his mother Nadine (Bob) Dougherty of Milton Free-water, Oregon, his three sisters, his four children; Rachael (James) Boswell; Kristi Tennis; Rebecca (Shawn) Murphy; and Tyler (Sarah) Rossman, his grandchildren; Isabella Murphy, Emily Tennis, Ryan Tennis, Brett Tennis, Brianna Tennis, Ian Murphy, and Reese Boswell.

A private service will be held for family and close friends; Callaghan's Mortuary is handling all arrangements.



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## EBRPD Will See If a Firm Wants To Upgrade Water Slides

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) officials will write up a request for proposals to recondition the water slides at Shadow Cliffs Park.

The slides have been closed since last fall, while the district considered what to do next.

The park district's operations committee met Sept. 20 in Oakland, and heard a report prepared by consultant Water Ventures.

The project would not be a whole new facility, but a serious upgrade, said Ayn Wieskamp of Livermore, the Valley's representative to the park district board, and a member of the committee.

The upgrade would include needed safety repairs, replacement of slides, and the addition of a splash pool, which could attract more customers.

There would be cosmetic changes to the building to make it more attractive.

## BERNAL

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planned Oak Woodland open space area.

Susan Andrade-Wax, director of parks and community services, told the council that sports groups had requested a group picnic area because they wanted to be able to congregate before or after a game. A grassy area would provide the ability for players to warm-up.

The oak woodland would be developed as a passive space. It will serve as a buffer between the sports fields and housing on the site.

Staff identified just over \$10 million that could be used to help pay for the construction. There is \$6.15 million in the Bernal community park reserve, \$810,000 in a capital improvement program reserve, and just over \$3 million would come from East Bay Regional Park District's Measure WW.

There are funds in Measure WW allocated to the city. The \$500 million bond extension was approved in 2008 by 72% of the voters in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Steve Bocian, assistant city manager, said that fundraising would be launched to fill part of the gap. In addition, the city could advance funds that would be paid back.

A nonprofit foundation would be created to act as the legal vehicle to raise funds. It would be established in cooperation with sports groups, who would

The consultant estimated that the total refurbishment for full safety and aesthetic improvements that would attract more customers would cost \$1.4 million.

Approximately \$800,000 of the \$1.4 million would be for construction. The remaining \$600,000 would be for design, inspection, going through the permitting process, and engineering costs, said EBRPD assistant general manager Jim O'Connor.

A staff recommendation earlier this year estimated a \$6 million cost to redo everything. Glenn Kierstead, who built the slides, and operated them for more than 20 years, said he could complete the job for \$280,000.

However, district officials disputed the low figure, saying it was important to make sure all safety requirements and other specifications were met.

Wieskamp said that she

favors reopening the water slides, if a contractor can be found to operate them.

Wieskamp said that if the facility were to be reopened, an operator would need more than the previously discussed 10-year period to amortize any investment in the upgrade. The 10 years had been proposed in the past. However, that was when "we expected something else to happen" to the area, said Wieskamp.

The district developed a long-range plan to change the area to more passive use. However, financial prospects are bleak now for the district to finance the landscaping and other amenities that would replace the slides.

The operations committee will meet Oct. 10 to look over the staff's draft of the RFP that it would send out. Wieskamp said it was unclear whether the process, if successful, would end in reopening the slides as early as next spring or summer.

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Portola Academy last spring. They now attend LVCS, having been accepted from the waiting list at the end of the summer. "We are a family who has had a less than exemplary educational background. My sons have had hit or miss teaching," she said. "Now they are happy to go to school at LVCS. I'm excited that they are excited."

Shelley Fields, president of the Livermore Education Association, questioned who is driving the Portola Academy effort. "LVCS was driven by parents and teachers who were very unhappy with the Livermore School District at the time," she said. "I don't see that kind of demand coming from this community. I think this petition was created and manufactured by TVLC to fill a need for LVCS."

Parent Tristan Pico, a resident of the Portola neighborhood, said that she chose to send her children to LVCS rather than Portola Elementary because she had concerns about the school. "I feared Portola was declining and then the school closed," she said. "My family is proof of the need for improvement in the Portola neighborhood. We should offer this

choice to the families who want it." Jennifer Hayes, a teacher at Junction Avenue K-8, questioned the need for another charter school in Livermore. "This school doesn't offer anything that we do not already have and do very well. At Junction we have Dual Immersion and I know every kid by name," she said. "A charter school should offer something so totally different that it revolutionizes education."

Cate Sarraile also questioned the need for a new charter school. "When LVCS submits its petition for renewal, why can't they change their enrollment system to bring in the diverse population they say they want to serve rather than open a new site?" she asked.

The Portola Academy petition can be found in the agenda for the Sept. 18, 2012 Livermore Board of Education meeting. On the Livermore School District website (www.livermoreschools.com), choose "Agendas & Meetings" from the School Board drop-down menu at the top of the page, and then choose the Sept. 18, 2012 meeting. To learn more about Portola Academy, visit www.portolaacademy.org.

## BART

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to transit."

Neil Sinclair, CyberTrain CEO, said that the technology would allow for a distribution collection system with a half dozen stations at pick up points throughout the city.

(CyberTran technology provides a rail system that allows passengers to plan their destinations around their personal schedule. The bullet-shaped 20-passenger vehicle has "cushy, charter-bus style seats, facing forward in rows." CyberTran's computer-controlled and lightweight rail cars are powered by solar panels that line the track. Stations are aligned as off-track sidings so cars can continue moving on the main line while others are loading and unloading passengers off-line.)

Another option proposed by Pleasanton resident Ron Wolfe, suggested investing the money earmarked for BART to expand and improve the ACE train. He

pointed out that the majority of commuters are heading to Silicon Valley.

Residents of Collier Canyon Road stated that traffic had increased on the narrow 2-lane country road as growth continued. It's now a commute road. Drivers speed, knock down fences and livestock gets out. Residents of Contra Costa County would use the road even more to gain access to BART when it is extended to Livermore. The residents asked that a special study area be created to address the impacts on the road and its residents.

Robert Allen said given the amount of land owned by BART at Isabel, there should be plenty of space for parking. He pointed out that the site is not suitable for housing. The project should be exempt from the transit oriented development requirements. He suggested including charging stations for electric cars near the

station.

Doug Mann, Citizens for Balanced Growth, echoed Allen's comments on the unsuitability of the location for housing. The Livermore Airport is nearby. There are already homes too close to the airport. He also wanted to remind those studying the project that there is an urban growth boundary. "We don't want to move it to build BART."

Linda Jeffery Sailors stated, "This area wants real BART. A DMU or buses won't pass muster." She said the site should be treated as an end of line station and provide the parking necessary to take drivers from San Joaquin County off the road.

Bob Baltzer, Friends of Livermore, said that Livermore didn't pay BART taxes to get a bus. Parking is needed in the downtown for Livermore residents, because parking at the station would be gobbled up by San Joaquin commuters.

Several speakers said the problem with buses is that they add time to a commute, which makes it less likely that people would use the system. No one wants to ride BART for 35 minutes, wait for a bus, then ride another 10 to 15 minutes to reach an off-site parking lot.

Lori Drummond offered the view that buses should be used until the economy recovers. "We have waited 50 years. We can wait a little bit longer. Livermore's open spaces need to be protected," she added.

BART Board president John McPartland, who represents the Valley, said that BART to Livermore makes sense for many reasons. It will not only provide extended service to the best public transportation system in the Bay Area, it will help improve traffic flow on I-580. The environmental benefits include reducing regional greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing energy consumption.

Written comments on the project may be sent to Marianne Payne, EIR Project Manager, 300 Lakeside Drive, 16th Fl., Oakland, CA 94612 or to mpaine@bart.gov. Comments must be received by Oct. 1, 2012.

Further information is available at www.bart.gov/livermore.

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### SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NO. RG12635901

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): GILLIAN M. ROSS WENDEL, ROSEN, BLACK

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The Independent Legal No. 3311. Published September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 468861-62 The following person(s) doing business as: (1)Stony Rock Vineyards (2)Stony Rock Winery, 5625 Greenville Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Del Arroyo Vineyards LLC, 2068 First St, Livermore, CA 94550

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on September 12, 2012. Expires September 12, 2017. The Independent Legal No. 3316. Published September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2012.

T.S. No.: 2012-21059 Loan No.: 7092143457 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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Trustor: NEOMA K. GOTTLIEB A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Recorded 7/9/2002 as Instrument No. 2002296223 in book ---, page --- and rerecorded on --- as --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, Date of Sale: 10/26/2012 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the front Fallon Street entrance to the Alameda County Courthouse 1225 Fallon Street Oakland, CA

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
FILE NO. 469648  
The following person(s) doing business as: Expressions Dance & Arts of Pleasanton, 3015-Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sandra Maloney, 4035 Alderwood Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94588  
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 Registrant(s): Sandra Maloney, Owner  
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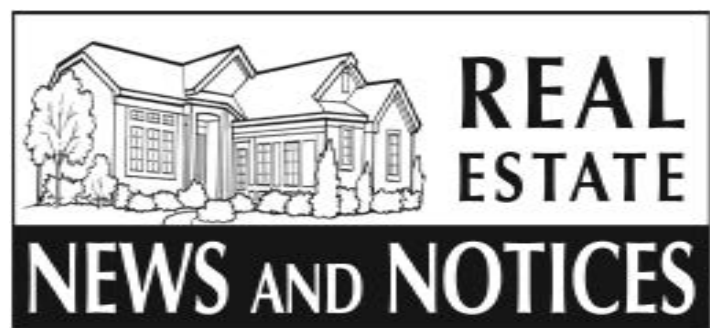
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## Why This Is a Good Time to Sell

By Cher Wollard

If you are thinking about selling real estate, this might be the year to do it.

Prices are up, inventory is down, buyers are motivated. Many properties are receiving multiple offers and even selling for more than list price.

That makes this a true seller's market.

If you are an investor, a homeowner with substantial equity in your home, or you are contemplating a short sale, changes in legal and tax policies also may make this an especially attractive time to sell.

What has created this situation?

After years of falling prices, the tide has turned in the Bay Area. Buyers are attracted by historically low interest rates that make mortgage payments more affordable.

Add to that increasing job creation, especially in the South Bay and San Francisco, which attracts newcomers to the Bay Area.

Reduced inventory is due in part to policy changes. The improved HARP (Home Affordable Refinance Program) has allowed more folks to modify mortgages on which they owe more than its value.

This has reduced the number of new short sales coming on the market.

Due to the huge national mortgage settlement, lenders are less eager to foreclose on properties and more likely to work with homeowners to allow them to keep their homes.

This means fewer foreclosed homes on the market.

"Right now the government is doing everything in its power to help folks not do a foreclosure," according to Karen Long of Wells Fargo in Livermore.

Both lenders and homeowners are encouraged to work out loan modifications, or if that isn't feasible, to do a short sale rather than a foreclosure.

In fact, nationally the percentage of distressed properties – including both short sales and bank-owned – on the market has dropped to 24 percent of the total from 31 percent a year ago, according to the July Realtors Confidence Index report. And that's down from almost half of all homes on the market in 2009.

But those percentages don't tell the whole story. With fewer properties being offered for sale, distressed properties in absolute numbers has dropped even farther.

Also contributing to the shortage of homes is the fact that few builders have new homes available. New homes account for an average of 20 percent of the housing market.

During the downturn, projects were put on hold or abandoned altogether. Fewer new applications for building permits were filed.

That means fewer new homes on the market.

But that has started to turn around. Privately-owned housing starts in August were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 750,000, 29.1 percent above the August 2011 rate, according to the latest numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Builders across the country have been reporting noticeable improvement in the number of serious buyers who are in the market for a new home, and ... this is translating to some welcome gains in construction activity," said Barry Rutenberg, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders.

But housing starts don't translate into immediate sales. It takes 18 months to two years for a developer to complete the planning and approval process necessary before he can start building homes.

The recent downturn means low inventory of new homes today. Developments with current inventory are doing hot business.

And, while many first-time homeowners were waiting out the recession, uneasy about taking the plunge into homeownership, investors have not been so shy.

Investors started snatching up bargains – especially homes at the lower end of the market – since 2008. And not all those investors are homegrown. Foreign investors too have seen long-term value in U.S. real estate, and the Bay Area is among the hottest markets of all.

Many of those investors may be looking to sell this year, before the 3.8 percent federal transfer tax included in the new Health Care law takes effect and certain property owners who claim capital gains on the sale of real estate could be subject to a surtax.

Most homeowners will not have to worry about this, as the first \$250,000 for individuals and \$500,000 for married couples from the sale of a primary residence is usually exempt from taxation.

But those who have lived in their homes a long time and seen significant appreciation, without offsetting expenses such as improvements to the property, or investors who cannot claim the primary residence exemption, might want to check with their tax professional about how this change could affect them.

As for those homeowners who are upside down on their mortgages and struggling to make the payments, this might be an excellent time to sell.

Banks are under pressure from the federal government to try to work out loan modifications for struggling homeowners. They may even require them to apply for a loan modification before they will consider approving a short sale. That process can take several months.

If you are granted a short sale, the federal and state governments currently require lenders to forgive the residual owed on the mortgage. Furthermore, taxes on those residuals are waived through the end of this year.

But these advantages are set to expire on Dec. 31.

According to the Internal Revenue Service code: "The federal Mortgage Debt Relief Act allows those taxpayers who underwent a mortgage restructuring, faced a foreclosure, or qualify for the relief to exclude income from the discharge of debt on their principal residence.

"The Debt Relief Act applies to debt forgiven from 2007 through 2012, and up to \$2 million in debt is eligible for exclusion for married couples, or \$1 million if married and filing separately."

The state of California passed legislation to bring state law into line with federal law, also through Dec. 31 of this year.

Once these laws expire, if they are not renewed, some lenders will still allow short sales but require the seller to accept responsibility to repay the shortfall.

And if they do forgive the shortfall, the federal and state governments can tax that amount as income.

Some lawmakers are working to extend the Mortgage Debt Relief Act, but there are no guarantees.

If you think this might impact your decision about whether to sell your home this year, consult your tax professional.

And if you want to take advantage of this seller's market, contact your local Realtor today.

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

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# Incumbent Has Challenger for BART Board

BART District 5 includes Livermore, Dublin, Sunol, Castro Valley, Hayward and two unincorporated towns between Castro Valley and Hayward.

Incumbent John McPartland is running again. He currently serves as chairman of the BART board. He was elected to his first term four years ago. He lives in Castro Valley and is a retired BART employee with a speciality in disaster preparedness and public safety.

The challenger is John Maher, a retired BART mechanic, who spent most of his 36 years as a leader in the BART employees union, where he served as president and vice president, at various times. He also lives in Castro Valley.

The Independent interviewed both candidates with a set list of questions that included their stands on Measure B1 and the Livermore BART extension, what they perceive as the problems facing BART, and how they would spend a \$10 million windfall from increased BART fares and ridership numbers.

There were also questions about what could be done to improve the condition of BART cars, and on BART's on-time record.

Questions touched on whether more work is needed on earthquake retrofit of the system. Candidates were invited to bring up any other topics. The candidates appear in alphabetical order by last name.

## JOHN MAHER

Maier served on the 2011/12 county grand jury. He is also a member of the Castro Valley Sanitary Advisory Committee, which supervises that town's independent sanitary district.

As a mechanic in his early years at BART, Maier worked on all phases of mechanical maintenance, from axles and motors to air conditioning. He said that he developed the air conditioning system for BART, after the agency had problems with the original equipment.

Many think that provid-

ing plenty of parking to serve the new Livermore station is a big issue facing BART.

"If you don't have ample parking, people won't ride BART. We need to keep as many cars off the road as we can," said Maier, referring to traffic that would come to the new Livermore station from Tracy and other Central Valley cities.

Safety is a prime priority for Maier. "Police should be more vigilant and watch (train) cars even more than the do. We don't want another Oscar Grant shooting on our hands. It was a terrible tragedy for police and the family that suffered the loss," said Maier.

Along the same lines, police training needs to be improved, especially when officers are issued new equipment.

About the windfall in revenue from increased ridership, Maier said that cars should be maintained to the highest level of safety. "We might also want to look at (spending it on) strategic planning for the Livermore extension," he said.

Maier has no reservations about supporting the Livermore BART extension. He is not opposed to building dense housing around BART stations, but BART must have adequate parking there for the riding public.

Maier said that he supports Measure B1, though he would have preferred that the tax included a sunset clause.

BART has been improving its anti-graffiti techniques, including using a different type of window, which prevents etching graffiti into the glass, said Maier.

Maier thinks that BART's on-time record is "pretty good. I've ridden BART quite a bit. Service is commendable. Like any transportation system, there will be roadblock problems, such as suicide attempts on the third rail."

"The only thing I disagree with is the fares, which are too high. I'd like to see discounts for kids in school

and for seniors. Perhaps the seniors could receive a deep discount between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., which is outside the usual commute hours. In England, seniors acquire a free pass at age 62," said Maier.

On whether more work is needed on earthquake retrofit, for example, with the Transbay Tube, Maier said he thinks they are continuously monitoring the tube. "I encourage them to do so for the safety of the public," he said.

Maier's endorsers include former BART director Robert Allen of Livermore, several BART employees, and his next-door neighbor.

## JOHN MCPARTLAND

McPartland has had several careers. He enlisted in the Army as a private and retired as a colonel. He worked his way up in the civilian fire service, to a position as an Oakland battalion chief, responsible for fire suppression in one-third of the city.

At BART, he served as a safety specialist, dealing with disaster preparedness, public safety, and training BART personnel in emergency operations.

Financing and safety are the big issues facing BART, according to McPartland. There is the need to provide public safety through the system. It's also important to be prepared for natural disasters and acts of violence, whether they be weapons of mass destruction or individual acts of violence.

On the financial end, BART faces the need to deal with the long term responsibility of trying to expand the system, with "BART to Livermore, first and foremost."

Other extension projects are e-BART to eastern Contra Costa and the Warm Springs and San Jose extension.

"At the same time, we have to replace our entire fleet. We also have to address the state of good repair in the core system, which is 40 years old. The key point

is how will we pay for the needs, because they cost more than we have resources for," said McPartland.

On the \$10 million windfall to BART form higher ridership, McPartland said that no capital projects should be funded out of the fare box. "How much are people from San Francisco going to pay for BART to Livermore? The answer is that no capital project will be funded out of the fare box," said McPartland.

Once the nation is past the recession, there is a good chance BART will be able to partner with the federal government to obtain transportation dollars to fund projects, said McPartland.

Being certain that the BART system is in good shape to withstand an earthquake is important not only for riders' safety, but also helping residents in the quake's aftermath. If the BART system can withstand a quake, it will provide an important role in evacuating people from an area.

"We can evacuate 1000 people at a time. We already move that many on every train at 5 p.m. on weekdays," said McPartland.

Measure B1 is "crucial and even essential, not only for major capital projects, but also for programs from bike trails to potholes," said McPartland.

Cities and unincorporated areas don't have the funds to fix potholes, let alone pay for bike trials and BART to Livermore. It would be devastating for the whole transportation infrastructure if it does not pass, said McPartland.

McPartland said that he is "cautiously optimistic" about passage. Hard work from volunteer groups will help show the need to the public.

McPartland said there is graffiti on BART cars. To help deal with it, there will be new upholstery to make seating easier to clean and keep in good shape.

Any public transit authority will have interruptions,

and can always be improved on, BART included. "But I stand by BART's reputation. It is the best in the nation for on-time service" in a group that includes Chicago, Atlanta and D.C. light-rail systems.

McPartland said that when BART reported a cash surplus a few years ago, he talked directors out of spending it on a variety of projects.

Instead put it toward the seismic retrofit work.

Among McPartland's endorsers are Congressmen John Garamendi and Pete Stark, State Senator: Ellen Corbett, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti.



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# THE INDEPENDENT • SECTION A



Lawrence the Livermore Lab is on hand to greet service personnel returning home.

## Therapy Dog Honored by AKC Humane Fund

The AKC® Humane Fund announced the winners of the 13th annual *AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE)*, which commemorates five loyal, hard-working dogs that have made significant contributions to their communities in each of the following five categories: Exemplary Companion Dog, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Service and Therapy.

Lawrence the Livermore Lab received an honorable mention in the therapy category.

The Labrador Retriever is owned by Patricia Wheeler of Livermore.

Wheeler nominated Lawrence for the AKC Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence, Therapy Dog.

Soon after her husband died in 2001, she saw a segment about a therapy dog on Animal Planet's K9 to 5 about working dogs. Wheeler notes, "Inspired, I purchased Lawrence from an AKC-registered breeder in 2001. I realized Lawrence was a natural when out on a walk he 'pulled' me toward a disheveled drunk man by

a trashcan. Lawrence comforted him and put a smile on his face."

At 16 months, Lawrence, now certified by the Valley Humane Society, started going to an Alzheimers/dementia facility most weeks.

Lawrence, the Livermore Lab, a Black Labrador Retriever, was the first Valley Humane Society therapy dog at the VA in Livermore. He began visiting the VA in Livermore in July 2004. He's logged almost 1,300 hours of service there. When his tail reached one thousand

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## Grammy Nominated Perla Batalla Returns to Pleasanton

Firehouse Arts Center will host the return to Pleasanton of world music vocalist Perla Batalla on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

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

The Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Batalla will perform songs that reflect her bicultural personal and musical heritage, blending contemporary American and traditional Spanish music.

Batalla grew up in Los Angeles, Calif. where her father, a musician, owned a popular Spanish language record store. She first gained international attention as a backup singer for Leonard Cohen who later encouraged her to embark on a solo career. Batalla released her debut album, "Perla Batalla," on the Warner/Discovery label in 1994. Like many original artists, however, she opted to go independent, releasing her second album, "Mestiza" in 1998 on her own Mechuda Music label. An immediate favorite on Public Radio shows throughout the U.S. "Mestiza" was selected as Best Independent Release of the Year by Amazon.com.

"Heaven and Earth" followed in 2000 and gained Perla recognition as Amazon's Emerging Artist of the Year. Both "Mestiza" and "Heaven and Earth" celebrate a powerful civilization formed by the coming together of separate worlds, a vibrant culture characterized by mysticism, imagery, magic and myth.

Batalla's follow-up to



Singer/songwriter Perla Batalla returns to Pleasanton, bringing her fusion of American and Spanish musical cultures.

the "Mestiza" song cycle was "Discoteca Batalla," named for her parents' record shop. The project is a compilation of original compositions interspersed with traditional Spanish language in which she took timeless songs heard growing up and molded their rhythmic and melodic forms to create a cross-pollination of trend and tradition. Batalla also recorded a tribute to Leonard Cohen entitled "Bird on the Wire," which includes special guests such

as David Hidalgo of Los Lobos, Bill Gable, Vinnie Coliuta, Greg Leisz, Julie Christensen and many other fine musicians.

Tickets are adults: \$15, \$20 and \$25; child: \$12. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848.

The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

## Pacific Chamber Symphony to Feature Guest Musician for 'Magic of Mozart' Concert

Glen Swarts has never been surfing, but he knows how it feels. It's like being the soloist with a symphony orchestra. "Staying in that beautiful wave, not too far ahead of the wave, or too far behind."

Swarts, the noted Bay Area French horn player, will again ride a musical wave for Pacific Chamber Symphony's "Magic of Mozart" program on October 12 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. He will be the soloist for the most popular of Mozart's four horn concertos, the Concerto No. 2 in E-Flat, also considered the most difficult. But then, "all horn concertos are difficult," Swarts said in a recent phone interview from his San Francisco home.

In this concerto, he especially likes the way the horn engages other instruments in an amusing conversation. "I think the violins are mocking the horn," Swarts said with good humor.

The complete program comprises four works, each representing a different facet of Mozart's musical personality. In addition to the horn concerto, composed for a good friend of Mozart, the program includes Cassation No. 2 in B-flat, a light piece suitable for playing outdoors; and two symphonies. The earlier work is Symphony in D, the first two movements of which became the overture to Mozart's opera "La Finta Giardiniera." Symphony No.



Glen Swarts

40 in G minor, for which Swarts will join the orchestra, is Mozart's next to last symphony, and is considered to be a more profound work.

Swarts grew up in Vallejo at a time when music training began in grammar school. A band director steered him to the French horn, and over the decades he has never swerved from his commitment to the instrument. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in Music Performance from San Francisco State. A professional career soon followed. He spent three years on the road playing for the Disney musical "Beauty and the Beast"

and was principal French horn for the Opera Lyon in France. But he loves California, saying "I had to leave it to appreciate it." Swarts now lives near the ocean and loves the city's "gray patina" and the musical opportunities at his fingertips.

Pacific Chamber Symphony musical director Lawrence Kohl calls Swarts "a superstar," and the horn player's impressive credits bear that out. If you've enjoyed a Broadway musical in San Francisco over the last few decades, chances are good you've heard Swarts play. This summer he was in the orchestra pit eight

times for the San Francisco run of "Les Miserables" at the Orpheum. He has been the principal French horn at the Carmel Bach Festival, played for LINES Ballet and for a number of orchestras on this side of the Bay.

But it's not always a tuxedo or tails kind of evening. This versatile musician has taken his French horn to jazz clubs and is in constant demand as a session musician for film and video games.

Those recording sessions are at George Lucas's famed Skywalker Sound in Marin County, where Hawaiian shirts and huaraches are acceptable dress. "It's a trip to begin with, and always exciting," Swarts said. "There's a large orchestra with six to eight French horns and first-rate composers and conductors. The music is plot-connected; we play when something has happened, is happening, or is about to happen."

It might seem a cultural stretch from the horn solo in Concerto No. 2 to the one in the Starcraft II video game, but Swarts doesn't prioritize his musical preferences. "It would be like saying which finger you like best," he said. He's ready to pack up his horn "whenever the phone rings."

Tickets are \$45/\$36/\$30, \$7 students, and are available at the Bankhead Theater Box Office, 2400 First Street, Livermore, by phone at (925) 373-6100, or online at [livermoreperformingarts.org](http://livermoreperformingarts.org).



Hot Buttered Rum will rock its "Left Coast" sound tinged with jazz, country, bluegrass and world music at the Firehouse Arts Center. Photo by Jake Plimack.

## Hot Buttered Rum to Perform Oct. 5 at Firehouse

Firehouse Arts Center will host "Left Coast" rock group Hot Buttered Rum (HBR) on Friday, October 5, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

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

Hot Buttered Rum (the name conceived around a campfire in the Sierra Nevada Mountains) was formed as an acoustic string band and is now a plugged-in, percussive rock band that accesses jazz, country, bluegrass and world music. Their Firehouse Arts Center performance will celebrate their most recent album, Limbs Akimbo, which showcases the band's complex musical personality.

Since 2002, the group has recorded several albums and performed frequently at music festivals, including the Newport Folk Festival, South by Southwest, High Sierra Music Festival, Bonnaroo Music Festival, and Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival. HBR has also headlined at The Fillmore, in their home city of San Francisco, and have performed with a wide array of artists, including Phil Lesh, Ben Harper, Chris Thile, Bela Fleck, Peter Rowan, and

Bill Nershi.

As the band developed a more intense sound in the mid-late 2000s, fans and media began to describe them as "a rock band with acoustic instruments". When mandolinist Zac Matthews left the group, the other founding members, Aaron Redner (violin and mandolin), Bryan Horne (upright bass), Nat Keefe (guitar), and Erik Yates (banjo, guitar, and flute,) joined forces with Bay Area drummer, Lucas Carlton.

Hot Buttered Rum recently completed recording sessions at San Francisco's Light Rail Studios working with producer Steve Berlin (Los Lobos, String Cheese Incident, The Replacements, R.E.M., Sheryl Crow, John Lee Hooker) on an album that represents an important stylistic step forward. It will be released soon.

Tickets are adults: \$15, \$20 and \$25. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

## Program on Meditation Planned at the Livermore Library

Dr. Marshall Zaslove, MD, will present his program *Meditation: Experience the Peace, Calm and Joy You Are Seeking* at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue.

There is no charge for this event.

Zaslove, MD is a Board

certified psychiatrist with 39 years of daily meditation experience, who has given over 1000 workshops on meditation.

Dr. Zaslove was educated at Columbia and trained at the UCLA School of Medicine and the Neuropsychiatric Institute. He served in the Pacific in the US Air Force Medical Corps during Viet-

nam. Since 1969 he has lived in the San Francisco Bay area, where he is now director of the Zaslove Group in the Napa Valley. Zaslove has been practicing meditation daily for over 30 years, under the guidance of Sant Kirpal Singh, Sant Darshan Singh and the present head of Science of Spirituality, H.H. Sant Rajinder Singh

Ji Maharaj. He has served on the Board of Directors of Science of Spirituality since 1978.

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](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

## Music of the Carpenters Performed by 'Close to You' Group

The Firehouse Arts Center is going back to the 70's to celebrate the classic songs and sounds of the ever-popular music duo, The Carpenters.

Close to You: A Live Tribute to The Carpenters will be presented on Sunday afternoon, October 7, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

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

With songs like We've Only Just Begun, For All We Know, and Rainy Days and Mondays, The Carpenters left an indelible mark on the



Michelle Whited

pop culture and music of 1970's and 1980's. Their story and legacy lives on.

Michelle Whited leads the popular Close to You musical group which pays tribute to The Carpenters and their music with an uplifting and memorable performance. Reproducing Karen's unique vocals along with Don Stamey on piano and a live band consisting of skilled musicians, they recreate the signature sounds so distinctive.

Other songs include Top of the World, I Won't Last a Day Without You, Superstar and, of course, Close to You. The result is a memorable show filled with timeless

classics that is sure to keep the audience singing along to songs from an era we cherish for a lifetime.

Tickets are adults \$15, \$20 and \$25; child \$12. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to two hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

## Piano-Violin Duo Opens Concert Season

Del Valle Fine Arts opens its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual concert season with Jasper Wood on the violin and David Riley at the piano. The concert will be at 8:00 pm Saturday, September 29 in the Bankhead Theater.

Those who attended last fall's concert by the Triple Forte trio will these dynamic young Canadian musicians. Jasper Wood was the masterful violinist of the trio. Appearing with him on September 29 will be noted American pianist, David Riley. Both musicians have performed with major symphonies, in chamber music groups and as soloists. As a duo, they have collaborated on a series of discs featuring, respectively, the works of Stravinsky, Ives, Bartok, and Morawetz. The Stravinsky CD was awarded the 2004 East Coast Music Award for Best Classical Recording. They were also the subject of a television documentary, *The Maritime Violin*. "Encores there must be wherever Wood and Riley play: theirs is a beautiful collaboration," states *Gramophone Magazine*.

Their varied program for this concert includes the Sonata for violin & piano in B flat major, K. 454 by Mozart, the Sonata for Violin and Piano in G minor & Beau



Soir by Debussy, Banjo and Fiddle by William Kroll, It Ain't Necessarily So by Gershwin and the Sonata for violin & piano in E flat major, Op. 18 by Richard Strauss.

Violinist Jasper Wood has established himself as one of Canada's top violinists. His "thrilling virtuosity" (The Strad) and "open luminous tones, seamless lines and impeccable technique" (Toronto Star) have charmed the ears and captured the hearts of music lovers ev-

erywhere." Wood made his solo orchestral debut in 1987 with Symphony Nova Scotia under the baton of Georg Tintner. Since then he has established a fine reputation as a soloist through his frequent performances with many of North America's finest orchestras. His main teachers have been David and Linda Cerone, Oleh Krysa, and Philippe Djokic. An acclaimed competition winner, Wood has won numerous prizes and awards.

Pianist David Riley

has received rave reviews throughout the U.S. and Canada, including "Absolutely exquisite technique" (New York Concert Review), "A soloist's dream, star quality, gifted and sensitive ..." (Billings Gazette). He has extensive experience as a professional recitalist. Riley is Professor and Director of Accompanying and Chamber Music at the University of Oregon and previously worked as a vocal coach at the Manhattan School of Music. He holds degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Eastman School of Music, studying with Anne Epperson and Jean Barr respectively.

Ticket prices are \$35, \$29 or \$23. They can be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore, by phone at (925) 373-6800 or from the LVPAC web site, [www.mylvpac.org](http://www.mylvpac.org). High school and grade school children can attend free, with tickets available at the box office. The remaining DVFA concerts features Alexander Schimpf on the piano on November 10, the Chiara String Quartet on February 16, the Archetti Baroque String Ensemble on March 23 and the Debussy Trio on April 27.

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## ASIA Set to Rock at Firehouse

Firehouse Arts Center will host super rock group ASIA Featuring John Payne on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton, Calif.

With John Payne as front musician, ASIA has released numerous studio and live albums, a live DVD and has toured the world extensively for 14 years. Their Firehouse Arts Center show will feature selections from their upcoming release, "Americana", songs from the John Payne era, and hits from the classic era such as

"Heat of the Moment," "Soul Survivor" and "Only Time will Tell."

John Payne became the frontman of the group in 1992, performing lead vocals and bass. In 2006, Geoff Downes left the band to reform the 1982 line up for their 25th anniversary. That year, John Payne, Geoff Downes, John Wetton, Carl Palmer and Steve Howe contractually agreed that John Payne would continue his 14 year legacy with ASIA as "ASIA Featuring John Payne." ASIA Featuring John Payne has been touring in North America since 2008.

Performing with John Payne at the Firehouse Arts Center will be Jeff Kollman (guitars, backing vocals), Erik Norlander (keyboards, backing vocals), Moni Scaria (guitars, backing vocals) and Jay Schellen (drums, backing vocals).

Tickets are adults: \$35, \$40 and \$45. Group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) up to three hours prior to the performance, by phone at (925) 931-4848, or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. The entrance to free parking is on Spring Street near First Street.

## Studio Seven Plans Special Show

Studio Seven Arts in Pleasanton is hosting a special joint showing event on Saturday, Sept 29th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Award winning jewelry designer Grace McNabb, nationally known for her distinctive, artisan jewelry created with high end materials and ingenuity will join painter Floy Zittin. The Saturday art and jewelry demonstrations will offer a chance to talk to the artisans about their inspirations and techniques.

Grace will discuss and display her work, including her unique techniques for combining stones and metals into artful and colorful pieces.

Master illustrator Floy Zittin specializes in paint-



Painting by Floy Zittin.

ing the best of nature with her watercolors on canvas, featuring her signature impressionistic style and influences from the orient. These paintings feature colorful abstract backgrounds with realistic subjects such as birds and flowers.

Studio Seven Arts is located at 400 Main Street Pleasanton; (925) 846-4322.

## Special Performances of La Boheme Offered at Libraries

Continuing with its commitment of making opera more accessible to the community, Livermore Valley Opera (LVO) is showcasing opera singers who will appear in the October production of Puccini's "La bohème" in two OperaLIVE! events.

OperaLIVE! at the Livermore Public Library was presented on Sunday, Sept. 23.

OperaLIVE! will perform at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sunday, September 30, 2pm.

"OperaLIVE! events are free, public events that are all about bringing opera to the community so that people who might not otherwise have the opportunity can experience the music and drama in an intimate public setting," says LVO Executive Director Elizabeth Wells. "We hope that the experience will encourage people to seek out other



opera and musical opportunities."

The one-hour performances feature professional opera singers performing arias from La bohème as well as those from other well-known operas. Soprano and Metropolitan Opera artist Marie Plette, who will sing the role of Mimi in the Bankhead Theater production, Tenor David Gustafson

who will sing the part of Rodolfo, and lyric soprano and San Francisco Opera artist, Kristin Clayton, who will sing the role of Musetta, will be among the performers. Tony Award winner, Eugene Brancoveanu, who will direct for LVO, will speak about the October production and provide insights to the opera.

"The singers will perform selections from Puccini's classic opera as well as selected arias. Their performance will give listeners a taste of the wonderful talent that they will hear at the Bankhead Theater when 'La bohème' opens October 6," adds Wells.

A question and answer period follows immediately after the performance.

For more details on the full production of La bohème and the library preview programs, please visit [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com)

## Las Positas to Host Speaker on Bipolar Issues

Commenting on the event, Las Positas College Psychology Department Instructor, Ernest Jones said, "Tom Wootton is an important advocate for change in the field of mental health. He challenges us to shift our thinking about mental health disorders - from an emphasis on the deficits to a more balanced and positive view of the person as a whole."

Wootton's remarks are open to the general public. He will be speaking in the College's Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420 at 7:00 PM on Wednesday October 3. Admission is \$10 with advance tickets available in

the campus bookstore; space permitting, they will also be available at the door. Visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For more information, contact Professor Ernest Jones at (925) 424-1217 or [ejones@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:ejones@laspositascollege.edu).

The Las Positas College Department of Psychology regularly presents world-renowned speakers and events for students and Tri-Valley residents. A frequent Las Positas College

visitor was the late Kim Peek, the super-savant who inspired the Oscar winning film, "Rain Man," starring Dustin Hoffman. Other past speakers have included "The Father of Modern Sleep Science," Dr. William Dement; Dr. John Ratey, bestselling author and associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School; world-renowned neuroscientist and expert on stress, Stanford University Professor Robert Sapolsky, and Dr. Temple Grandin, regarded as the world's most accomplished and best-known adult with autism, recently portrayed in an award-winning HBO movie.



## Varied Topics Planned As part of Fall Lecture Series

The fall 2012 lecture series at Congregation Beth Emek starts October 3 with an exploration of the ancient city of Jerusalem and concludes on December 5 with a discussion of contemporary Tel Aviv. The in-between presentations will focus on Jewish resistance during World War II and the Middle East's non-proliferation challenges that will confront the next presidential administration.

"Our series covers a journey of over 3,000 years and will focus on both historic as well as contemporary issues. We know that it will be of great interest to the broader general community as well as those of us in the Tri-Valley region," notes Jim Holtz, chair of the series.

Speaking on non-proliferation challenges in the Middle East will be Professor Michael Nacht of UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy. Previously, Nacht was Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs from 2009-10 for which he received the Distinguished Public Service Award, the highest civilian honor. He also served as Assistant Director for Strategic and Eurasian Affairs in the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency from 1994-97. Nacht participated in five US Presidential Summit meetings with the Russian and Chinese presidents. Nacht's current research is

on modifications to strategic deterrence; assessing latent strategic capabilities; aspects of US cyber and space policy; and strategies in East Asia and the Middle East. He is the author or co-author of five books and more than eighty journal articles and book chapters. His opinion articles have appeared in The New York Times, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal. His lecture will take place on November 15.

Opening the series on October 3 will be lecturer Nitzhia Shaked who will present an overview of Jerusalem's history. On October 24, award-winning historian Fred Rosenbaum, author of Taking Risks and Here There Are No Sarahs, will explore the different kinds of resistance, both mental and physical, that Jews used in

their fight against the Nazis. "Rosenbaum's talks are not to be missed," notes Holtz. "He speaks with such clarity and depth that you are brought into the world he is describing."

Completing the series on December 5 will be noted scholar Ken Cohen who will trace the creation of Tel-Aviv in the early 20th century and how it evolved into becoming Israel's cultural and financial center.

Admission to all four of the lectures is \$36. Individual admission is \$10. All lectures will begin at 7:30 pm. Congregation Beth Emek is located at 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. For more information: 510.318.6453. The series is sponsored by Congregation Beth Emek and the Jewish Federation of the East Bay.

## Pleasanton Elementary Schools to Take Part in International Walk to School Week

Pleasanton elementary schools will join hundreds of schools throughout the nation in participating in the International Walk to School Week. Alisal, Hearst and Mohr schools will walk on Wednesday, October 3; Valley View, Vintage Hills and Walnut Grove schools on Thursday, October 4; and Donlon, Fairlands, and Lydiksen schools will walk on Friday, October 5.

The promotion is sponsored by the City of Pleasanton, Pleasanton Unified School District and all elementary schools. This annual event, held in Pleasanton for the 12th year, promotes pedestrian safety, improved air quality and parent involvement. It is being promoted as part of Rides to School, Pleasanton's School Traffic Calming Program. Morning celebrations where students and parents can en-

joy refreshments sponsored by the City of Pleasanton, will be held beginning 30 minutes prior to the first bell at each school. Many parent volunteers will help to coordinate the refreshment parties to welcome the hundreds of walkers each morning.

"Walk to School Day will allow parents to spend time with their children and see how beneficial walking to school is for their children and their school. It teaches the students safe walking habits and helps reduce traffic around the schools," said Lisa Adamos, Economic Development Specialist with the City of Pleasanton, when asked to describe the goals of this event.

Rides to School is a collaboration of the City of Pleasanton and Pleasanton Unified School District with

partial funding through the Alameda County Transportation Commission and Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air, to plan and manage school-related traffic. It also supports the city's Climate Action Plan's goals and objectives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the Alameda County Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is working closely this year with Mohr and Lydiksen Elementary Schools as well as Foothill High School to implement programs and campaigns to encourage students and parents to walk, bike or carpool to school. More information on Rides to School can be found at [www.pleasantonschoolpool.org](http://www.pleasantonschoolpool.org) or by contacting Lisa Adamos, City of Pleasanton at (925) 931-5039.

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# Words Can Be Fun and Educational

By Carol Graham

Many people think the word supercalifragilistic-expialidocious was fabricated by Mary Poppins. Phil Cousineau knows better.

"It's actually been around since 1926, and in plain English it means, 'Atoning for the mistake that a well-educated person can make by over-relying on their own physical beauty,'" he said.

On September 12, the award-winning author, filmmaker, and TV host visited Pleasanton's Towne Center Books to talk about one of his greatest passions: words.

"Some of the simplest words have the prettiest origins," said the San Francisco resident. "For instance, allure means to attract or captivate but also, in a mysteriously fascinating way, to charm. Most exotically, it means to train a falcon to hunt and to lead it back to your wrist, like charming a

lover to come back."

Growing up in a family that considered the dictionary a contributing member, Cousineau's interest in words began early and never waned.

"If I hear a great word, I might write it on the back of my hand or on a beer coaster," he said. "I did that one night with Van Morrison. I drank till seven in the morning with him. I was filling up beer coasters discreetly on my lap with all these Irish expressions I'd never heard before. The next morning of course I could barely read them."

In his most recent book, "The Painted Word, A Treasure Chest of Remarkable Words and Their Origins," Cousineau explores the "changes, permutations, and transmogrifications" of words with a sense of playfulness that belies his determined research.

"Fiasco is a fun word to say," noted Cousineau. "Near Venice, on the island of Murano where they have all the glass factories, there's an old tradition: when glassblowers make a mistake - the wrong color or the wrong shape - they throw the flask into the corner to be re-melted or thrown away. Those are called fiasca."

Cousineau attributes the expansiveness of the English language, which has more than 1,000,000 words compared to French and Spanish which each have around 500,000, to immigration. "An enormous number of colorful cultures have come in like tributaries coming into a river, giving us the richest language in human history," he said.

"The other night I was watching a baseball game where the pitcher was really lazy. The Giants' runner reached first. (Commenta-

tor) Mike Krukow didn't just want to say the pitcher was lazy; that's dull. Instead he said, 'The pitcher nonchalanted the play.' That's cool, isn't it? That's how words are born - in the moment."

Towne Center Books regularly hosts popular authors, speakers and artists. "People enjoyed the discussion and hearing Phil read the definitions from his book," said owner Judy Wheeler. "I didn't realize how many words were in the English language. I definitely need to start expanding my vocabulary."

Feeding off Cousineau's childlike thrill of sound and meaning, the audience contributed comments of their own. "I think there should be a new word," said one attendee, "for a word you know because you've read it, but it's never occurred to you until relatively late in

life that you've also heard it. Like hors d'oeuvres."

Cousineau made clear that language is a thing alive, an evolving creation to be embraced and enjoyed without concern of missteps.

"There are hundreds of words dying to be revived," he said. "Have you ever finished eating, maybe you left part of your burrito on your plate, and your family just keeps looking over at it? In Old English that's called groaking. It took me 500 words to describe something you've all experienced."

Marlene Smith-Baranzini, a Tracy writer who attended the talk, said, "Phil is a wonderful storyteller, hopping from word to word and country to country as he described how language grows, changes and dies out, using vivid imagery in his descriptions."

Having travelled the world collecting words and

experiences, Cousineau hosts "Global Spirit" on KQED, Monday nights at 11. "I ask guests about words. One recently shared the word mokita. It's the truth that everybody knows, but nobody speaks of."

When the conversation turned to mondegreens, the mishearing of a phrase as a result of near-homophony, Cousineau revealed one of his own. "You and me endlessly," sang the Young Rascals in their 1967 hit, Groovin'. Cousineau said, "I always thought they were singing 'You and me and Leslie.' I thought it was a song about a threesome."

The Painted Word is a follow up to Cousineau's popular 2010 book Word-catcher.

"Word catching," said Cousineau, smiling. "That's what I've been doing for years."

## In which I write of Italian varietals - Please read responsibly

By Harry Stoll

Sometimes I wonder if Frank Morgan is behind the Internet, pulling levers and throwing switches; much of what I read there is useful, but I always cross-check with another site.

wineaccess.com tells me that in Italy's Piemonte region, producer of the famed Barolo and Barbaresco, one everyday wine is Barbera, which is bright and friendly with mild tannins and plenty of acids. It's of course a prima pizza vino but also goes well with other rich foods and hard cheeses.

**2010 Chouinard Vineyards Barbera Paso Robles** (\$18.75). Wine-maker Damien Chouinard says it's like the fruitiest, most brambly Zin with strawberry and raspberry aplenty, with an added backbone of acidity. I challenged it with the tomatoiest pizza Melo's offered and I declared them co-champions,

**2011 Chouinard Vineyards Barbera Rosé Paso Robles** (\$16). This refreshing off-dry delight is very dark for a Rosé. I held it up to my well-tended Black Bacarra Red Roses. The colors matched, as did it and a milk-braised pork loin lightly sprinkled with kosher salt and freshly ground pepper.

Now, a few words about the term, "Estate Bottled." Many people tell me I'm the only one who cares about this innocuous term, but it's important. The Federal label regulators allow it only if the grapes were grown, harvested, crushed, fermented, aged, and bottled by the winery listed on the label. It doesn't guarantee the wine will be good, but it's something to look for. Mere "Estate" doesn't cut it. Rodrigue Molyneaux wines are estate bottled.

**2009 Rodrigue Molyneaux Cabiovese Livermore Valley** (\$29). From the name, I assumed it had more Cabernet Sauvignon

than Sangiovese, but it's the reverse, with 75% Sangiovese. The cab adds some zest to the friendly sangio. It opens grandpa's humidor that holds cherry and raspberry flavors. Simply put, this complex wine can handle a heavy duty tomato sauce on any Italian dish, or other hearty dishes. Truth is, it is simply a complex, tasty wine.

Remember thinking Chianti was a type of grape made into wine that we bought in those reed-covered fiascos? Now that we're sophisticated we know Chianti is an Italian wine region. Jim Gullett of Vino Noceto in Amador County set me straight on that over 10 years ago when I wrote he grew Chianti. He grows and produces primo Sangiovese in a Chianti style. It's a good place with the added attraction of a Doggie Diner head they rescued from Hayward.

He recently e-mailed me that Italian law requires

Chianti to contain at least 80% Sangiovese. American wineries cannot legally use the name Chianti on their label or in their promotions, but the spirit of those fiascos lives on.

Garry Rodrigue of Rodrigue Molyneaux, and others have mentioned the possibility of those flasks making a comeback, but the economics make it difficult. We probably won't see them used for any American Sangiovese.

Generally, Sangiovese doesn't handle tomato sauce pizzas. I like it with Round Table Artisan Flatbread pizza. Honest these are good. I pair sangio with the one made with mozzarella, roasted vegetables, pesto, and topped by tomatoes.

**2009 Rodrigue Molyneaux Sangiovese Livermore Valley** (\$28). A rubesque Arabesque of orange peel, tart cherry, cigar box, with good acidity. A gentle, kind, and tasty wine that's mellow but not

wimpy.

**2010 Big White House Sangiovese Lodi, Ripken Vineyard** (\$28) Big White House's John the Younger Marion, writes, "Mid-way between the Chianti and Tuscan styles, this Italian beauty boasts delicious raspberry, cranberry, cardamom and white pepper. Mellow tannins with full mouth-feel make this wine a popular one amongst Italian lovers." I can't improve on that.

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo is a wine region in the mountainous north of Italy. To carry the regional appellation, a wine must be predominantly Montepulciano. Now, a Livermore Valley offers one from Lodi grapes.

**2010 Big White House Montepulciano Lodi, Ripken Vineyard** (\$28). John the Younger again, writes that Montepulciano is a big fat grape with heavy-hitting tannins and a deep color. Indeed it's that dark purple of a king's

robe. It's right on the nose with plum, vanilla, chocolate, and cardomom, with a taste of coffee, black cherry and spice. I cleaned up a Porterhouse steak with this heavy hitter that is just plain wow. Later I enjoyed a glass of it with some Jamaican jerk.

Dolcetto teams up with Barbera as an everyday wine in the Piemonte. Those Italians know how to spend their days and nights.

**2004 Eckert Estate Dolcetto Livermore Valley** (\$18) The grapes are from a small vineyard near Ruby Hill. The wine is full bodied and smooth, like one of those hefty actors who can dance. It brings to the stage some smooth black cherry, plum, and berry flavors. It won both my heart and a bronze medal at the 2011 Orange County competition. It loved apple-stuffed pork chops. Later I enjoyed a glass with a tart.

## SHORT NOTES

### Breast Cancer

ValleyCare Health System will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Breast Cancer Symposium on Thursday October 4, 6-8pm at the Palm Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton. The Symposium is free and open to the public.

The event features the following speakers: Ruby Chang, MD – "MRI of the Breast. Is it the Best Test?"; Nicole Jeffrey-Starr, MD – "Importance of Breast Clinical Exams"; Rakesh Patel, MD – "Radiation Therapy: Less May Be More"; Kavitha Raj, MD – "Breast Cancer Genetics. Know Your Genes"

Rishi Sawhney, MD – "Personalized Breast Cancer Therapy and Survivorship: One Size Doesn't Fit All"; Rakhee Shah, MD – "New Paradigms in Surgical Management of Breast Cancer"; Angela Byars, Lymphedema Therapist – "Understanding and Preventing Lymphedema"; and Mary Prishtina, RN, OCN, CBPN-IC – "Facing Cancer Together. Better Outcomes Through Navigation"

Several local businesses have become sponsors of the event and include: Safeway, Toshiba, Valley Medical Oncology Consultants, Astra Zeneca. Local supporters are: Tri-Valley Socks, Sandra Wing Foundation, American Cancer Society and Marzel's.

Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Door prizes will be awarded. Please RSVP by calling 800-719-9111, or register online at [www.valleycare.com/educationseminars](http://www.valleycare.com/educationseminars).

### Alternative Medicine

The Hindu Community and Cultural Center of Livermore (Shiva Vishnu Temple) will be conducting a free Alternative Medicine Health Fair. This health fair is open to all.

It will be held Sat., Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HCCC Human Services believes that service to mankind is service to God. It is with this in mind that we at HCCC reach out to the community, be it health, food or education by touching people lives in our own small way.

The location is the Shiva-Vishnu Temple Assembly Hall, 1232 Arrowhead Ave,

Livermore.

Free medical advice will be available in the areas of Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Women's Health, Nutrition & Diet, Dental, Chiropractic Services, Physical Therapy and Alternate Medicine. There will be informational lectures by various specialists. In addition, there will also be various informational tables from non-profit organizations.

For more information contact Suman Jain at [suman1218@yahoo.com](mailto:suman1218@yahoo.com) or Anand Gundu at [anand\\_gundu@yahoo.com](mailto:anand_gundu@yahoo.com) or call the temple 925-449-6255.

### Instructors Sought

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is looking for new instructors to teach community classes.

LARPD is looking for new instructors to teach Adult Fitness (Core, Body Strength), Adult Cooking, Youth Dance (Hip Hop, Bollywood, new dance trends) and Preschool fun classes (fitness). Potential instructors with their own ideas for classes of all kinds are also welcome to contact the District.

To apply to be a contracted instructor, which requires a City of Livermore business permit, fill out the "Independent Contractors" form on LARPD's employment page: [www.larpd.dst.ca.us/employment/employment.html](http://www.larpd.dst.ca.us/employment/employment.html). For more information, contact Moe Kline at [mkline@larpd.dst.ca.us](mailto:mkline@larpd.dst.ca.us) or call 925-373-5717.

### Breast Cancer

The Breast Center at San Ramon Regional Medical Center invites the community to a free community seminar, "Breast Cancer 2012 – Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment," on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The seminar will be held in the South Conference Room in the South Building located on the hospital campus at 7777 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon.

The speakers are Michael Sherman, M.D., Ph.D., oncologist and hematologist; Michael Wynn, M.D., FACS, general surgeon; Lisa Berman, MSPT, CLT, certified lymphedema therapist; and Vanessa Cotton, R.N., M.S.N., nurse manager, The Breast Center.

One in eight American women are at risk of developing

breast cancer in their lifetime. Men have a one in 1,000 risk of getting the disease. Our physicians and staff will discuss: Surgical treatments from lumpectomy to mastectomy; Research, clinical trials and chemotherapy; Hormonal therapy and biological therapy; Genetic risk factors; Lymphedema treatment and physical therapy; and, Recovery after treatment

Space is limited. Reservations are required. Please call 800.284.2878 or pull down "Cancer Services" on Find an Event on [www.OurSanRamonHospital.com](http://www.OurSanRamonHospital.com).

### College Admission

The Livermore Public Library invites local high school students and parents to attend a free presentation of "What Colleges Want: An Inside Look at College Admission Requirements for Grades 9 to 12." This event takes place on Thursday, September 27, 2012, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Storytime Room at the Civic Center Library, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

Louise Gill, a college admissions advisor will share valuable information about what admissions officers expect from a student's high school experience, including the importance of extracurricular activities and what courses are required.

For questions or more information, please call Jennifer at 925-373-5500 ext. 5576, or visit the library website: [www.livermorelibrary.net](http://www.livermorelibrary.net).

### Neighbor2Neighbor

Transformation results from working together to bring about change. Buenas Vidas Youth Ranch, located north of Livermore has been effecting transformation in young boys and men for nearly 40 years. Now, that focus is changing to welcome young girls and women seeking a safe place from the ravages of sex trafficking. Buenas Vidas is one of several projects that the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church Livermore will participate in on Sunday, September 30, 2012 from 8:30 am – 2 pm. The community is invited to join in working together with neighbors to create the transformation.

Go to [www.fpcl.us](http://www.fpcl.us); click on the Neighbor2Neighbor announcement to find out more in-

formation on the projects and to sign up for a project. Questions should be sent to the following email: [office@fpcl.us](mailto:office@fpcl.us).

On campus projects, for both children and adults, include writing and drawing cards that will be sent to active duty military personnel, filling bags with rice and beans for Open Heart Kitchen, and learning to crochet, knit, or tie knots for shawls and blankets. These and other projects will be set up in the Fellowship Hall which is on K Street between 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> streets.

Off campus projects, for both children and adults, include graffiti abatement, bike repair;

visiting with seniors; taking books to Friends of the Library, and household repair.

At the end of the day, participants will return to the campus at 5 pm to continue for worship and a BBQ dinner.

### Harvest Moon Hike

A Harvest Moon Hike is planned by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District ranger staff on Sun., Sept. 30. Meet Ranger Pat Sotelo at 6 p.m. at Sycamore Grove Park, 1051 Wetmore Road.

The harvest moon is rising on this last night of September.

## LPC Presents Political Film Series in October

The Las Positas College Community Education Program is offering a Political Film Series in October. The presentations are open to the public and will feature a facilitated discussion by Stuart McElderry, history professor at the College and author of the forthcoming political thriller "The Barcelona File."

The four featured films will be shown on the first four Wednesdays of October at the Las Positas College in room 2206 or 2420. The films and their presentation dates are:

October 3: "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington" - Directed by Frank Capra and starring James Stewart and Jean Arthur; room 2206

October 10: "State of the Union" - Directed by Frank

Capra and starring Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn; room 2420

October 17: "The Candidate" - Directed by Michael Ritchie and starring Robert Redford; room 2420

October 24: "Dave" - Directed by Ivan Reitman and starring Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. Room 2206

McElderry will introduce each film and discuss its context. After the film, he will lead a discussion with a question and answer period. Advanced registration for each movie class is \$10 by credit card. Enroll online at [laspositas.augusoft.net](http://laspositas.augusoft.net) or call 925-424-1467.

Space permitting, registration will also be available at the door for each presenta-

Welcome autumn with a hike to the hills in the upper part of the park to watch this storied moon rise. Along the way, you may spy some of the park's inhabitants readying themselves for the night. This hike will be about three miles, with moderate elevation gain.

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.

tion. Visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551.

McElderry has taught politics and history in the movies at the University of Oregon and at Doane College in Nebraska. He believes that, with the November election fast approaching, there is no better time than now to examine the way filmmakers have commented on American politics over the past six decades. "We will learn a lot," McElderry said, "about our culture's past as well as its present. Even from those movies we may have seen before."

## Shakespeare Festival Founder Honored

The Alameda County Arts Commission is recognizing five individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and residents of Alameda County. Among them is Livermore resident Lisa A. Tromovitch, Producing Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Associates, producer of the Livermore Shakespeare Festival.

Nominations for the Arts Leadership Awards Program were submitted by community members. The Members of the Alameda County Arts Commission selected five individuals to receive the award, representing the five districts of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

The award recipients will be honored by the Alameda

County Board of Supervisors through a commendation ceremony presented in conjunction with the County's celebration of California Arts Day and National Arts and Humanities Month on Tuesday, October 2, 10:45 am at the Alameda County Administration Building, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland.

This event is open to the public.

## ART &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



Painting by Bill Paskewitz

## 'Coming Off the Wall; Exhibit

The Figurehead Gallery, Livermore, will feature local artist Bill Paskewitz during the month of October. An artist reception will be held on October 4, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. His work can also be viewed at the upcoming Artwalk on October 13.

A long-time art instructor, world traveler, and mentor to both students and accomplished artists alike, Paskewitz has been a driving force behind the art department at Las Positas College for the past 24 years.

According to Linda Ryan, manager of Bothwell Arts Center and The Artwalk, and a former student of Paskewitz, "We've been lucky. Bill has had a huge impact on a lot of the artists in this area. I wouldn't say that Bill was an 'easy' teacher, which was why he was so effective. I really had to work hard, and learn what I was doing."

Entitled "Coming Off the Wall," the exhibit will include recent watercolors and oils of Paskewitz's Antioch home and environs. He will also show paintings of scenes and subjects from his recent trips to Europe, Russia, and beyond—work that shows a strong contrast of light and shade on foreign forms of architecture and sculpture. Local scenes from Las Positas College,

some of which no longer exist in the same view due to recent campus construction, will also be on display.

Educated in Manhattan at the prestigious School Of Art at Cooper Union, Paskewitz has studied with artists and teachers of unparalleled talent. He had been accepted with a full scholarship to Brooklyn's Pratt Institute but serendipity played a part in his eventual choice to study at Cooper Union when he filled out the form for admission the day before it was due and by a fluke, he was chosen out of 500 students to take the final test, and then was selected as one of only 40 to attend the school. Paskewitz went further and earned an MFA from City University of New York (CUNY).

Paskewitz looks for spontaneity and a dialogue with his subjects. He has a real rapport with shapes, forms, lines, light and content. Of his paintings, he explains, "I paint with varying brush pressures and gestures and I control transparent puddles of color. I produce a memory of my experience. The images are the efforts made visible from my experiences."

The Figurehead Gallery is located in Downtown Livermore at 2222 2nd St. Suite 21. Call 925-337-1799 or 925-353-0419 or e-mail ball@figureheadgallery.com

### ART/PHOTO EXHIBITS

**Figures & Faces** Exhibit at the Figurehead Gallery, exhibit of paintings, drawings, and photographs celebrating 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

**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

**14th Annual Art in the Park Fine Arts Festival**, Oct. 6 and 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Park, San Ramon. A fund-raiser for Art in the Schools in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD). Showcasing the art of over 75 professional artists from all around the Bay Area who work in painting, jewelry, ceramics, photography and other media. Park located at the Corner of Alcosta Boulevard & Bollinger Canyon Road. Free admission, children's hands-on art activities, live music, food and wine, sidewalk chalk art exhibition, juried art exhibition. Alamo Danville Artists' Society, San Ramon Arts Foundation, and City of San Ramon. www.ADAS4ART.org, www.sanramonarts.org, www.sanramon.ca.gov

**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

**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

**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

**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.

**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.villageattheatreshows.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 Concertata 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 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

**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

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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

**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.

**Sing-A-Long with South Pacific**, Livermore Cultural Arts Council (LCAC) will

hold a fund-raiser at the Vine Cinema on Thurs., Oct. 18. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. Lyrics will be displayed on the screen. Tickets are \$10 per person. They can be purchased at brownpapertickets.com or at the door beginning at 6 p.m. on Oct. 18.

**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 866-4003.

## OPERA

**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. 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 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

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

**We're Talkin' Books! Club** is a member-centered book group led by a small group of book club veterans, with

reading selections based on member recommendations and consensus. No homework required—share your insights or just listen in! Contact Susan at 337-1282 regarding the *We're Talkin' Books! Club*.

**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.

## Tuskegee Airman Pays Return Visit to College

Las Positas College has announced that Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson (Ret.) will speak to students and interested community members on October 3, 2012. Jefferson is best known as a member of the 332nd P-51 Red Tail Fighter Group, celebrated as the "Tuskegee Airmen," and as the author of "Red Tail Captured-Red Tail Free" - his personal World War II story.

This is a return visit to Las Positas College. Jefferson, 91 years old, first spoke at the College in 2010. On this visit, as on his first, Jefferson will discuss his experiences as a member of the "greatest generation." He received his pilot's wings in July 1944 and was based in Ramitelli, Italy. While on

his 18th combat mission on August 2, he was shot down over southern France. After being held in a prisoner-of-war camp in Poland he was freed by General George Patton's Third Army.

Las Positas College History Department Instructor, Teri Ann Bengiveno, Ph.D., has organized Jefferson's visit with the assistance of The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley, an organization that she has long supported. In commenting on the event, Dr. Bengiveno said "The campus is honored to welcome back Lt. Col. (Ret.) Jefferson to share his remarkable experience with us and to educate a new audience about one man's historic contribution in World War II."

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Jefferson's remarks are open to the general public. He will be speaking in the Main Stage auditorium of the College's Mertes Center for the Arts at 12:30 P.M. on Wednesday October 3. As a community outreach effort of Las Positas College, there is no charge for admission. However, visitors are reminded that the campus has a \$2 parking fee. Daily tickets are available from vending machines in the campus parking lots. The College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore 94551. For more information, contact Dr. Teri Ann Bengiveno at (925) 424-1287 or tbengiveno@laspositascollege.edu.



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## Do You Remember?

By Anne Homan  
Livermore City Historian



### Max and Buddy Baer

Max Baer Park was named for the Livermore resident who won the World's Heavyweight Boxing Championship by defeating Primo Carnera on 14 June 1934. The *Herald* described that evening: "Before fifty thousand berserk fans in the Long Island bowl, the lad who started his career on a Livermore hog ranch pounded the largest man in fistiana's history to a helpless, staggering hulk—so badly beaten that Referee Arthur Donovan had to stop the slaughter at the end of the eleventh round." Baer's grand-nephew wrote: "Legend has it that on the night Max won the heavyweight title, all of Livermore descended on his sister Frances's house ... and celebrated. According to family stories, the celebration actually lasted two days until Frances [Santucci] shut off the lights to her house and shooed away the celebrating townfolk."

Frances Baer Santucci herself told of the event in an interview for the Livermore Heritage Guild in 1982: "I'm telling you, it was something that you've never seen in your life.

The day he won that championship. You couldn't get for a mile around this place here—the cars, the people, the Livermore band—Frank Higuera, he led them and they came up and the Eagles—they marched up and they had a parade up here. I've never seen so many—you ask me today who all was here, I couldn't have told you. ... You've never seen anything like it—they just went wild!" Frances finally went upstairs to put her children to bed; when she came down, she found that someone had rolled up all the rugs, and people were dancing in her living room. Someone brought a keg of beer from town, and the party continued.

Baer lost his title the following year, but he continued boxing until his retirement in 1941. During World War II, both Max and his younger brother, Buddy, also a boxer by then, entertained the soldiers with boxing exhibits and song and dance acts. Max couldn't pass the army physical because of old boxing injuries, but he objected so vociferously and so publicly that he was allowed to join.

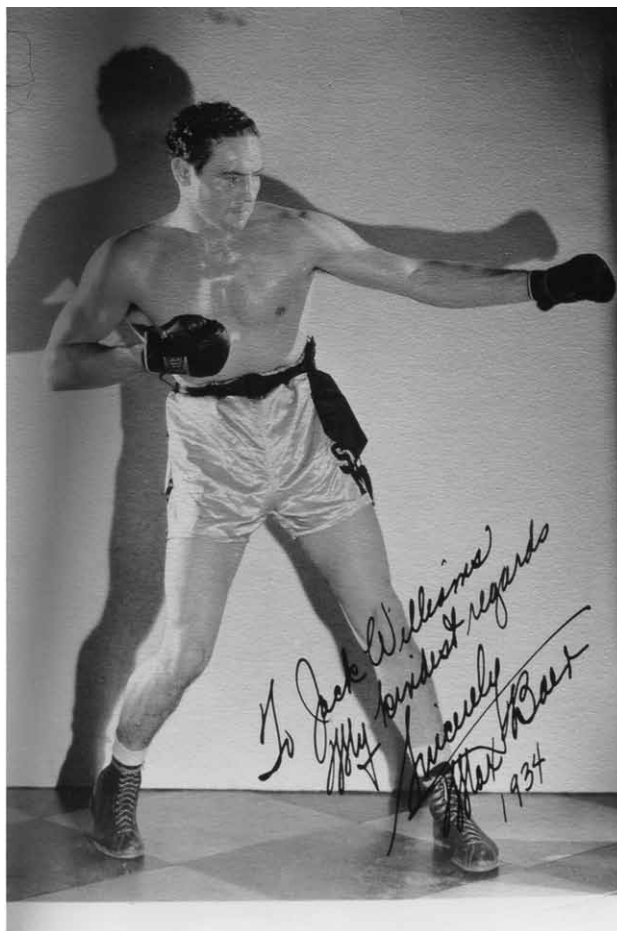


Photo of Max Baer courtesy of Jacquie Williams-Courtright

Jack Sher wrote in *Sport* magazine, "How could they keep me out," he demanded. "Why I started the damn thing, getting Hitler all riled up by beating Schmeling and then getting Mussolini against us by what I did to poor old Primo!" Baer was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1995. Having perhaps the most powerful right hand in heavyweight history, Max Baer wise-cracked and clowned

his way through his career. Although he never fully realized his potential, Baer won the heavyweight title, and he entertained an America rocked by the Depression. The Hall of Fame record shows that he won 72 bouts, with 53 knockouts, and lost 12.

The Baer family moved to Livermore after Max finished the eighth grade. In their teens, Max and Buddy lived at Twin Oaks Ranch, located near the

soccer fields in what is now Independence Park near the end of Holmes Street. Buddy remembered those early days: "We ran between 2,400-2,500 hogs at Twin Oaks. Max and I would come into town to collect the garbage and feed the pigs and then we'd clean the pens. You could smell us before you could see us coming."

At age 20 Max left the farm to train in Oakland at Jimmy Duffy's gym and had his first professional fight on 16 May 1929. He won 22 of his first 24 fights, nine with first-round knockouts. Although cleared of criminal charges in the death of Frank Campbell after a Baer knockout in 1930, Baer was much affected by the circumstances. For several months he refused to fight, and when he did return to the ring, for a while he lost bouts because of his reluctance to be aggressive. His older son, Max Baer Jr., objected to his father's portrayal in the 2005 film *Cinderella Man*: "It is a lie that my father boasted about killing two fighters in the ring. He cried about what happened and had nightmares over it. He helped put Frankie Campbell's children through college."

With some of his early winnings, Max bought his mother and father a comfortable home in Oakland. His marriage to a movie star ended in divorce, but his later marriage to waitress Mary Ellen Sullivan

in 1934 survived, and they had three children. Max starred in the movie *The Prizefighter and the Lady*, which debuted in November 1933. Also a Hollywood celebrity, Max Baer Jr. acted the role of Jethro Bodine on the *Beverly Hillbillies* for nine years.

Buddy too became a heavyweight fighter, known for his mild temperament and size by the nickname "Gentle Giant." He was 6 feet 6½ inches tall and weighed 250 pounds; big brother Max was only 6 feet 4 inches. Buddy started boxing professionally in 1934 just as Max hit the highlight of his career, and although Buddy compiled a 48 win-7 loss record, he never won a national title. Both brothers were defeated by Joe Louis, and they later joked that they had tried to get a rematch with Joe, but the boxing commission wouldn't let them both in the ring with him at the same time.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles named their heart fund for Max after his early death of a heart attack, and Buddy made countless personal appearances as a singer around the country to raise money for the fund. After surviving a heart attack in 1962, Buddy felt an added incentive to continue his work for the Max Baer Heart Fund. He appeared in 15 Hollywood films, including some with Abbott and Costello.

(Readers can reach me at [am50homan@yahoo.com](mailto:am50homan@yahoo.com).)

## Community Invited to Take Part in Livermore High Homecoming Festivities

The Livermore High School Associated Student Body (A.S.B.) has unveiled a new look for Homecoming Festivities for the 2012-2013 school year. Homecoming will be held the week of Friday, October 5, 2012.

School will not be in session on Oct 4 and 5. As a result, the festivities will be

spread over Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6. This is a new logistical configuration for the A.S.B. that allows for ground-breaking alterations to the festivities, while still maintaining core traditions. The A.S.B. encourages all Livermore families and community members to participate in these festivities.

Wednesday, Oct. 3 will be a Minimum Schedule school day. A Spirit Rally will be held during the school day. On Oct. 4, Floats & Skits will be presented and judged. Floats this year will once again be able to drive onto the L.H.S. Football Field to be presented.

Oct. 5 will be the day of

the Homecoming Football Game. The Livermore High School Cowboys will play the Amador Valley High School Dons. During Half Time, students will as usual parade around the field. The Homecoming Queen and winners of Float & Skit competition shall be announced. Before the game

a Homecoming Fair, consisting of various clubs and community organizations, will be held on the Blacktop. On Oct. 6, the Homecoming Dance will be held in the evening. The week preceding Homecoming will be Spirit Week. Themes of individual days are yet to be decided but will tie into

Float & Skit.

The theme for Homecoming Floats & Skits is "Livermore Goes Broadway: Musicals."

The senior class will present *Grease*, the junior class *Wicked*, the sophomore class *Rock of Ages*, and the freshmen class *High School Musical*.

# 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 samzmpat@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

**Writing Club** Young adults, ages 12-21, are invited to join The Writing Club at the Livermore Public Library for fun-filled evenings of writing with author J.L. Powers. This free event will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on the following Mondays: October 15, November 5, and December 17, 2012 in the Small Conference Room of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. For more information, please visit TEEN SPACE on the library's website: www.livermorelibrary.net, or contact Jennifer at 925-373-5500, extension 5576.

**Armchair Travelers,** a monthly program, will take place at the Livermore Civic Center Library on Thurs., Oct. 11, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. International cyclist Dan Moore will present a photographic revisit of his May 2012 bicycle trip to Corsica, the island birthplace of Napoleon, off the southern coast of France. Adults are invited to this free program on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Rooms of the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore. For additional information please call 925 373-5500.

**Ohlone Audubon** will meet on October 2, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Carlton Plaza of Fremont, 3800 Walnut Ave. Dr. Robert Meese will present a program on California's Tricolored Blackbirds. He will explore the tricolor's natural history, field identification, history of research and population trends. No admission charge. Refreshment served. For more information call 925-447-8843 or go to web site www.ohloneaudubon.org

**Livermore -Amador Genealogy Society** meeting is on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:30pm at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct., Pleasanton. The speaker is Susan Goss Johnston who will talk about ways to find alternative sources, as in the case of lost military service records. Her research in the records of the Selective Service System might provide clues. No charge. For more information contact Cheryl Palmer at program@L-AGS.org

**José Maria Amador Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.** NSDAR will rededicate the grave marker of the chapter's namesake José M. Amador, at its monthly meeting Sat., Oct. 13. DAR is dedicated to promoting patriotism, American history and better education. If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, contact José Maria Amador Chapter Regent Diane Groome at dggroome@comcast.net or by phone at 510-886-4032. Or contact Registrar Carole Vercellino at carole\_verc@hotmail.com.

**Tri-Valley Republican Women Feder-**

**ated** will screen the Vice-Presidential debate at its regular dinner meeting on Thursday, October 11, at 5:00 p.m. David Wolfe, Howard Jarvis Tax Association, will also be speaking on the ballot propositions. This event will be held at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Entrees include Sirloin Steak, Broiled Salmon, Caesar Salad, or Cheese Ravioli. Members \$26, guests \$30. For reservations contact Phyllis at 925-462-4931 or email couplan1962@pacbell.net.

**3rd Annual Shop for the Cause Vendor Faire** fundraiser for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Tri-Valley Chapter. 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. For more information, see NAMI Tri-Valley's website at www.nami-trivalley.org.

**Valley Spokesmen Bicycle Touring Club,** Sat., Oct. 29, 67 miles, meet 9 a.m. at Half Moon Bay community center, Elaine Nadeau, 216-0801. Sun., Oct. 30, 35 miles, out to Pinole, meet 9 a.m. at Acalanes High School, Gail Blanco, 872-1001. Wed., Nov. 3, 60 miles out Mines Rd., meet 9 a.m. at old Nob Hill parking lot, Alberto Lanzas, 510-825-9581. Anyone planning to go on a ride is asked to call the leader for details on where to meet and what to bring.

**Livermore Library Board of Trustees,** meets 7 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 27 at the library, 1188 So. Livermore Ave. An agenda will be posted at the library 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**Computer classes.** Learn basic Internet skills at the Internet for Beginners class on Wednesday evening, October 3, 2012 from 6:00PM - 8:00 PM, and follow up with Searching the Internet on Wednesday evening, October 10, 2012 from 6:00PM - 8:00 PM. The Wonders of Google will be held on Wednesday evening, October 24, 2012 from 6:00PM - 8:00PM. Classes are hands on, first come, first served, and take place in Community Meeting Room B. For further information stop by the Civic Center Library Information Desk or call (925) 373-5505.

**Afterschool 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 pm. 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

**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: jbeason@comcast.net

**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.

**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.

**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 #114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. Suzi Glorioso by phone: (925) 443-1797 or by e-mail: glorios4@comcast.net

**Widowed Men and Women of Northern CA.,** 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.

**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 offices in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore to provide information and referrals and provide community education at senior centers and affordable housing complexes to residents of Southern Alameda County. The Tri-Valley office is located at 3311 Pacific Avenue, Livermore 94550 and can be reached by phone at (925) 371-1531, by FAX at (925) 373-5034 or by e-mail at abril.tamayao@cril-online.org. All services are free.

## RELIGION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**United Christian Church,** celebrating 50 years in the Tri-Valley. 1886 College Ave.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church,** 678 Enos Way, Livermore. Services on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information

call the church office at (925) 447-3289 or SaintBartsLivermore.com.

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

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

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

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

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

**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 pmjrmlueler@gmail.com for more info.

**Tri-Valley Church of Christ,** 4481 East Avenue, Livermore, 447-4333 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.

**Lynwood 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.lynwood.org, 925 846-0221.

**Kol Nidre,** for Secular Jews, the day is not holy, but is nonetheless, an important holiday. Secular Jews will be observing Yom Kippur this year with an event sponsored by Tri-Valley Cultural Jews. Kol Nidre, the eve of the holiday, will be observed at the Bothwell Arts Center 2466 8th St. in Livermore from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25. TVCJ is joining the rest of the East Bay Jewish community in collecting canned and boxed food for the Alameda County Food Bank on both days. Suggested donation is \$15 for adult non-members, which can be applied to membership. For more information, 925 485 1049 or info@Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org. Reservations are recommended.



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# Milestones

## Education



### Las Positas College Student Finalist for National Reporter of the Year Award

The Associated Collegiate Press recently announced the finalists for its 2012 Reporter of the Year Award. Las Positas College's Brenda Cruz was named among the top three for the two-year college category.

Cruz is being honored for a collection of articles, all in the 2012 edition of Naked Magazine. Her cover story, "Is Technology the New God?" examines college students' dependence on technology and their detachment from organized religion. Her article entitled "Back to the Future" explores the ramifications of young adults being disengaged from politics. Her column "Is the End Near?"

is a witty take on fears the world will end (based on the Mayan Calendar) and the upcoming presidential election.

"I'm still trying to wrap my head around the fact an organization that represents the gold standard in collegiate journalism would acknowledge me," said Brenda Cruz, who served as Editor in Chief of the 2012 edition of Naked Magazine. "It's an unbelievable honor. I definitely could not have done this without the training, editing and support from my beloved mass communication teachers. They've given me the confidence I needed to do it and to move forward in the industry."



Brenda Cruz at work.

The Reporter of the Year contest recognizes individuals for outstanding writing and editorial leadership. The two-year category was judged by an award-winning

editor from the Minnesota Associated Press. The competition included students from across the United States and Canada.

The other finalists are Ali Hackett of Camosun College in Victoria, B.C., and Kasi Dickerson of Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas. The winner will be announced on

Nov. 3 at ACP's fall convention in Chicago.

This is the second time ACP has recognized Cruz as a top student journalist. In 2010, she won third place in the Story of the Year contest for her article "Is LPC Really 'Lost Potential'." That competition included two-year and four-year schools throughout the United States and Canada.

"As editor in chief of Naked, Brenda Cruz set out to create a magazine that intellectually challenging, provocative and accessible. She completely achieved her goal - and then some. How many students receive international acclaim even once? Brenda Cruz has been recognized twice so far. I'm a little in awe of her talent," said Melissa Korber, co-adviser for Naked Magazine and Mass Communications faculty head.

## Community

### LAWRENCE

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hours of service at the VA in September 2010, Lawrence was promoted to "Rear Admiral." He oversees all the "Petting Officers" at the VA. After moving through the "Petting Officer" ranks, the Navy veterans promoted him to "Rear Admiral" for 1,000 hours of tail wagging. Lawrence has worked with short-term and long-term patients, in physical therapy, and with social workers treating veterans with addiction problems and PTSD. He has had veterans certified to be his handler. One handler, who has been treated for PTSD for many years, made a remarkable improvement once he became a handler for Lawrence.

Since 2010, Lawrence has attended numerous Welcome Home Celebrations for troops returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. Wheeler

writes, "Troop members are always pleased to see him there, as he lets them know how special they are and thanks them for their service to our country with his wagging tail."

Lawrence has visited schools, marched in parades, gone to board and care facilities, attended community events, and participated in other activities in his nine-plus years as a therapy dog. He has about 1,900 hours of service.

Wheeler observes, "I have been so amazed at the success of Lawrence's work as a therapy dog that I am writing a book about his work and that of other therapy dogs. Tentatively entitled Successful Tails: The Wonders of Therapy Dogs, I hope to have it out soon so I can share all the fantastic stories about their

work. Many of the stories are about Lawrence as he does an incredible job."

Lawrence is an AKC Canine Good Citizen and an AKC Therapy Dog.

In 2012, he was nominated for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence. As the "lead" therapy dog at the VA, Lawrence is involved with the evaluation of all potential handlers and therapy dogs, and also shows new therapy dogs how to do the job at the VA. His tail has had a workout during his career. His veterinarian has commented about all the muscle tissue around his tail.

When not working, Lawrence enjoys lying outdoors in the sun, going for walks with Pat's granddaughters, carrying toys to Pat, and, of course, eating.

## Military

Air Force Brig. Gen. Cary C. Chun has retired from the U.S. Air Force. Chun, who served in the military for 31 years, was assigned as the deputy commander for U.S. Strategic Command at the National Reconnaissance Office in Chantilly, Va.

The brigadier general was born in Cavite, Philippines, at Sangley Point Naval Air Station when his father was on active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1985.

Chun gained extensive space operations experience working with U.S. Space Command, Air Force Space Command, 14th Air Force, the National Reconnaissance Office and Central Air Forces. He is a graduate of the Space Warfare Center's Space Tactics School. Additionally, he has supported the President and First Lady as a White House social aide.

During his career, Chun commanded various squadrons, groups and wings. He has also served as the Director of Space Forces while deployed to Southwest Asia for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Chun's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, three awards of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two awards of the Air Force Commendation Medal.

He is the son of Hukeong and Celia Chun of Via Zamora, Escondido.

Chun is a 1981 graduate of Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton. He earned a master's degree in 1987 from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles; in 1990 from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; and in 2003 from Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.